

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

In the south-eastern sector of Airstrip One, a 100lb explosive device, planted by nationalist insurgents, claimed four lives, injured many and brought fear to the hearts of the Class Enemy. In the wake of the bombing it has since been revealed that the whole of UK Land Forces were placed on full mobilisation prior to and immediately after the attack. The military had the initiative, the rest of us hadn't.

In the early hours of Friday October 12, at precisely 2.57, the bomb exploded sending shock waves through the Grand Hotel, temporary Seat of Government, destroying eight floors in the centre of the building.

The police later stated that they thought the IRA, who claimed the bombing, has the facility to use timing devices that can be set up to three weeks prior to a planned explosion. This is not true: timing devices with a three year delay have been available since 1977, and the lie put out by the police propagandists was but an attempt at deception, no less than the disinformation put out about the bomb being only 20lbs. The device could have been placed any time months prior to the Conference date and its undetection has embarrassingly revealed a gap in the security expertise of British Intelligence.

Altogether there were 32 injured (many of whom were cops) and 4 dead. The 4 killed included Sir Anthony Berry (MP, son of Lord Kemsley...Eton, Welsh Guards, Oxford...assistant editor of the Sunday Times - his father was a one time editor of the ST - married to Mary Roche, daughter of Lord Fermoy); Roberta Wakeman (wife of the Chief Whip); Jeanne Shattock (wife of the Chairman of the Western Area Conservatives); and Eric Taylor (Chairman of the North-West Conservatives).

Thatcher escaped unhurt - but only just. Had the bomb gone off only two minutes earlier she would have been minced meat. Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, barely escaped injury too: his study room was completely demolished. To the delight of many, though, Norman Tebbit (whose Bill in '82 has eroded Union rights) was badly injured. Found trapped by rubble and in severe pain, he received stomach and leg injuries. Unlike his wife, whose injuries have left her virtually paralysed from the neck down, Norman's injuries did not affect his own paralysis (from the neck up).

What we all witnessed at Brighton, though, was not an example of class retribution, but an incident of war undertaken between two factions fighting over a question of territory. The IRA (with whom we share nothing in common, except an enemy) at best seeks state socialism within a regional, republican setting. Politics apart, the IRA proved to everyone that they acted with expertise and with daring. They proved that the British government is not untouchable.

In the latest issue of Republican News the IRA issued a post-attack statement. Under the headline, 'IRA BLITZ THE BRITS' they stated that their aim was to annihilate the entire Cabinet (of those who were present at the Hotel) and to destabilise the British political scene. If they had succeeded, from the subsequent crisis (bringing about a re-introduction of internment, etc) they would then hope to polarise the political scene in the province further until pressure for withdrawal won through.

On the security front it is now quite clear that British Intelligence had bungled. Information had in fact come in via the FBI and the Royal Ulster Constabulary that a major IRA attack was imminent. In addition experience should have taught Intelligence that the IRA always strike prior to their annual Sinn Fein gathering in Dublin (due next month). With the capture of the arms ship, the Marita Anne, off the coast of southern Ireland by the Gardai (after another tip-off by the FBI, who had been tracking the supply ship by satellite), and with the Dublin and London governments coming closer together, it was obvious that something spectacular would happen in advance of the November Thatcher-Fitzgerald Summit. The warnings were plentiful and we congratulate Intel-

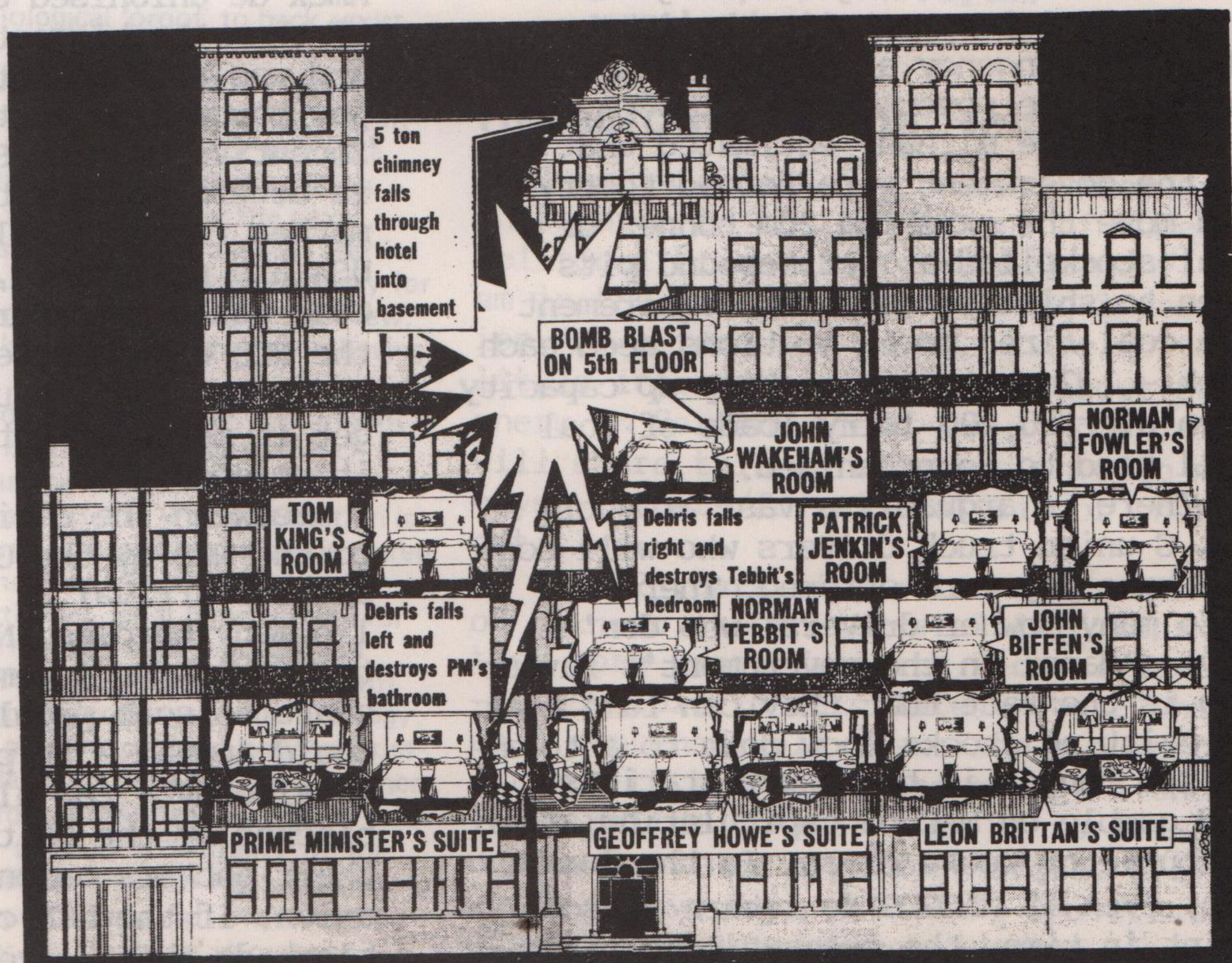
ligence on their incompetence. For all of us involved in the war against the Class Enemy things could not have looked brighter.

What came out was that there had been a major failure in communications between Army Intelligence, MI5/Special Branch and Scotland Yard. A warning was issued to the police from Special Branch, but this was a general warning only. What was significant though is that the Army was put on full alert FORTY-EIGHT HOURS prior to the actual explosion. In other words the military were prepared (but not the police), with UK Land Forces already mobilised for an emergency when the explosion occurred.

All Armed Forces HQ's were placed on Bikini Black Alpha alert (expectation of terrorist attack) on the Wednesday. UKLF continued with the alert during the crisis and have remained on permanent stand-by since.

While we know what UKLF did not do we must also ask what they may have done had the emergency worked out different. If, for example, the IRA bombing had been more successful (with the implosion direction going downwards towards the front of the hotel instead of backwards - a factor determined by the positioning of the explosives) and Thatcher, together with several members of her Cabinet, had been killed, then we need to ask whether the Chiefs of Staff would have intervened by insisting on martial law in all but name as part of a general security crackdown.

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More on Brighton next issue.



The Battle For Power

With the decision by NACODS - the pit deputies union - to come out on strike (still on as we go to press), it remains to be seen whether, despite the 82% majority in the ballot agreeing to strike action, the deputies in the crucial Midlands Area (includes the Notts coalfield) come out too.

