WAR - ON THE ROCKS

THREE OF MY MATES WERE KILLED FOR THIS FUCKING FLAG

LET'S BURN THE FUCKER

YEAH, WE'D DO BETTER STRINGING UP SOME POLITICIANS

As we go to press - just before the Reagan visit to England, we learn of the attacks in Germany on American bases and in France on US premises.

Two US office blocks (incl. JIM) in Düsseldorf and several military bases in Frankfurt, Gelshausen, Hanau and Hamburg, were damaged by bomb attacks. The attacks were simultaneous and caused a total of $180,000 damage. Responsibility was claimed by the Revolutionary Cells.

At Saint Cloud, near Paris, the American School was bombed. Responsibility has so far been claimed by Action Directe, but we are still awaiting confirmation. A few days earlier, Action Directe claimed responsibility for firing shots at the Paris branch of the Bank of America. Twenty-five people have been arrested, but all were later released.

The London anti-Reagan demonstration organised by ODN, totalling around 250,000 marchers, many of them pacifists. However, there was a large contingent of anarchists who early on ensured that they were at the front of the march, with anarchist banners and chants for all to see and hear. ODN stewards and cops collaborated - unsuccessfully - to push the anarchists to take on a more low key stance. On arrival at the destination point the anarchists ran ahead and were greeted by applause.

Later, after 2 hours of boring diatribe from liberal and church speakers, it was decided by the anarchists (who were then numbered about 500) that they would head down Oxford Street, the main shopping area, and have a go at the shops whilst chanting: "FREE SIMON LID - 3 YEARS FOR PRISON FOR GIVING OUT LEAFLETS. About half-way down Oxford St., the cops attempted to provoke trouble and so the group split trying to use side-streets to escape and then regroup. Several cops were beaten. Two of the shop owners was then overheard to say that they would have liked to have seen the cops knocked on the head.

The first white man known to have seen the islands was English. Hence the United Kingdom claims that the Falklands clearly belong to it.

But the Spanish "conquistadores" in a series of gross criminal actions, subjugated the Americas and stole the huge mass of the southern hemisphere. Argentina revolted against them, when they were tied up with war and the King had run off. The Republic lays claim to the "inheritance" of the Spanish empire it toppled. As the Pope had given all the Americas - which weren't his to give - to the Spanish Empire, Argentina's claim is tenuous.

For the last 150 years the islands have been in British possession. As are now told how "British" the Falklanders are. But this did not avail them when the patriots Bill was being passed.

For the last forty years Argentina has been under the sway of a fascist regime most of the time. There is a determined resistance trying to get rid of it. Torture, murder, disappearances are the order of the day.

Reagan visit: bombings

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IMPORTANT RESEARCH PROJECT
We are establishing a national and international clipping service and need the support of our readers in this project. Please send us clippings of matters of interest from your local or national paper, or specialist magazines, for our files. We are particularly interested in the activities of neo-fascists and the cocaine and heroin trade.

School Stoppers

The School-Stoppers Handbook (68 ways to sabotage your school) first published in 1969, has recently been reprinted and Anglicised from the US version, its free, and available from most bookstores in the UK. The publishers have instructed that anyone who comes across a copy should reproduce it and give away as many copies as possible. Some of the suggestions include: 'if you still have to wear uniforms, try wearing them front to back in protest. Or dare boys and girls into wearing each others' uniforms if this doesn't work try a blanket protest, and get a small group to always carry screwdrivers, and slowly dismantle the school.'
on the street

innocence

Terry May was killed after a group of black youths took revenge on a known National Front activist - the Anti Arms - not far from their HQ in Thornton Heath. The incident took place against a background of racist attacks in the area, and there were no arrests or convictions for giving fascists a good going over. Attacks by fascist groups on left-wing premises with little or no response in return - and on Asians and black people generally is too numerous to detail here. More recently the National Front attempted to break up a Troops Out (of Nth. Ireland) meeting at Brighton; in February the old Race Today premises were gutted by fire. The NF had it coming thereof. The tragedy is that Terry May, who was just the wrong place at the wrong time became a casualty of black-white tension and the ineptitude of those who are the targets of fascist agitators to deal effectively with the problem. No one person has the right to blame for his death although it was inevitable that the Courts would find a scapegoat.

Racial tension was still further encouraged in the Croydon area both during and after the trial. Racial leaflets were distributed and black people were harassed by the extent that the whole black community was beginning to wonder if they were not under siege. A defence group was formed - the Black People's Action Committee. The police continued with their arrest. However, when the cops unwisely attempted to hold one of the leaders of BPAC, the cops were quickly released as soon as the Police Station came under siege by the detainees' comrades.

