# FEEDBACK

### ANARCHIST SUMMER CAMP

An international summer camp has been organised by West German Anarchists between September 13-15. For details: Erich Muhsam Centre, alte Forststrasse 3, 6738 Elmstein, West Germany.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

The Cambridge Syndicalist. No. 2. May '85 A broadsheet produced by Cambridge DAM-IWA. This issue contains news on catering workers, unions, the teachers strike and more. Price 5p plus S.A.E. Donations welcome. Available from: Box DAM, Cambridge Free Press, 25 Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

Direct Action Animal Bulletin. No. 5. News from the Animal Liberation Front This issue is a 'prisoners special' and it contains lots of interesting information on animal libbers in prison or awaiting trial. Price 25p. Available from: c/o DAAB, BCM 1160, London WC1N3XX

Poison Pen No. 300! 26th May 1985. This almost weekly anarchist bulletin is still going strong. Lots of local news in this issue, plus a report on the recent South-East Anarchist Federation meeting and an up-date of the Price-Waterhouse Trial against 11 Clydeside Anarchists. A good read. Free/donations welcome plus a Stamped Addressed Envelope to: Hastings Free Press, 92 London Road, St. Leonards-On-Sea, East Sussex.

Tyne and Wear Free News. No.1. May '85. New counter-information broadsheet from Newcastle, containing local, international and national news and comment about the media, Youth Training Schemes, South Africa and more. Donations welcome (it costs 8p to print per sheet). Free plus a SAE from: Box Free News, Days of Hope Bookshop, 115 Westgate Rd.

Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE1 4AG. Also available from the above address is a benefit cassette made by local band Generic on behalf of striking Coca-Cola workers in Guatemala. All profits/donations will be passed onto the workers on strike. Price £1 plus donation.

CeNiT. No. 119. 18th June 1985. The weekly paper of the CNT-AIT 'Exterior Region'. News and comment on current events from an anarchist perspective. In Spanish language. Price 5 French Francs. Available from: 33 rue de Vignoles, 75020 PARIS, France. Strike. No 37. June/July 1985. The newspaper dedicated to direct action. Wellproduced, informative anarchist paper, carrying news and information on the COB (Bolivia), Industrial Unrest in Iran, Mayday and South Africa. Price 75 cents. Available from: c/o Box 284, Main Station, St. Catherines, Ontario, CANADA L2R 6T7

The Alarm. Huddersfield Anarchist News No. 1. June 1985. Single sheet of news shop workers, patterns of work and dole, computers. Produced by Huddersfield DAM-IWA. Available from: Box DAM, Old Stewards House, Northgate, Huddersfield. HD1 1RL

Self Help Booklet. Crewe Womens Group. 50 page booklet by the South Cheshire College Women's Group (and some men), with useful information on pregnancy, cervical cancer, contraception, sexual harassment, and articles on anarchofeminism, women against pit closures, plus poems. Available from: Box BC, 7 Camm Street, Crewe, Cheshire.

Counter Information. No. 6. June 1985. News and information of resistance to this rotten system. This issue has a lot of information on resistance in the pits after the miner's strike; a recent report on the Danish general strike and a walk-out at Scott-Lithgows shipyard. Free although donations towards costs always welcome. Available from: c/o Box 81, 43 Candlemakers Row, Edinburgh, Scotland.

\*Judging from the amount of publications we receive there seems to have been an increase in local counter-information and anarchist bulletins. Keep 'em coming!

### STOP BUSINESS AS USUAL

Three people from Wallsend (Newcastle) have been arrested in connection with the Stop Business as Usual day of action last April 30th are going to trial in July.

IN Southshields more people implicated by the police in SBAU activity after a few people were arrested by the police and told that one of their friends had grassed them up beforehand ( a favourite police trick to split people up and set them against each other), when in fact, the police had no evidence against them. SOURCE: Micky.

NEW KINGS CROSS TAKE-AWAY If you are ever at Kings Cross and stuck for a place to buy a decent snack, a new place has opened opposite Housman's Bookshop in Caledonian Road. It's called PEACEMEAL WHOLEFOODS, 10 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross and the hours 10.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday.

VE GOT THIS DYNAHITE

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE !!...

Dear Black Flag/Black Cross,

Hello, we are the Milwaukee Anarchist Feminist Group, a fledgling @ group based in the fascist-mentality-backed city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We're trying to network with other groups on an international, as well as national, basis. We'd be pleased as punch if you could print a line or two about us in the next Black Flag and put us on your listing of groups.

Presently, we are a very small group as Milwaukee does not lend itself at all to anything even hinting (!) of autonomous directions of thought, much less a blatant anti-capitalist group, trying to get somewhat organised, active and funded. We do regularly put up notices around town, but to no avail. It's odd, the unemployment here is quite high, and rated as one of the ten most expensive places to live, yet no one makes a sound. They seem to have picked up a lot from the cattle down in the slaughterhouse yards.

Anyway enough of my observations. Hope to hear from you soon. Strength in Peace & Struggle,

K. Brzezinska – MAFG 2571 B Dousman Street. Milwaukee, WI 53212 USA

**ANARCHY 38** 

Due out at the end of July (provisional) Price £1.20. Partial list of contents;

The Enemy Within (Anarchy Collective on the miners strike).

Notes For The Anarchy and Order Brigade Richard Livermore.

Jackboots and Sporons – The Strange World of Robert Gayre Patrick Coogan. The Scala File -A Case History of Provocation 'Rocinante'.

The Mystery of The Gaul Henry Black. RAF/Action Directe/Revolutionary Cells - Documents.

Plus 'Sniper', Book Reviews, and a few surprises.





## HOMELESS RALLY SOIAT THE

Last Saturday 250 squatters and homeless people marched to a big new squat in Kings Cross, but were stopped by the police from holding a concert and party there. It was the first Homes For All demo, the first non-registered march since Stop the City, and the biggest squatters demo for many years.

As the heavy rain stopped and we set off from Highbury Corner it was clear also that it was an anarchist demo, it was non-Party, no lefty paper sellers, no stewards and no central organisation (it was organised through delegates from all the squat and some housing groups).

As we went down Upper Street, it was a surprise to be marching at all, with just two vanloads of filth, and not to be beaten to shit, as at STC or recently at Stonehenge.

As the march moved on through Islington High Street, traffic at a stand still we leafletted and shouted to the shopping crowds. Into Pentonville, and at Penton Rise we took a surprise left turn, stranding the cop van trying to lead us, amid much booing and laughter. But the cops leapt out and joined the march at its head, hassling anyone who trod out of line. Their dignity was hurt, and when those up front tried to veer into a lane (where the door to the squat gig was) the police blocked the way. Just a few managed to get through and were seen to disappear through a small door.

A big building, owned by British Rail had been occupied and was prepared with food, drink, sound gear, mags and papers, banners etc ready for the arrival of the march, a secret until then. A merry confusion followed, as the

filth tried to break into the squat and

keep us out. We had blundered, since few knew what was happening we couldn't be expected to charge through a line of cops into a blind alley.

More police arrived, one woman was brutally nicked when a group tried to get round the back, and stalemate then followed, with the squatters raising the @ flag and big SQUAT and HOMES FOR ALL banners, and the whole crowd besieging the building for nearly 2 hours.

The pigs had succeeded, almost by accident, so the demo went on, with much shouting and struggling as they began to make arrests. Eventually, after 7 arrests, the occupiers loaded up their van and were allowed to leave, amid loud cheering. We then walked to Kings Cross pigsty to try to free the hostages, but two more were nicked, including one woman who went in to enquire and got dragged into a cell.

After that, many of us went to Carols Cafe (HQ of the CIA/ Camden & Islington Action squatters) where we ate and watched the gig, with No Defences and Slave Dance. By 1.00am that night all but one of those arrested were released. One woman was still held for non-pay payment of a fine, but we expected her to be released later.

Most people at the demo said 'when's the next one?' and thought it was great. A boom in squatting is now expected, this week 1,000's of Bed & Breakfast'ers are being thrown on to the street, and another squat group is starting in West London, widening our network. For us squatting and local based organisation remains an essential part of beginning an anarchist movement in London. . . R.Crowbar

Fines for those arrested were paid by bust funds from local groups.

JAPAN Execution Looms K. Omori was arrested in 1977 in connect-

ion with the bombing of a Government building (the Hokkaido Office, which administers affairs for the Ainu - whose island is known to the Japanese as Hokkaido – in the same way as the Bureau of Indian Affairs administers affairs for the American Indian (badly!). He is facing the death sentence by hanging if he loses his long awaited Appeal.

Protest letters can be sent to: Japanese Embassy, 46 Grosvenor Street W1 Tel: (01) 4936030. 493 2103 or 493 2475.

TO COMRADES IN ENGLAND: We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support. Thank you so much.

The case of K.Omori has been up for second trial, where we have produced several new pieces of evidence and new witnesses which prove his innocence. But there is still a very strong possibility that he may be sentenced to death again. Because his innocence means the guilt of Japanese imperialism which is dominating and occupying Ainu-Moshiri as its colony and it is impossible for the State to admit its own guilt it is very hard for him.

We will struggle until they release him



from prison. We'd like your continuing aid from now on.

In February, K Omori got married in jail to a woman who is an active member of the supporter's group.

Although he cannot help kissing her through a glass-window, he is doing his best to enjoy the honey-moon with her in spite of unfavourable circumstances.

Please accept our sincere apologies for our delayed answer to the letters you have written.

Further information and letters of solidarity, greetings, donations can be sent to Akiyoshi Ito Sakae So 203, Iwakura-Agura, Sakyo, Kyoto, JAPAN.



### LIST OF SQUAT ADVICE **GROUPS THROUGHOUT** LONDON

Advisory Service for Squatters: 2 St. Pauls Road, Islington, N1. Telephone: 3598814 Tube: Highbury & Islington. 2-6 Monday to Friday. ASS also offers a general advice service for squatters in London.

Squatters Network of Walworth (Southwark): 362 Old Kent Road, SE1. Tel: 701 5804. Bus: 21,42,53,63,177. Monday - Friday, 4-7 pm.

Brixton Squatters Aid: 121 Railton Road, Herne Hill, SE24. Tel: 274 6655. Tube: Brixton. Sundays 3-5pm Other times in an emergency only.

Camden Squatters Aid: 4 Carol Street, NW11. Tube: Camden. Tuesdays 8pm onwards.

Islington Housing Action: 287 Upper Street, N1. Tube: Highbury & Islington or Angel. (especially) Sundays 2pm (but other times as well).

