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A Beacon of Solidarity

THE 500 LIVERPOOL dockers have been involved in a struggle of major international importance since September 1995. Sacked by Mersey Dock and Harbour Company for refusing to cross a picket line organised by Torside dockers, the Liverpool dockers are still determined to win their jobs back without a return to casual labour, and to gain recognition of their elected shop stewards.

The struggle is not officially recognised by their union, the TGWU, whose leaders want a "compromise" settlement - read sell out - which would mean accepting compulsory redundancies. But the Liverpool men have consistently voted against this, insisting their jobs are not for sale. Meanwhile, the new Labour government shows no signs of intervening on their behalf.

Though retaining links with the Union, the fight has largely been run by the dockers themselves. The Women of the Waterfront - women from the dockers' community - play an important role, from pickets of bosses' and scabs' houses to international speaking tours.

JOINING FORCES

The dockers are trying to broaden their struggle, joining forces with Reclaim the Streets and launching The People's Charter for Social Justice which has aims in the fields of work, welfare, civil liberties, housing, racism, sexism, pollution and internationalism, including the withdrawal of British troops from N.Ireland. Although criticised by some as reformism, the Charter may be seen as a positive attempt to unite different struggles.

The dockers' fight is against casualisation which means no rights, no guaranteed wage and no set hours - waiting instead for a phone call from the boss when work becomes available. Today, most British workers have insecure jobs and face casualisation, with government schemes like Project Work and the planned Welfare to Work forcing the unemployed to work for benefits and undermining everyone's wages and conditions.

As Dockers Charter says "All over the world, workers are fighting against privatisation, casualisation and anti trade union laws."

The Labour government and the TUC are clearly part of the very capitalist system which attacks all workers. Dockers Charter (Sept. '97) describes how Parliament has passed legislation attacking working class interests, saying of the new government: "there must be a mobilisation in opposition to any government which continues these policies. If the Union leaders, the TUC, are not prepared to mobilise the movement to alter anti working class legislation, the workers... have no choice but to organise themselves through their own elected representatives."

The inspiring example of the dockers and Women of the Waterfront, and the international solidarity they've provoked, show that the world's working class can organise ourselves, in opposition to union leaders and parliamentary parties, to challenge and, ultimately, overthrow capital, multinationals and governments.

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12 April 1997 : March for Social Justice in London

DOCKERS STRIKE

From Australia to Alaska, from Sweden to South Africa, from Lisbon to Los Angeles. A world-wide dock strike in support of the sacked Liverpool dockers blazed a beacon of solidarity round the globe on 8 September.

"This is not simply a step forward for Liverpool dockworkers, or simply for dockworkers internationally. It is a step forward for workers the world over," said dockers spokesman Terry Teague.

8 September highlights include
USA / Canada : 10,000 Longshore workers walk out as all west coast ports from California to British Columbia and Dutch Harbour, Alaska shut for 8 hours. This includes the world's 3 largest ports at LA/ Long Beach. Strikes hit Canadian and USA east coast.

Australia : Dockers defy govern-

THE WORLD OVER

a world-wide boycott of all Mersey Docks and Harbour Company (MDHC) shipping.

South African dockers plan to boycott all trade involving Mersey Docks, hitting the big trade in SA oranges through Sheerness, 100% owned by MDHC. "People supported us during the apartheid era; now they need help and we have the chance to repay them," said the Cape Town dockers' branch secretary. (In 1988 Liverpool dockers blockaded S. African and Namibian uranium.)

Japanese dockers have pledged

ment threats to bring in troops. All major ports hit by stoppages of 5 hours plus on day and night shifts.

Portugal : Lisbon and Figuera da Foz strike for 24 hours, with shorter stoppages elsewhere.

Sweden : All 20 unionised ports boycott all ACL and CAST containers and all trade with Liverpool and Sheerness for 24 hours.

Dockers strike in Denmark, Amsterdam, and Drogheda (Ireland).

UK dockers have had their organisation smashed, and have to date given little support to Liverpool. But 8 September saw a start with overtime bans in Belfast and Derry, plus Derry also operating a go slow. The local Support Group picketed Belfast docks, causing a 2-3 mile tailback. In London, Reclaim the Streets took action (see article on page 2).