BPAC in the meantime had concentrated their efforts in setting up a centre to monitor fascist activity & that of the police in the local area. Their newly launched paper, The Sniper, recently published details of how the Croydon police came under criticism by the area Community Relations Council for their over-zealous methods in a recent raid on a black couple's home. These criticisms were noted down in a confidential memorandum which found its way to the Sniper's editors. Not surprisingly the centre where the BPAC operate from was targeted by the police on the same evening as the raid, not long afterwards, an office block nearby was damaged.... Anyone who would like to obtain copies of the Sniper should contact BPAC c/o 43 Wellesley Rd, Croydon.

BRADFORD 12

12 Asians charged with making and conspiring to make explosive substances appeared in Leeds Court recently. One of those charged, Jayash Ali, had both charges dropped. The other defendants have had the charge of manufacture dropped. This was because insufficient evidence and the Judge was forced to order the jury to bring in a not-guilty verdict.

Many of the defendants are members of the United Black Youth League, an independent organisation committed to combat racism and help defend the black community against fascist attacks. Some had been active in the Campaign to stop the deportations of Amrur Ditta and other Asian women.

They were originally arrested after the July riot in Bradford. When 28 petrol bombs were found and after some 'confessions' were extracted, the motolots were to be used against some fascists who it was rumoured, were on their way to Bradford. In a large number, tickets to the right of the fascists present at a skinhead 01 concert in the suburb of Southall in London had led to attacks on Asians and an uprising of locals to prevent this arising.

Further details can be got from the Bradford 12 National Mobilising Committee, Box 59, 50 Cockbridge Street, Leeds 2.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Despite attempts by the State and the media to suppress news on any outbreaks of racial violence, attacks on the police at other communities were still getting around. Specifically Tottelth (nothing in the papers until 4 days after the event) and Notting Hill (hardly mentioned in any of the papers - nothing on the telly).

The events in Tottelth went on for 3 nights running with the police stupidly attacked. The cops were unable to account for the efficiency of their opponents methods and so blamed 'left-wing agitators' as possible organisers (a bit of a contradiction). Similarly after the Brixton uprising of April last year 'white anarchists' were blamed as its leaders. An article in a recent issue of Race Today went on to describe the burning of the police station at Moss Side during the July 81 riots. In that instance it began with a group of youths from one area coming across a group of youths from another area, saying a few words and together marching off to the agreed target. No conspiracy, no organisation, no leaders - just the right people at the right place at the right time. What really got the cops worried this time was the way everyone seemed to have formed a strategy of action; obviously based on their experiences during the first outbreak. Tactics included the use of the element of surprise to its maximum effect attacking from all quarters when least expected and then disappearing into the darkness of the night before the enemy had a chance to retaliate. The desired effect was to gradually wear down the morale of the opposition, Classic guerrilla stuff.

mangrove again

In Notting Hill the police faced a direct challenge to their Authority and were surprised at the speed in which the forces against them were mobilised. A few days after the previous incident Brixton riots, three cops attempting to harrass a couple on suspicion of possession of weapons were prevented from doing so by the intervention of locals. The police were chased out of the area. The police quickly sent in anti-riot reinforcements left people in the vicinity no choice but to protect themselves in the best way they could. Make-shift barricades were erected and during the ensuing battle in All Saints Road about 150 local people attempted to defend the area. The battle lasted 4 hours culminating in the trashing of the Mangrove Club by the cops in retaliation.

Several vehicles were set alight. Five police were injured and a young man named Tony Moore was attacked while trying to make a get-away in his car. Several caches of molotovs were later discovered in the area.

Meanwhile Lord Scarf speaking in the House of Lords recently, warned that if it were found that the police were unable to gain the confidence of the local community and there was a breakdown of Law & Order, the Government would have no choice but to call in the troops. The C Smithsonian Justice Bill which will strengthen police powers of stop and search will also introduce a curfew scheme for young people involved in acts of trouble.

More news stories welcome.
ITALY

Lest his arrest pass unnoticed, the anarchist Orazio Valastro having refused to be incorporated into the Italian Armed Forces, organised a meeting / Rally in Catania on 4 March 1982 along with the Radical Party, Lotta Continua and conscientious objectors' groups etc. Valastro was soon hauled away in full of everyone, and none too gently. His friends tried unsuccessfully to snatch him back from the police. Valastro is now being held in the military garrison in Palermo, Sicily. After the meeting (which was a spectacular statement of the objector's case) 6 anarchists: Gianni Nava, Giancarlo Vicari, Alfredo Bonanno, Fabio Berardi, Melina Di Marco and Nunzio Scurieri (Andrea's wife) were arrested, held, and released, but not before they were charged with obstruction and assault on a public official, assisting an attempted escape, insul- tinsulting a public official etc. Roberto Fuzio was thrown into solitary in Catania prison.