By law any pit without safety cover (provided by NACODS) has to close, so in theory all the pits which are still operating will not be able to continue production while NACODS are out. Already though there are contradictory reports about NACODS solidarity in the Notts coalfield. If the deputies scab in this area then this will give the government a substantial opportunity to improve their contingency arrangements for meeting possible power cuts.

Some have already estimated that if the government were forced to try and move the existing 20m tonnes of coal stockpiled at strikebound pits then to shift the sort of requirement the coal-fired power stations need each week - 1.2m tonnes - to keep up capacity, then over 50,000 lorry loads of coal will need to be organised.

There is arguably a vast army of T & G union truck drivers who will scab and take any work offered. There are also many 'owner-drivers' who don't give a damn. In the government's favour too is the fact that they can fall back on existing stocks (now down to a total of 14m tonnes in the power stations) and gamble on NACODS capitulating after a couple of weeks or so. In the long run, even if NACODS do return at some point in time, the present scab pits can not fulfill all the power requirement from now until Spring. Therefore the government will end up deciding whether to go for moving stocks from the strike-bound pits or to concentrate on imports.

Already the NCB have stocks of coal bought and waiting to be shipped over in several foreign ports. In the Netherlands, for example, 3m tonnes of coal lie at the ports of Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Antwerp. But the OVB have placed a blacking on the movement of coal to Britain while the strike is on. The OVB - the syndicalist union, sympathetic to anarcho-syndicalism, is a massive union and has members in the docks. The Dutch dockers should be alerted to the imminent danger that the NCB will attempt to get their coal over the next couple of weeks or so.

The rest of the world market is open for grabs, although in Australia supplies have also been blacked since the commencement of the strike. In the USA things are a bit different though. Many pits have been privatised (thanks, in part, to MacGregor who, back in '77, as head of the Amex Corporation - the biggest coal company in the USA - pushed the union into strike action and, with the help of a private army from the Wackenhut Organisation, called Emergency Protection Services, intimidated strikers and eventually scored an enormous defeat on the union - the UWMA - firing wholesale many thousands of miners who refused to knuckle under. The result was that Amex de-unionised over 14 pits, some of them the biggest fields in the US, and was able to introduce a no-strike pay bargaining system, called the 'Incentive Grading System', whereby pay is determined not by demands but by market forces.) All coal mines in the USA are privatised, many de-unionised. Coal would therefore be accessible by the NCB without them experiencing any problems, that is until they try and get it moved or until they try and get it shipped over.

Between the decision to sell coal to the NCB by the US coal companies and its arrival at the power stations, lie many hurdles. Notwithstanding that the US labour movement has its fair share of scab problems too, the NUM could appeal - it probably has done so already - for all movement to be blacked by the US truck drivers union, their dockers union and the US seamen's union. If the NCB can get around that blockade then, given the poor solidarity shown at the last docks strike in this country, it may feel confident that there will be enough scabs to receive and transport the coal at this end.

Whether that is the route the NCB, with government connivance, choose or whether they decide to go for the equally, if not more, fraught option of moving supplies with the aid of troops, inevitably there will be major confrontations. A massive increase in violence all round and the possibility of civil war.

What will happen remains to be seen. There are many factors involved. Already T & G workers in some power stations (Fiddlers Ferry, Skelton Grange, Ferrybridge, Drax, Eggborough, Thorpe Marsh and Aberthaw) have come out and said that they are not prepared to accept new stocks. The battle is beginning.

At a 'moratorium' called by the South Yorkshire Police Authority (Labour controlled), the SYPA leader condemned the violence and was jeered. One miner stood up and told him that it was simply a case of David taking on Goliath (ie, the miners versus the state).

At Wooley Colliery (Barnsley) one cop was injured in the face - according to the press he had been struck by a dart held in the hand.

At Tow Law open cast mine (private) three police vehicles were overturned and twelve cops injured during skirmishes. The mine is owned by H J Banks Ltd.

Paul Foster, who works in a private mine, went on strike in support of the NUM. He has just been jailed for TWELVE MONTHS and convicted of arson (allegedly setting fire to a mine office back in July). The mine concerned is the Doe Lea drift mine.

At Grimethorpe village violence erupted for three days after police, on instructions from the NCB, arrested 22 locals for expropriating coal for domestic use to keep themselves and their families from getting coal. In the past the tradition of taking coal has always been observed without any trouble and villagers were angry at the provocative way in which the police acted.

During the violence a police station was attacked by, according to some reports, a crowd of around 70. Stones were thrown and windows smashed. Later, when the police who had fled returned with joiners to board up the windows, they were attacked once again. The press claim that the attackers were wearing hoods.

A mechanical digger (worth around £30,000) was later set on fire and there was also an attempt to set a colliery bosses' office on fire.

SCAB BACKERS

Continuing on from our article in the last news bulletin, below are detailed some of the solicitors acting on behalf of 'working' miners groups and scab hauliers in the Midlands area (list courtesy of Derby Agitator).

David Payne, of Hodgkinson and Tallent (3 Middlegate, Newark), has set up a fund to specifically help out on the legal costs for the court case taken out by the two Yorkshire strikebreakers who got the strike declared unofficial resulting in the £200,000 fine on the Union executive and the £1000 fine on the NUM president. Hodgkinson and Tallent are also the firm acting for Chris Butcher ('Silver Birch') who has just set up a Chris Butcher Fund, handled

by a firm of accountants, Parker & Co of New Ollerton.

David Negus, a solicitor working for the National Working Miners Committee, wants the £200,000 fine against the NUM to be paid for not out of NUM funds but out of NUM executive's pockets and he is looking into this possibility prior to taking further legal action. The National Working Miners Committee also wants the NUM executives to pay NUM members compensation for allowing the strike to continue, even though the courts have declared it unofficial. They are contemplating taking out writs for loss of earnings on behalf of striking miners who they insist are too intimidated to return to work.

Another scab organisation is the Notts Legal Action Fund, coordinated by solicitors Ellis, Fermoy and Shepherd of Market Place, Ripley. They act as the main fund raising point for the Return to Work Action Group and have also handled some of the current legal cases against the NUM. The National Working Miners Group is another organisation set up with Ellis, Fermoy and Shepherd help. The NWMC hopes to set up a rival union to the NUM.

All the above organisations (as is the Moderate Miners Wives Return to Work Campaign - coordinated by Gordon and Jane Fjaelberg of 287 Dover Road, Deal, Kent) are in turn backed and promoted by the Freedom Association (see the last Black Flag bulletin), the far-right pressure group.

SCAB HAULIERS - MIDLANDS

Haulage) Ltd; Sproston;	Apple Bee, Wolverhampton;
Steeley; Stoke Transport;	BOC; CA Boulton, Newcastle
Tarmac; Towel Master Work-	under Lyme; B&C Haulage,
wear Services; Vendepac;	Ashbourne; Coombes, Cheshire;
W. Voxwell, Stoke; Walkers,	CTS Midlands Ltd, Tamworth;
Matlock; West Midlands Trans-	Century Oils; Corbisleys,
port; Weetman of Weston;	Staffordshire; Glover Cables,
Wass, Stoke; Wakemans of	Stalybridge; Grahams Coaches,
Cannock; Deggs, Stoke; Berres-	Stoke; Hoveringham; J. Harvey,
fords Buses, Stoke; Stoniers	Cheadle, Staffs; Kettle & Co.,
Buses, Stoke; Crystal Coaches,	Stoke; Lyme Valley Commer-
Stoke; Thomsons; Porthill	cials, Newcastle under Lyme;
Transport, Newcastle under	A. Morris, Chester; Midlands
Lyme; Thomson Babbs, Stoke;	Road Haulage; Midland Tool
Jarvis, Telford; Parry's Shrop-	Hire; P&M Coal & Transport
shire; Spencers, Newcastle	Services, Stoke; Parry's Coaches
under Lyme; J.L. Birch, Endon;	Walsall; Stevensons Buses,
Haydon & Sons, Biddulph.	Uttoxeter; Seddon (Plant &

NCB HQ mail is being redirected to a post office box number at Cavendish Square (London, W1) post office. The blacking of mail to NCB HQ was temporarily lifted recently when a scab post office driver arrived with mail one morning. Pickets, with the help of a DAM member working in the Post Office, got the blacking resumed within hours and the driver reprimanded by the union.

MINERS UPDATE MINERS

Power Stations

At Cockenzie power station, near Edinburgh, capacity is reduced to half. Many workers there are refusing to handle material taken through picket lines.

At Aberthaw power station, South Wales, coal stocks have run out and workers are refusing to handle scab supplies.

At Fiddlers Ferry and Bold power stations, on Merseyside, no coal is being moved by the plants' T & G members.