The 8 Sept actions developed from the International Dockers' Conference in Montreal, Canada in May when dockers' reps from 17 countries and 5 continents came together. Now, even more importantly, the 2nd stage of international solidarity action is planned to start:

action against companies using Liverpool, Sheerness and Thamesport. In Spain the grassroots dockers organisation the Coordinadora are, with the CGT, organising a S.European dockers conference to plan 24 hour strikes targeting trade with Liverpool.

Dockers across the globe face similar problems. Recent, current and expected disputes involve Australia, Netherlands, Brazil, India, Sri Lanka and South Africa where dockers held a national day of action on 9 Sept, fighting for a national Docks Labour Scheme and improved wages and conditions. They linked this action with solidarity action for dockers in Liverpool and Australia.

San Francisco dockers striking on 8 August in solidarity with Liverpool were joined by striking Bay Area Rapid Transit workers.

In the era of multinationals and globalism it is vital that struggles come together in this way, on a world-scale.

Latest news on the dockers' fight from www.Labournet.org.uk/index.html

Beyond single issues

The 8 September International Day of Action for the Liverpool dockers saw 30 people from *Reclaim the Streets* picketing the west London house of Mersey Docks chairman Gordon Waddell. **INJUSTICE IS NOT ANONYMOUS, IT HAS A NAME AND ADDRESS AND VICTORY TO THE DOCKERS** proclaimed the banners.

Next target was Drake International in Regent St. 13 Reclaim the Streets (RTS) people occupied the scab labour company's offices for over 30 minutes.

This was the latest in a series of joint initiatives involving RTS and the Liverpool dockers. On 12 April 20,000 marched in London on the March for Social Justice/Liverpool Dockers/ RTS event. And in Sept.'96 RTS played an important part in the Liverpool demo/picket/docks occupation.

The Dockers Charter paper now reports direct action to resist environmental destruction, such as the extension of Manchester airport.

What connects the dockers struggle against sackings and casualisation and the struggle to reclaim the streets for people from cars and traffic?

As Reclaim the Streets them-

selves say "The power that attacks those who work, through union legislation and casualisation, is the same power that is attacking the planet with over-production and consumption of resources....

.... This power is capital. As long as economies run on the basis of profit for business, social and ecological exploitation will occur. The question is: can we come together as a movement that will effectively challenge and dissolve this power, before those in control lead society into the social and ecological catastrophe that is currently just beginning?" (Do or Die mag no.6.)



RECLAIM THE PLANET

WHETHER in city or country, our stolen environment is our own. And when we take it back we know how to party! Through spring and into the harvest months people have been fighting to enjoy what's ours.

*There is a huge local consensus against a massive proposed financial development in Spitalfields, London which would destroy a multitude of local amenities. The inflated land prices would push out local tenants. (info 0958 778592)

*Plans to widen the A320 through Stringers Common, Surrey were scrapped after protestors set up camp.

The Reclaim the Streets movement is spreading...

*In Tampere, Finland, 1200 people blocked a major road and partied from 12 to 6pm on 9 August.

*The entire Bristol city centre was blocked as 1000+ people took over the M32 on the summer solstice.

*Over 1000 people reclaimed a city centre dual carriageway as hundreds of critical mass cyclists cruised simultaneously through Sheffield's town centre.

* In Edinburgh on 11 August a multinational crew danced international folkdances and took tea in one of Edinburgh's busiest roads. Polis trying to get everyone

to move on got drawn into a group discussion on whether or when to move. Translation into 12 different languages meant this took some time. Confused by consensus decision making they retreated behind their megaphones and truncheons. *In Taliesin, Wales, a village with 200 people, a street party stopped the flow of tourist traffic all day. (Ta to Earth First Action Update!)

SHERIFF AT BAY

THE mass resistance to the building of a 2nd runway at Manchester Airport cost the money men dear. (£6 million+!). Starting mid-May, the protest camp resisted eviction for 4 weeks.

People drew strength from the earth that they fought to defend and dug deep and built high. A new development in tree house building - 4 storeys high! - kept the sheriff and his men at bay for 4 days. Labyrinth tunnels reduced the forces of the state to hammer and chisel techniques. Regular Sunday Fundays brought hundreds of local people on site as everyone worked together to smooth the path of sustainability not profit.