Haringey Homes For All: 32 Alexandra Road, N8. Tube: Turnpike Lane. Fridays 7.30pm. Dalston Squatters; (East London) c/o ASS

### SRI LANKA

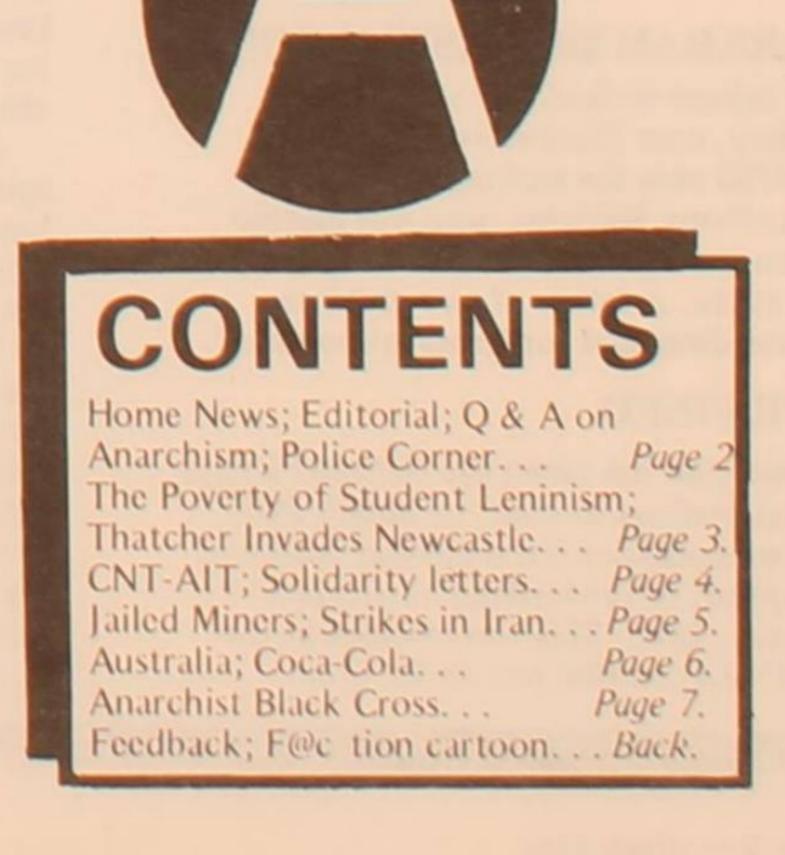
Sri Lanka has been torn apart by rival groupings. Yet for years these different nationalities existed side by side. The Tamils originated from India and the Sinhalese from Ceylon (Sri Lanka as it is now called). But these different origins mean very little except when inflamed by nationalism into importance. The truth is they did not matter when there was an imperial race with it's own quisling race to help it rule: in the name of anti-imperialism any other sections could ignite. Now triumphant, nationalism has provided a base on which the nationalist politicians can build their own minor empires. In the absence of working people's solidarity, this has turned the island against itself like a lunatic chopping off his own leg.

The Tamil politicians, unable to compete with the dominating Trotskyist politicians, hived off to nationalism. The trots countered with a rival form of nationalism. Then the Tamil educated young sought to enforce their national claims by force, but unleashed a wave of terror against the Tamil people that caanot now be controlled.

This was the island from which Trotskyism hoped to 'educate' the workers in many different countries; where they formed part of the Government and from which they financed the Militant Tendency (better known as the Tapeworm Tendency) in England, and other groupings. Typical of Trotskyism, always afraid to launch its' own party but preferring to be a tapeworm inside other parties and criticise the leadership, and unable to form the 'advance guard' inside a Communist or Labour Party since neither existed to any effect, they

formed an advance guard inside the bourgeois nationalist movement, saving their Marxist Leninism for more favoured countries, and would have become part of a fascist dictatorship had they not been saved from this humiliation by an internecine civil war, with no pretensions to any class relevance.

The Labour Party here has some human humanitarian feelings about Tamil refugees. Should they not try to persuade their Tapeworm Tendency members to put put some of the money they have got out of the Ceylon plantations back into helping the Tamils, rather than using it to finance a second Trotskyist daily paper that we need like a hole in the head?



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## EDITORIAL

### FIRST, THE BAD NEWS...

We were hoping to publish another edition of our Quarterly magazine (already delayed through lack of money, time and energy energy) this month, but have regretfully decided that we simply can't afford to do

For those of you who aren't already aware, we run on a thin, shoe-string budget. For example, one *Black Flag Quarterly* costs approximately £1,000 to print and distribute. A *Newsbulletin* costs £250 *per issue*. As a result, we are already in debt to the tune of £2,500.

We apologise to our subscribers and readers for not coming up with the goods this time around, but we also hope that the above explains a little better our difficult situation.

All the articles (already typeset) put aside for the *Quarterly* will now appear in the *Newsbulletin* over the coming months.

### ... NOW, THE GOOD NEWS!

With no magazine to worry about we can concentrate on the fortnightly *Newsbulletin*. Our first objective is to keep this at a regular 8 pages per issue, rather than the switch between 6 & 8 pages. We hope that future *Newsbulletins* 

will be typeset (like this one) instead of typewritten (like most of the previous issues). The major advantage of typesetting

- apart from the paper looking better is that we can fit in a lot more articles into an issue. This means that we will have space for longer articles (not just short news items) from now onwards, making the *Newsbulletin* more diverse and a better read. We may also have time to produce more posters, books and pamphlets, again depending on our limited finances and spare time.

### NOTE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Now we are no longer producing the magazine we will extend our one year subscriptions by 4 months and 6 months subscriptions by 2 months. Let us know if you feel hard done by and we'll do our best to sort things out. Alternatively, don't be afraid to make a donation or renew your subscription early!

### LIFE WITHOUT BLACK FLAGS? - UNTHINKABLE!

We're honestly doing our best to improve Black Flag and make it as interesting as possible. We're quite optimistic about the future too, despite our present difficulties. Our survival, of course, depends on your continued support and encouragement. In practice this means sending in articles, news clippings, photographs/graphics, reports, donations subscriptions, & letters. You could also help by distributing Black Flag in your area by ordering more than 1 copy. In return we'll continue to keep you up to date with what's going on. Many thanks to all those who've supported us so far!

### Black Flag Collective.

### MARKHAM MINERS WALKOUT

200 miners walked out of Markham colliery, near Blackwood, Gwent, on 24/6/85 over the sacking by the NCB of Anthony Williams, who was cleared of murdering a taxi driver during the pits strike. A father of two children, he was dismissed for 'gross misconduct'.

### NUR FINED

British Rail has taken the National Union of Railworkers to court to obtain £200, 000 compensation for a one-day walk-out in support of the striking miners last January, 1985. This was revealed at the NUR's Ayr conference on 24/6/85.

### POLICE CORNER

### JACKIE BERKELEY -

POLICE RAPISTS MUST NOT GO FREE! Jackie Berkeley is a twenty-one year old black woman who on April 19th, 1984, was arrested trying to stop a fight after her friends had been attacked. She protested against her wrongful arrest, was then physically overpowered by several police men, flung into a police van and taken to Moss Side Police Station where she was raped and then beaten up.

On Tuesday April 24th, Jackie brought an official complaint of rape against two police men and two police women. Moss Side Police Station is notorious for its racial, physical and sexual abuse of its prisoners. It was the first time in its' history that a woman had taken such a stand. Because of the action Jackie took and as a warning to others who might decide to follow her example, the police launched a massive punitive campaign against her.

On April 11, 1985, nearly a year after Jackie's fight to bring the rapists to justice, she herself faced sentence for six charges brought against her by the Moss Side Police and upheld by one stipendiary magistrate, sitting alone.

Jackie, with the support of the Jackie Berkeley Defence Committee, waged a campaign to defend herself and indict the rapists. Seventy people packed the public gallery of the Court throughout the fourteen day trial.

On March 14th, 1985, they decided she was 'guilty'. The Magistrate rubberstamped the Prosecution's case and convicted Jackie.

On the very day that Jackie was to be sentenced, reports appeared in the press and local television of a woman being placed in a cell already occupied by a man, and being raped by him, right

inside Moss Side Police Station. Jackie's sentence:

Wasting police time by making a false complaint of rape — three months imprisonment.

Three separate counts of assaults on police — one months imprisonment on each.

Breach of the peace — fourteen days imprisonment.

Criminal damage to police uniformsone days imprisonment.

All these sentences are to run concurrently, and are suspended for twelve months. They were suspended despite the fact that the magistrate stressed that the seriousness of the charges meant a prison sentence should be imposed and that Jackie shouldn't complain if 'she

### DANEFORD/SHIREBROOK BANNER APPEAL

Shirebrook NUM was a very active branch in the miners strike and its members are determined the keep the fight against pit closures going. The branch is also calling for the release of ten of its members currently serving 2½ years each in prison and for the return of their jobs. Hardship is still very great in the community and all the funds the branch raise are being used to reduce that hardship and to keep the families of the prisoners going.

During the strike, our school forged close links with the Shirebrook community and we are determined to maintain our support. We have pledged to raise £2,000 to pay for a first class banner for the Shirebrook miners. Unlike most NUM branches they don't have one and unless we collect this money they will have no chance of having one for years to come.

The Shirebrook miners don't lack spirit or militancy but they do lack a banner. We are appealing to you to make a donation to our banner fund. Anything you can give will be warmly acknowledged by the Shirebrook miners and ourselves. Please donate what you can.

The above appeal was sent by Norma Hundleby, NUT Rep, Daneford School. Please send donations to the 'Daneford/ Shirebrook Banner Appeal' to the Treasurer, Barry Patement, c/o Daneford School, Gosset Street, Bethnal Green, London E2.

## HOME NEWS

### lost her liberty that day'.

In their campaign against Jackie Berkeley the police have mobilised all the forces at their disposal. Undaunted, she intends to fight to the finish. Jackie Berkeley needs your support to continue her courageous fight and historic stand. For more information contact: Jackie Berkeley Defence Committee,

38 Haydn Avenue, Manchester 14. Source: Black Cat

### WHAT IS COMMUNITY POLICING?

GOOD AFTERNOON MRS. BROWN, GLAD TO HEAR YOUR SISTER IS BETTER. LIKE THAT NEW GNOME WITH THE FISHING ROD. I SEE THAT NEW LOT IN NO.17 HAVE GOT A CND STICKER IN THEIR WINDOW. COMMUNISTS ARE THEY?



### PIGS LEAVE THE STYE

Police officers are leaving the force because they are 'disenchanted' and 'fed up with being the Aunt Sally' according to Chief Constable Charles McLachlan of Nottingham. Another factor was that they had less chance of promotion within Nottinghamshire because the police authority had 'frozen' higher posts.