Dumping Scuppered

The government was forced to back down from their planned dumping of nuclear waste in the sea after seamen and dockers at Falmouth refused to allow the special dumping ship, Discovery, to disembark.

The NUS - the seamen's union - has already prevented the ship from sailing once. Now the T & G workers have stepped in to prevent it sailing a second time. The government argued that the ship was not going to dump waste but was involved in a 'feasibility exercise'. Same difference.

COAL NOT NUCLEAR POWER,
PITS NOT BOMBS

On Tuesday 18th Sept ten members of the Northern NVDA group occupied two offices of the North Eastern Electricity Board (N.E.E.B.) Headquarters in Newcastle Upon Tyne. The action was planned to draw attention and to oppose the siting of a nuclear power station at Druridge Bay on the Northumberland coast.

They occupied the offices at 1.15pm and barricaded themselves in with filing cabinets, tables etc. Banners were hung from the windows and the protesters spoke to passers-by with a loud hailer. Outside supporters leafleted and also spoke to people in the street.

After about 45 minutes the police came. A struggle was made to retain the offices but only as a gesture because the TV and press had already been.

The protesters were led away to the police station past supporters and press people. They were held for 3½ hours, questioned and photographed. Charges were not pressed at the time.

In the aftermath of the Brighton bombing, guests at the Grand Hotel left their possessions hurriedly. The police station gymnasium was afterwards packed with luggage and 'expensive evening dresses, watches and jewellery' waiting for them to be claimed. This Aladdin's Cave spoke eloquently of the new claims of the Tory Party, being pushed sedulously through the week, to be a representative 'people's party', and including a 'working miner and a working miner's wife'. Presumably the latter had no claims to any of the expensive dresses or jewellery lying around in the gym.

According to miners picketing the Coal Board HQ in London, over 1000 police uniforms (received as part of an original order of 2000 by Kent Constabulary) have been delivered to the army at Connaught Barracks, Dover.

SOURCE: Clydeside Anarchists

Some building societies may be acting leniently towards striking miners in some parts of the country, but in Scotland the Abbey National and the Halifax have issued threats to Lothian miners who are unable to continue with their mortgage payments. Bilston Glen pickets have responded by stating that all striking miners will be protected from bailiffs.

SOURCE: Counter Information.

In Kent four miners were held incommunicado by the police for 10 days for merely travelling in a Transit van following a bus carrying scabs.

Coal Import Sites

Most likely wharfs near power stations to receive imported coal are: Kingsnorth, Tilbury & Thurrock (Thames); Longannet & Cockenzie (Firth of Forth in Scotland).

Cammel - Laird

A 24 hour strike was carried out by up to 9000 council workers in the city of Liverpool in protest of the jailing of 37 strikers arrested after taking part in a 14 week occupation of the Cammel-Laird Yard at Birkenhead.

The strike resulted in the closure of most of the City's schools. It was called by the GMBU, the union with which the 37 are members.

The strikers are incarcerated in Walton Gaol, imprisoned for 28 days for Contempt. At their arrest they did not give in easily. Police stormed the rig, where the pickets had ended up, but were met by stones and cans of paint. There was also a sit-in on a destroyer, HMS Edinburgh. After the arrests over 900 scabs crossed picket lines to go to work. The company, meanwhile, has made no concessions and the union leaders are only seeking the usual arbitration.

SEND messages of support to the jailed workers at 1 Wing, Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool.
Their names are: Chris Whitley, Barry Golden, Billy Albertina, John Dooley, Jim McCarthy, Eddie Marnel, Andrew Fraser, Aidan Morley, Sam Morley, Mick Mooney, Chris Billsborough, Chris Thompson, Paul Hennessey, Eddie Kenny, Colin Airlie, Tommy Wilson, Paul Little.
Franny Albertina, Anthony McGarry, Michael Byrne, Tommy Webb, George Whittaker, Francis Roach, Eddie Albertina, Joseph Flynn, Tommy Culshaw, Jimmy Barton, Tommy Cassidy, Alan Prior, John Brady, Phil McKeown, Lol Duffy, Nicky Fenlon, John Albertina, John Wright, Stevie Smith, Jimmy Albertina.
Send as many letters as you can. The workers are normally held in their cells 23 hours a day, but they are allowed to leave their cells to collect letters.

ANDREW BRADLEY

The Derbyshire miner sent to prison for 'criminal damage' and currently in Sudbury Open prison has had his sentence reduced to 6 months.

BESETTING WORKMEN

Strikers from Shirebrook, Derbyshire have been sentenced to 3 months in jail under 150 year old Law against 'besetting workmen'. More await trial.

CLYDESIDE

After defeating Communist Party attempts to manipulate and censor their collections for striking miners, local @s then went on a piper led march with 9 coffins (for murder victims of S.African cops) in the Glasgow business district.

Ian Richardson, who took part in the occupation of the Price Waterhouse Govt. bailiffs office was charged with Breach of the Peace, and released on bail. At a protest about animal liberation on Saturday 5th October he was arrested for Breach of Bail. He refused to plead guilty and was held in custody! He also has medical problems yet received no treatment in Barlinnie prison. The Breach of Bail Act has been used against miners, to prevent further picketing & is a 'breach' of our rights!

Messages of support to: I. Richardson Prisoner No. 8011, Cell 151, Block C, Barlinnie Prison, Riddrie, Glasgow.

Contact Clydeside Anarchists, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow for more news and to help the 13 anarchists charged after the 'workers sequestration of the PW offices'. They come to trial on 12th December.



"Leave it out, Guv. This won't keep the lights burning!"

SOUTH WEST ANARCHIST FEDERATION

BRISTOL (produce *Hysteria* Anarcho-feminist magazine & *Stuff It*, Bristol @ journal - both 30p) c/o Box 010, 110 Cheltenham Rd, Stokes Croft, Bristol 6
PLYMOUTH (produce *Splash* local paper) c/o 115, St Pancras Ave. Pennycross, Plymouth PL2 3TL

MEDWAY DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT

Have produced three photocopy pamphlets: WOMEN WORKERS & TRADE UNIONS 10p
LENIN & WORKERS CONTROL 30p
ANARCHISM & FEMINISM 30p Also available *Red & Black Types* monthly bulletin of Kent Libertarian Society (a free A4). Available c/o 107 King St, Gillingham Kent

EAST LONDON DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT

Now meets regularly, alternate Wednesdays, 7.00pm at 84b Whitechapel High St London E1 (in Angel Alley).

Hindles Gears

The dispute continues - now in its 18th month! Must be a record for a strike. The pickets are living on a pittance and are appealing for financial support. The union has now cut off all strike pay and the Social Security are refusing to cough up too. To help funding the pickets have just made a record called 'Part of the Union/A Year and a bit'. Available from record shops.

Nasty or Nice....



A Cop is a cop is a cop!
KILL THE BILL!

A DEATHS IN CUSTODY PRODUCTION

Stop The Computer City

With libertarian and anti-militarist groups searching for new tactics in the campaign to cause disruption in the heart of the beast, may I ask if any of us have considered the possibilities of attempting a mass computer 'Break In' on a Stop the City day?

Even the most sophisticated computer systems including those with supposedly 'fool proof' built-in safeguards, are fairly easy to penetrate for an operator who knows what they are doing, or even for a bored child.

Once 'inside' the computer, the intruder has a practically free reign. You can divert money from one account into another (the STC Defence Fund?), erase files, enter false information into other files and generally cause havoc. The current issue of *Alive and Kicking*, the Cambridge Anarchist Group magazine has some amazing stories in.

Personally I know nothing about computers and how they work, much less how to break into them, but I'm sure a lot of libertarians and programmers out there know ways and means (not that we would dream of encouraging anyone to do that sort of thing of course...)

Southend @ Group.

Jammin On Air

The media made a big song and dance about the threat to use radio jammers to block police radio on Stop the City. Our information is that such jammers certainly were used, both in March and on Sept 27th. The devices made were small and low power, and did affect police radios on a very local level. The problem was that they had to be switched on and abandoned (under the new Telecommunications Bill you could get up to 2 years for deliberate jamming) and therefore due to their cost could not be used all that widely. However the jamming did succeed in winding up the cops and getting lots of publicity.