• 31 Oct : Halloween actions to close down open cast mine sites UK-wide. No Open Cast 0171 603 1831

• Coventry, 6 Aug. : local residents wearing protective clothing uproot an experimental genetically altered crop. Info 'genetix Update', Box 9659, London N4 4JY, 0181 374 9516.

YES TO SOCIAL JUSTICE YES TO SOCIAL REVOLUTION!

THE YES votes to set up a Scottish Parliament and, a week later, a Welsh Assembly reflect a widespread mood for change. However, when they are set up, they are unlikely to change the balance of power or distribution of wealth.

Many people already expect little change through changing the structure of Government, say towards a 'Europe of the Regions'. This was shown by the lower turnout and a lack of enthusiasm, especially in working class neighbourhoods. People suspect the politicians are a bunch of rogues - Lord [David] Steel for example and the £94,000 from a pro-hunt countryside lobby.

Reforming the relic of the British State will not lead to social justice, and business has been assured by Labour that it will be free to carry on exploiting. Massive subsidies in Wales and Scotland have gone to multinational companies for establishing small assembly plants. As Jimmy McConnell from Drumchapel in Glasgow put it "Damn right we want a Scottish Parliament. Edinburgh is within walking distance and if they ignore us, screw us or try to palm us off, thousands will make that walk. Revolution isn't as much a joke as people think".

FREE SCHOOLS! FREE SOCIETY!

THE MOVES of politicians and business leaders are to increase inequality within education and churn out schoolstudents with the qualifications needed to be of use within the labour market.

In opposition to this, we stress that it is a right for children to grow up in an environment free of compulsion, fear and threat. Unlike those who defend 'education' to uphold tradition, the values of libertarian education have sought to put the needs of the kids first, linked to the necessity for radical change.

During a recent talk in Glasgow, Pat Edwards of the

Tamariki Free School in New Zealand described how libertarian alternatives to education work. High emphasis is placed on the importance of play and creative activities; academic activities are optional; school rules are decided by the children and teachers have no more say in the running of the school than do the children.

Unlike the demands of industry and commerce for punctual, obedient, passive workers, willing to accept their disadvantaged position, free schools encourage free thinking individuals likely to question the acceptance of educational qualifications as the basis for social rewards.

NO HIDING PLACE

THE NATIONAL and international sense of 'loss' over the death of Princess Diana raises many crucial questions. The complete shutdown of 'public life', manipulation of TV and other media coverage, sporting and recreational fixtures illustrated the stark power of the nation state to impose its will.

It also served to illustrate the neo-colonial links of South Africa, India, Australia etc. as leaders from Mandela to Howard lined up to pay homage. For the Royal Family at first the death was very convenient, given that more disclosures of their machinations has ceased, but the hysteria threatened their legitimacy. It also gave rise to Diana as an icon, the patron saint of women & suffering.

The part played by the so-called 'paparazzi' in the car crash has attracted great controversy: literally a fatal attraction with the spectacle. However, the media intrusion into the lives of 'stars', to promote identification with lifestyles beyond the reach of 'lesser mortals', serves to deflect attention from those who should have no hiding place. Those that rule our lives: the rich investors, the board of multinational corporations, the billionaires who accumulate through speculation on the stock exchange or switching exploitation around the globe to sites where they can maximise profits[exploitation].

Glamour is a cloak to obscure all that pervades the workings of capitalism, and those who operate the levers of this power should be exposed as the ruthless villains and exploiters who accumulate wealth and power at our expense.



US Consulate Edinburgh 4th July

Dehumanising the Stateless

The new 'socialist' Government in France has issued a policy for the regularisation of 'certain categories of undocumented workers', meaning some 'illegal' immigrants will receive official recognition. The *Sans Papiers* (Without Papers) movement has rejected this policy and are continuing to resist the deportation of immigrant and refugee people, demanding 'papers for all'. Women play a major role in the *Sans Papiers* struggle, organising autonomously as well as working alongside men. One woman from the movement spoke in Edinburgh at the end of July and said: 'The new government's policy is a gain in a way but it's not what we are demanding. We have always demanded the regularisation of all those sans papiers in France. So we cannot accept a 'case by case' treatment. And the new policy gives discretionary powers to the notoriously racist prefectures. What about the sans papiers in jail and others banned from France? We're fighting for an amnesty for those in jail and a global regularisation of all *Sans Papiers* in France.'

