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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

JAPANESE WORKERS REACHOUT A new issue of Rank & File, the magazine published by a branch of the Japanese Postal Workers' Union in an effort to get solidarity going nationally and internationally among rank and file workers, has appeared. The latest issue includes articles on the common problems faced by US and Japanese workers, 'rationalisation' in the Japanese steel industry and public sector, an appeal for international solidarity of rank and file workers printed in the May issue of the IWW paper Industrial Worker, the British coal strike, and the campaign for a nuclear free New Zealand. Available for a donation from: Zentai Omori, 3-9-13 Sanno Otaku, Tokyo, Japan.

Rank & File Miner. No. 2. Autumn 1985. Articles on scab unionism, the August R & F Miners conference, building workers, and a letter from Terry French (the Kent miner sentenced to 5 years jail) and lots more. 25p from: P.O. Box 3. Earl Shilton, Leicestershire

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THE IDEA A book of lithographs by Frans Masereel

L'Idea — published by Nautilus with 83 engravings. Preface by Michel Ragon, Introduction by Herman Hesse. \$10 by Air mail \$12. The small libertarian publishing firm can be contacted : NAUTILUS — C.P.1311 — 10100 Torino Italy.

Organise! The September edition of the Central London DAM-IWA newsletter is now out and appearing on walls in the inner-city area. Articles on Isolating South Africa; the BBC strike and BETA bureaucrats, and Unfair Dismissal Rulings that have changed. Available for a S.A.E. Central London DAM-IWA, BM Hurricane London WC1 N 3 XX

Black Cat. No. 10 Free/donation S.A.E. Rail dispute, money from women's misery, 'mainstream'. Questions and Answers on Anarchism and lots more. Available from: Blackcat, Box 55, Crewe.

ROON 'N ABOOT



BLACK CHIP READER'S MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 26th, at 2pm. 121 Railton Road, Herne Hill SE24 Black Chip an anarchist magazine on computing will be having a readers' meetmeeting on Sunday 26th October at 2pm at 121 Books. All interested welcome. Black Chip is available from : 55 Dupont Road, London SW20 8EH Subscriptions are £2.

WEST LONDON DAM-IWA

Anarcho-syndicalists in the West London area interested in forming a new West London Direct Action Movement group contact Pete Ridley, 83, Melbourne Hse. Yeading Lane, Hayes, Middlesex. Telephone : 845 9151

THE WORKERS STATE?

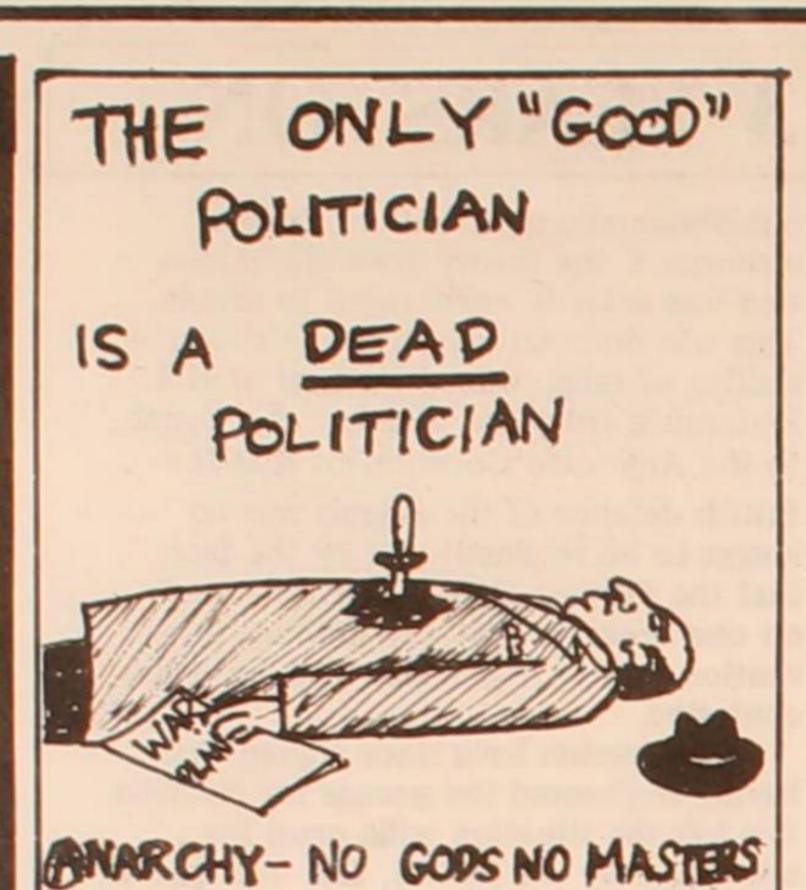
People all over Russia celebrated V.I. Lenin's birthday April 20th with a 'subotnik'. For workers this meant a day of compulsorary unpaid labour. For Politburo members, it meant a day of making speeches!

THE SOUTH EAST ANARCHIST FEDERATION

Anarchists turned out in strength to demonstrate against a national front rally in Chatham on September 4th. At least half the counter-demo was comprised of anarchists (30-40) from all around the south-east while only a handful of local leftists showed up. Unfortunately we were outnumbered by handfuls of police who kept us at shouting distance rom the Nazis (about 100) who had been bussed in from outside the Medway towns, mainly from Dartford and London. The South East Anarchist Federation is now able to mobilize a sizeable contingent to most demonstrations. Anyone living in the south east (excluding London) can contact the SEAF through 20, Uplands, St. Stephens Hill, Canterbury. Brighton anarchists will be holding the next conference on 5-6th October at the Brighton Unemployed Workers Centre. All anti-statists are welcomed and should write to us for further details.

Stop South African Business Day September 30th

6 stickers for agitation against apartheid, available now! Please send donation and stamped, self-addressed envelope to: BOX SSAB, 121 Railton Road, London SE24



SEPTEMBER 1984 (in solidarity with the British Mine workers)

from my home in adelaide south australia i am watching the people i grew up among dying on picket lines

my people. i keep thinking that. these are my people. & i have lived in this country for more than half my life my grandfather :the dole queue is less than death

my father.one out/all out the prime minister.mob rule must not be allowed to challenge the law an army of police charge the lines with horses &riot shields & sticks & my people are beaten to death because they stand their ground unarmed they demand the right to work

the government hires a multi-national thug & refuses to acknowledge this as fascism

Right on,

The terrorists in this world are the rich – all of them. While they sit in central heating (or woodstoves if trendy) 40,000 old folk die of hypothermia in winter. Because they live in mansions we survive in slums. And because of their perverse economic system one third of us don't get enough to eat.

Anarchists when turning to terrorism only do so as a last resort, because we are desperately trying to defend ourselves. And even at this stage it is done conscientiously. Its the right/fascists who who bomb to cause mayhem and personal injury. It's they who stand to gain most through terrorising innocent people. Keep it up, *Chris.*

the prime minister: we will not be held to ransom

my people are being murdered on television even the police look like my cousins the queen holds another grandson to the cameras

while the children of miners cry fatherless into the derelict pits &widows know the colour

of the workers flag

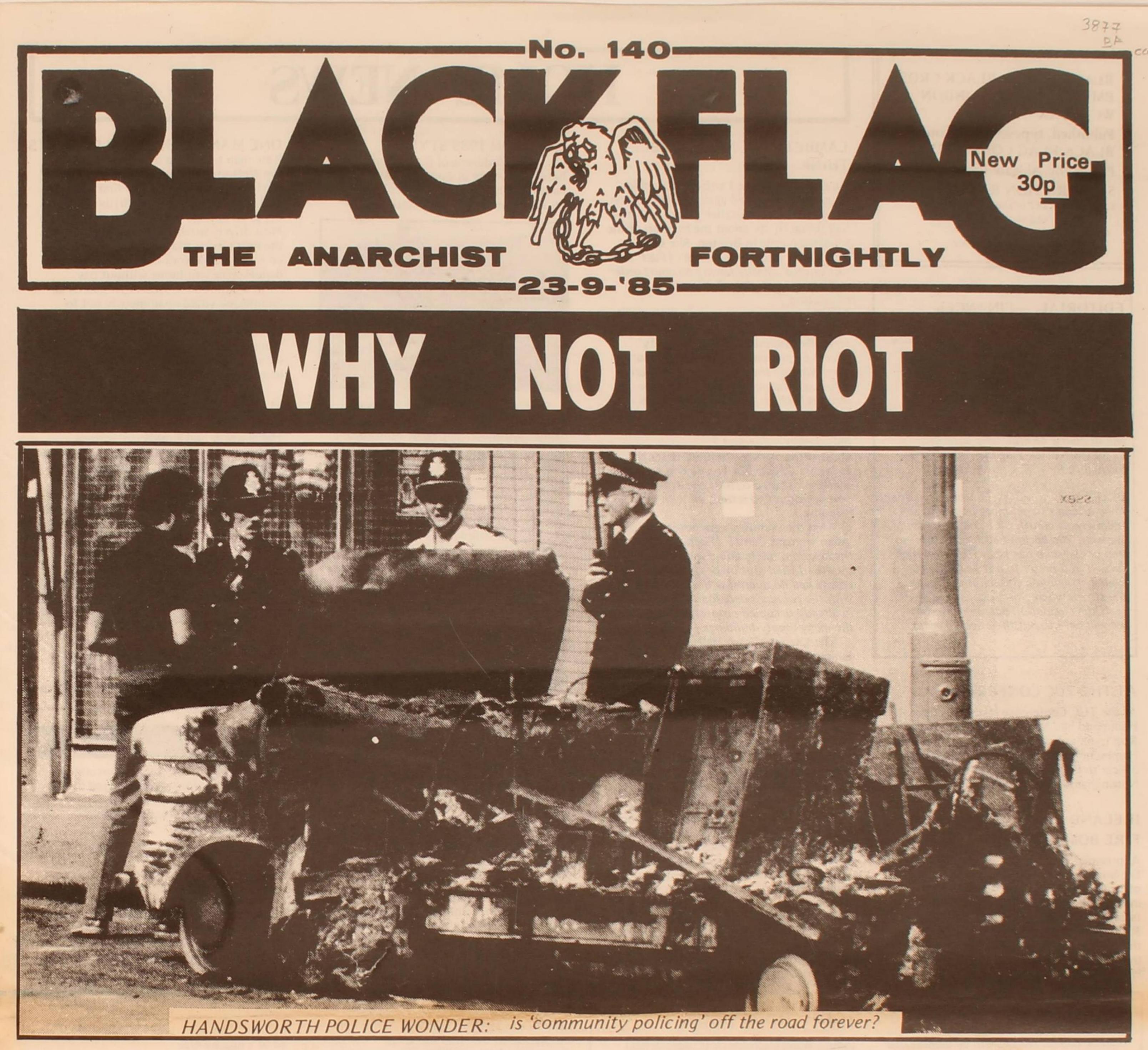
my father: united we stand you can see our martyred dead between documentaries on queensland & interviews with psychics sunday night prime time

my father: i fought for this country I was not born in any third world I am not irish or polish or lebanese I am not spanish or german I am not even a jew I am english

my father: a people united & my people are dying

on your television.