A Personal Viewpoint Stop The City

Arrived 8am prompt - chatted for half an hour - met up with 6 Animal Liberation Federation people, made our way to Smithfield, handing out leaflets and chatting. Then Security arrived with the police. Once you were 10 feet away the verbals started - they got the same from me back. I then parted with the 3 females who were on their way to paint bomb Rio Zinc. I then did a lone groove - got the bus past the pig-line, got off banner in hand, leaflets in the other and made my way down the street handing out even more leaflets. After ¼ of an hour, got my banner ripped off me by an irate pig - waved the flag good-bye. Grouped up with a lot of stoppers, then the camera crews descended looking for a bit of violence. All they got was us turning our backs to them. Then the pigs arrived and tried to disperse us. We got an invitation to a party at Cannon Street - free vegan food - made our way there to find the place was crawling with pigs - they had got an invite as well. We then moved on. Then the pigs arrived "Sweeney Style"; we walked away very quickly they followed. Grabbed by the shoulders and flung into a stairway, pushed against a wall twice - he then turned to the other pig and said "Did you see that". He then told me I was being charged with police assault, I turned to the other pig and said "So you are going to court to swear to that then?" The reply was "Yes". Unknown to the pigs they were being watched by over 150 office workers whose building overlooked the stairway. I pointed in their direction and said "Good then because all of them will be my witnesses". They then gave each other a funny look - searched me and gave me lots of verbal abuse then let me go. We then shot off to freedom to re-group and yes hand out even more leaflets. We then had a coffee and headed back to the city. On our way back the pigs grabbed my friend for sticking up a stopper sticker. I then protested at my friend's arrest and demanded to know why he was being arrested. I was pushed by the sergeant and told to go, but I persisted and he threw me in the back of the van, informing me I was being charged with obstructing a pig in the course of his duty (sic) and conduct likely to cause breach of the peace. We were with them for half an hour, just gave them lots of sarcastic verbal - they then took us to the Central and charged us - constantly harassed them, then they moved us to the Old Bailey - 10 to a cell - took our shoes off and informed us we would be given some food. Two hours later they arrived with the food. When they came back with the drinks, the cell next door to us pelted them with cheese sandwiches after that everyone went ape-shit mad - smashed all the windows in all the cells - dug holes in the roof with the table and chair we smashed up. Graffitied their newly painted cells. After 9 hours they just had to let us out to mingle in the landing - the turnkeys were glad to see the back of us - back to Central were they gave us back our belongings and apologised for arresting me and dropped the charges. They also dropped the charges on at least 250 people. That's what happened to me.

I would like to bring up a few questions that need answering and make a few suggestions. There has been a lot of talk about how "Stop The City" has been a failure. It's only a failure if you don't organise yourself. The organisers of S.T.C. can only advertise the venue they can't tell everyone what to do - the whole thing is about doing what you want to do - so do it.

November 5

Several readers have enquired about the origins of the leaflet enclosed with the last Newsbulletin, it comes from the Stop the City London Co-ordinating group who through consensus with other areas chose a National Day of action in support of the miners/against nuclear power and militarism etc. The tactic of local area activity won the day as many people did not want to travel/be arrested again so easily.

Keep Ahead

As a backlash against the harsh policing on Stop the City, an idea seems to be quite prevalent amongst pissed off @s. There isn't surely any point in organising another kamikaze STC in another 6 months: instead why not start up in your own area. Tactics of lock-glueing, window smashing etc throughout the area and country backed up with letters to local papers and graffiti expalining the motives would surely be far more effective than one day in the City that is easily contained. Unless we stay one step ahead of the cops we won't achieve anything.

*Stop the World Campaign
Resistance!*

Birmingham STC

The organisers were arrested the night before thus creating confusion about the meeting-place, legal numbers etc. A van with 4 people going to B. STC on the day (Oct 11th) were surrounded by police in a carpark. They were arrested and were held in custody for a week on remand. Apart from that we have little information, if the organisers or any participants can let us know what happened it would clear up a lot of rumours.

Edinburgh STC

A mini STC of 50 people undertook to do some actions, they locked up a bank doorhandles with a bike-lock but this was quickly removed. 2 people stenciling have been charged with criminal damage and are being scapegoated for the other people's activities who go away.

Bunkers Revealed

Following on from the *Spies For Peace* article published in the *Flag* some time back, *Knee Deep In Shit* have released details of government nuclear bunkers in the north-east of England. These are reproduced below showing grid references - so brush up on your map reading skills.

E006878 Aysgarth, E387367 Barwick-in-Elmet, K237813 Beauchief, E271887 Bedale, A009835 Beverley/Leconfield, E681673 Birdsall, E691075 Blaxton/Lindholme, D775701 Bolton By Bowland, E572720 Brandsby, A167710 Bridlington, D936782 Buckden, E649263 Candlesforth, Z682077 Castleton, G582389 Cawood, Z558000 Chop Gate, Y996177 Cotherstone, Z309070 Croft, E218587 Darley, E319122 Danton, D765877 Dent, D661496 Dunsop Bridge, D937529 Gargrave, E838275 Gilbertdyke, Z839014 Goathland, D994637 Grassington, Z543121 Great Ayton, E202442 Guiseley, D868897 Hawes, E212251 Heckmondwike, D687693 High Bentham, Z795178 Hinderwell, E822387 Holme-on-Spaldingmoor, E156043 Holmfirth, D810713 Horton-in-Ribblesdale, E057424 Keighley, A253244 Keyingham, E374696 Kirby Hill/Stavely, E666909 Kirbymoorside, A002663 Langtoft, E068756 Middlesmoor, E384912 Northallerton, E270764 North Stainley, E794844 Pickering, E843507 Pocklington, Z590252 Redcar, E049985 Reeth, Z172018 Richmond, K626970 Rossington, D819629 Settle, A176548 Skipsea, A135402 Skirlaugh, E056211 Sowerby Bridge, K253971 Stockbridge, E637601 Strensall, E092332 Thornton, E452522 Tockwith, E458147 Upton/Bradsworth, K473915 Wickersley, E965842 Wykeham.

Good hunting!

Counter - Insurgency

It has been revealed that the UK Army are constructing four fake urban environments in four different bases to use as training centres for counter-insurgency operations. The first training centre will be constructed at Stanford, Norfolk.

A lot of pacifists are saying there is too much violence - the only violence I saw came from the pigs - don't confuse vandalism with violence - don't fall into the media trap - think before you criticise. Combatting the media bias - talk to people - tell them the true facts - you have six months until the next time to do that. S.T.C. should carry on. There has already been four, so we know what the police tactics are now. There is not much more they can do, whereas we are limitless. S.T.C. puts the shit right up them that's why they are fighting so hard to stop it through media biased, new laws for the day, aggravate an anarchist campaign. This isn't CND, this is direct to the heart of the matter. CND will collapse like it did in the 60s. Think of the support we can gain from that alone - another good reason for continuing.

Author's ideas for change of tactics:

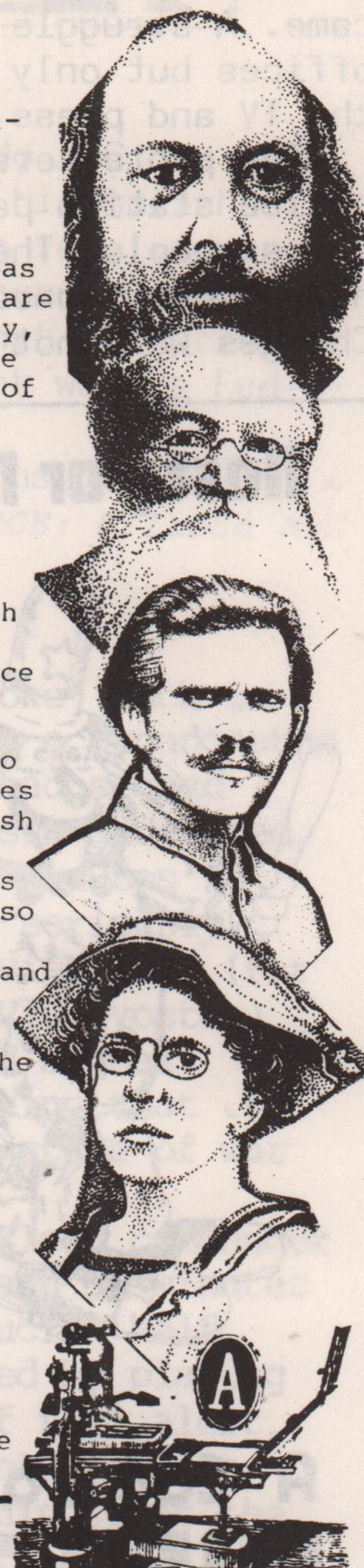
Travel - only use buses or walk or travel in a car - no underground. It's too easy to pick you up. Use the bus for getting your banners through. If using car store change of clothes and park outside city limits. Change clothes after you have achieved your target. It's worth growing a beard, changing the colour of your hair for the day to stop identification, i.e. police films and photographs. Plain clothes police dressed as Swedish tourists - knapsack and all - look out for them - when spotted pointed out make lots of noise and make sure everyone sees them - don't print where things are happening - pigs get them too easy. Word of mouth only - use runners and cyclists to pass on messages and check out targets - don't carry paint bombs, smoke bombs etc. Stash outside until you know target is clear and ready. When someone gives you a message, don't repeat it out loud - use your head. When TV crews arrive, turn your back on them - don't get your face on film. It's also a good protest. Don't talk about anything around the camera crews. They always tip the pigs off. Group up into 20's. Pick three targets and go for them when possible at the same time as other groups. Hit different targets - Much more effective. If arrested slow up the process - it stops them arresting more people - the longer it takes the better.