Mumia latest

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is expected to reject Mumia Abu-Jamal's Appeal in mid-October. To keep up to date: Equal Justice USA Quixote Center POB 5206 Hyattsville MD 2782. www.igc.org/quixote/ej

Those who Dare to Dream

• Last summer, at the invitation of the EZLN in Mexico, around 3000 people from around the world attended the 1st Encuentro (Gathering) for Humanity and Against Neoliberalism in the Zapatista heartland of Chiapas. The aim was to bring together people involved in diverse struggles in all parts of the world, both as a show of solidarity and as a starting point for the creation of a global 'network of resistance' to the reality which is life under capitalism.

The 2nd Encuentro was held this year in several parts of Spain during 10 days in July and August, attracting over 2500 participants. Three days were set aside for formal discussions of the various

Enemy of the State

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin, a revolutionary activist from Chattanooga, Tennessee, toured several European countries earlier this year. He gave a powerful personal talk on the 60s black civil rights movement revealing that its broad based grassroots nature had come from the mass of people rather than leaders. He called for international support for the 30 Black Panthers and over 100 other activists still imprisoned. He was pleased that an international campaign begun in Scotland had led to his freedom.

A call for a united front and demos on July the 4th against the racist, unjust and barbaric death penalty (40% death row inmates are black against 10% in population of US), was taken up in many places including Sheffield, Dublin, Edinburgh and London.

Black Autonomy, 323, Broadway Avenue E#919, Seattle, WA 98102 Lorenzo can be contacted at Concerned Citizens for Justice, c/o The Rest of the News, 2014 Citico Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

Calls to boycott or even suppress the planned Sydney Olympics in 2000 have gathered momentum. The attempts of the Australian Government to label Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin as a "terrorist" because he dared to oppose KKK violence and the past Atlanta Olympics in 1996, during his recent speaking tour, have backfired. SAE to LPA [ELS] Box 15 138 Kingsland High St., London E8 2NS.

themes: Economics, Nationalism, Patriarchy, Ecology, and Culture some of which were broken down into sub-topics, allowing for smaller groups. A plenary session was held at the end where all of the groups gave a summary of their discussion and outlined their hopes for the future. The exchange of information and contact making took place as much on an informal basis as within the discussion groups.

Although by its nature the event attracted people from varying political backgrounds, there were a high number from the libertarian left and most groups emphasised the need for any network that develops to be anti-authoritarian.

From escalating casual-

The dark tower

A SPECIAL BRANCH bigshot was spotted making masonic signals to presiding Judge (Major Gen) Selwood - an expert in *military law* - at the opening of the GANDALF trial in August. On trial for 'conspiracy to incite criminal damage' are Green Anarchist and ALF (=GANDALF) editors and writers. The catch-all charge carries a possible 5 year jail sentence.

The GANDALF trial is the culmination of Special Branch's Operation Washington which saw 55 raids across Britain during 1995/96. The case itself has involved over 100 absurd Special Branch raids.

This thought police prosecution is a danger to all who dissent and must be resisted. Contact: GA, BM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

INSIDE INFO

A State Conspiracy

The Italian state has charged 70 anarchists with belonging to an armed gang, robbery, kidnapping and membership of a (non-existent!) Insurrectional Anarchist Revolutionary Organisation. 20 have been jailed. International solidarity is needed.

Breakout mag from Solidaritätskomitee Italien, c/o Infolden Munchen, Breisacherstr.12, 81667 Munchen, Germany. <http://www.ecn.org/zerol/anarchy.htm> Anarchist Defence Comm. E mail elpasosq@freenet.hut.fi

Taking over the asylum

A 13 HOUR riot by asylum seekers in late August caused £100,000 worth of damage to the Campsfield detention centre near Oxford. Parts of the Group 4-run hellhole were destroyed.

Over 100 riot police were used to crush the revolt and access roads were blocked to prevent supporters from picketing the razorwire perimeter. The riot was the third and largest at Campsfield this year.

Despite New Labour's waffle about 'human rights' over 52,000 asylum seekers are currently awaiting decisions and 750 refugees are 'detained' in prison conditions each year.