The (perhaps not unjustified) Philistine sneer that trade union 'days of action' are in reality days of inaction could not be made in Handsworth last week.

Following trivial incidents of what some call insensitive policing and others more downright called harassment, the young Blacks exploded. Handsworth, Birmingham is one of the frustrated urban areas where everything is allowed to decay and once stuck there, one finds it difficult to get out. If in addition to this one is continually jeered at and humiliated because of racial origin, there comes a point where people can take no more.

The effort involved in the burnings, the smashings, the defiance of the might of the State, that took place in Birmingham – if added what happened in Brixton, Toxteth, Finsbury Park, Wolverhampton and similar spots in the past – was far greater than the energy expended in the storming of the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg. But capitalist authority isn't enshrinted in the Indian corner shops they burned down, and the riots turned out to be populist rather than revolutionary.

The night of burnings ended with some Rastafarians offering to patrol 'their' streets for the police, which doesn't say much for the law and order image of the police nor the independent image of these particular Rastafarians.

The media are all putting the blame on 'criminal elements' and drug pushers in particular. There is an element of truth in this but the fact remains that if you criminalise your political opponents, as Mrs Thatcher has been steadily doing, you also politicise the criminals, and bring a new dimension into play which your average policeman can't cope with.

The police could be brought in swiftly and in great numbers to attack miners. A massive confrontation was built up over t he country, for after all the striking miners presented a major confrontation with the Government. No such swiftness and concentration happened at Handsworth. They let the place burn for a few hours, for they weren't going in to risk police lives for the sake of a few Asian shopkeepers. Had they been scab miners they would have had a value to the government.

There is nothing new in the riot situation even in the 'no go' area. There were deprived areas long before the sociologists, not so long ago in London there were parts no police dared enter, in all the areas of Victorian and Edwardian England there were districts of the 'submerged tenth' – once in, you were forgotten and could never get out. The 'lumpen proletariat' was the phrase given by German scholars (popularised by Marx) to workers who had no work let alone capital to render them a living and so had to turn to crime.

What has happend in today's England is that immigration has brought a large number of native born West Indians generally expelled by their Victorian-style Christian parents — and slung them on the bottom heap. It is therefore possible to exploit the racial angle — and also make them more bitter and responsible to populist, rather than revolutionary, cheers that Babylon is being burned when it is not even being singed.

UK JUNTA - Plans Exposed

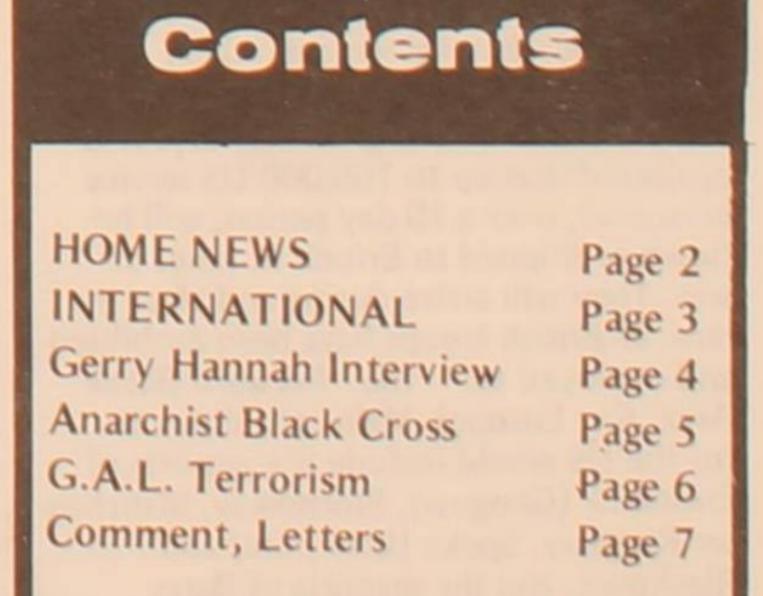
In the latest issue of the New Statesman, an exclusive expose on the secret, yet-tobe-ratified, measures to be enacted by the State in the event of a national emergency (eg. a major war, a protracted general strike, insurrection, etc.), confirms nearly all the assertions made in the article, Preparing For Civil War (Black Flag Quarterly, Autumn 1984), concerning State civil/military contingency schemes. The assertion that under such circumstances the UK State would dispose with all forms of government and set up a civil-military junta, has also been confirmed by the New Statesman expose, which bases its findings on a leaked Whitehall document outlining the secret emergency plans.

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One plan essential to the overall emergency strategy — already adopted makes use of *Ground Defence Areds*. The GDAs basically sketches a scenario by which each military commander in each military base around the the country will enact total military control in the area of the base and complete power over all property and people within the base's 'jurisdiction'. Government has to date denied the existence of these new powers.

According to the Emergency Powers (No.1) Bill (unpublished), 'within GDAs everyone and everything is subject to military plans. . . Roadblocks and checkpoints can be set up under military control. Canals, seaways, roads and tracks

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EDITORIAL – FINANCES

We have bought a typesetter costing us several hundred pounds, which has added to our printing and postage costs. If all subscribers outstanding renewed and those who take bulk issues now pay up this will help lift this extra burden

from our own pockets. Any donations towards the typesetter will of course be gratefully accepted. Support Black Flag the Anarchist fortnightly!

Black Flag is now 30p. This has been done in an attempt to get more people to sell it themselves and offer it to newsagents etc. We want 20p back on each copy sold; so, you or the shop can keep 10p from each sold. If you prefer to not keep the 10p yourself then you can sell it at 20p on the street, where you work, study, live. If the circulation does not improve we will have to put the price up again.

AT THE TUC CONFERENCE...

At the TUC Conference last week, Eric Hammond had Nottinghamshire scab, Roy Lynk as his guest at a private dinner. Hammond is to set up a fulltime EETPU officer to liaise with the scab union in Nottinghamshire.

IRELAND

FIRE BOMB ATTACK

A 'prisoners revenge group' last week fire-bombed the home of a prison official in Dublin as unrest continues inside Irish gaols after the riot on Spike Island. An anonymous telephone caller to RTE, the broadcasting service, claimed that that the attack was in retaliation for illtreatment of four prisoners in Mountjoy Prison, Dublin.

UK Junta - Continued from front page

can be closed. Houses will be demolished to give free-fire zones. 'Subversive' protestors or others within GD areas can be detained, without charge or trial. . .' Under the *Emergency Powers* (No.2) Bill (unpublished)... 'The assets of all private haulage and transport undertakings can be requisitioned. Petrol stations will be "frozen" and supplies released according to a Priority Allocation System. Food and agricultural stockpiles, petrol, and oil supplies, and other goods are requisit ioned for government use. The Home Secretary's Detention (internment) orders are automatically extended. Strikes in major industries are outlawed. British rail is taken over. Press and Broadcasting organisations become subject to Ministerial direction.

In addition it has been revealed that in times of grave emergency (i.e. War or Revolution, etc.) the police will come under the direct control of the Army. This arrangement has been arrived at as a result of discussions that have been finalised between the Home Office and the Ministry of Defence. The agreement is known as the Joint Tactical Doctrine.

The New Statesman also provided details of the secret US-UK Lines of Communication Agreement, which provides for logistical support and supply routes for the invading US military. It is projected that up to 100,000 US service personnel, over a 10 day period, will be flown or shipped to Britain in times of war. They will arrive during and after the bulk of British troops have been mobilised and deployed to the 'Forward Battle Area' (i.e. Europe). Main arrival points for the US would include the airports of Prestwick (Glasgow), Stornoway, Manchester Ringway, Speke (Liverpool) and Blackpool, and the seaports of Barry

LAMBETH COUNCIL DOUBLE-

THINK At a meeting where Lambeth councillor Sharon Atkin argued against participation in police-run consultative groups, she also had things to say about the eviction of the squatted creche in Brixton. She said:

a) That the squat was 'illegal'. [Fact: It was evicted illegally having no court order and giving no notice of the bailiffs day of eviction.

b) That the squat was occupied by spoilt: middle class kids and the creche did not serve the interest of the 'community'. [Fact: Even Lambeth Councillors must admit that all the council-run childcare is full, and rate-capping will cut these services further. What the councillors hate most is that mothers, fathers and kids are organising themselves, making the bureaucrats redundant.

c) That the squatters refused to reply to letters. | Fact: The creche and supporters demonstrated outside the Town Hall, sent petitions and letters, all with no response.

c) That the premises were needed for an Asian womens Centre. / Fact: Lies. After the eviction, the building was occupied by the AI Hilal Muslim organisation. The creche had no quarrel with them, only with the council's decision to house them in already occupied property, instead of the many empty buildings.

The salaries atTown Halls run by Labour administrations certainly reflect the demands of greedy spoilt middle-class people for whom precious services come second to their pockets. When it suits them they play one group of homeless people against another group in need, for votes.