USA

Congratulations for ingenuity to the inmates of Nevada State Penitentiary. Over the past few years some of them had quietly and slowly been putting together a structure to fly them out of the place. They were just short of a top blade when unexpectedly their deed was discovered. Warden George Wasner is now a laughing stock.

Summer is now a laughing stock. Last year, when he was Warden of the notorious San Quentin he was made to look a fool when it was discovered that his offices had been bugged by the cops. He claimed to have been powerless to do anything as to when the bugs had been planted— it may have been years back!

International News

Poland

After the riots, the Roman Catholic Prime of Poland issued an attack on those that took part and sided with the military rulers and the Communist Party, blaming “interfeers, manipulators and agitators” and Western propaganda for having instigated demonstrations and said “It is forbidden to manipulate the patriotic feelings which live in the heart of youths!” (not, of course, forbidden to do so in time of war!)

Archbishop Joseph Glemp, the Prime, thus takes a stand familiar enough in capitalist countries. The only difference between him and other R.C. prelates is that he is speaking in a State Communist country.

The church condemns State Communism but is no barrier against it. Ultimately, with the Catholic Church, the side it supports is the one to power. The Church, like God, is on the side of the big battalions. It is inbuilt Stalinist.

Predictably, some of the Solidarnosc’ leaders in prison on hunger strike are talking about going along with the compromise solution. Are they acting on behalf of the resistance movement, or, if at all, attempting to consolidate their own futures? Martyrs or representatives are not required.

Spain

On the night of 9 February, 8 members of theCNT’s Banking Union in Madrid were beaten up by tagged fascists from the Primera Linea Organisation while putting up posters that advertised a rally on the doors of the AEB (Bank Employee Employers’ Association).

It is now 4½ years since the strange affair of the Scala began. The result of this State provocation against the libertarian movement has been so far:

- Around 100 arrests in Barcelona and Rubí;
- Imprisonment of seven comrades; the chance for political slander of theCNT by Martín Villa, Minister of the Interior.

Meanwhile the very people carrying out the persecution have been attempting to overthrow the State by violence, and some of them are awaiting trial in easy conditions.

Francisco Romero García, Anton Antonio Navio, Adrián Sautve (all of theCNT) and Jose Sanchez were held in the Modelo in Barcelona, charged with robbery and alleged murder. The charges arise out of an industrial dispute. They have been tortured under the notorious anti-terrorist laws.

On 9 February Roque Cano Perez Antonio Marfil Aranda, Jose Lozano Cano, Jose Antonio Caravaca Martinez and Jose Hernandez Escamari were tried on charges of possessing arms and explosives. They were sentenced to 6 months and a day, except for Roque Cano Perez who got one year. They had originally been picked up in Barcelona in 1977 along with 45 others, allegedly trying to re-found the FAI (Iberian Anarchist Federation). They were all released under an amnesty, but their prison sentences were later rescinded (in their cases alone) by the Interior Minister, Rodolfo Martín Villa.

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Another notorious 'pentitii'

Enrico Paghera, is the only witness against Rocco Palamara who stands accused of possession of dangerous weapons - firearms. Paghera claims to have been present when Palamara was given arms. In the Livorno trial, 3 people accused by the same Paghera were absolved; another 2 accused of membership of an armed gang on his evidence were also found not guilty. Yet Paghera's accusations have already cast Rocco Palamara 5 months, in preventive custody.

Black Flag Page 4
brique les flic

Interior Minister Defferre is pushing for increased police powers to shut down "suspected criminal associations" to the point where a "loose 'pass law' system exists for all blacks in France. As the present government is held by the rock and roll CỐN CHÍNH PHỦ POLICE held a series of outdoor rock concerts and distributed broadsheets in the immigrant suburbs of Paris. A general counter-attack by immigrant workers against the power of the State began. Now RAP moves on to organise in order to meet the threat posed by Giscard's socialist successors and build a wider movement to oppose the criminalisation of immigrants. More details from the new 'Free radio' station in the immigrant Barbes district of north Paris:

Naked Guerrilla

PARIS - MATCH: The French press are continuing their campaign of harassment against my friend Joelle Aubron, Diretce, member of Action Directe. Joelle Aubron, who has been charged with possession of arms and membership of Action Directe has successfully brought a court order against the French journal Paris-Match for publishing photos of her without permission. The magazine could hardly deliver the papers when it was offered the photos of Aubron - in the nude - and published accordingly, overlooking the important fact that she had not been brought to trial, yet alone found guilty. The court ordered that all copies of the edition - issued on April 21 - be withdrawn. However this order came 48 hours after distribution so any reader happens to come across a copy, without the deletion, comrades in France would not doubt, be delighted to receive it as they could send Paris-Match a deal more than they bargain

ed for.