Source: Schnews 132. Info: Campaign to close Campsfield 01865 558145

ation of labour to environmental destruction, the increasing demands of global capitalism, in pursuit of even more wealth for the ruling classes, deepen the misery of the oppressed in every corner of the world. Examples such as the practical international solidarity shown to the Liverpool dockers, shows the way forward for the resistance. The Encuentros provide us with a real opportunity to create a meaningful, global network of anti-authoritarian resistance - a chance we have to grasp if we are to begin to win back the world and realise our dreams of a new one. Encuentro info: <http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/3849/gatherdx.html>

World to Win



AFRICA ARISE!

3 thousand Gold miners and lumberjacks in Sierra Leone, West Africa have joined the Industrial Workers of the World, before the recent coup, and repression. Metalworkers in neighbouring Guinea have also become "wobblies". Help support them by sending a PO or cheque payable to IWW IWW (Sierra Leone IWW Appeal) 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 4WB.

121 AGITATION

For over 16 years the 121 Centre in Railton Rd has promoted squatting and anarchist resistance. Now reactionary Labour Lambeth Council are trying to close it. Tel. contact 0171-274-6655.

EU ROT OP

This slogan which means "EU Fuck off" in Dutch was coined during the June 14th Social Justice march in Amsterdam, by an anti-wage slavery contingent. After clashing with the police en route, the contingent linked up with almost 2,000 Italian autonomists protesting at the railway station at the arrest of 200 comrades after a mass refusal to pay fares. News reached Rome and the Dutch Embassy was occupied in solidarity. Later demonstrators were detained under Article 140, a law designed to 'foil criminal conspiracies'. On the 22nd June a demo was held against the detentions and the use of this draconian law. (For further info send a SAE to Brighton Autonomists, c/o Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, or websites).

LAND KILLING

23 Amerindians in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sol whose deaths were passed off as 'mass suicides', were liquidated as repression during attempts to reclaim traditional land. Since 1982, 293 other amerindians have perished by being made drunk and then hanged, carried out by so-called "captains" associated with the Government Agency, Funai who 'police' the reserves. Elsewhere, the Movimento dos Trabalhadores have mobilised the landless to demand land reform.

FUELLING DISCONTENT

With over 2,000 houses disconnected daily, the policy of Councils in Gauteng Province, South Africa has provoked backlashes. In February, in Eldorado Park, Soweto, 4 died in a riot & a Councillor was stoned to death in June. In Johannesburg on August 7th, rioters stoned and destroyed Telekom vehicles who were removing electricity cables from non-payers. In addition to the white/black wealth divide, the richest 10% of Africans have benefited from an ANC Government with incomes over 60 times greater than the poorest 10%! "black liberation Through Class War".

CLOSING CARACAS

Workers held a 12 hour protest strike in the Venezuelan capital on August 6th. The action, against low wages and gasoline price increases, brought public transport to a halt against IMF approved neo-liberal economic austerity. (Source Industrial Worker *)

CHINA CRISIS

With large state factories declared 'bankrupt', 100,000 workers in the SW China city of Mianyang took to the streets in early July. This follows unrest in Nanchong in spring when 20,000 workers besieged the city hall for 30 hours, demanding back pay. (Source *)

OVER THE BRIDGE

A Skye Bridge campaigner, fighting to remove tolls on the new bridge owned by the Bank of America and criminal charges against protesters stated that they are determined to force 'new Labour' to accept the will of the islanders prepared to continue their non-payment direct action defiance.

THE WAY OF NIKE

As workers in the Youngone (Korean owned) factory in Bangladesh which is contracted to produce Nike products, presented demands they were attacked by armed police resulting in 300 injured, 50 being 'serious', 97 fired and another 800 charged with 'criminal offences'. Youngone's repressive policy is also carried out in factories in Jamaica, Korea & China. (Source Industrial Worker).

VS. CORPORATE AMERICA

Workers in USA have demonstrated that solidarity can win disputes. 7% of the U.S. economy has been affected during the Teamsters strike against United Parcel Service (UPS), involving 180,000 union members with the issue of part-time employment to the fore. The Detroit Free Press dispute, with 1,800 locked out workers, shows how legal wranglings can defeat workers.