To Organisers S.T.C.: When printing posters, how about printing one explaining what it's all about. How about filling up the six months gap by printing up stickers informing people about what's going on in the various campaigns - you know - like how much is spent on bombs, who is dealing with arms, who is slaughtering animals etc. etc. Why not make it a 3 mile radius and really stretch the cops. If arrested this time and charges dropped, write to Commissioner, 26 Old Jewry, London EC2. Arrange to get your photograph destroyed or get it back - do it.

Don't forget the fine fund. For those unlucky enough to have been fined send contributions to *Black Flag* and they will pass it on to the right quarter. S.T.C. is a success - see you at the next one.

ANARCHIST BOOK FAIR

Saturday 3rd November 1984, 10am to 6pm at Tonbridge Club, 120 Cromer Street, London WC1 (near Kings Cross). Support the Anarchist Press!



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SPAIN

CNT-AIT OCCUPATION

On 22nd September 1984 at 12.30 midday around 50 CNT-AIT militants (CNT- Spain's anarcho-syndicalist organisation) occupied the former premises of the AISS* on the Via Layetana in Barcelona. The squat was carried out as part of their campaign to force the Govt. to pay compensation to their organisation for the premises Franco stole from the CNT at the end of the Civil War. They are also demanding to be compensated for the subsequent loss of union dues which would have been paid to the CNT after 1939 if it hadn't been made illegal as an organisation. The building was abandoned after a few hours and there were, surprisingly, no arrests.

SOURCE: Tinta Negra

* The Trade Union set up by Franco after 1939 to which all Spanish workers were obliged to pay monthly dues to.

NEWS FROM CARABANCHEL, MADRID

From August 6th 1984 onwards, three Spanish libertarian prisoners risked their lives and staged a hunger strike so as to force the Spanish authorities to end the violation of their rights.

They wanted to bring attention to the fact that all three had been held on remand (ie. awaiting trial) at Carabanchel jail for over 18 months, which is illegal under the Spanish Legal Code (Article 504 states that prisoners held on remand for over 18 months must be released provisionally until the first day of their trial). All three prisoners (Jose Digon Balaguer, Sotero del Campo Baz and Guillermo Marin Gaitan), along with other anarchists long since released, were arrested at the end of January 1983 in a police operation against members of the libertarian movement of Barcelona. 2 have been accused of belonging to an autonomous anarchist group, the third has been accused of belonging to 'the Terra Lliure group.

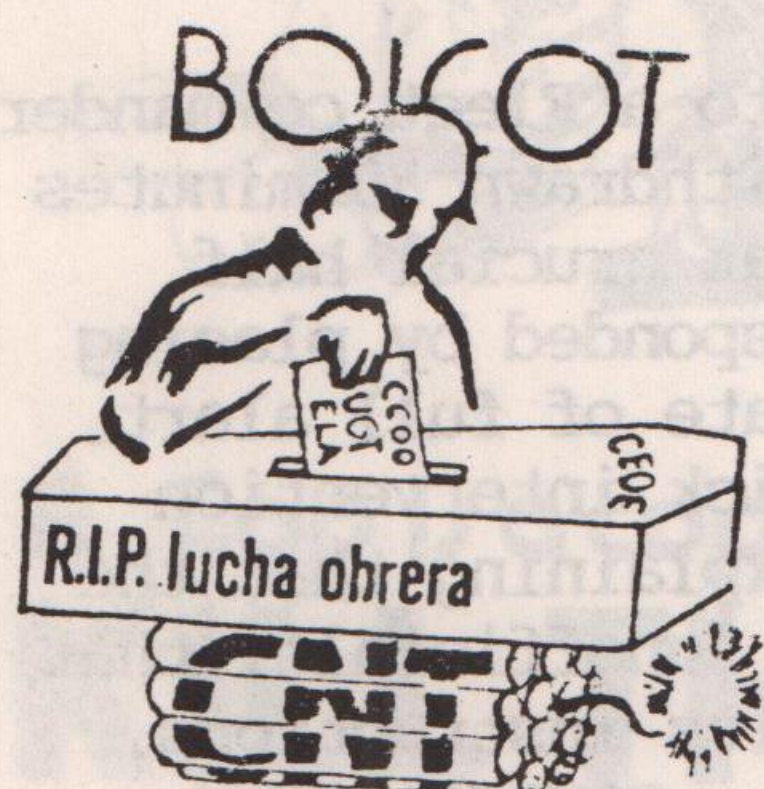
The latest reports we have received inform us that all three have ended the hunger strike, although they still have not been released. We were also informed that Alain Drogou was arrested at the beginning of August this year (no detail yet of what he has been charged with, although we believe he has been tortured) and is being held in Carabanchel.

Mario Innes Torres, also arrested a few months ago and held in the same prison has subsequently been released.

SOURCE: Solidaridad Obrera
Letters of protest to: Spanish Embassy,
24 Belgrave Square, London SW1

Messages of solidarity to:

Jose Digon Balaguer;
Sotero del Campo Baz;
Guillermo Marin Gaitan; Alain Drogou;
Apartado de Correos, No 27,007,
Madrid 28080, SPAIN



IRELAND

PATRICK FAGIN

A prisoner in Arbour Hill Prison, he is going through a rough time because of his political activities. A good friend and comrade to Irish anarchists in prison, it is believed he will not be given any parole on his eight year sentence.

Patrick recently took out legal action against the prison authorities but this only led to further intimidation. The latest incident - and a typical example of prison pettiness - has been a ban on his continuing with his leather-work (a traditional 'hobby' allowed for most prisoners in Ireland).

Donations to Patrick's legal costs can be sent to the Anarchist Black Cross and we will see it is forwarded on. Also you can write to Patrick (why not place orders for his leather-work? - postal orders/cheques should be made payable to P. Fagin and be sent by recorded delivery to: Patrick Fagin, No.3683, Arbour Hill Prison, Arbour Hill, Dublin 7, Ireland.

MURRAY'S APPEAL

Please don't forget to help out. Your money is needed. Remember in Ireland there is no free legal aid. If you helped in the original Murray campaign after their arrest, well here's a chance to help out again and to do something useful for them. Beg, borrow or steal. There is £5000 to collect.

CHILE

Santiago was plunged into darkness when guerrillas succeeded in blowing power lines. Several other cities also had their power immobilised. All the attacks took place at the same time as part of a well organised coordinated plan. The power failures immediately brought about street looting and sabotage as locals took full advantage of the chaos.

There were also several bomb explosions during the same night. Several banks were blasted, as was a railway line and a US cultural institute. In the barrios street disturbances took place, tyres were set alight and vehicles overturned. There were many barricades built. The police were totally unprepared.

The bombings were claimed by a marxist organisation, the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, which has also claimed responsibility for several previous attacks earlier in the year.

SOUTH AFRICA

As the rioting continues and becomes more widespread, troops have been brought in to Soweto to crush the resistance.

What has emerged is that there has been over 60 deaths (at least) and hundreds injured as a result of the police violence over the last four weeks. In the townships the government controlled local councils (made up of black collaborators) have been completely rejected. Many now no longer exist. At least four councillors were killed during the riots by locals and many more have been forced to leave. The homes of several black councillors have been firebombed.

BULGARIA

Over the past three months there have been several bomb attacks. The latest was in the city of Plovdiv and six people were killed. Reports indicate that an explosion occurred at the railway station as the Bulgarian president was arriving to visit a collective farm. At exactly the same time, in the city of Varna, another device exploded, but no one was hurt.

Other bombings have occurred in Sofia and in the city of Stara Zagora. Another bomb was discovered in a hospital in Sofia. A message found near the bomb, referring to the 40th anniversary of the introduction of communist rule in Bulgaria, said: '40 years, 40 bombs'.

It is unclear at this stage who or what organisation - if any - is behind the campaign.

ICELAND

Anti-strike students clashed with pickets who have been blockading Reykjavik's university as part of a nationwide protest against government economic measures.