Maybe they just get bored of beating people up? SOURCE: M.C.



### **BADMINGTON 12**

The 12 people who demonstrated in front of of the Royal Family at Badmington have each been fined £200 plus £24 costs after being found guilty of a 'breach of the peace'. An appeal fund has been set up and PO/Cheques can be made payable to: S.L. Gilbert; c/o 65 Bury Road, Haringey, London N22.

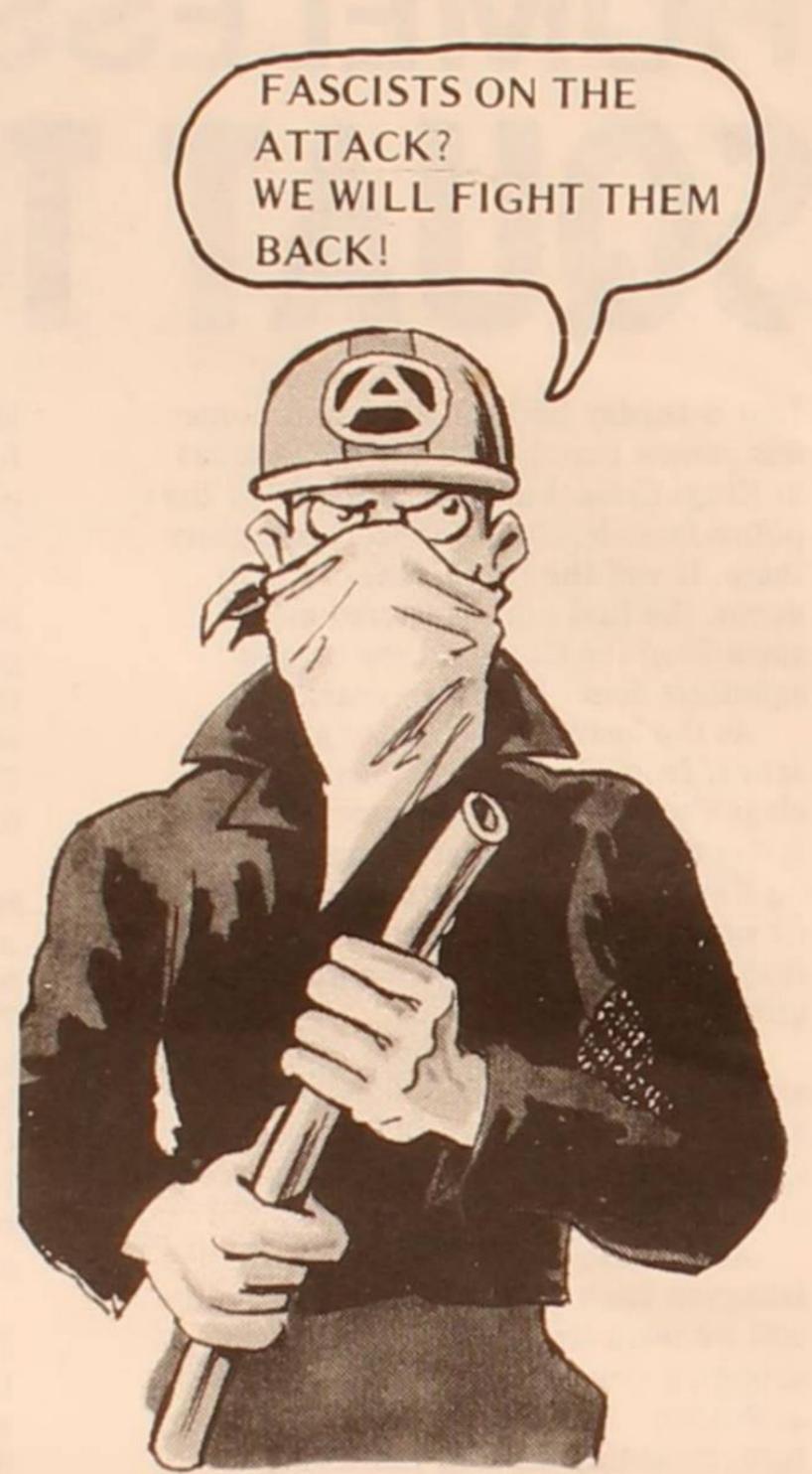
**QUESTION AND ANSWER** ON ANARCHISM Q. Do you find it consistent with anarchist principles to lay down what anarchists should or should not believe; and to excommunicate anyone with whom you disagree? A. Obviously anarchists in their propaganda must lay down what they believe or disbelieve in, so that people can accept it or not. 'Excommunication' is a meaningless term outside religion: if a person is not an anarchist that does not make them a non-person. We think an anarchist is someone who believes in the desirability of anarchism, also believes it practicable, and works to achieve that goal (and there are some calling themselves Anarchists who might fall down on one, two or even all three of those

### FASCISTS GATHER

The British National Party are threatening to hold a march and rally in Stoke on 27 July and the venue is rumoured to be at Burslem.

'Leading politicians' have contacted the Staffordshire Chief Constable, Charles Kelly, and asked for the march to be banned. The last time fascists marched in Stoke-on-trent was when the National Front last year got permission to goose step around the town.

SOURCE: Steve.



### LETTER

Dear Black Flag,

It looks like the 'left' is getting interested in anarchism. (Whether to infiltrate/neutralise or some individuals actually wising up I wouldn't like to say!) Example one: New Socialist May '85 has a two page article on Emma Goldman by Jill Liddington — this is the Labour Party's theoretical journal! The second example is more sinister: the Socialist Workers Party is organising a week of discussions. One of their courses (not debates) is on Anarchism & Syndicalism. Who's organising this course & is anyone interested in intervening in it?

On a lighter side the advertisement for the course (in *New Socialist* June '85) says: 'the cost of Marxism, including the entrance to all meetings, deabtes and entertainment, is £16 for the whole week (in advance) and £10 for the weekend.' Who would have thought that Marxism could be so cheap!

All the best, R.A.

points). If one says an Anarchist is anyone calling themselves one, the name becomes as meaningless as when it is bandied around in the press.

Any organisation has the right to exclude people not in agreement with or hostile to its aims. No one would suggest (we hope) that an anarchist organisation couldn't exclude (say) fascists; the only question then is at what point does one draw the line.

There are matters on which anarchists may disagree (e.g. on the Irish scene) but there are some matters on which one can hardly disagree and still be an anarchist for instance, someone supporting capitalism or the State, is not a dissident anarchist, but a nonanarchist.

## HOME NEWS

### McGIBBON, MARX & THE POVERTY OF STUDENT LENINISM.

On February 25th, 1985 at the University of Kent at Cantebury, Anarchists and some socialists fought with Rugby Club stewards when Irene McGibbon, Tory Councillor and and professional scab/strike-breaker came to speak. (See *Black Flag 133*).

Now, over 3½ months later an anarchist charged with the breach of two University regulations has been publicly vilified by 'socialists', some who are also charged some who were not even at the meeting. This is because she refused to be manipulated into signing a weak collective statement which constituted stage-one of their oh-so revolutionary strategy of appealing to the authorities to please carry out the enquiry according to the proper procedure — a bit like asking a policeman to beat you up according to the proper procedures.

For her refusal to join in with this bureaucratic manoeuvering, the Anarchists have been called scabs in posters and some stickers, and verbally compared with Mrs McGibbon — and this on the same day as a huge painted swastika together with an anarchy sign and the words 'Pakis Out' appeared on a University footpath. the two are connected we don't know put it's getting harder to distinguish between right-wing and red fascism.

When pressed, the Trots admitted doing the sc@bs posters, but could only justify it by accusing the Anarchists concerned of 'individualism' - in other words just because she is independent of their parties politics and because she chose not to go along with their pathetic version of 'collectivism' she now finds herself fighting on two fronts — the authorities and the trots. Considering that she voluntarily went forward to the authorities to clear a frightened Socialist Worker's Party member's name in the first place (which she has succeeded in doing) - calling her a scab is treacherous and reveals a lack of any integrity, only befitting fascist dogs, left or right wing.

Why are these 'socialists' getting so upset about the whole thing anyway? Of course, the real motivation for their irrational attacks on Anarchists is *FEAR* — a fear inspired by the knowledge that

### MORE ON DECOY DUCKS

In the last two issues we have given space to exposing some of the manoeuvres of people posing as Anarchists and acting either as political or police agents. Often there is an obscuring of both, as revealed by an interesting recent case.

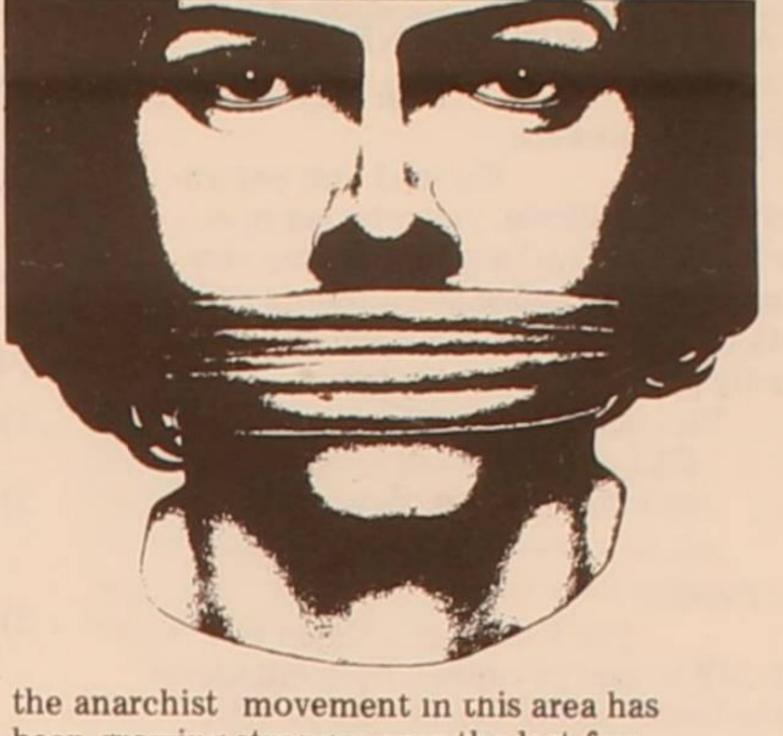
Brian Micklethwait claims to be an 'anarchist' who believes in capitalism (!), working for the Libertarian Alliance (as an 'anarcho-capitalist'), who has given him some entree into what he describes as 'the orthodox' anarchist movement when he wrote for *Freedom*, and took part in the now notorious Mary Ward Centre series of lectures.