The present Socialist/communist Party Government has as its Minister of Defence the man known as 'Hernucleaire'. To placate the military, the decision was taken to equip the French Army with 'nuclear turret': destroys only people not property - bombs and to build new strategic nuclear submarine. All the Government sites of nuclear reactors generating and reprocessing plants with the exception of PLOUGOFF where popular resistance has been strongest are to go ahead. The media debate by experts and parliamentarians, and even local Councillors has followed the 'boosting the economy' and fighting the perils of Action Directe and local anti-nuke groups who worked and voted for poli

citicians. They realise they were conned into supporting the war effort.

The semi-state company COMBNA which is in charge of the whole nuclear fuel cycle, have released the file of a project for nuclear waste storage in a disused uranium mine in St. Priest Lapeyrouse in the Centre mountains. Local people organised demonstrations and demonstrat

ed resistance and some scientific experts also opposed it so the State was obliged to drop it.

As prospecting licences for uranium mining in the Estoril Mountains close to the Riviera have been granted (not in a few years) the Commissaire Daulet owns a uranium mine). The French National Anti-Nuclear Coordinated CNV2 has started that they would not condemn violent actions since any hopes of stopping the nuclear programme have been dashed. In Cherbourg opposition to the Le Havre plant for reprocessing French and foreign nuclear waste continues; the unloading facilities in the port were blocked so the State uses the Naval base now. In South West construction work has been delayed by sabotage, clashes with the police, bomb attacks and even shots were fired. Paratroopers were brought in and a 60 year old man along with some youths were kept standing naked all night.

The public Enquiry in Chooz (near the Belgian border) about a second nuclear plant was disrupted and the State retaliated violently.

In Creys, Maliville in Eastern France (outside attack -3 rockets from an RPA) was launched in January against the fast breeder reactor being built there damaging the concrete mantel. A group calling themselves PACIFIST ECOLOGISTS (ed. note: already covered). No claims responsibility. Without the 'help' of the Socialists, CF and their affiliated trade union, the people of the French anti-nuclear movement now have to oppose its former 'friends' as they are now in power continuing the State's nuclear programme. Outside France too the bitter lesson is being learned: to vote is to piss in the wind.

Irish traveller.

What's got limited nuclear war between friends?

When Franco won the Civil war, everything belonging to his opponents was confiscated. Not merely personal property, but also the treasurers the collectives they established were destroyed as such, but all that was not easy to dispose of in France and at that time its democracies. The daily paper Solidaridad Obrera, with a printing press was handed over to the G10 unions, and came out as Solidaridad Nacional.

If the passion of democracy meant that demands were made for the restoration of the union property, the fascist unions have been dissolved and there is ample provision to pay back what was stolen. There has also been a significant reduction in the number of unions. The Comisiones Obreras, under the Pact, it is clear that the CGT have not been converted into a fascist organisation.

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WHEN WILL THEY EVER LEARN? DEPARTMENT

An informative and interesting supplement on Anthropology and Anarchy in Freedom (March 6) contains the following gem of hackneyed pacifist moralising (quite out of place in context):

"One might think the ultimate form of coercion - threatening to take the life of another - would be universally opposed by Anarchists, but Anarchists have not ordinarily been pacifists. They have not adequately explained how violence can be wrong for the State, but right for a self-appointed body of world saviours. Among Anarchist theorists only Tolstoy and, in modern times, Paul Goodman, seem to be consistent in this regard for the logic of Anarchism would appear to suggest that Anarchists should be pacifists just as the logic of pacifism would appear to imply Anarchism."

I can't think of how many times one has dealt with this fallacy. Anarchists cannot be pacifists because to offer no defence against violence is to encourage violence; those who would go down without fighting against fascists tyranny may be libertarians for all that, but not revolutionary libertarians (pacifists, and sincere ones too, but scarcely Anarchists (i.e. believe in no Government)).