The strike has brought out over 17,000 public sector workers, bringing the country to a virtual standstill. At the university students threatened to force their way through picket lines, but to avoid violence the government decided to close the university altogether. The students were apparently worried about how the strike would affect their exams.

BELGIUM

Within a period of two weeks five bombs have rocked Belgium. Targets have included a regional office of the CVP (Tories) in Ghent, and the premises of various multinationals involved in the nuclear weapons industry, including Littons Systems (Belgium), Honeywell (missile computer components) and MAN (missile launcher transporters).

The bombings have all been claimed by a marxist armed struggle group known as the Fighting Communist Cells, the CCC. So far the group has been extremely successful (the Honeywell bombing got the company HQ, causing £1000's worth of damage).

There is also news of 32 blacks who have been 'disappeared' by the authorities when they were captured by the police.

N.B. In the last issue of the bulletin we referred to two bombings in New York (one against the South African Consulate and the other against a company with SA dealings). We have since learned that the bombings were claimed by a maoist group, the Red Guerrilla Resistance.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS INTERNATIONAL

APPELSCHA

Appelscha is a small village in the North of Holland with a history of anarchist activity. It was one of the poorer parts of Holland with much unrest amongst the people. A group of local anarchists used to meet in and around the woods of the area. In 1933 they got together and bought some land about 1 mile out of the village and began camping. Apart from the war years its been used ever since. The place is influenced a great deal by Domela Nieuwenhuis a well known Dutch Anarchist who died in 1919. Because of this no booze is allowed on the campsite. Drinking workers think not. Thinking workers drink not. Its the only real "law" about the place but no one cares too much if you drink else where.

There is a large meeting hall on the site which seats about 100 people. In the hall are many books and mags etc but when I was there, there were none in English language. So if anybody is thinking about going there take a load with you and leave them behind. A big event there is Pinkster in June. A Dutch bank holiday, Anarchists from Holland, Belgium and Germany all meet up.

IRELAND

In the inner city suburb of Cabra the police used batons to clear the streets of stone-throwing youths who burnt out a few rich cars, including a Mercedes Benz to make barricades.

Youths who have stolen rich, fast cars joyride them in races in Cabra much to the outrage of the cops and some locals. Quite a few locals do however turn out for the races late at night and the crowds grew too large for the cops to ignore. Media coverage attracted more people to the area in search of fun and youths as young as 11 stoned the cop cars that turned up.

The unemployment/drug addiction cycle has speeded up to such an extent that some locals pissed off with police failure took it upon themselves to confront dealers, muggers and burglars. If warnings didn't work, knee-cappings are carried out.

"Neighbourhood Watch/ community cops" with the co-operation of youth, religious and 'community' Leaders is the Gardai's answer to the skirmishes so far.

BLOODY AMBASSADOR

"Dr. Rudolf Jestaedt has blood on his well-cared-for Ambassador hands" was the headline of a red handbill, thrown at the opening of a German exhibition in Arhus, Denmark during the annual Festival-week. And "blood" he got - all over his clothes. Activists threw a bag of red paint at the feet of the German Ambassador.

In the handbill-text, the action is explained as a protest against the treatment of prisoners in West Germany especially those who have been fighting against German imperialism in the 3rd world, against nuclear power, or been squatting houses.

The authorities use "white torture" - not blows, leaving visible marks - but isolation, manipulation of facts and lots of medicine, to brainwash the prisoners and to destroy their personality. These methods are used internationally now, and Prison officials around the world have open access to see results in Germany.

SOURCE: Ekomedia.

There are people on the campsite from 0-90 years. Some go for peace and quiet others just to feel easy. The older people have lead interesting lives its a pity its not being written down.

Appelscha is easy to reach from Amsterdam. Day tickets on the buses are the cheapest way to travel far in Holland (£3). If you decide to travel by train, a little hint: there is no ticket barrier so you're supposed to buy it at the station. Ticket collectors on the trains are common but sometimes you can be lucky and not meet one. If you do, be polite, explain you thought it was okay to buy your ticket on the train. Play the stupid tourist and it should be alright. This doesn't work on the trams or buses. Use your head! Some good addresses:

Mollies, Ostadestraat 135 (squatters pub)
Kraakcafe Rioolrat van Hoogendorpplein
Monday evenings is a good time.

Fort van Sjakoo, International Bookshop
jodenbresstract 24, (near Waterlooplein)

Cheapest way to Holland for adults is bus. With children Magic Train etc. Its from London to Amsterdam, train, boat, train. Take your own food with you. Its 8 hours on the boat and expensive.

BELGIAN ANTI-MILITARIST STATEMENT

A Belgian anarchist Stephane Arnould has come out publicly and refused military and 'public service' (the conscientious objector alternative in Belgium), he has sent us a statement about his reasons for this action; readers who wish to read the full english text contact Black Flag with a S.A.E. those who can speak French can get in contact with Sustain Committee, Stephane Arnould, c/o F.A.L. Rue des Artisans, 7. 4400 HERSTAL, BELGIUM. NB. Note the comrade faces imprisonment for this refusal and needs support.

The unarmed service, still in the Army (ambulance, stretcher-bearers) lasts 15 months. Armed service is only 10! Civil service lasts 20 months, for the social services, Salvation Army etc. & these services are connected with the State. The choice is no choice, just window dressing.

Another comrade facing State service is also planning to resist, and likewise needs help. Italy's UMANITA NOVA, the French LE MONDE LIBERTAIRE and the Belgian ALTERNATIVE LIBERTAIRE have so far received the following statement.

Protect letters, petitions, messages of solidarity will all help!

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Black Flag,

In your Sept 3 issue you ask for more information about anarchist radio, so here are some details about Tangerine Radio; use or abuse this info as you like.

I became interested in starting a station in 1982. It took a while to discover how it's done. By reading radio hobbyist magazines I deduced that you can use an amateur radio transmitter on the short-wave broadcast bands without too much trouble. Starting a pirate on AM or FM (medium wave or VHF) is more difficult it seems.

I bought an old transmitter at a radio amateurs convention for a little more than a weeks wages and began doing test broadcasts in March '84. The most difficult thing has been learning to make cheap but effective antennas.

Now that I'm getting my act together, reception reports are trickling in from the Southeastern part of the USA. Several pirates across North America will be relaying some of Tangerine Radio's programmes; I guess being hounded by the authorities makes them sympathetic to anarchism.

Tangerine Radio tries to present anarchist ideas in a reasonable way, with lots of music thrown in to keep the programmes from becoming too boring or rhetorical. Most anarchist newspapers in North America are dreadfully boring and academic and they tend to be circulated among a small circle of people; also, many Americans don't (or cannot) read. So I'm trying to reach out to people with libertarian leanings and let them know that they are not alone, that anarchism exists - a fact never mentioned in the official media here. By the way, Tangerine Radio usually broadcasts in the 41 metre band around the time of the full moon.

Yours in agitation.

'Raunchy Rick', Tangerine Radio. somewhere in Dixieland.



CORRESPONDENTS NOTE:

A prisoner whom the Orlando ABC has been corresponding claims that his mail has been tampered with, but he received one letter without incident because stamps were enclosed. He feels that the prison authorities/censors did not want a Federal charge offence to be charged against them.

SOURCE: Orlando ABC

itchy fingers

Remember the Reagan 'joke' back in August when he said during a broadcasted radio voice test that he had signed legislation outlawing Russia and added, 'We begin bombing in five minutes'? Well the Russians took it seriously to the extent that the Soviet Army (Far East Division - based at Vladivostok) immediately issued a coded signal (intercepted in Tokyo) saying that the USSR was about to enter a state of war with the USA.

The signal (sent to a Fleet commander off the coast) was withdrawn 30 minutes later, but during that crucial half hour the Japanese responded by placing its military on a state of full alert. It was only after quick intervention from the Pentagon, explaining that the Reagan comments were 'unofficial', that Japan also withdrew its instructions.

SOURCE: AANN

PUBLICATIONS

Introduction To The 1984 Edition Of

THOREAU'S ESSAYS ON JOHN BROWN.

We are reprinting *Thoreau's essays on John Brown* because it seems, in the years since its last publication in Canada — in 1963 — that much confusion has arisen among many of us who seek social justice and a halt to the growing desecration of the natural world.

We have seen organisers of civil disobedience, terror-stricken over the possibility of violence, refuse to defend "untrained" protestors joining in with those whose names were on an official sit-down list. We have heard extremists barricaded inside an outpost of militarism, disowned and denounced by responsible leaders directing their own idea of civil disobedience outside. Now, can strictures of non-violence be categorically applied to all who have resisted, and who continue to resist, Western civilization and its unwavering drive to dominate nature and conquer and militarize new peoples?