In a recent statement he clears up what may have 'confused orthodox anarchists' about the Libertarian Alternative Bookshop's attitude to the police. They want it 'denationalised' and placed in capitalist hands, presumably more firmly than it is already: 'given that we have these capitalistic designs on the police' he sees no contradiction in their 'co-operation with the Police, at all times, and damn the inconvenience or cost in time.'

Fair enough — this is anti-anarchism, not anarchism. Why then call oneself an 'anarchist' but to confuse? Mr Micklethwait also makes this clear.

There was, he alleges, 'an unsuccessful attempt to burn down the Alternative Bookshop'. He reported the matter to the police and he says, very significantly, he spent the next few hours drinking tea with the police and 'while I don't understand the sub judice rules very well, I hope I'm allowed to say the Police had a stroke of well deserved luck of the suspectcatching type'.

You don't get that lucky sitting around a cup of tea, unless you're exchanging information. He explains: 'Given our suspicions about who's behind these arson attempts perhaps Political Notes No. 4. written by me, called 'Anarchy versus Anarcho-capitalism', is the one most



the anarchist movement in this area has been growing stronger over the last few months.

The SWP in particular, are so workerist that their involvement in student politics is marked by a guilt-ridden contempt for 'themselves-as-students' and always conducted with blank membership cards in their pockets and a bundle of *Socialist Workers* under their arms. In this case they have used scare-mongering tactics, stressing how heavily the authorities are going to come down on their members in order to frighten and guilt-trip their fellow leftists into complying with their ideological closed-shop.

How sincerely do the 'socialists' believe in the principle of fighting victimisation anyway? Socialists do not bat an eyelid when Anarchists are repeatedly disciplined, fined, banned from colleges, arrested, detained in police custody for 48 hours and brought before the Courts for writing grafitti – because grafitti writing, is they conclude 'anti-working class' since some cleaners don't like it. Perhaps they think that all political grafitti is written by the State so that workers have to clean it up? In fact heckling at meetings and writing grafitti are often the only means of being heard available to those who are excluded from the system of power.

Anarchists are proud to have heckled McGibbon, proud to have defended ourselves when attacked, and we denounce the whole rotten system of enslavement including its authoritarian left-wing.

#### SOURCE: Canterbury DAM

worth advertising here.' In other words, he found the alleged perpetrator of the attack through his suspicions impelled by political penetration. There is no other explanation. And someone who believes the police should be controlled by private funding is presumably not adverse to doing a bit of private funding of the police himself — there is another term for it — to secure the conviction of someone from what they consider to be a dangerous political position.

We understand a serious criminal charge possibly involving attempted manslaughter and certainly arson, is to be preferred against someone as a result of the cosy tea-break between the police and a man admittedly in favour of bribery, against someone fingered by the latter as suspect on account of his political views. If the DPP is crazy enough to let this

go ahead, more later.

Quotes from *Bookshop Scenes*, published by Alternative Bookshop, No.6. NB. One curious decision taken by Brian Micklethwait is not to stock any Anarch-

ist periodicals following the alleged firebombing; the ban apparently includes *Freedom* in which he himself wrote.

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### EDLINGTON MINERS EFFORT

At Edlington, near Doncaster, a pit village that was the scene of police violence during the miners strike; the police used a case of recent human tragedy where a child went missing and was later found drowned, to reintroduce 'community' policing' to the village.

The police used horses in their search for the child when there was no need to as it was not open ground. The local media were full of 'good work by the police' stories, but there was little news of the hundreds of miners who gave up a days' pay to help search for the child.

## THATCHER INVADES

### NEWCASTLE

From the media coverage of M. Thatcher's visit to Newcastle, comrades could be forgiven for thinking it was unopposed or even welcomed...this, is far from the Truth...over 5,000 people took to the rain drenched streets for a NUPE sponsored, police guided tour...being kept well away from the City Hall/Civic Centre area where the old love had come So on to a nice carpark for some nice speeches off some nice union people .. as, the local Press reported they went down well, 'apart from a small number of hecklers', - mainly 'cos they stuck to safe ground...Y'know the big bad Maggie takes your jobs, shuts your schools and hospitals and doesn't much like the miner's routine ... well the heckling increased, faves of the day were 'lets go and trash the City Hall'; 'Amnesty for all sacked miners' and 'Kinnock is a Labour scab'... Then a member of Newcastle Anarchist Group and Tyneside Unemployed Workers Movement got up and made an impassioned speech – and at the end of it said 'Let's go and tell Thatcher to FUCK OFF!' this brought loads of cheers and threw up an impromptu march on the City Hall leaving the Labour sheep speaking from the platform bleating inanely about how we were running away and that we could only fight Thatcher by stopping and listening to him and, presumably by voting Labour! Still nobody paid him much attention ...

Most of the Constabulary had gone away at this point in time so they got quite a shock to find a substantial proportion of those nice people from the march had returned and now were intent on getting to the guardian of our democratic system...but we were blocked off and in, so we turned around and walked off. We had a nice little sing-along rendition of a Newcastle Football Song called Harry Roberts which is all about a bloke who killed one or two policemen (shame) - I was quite cheered by the sight of the middle aged housewife (sic) next to me joining in with the chorus!

Next we headed down the street that separates the City Hall from the Civic Centre complex – and yet again found the forces of Law & Order blocking our way...so at this point the march ended and the 'Stop the City' tactics began with people sitting down in the road

- when eventually the police shifted the people (after about 20 minutes) everyone turned around and walked up to the round-about at the top of the street and started walking over it again disrupting traffic - but this didn't last long due to the arrival of the Cavalry, Some people being forced into the pedestrian railings by the nice new men on horseback...at this point about 100 people were gathered on the University steps (directly facing the Civic Centre) and they disappeared from police view down a back alley and into the 'Playhouse' carpark which looks directly onto the Civic Centre – it was virtually a clear run across the road to the Civic Centre only a few barriers and NO cops - unfortunately due to the slowness of people getting across the carpark the cops cops got there first...By this time the demo had dwindled to about 150 and contented itself with singing those rosy old chestnuts 'Brighton Bomb' and 'Airey Neave' at the fur coat wearing rich scum who were leaving the Conference.

There were no arrests, but enough action took place to show there's life in Newcastle yet...

A good little quote on the whole event which appeared in the local Press came from Sunderland Labour MP Bob Clay (who is at present facing a breach of the Peace charge from his involvement in the miners Strike) 'I find it quite creepy and reminiscent of the miner's Strike. The police are all over the City Centre. Its quite unnecessary, but perhaps the police have not got out of the habit yet of receiving massive overtime payments.'

It was observed, by person or persons unknown, that a few days before the arrival of Mrs T. the bomb squad or SPG were taking an undue interest in some lamposts on the central reservation of the dual carriageway that leads to Newcastle airport...They marked all the lamposts which they had rendered bomb-free with a strip of polystyrene tape (2 inches by  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch) – the tape is hard to remove – but would probably dissolve if coated with a solvent. If this action was taken the night before the visit of a VIP then it would make it necessary to check all the effected lamposts - or changing the route ... either way it would cause a considerable inconvenience and use a lot of manpower up which would therefore make it easier for those decorating the town to evade detection.



THREE HUNDRED YEARS ON The Sedgemoor Theatre Company is touring the West Country with an historical drama, to music, 'The King's Justice', by Charles Mander.

The Monmouth Rebellion, which it depicts, was 'far more than the romantic folly and rustic fiasco it is often made out to be. It was, rather, a desperate struggle of the people of the West Country....

against brutal oppression and tyranny'. The battle of Sedgemoor was fought within a mile or two of the town of Bridgewater. Facing the army of the State, there were barely a handful of trained soldiers and the rest were working people 'armed with a few old sporting muskets and an assortment of agricultural instruments.' Yet this people's army came close to defeating the King's troops under John Churchill, future Duke of Marlborough and victorious general. The fright the ruling class got was echoed in the bloody repression by Judge Jeffreys, remembered to this day; 'Somerset alone was deprived of more than one third of its working population. Its lanes and market places were made hideous by the rotting corpses of its sons and daughters who supported the cause of the democratic rights of its people against the ruthless autocracy of absolute monarchy.'

A representation of the June/July 1685 events is being shown by the Sedgemoor Theatre Company throughout the West Country during June/July 1985.

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### SPAIN

### THE CNT TODAY

On the last day of the now historic CNT fifth Congress the split came as a surprise to many observors, who like myself, had sat through the Congress and heard speaker after speaker reaffirming their anarchosyndicalist position and stating they all adhered to the position determined by the Congress of Saragossa in 1936. Later the dissidents held a separate

congress in Valencia, where they referred to themselves as 'impugnados'. A curious term — impugned — they were doing the impugning, making various criticisms of the CNT which, as a matter of fact, a great many of us had been making for vears.

Over the next two years, others added further criticisms, eg. that the CNT was a workers' union and they wanted a confederation of ecological, neighbourhood, women's groups etc. To a large extent this question resolved itself and as such interest groups grew beyond the CNT and in which both the CNT and the 'impugnados' participated.

In these years (though the CNT-AIT, as it is now referred to – but which has once again really become the only CNT) the situation was confusing since it was not a clear cut split between CNT and 'impugnados', people holding similar views were to be found in both, people with irreconcilable differences in both. TIES BROKEN

But as the pattern has now emerged, the anarcho-syndicalists have returned to the CNT and the 'impugnados' (now referring to themselves as Renovadas - or the 'renewed CNT', ) have broken from it. They have gradually broken all their pretended ties with the anarchist movement except to insist that they are the CNT, renewed and constructed.

Why then call themselves the CNT? It can only be for venial reasons because of this perennial hope that the State will return the loot in the form of offices, locals and printing presses it stole in 1939, and to trade on the old great name the CNT has among the workers.

It is noticeable that 'the renovadas' agents abroad try to twist this round and say that anyone supporting the CNT must be after a share, thus underlining the fascists' arguments that restitution to the CNT means 'aiding international anarchism'.

The phoney CNT is being floated by the right-wingers who tried to take over the CNT in the post-war days, the nationalists and 'left' Catholics; but not the trots or maoists who have abandoned this scene. This is the heritage of Falangism which always tried to capture the CNT (adopting its colours, imitating its name, with CNS, using its phraseology) and it is decidedly poignant in light of the fact that the phoney CNT is being run on similar lines to the phoney 'libertarianism' being floated in Britain and America by rightist bodies.