The "world saviour" bit is an absurd myth, putting up an Aunt Sally as to knock it down again. Self-appointed world saviours have also to be opposed by Anarchists. But finally, Tolstoy again! Tolstoy himself didn't think he was an Anarchist (but self-appointed Tolstoyans think he was, be that as it may, the author of War and Peace was no pacifist, and as an old man he did believe in self-appointed world saviours (a non-divine Jesus for one). But above all "only Tolstoy and Paul Goodman"? "Freedom" trotted out apologists for this idea for years and finally pissed most of us off.

TERRORISM RULES O.K.

For the fascist Right that is. The police conveniently turn a blind eye to their attacks on left-wing premises and Asian households. In the meantime the Anti-Terrorist Squad raided Freedom Press and Little 8 printers to nick some copies of the Riot Not to Work pamphlet, only to find as well copies of an even more (in their eyes) subversive publication, to which they then proceeded to expropriate. The fascists can however publish what they want, they know they will not be raided. Pick up any copy of their papers and you will see the advertisements - sabotage tips, Army type manuals, how to fire-bomb, etc. The fascists can get held up of anything we publish the easy way - through their friends at Special Branch. Copies of the recent will end up in very

No doubt copies of some of the loot from the recent raids will end up in fascist hands. Of course, there's nothing to stop us from sending off for copies of what the Right publish. Its best though to use a false name as fascists, like the Scientologists, tend to follow up all enquiriers in person.

THE BRITISH MOVEMENT is again in the throes of deciding to expel Black members. It seems - to say the least - bizarre that the fascist group can even have Black members, but they do. There are West Indian guys prepared to run around with fellow skinheads dotted around all the Nazi groupings (only the BM it seems admits them to membership), talking of going "coon bashing" and "throwing the niggers out". "Niggers" being a term that apparently means all people of black skin bar themselves.

But don't think this is the limit of lunacy. After all, the National Front has fielded two Jewish candidates for Parliament (wouldn't it have been lovely if one had got in as the sole Nazi?) and down at Tottenham Hotspur - where the fans were once largely of Jewish origin and the thickheads have labelled Spurs as the "Yiddo" - the term has been accepted by football fans who are appearing on the terraces with all the NF and swastika drag plus the Jewish skulks (to keep it on they have to tape it to their shaven skulls) and chant away: "We're the yiddos!"

Can it be wondered therefore if occasionally some of the type wear circle A badges together with the swastika? The explanation is simple. They have been kicked by the media that Anarchism equals the worst type of criminality, and that Hitlerism (criminal Statism which belongs to the past) is equally portrayed in the films. They choose the circle A and the swastika because they think they are bad, not because they think that's good. Once convinced by National Front propaganda that the blacks or the Jews are equally bad, they will embrace them too. From such an embrace may our fists preserve us, our tongues enlighten us.
Funeral Dirge

IN THE FIRST OF THE AD HOC PEACE MARCHES ON THE FALKLANDS THROUGH FLEET STREET, PRINTWORKERS BEAT UP THE FASCISTS, WHO IMAGINED THEY WERE PRESENTING A CLASS LINE.

The reason may have been mixed - some printworkers were clearly motivated by patriotic reasons but far from all. The fact was that the trots were doing the usual idocy on passing the Expropriation and Jones & Jones (anarchists) and shouting "Slog Hell". This is usually interpreted as being sarcastic - it is indeed meant to be so - and a dig at the politicians, in which the printworkers usually good-humouredly join and respond with clenched fists. They could hardly be expected to get along with trots who were shouting "Victory for Argentina" and supporting the fascist junta. The was anyone to follow the deviance as to which the N.R Fascists don't support the junta, but the trots do?

The Trotskyist movement generally has been totally disgraced by its attitude to the Falklands crisis. It was bad enough in the Ho Chi Minh days - victory to the Vietnamese. At least the Fascist regime in Vietnam didn't say it so then. The Argentine government's murders and tortures its opponents. But the trots, from the obscurely-named Spartacists through to the "Revoluntary Communists" call for victory for Argentina, triumph to the fascist murderers.

The Socialist Workers Party in a leaflet says: "The war is not against a fascist dictatorship. Tory MPs and the previous Labour Government were only too willing to supply arms to the Galtieri regime until a month ago - that does not disprove that the regime is fascist, it confirms it! - "Who have been really fighting fascism in Argentina" - but we thought it did not refer to the Argentine trade unions and the Left, rightly believe that the trots should belong to Argentina as they were stolen by British gunboats 150 years ago."

The "Argentine trade unions" what is meant? Not the fighting forces of the anarchist-syndicalist union built up in the struggle against capitalism, that buildings to spread the working class under the Peronistas. But the Peronista trade unions built up to supplant them. The Left means the Trots who have promised to come out of the General strike and stop persecuting them - and then they can serve them loyally.