CRITICAL MASS

Danni Plank, aged 29, was killed by a lorry near Worthing on August 27th while riding her bike. Her death provoked a Critical Mass cycle protest in Worthing on Sat 20th Sept. (Schnews)

DEL SKINNED!

The Del Monte depot in Tunbridge Wells was closed on 20 Aug. after a protest against the banning of unions in Costa Rica led to one and a half tons of banana skins being dumped there.

NO CONVOY NO PEACE

Two Hundred delegates from Europe joined Kurdish protesters on the *Musa Anter Peace Convoy* scheduled to travel to Diyarbakir in eastern Turkey for a million strong rally on 1st September. Having had the train halted in Brussels due to Turkish pressure on the German State, a press conference in Istanbul on 4th Sept. was broken up by riot police with two spokespersons badly injured. Meanwhile on 1st Sept. Kurdish demonstrators joined anti-militarist activists in disrupting the Arms Fair in Farnborough because of the responsibility of UK companies in selling arms to States such as Turkey who repress the 35 million Kurds.

STEAL BACK WHAT IS STOLEN
THE Mapuche indigenous people of the Argentinian Patagonia are fighting greedy capitalists, aided by the state, who stole their lands to construct camping sites for so-called "ecological" tourism. The Mapuche repossessed the land again to graze their cattle.

The Police evicted Mapuche in December 1996, arresting 12. But with trials due in spring '97, land occupations continue. Info anarchist human rights commission - P. Benitez, Casilla de Correo n.114, 1708 Buenos Aires.

THE EARTH IS 'SACRED'

5000 indigenous U'wa people have decided to commit suicide if "Occidental Petroleum" violate their land in order to get petroleum. Info: *Organizacion Nacional Indigena de Bogota Colombia (ONIC)* c13 numero 4-38 Bogota Colombia FAX: 5712843465

NO BASES FOR MILITARISM!

A MAY DAY united demonstration of different groups opposed the plan to double the size of the US military air base at Aviano, north Italy, making it the largest US airbase in Europe. Unitary Committee against Aviano 2000, c/o Circolo E.Zapata c.p. 311, 33170 Pordenone, Italy.

NO QUARTER GIVEN

In Spain, the Insumision movement - against military and social service conscription - has adopted a new tactic. Labeled 'insumision in the quarters', conscripts register at the barracks when called then quit immediately explaining their anti-militarist reasons for disobedience a few days later. By July, 13 such *insumisos* had done this and military lawyers are asking for jail sentences of several years for each. Messages of support to: Izar Beltza, PO Box 1188, Iruinea 31080, Euskal Herria, Spain.

McJUDGEMENT

AFTER the UK's longest libel case of the McLabel 2, Helen Steel and Dave Morris, a decision has been reached on the "What's Wrong With McDonalds" leaflet. The judge said the leaflet was right on:

- Low pay - depressing wages in the industry.

New Labour

The new Labour government aims to create a comprehensive compulsory work for your dole system.

Their so-called Welfare to Work scheme targets 18-24 year olds unemployed over 6 months. They are to be forced to work for their benefits, plus £15 per week. Those refusing could have their benefit stopped for 2 weeks, 4 weeks for a "2nd Offence". This is due to start in January 1998 as a pilot, April '98 UK-wide.

Labour is also continuing the Tories' discredited Project Work scheme, which hits 18-50 year olds unemployed for over 2 years, in 29 areas Britain-wide. It means compulsory 13 weeks part-time work for benefit plus £10, under threat of benefit cuts.

In Brighton action has led to 4 employers withdrawing from Project Work (PW) and one of the Training Providers looking to pull out.

On 4 August Brighton Claimants Action Group and Brighton against the JSA occupied the offices of PW Training Provider AV Seaworth for over an hour, repeated 3 days later.

On 11 August Network Training, the other PW Training Provider, got "a visit". Despite the presence of a van load of old bill the disruption continued for over an hour.

Persuasion, pressure, and where necessary pickets and leafleting, has led to Hove YMCA, Hove Engineering (a museum), Turner Youth Project and Oxfam all withdrawing from using PW slave labour.