Was Crazy Horse morally wrong to have resisted settlers and cavalry with violence? Are there pacific consciences leathery enough to pass judgment on Alvin Glatkowski and Clyde McKay, two US sailors on the *SS Colombia Eagle* who seized their ship at gunpoint in 1970 because it carried a cargo of napalm bound for Thailand? Or on atomic weapons adversary Norman Mayer? He managed to take the Washington Monument hostage with an empty step-van in 1982, only to be gunned down by police snipers and ridiculed as a lunatic by manufacturers of public opinion. We are now witness to five men and women in British Columbia threatened with life prison terms for having fought fire with fire, for having taken action on Vancouver Island against industrial depredation, in Toronto against production of rockets carrying atomic bombs, and in their home city against outlets of violent pornography. Civil disobedients who condemn these dissidents, dissidents who knew how to listen to their own consciences, in turn condemn John Brown at Harpers Ferry, and reveal that even the lecture that furnishes their watchword was impenetrable to them. They are the mob, who, when Thoreau said, "Saint!" shouted "Madman!"

Those who hark back to *Civil Disobedience* (Thoreau's own title was *Resistance to Civil Government*) would do well in the following pages to recognise that Thoreau's call for disobedient acts and resistance was not bemuddled by questions of violence or non-violence, but hinged instead on questions of principle and conscience. "The question is not about the weapon, but the spirit in which you use it."

No price, but we think cheap, (free to prisoners). Available from: C.P. 282, Succ, "E", Montreal, P.Q. H2T 3A7. Canada.

Open Road

Issue 17, Winter 1984, \$1.50. 16 pages plus *Resistance*, 16 page insert with analysis of the Peace Movement in Germany by the Revolutionary Cells & Red Zora (the women of the RZ). 'The Rolling Stone of the Anarchist movement' returns with an excellent issue. International news of anarchist and libertarian liberation struggles and actions. 'Tips for urban-guerillas'. From Box 6135, Station G, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6R 4G5 or better bookshops.

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EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

The military had, as pointed out, already taken the initiative. To translate that initiative into a form of action is but one more step, requiring a 'national crisis' as the justification and the sanction of all parties (and the trade union bureaucracies perhaps) to agree to restrictions on anti-state activities in order to 'preserve democracy'. Under such circumstances the bait set by the IRA may very well have been snapped up, especially with the rise of the young, inexperienced, right within the ascendant New Dictatorship, who would assume power (as they are in the process of doing now) to tighten the repression even further.

Whatever the lessons to be learned — it's not often that a British Cabinet is close to getting wiped out — for those of us involved in the mainstream anti-state struggle, the class resistance, there remains one other, equally crucial, question. That is, given such a crisis would any of us have been fully prepared to take advantage of the situation and effectively exploit the weakness of the Class Enemy when at their weakest?

Women-Built In Obsolescence

Reproductive technology could be the answer to some infertile women's dreams — to have a child of their own — and so women are quick to offer themselves as guinea pigs to further this research. But who controls, markets and profits from this new technology? If men can choose boy children and create artificial wombs and placentas (which will happen soon) then women could become obsolete.

In our present society, where males are favoured, most parents would prefer to have boy children. Where parents have two children, even if they would like one of each sex, they prefer to have the boy first. So in societies where sex could be selected, there would be fewer girls and these would always be younger sisters. Since first-borns are known to be more intelligent, successful, independent and higher in self-esteem (because of the higher expectations put on them), this would perpetuate women's position of inferiority and add biological 'proof' to back sexist attitudes.

Class would also be a factor, since the technique at present involves aborting a female foetus and abortion is more difficult for a poor woman to obtain. With current plans for surrogate mothers, we can envisage middle-class professionals hiring working-class women (who need the cash) to bear the next generation of oppressors — how sick! Racism too would rear its ugly head. White families will be in a better position to apply for whatever technology comes up with and will pre-select for few, well-fed male babies; others will have to take a chance on having the lessvaluable girls.

I mention artificial wombs and placentas above: the present state of research into incubators is bringing the age at which a foetus can survive outside a woman's womb earlier and earlier. If the length of time embryos are kept after in vitro fertilisation is extended, these times will eventually meet and humans be reared without births or wombs. So if men can reproduce themselves without women, given present attitudes, what hope is there for women's survival? They are in the hands of male, medical and scientific 'experts' — with no personal experience of childbirth!

It has been suggested by J. Postgate, professor of microbiology, that the answer to the population problem could be heavy restrictions on the number of live, female births. He admits that women would then have to be kept in a form of purdah in a society with such an imbalance between the sexes. The brutality of the American frontier and early white settlement of Australia show us what life would be like with few women around: then women had to become 'damned whores' or 'God's police' in order to protect themselves.

The State would, of course, be expected to regulate the population. It is men who run governments, train doctors, make contraceptives, decide on abortion and profit from drugs. So where does women's right to make decisions about their own bodies come in? It seems that women, having fought for the right to choose abortion, may soon have to fight for the right to give birth.

L.V. (Medway DAM)

(My thanks to Robyn Rowland, whose article in 'Test Tube Women' — Pandora Press 1984 — inspired this article).

NB There is a campaign against reproductive exploitation:

c/o 21 Pennethorne Close, London E9

*Editorial note: — we query the assumption about first born, however.

After all no one can deny that the moment when central government receives a fatal blow (from whatever quarter) should also be a signal for those of us intent on organised rebellion to rise up, without exposing ourselves to any unnecessary weakness, to widen the attack further.

These sort of opportunities only occur now and then. As the IRA said in their post-attack communique, 'We were unlucky, but remember we only have to be unlucky once; you (the British State) will have to be unlucky always'. To waste such opportunities is a luxury we can ill afford. The lesson is simple: organisation and preparation. And expecting the unexpected.

EMMANUEL GOLDSTEIN

N.B. Last year a comedian brought the house down at a Tory rally when he shouted, 'Let's bomb Russia!' to enormous laughter and applause. Hearing of protests that it was not too funny to talk about bombing millions of people, Mrs Thatcher asked where their sense of humour was. Someone evidently shares her sense of humour and brought the house down with a bang this year too.

FEEDBACK

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Researcher Needs Help

I am interested in hearing from people in regards to the conditions of Women Political Prisoners in West Germany. I am in the process of gathering information for a research-paper. There is very little information available about prisoners in Germany, less about women. I will share this information through many ways, letters/formal analysis or short articles.

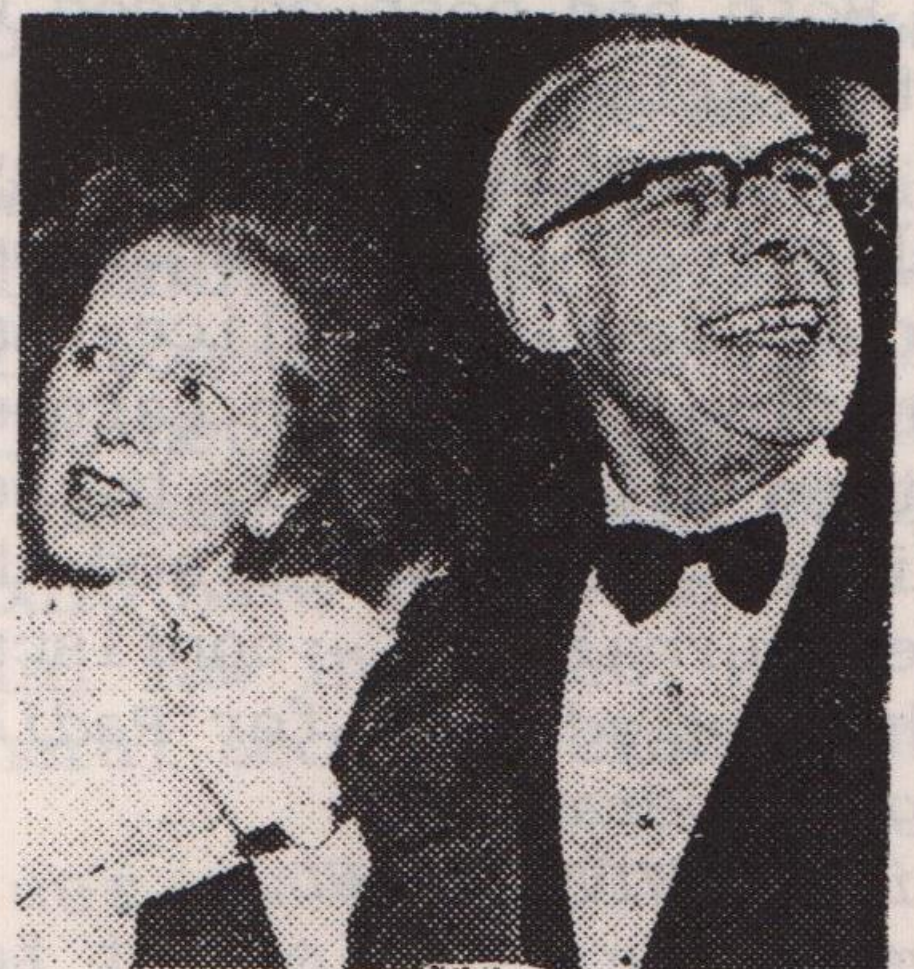
I'm 32 years old, serving a sentence of *unknown* length (several life tops & then more years from the Federal Govt. — impossible to calculate). These charges & sentences all stem from a purported attempt to aid prisoners escape & shooting a police officer (Two of us were charged). Since arriving here at Leavenworth I have been attending University classes and am seeking a degree. Since I believe that the plight of women prisoners and activists has been understudied and supported, I am focussing on their conditions. Though perhaps fewer than males, their work and efforts are usually of greater import than an equal number of males. There is no doubt that women political prisoners have been and continue to be treated differently than males and in some cases have much harsher time — because they challenge stereo-types and norms.