For years the centre of Trotskyism in the Labour movement has been working at the Spanish workers because in the struggle against fascism they had the advantage of a government - contrary to the Anarchist principles they profess. But the trots show what they really believe in when they are prepared to support the victory of the fascists and the STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM in the interests of national unity. What would Old Man Trotsky and Felix Morrow say? They would probably approve. Let this be the funeral dirge of Trotskyism.

HERNE HILL WARD
LAMBETH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - Thursday May 5th

ALEXANDER GREGORY (SDP) has lived in Lambeth for nearly 20 years. Since 1964, when he married with 3 children, local schoolwork and has been involved for many years in voluntary community work for the local community in Lambeth. As a personal representative of the SDP he has a genuine interest in the needs of Lambeth. He is convinced that Labour can do more for Lambeth. He is an experienced and dedicated public figure.

JOHN MORGAN (Liberal) is 23 and lives in Pembroke Road and has the best education and the best of all the candidates. He is a former student of Pembroke School and deputy chairman of the National Students' Union and in London his academic work is highly regarded. He has a genuine interest in Lambeth and its needs.

MARGARET WALTONSON (Liberal) also lives in Pembroke Road and has been associated with Herne Hill for many of her life. She is married with four grown up children. She is a teacher and head of a large, successful, inner city school. She has been a Labour councillor for 15 years. She has a genuine interest in Lambeth and strong ties with the community.

Expropriation has recently become big news in Oxford. The Oxford Shoplifters Collective - new faces on the headlines after they sent letters to all the city's businesses, along with the Lord Mayor and the local MP. The local press reproduced some of their claims. The collective claimed that their members were shoplifting as a means of undermining capitalism and that it is a "necessary weapon in the immediate struggle against everyday economic oppression under capitalism and in the longer term struggle to transform society. Some practical suggestions went further: We need public numbers to be strengthened accordingly to deal with the problem (sic). Other Labour spokesmen mocked the lack of 'real' stuff available for police pay this year and generally criticised the government for cutting - i.e. selling it's contribution to policing.

Stephen Haseler, who has been closely involved in the ultra right wing Freedom Association (sic) and the Heritage Foundation - a Renganite think tank, was - surprise, surprise, one of the signatories of the SDP Limehouse Declaration and a member of the SDP policy committee.

The Freedom Association also helped to pull the strings at the (unsuccessful) attempt to prevent deselection of right-wing Labour MP Reg Prentice in the mid 70s. The F.A. helped to fund the campaign to support Prentice.

The SDP meanwhile is still having difficulty in maintaining its image as a MORP Party, especially when it was discovered that their election candidate in a Croydon constituency was none other than a British Movement member and a leading-light. Meanwhile further up the road at Herne Hill, local dissidents denounced an SDP election leaflet (reproduced here) and distributed their own on the day of polling prior to polling day. Isn't life unfair?

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PUBLISHING APPEAL
CARL HARP
A group of Anarchists are planning to reprint Carl Harp's 'Love & Rage' along with 'I wanna be free' and unpublished material about his killing etc. The plan is to link the book to ongoing Anarchist prison struggle. Any help, advice, materials or MONEY - contact: 121 Books 121 Railton Rd Herne Hill S.E. 24.
nato firing zone

16 villages threatened.

"but we found ourselves still in the time of the coming martial law in which we can certainly say that the Spanish army (and all armies) is a police army and is little less than an army of occupation, whose enemy is not from the army."

in delenexia dec. 81 (autumn weeklypaper)

In the Northern provinces of León, the state wants to evict 14 villages, to make way for a NATO Firing Zone. They will take the farmers' land altogether about 4000 acres—because they know the farmers will then have to re-house themselves, since they can't work without land. As compensation they are offering 16 pesos per (about 6p) per square metre.

These 14 villages form the greater part of Maragateria, an area where a distinctive community of people, the Maragatos, live, and have their own history and culture. Most of the land is commonly owned by the villages. Land is their only source of income and because of the land the government has spread out the court cases against the farmers and lands Filtered officially with eviction orders. Until now, no one has been evicted, but as a definite date their pieces of land will be declared forbidden territory. The farmers are organizing demonstrations (also in Madrid) and occupation actions are beginning. They want to, for instance, sit down in front of the tanks. A journalist and a professor of the Madrid university have been prosecuted because they wrote that the army was only interested in destruction. It is forbidden to write anything against the army or say such a thing in public.

land occupation

All anti-militarist and support groups are getting together to organise an occupation camp in the villages for the summer months. They are also inviting all anti-militarists from outside Spain to come also. We hope to have more precise info on this in our next issue.

women and anti-terrorism in spain

Jaimela Alonso and her two daughters, Vivione and Alda, were picked up on 18th October and as a gesture of support for ETA, Jaimela was arrested under the Anti-Terrorist Law, and is still in prison, without any trial. Both she and her daughter were tortured in the notorious D.G.S. centre. Before her arrest Jaimela was an active feminist in Madrid, where she had set up a bookshop as an information point for women, and to see what other women's projects could be organised.