ANTI-RACIST TEACHERS ARREST 2 teachers, Mary Trapp and Norma Hindleby, a union organiser, were arrested at a picket of the careers convention at Daneford School, East London. The convention was opposed by the teachers, the National Union of Teachers and the local Trades Council. They say it broke union action at the school, it was racist (not to mention Statist!) as the Police, Army, Barclays Bank and YTS were recruiting there, and because information only went out in English, despite 70% of the boys being Bengali. They were arrested as they went into the school to talk to those who were present.

(South Wales), Greenock (Clydeside)and iverpool. Once US mobilisation has been completed there will be around three times as many US troops in Britain than there will be UK troops. Any resistance will be dealt with in part by the US troops, who will be provided with total legal immunity in the use of force, etc. The US troops

will also be able to conscript, on a massive scale, labour gangs (from the unemployed, etc), as spelt out in the Emergency Powers (No.3) Bill (see below). All other resources, especially those within the GDA's respective to the bases provided for US Forces, will come under US military control as well.

In the 1984 'Preparing for Civil War' article, we asserted that the secret emergency plans established the need for the setting up of a civil-military junta (which would in turn direct national affairs); namely the combined authority of the UK Commanders in Chief and COBRA. The UK Commanders in Chief Committee is divided between the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, with respective HQ's based at Wilton, Fort Southwick (Portsmouth) and RAF Brampton.

Needless to say the power assumed by the State in times of emergency, is merely

an extension of the sort of power the State has assumed in times of war in the past. The new provisions, however, take these powers much further. According to the New Statesman, copies of the three Bills are now lodged with all Whitehall ministries as well as the Regional Emergency Centres. Further regulations are yet to be drafted, under the auspices of the War Legislation sub-committee of the Official Committee on Home Defence. The Committee was chaired by Leon Brittan, who was then Home Secretary.

HOME NEWS

EVICTION 1985 STYLE

On 17/9/85 dozens of police, some on horseback, some in vans, the rest on foot helped the bailiffs to do their dirty work on six homes in the Southwark area.



Despite fierce resistance (with water and flour bombs) and barricades, the pigs and bailiffs succeeded in illegally repossessing the flats. They did so much damage as to render them practically useless for further occupation in spite of the fact that the Council had promised not to evict without an actual tenant ready to move in. These intended tenants did not appear on the day and four defenders were arrested. All those arrested were released on bail. SOURCE; one who was there.

HAVE YOU **RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**

ONE MAN TRAINS RUN IN NOTTS 'One man trains' are running in Notts on the Worksop-Shirebrook 'merry-go-round' service. The trains were the first of the 140 single-person services British Rail hopes to operate in the area every week. Most drivers voted not to co-operate with the new service trials and five who went on to refuse to work the trains at the two depots were sent home without pay.

In a Ballot on 4/9/85 NUR guards at Shirebrook voted unanimously not to co-operate. BR said all six trains that were scheduled for the early morning, two of them driver-only, did run. ASLEF's general secretary Ray Buckton, claimed men were being intimidated.

HANDSWORTH – TROUBLE EVERYDAY

Handsworth had already had serious outbreaks of 'public disorder' this summer. In one, 60 youths smashed windows and looted shops, attacking police vehicles. It took nearly three hours to bring the area under control. Two days later a 'mob of 50 Rastafarians' attacked police who were questioning a youth. On both of these occasions police attempted to keep the incidents out of the press by claiming they were minor disturbances by a handful of 'hotheads'.

APOLOGY:-

There is no continuation of the article on Psyops from last issue this time, it will be in the next issue.

Hello, 'ello 'ello!

LIVERPOOL – POLICE STATION UNDER SEIGE

On Friday 30th August, hundreds of black youths surrounded Toxteth police station and hurled bricks and bottles through the station windows. For four hours the streets around the station were filled with angry people who built barricades and overturned a caravan.

The crowd marched on the police station after the arrest of Steven Nicholls, a young black man who the police said they wanted 'in connection with the killing of a man at the Carribean carnival two weeks earlier'

Steven's mother arrived and demanded to see her son, while police in riot gear were put on standby, as the Superintendant 'discussed the situation with community leaders'. While this was going on, black youths walked around the station, playing reggae music and break dancing.

A solicitor then announced that Nicholls would be released, telling the crowd to 'go home'.

It was then that the crowd's anger boiled over, after hearing rumours that Nicholls had been beaten by the police while in dustody.

Steven Nicholls was released later, leav-

ing the police in the station, surrounded by broken windows, and damaged police vehicles and private cars. Source: Liverpool Echo

MORE LIVERPOOL NEWS

Two traffic police had their own patrol car nicked after a high-speed chase of some youths in a stolen van. After the chase, the youths had to abandon their van and the two cops chased after them on foot. The cops were then forced to retreat, after stones were thrown at them by some other youths.

Having lost the gang entirely, they returned to the spot where their patrol car had been parked, only to find it missing! They eventually found it abandoned in a nearby area.

ATTACK ON POLICE MYSTERY

Two petrol bombs were thrown at Muswell Hill police station. One bounced off a wall and damaged a private car parked outside. The other went through a window, damaging an office. Two men, one white, the other black, threw two milk bottles containing petrol at the building from a motorbike. The resulting fires were put out by police officers.



Back in South Africa we call these ghettoes townships...



Although the military dictatorship in Argentina collapsed soon after the Falklands/Malvinas War in 1982, many of the the old regime's torturers and assassins (responsible for the 'disappearance' of around 30,000 people between 1976 and 1983) have kept their jobs and continue their activities under the new 'democracy' of Raul Alfonsin. The old repressive apparatus of the State remains intact and Argentina's new Government seems neither willing or able to dismantle the so-called 'security services'. Thousands of police and army murderers go without punishment (or recompense to their victims families and friends) today while attacks and harassment continues against all those who involve themselves in the fight for Human Rights and Justice.

THE NAZIS GO FREE

One organisation that has successfully survived Argentina's supposed transition 'from dictatorship to democracy' is the notorious Triple A death squad. Although Alfonsin denounces such 'ultra-rightist' (ie. Nazi) organisations, it's becoming increasingly clear that AAA could never have survived without the full cooperation of the Military and Police forces.

In May, 1985 for example, Leading AAA member Felipe Romero was arrested for illegally carrying a gun but released, inexplicably, 24 hours later. In April, two men, Carlos Castillo and Eduardo D. Dacharry, were caught in La Plata carrying 2 machine-guns with silencers, ammunition and 2 pistols. On being arrested they both produced military ID and a few days later they were released. Another Argentine Anti-communist Action fascist, ex-policeman Carlos Lobo, was extradited to Colombia only to be told he was free to return to Argentina one week later!

While the AAA goes unpunished, the Human Rights organisations continue to

suffer attacks. The Madres de Plaza de Mayo organisation, run by women whose sons and daughters have been victims of the military repression, receive threatening phone-calls daily, and get envelopes full of human excretement through the

Human Rights activist Dr Amadeo Luis San Martin survived two assassination attempts last Febrauary, while more recently, Alberto Armayor was kidnapped in La Plata, held hostage for two days and tortured by fascists who carved the Nazi swastika emblem on his stomach. Judges and witnesses involved in any Court cases against Military and Police assassins are also taking considerable risks. In December 1984, a bomb was planted in the Federal Court of San Martin where the 'disappearance' (ie. murder) of Alfredo Giorgi was due to be discussed.

Bombs have also been planted in Trade Union offices over the last six months and union members have been shot at, kidnapped, and tortured. The Jewish Community has been

singled out for special treatment. Synagogues and cemetaries have been the favourite targets, some attacks being claimed by the Nationalist Aryan Party.

Chilean political refugees have accused the Argentinian Government of allowing members of Chile's Secret Service, the notorious C.N.I., into Argentina. One Chilean exile, Espinoza, was attacked by members of Pinochet's CNI at his hotel but when the police caught up with and identified the culprits as Chilean Intelligence Officers the case was quickly closed. Other sections of the Community have also suffered attacks, especially students and left-wingers.

There has been approximately 370 reported cases of attacks against Human Rightists over the first six months of 1985, yet there has only been one arrest!

COPENHAGEN SQUATTERS

In Black Flag (No 138) a streetfight between squatters and police of August 8th was mentioned, the squatting in Ryesgade and the succeeding battle made the headlines in a lot of Danish papers, but the background of the squatting was kept away.

The people who took part in the squatting all came from an earlier squatted place in Ragnhildsgade not far from Ryesgade. After a couple of months in this place they had to give it up - not because of the police, but as a result of heavy fascist-terror aimed at the place.

In the last two years a lot of fascist groups have appeared, especially in the traditionally working-class areas surrounding the centre of the city, and certain suburbs. This is in close connection with the breaking up of the communities due to 'urban-development' programmes in these areas (which also made the squatting movement possible/necessary). These small fascist groups are working independent of each other and - as far as research has been possible — without connection to the more established nazi-party.

For about two months the squatting in Ragnhildsgade was attacked nightly by one of these groups, beginning with the breaking of windows, personal assaults etc. and culminating with bombardments of molotov-cocktails and in one case a

military handgrenade!

After this the collective moved out and attempted to squat close to the long established place in Ryesgade.

When this failed three more succesful attempts were made. So finally the work of the uniformed and not-uniformed pigs resulted in three squatted buildings instead of one!

The police have not been able to find the owners of these buildings so no legal eviction can be made for some time.

Once they attacked one place with the excuse that they were looking for stolen property and arrested twelve people for entering the place illegally, but all are now back in the place.



The Anarchist Bookshop, Copenhagen

RANDOM KILLINGS ?

The rising spate of 'random killings' in Lagos, might not be so random after all. A new organisation has emerged claiming to be behind the deaths of prominent agosians.

INTERNATIONAL

Squad Eight Organisation responded to a story in the Ibadan-based weekly Sunday Tribune headlined Hit Men Invade Lagos saying, in some detail that those killed are not the victims of armed robbers, some are purely revenge. This revenge was in fact they said Politically motivated. Their past victims and future targets had used their positions to sack, deny promotion to or transfer their subordinates without adequate facilities, like accompdation. Many were thus forced to resign from their jobs. The 'Squad' said its killings were to avenge such treatment.