### SEEKING ORIGINS

By now the gravitation of forces between the CNT-AIT as it is now known and the CNT 'renovadas' formerly 'impugnados' has meant that the anarchosyndicalists have more or less drifted back to the real CNT, and the phoney CNT is denying it is anarcho-syndicalist though always appealing to older traditions suffering from the same dilemna as the Catalan Nationalists, who - at least the student nationalists (the traditional Catalanists have always been right wing) in seeking local working class origins find themselves inevitably confronted with an anarchist working class, nothing else.

The phoney CNT is trying a number of tricks, such as the production of a single one-off number of the old established CNT paper Solidaridad Obrera, passing off as 'theirs' much as similar historical claims and falsifications are made here too. The set up has become so reminiscent of the 'decoy duck' situation here that one wonders if there is some real connection.

It should not be thought however, that all members of the phoney CNT are in the 'plot', and one must distinguish clearly between the membership and the leadership (the existence of which is contrary to CNT tradition, but an imitation of the years of the exiled movement, which the CNT-AIT has more or less shaken off).

### SPREADING THE SPLIT

There are desperate attempts to spread the 'phoneys' internationally. Obviously these must fail. The only purpose of the phoney CNT now is to trade on the past history of the CNT, while taking a line similar to that of the CGT in France, but without the numbers.

The Socialists have long deplored the 'anachronism' of the CNT-AIT in Spain. But a 'renovated' CNT has no point at all. Obviously, British anarcho-syndicalists also are a small, unrepresentative organisation. They exist as such to present different ideas and point a different line from the organisation actually representing British workers, the TUC. It would be absurd, however, to form an equally small, unrepresentative organisation that reflects the same ideas as the TUC.

When the phoney CNT was first floated, it did attract some critics of some aspects of the CNT, but it had no future as a duplicate of the CNT. Now it has lost what 'anarcho-syndicalists' it had, it is trying to be a duplicate of the UGT or the Comisiones Obreras — but without the numbers.

At this stage it can only continue with substantial financial backing, one may add – as a tool of those who wish to smash the CNT, and some say it is a deliberate provocation by the State. It is certainly more than an attempt by Catalan Nationalist students to hijack the working class past.

It may be that if the CNT-AIT were to renounce everything that had been stolen from them by the State in 1939 - hard though it would be to do this — and ask for it to be distributed to the war and prison veterans who, having survived the holocaust, are refused pensions which only go to Franco's soldiers (under a Socialist Government!), the Government might agree, the CNT would be no worse off, and one incentive for the 'renovados' or the whole shebang, might vanish. A. Meltzer.



#### USA

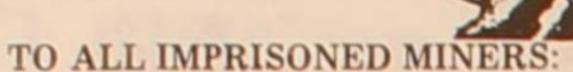
### **'MOONIE' PAPER FINANCES CONTRAS AGAINST NICARAGUA**

The Washington Times is a well printed, 5 day a week newspaper with a circulation of around 80,000. It is also owned by the Reverand Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church (also known as 'the moonies') and recently started a campaign to raise \$ 14 million 'in humanitarian aid' (sic.) for the 'Contra' (fascist) mercenaries currently trying to overthrow the Sandinistas in Nicaragua by shooting school children etc.

Moon's Church is reported to have poured more than \$150 million into the Times since it began in 1982. The paper strongly supports Reagan and all his policies and often contains articles by Richard Nixon. ex-President

An investigation in 1978 found clear evidence of 'operational ties' between Rev Moon's organisations in the USA, the South Korean government and the South Korean CIA. Rev Moon is currently in jail in Danbury prison on Federal Income Tax charges.

### INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY



Dear friends,

17th May 1985 Dear fellow workers,

We send you our unconditional gratitude, you who are now imprisoned for the 'crime' of having very courageously defended the interests and rights of miners, at a time when you are unjustly subject to victimisation.

Viva la Accion Directa! CNT-AIT Union of Graphic Arts and Information. Barcelona.

26th May 1985

The Pensioner's Union of the CNT-AIT wishes to express its admiration for the heroic stance the miners adopted as a result of the year long strike they sustained. We'd like to say that we do support you and acknowledge the deep class consciousness you continue to show. Good luck, fellow workers, and be aware that all Spanish workers fully support support your struggle. We enclose a modest donation, which of course, we wish was a lot bigger. (£19.07).

Good luck! On behalf of the Union, Jose Gil.

15th June 1985

Dear fellow workers, What can I say except that I profoundly feel the injustice that oppresses you and send my solidarity greetings.

Your effort and struggle for a better world serves as an example for all those who continue to oppose all forms of tyranny that oppresses people. We have followed the strike with great

interest here in Spain. It is important to establish mutual aid and international relations especially now when workers have lost the understanding that their true

### ERS FROM JAILED MINERS -

### Dear friend,

Sorry for not writing when I was in jail but I only got 3 letters a week and I had to write to Girlfriend, Union and other people. Sorry.

I can remember singing 'Here We Go' when we used to push into the pigs. It's a pity we didn't win anything. I got sacked, jailed and now, since I came out of jail, 'm homeless. . ..... about the writing but I only have got a refill and it's cannie (really) hard writing with one. . . Thanks a lot for your friendship and that it's nice to know people care for other people. Yours faithfully, Gordon Miller.

Dear Friend,

It was very nice of you to send me a card it is good to see people still care about us in jail. I know it is hard out there with even more people out of work. All the lads up here who have been involved with the strike are okay!

I like to make things but me being in here, my family cannot afford to send me money or magazines because they are all having to get dole which they cannot live on so they have to go without things they need. I have got a good job in the kitchen here at the prison but it is a long time before I get out.

Well I hope everybody at your end is okay. I will try and write soon.

Steve Goodall K039 HM Prison Sudbury, Derby DE6 5HW

### Dear friend,

I take pen to paper in gratitude for the generosity and support which you have shown towards me and my family over the past months.

I cannot express in words the comfort it gives me to know there are still people who know me for what I am and not what the press, television and government are making me out to be.

The book I received off you although most welcome and gratefully accepted must take second place to the feeling I get to know there are people who care about me and my family.

I thank you most sincerely once again and remain eternally in your debt.

Dean Hancock. Cardiff Prison, Knox Road, CF21UG Cardiff CF2 1UG

ompatriots are all the workers of the world and their common enemies are the capitalists (who collaborate and help each other on an international scale of course!)

A worker's country is the world. I will always remember you fellow workers, with affection and respect. Fraternal greetings! Alfonso Pellejero Samittier (CNT-AIT).

### PRISONERS RIGHTS

- 1) Remand prisoners can receive as many visits as they wish.
- 2) Convicted prisoners are entitled to send one letter on entering prison, and one per week after this, paid for by the jail.
- 3) Convicted prisoners are entitled to a visit on entering prison, and a minimum
- of one visit every four weeks. 4) A letter may be allowed instead of a visit
- 5) Communicate with your MP, these letters are allowed, including complaints against the prison – providing you have raised the complaint with your prison authority where you're being held. You do not have to wait for the outcome before writing.
- 6) Remand prisoners are entitled to see a doctor of their choice at any time, even if they are already under medical supervision by a prison doctor.
- 7) Convicted prisoners are entitled to see an outside doctor. This can be arranged through your solicitor.
- 8) Remand prisoners can wear their own clothes while in prison – challenge any attempt to refuse this.
- 9) You are allowed books, writing materials, newspapers, etc. at your families or friends expense.
- 10) It must be stressed to communicate with bodies such as MP's, European Commission/European Court of Human Rights. MP's have been known to get prisoners transferred by the prisoner's request.

### Dear friend,

Thank you for the post card that you sent me. I'm sorry that my reply is so late but I've had so many letters and cards in, that I am finding it hard to reply to them all straight away. I hope you do understand. How are you, I'm not too bad it's not a very nice place to be.

The screws in here aren't too bad, they supported the miners, so most of them help to keep me cheerful. There are a few that try to make it hard for me but you just have to laugh at them. Most of the cons in here are great as well. I've been lucky since I've been here I've always had

a job to do but some of the lads are locked up for 23 hours a day. They wonder why there is so much trouble in prison!

I'll tell you a bit about myself. I began working for the Coal Board since I left school at the age of 16, I had no exams behind me. Most of my family went to work for the NCB but I am the only one left. Well I was, but I've been sacked. My father worked at the pit but he died when I was only 15½. The worst day of being in here was April 22nd because it was my 21st birthday. I'll have to make up when I get out. I don't know if you know but I was sentenced to 3 years. I've got my appeal coming up on 7th June so I hope to get a little time knocked off then.

As you can see my English is not that good but I hope to change that before I get out. I'm taking English exams and they come up shortly so I've got a lot of studying to do. I'm also taking Art. I'm keeping fit by playing rugby, but the season has just finished so I'll have to find another sport for the summer. I am also doing a course in weight lifting so by the time I do get out I'll be able to teach it. Well, nothing much else to write about in here but I'll write again as soon as I can so I'll say bye for now, until next time.

Yours, Chris.

PS: Thank you for writing to me and for the support you gave for the miners. I'm sorry this letter is so short but there's not much to write about.

Chris Tazey A29398 HM Prison, Springfield Road, Chelmsford Essex  $CM2 \ 6LO$ 

## INDUSTRIAL

### MINERS NEWS

### SCABS OUT

King Scab Roy Lynk, head of the Nottingham National Union of Mineworkers during the year long miners strike, is in the process of being sacked by the NUM National Executive Committee.

Also in line for the chop are his sidekicks and fellow NUM officials David Prendergast and Neil Greatrex.

Meanwhile, NCB Area Director for North Nottinghamshire, Jack Wood, assured there would be no closures in his area until 1990 when Sutton Colliery, near Mansfield, would close. The pit employs 750 people. SOURCE: M.C.

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Mr. Roy Lynk

PETER GATES In the last issue of Black Flag we reported that Peter Gates (a building worker convicted of a picket line offence during the miners strike) was being held at HM

Prison Wayland, Norfolk. We have since been informed that a Prisoners Defence Fund has been set up on his behalf and is appealing for donations. Their address is: Prisoners Defence Fund, Peter Gates Account, Holborn, St Panacras & Finsbury Miners Support Group, 13 Tankerton House, Tankerton Street, LONDON WC1

Dear comrades.

Since the miners strike, libertarian ideas have been growing around here. We have made international contacts and some Swiss friends sent us a £1,000 cheque to be distributed to as many of the fighting miners families as possible. These comrades have been magnificent, this is not the first money sent, just the largest donation to date and their enthusiasm is an inspiration to us all!