Jaimela's family provided her with vital independence from her husband, who she could not formally separate from without losing custody of her four children, who were constantly assaulted by her father.

a visit to jaimela Alonso

Jaimela is kept in a cell with four other women, which means that between her and the world there is nothing but a thick glass plate, and that the door is always closed. She is allowed to see her daughter Vivione, and she has a very limited amount of time for this. It was hard for her husband to have her in, because of her role as an anti-militarist and her work for women's rights. She was held without charge, under the Anti-Terrorist Law, which she was against. Jaimela Alonso has been attacked, she was abused. She is a real mother, no wonder your husband is one, etc. They threatened to rape her daughters, who were also held and imprisoned because of the presence of beats, bruises, beaten, and beaten. After one year, theAntiTerrorist Law now means that the police now have to hold people up to 10 days without a court appearance.

After ten days Jaimela came before a judge, who was second to declare that her husband comes from falling over society. When she heard that her daughters, Vivione and Alda, would be freed, she could hardly believe it. She wrote to her family and friends and asked for help, saying that the police had tortured her and her family.

yeserais women's prison

Jaimela told the other women in Yearlas, There are 35 women political prisoners in a special sector, comprising about a third of the prisoners, 35 of the other prisoners. All the 35 after beating. Only 3 of these were held for political reasons. The others, where the police, who are charged with torturing and beating, are not held for political reasons. They are held for various other reasons, such as drug use, theft, etc. The prison is divided into sectors, and the women are separated according to their crimes.

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squatting—san blus

San Blas is a suburb of Madrid inhabited mostly by immigrants who come from Morocco to work in Madrid. The residents have lived there for about ten years. The landlord was forced to build temporary housing in the form of poor quality flats. This was supposed to solve the problem, but it didn't work, and now there are no more places available.

The housing distribution system is a nightmare with many families living empty. Families are living in the street, directly at the borders of the town. The Amsterdam residents described how they have been evicted, and a news report about squatting in the paper, and went to San Blas to meet the squatters. They were welcomed warmly. They were not allowed to live, the situation was explained—no room, no door, hardy any housing. The police began to beat the squatters in the streets. They organised a squatting meeting, the first in Madrid, which was attacked and disrupted by fascists, but more squatters were brought into it and discussions and organisation continued.

The Amsterdam residents explained how the San Blas squatting movement had begun originally as a group of individuals, without support or publicity. The San Blas squatting was spontaneous, held in Madrid squatters are not an example of how squatters are spreading across Spain, and an example to any neighbours in enough beds or an eviction. The police have no right to evict squatters. The occupation of property is a revolutionary act.

solidarity

Jaimela Alonso's family has already got a lot of support in Spain and abroad. In August, there was an "International Support Month" for Jaimela, which was extended to demand the release of all the women imprisoned without trial. In Spain her feminist support group is split in two, one group objects to her other political activities. Hanseke also discussed herself and the squatting movement in influence.

the anti-terrorist law

Jaimela Alonso's arrest shows it is now possible for all activists (not just those engaged in armed struggle against the State) to be picked up and incarcerated without evidence. In her case the only evidence... that fascists exist. It is a clear demonstration of capitalist potential terrorism. Under Franco people were persecuted in this manner.
In the case of the Woolwich and Guildford bombings, four people were finally convicted. Gerry Conlon, Paul Hill, Patrick Armstrong and Armstrong's English friend Carol Richardson. The sole evidence against them was their confessions, which they claimed in court were beaten out of them. In these confession, not only did each person contradict the others at crucial points, but frequently one person made a number of confessions (Hill made six in all), each of which contradicted the other. In addition, Armstrong and Richardson took drugs, lived in a squat and were thus well known to the police - hardly the sort of "cover" one would expect of members of an active service unit in the heart of the beast! Richardson had a cast iron alibi, having been seen at a dance 48 minutes drive (in a police car at full speed) from Guildford 45 minutes before the bomb. The four were found guilty, and not even the admission later in court by those 186 personnel captured at the Balcombe Street siege that they had carried out the Guildford and Woolwich bombings was enough to bring the ones now in jail to a retrial.