Further they claimed a heritage with other guerrilla units elsewhere in the world as they aimed to deliver the oppressed from the oppressors and put a check on wealthy Nigerians who recklessly flaunt their ill gotten gains to the consternation of the poor masses.

There has been a lengthening list of prominent casualties in Lagos recently. Philip Kehinde Nelson, a former senior manager and personal assistant to the managing Director of Chase Merchant Bank. Nelson was attacked in front of his home and though his briefcase had been ransacked, he was robbed of nothing. He had been working as a liason officer between the Chase Bank and a special panel of the Federal Military Government, set up to probe the Bank. Thus he was in possession of important information about the Bank

and its staff.

Chief David Adeyemo, a Director of West African Portland Cement, was shot down at the Company gate. No theft or motive was apparent.

Jean P. Dumas, the General Manager of Nigerian Road Construction in Kano, excused himself from a party for his Yola Manager and was found minutes later riddled with bullets in a toilet. Again, nothing was taken from his body.

Ayo Oshinibi, former executive secretary of the Cocoa Producers' Alliance, and a manager of Christer Engineering Works Nigeria Ltd. Adeyemi Awofeso, have also joined the list of dead executives

In their letter to the Sunday Tribune they warned of fresh names on their hit list: one company Director in Lagos, four top Officers of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in Lagos, one retired Army Officer in Kaduna, one newspaper editor in Lagos and Ibadan, plus one more businessman in Enuqu.

The Ibadan-based newspaper The Sketch's managing Director, Editor and a Senior Reporter have all received death threats warning them not to cover a trial before a Lagos magistrate. The suspects in the case were 'members of our invisible syndicate operating country-wide. You are warned to stop publication of the court proceedings of the case. Otherwise you, like all your children and relatives, are already marked for elimination from Nigerian society.

Just what political, religous or even tribal would be Statists are at work we await to be revealed by coming events.

CHILEAN STATE TERROR - 6 DIE

Mass protests against the Government have returned as an opposition 'day for democracy' paralysed central Santiago. Six people died in incidents with police and armed civilians.

Barricades went up early in some working class areas and there was a series of small bombings. Several buses were burned and schools and shops closed. By early afternoon, central Santiago was deserted but for hundreds of riot police. In slum districts, police and troops in combat gear and with blackened faces patrolled in trucks and armoured cars.

The main trade union confederation the Central Workers Command said that industry had been seriously disrupted by the protest. There were incidents throughout the day, both in the city centre in the morning and in poor suburbs and around universities. The scene was repeated in cities, such as Valparaiso, Arica

FUTUREWORLD ORGANISE THE ROBOTS BEFORE THEY ORGANISE YOU!

A robot at Diecast Corporation's Michigan plant moved backward and killed Harry Allen by pinning him against a steel pole. Numerous reports of injuries caused by robots are appearing. There are over 13,000 robots at work in the USA, and around 40,000 in Japan. General Electric goes to the bargaining table ready to say that it can replace half of its 37,000 assemblers in the US with robots.

The Robotics Institute at Carnegie-Mellon claims that 70 to 90% of the 19 million who work at industrial tasks in the USA could be replaced with robots.

Robots properly used, could give us leisure, abundance, and fun. BUT not without a revolutionary change in the society that uses them.

CANADA

VANCOUVER

The Organisation of Unemployed Workers - in which local members of the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World) are active – continues its campaign for free public access to the greater Vancouver transit system for people on fixed incomes.

and Concepcion, where police backed by helicopters cleared the university, arresting 98 students. Sixty shops were looted in Santiago suburbs.

After dark, sporadic incidents between demonstrators and security forces spread through poor neighbourhoods. More than 300 people were arrested in total and dozens injured. The dead were all killed by gunshot, two apparently by bullets tired by the police and at least three by civilians firing from passing cars.

The protest was the largest for two years and the most successful since the coup itself.

BODY COUNT

Of the twenty elected officials of the country's largest peasant organisation at the time of the Pinochet coup, only two are free in Chile today. The rest were executed, are missing, or are in exile.

FRANCE ACTION DIRECTE BOMBS

SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS LINK On the 5th of September, at 2am, bombs exploded in front of the head offices of Atic, Aluminium Bichemy, Renault and SDIE – Batignolles. Linking the death of Eloi Machoro, the Kanake Socialist National Liberation Front militant killed by the Secret Police in New Caledonia and Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress and currently in jail, the A.D. communique to Agence France Presse declared: Machoro - Mandela: Same Struggle & Let's Get Rid Of French Apartheid Puppets. Analysis of the Pretoria ghettoes and the progress of French capitalism with it's 'nationalised' banks exploiting South Africa today was made.

On the site of one bombing graffitti was painted saying Liberty for Nelson Mandela.

Following a fare increase the OUW printed 2,000 'Unfare Cards' patterned on the transit pass, and the recipients, with widespread support from most of the unionised bus drivers, have been able to ride free. The branch hosted a West Coast IWW Conference in mid-July, and its Starvation Army Band has been singing at demonstrations and picket lines.

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INTERVIEW -

In the Summer and Autumn of 1982, a variety of events occurred which were subsequently claimed by Direct Action. These included the bombing of the Cheekeye-Dunsmuir British Columbia Hydro electric substation, the bombing of the Litton Industries missile guidance factory in Totonto, and a number of arson attacks on outlets of the Red Hot Video chain. In January of 1983, the police (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) announced that they had captured, on the Squamish Highway, the 'direct action cell' responsible for those actions. The police further indicated that this guerilla unit had planned a Brinks Armoured Car robbery, the sabotage of a Gulf Oil icebreaker, and an attack on the Canadian Air Force base at Cold Lake, Alberta. In 1984, after one year of pre-trial imprisonment, the alleged members of 'direct action' (the Vancouver 5) pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery; possession of explosives, unregistered weapons and stolen property; and the use of explosives. Ann Hansen received a life sentence, Brent Taylor twenty years (and at this time has a further trial pending in Toronto for the Litton bombing), Julie Belmas twenty years, Gerry Hannah ten years, and Doug Stewart six years.

Gerry Hannah was sent to the Matsqui Federal Penitentiary in Abbotsford, BC, where he was interviewed by John Abbott in the summer of 1984. In this interview Gerry Hannah describes some of the routes that led him to direct action, and shares his motivations and what he did about them. The 1982 'direct action' campaign was the first of its kind in Canada and was intended to be part of an educational process. The distance Gerry Hannah has travelled only highlights the 'Long March' that he feels is still required.

Gerry Hannah

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INTERVIEW:

JA: Do you have any particular anarchist books that you've read which have affected you?

GH: I've read lots of the old anarchist writings. They're mostly about class exploitation in industrialised societies. But when you're talking about removing the industrial set-up totally, this old boss worker struggle becomes irrelevant. We need decentralized nonauthoritarian societies that function in harmony with nature. The first book I read after I got busted was Alexander Berkman's Prison Memoirs. And I've read Malatesta, Emma Goldman, some Kropotkin but not much, and George Orwell. Now he actually leaned more towards the anarchist position than anyone else although many people didn't seem to know that.

JA: Homage to Catalonia was an excellent book. It is quite interesting how Orwell went down to the International Labour Party recruiting office to join up and ended up getting into the POUM militia instead of the Communist sponsored International Brigades. It would have been a different book otherwise. GH: Ya. The POUM was a Marxist organisation, not really anarchist like the CNT organisation.

JA: Did you read that Iron Column pamphlet that came in the mail a few months ago?

GH: No. I haven't got around to it. JA: Well, the author was a prisoner who got liberated when the anarchist militia broke down the prison gates and freed all the prisoners. He joined up with them and went off into the mountains to help fight the fascists.

GH: Not much chance of that happening here.

JA. How did you get into the anarchist thing?

GH: I've always questioned authority, felt rebellious. I always questioned why others tell me what to do on a whim; that started at quite an early age. I could understand my Ma telling me what to do but. . . anyway I never really put my ideas into a sound political philosophy

until I bumped into the anarchists in Vancouver, and then it clicked. JA: It clicked when you went out and did something about it?

GH: Ya, but it took me three years while I was doing my music, the punk, before I got around to doing something about it. I never really intended to go underground, that was something that happened on short notice, like when the Litton bombing occurred and when we found out that Julie's voice was on tape. Then it was a good time to disappear. Anyway, I guess it began for me after Julie and I moved up to Jasper. We loved the Rockies and I wanted to work as a snow-cat operator. But it turned out that Jasper was the worst place to move to: it turned out that it was a completely sick little capitalistic commercial town. It really made me sick, dog-eat-dog.

Things got worse and worse. I was driving a truck, delivering at the cafeteria for the ski area. My boss was such a money-hungry slave driving jerk. His eyes just showed dollar signs. I'd thought that driving a truck would be better than being a parking attendant, like sometimes it got down to 20 or 30 degrees below zero. Driving, I thought, would be self-paced. But it turned out no way: there were no lunch breaks and whoever heard of coffee breaks?That and other things frustrated me totally. We were trying to do it semistraight, like everyone else, but we just couldn't. Not the way the rest of them up there make it, just hiking and such and not giving a fuck about anyone, just doing their own trip, I got fed up. JA: Was the group a united organization, or what was its structure? GH: It was a group dedicated to the philosophy of the urban guerrilla. But it was an autonomous group. For example, the Cheekeye-Dunsmuir bombing was done a month before I was involved. And at the time I said I didn't want to be involved in Litton. I was kind of swept away by it. That's not to say it wasn't okay. Iagreed with the actions. It's just that I'm not suited for that kind of work. It is fine as a part of the struggle but I should be into lower-key shit like raising people's consciousness; that's what I first started, what I really wanted to do in the first place. I wanted to do support work, maybe some low-level expropriation but not the high-level stuff I didn't want to go underground.