We as a group have just opened a folk club in Crewe, where the guests play free and profits go to the fighting families. At the last session, a miner came and read a poem he had written during the strike that which told the story of pit life from the early days to the present situation, and the audience were stone silent, it was that good. He himself has two lads inside and he won't go back to work while they are not at liberty, but naturally enough he has has recently had his marching orders. We presented him with some of the cash we received and the emotive value of the event itself was enough to make the night remarkable.

We have contacted all the prisoners on longer stretches published in Black Flag in order to distribute the rest to their dependants.

> All the best comrades, Steve Green, Crewe Workers Support Group.

## SUPPORT Victimised Miners

## **IRAN - INDUSTRIAL UNREST**

This article is reprinted from: STRIKE!

### Strikes & Protests

This past year has witnessed a growing wave of strikes and protests against the Islamic Regime across war-torn Iran. Workplace struggles, protests against inadequate housing, high prices in goods and services, government corruption, etc., and resistance against a senseless war have become common occurrences on the social and political landscape.

Workplace struggles concentrate primarily on the government's plan to implement 'cooperatives' along with the deterioration of the economy, workers' rights and poor working conditions. The fight for pay hikes and the improvement of working conditions are one of the most general demands of the workers. Some examples are as follows:

- a strike by the Pipe Factory workers in Saveh Road (300 km. from Tehran) protesting against an inadequate pay increase granted by the Ministry of Labour. During this strike, the oppressive apparatus of the Regime threatened the strikers with guns in order to break the strike. Forty-seven workers were arrested.
- workers in Kian Tire and the Auto Works factories (near Tehran) went on strike over low wages and the cancellation of their New Year's bonus. Workers continued with their strike despite the impending threat of repression.
- workers in General Industries Factory (appliance warehouses located near Tehran) went on strike over the management's announcement that the workeres would not get paid for their annual holidays. The strikers also demanded a productivity bonus and the formation of a Workers' Council.
- women workers in the Pars Electric Corporation (located in the north-

ern part of Iran) protested against the discontinuation of nursery food by the management during the month of Ramezan (a month of fasting).

Another area in which the workers are struggling for is the introduction of a job classification system and an employment protection scheme based on work experience, skill and seniority

Protest against the large-scale firing and layoff of workers, and the fight to abolish Item 33 of the Shah's labour law, is yet another area of' struggle. Item 33 provides the legal framework in which workers can be fired on grounds of disruption in the workplace, arriving late for work, insufficient raw materials for production and budget constraints. The following examples reveal only a part of the picture:

- under the pretext of insufficient raw materials, the management of the General Electric Factory in Tehran fired 750 workers. This decision provoked intense opposition from all workers, and management was forced to retreat.
- Seventy contract workers of the Transportation Ministry's branch in the city of Ardebil (located in the western province of Azarbaijan, north-west of Iran) were fired because of "budget constraints" Seventy-five workers of the Pars Metal Factory in Tehran were fired on similar grounds.

### **Resistance Against the War**

In the past year, opposition against the Persian Gulf war has also intensified. This opposition takes the form of open objection to the compulsory wage deductions in "aid of the war," the refusal to volunteer in the war, parents preventing their children from joining the volunteer forces and the refusal to attend meetings which propagate the war.

The following events illustrate the extent of anti-war sentiment in Iran. When workers in the Iranian Glucose Company discovered that their wages were deducted for the war effort, they

### IMPRISONED MINERS

### - LANCASHIRE

STEVEN HARDMAN: Parkside - Six-month sentence from April 1985. Risley Reman- 2RA d Centre, Warrington Road, Risley, nr Warrington, Cheshire.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND

**NIGEL BIRCH:** Bates Three-month sentence from April 1985, R56143, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1

WILLIAM SMITH: Whittle -21/2-year sentence from February 1985.

#### DURHAM

GLEN BLACK: Dawdon Unit. HMYCC Rudgate, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

PETER GILES: Easington Nine-month sentence from . April 1985.

**KEVIN HUGHES:** Dawdon Two-year youth custody sentence from March 1985. E46421, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HU.

BARRY KENNEY: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985.

JOHN LITTLE: Dawdon Two-year sentence from March 1985. HMYCC. York Road. Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22

JOHN ANTHONY PAR-KIN: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985.

**RAYMOND PATTERSON:** Dawdon - Two-year sentence from March 1985. HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

MARK ROBSON: Easington - Nine-month sentence from April 1985, E46751, Durham Prison, Old Elvet, Durham DH1

MARK ROCHESTER: Daw-Prison, nr Millom, Cumbria,

month sentence from April - 21/2-year sentence from De-

Not miners but sentenced in connection with the miners'

STANLEY GREGORY: Dawdon - Unemployed. Twoyear sentence from March

GARY KRISTONSON: Dawdon - Warehouseman Two-year sentence from March 1985. HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22

BRIAN LITTLE: Dawdon Engineer. Two-year sentence from March 1985, HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED:

IAN STEPHENSON: don - Unemployed. Two-year youth custody sentence from March 1985, E46969, HMYCC Deerbolt, Barnard Castle.

YORKSHIRE **TERRY CAPSTICK:** Frickley - Nine-month sentence from April 1985. G79350, Kirkham Prison, Freckleton Read, Freston, Lancs, PR4 2RA.

**CLIVE THOMPSON:** Fricklev - Three-year sentence from cember 1984, E71033, F Wing, April 1985, G79348, Acklington Prison, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 9XF.

declared a one-day holiday and did not show up for work. Workers in the Sasan Bottle Factory in Tehran struck when they discovered that their productivity bonuses were being sent to the war front without their knowledge and similarly, the workers at Tehran's Oil Production and Refinery (ESSO) factories and the Pars Khodrow Automobile factory (near Tehran) refused to give their productivity bonuses or one-day wages towards war expenses.

A recent wave of anti-war demonstrations which the government has alluded to as some "disturbances" have occurred in the cities of Tehran, Hamadan, Araak, Sussangerd, Brudjen, Khorrem-abad, Brudjerd and others. A number of arrests were reported in those cities.

The most spectacular anti-war demonstration occurred on April 10th, at the "13th of Aban", a working class district in southern Tehran (named after the day of the famous confrontation between students and the Shah's armed forces in Tehran). This district was also one of the neighbourhoods in the capital which was attacked during recent

PAUL WRIGHT: Saville -18-month sentence, G76424, Shirebrook - Two-year sent-Kirkham Prison, Freckleton ence from December 1984. Road, Preston, Lancs. PR4 038 Sudbury Prison, Derby

Not miners but sentenced in connection with the miners' strike:

**ROBERT LATHAM:** South Kirkby - Nine-month sentence from April 1985, HMYCO field, Doncaster DN7 6EL

DAVID TEASDALE: Student, Nine-month sentence from April 1985. HMYCC, York Road, Wetherby, West Yorks. LS22 SED.

STAFFORDSHIRE WILLIAM BANNISTER: Prison, Derby DE6 5HW. Two-year sentence from March Hem Heath - Two-year sent-1985. E46964. Dorm 20, North ence from January 1985. H21046, Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

> MICHAEL JONES: Hem Heath - Two-year sentence from January 1985. H21048 Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liverpool 9.

> STEVEN LOWE: Two-year sentence from January 1985, H21045, Walton Prison, Hornby Road, Liver pool 9.

GARY MOULD: Hem Heath Two-year youth custody

**RAYMOND PATTON:** Hem

Two-year sentence from December 1984. 031 Sudbury

month sentence. Young Offenders Centre, Glen Parva, Wigston. Leicester

month sentence.

GRAHAM COOPER: Ireland

D. SCOTT: Easington - Nine- DAVID GAUNT: Shirebrook Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Doddington Road, Wellingborough.

> STEVEN GREGORY: Warsop - 18-month sentence. Due for release September 1985.

VICTOR GREGORY: Markham - 18-month sentence Due for release September

month sentence at a detention centre from March 1985.

IAN KESTLE: Shirebrook cember 1984, E032, Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

DAVID MASON: Shirebrook Wellingborough.

PETER PEARSON:

MICHAEL SOUTHWELL: Shirebrook - Two-year sentence from December 1984. 030 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW

strike:

Shirebrook - Two-year sentence from December 1984. 039 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

JOHN BAILEY: Hucknall Four months sentence from May 1985, 044 A-7 Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22

Hucknall - Three month sentence from May 1985, 043, Ranby Prison, Retford, Notts DN22 8EU.

#### KENT

MARK BEST: Three-year sentence from April 1985. B74749, Spring Hill Prison, Aylesbury, Bucks.

**EMLYN DAVIES:** Threeyear sentence from April 1985. B74746, Spring Hill Prison, Aylesbury, Bucks.

BRIAN DAY: Three-year sentence from April 1985. B74748, Spring Hill Prison, Aylesbury, Bucks.

**TERRY FRENCH:** Betence from January 1985. B73383, Weald Wing, Maidstone Prison, Kent.

GARRY NEWELL: Threeyear sentence from April 1985. Eastchurch prison, Stamford Hill, Sheerness.

OHN O'CONNOR: Bet teshanger - Two-month sentence, P65555, Eastchurch Prison, Stamford Hill, Sheer

**CHRIS TAZEY: Betteshan** - Three-year sentence from January 1985. A29398 Youth Detention Centre, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

JAMES WADDELL: Threeyear sentence from April 1985. astchurch open prison, Stamford Hill, Sheerness.

Not a miner but sentenced in conection with the miners'

PETER GATES: UCATT One-year sentence from March 1985. L33574, Wayland Prison, Griston, Thetford.

SOUTH WALES **DEAN HANCOCK:** Oakdale - Life sentence: Cardiff Prison,

Knox Road, Cardiff CF2 1UG. **RUSSELL SHANKLAND:** Taff Merthyr - Life sentence. Hospital Wing, Cardiff Prison,

Knox Road, Cardiff CF2 1UG.

Iraqi air raids. The air attacks caused many casualties and resulted in extensive damages. During the course of the demonstration, the government deployed security forces to disperse the demonstrators, but the demonstrators fought back and managed to control the whole neighbourhood for the time being. The protestors were soon joined by the people from neighbouring areas. The main highway passing by the neighbourhood was blocked and measures were immediately taken to repel the attacks of the armed security forces. The government summoned to the area over 500 armed men on motorcycles (Pasdaran) who began to fire at the demonstrators. As a result, hundreds were wounded and many died on the scene.



sentence from January 1985

Heath - Two-year sentence from January 1985. H21047, Walton Prison, Hornby Road,

### Liverpool 9. NORTH DERBYSHIRE

**KEVIN BEAL:** Shirebrook Prison, Derby, DE6 5HW.

SIMON BROOKES:

PAUL BROTHWELL: 12-

don - Two-year sentence from - Six-month sentence from March 1985. E46961, Haverigg March 1985. E71361, Sudbury teshanger - Four-year sent-Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

ALAN HAWKINS: Four

**DAVID JAMES:** Shirebrook - Two-year sentence from December 1984. 034 Sudbury Prison, Derby DE6 5HW.

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GLEN WRIGHT: Ireland Six-month sentence from March 1985, E71362, Sudbury

Not a miner but sentenced in connection with the miners'

STEVEN GOODALL:

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ANDREW NEWBOLD:



A protester chants slogans through a loud hailer into Mayne Hall, Brisbane, Queensland, during the disruption of the Honors farce.