I had initially thought to collect information on women in England, Ireland, Canada, Germany and the USA for comparison. Because I must work from my cell, I think it is better to try one country at a time. The non-english speaking one first. Germany is indicative of US imperialist processes and not reported well in the USA.

Any help on info is greatly appreciated. Letters, documents, articles, names, sentences, referrals to support groups are all welcome.

Larry W. Giddings

No10917-086, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth KANSAS USA



Denis — 'you should have seen what they did to our bathroom' — Thatcher, still pissed.

GERMANY Horst Stowasser

On the 30th April this year, the West German anarchist publisher and journalist Horst Stowasser was found guilty of "insulting an officer of the Federal German Army". Three years earlier, the officer in question, a Lieutenant-Colonel called Breidsprecher, had hauled Horst before the courts for describing soldiers as "professionally trained murderers", but the case was thrown out.

This time, Breidsprecher and the self confessed 'Defence Minister' Worner had another go after Horst wrote an article criticising comments made by Breidsprecher and other army officers in an interview. Breidsprecher proudly proclaimed that he would have been prepared to drop the atom bomb on the people of Hiroshima in 1945. At the same time he said that peace protesters should stick to non-violent methods. (Somebody should have told him that even non-violent protest is 'violent' according to self-confessed 'Interior Minister' Zimmerman). Horst pointed out the hypocrisy of these comments and went on to describe armies as "organised violence", the "art of soldiering" to simply be to kill people. For these comments, Horst found himself once again in court.

At the trial, the judge did not deny the truth of the alleged "insult" but said that it was nevertheless libellous. According to the judge, "self-criticism" should have been applied to the article. What he really meant, of course, was self-censorship. The defence claimed that the charge of libel was being used to silence the free expression of a personal opinion in political debate, and was part of a general manipulation of language so as to make it impossible to criticise the military without risking prosecution. This has serious implications for those Germans who resist conscription and who have to give their reasons for doing so.

Horst has appealed against his sentence (£220 or 35 days inside and more with each day) and the case continues. He will not pay any fine for "insulting" those who are preparing for mass genocide. Letters of support can be sent to: Horst Stowasser, Postfach 2602 6330 Wetzlar-Lahn, West Germany.

radikal

RADIKAL TO BE REPUBLISHED

Radikal, the West Berlin monthly magazine is being published again. It was closed down by the police earlier in the year. Two of its journalists, Mike Klockner and Benny Harlin were sentenced to two years jail each - a sentence they both escaped by being elected to the Europarlament as West German Green candidates. Both had been charged with supporting terrorism by publishing the letters and declarations of the Revolutionary Cells (RZ) in the magazine. After the court case the police then began persecuting Radikal in earnest - by confiscating all its mail, by searching the offices, print works and the homes of the journalists - confiscating material. The new address for Radikal: WOZ (Zeitungskooperative) CH 8042 Zurich, SWITZERLAND.

where the magazine is being put together is secret, as also is where it is being printed.

SOURCE: Ekomedia

No Bolt Holes For Genocidal Generals



NAPHILL UPDATE

In *Black Flag Quarterly* VII No. 6 we reported the occupation of two 200 ft cranes and the partly completed bunker at HQ Strike Command, Naphill. Since the first occupation of the site in March, a long series of court appearances has been taking place. Outcome so far is, the two men who climbed the cranes were found guilty of criminal damage.

One was given a conditional discharge and ordered to pay £50 costs, the other was fined £35 and ordered to pay £50. Three people who occupied the bunker on the same action were found guilty of criminal damage and obstruction. Two were fined £25 with £10 costs, the third the same plus ordered to pay £50 compensation to the site contractors Taylor Woodrow.

Clift Hanger

Dr Alan Clift's evidence caused many to be convicted of murder and sent to prison for heavy sentences. Fortunately there is no longer the death sentence in the UK for murder or he would have many deaths on his conscience. Now he is discredited and disgraced and those released whose conviction was due to his absurd forensic 'evidence'.

Squats Hold Out

As ever the anarcho-squatters of Amsterdam have been busy. Apart from attacking tourist boats and rich hotels they have created a new symbol in the battle over evictions. The beautiful canal house at Singel 114 in the city centre has been squatted, evicted and resquatted too many times to count. The squatters have declared that the latest threatened eviction will mean all out war, and have already proved their point. 3 weeks ago a strong rumour began that there would be evictions on the Monday morning. As a result some squatters thought their home was also threatened and went on a rampage on the Sunday night, causing an estimated ½ million guilders damage, mainly to banks and other symbols of oppression. However next day the evictions didn't take place...oops..sorry!

The bunker was re-occupied on March 26th as an action of solidarity with the original occupiers who were in court on that day. Eight people were charged with obstruction and criminal damage. Five of these were found guilty at High Wycombe last month. The other three jumped bail. All five who attended court were fined £25 for obstruction, £25 for criminal damage, costs of £40 and ordered to pay £22.50 compensation to Taylor Woodrow. This amounted to £112.50 each. Overall costs of the action at Naphill, fines etc, has been about £852.50. Hence we are organising several fund raising activities and any donations would be appreciated. Please send to: B.P.A.F. c/o Dominy Hamilton, Top Flat, 37 Montpelier Street, Brighton BN1 3DL SUSSEX.

It is important to continue actions at Naphill. In July radioactive waste was spread all over the bunker site and this created much concern amongst the Taylor Woodrow workers, who at first refused to work on the site. However, pressure from Taylor Woodrow forced a return to work even after MOD tests had shown that radiation levels were too high! The bunker is in its final stage of construction. Work has now begun on a second bunker at USAF Daws Hill the computer control centre for the launch of cruise missiles. Both of these sites are

@ involvement in Direct Action groups is fertile ground. At Upper Heyford, a local action brought a train to a stand still so that they could storm the bases runway (where F1 11s, EF1 11s are on constant alert) successfully stopped the deployment of the F1 11s to NATO's Operation Lionheart for some time.

Moving on from the pathetic symbolic actions of CND to actual physical disruption of the war machine, it has now become obvious that the 'peace wimps' are eager for action and educated themselves. It is up to us, as anarchists to plant the seeds of insurrection...

Nestor & M@d Emma

On October 28th Nationwide Civil Defence exercises involving more than 800 ROC bunkers began.

Some financial compensation has been made but what can pay for years of suffering - not only of the convicts but also of the relatives?

Dr Clift has paid nothing and suffered nothing. But he has had to retire early. Time hangs heavy on his hands. So he organised the mammoth conference of 1,200 delegates from all over the world, as the treasurer and business manager of the International Association of Forensic Scientists. Conference spokesperson explained, 'He has plenty of time to deal with this and it would have been impossible for another officer to combine it with normal working'.

Fortunate for the charlatans, pseudo-scientists, police sheep and imaginative geniuses who make up the bulk of the forensic experts that so representative a gentleman is available. The work he is doing now is essential to combat malicious slanderers of the profession, if they are not to return to the bad old days before the repeal of the Witchcraft Act (1945) when handwriting experts queued up at Marlborough Street Court. London, every Monday morning to pay their fines with spiritualist mediums, palm readers and fortune tellers who are even in these enlightened days still not recognised as scientific experts.