JA: Would such reluctance explain why the group didn't carry out some of the more serious urban guerrilla moves such as kidnap, assassination and fatal bombings like the Red Brigades, the Baader-Meinhof, or the IRA?

GH: Myself, I'm against terrorism. It's fucked up, even against the State, that's because they don't have any heart or soul and don't give a fuck about their own: there are always more cogs to fit into the machine, always more eager tools around. They just put on these shows of mourning for the public. No, I wasn't made for the urban guerrilla lifestyle. It was kind of a relief getting arrested, like a huge weight was removed from my shoulders. Sorry to say it, but it's true; while it was happening I used to have nightmares, headaches, and get into all kinds of pointless arguments. JA: What you have been saying here sounds somewhat like a book I read called How It All Began, by Bommi Baumann, the West German RAF member.

GH: Yes. That was the first book that Julie gave me to read. I'll have to read it again.

JA: So you would differentiate between the direct action of your urban guerrilla and terrorism?

GH: Sure, we were careful not to kill anyone and we made it very clear that our actions were not of a terrorist nature. We wanted to educate, to show the people what could be done.

JA: You mentioned Berkman sometime back. Vould you consider his attempted 'attentat' or assassination against Frick as 'terrorism'?

GH: Ya, and it was political vengeance too. I mean I guess we could have ambushed Trudeau or something and a lot of people would have been secretly

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pleased - ya, it's about time someone did something about that old fart - but there would have been tremendous uproar against it and that kind of action might have backfired. Now the Wimmen's Fire Brigade stuff wasn't terrorism. It was an unexplored method in Canada of bringing attention to those questions. There was a consensus opinion not to be involved in assassinations. For lots of reasons, like none of us were too into doing it. It wasn't something which the public could relate to, and we already had little public support as it was. Anyway, until you remove the system there will always be someone else springing up

- they're so brainwashed they think their sacrifice would mean something to corporate bosses. Things like the prosecutors and judges in Europe getting blown away by the Red Brigade I can sympathise with, but at best it is an act of revenge and, at worst, somewhat counterproductive. I can understand why, but personally I don't think that it is something that would be effective in Canada. In El Salvador, it's different. It is effective. If the Police Chief in the district is torturing and slaughtering peasants and then someone assassinates him, well, there's lots of popular support for that. JA: Well, by the amount of time that the courts handed out to Ann, Julie and Brent, it looks like they viewed what did happen in the same light, pretty well as the same thing. I don't know if the judges draw those fine lines between urban guerrilla action and terrorism that you do. Do you think that the courts have created martyrs with this sentencing, spreading the seed for future direct action?

GH: Yeh. Brent and Ann were blown out of the park, they're martyrs. The State described them as evil psychotics that led me astray. But you know there are a lot of women out there who didn' dig what happened to Ann. Somehow the people out there have to become aware that they are at war. That war was declared on the people with the creating of the State. Nuclear weapons, the destruction of the environment, the allencompassing grab for profits and for 'progress' are just different fronts on which the war is being waged. That way we are all martyrs.

JA: This picture is of Ann, isn't it? (looking at the front page of the Toronto Clarion, 1984).

GH: Ann sure looks young in that picture she must have been 26, or 27. She does not look the same now at all. The Red Hot Video bombing blew up in her face, she got horribly scorched. When I saw her the day after, I was sick. She was only standing a couple of feet from the window when they funnelled the gas in; it blew back in her face.

JA: How about Doug?Did he start from the same punk rock direction?

GH: No, he never had anything to do with that. He was sort of a mystery man a rabid environmentalist. He was part of the 'Pacific Life Community', organising against the Bangor, Washington, nuclear sub base. He did civil disobedience work, stuff with pamphlets. In some senses his feelings were stronger than mine about the environment, especially industrialism and its effects on animals. It deeply hurt him to hear of animals getting wiped out and the destruction of the natural world in British Columbia. He knew a lot about about it too.

JA: The composition of the group is curious. Everyone came in from different directions.

GH: Ya, but we shared a lot of things to too. We were all anti-authoritarian people, anarchists. We believed in autonomous revolution, we shared that feeling too. We had a common concern about the environment. Brent was concerned more analytically about it, while Doug's was a more emotional concern. Brent was very well read: he knew all about the guerilla struggles in the Third world countries. He was a political jack-of-all-trades, with his foot in every door. I specialized more in ecological concerns, though I wasn't involved in the Cheekeye-Dunsmuir bombings. That was one of the things that attracted me to what was happening someone was finally doing something. I didn't do Litton because I chose not to and I was almost involved in the Red Hot video arson, but by a stroke of fate I wasn't, even though I was convicted of it. Most of the work I did was support, collecting things. The biggest collection of things was going to be the Brink's robbery, the bulk of my work was preparing for the robbery. JA: Did you intend to take a direct part in the robbery? GH: I fully intended to.

JA: So funding was a problem. Was it expensive going underground? Continues on Page 5



ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

We've recently received several enquiries from comrades (in this country and from abroad) interested in forming Black Cross groups or simply wanting to get involved in Black Cross work. This article explains how the Anarchist Black Cross is organised, what our aims are and what we do. WHAT IS THE A.B.C.

The Anarchist Black Cross is an organisation run by Anarchists to ensure that Anarchists and other class-struggle prisoners aren't forgotten. Although we aren't able, yet, to send regular financial aid to our prisoners we keep in regular contact with as many anarchists in prison as possible, make visits, and do whatever we can to prevent prisoners from becoming isolated. We regularly fund-raise on behalf of imprisoned comrades lodging an appeal or hiring a lawyer and have picketed embassies in solidarity with comrades on hunger strike, or picketed prisons in solidarity with tortured comrades.

We believe, along with most Anarchists that prisons serve no useful function (except for the ruling classes) and should be abolished along with the State. We regularly publish news of prison conditions and news about imprisoned comrades in Black Flag.

Outside of prison work, the A.B.C. is also dedicated to aid Anarchist resistance in countries where Anarchists have been forced underground or where Anarchists are in a weak position due to repression. We publicise information about their struggle in Black Flag too.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE A.B.C. In Britain the A.B.C. is organised on a regional basis. One person or Black Cross group co-ordinates A.B.C. activity in each region and keeps in contact with the other regions. Activities of groups range from fund-raising to picketing prisons to producing propaganda.

GH: Ya, very expensive. We couldn't depend on working income. We weren't completely underground though. Doug was semi-underground; he still had some one outside the group who was regularly visiting him at his house. And Julie and I were still visiting my mother; we went there for Christmas, even had the dog along. It was only after a long time that I realized some of the intricate things that happened.

JA: Did you get a run-down of events when you joined up?

GH: No, I wasn't told a lot of things. We didn't tell each other stuff that we didn't need to know.

JA: Did the group start with Ann and Brent?

GH: No. Doug was involved from the start. They had things going, but we didn't know what was happening. Julie and I were saying that we wanted to stop the corporations, hinder their Third World interventions. We talked about getting together and doing something about it, while they were sitting there having already done stuff. JA: There must have been lots of

glancing around. GH: Plenty of giggling, but they kept a pretty cool secret, but then someone would show up with a piece, like a .45 or an M-1A and we would be totally surprised. 'I didn't know you had that,'

- 'Well, I do,' period. It was a strange time. Julie and I didn't have many friends; we just couldn't relate to any of them. We were very cliquish - other people were intrusions into our world. JA: How did you run into Brent? GH: I knew Brent before. He was a local anarchist who put himself into the punk scene because it was by itself somewhat political. He felt it was good to see the young end of society involved in this, and Brent's been a person of action for a long time. We started seeing Brent a lot after we got back from Jasper – we shared many feelings about sexism, the environment, nuclear war. And there is 3 this argument Brent and I get into: he says he became a guerilla because it was the next logical step to take after his activism, but he doesn't like it when I

At present we have no membership cards or formal statutes so it would be difficult to describe the A.B.C. as a proper organisation. It is more correctly a network of groups and individuals interested in helping Anarchists in jail and Anarchist movements abroad.

On an international level there is a Black Cross group in Denmark, while in most countries (North America, Greece Australia, etc.) there are Black Cross sympathisers and supporters. In those countries where there is a solid anarchist or anarcho-syndicalist movement such as Spain, there is an equivalent prisoner aid organisation. We try to keep in touch with such organisations.

CONCLUSION

The A.B.C. simply exists to provide solidarity with Anarchists and others in prison while hoping to get more people involved in the Anarchist movement. If there are any groups or individuals interested in our work in this country or abroad please contact us via BM Hurricane, London WC1 N 3XX ABC Denmark c/o Nansengad e 43,

1364 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

UK: HIGHEST NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN WESTERN EUROPE

Country	Total number of people imprisoned during year (1982)	per 100,000
UK	152,248	274
Belgium	21,196	212
Italy	128,846	207
West		
Germany	123,395	199
Holland	23,900	184
Spain	56,730	153
France	74,427	140
Portugal	7,762	78

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say I did it because I was frustrated. Brent says he was never frustrated by a lack of being able to get things together. I, was looking for ways to deal dramatically with my frustration. As they say, punk rockers are just frustrated professional musicians.

JA: What does the term 'underground' mean to you?

GH: It is a word that lumps all illegal fronts together: it describes the clandestine resistance groups either engaged in some kind of particular liberation struggle or militantly confronts the State on some

JA: What are underground methods, for example?

GH: Well, stopping things through illegal means. One of them is direct action – direct confrontation with something, rather than taking the less direct routes such as sit-ins, die-ins, marches and demos etc. Direct action is doing something yourself, instead of relying on someone or something else, like a political party, some group or some other structure the State has sanctioned.

JA: So this is a personal decision? GH: Yeh, but it is also a collective process – a smaller personal collective process.

JA: Do you have any ideas for other people interested in direct action? GH: If there are any other underground groups in Western or Eastern Canada, the first consideration should be how far the they want to go. This should be most carefully thought out. If they decide not. to completely dedicate their lives to being an urban guerrilla unit, their lifestyles should reflect that - keep their actions at a lower level than ours were. They should stay away from the sometimes cumbersome, sophisticated techniques that were used by 'Direct Action'. JA: Like what?