### LANDS RIGHTS RALLY

600 Aboriginals rallied outside Parliament House in Canberra on May 13th, 1985.

The protest was part of a week of meetings by aboriginal groups angry at the Labour Government's proposed new Land Rights Legislation, which would set up tribunals to deal with disputes between Aboriginals and multinational mining corporations, but would leave decisions on Mining up to State and Federal Govt.

As speakers called for the right to veto mining on their land, the Opposition conservative (Liberal & National Country Party co-alition) spokesman on Aboriginal Affairs, Roger Shipton, pushed through the crowd, trying to answer criticism of the previous Government's conservative policies (pro-mining companies), and that neither the Prime Minister or the Opposition were prepared to speak at the rally. Almost drowned out by boos and loud heckles from the crowd and shouts of 'go

### QUEENSLAND GOVERNOR JOSTLED

At a ceremony to mark Queensland University's 75th anniversary, and a planned presentation of an honoray degree to the Premier, Joh Bjelke Petersen, 3,000 demonstrators surrounded the hall, pounding and smashing glass wall panels, disrupting speeches and jostling dignitaries.

The Governor, Sir James Ramsey, and fellow parasites tried to force through the crowd blocking the front entrance. They

away', he argued with the Chair of the National Aboriginal Conference, Rob Riley. Then, police ordered Mr. Shipton to leave, as 'his presence was likely to lead to a breach of the peace'. He refused, saying he was an elected member of Parliament, and 'entitled to be at the rally'(!).

The crowd surged across the road and up the steps of Parliament House, only to be blocked by a cordon of police. People were shoved back and down the steps; police grabbed people and tried to stop the demonstration.

Then the demonstrators invaded a silver service barbecue nearby, and helped themselves to the luxury South Australian wines and chef-prepared 'new-style lamb cuts' while lunching public servants, some journalists and politicians looked on aghast. Towards the end of the feast, Aboriginal activists thanked the organisers for their 'hospitality' and remarked 'Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch?' SOURCE: RWG

had to be hauled inside, as the security staff tried to barricade the back doors with with brooms, as people tried to break in. Speeches were drowned out by 'Joh must go!' chants. The Premier was 'unwell', and so did not appear — he knew the demonstration was planned, and said afterwards 'When another days comes along, things will be different. We'll fix them'. Hmm.

## BOYCOTT COCA COLA

Everyone knows that Coca-cola rots your teeth and guts, but here's a few facts that perhaps you didn't know. Apart from the obvious accusations of dirty fingers in dirty pies, and the muffled screams of the multinationals crimes, and apart from the fact that one of the additives in Coca-cola is carcenogenic (cancer causing) the bosses have gone too far in Guatemala.

In February 1984 the workers of the coca-cola plant in Guatemala City occupied their place of work after being told of the franchise owners supposed insolvency, but he was lying because he'd fiddled by undercharging other companies that he owned.

The workers demanded that: 1. Coca-cola international should take over direct running of the plant until a new franchise owner could be found. 2. That the current workforce be retained and Union rights should be respected. 3. That the workers should be paid for maintaining the factory during occupation.

So the military set up road blocks and said they'd shoot people on the plant

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property. One person was shot, two were injured and four just 'disappeared'. So a boycott was launched and solidarity strikes undertaken and after four months workers. solidarity triumphed and the workers were rehired. But the bosses refused to reopen the plant until a new franchise owner could be found and they only paid the workers partial wages for maintaining the plant during the occupation.

During a previous dispute with the previous owner, the bosses tried to break the union with paid hit squads. He had five union officials killed and six others were 'disapeared'. After another boycott and other workers giving solidarity Coca-cola was forced to revoke the operators franchise and to make monthly payments to the widows and orphans of the murdered unionists. Coca-cola stopped these payments during the occupation. Since May 1984 Coca-cola has violated every single aspect of the agreement. After trying to starve them out by waiting till November 1984 before securing a new franchise owner, the new owner is just as much of a

## INTERNATIONAL 'Soli' Interview

Solidaridad Obrera, the paper produced by the Regional Committee of the CNT-AIT in Catalonia, has its offices in the Carrer Reina Christina, just by the port of Barcleona. It was started by a group of Anarchists in 1907, with financial help from Francisco Ferrer (the founder of the first libertarian school in Europe). When the CNT was formed in 1911, the Soli became its voice on the street. Since then it has been banned numerous times (1923/24-30, May-July 1935, and of course from 1939 until 1976) and occasionally had enormous success (in 1936 its circulation was 350,000). It's produced, as the people who work on it are quick to remind you, under difficult and time-consuming conditions. It has been both a daily and a sporadic underground magazine. It now appears every fortnight. It's current director is Francesc Posa. I chatted to him with pen in hand, not possessing a tape recorder, but the text of his words, though condensed, is accurate and approved by him.

F.P. As you know, the CNT works with a network of local federations, each of which elect a representative on a regional committee, which serves to represent a given region or area, in this case it's Catalonia. It's the regional committee which produces Soli. I'm the director but I only have that position for a year. In July, working on the principles of direct democracy, another director will be elected from the committee. It's always been produced like that. Ok, ask

M.T.: What do you see as the function of Soli?

FP: It's a resistance paper for working people. It's pages present a summary of workers' problems and preoccupations. Also, and we've always done this, its simultaneously concerned with culture. That is one of the main anarchist ideas, that the class struggle is inextricably linked with culture in the broadest sense of the word. We're now putting a four page cultural supplement in each issue for the next issue onwards.

### MT: Do you mean a supplement about anarchist culture?

FP: NO. About all culture – films, books, theatre, everything, looking at it from an anarchist point of view, if you like, stressing culture as the maximum expression of any human being.

MT: How do you distribute the Soli? FP: The distribution networks and even the postal service boycott us -

### MT: Really?

FP: Of course, it goes without saying. But a group of affiliates regularly do the rounds of the kiosks in Barcelona. %40 of Barcelona newstands now take it – on a sale or return basis. Originally many sold only 4 or 5 copies when we started doing that, though now about half of them sell up to 35 copies of every issue. We're starting to use the same system going around Catalonia and we'd like to extend it to the whole of the peninsular. It works.

### MT How well does it sell, overall?

FP: Our print run is 3,700 copies. The last few months – and please don't get the idea I'm patting myself on the back because I happen to be the director eh? – we've exhausted the edition. The last one has disappeared completely.

bastard as the previous ones. He refuses to honour the promises on employment levels, he has declared the May 1984 agreement defunct and he has demanded concessions on wages and benefits. For the continued safety of the workers we must publicise the dispute and hit Coca-Cola where it hurts them most — in the bank balance. . . BOYCOTT THE BAS TARDS!! Coca-Cola Political Killer/ Coca-cola Rights Destroyer/All they wanted was to have a Union/A Basic Human Right. Generic

### ART CRITIC

A West German environmentalist has told Swiss police he set fire to a £2 million painting by Peter Paul Reubens in a Zurich protest against environmental pollution.

We ourselves only have four copies. The next issue we're going to print 5,000 and the one after that, hopefully even more.

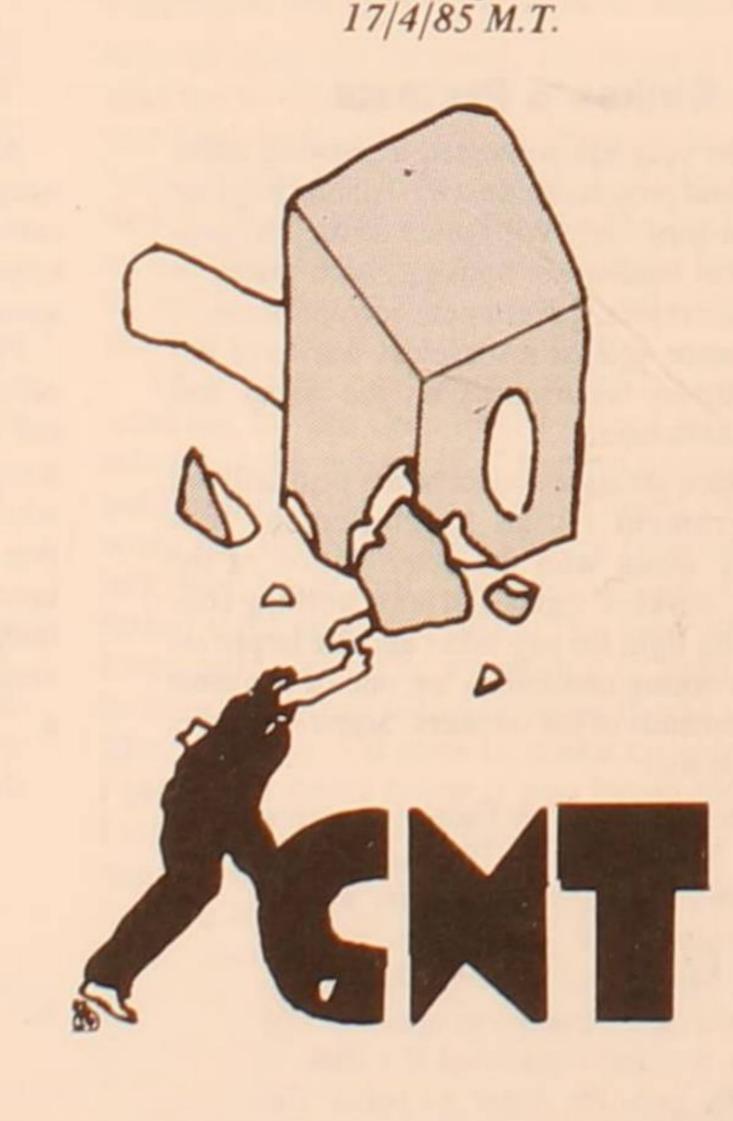
MT: Going back to the distribution, what reaction do you get from newsagents? Do some of them refuse to stock it? FP: 99% accept it; the few that don't are usually fascists; no seriously, real fascists. What happens now with the CNT is that although we have now relatively few affiliates, when we go out into the street, as it were, or show our presence, we always find a sympathetic echo from people, and this is the case with the Soli. When we come around with the next issue the newsagents usually wave and say: 'Fantastic! I sold them all this time.' or 'I'm sorry, I couldn't sell many' depending on the case. On the whole they're friendly to us. The best sales are in the popular areas, like the Rambla for example (the main boulevard of Barcelona) and in the working-class areas. Any kiosk that displays it well always sells out.