This success will hopefully inspire similar action elsewhere. The independent Groundswell Britain-wide network co-ordinated a Day of Action on 21 July against Labour's workfare plans. In Edinburgh - a joint rally and Job Centre occupation with the Liverpool Dockers' Support Group; Birkenhead - an occupation of MP Frank Field's surgery, and Nottingham - a "3 Strikes" photographing of 2 bullying dole officials.

Police have since raided homes and detained 2 people from Nottingham, using the new "harassment" legislation against stalkers. The charges have now been dropped.

Groundswell c/o Claimants Action Group, E.Oxford Community Centre, Princes St., Oxford OX4 1HU Tel 01865 723750. Edinburgh Claimants see GI. Brighton 01273 671213

- France: People occupied several ASSEDIC government social security offices in early July to oppose the cutting of benefit payments. Over 50 were involved in the 2 July occupation of the Picpus ASSEDIC in Paris. Info: anarchist paper APACHE, Maison des Ensembles, 3-5 Rue d'Alegre, 75012 Paris, France.

- Advertising - \$2billion spent targeting kids.

- Animal cruelty - including restriction of movement for pigs and hens.

But against the leaflet on:

- Anti-union policy - tho' union activity is considered "gross misconduct"

- Diet/fill health - despite low fibre, high salt/fat/animal content of food

- Food safety - though burgers are cooked for less than half the

recommended time

- Rainforests - despite land being used to rear cattle.

- Litter - despite yearly production of 1 million tons packaging.

A world-wide day of action following the verdict proved further distribution of the leaflet won't be prevented. 1000s more will be distributed on the 'Day of Solidarity with McDonalds Workers' (12 Oct) and World Anti McDonalds Day (16 Oct). McSpotlight <http://www.McSpotlight.org> • McLabel, 5 Caldedonian Rd., London N1 9DX Fax +44 (0)171 713 1269

New Fight-back Needed



Photo: ARGENTINA. Strikes against wage cuts imposed on teachers in Neuquen province, Argentina, escalated into nationwide anger after a young woman was shot dead by police. 10,000 blocked roads in Cutral-Co, Neuquen, a town with 50% unemployment, as unrest grew about privatisation & cuts. President Menem's Government has tried to "delude the public into thinking this is about subversion when we are hearing the most intense cry of social anxiety yet" said an opposition politician.

GET INVOLVED!

- Scottish anarchist network contacts: Box A Fahrenheit 451 bookshop Virginia Galleries, Virginia St Glasgow anarcho@geocities.com; [E-mail] The Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh / Edinburgh Claimants (also for Dundee & other east coast contacts), 17 West Montgomery Place, EH7 5HA 0131-557-6242. <http://wkweb4.cableinet.co.uk/bunnyace/ace/>
- 5th May group POB 1687 London N8;
- Anarchist Black Cross, c/o 121 Raiton Rd., London SE24 (prisoner solidarity) • Anarchist Communist Federation, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX
- Angry People, PO Box 108, St. Peters, NSW 2044 Australia class war: BM box 5538 London WC1N 3XX
- Collective Action Notes, PO Box 22962, Balto., MD 21203, USA
- Contraflow, 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17; fax: 0171-326-0353; email: contraflow@omega.comlink.de
- Education Worker Network, PO Box 1681, London, N8 7LE
- E. Anglia Anarchist Network, PO Box 87, Ipswich IP4 4JQ
- Federation Anarchiste, 145 Rue Amelot, 75011 Paris, France
- Frontline Collective and Organise both at: PO Box 505, Belfast BT11 9EE, Ireland
- Haringey Solidarity Group, Box 2474, London N8. 0181 802 9804
- Industrial Workers of the World, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB
- Kate Sharpley Library, BM Hurricane, London WC1 3XX
- Kommun-ist Kranti, Majdoor Library, Autopin Jhuggi, Faridabad-121001, India
- London Anarchist Forum Fridays 8pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq., London Class War POB 467 London E8 3QX. London Greenpeace, 5 Caldedonian Rd., London N1
- Norwich Solidarity Centre/S. Fed.: PO Box 73, Norwich NR3 1QD
- SchNEWS, PO Box 2600, Brighton BN2 2DX; tel/fax: 01273-685913 (weekly news-sheet)
- Sheffield Anarchist Group, PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY
- Solidarity Fed - IWA, PO Box 493, St. Albans, AL1 5TW
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