GH: Oh, lots of things: stealing cars en masse, having all those books and tools on locksmithing and car theft, all that equipment. Doug put out a statement that said the same kind of things. On that lower level, it may not even be necessary to have a single gun, certainly not an arsenal. The only time guns are

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We recently heard from comrades in Brazil that the movement there is rebuilding itself after the repression of the recent military dictatorship. As reported in Black Flag No.137,

Anarchists recently re-opened their Cultural Centre in Sao Paulo earlier this year and have already organised several public meetings. They also run a film club, theatre, Anarchist Documentation Centre and Library and recently set up a Syndicalist Study Group to dis-

cuss, among other things, the International Workers Association's aims and principles. The Cultural Centre in Sao Paulo is one of four similar centres spread across Brazil and could be the beginning of a co-ordinated, organised Anarchist movement in Brazil.

Comrades wishing to write, send any publications to the Anarchist Documentation Centre in Sao Paulo can do so via A.B.C. c/o BM Hurricane, London WC1 N 3XX

Letter from Doug Stewart

Dear Black Flag,

Hi, I hope all is well. I received your letter. I'm not allowed to receive books, but thanks for offering. At this point I don't need any financial help, but some of my partners are pursuing appeals and I'm sure the defence group would appreciate any donations on their behalf.

Myself, I certainly appreciate the leverage you put on the Canadian Government during my hunger strike. It was only by supporters, and through the efforts of my family and friends that I eventually won a transfer back to my native province. Anyway, my solidarity to you in your

necessary is when one is participating in armed expropriation, which is on a really high-level of urban guerrilla activity.

JA: Well, describe some things that can be done on this lower level.

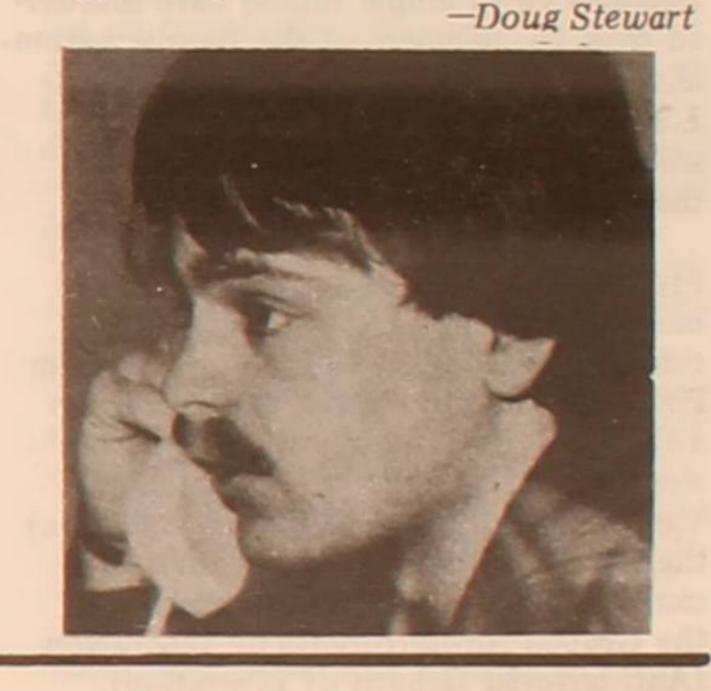
GH: This is an above ground, transient level. For example, things like smashing windows in fur shops; this would be an action against the fur trade - spraying the furs with red paint. That's low level Against B.C. Hydro or any other corporation that has equipment out doing damage to the environment, low-level groups could fuck with the equipment, slash tyres, put stuff in the gas. This is political vandalism: low-level direct action. On Grouse Mountain, citizens who didn't want the mountain logged hammered spikes into selected trees so the lumber would be useless - it would also destroy the expensive saws. Yeh, political vandalism.

JA: Isn't this kind of thing easily curbed by corporations - more wire, dogs and security guards, etc.?

GH: No. If enough people do it, if they have a strong support group, if they keep it up, well the project becomes too expensive. Since that's the whole point of the corporations, profit, they will stop. It has worked. One of the advantages to this type of action is that it is easier to attract people to do it. The community is less apt to misinterpret the motives of those involved and it involves less risk and less consequences if one gets caught. Whereas when people decide to go highlevel they should go completely underground from the start. Totally. That is the first ground rule. There can be no compromise on that.

JA: Do you feel there is a role for highlevel guerrilla activity in British Columbia? GH: There is a role for it anywhere in the world. If the goal is revolution -amuch misinterpreted word - a complete change in society, away from the exploitation/domination to a collective sharing, there is no way to avoid what some would call violent acts. There have to be a lot of people involved and there has to be a lot of support. Some might say that

struggles, stay out of trouble, Ho-Ho.



there isn't the support in BC, but the groundwork has to be laid now for the armed resistance to come.

JA: What kind of groundwork? GH: The idea that guerrilla activity is a useful tool in raising political consciousness, in resisting the State, has to be started now. That's what we did. The examples have to be done now because we don't have time - the world may be destroyed by global nuclear war and total environmental collapse. If we don't take care of the planet we won't be around to liberate anyone: women, oppressed minorities - anyone. That's why the environment has to be dealt with now. We are losing the life of the world its oxygen generating forests, huge areas everyday. That's why the environment is my top priority.

JA: Do you believe other people in B.C. should take up high-level guerilla activity? GH: Yes. If they feel they should be doing it. I don't feel right in recommending it to others while I have given up on that level of struggle myself. For some people it is a good idea if they are that type of person. We're never going to change things enough without forcibly removing certain elements in our society who have the power. They have everything and they'll never just give it away. They also, unfortunately, have the means to brainwash the public to believe they are helping them when they are actually robbing them. It is going to be very difficult but it has to happen. I still support revolution totally although I am a retired guerrilla now.

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THE G.A.L. - 8 YEARS OF STATE TERRORISM



INTRODUCTION

Over the last eight years two groups of assassins (with ample funds) have murdered over 15 members of the Basque nationalist group ETA-Militar and the Marxist-Leninist group G.R.A.P.O. on French soil and with the full collaboration of the Spanish Intelligence Services. One of these groups is headed by the

French mafia boss Gilbert Perret and is based in Castellon (Spain) while the other group is headed by neo-Nazi's Jean Pierre Cherid and Marrio Vannoli. From 1978 until 1981 these two groups both went under the name of the Batallon Vasco Espanol (Spanish-Basque Batallion) then in 1983 they continued their murderous activities under the name of the Grupos Antiterroristas de Liberacion (Anti-terrorist Groups of Liberation).

THE ASSASSINATIONS BEGIN One of the groups first 'actions' can be traced back to February 21, 1979. On that day two armed men, Jean Pierre Cherid and Mario Vannoli, visited the flat of ETA Chief Domingo Itarbe Abasolo and his wife Arantxa Sasiain in Bayou, France.

Cherid and Vannoli had hoped to kidnap Arantxa Sasiain, take her back to Spain and interrogate her. The two men tried to enter the flat first of all using a key given to them by their contacts in Spain's Security forces.

When the key didn't fit (the lock had been changed) they rang the doorbell. Arantxa Sasiain opened the door to find Cherid pointing a gun at her and shouting Police! He told her she had to accompany him to the local police station for a routine enquiry. She got ready to leave, after checking Cherid's false I.D, but she realised noticing a silencer on Vannoli's gun, that the two men weren't real cops. She started to scream so the two men ran off and escaped.

The kidnap plot was hatched a few months earlier when Spanish police had arrested several ETA suspects, one of whom had a key to Arantxa's flat. The key was passed onto Cherid, representing just one example of co-operation between the BVE/GAL and Spain's Security forces.

Two months later, Perret's gang tried to assassinate Domingo Itarbe Abasolo while he was driving his car through the South of France, but they only managed to wound him in the leg. The 'dirty war' against ETA by the GAL had just begun.

In May, 1979, Cherid's gang met in Paris to organise their next move. Thanks to a tip-off from France's Southern Security Service, the SDECE (now the DGSE, named in the sinking of the ship Rainbow Warrior in New Zealand) the gang knew that ETA had just handed over 2 million francs to a Paris artist, Guy du Temple Rougemont, who was going to use the money to buy ETA some guns. Cherid hoped to steal this money and split it equally with some of his 'contacts' in the police force. The robbery eventually fell through



4 members of G.A.L. (from left to right) Gilbert Perret, Maxime Zsornek, 'Aldo' and Mohamed Khiar

when ETA cancelled the arms deal, but, while in Paris, Cherid managed to assassinate two GRAPO members, Francisco Javier Martin Eizaguirre and Aurelio Fernandez Caro.

THE BVE STEPS UP ITS ACTIVITY 3 months later, on August 2nd, 1979, Mohamed Khiar and other B.V.E. members of Cherid's gang murder Lopetgui Carrasco (ETA) and wound for a second time, Iturbe Abasolo (also ETA) in Biarritz.

On November 14th, 1980, Joaquin Echevarria and his 19 year old wife, Esperanza Arana (both ETA members) are murdered, gunned down in Caracas, by Cherid, Mario Boccardo (an Argentinian nazi and a member of the infamous Triple A death squad) and Vannoli. The murder weapons are reported to have entered Venezuela through two Spanish Intelligence officers. On the same morning as the killings, all three assassins escape to Asuncion in Paraguay, in a plane belonging to a relative of Paraguay's Military Dictator Austrian born Alfredo Stroessner.

On November 25th, 1980, Cherid and Vannoli returned to Madrid. 4 days before their return, 3 members of Perret's gang machine-gunned the bar Hendayais (a supposed ETA haunt) killing two workers just 11/2 kilometres from the Spanish border. Seven days later Jose Sagardia Zaldua (ETA) is gunned down in Biarritz.