MT: Why the increase in sales? FP: We've had a change of format on the front cover, and I think the quality of the articles has gone up. For example the last issue had a professor writing for it. The Soli gets our ideas across. Our main difficulty is what happens then. This is a consumer society, and consumer goods are the *real* opium of the people. . . I like Black Flag by the way. How many people work on it? MT: Do you mean people who do the work work?

FP: The layout and so on...

MT: I'm not sure exactly but I think, if you include the folding and mail-out and everything, I think between eight to ten.

FP: Here we've got three. It takes up a lot of time. For material we've got literally piles and piles, more than we know what to do with, but when it comes to production. . . I want to add, to finish up perhaps, that everyone who either contributes or works on the Soli feels part of a very human set-up. All of us feel a lot of affection for the paper and we are all very much attached to it. I think that's everything.



### **REVENGE?**

Two hours after being suspended, ordered home and threatened with the sack for talking to his wife while both were working at the Anchor Glass Container plant in Pennsylvania, Sonny Hammett returned to work, shot and killed four supervisors, wounded a fifth and then killed himself last March.

Co-workers attributed the action to intense job pressures.

SOURCE: Industrial Worker.



AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL

# ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

### FRANCE: FRENCH PRISON RIOTS

As reported in BLACK FLAG No. 132, prison riots broke out in several French prisons last month (May), resulting in two deaths and many injured.

Things exploded first at Fleury-Merogis prison (north west of Paris) on Sunday May 5th in D4 section when prisoners refused to return to their cells, rioted and destroyed part of the prison. Police were called and the revolt was brutally repressed leaving twenty-one inmates injured. The media were quick to blame 'terrorists' and drug addicts for organising the riot although in reality it was a completely spontaneous eruption.

On Monday more riots broke out, this time in D.2. Section. Police moved in again. Sections D.1. and D.5. exploded after midday.

On Tuesday, 15 young prisoners at Bois d' Arcy prison climbed onto a roof in protest against the death of a fellow inmate. They stayed there for two days and nights. Older prisoners tryed to join them but they were forcibly barred by the cops.

On Wednesday riots broke out at Lille, Nice and Metz prisons.

On Thursday (May 9th) 80 prisoners at Fresnes Prison climbed onto the roof and refused to return to their cells following the death of a fellow inmate by cops after intense fighting. Disturbances broke out at Sante and Bastia prisons.

There are now 45,000 prisoners in France (48,000 by the end of this year). Apart from overcrowding, prisoners want to see an end to the use of drugs when 'calming' inmates down, the end of racist guards, the daily humiliations, censored mail, etc. etc.

### Prison Union Founded

One of the organisations blamed by the media for the above riots is the ASPF or French Syndicalist Prisoners Association, founded in April 1985 and already with a membership of around 300. Its aims include the abolition of prison and it has received aid from many sources including the French Anarchist Federation. Source: L'entr'aide and Le Monde Libertaire

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FINANCIAL APPEAL of the Canadian clandestine organ- Send your donations to:

izations Direct Action and the Free the Five Defense Group, Julie Belmas, imprisoned at the Wimmin's Fire Brigade, needs Account # 91740-1, Prison for Women in Kingston, financial contributions to conduct c/o CCEC Credit Union, Ontario for her role in the activities her appeal of her 20-year sentence.

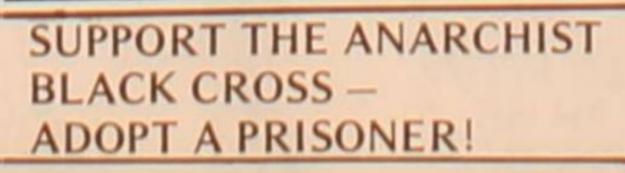
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BRISTOL ABC Dear Black Flag,

Just a note to let you all know that the Bristol Black Cross has at long last got around to doing something Bristol ABC held a Benefit for Julie

Belmas' (of the Vancouver Five's) Appeal costs, at the Cabot Club, in central Bristol The gig went off well, featuring Hernia Warhog from Brighton, and Lunatic Fringe from Bristol, and we raised £77 on the door, and received a donation of  $\pounds 25$ , making a total of £102. We hope to make this the start of a series of such benefits. Love,

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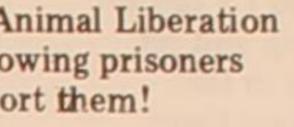


### BRAZIL

Police shot dead 8 prisoners & wounded 8 more during an attempted escape by 28 prisoners from Campinas jail. There have been recent 'pacts of death' in this and other medieval conditions prisons, where 1 prisoner is murdered to reduce the over-crowding and publicise the bad conditions inside!

### CORRECTION

In a previous issue of Black Flag (No 131) we reported on the release from jail of two Spanish anarchists (Armando Garcia Pons and Alan Drogou). In fact, they have only been provisionally released and still have to go to trial.



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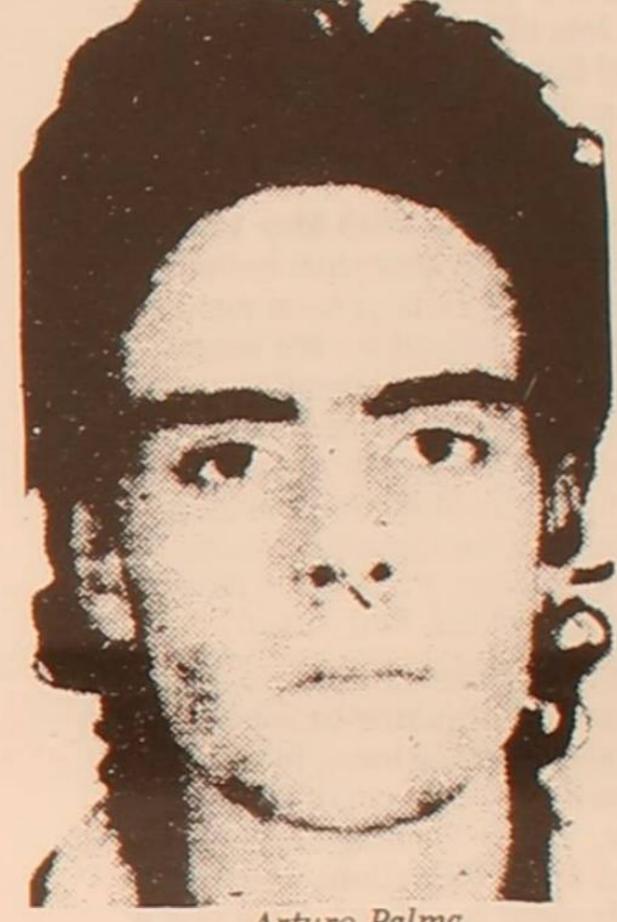
from 'Solidaridad Obrera', newspaper of the CNT-AIT in Catalonia. It's dated May 15th, 1985.

STATE ROBS ANARCHISTS

'On May 11th, a small note in a solitary daily newspaper in Barcelona informed the public that Jesus E. Fortes Gil will no longer have to stand trial for his supposed involvement in the Scala fire-bombing.

The following Press Release has been taken

It failed to mention that Fortes Gil spent three long years in prison as a result of this 'administrative error.' These three years can be added to the two years that Maite Fabres spent in prison 'illegally' for her supposed involvement. That's the painful tribute working people have to pay for the State's whims.



The press, faithfully subjecting itself to the economic and public powers that be, has managed to publish a solitary note that is as criminal as the fact that someone has lost three years of their live because of blatant State interests. Interests that, once again, won't stop at any abuse, individual or collective.

> We'll continue to denounce each and every abuse and continue to demand the release of those who are still suffering from Government persecution. We refer to those who are still in prison for something the State Security Forces, i.e. the police did, and are still paying the price.'

### Arturo Palma, Jose Cuevas Javier Canadas.

Palma, Cuevas and Canadas were all arrested in 1978 soon after the 'Scala' exhibition hall was fire-bombed in Barcelona. They're all serving seventeen year sentences each despite their obvious innocence.

Messages of solidarity can be sent via: Arturo Palma Segura, Prison de Lerida 1, Lerida, SPAIN.

### SUBSCRIBE!

### WEST GERMANY:

STATE JAILS JOURNALIST Horst Stowasser, anarchist journalist and founder of the 'Anarchist Documentation Centre' in Wetzlar (West Germany) began a 35-day sentence on June 7th for the crime of 'offending the German Army.'

In 1983 Horst did a series of interviews with German army officers, asking them if they'd be prepared to drop an atomic bomb if ordered. He then published his findings in a local newspaper 'Lahn Dill Bote' in an article titled 'The Hypocritical Debate About Violence'. As a result of this article, in which soldiers are described as trained assassins, the West Germany Defence Minister, M. Manfred Worner, prosecuted Horst and after a trial in April 1984 he was sentenced to thirty-five days imprisonment. In October, an appeal was made but failed to change the original verdict. The case has been widely reported in the West German press, and proves that the 'liberal' W. German State is not prepared to be criticised over its militaristic policies.

#### Source: ADZ

Messages of solidarity to: Horst Stowasser, JVA Limburg, Walderdorffstr. 16, 6250, West Germany. Copies of letters to his defence committee: c/o ADZ, Postfach 2602, 6330 Wetzlar, West Germany.

### DON'T FORGET:

Black Flag is sent free to prisoners upon request. Do you know anyone who would like to receive Black Flag?

### FRANCE:

SOCIALISTS EXPEL ANARCHISTS In BLACK FLAG No. 133 we reported on the expulsion of two Italian anarchists and refugees, Enrico Fedele and Giovanni de Guiseppe, from France to Burundi (East Africa) as a late news item. We can now confirm their explusion and give the following details:

The two were expelled on May 9th 1985 having spent a year in french prisons. They were due to be extradited back to Italy but the french 'socialist' administration suddenly decided to expel them to Africa for no apparent reason. This action makes a mockery of the so-called 'right of exile' which is meant to exist in France for the benefit of foreign refugees. It isn't the first time that political refugees have been expelled to Africa either. In 1984, three Basque nationalists were extradicted and four other people were expelled from France and dumped in Togo (West Africa). On May 3rd (a week before their expulsion) Enrico and Giovanni went on hunger strike in the hope of being released.