The last act carried out in the name of BVE (before it changed its name to GAL) was the attempted murder of the ETA chief Eugenio Echeveste outside a Supermarket in San Juan de Luz on March 23rd, 1981. The assassination failed, and one BVE member was caught (Vladimir Vit, alias 'Anton Widchel'). He later died in la Sante prison in Paris)

The only other BVE members to be arrested (in 1979) were three members of Perret's gang (Maxime Szornek, Marc Obadia and Alexis Le-Rhun) in connection with the murder of Juan Elizaran Sarasolo (ETA).

From then onwards the BVE changed its name to GAL and made its first successful assassination under their new name in December, 1983 with the murder of Ramon Onaederra Cacho (ETA). Since then around half a dozen more ETA members have been murdered by GAL, the most recent victim as we go to press was shot down in early August, 1985.

WHO'S BEHIND G.A.L.?

Jean Pierre Cherid was born in Argel, near Toulouse, on November 20, 1940. He learnt how to use a gun in the French Army and the O.A.S.* He is still a neo-Nazi. By contrast, Gilbert Perret (50) is from a Jewish background and was born in Aix-en-Provence. He learnt his 'skills' amongst the criminal underworld in Paris.

In March, 1984, Cherid died in Biarritz

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while planting a bomb. Police later found 22 firearms at his home, including 2 submachine guns. His connection with the security forces is clear. One story goes that in 1982 he lost a revolver in Madrid and, despite not having a license for the gun, one week later it was returned to his house by the Guardia Civil. Cherid, along with Vannoli (a member of the Italian fascist organisation Avanguardia Nazionale — set up by the notorious delle Chiaie) and Jose Mario Bocardo, used to often visit and stay at the Guardia Civil barracks of the El Escorial palace near Madrid.

Perret's gang were also in close contact with the police. In July-August 1981, Gilbert Perret and his brother Clement Perret managed to get police protection when they thought ETA was going to assassinate them. One policeman, Antonio Gonzalez Pacheco (alias 'Billy the Kid') was on particularly good terms with the Perret brothers according to Joaquin Gambin, a close friend of the Perrets. Regular Black Flag readers will remember that Joaquin Gambin was responsible for bombing the Scala night club in Barcelona, 1978. Although two CNT-AIT (Spanish anarcho-syndicalist union) members were killed in that bombing (along with two other workers) the cops blamed the bombing on Anarchists, this resulted in the arrest and trial of many innocent comrades.

Cherid's connections with the fascist underground were also fairly extensive. At the beginning of 1970 he and Mario Vannoli shared a house in Madrid with Stefano della Chiaie, Marco Pozzan, Guiseppe Calzona (a member of the Italian fascist New Order group) and Jean Carlo Rognnoni.

The GAL continues today, although it recently took a set back when on August 16 1985, Clement Perret was gunned down at the restaurant in Castellon. Gilbert Perret was also in the restaurant at the time but escaped from injury. ETA claimed responsibility. Two weeks earlier GAL gunmen murdered Juan Ortegui Elicegui, an alleged ETA member.

*OAS were the Pied Noir based, French military backed anti -Algerian independence terrorists. Le Pen, the National Front Leader in France together with those neo-fascists in New Caledonia who along with terrorising Kanakas are linked to the Rainbow Warrior sinking and murder, are its modern inheritors.

NB. Stuart Christie's book Stefano delle Chiaie, portrays the modern world of neo-fascism and its terrorist agents. It It is available from *Refract Publications* BCM Refract, London WC1 3XX.

NB2. The GAL had its predecessors. Nor is it implausible to speculate that these predecessors were unconnected to the GAL. Two likely organisations that paved



the way and created opportunities for the launching of the GAL, are the GCR and Paladin.

A summary of the activities and structures of those organisations are briefly given below.

1.GCR- Guerrillas of Christ the King. Height of activity prior to '77 Spanish General Election, with assassination of ETA members. Headed by Mario Sanchez Corisa, an associate of della Chiaie (the founder of the GAR and Avanguardia Nazionale, two Italian fascist terrorist groups) and closely connected with the OAS (far-right, anti-Gaullist underground organisation) and Ordine Nuovo (New Order) another Italian fascist guerrilla organisation. Corisa and six Ordine Nuovo, members were discovered in a raid on a Madrid arms factory in 1977. The GCR also had connections with the Cuban exile nationalist organisation, the MNC, which in turn was involved in the murder of Chilean dissident Lettelier. The MNC's Madrid representatives were Carlos Perez and Jorge Cezarsky, both of whom were also members of Paladin (see below). GCR worked closely with the DGS (Spanish counter-espionage secret service), who in turn supplied the GCR with arms. GCR's Italian contact was of course della Chiaie; their OAS contact was Guerin-Serac, ex-head of the Aginter Press, the umbrella state-terrorist organisation, partly created by the World Anti-Communist League, the SDECE the French Secret Service, now known as the DGSE – the PIDE (Portuguese Internal Security Service) and the CIA. 2. Paladin. Headed by Count Skorenzy (associate of Gehlen, Hitler's counterespionage chief who later was seconded to the CIA) Jose Lopez Rega - Juan Peron's Intelligence Chief of Argentina

- and Prince Borghese, the Italian fascist patron. Skorenzy brought together the members of Ordine Nuovo, former SS officers, CIA agents, OAS mercenaries, PIDE agents, members of Fuerza Nueva (New Force), the AAA (Argentine death squads), the MSI (Italian parliamentary fascist party), the MNC(see above), the SAC (Guallist paramilitary force), the CORU (Cuban exile organisation, responsible for a series of bombings in Central America), Aginter Press(see above) and the GCR. Paladin's day-to-day operations were headed by Dr Gerhard von-Schubert (ex-member of Goebbell's Propaganda Ministry in Nazi Germany). Based in Albufera, Spain, Paladin shared offices with the SCOE (Spanish State Intelligence Agency) and the CIA. SCOE supplied arms direct to Paladin via the Parallelum company, owned by the US-based gunrunner, Mitch Werbell (who in turn has supplied guns to Central American death squads). Paladin was responsible for the 1973 bombing of Rome Airport (32 people died), the bombing of Basque targets and ETA leaders, etc. in a period up to 1979. On the death of Skorenzy in 1975 Paladin was taken over by von Schubert.

FALKLANDS - 3 YEARS ON

According to the latest issue of The Lobster, the investigative journal, the Falklands War was partly engineered for two reasons: one, because of a then perceived move to form a military alliance between certain South American countries and South Africa; and two, because of British far-sightedness concerning plans for the future exploitation of oil reserves in the South Atlantic. The two factors were by no means unconnected.

It is pointed out that in 1980 Reagan favoured the setting up of a military alliance between South Africa (who would then come out of the diplomatic cold) and countries such as Chile, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina, etc. A sort of South Atlantic version of NATO – to be called SATO. But, the plan never really got off the ground. Instability in Argentina, growing debts in Brazil, etc. meant there was no formal pact, only a certain understanding.

The emphasis changed to providing increased US military aid to the South Atlantic countries, without any direct reference to South Africa. In 1983, for example, US agreement was granted for the financing of a massive naval/air base on the Brazilian owned island of Trinidade, 200 miles east of Rio de Janeiro and half way between Ascension Island (a British staging post) and the Falklands. It was under the influence of the earlier US policy of creating SATO that the dictator Galtieri decided to take matters into his own hands and consolidate the Argentine power in the Falklands, presuming annexation without need for war.

In the days in the lead up to the military taking of the Falklands, news of a possible invasion threat was received at GCHQ (Britain's global surveillance headquarters – which was already using the Falklands as an outstation), passed on to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by MI6, but not to the Foreign Office or, so it is alleged, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington. The Foreign Office, full of career diplomats, might well have wished to pre-empt any friction through the usual diplomatic channels, but that was not to be so.

Tom Dalyell, the Labour MP, later suggested that Thatcher allowed the Argentianian invasion to go ahead with-

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Do you agree with Malatesta that money may be necessary to an anarchist society or with Proudhon that banking may be the way?It seems to me a lot of anarchism is self-contradictory.

A: Anarchism is not to be judged by quotations out of context by its pioneers or it will seem contradictory!

Malatesta said money might be necessary during a revolution because of the distrust of the peasants for the city. Not only does this problem no longer exist but there is a clearer understanding of the money system. To give the peasants in such circumstances money would be a con trick. Money is created by the State as a symbol of wealth but has no real value of its own (other than a curio, as with US Confederate dollars) if the State is destroyed. A Government can print notes but unless it is ruling a stable economy they have little or no value, just as our cheques have value only if the banks accept us as stable, because of deposited or potential assets.

We could get our printers to run us off a few million pounds worth of 'Libertarian currency' - something actually done by Pretenders to thrones who have financed themselves by the curio value – but failing public confidence in the ability of exchanging the notes, to what

out diplomatic intervention. Further elaborated, the theory goes that Argentina was actually encouraged to invade. This was done initially by the deliberate stalling of talks, the withdrawal of HM Endurance from the Islands (as a signal to the Argentine Government that the British defence of the Islands was no longer to be retained) and by the fact that the Foreign Office actually stated on one occasion that any military intervention by the Argentines would not be contested.

Conspiracists have since argued that having engineered the excuse for invasion this left the situation wide open for retaliation by the British, and in a matter of weeks, lo and behold, a Task Force was ready to sail out and re-conquer. The overall objective: to win and create the right conditions for a British military occupation of the Islands. Negotiations, accordingly, were out of the question the matter had to be solved militarily and war had to prevail to the very end. Why militarisation? Because of the oil deposits, and the need to develop and protect them when the time was right (ie, at the end of the decade when the North Sea oil begins to run out and the national economy takes a nose-dive).

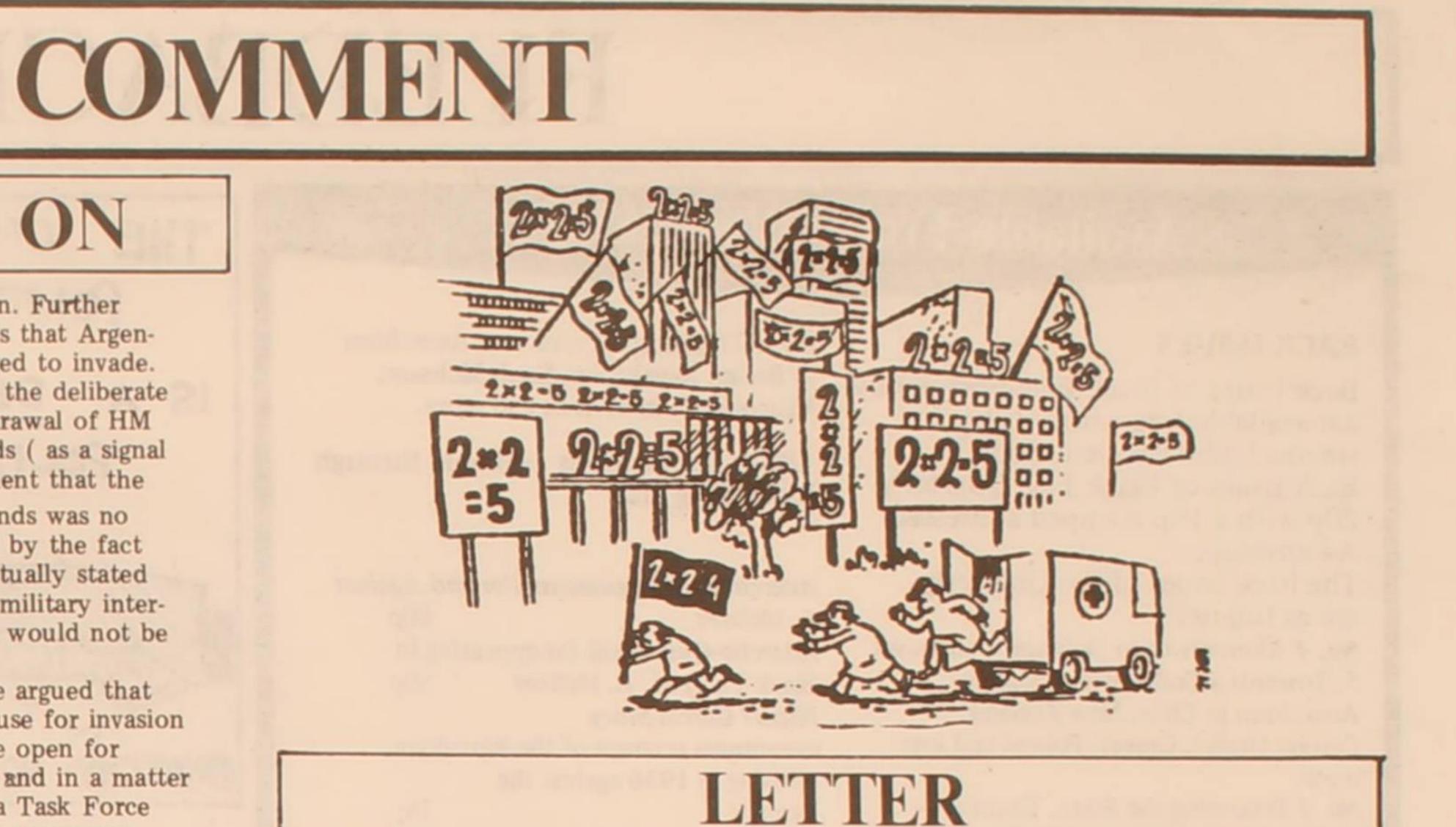
At the same time Thatcher perceived Reagan's folly over the SATO idea. In his crusade against communism, Reagan desired to bolster any regime or alliance that could further that crusade. But for the more experienced power-mongers in Whitehall, SATO was perceived not as a possible back up to the Western powers, but as an ill-conceived and an unreliable and unstable alliance that would pose a threat to US and UK global interests. South Africa and the developing nations of South America needed, in the eyes of Whitehall, to be kept firmly on a leash and their military might (at least one nation within the aborted SATO has the capacity to manufacture nuclear weapons) kept within certain proportions. A South Atlantic alliance was out of the question therefore. An oil-rich Argentina, with the potential to dominate the region militarily and economically, could certainly not be allowed. A pre-emptive war, it seems was the the only answer. Fortress Falklands was to be the solution.

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Proudhon did pioneer a sort of self-financing workers bank, something on the lines of the (original) Co-operative movement, though in the modern sense Proudhon would not generally be regarded as an Anarchist. One cannot say positively that a form of banking would be incompatible with a society based on workers control and an abolition of the monetary system though it might be so. Some form of mutual accounting and direction of resources, which require particular skills, and even some form of harnessing individual earning to common wealth, might still operate which would reflect Proudhon's 'mutualism'; all that makes this seem bizarre is the use of banking today which in the capitalist system is the main source of capitalism and in State communism one of the vital organs of State communism.

Obviously there would be no place in an anarchist society for . bankers, but it just might be that there were still bank clerks and accountants.

This does not depend upon what Anarchists now may say but what the workers then decide. Certainly in the collectivised industries of Spain in 1936 the workers used a mutual banking system, and had eliminated capitalist banking from those parts under workers control.



Dear Black Flag folks,

After several discussions with various anarchists both here and by telephone in other places, I've come to the conclusion that the Action Directe/RAF bombing of the Rhein-Main Air Base is a mistake, and one that should be carefully criticised within the anarchist movement.

The primary objection that I have is the seeming lack of concern for human life displayed. The use of explosive devices is authoritarian, but the particular type used (a car bomb, for chrissakes!) is especially vicious and accentuates the random, authoritarian nature of the action. Car bombs are used, in the main, as a terroristic, anti-personnel measure, and should be viewed in context with what they actually accomplish. Normally explosives are employed to destroy a particular facility or structure (a bridge, pipeline, communications tower, etc.) or to deny the enemy free use of a line of communication (mining a road, boobytrapping a building likely to be used by the enemy as a handy command post, observation point or bivouac area) or as a weapon in active conflict (a grenade, molotov, RPG, etc.)

The only use of an unannounced, time-detonated explosive device sited in a public place (not a security area that's utilized only by enemy personnel) such as a parking lot or a public street, pub, store, etc. is to murder relatively innocent passers-by and to terrorise the general public into believing that one is unsafe. regardless of ones' personal conduct or the area one frequents. A car bomb is a weapon employed by authoritarian, callous and cowardly statists. It is totally random and it's employment violates the most basic tenets of any libertarian moral and ethical standard. I EMPHAT-ICALLY PROTEST the use of any more unrestrained and undirected mass murder methods.

Lest anyone dismiss my stance as 'pacifist' or wimpy, let me state that I support the use of force against States under certain conditions but we, as anarchist revolutionaries, have a responsibility to the general public and ourselves to be *more* moral, *more* ethical and more selective when we are compelled to use force against the State, and certainly must avoid the sort of horrifying terror tactics being used by the authoritarian organisations.

At the very least, we should use command-detonated munitions when it is absolutely necessary to use explosives, so that a human conscience is on the business end of that detonator. (And, incidentally, virtually eliminates the sort of stupid visciousness that permits car bombs, pub bombings, etc.)

Furthermore, we should make it clear to groups that claim the designation 'anarchist', 'libertarian', anarcho-syndicalist and so on that we will not support or defend people who utilize mass murder methods.

In the final analaysis, we will be judged not by how much we accomplish in our endeavours to end the domination of one human by another but to what degree we increased it. I hope we won't increase it at all, but if Rhein-Main is any measure to judge the future by, that hope may be very naive. In anarchist solidarity,

REPLY: Both we – and 99.9 per cent of Anarchists in Europe (excluding a few 'Marxist-Anarchists' and pro-nationalists) would agree — if the information here was correct. But our comrade has been

misled by the American Press reports.

No anarchist was involved in these

attacks. At one time the Red Army Fraction (for psychological reasons always given as 'Faction' in the English-speaking press) contained both Anarchists and Marxists. Now it consists of Marxists. But it has been penetrated by various agents and has no connection now with Anarchists. Action Directe, originally Anarchist, was taken over by Marxists, but an entirely different outfit, set up by Third-Worldists - nationalists of various sorts - has also taken the name. Like the so-called 'renovadas' (the phoney CNT) for which the genuine CNT have no real responsibility now except that their name has been stolen, the RAF and AD have both got separate imitators of the name, but neither are anywhere near Anarchist.

The Italian Red Brigades have nothing to do with Anarchists; but the Fascists have joined in this game of setting up phoney outfits using old established names and anarchistic slogans, so as to both discredit the Anarchists and blame them for the fascist's misdeeds. This is what the Pinelli-Valpreda case was all about.

In England too this game is going on. The press delight in it. But in fact, no Anarchists would, or ever did, use the methods described.

There is no need for it to be criticised within the Anarchist movement, there is in fact a far more difficult problem – how to explain the identity of the Anarchist movement without necessarily discouraging people who want to follow the examples of the past -eg. we understand somewhere in England there is a group calling itself the Angry Brigade - which has nothing to do with the

original - and actually claims to be affili ated to the International Revolutionary Solidarity Movement. Are they now genuinely trying to copy the past - or is it a set up?How can one know? Only by the quality of their actions. But this is too refined a point for outsiders.

No Anarchist would use the methods here described. In Spain, the use of the 'letter bomb' against Prison Directors and State murderers was forbidden by the Resistance because of the risk to postal workers. This was concerning people responsible for mass murders and life long sentences. An Anarchist had the chance of throwing a bomb at the Italian Fascist Mussolini, but refrained because he was surrounded by children offering flowers, for the benefit of the Press photographers.

Even the legend about the bloodthirsty Anarchists, carefully preserved by the media, can point to nothing more than individual attacks on despots. The whole number of Kings, Dictators and Generals killed by the Anarchists in their peak period could not come near to the number killed by Statists in Germany in their peak period every five minutes. It never involved indiscriminate killings, the mark of the patriot (all members of the race or the nation to which one is opposed are guilty – whatever their views or their condition). It was always highly discriminate — which is why it was hated.

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