McGUIRE CASE
Another case is that of Annie McGeir, her husband Paddy, their son Vincent, aged 16 and Sean, aged 13, Annie's brother, Sean Smyth, a neighbor who came to ask Annie to babysit (just before the police raided) and Giussepe Coscarelli, a father who had travelled to England despite pulmonary tuberculosis on hearing that his son had been treated for the Woolwich and Guildford bombings, were all found guilty. The result in this case came from forensic tests administered by an 18 year old Laboratory Assistant who destroyed the samples when finished - he should have not done so - and did not photograph the results - he should have done so. In addition, the person who devised the tests is himself on record arguing that the tests are insufficient proof alone, that someone had handled explosives, as a positive result can be obtained by handling many household products. And that was the entire substance of what the media delighted in calling "Auntie Annie's bomb factory".

SEVERITY
In a situation where a highly visible security presence surrounds the trial of any political prisoner, it is easy to believe that the dictum 'innocent until proven guilty' does not apply in such cases. Hence the judicial ease with which juries can convict innocent Irish people. This is paralleled by the incredible severity of the sentences handed out by judges. For example, in sentencing Gerry Conlon to 'not less than 35 years', the judge stressed that he meant just that, adding that Conlon should not expect that he would necessarily be released when that time expired. In Hill's case the judge was even more severe. In my view your crime is such that it has no limit. If as any act of mercy you are ever to be released, it could only be on account of great age or great infirmity. Hill thus has the unfortunate distinction of serving the longest sentence of any Irish prisoner in England.

TOP SECURITY
In prison all Irish prisoners are automatically classed as Category A, that is, very dangerous prisoners. In fact, even the prison authorities will privately accept that they are Special Category A, do at present. For the most part male Irish prisoners are in seven top security prisons - Albany, Parkhurst, Norwood Scrubs, Dartmoor, Wakefield and Hull - and the women are in the top security wing of Durham. They are yet further isolated from each other by other ploys. One is that they constantly moved around not only in these prisons but also other smaller smaller or "ghosted" away in the middle of the night without anyone being informed. For example, between 1975 and 1977 Paul Hill was held in ten separate prisons. Another ploy is that they are held in long periods of solitary confinement in the hope of weakening them individually and breaking their collective solidarity. Hill has spent 300 days in solitary - that is 2½ years - since he was imprisoned. A third tactic is to put them on the 'Y' list, classifying them as 'likely to escape'. They are then required to wear special clothing immediately distinguishable by its yellow stripes, and are isolated from other prisoners for the most of every day.

ISOLATION
These tactics also serve to disorient relatives. It is often difficult enough for relatives to make their way to visit prisoners in England, not least because of the meticulous screening that is carried out on them before they are given a pass. And to this the scrupling and saving to get the money to go, the knowledge that the prisoner will be strip searched and that relatives have been similarly treated.
Dear Black Flag,

ACCORDING to a letter in a recent issue of the British paper The Times, which I have not seen, a number of British soldiers have been arrested and charged with rape in Ireland. It is claimed that the soldiers were raping local women and that this has led to a number of incidents in which British soldiers have been involved in violence against civilians. The letter also mentions that these incidents have caused outrage in Britain and that the government is under pressure to take action.

I am writing to express my support for the people of Northern Ireland and to condemn the actions of the British soldiers. I believe that the government of Britain has a responsibility to ensure that its military forces do not engage in acts of violence or sexual assault. The government should take immediate steps to investigate these incidents and to hold those responsible to account.

Yours faithfully,

R.L. (Birmingham)
**GARY JEWELL**

Would all comrades please note that Gary Jewell, one time Defence Secretary of IWU, Defence Local 2, Toronto, Ontario, Canada has now "come in from the cold" and reverted to his original ideology of National Socialism. Gary (aka John) Jewell's present political position is derived from "Stammeria" and the German S.A. (Brownshirts). He is extremely critical ofFranco and Hitlerism, and it appears two or three years have been made on his life because of his opposition to Hitlerism. He is consequently influential in the ideological field by the more "revolutionary" sections of the international fascist movement, particularly among the young NF cadre based around Nationalism Today. He has been attacked and denounced as a "brown Bolshevik" by Colin Jordan.

"I am willing to stand on my own record, syndicalism and all. In fact, I know that my beliefs are not at all held in Paris, but there have been about 80 attacks made by fascist groups. The bomb was at a cinema in Beziers, an attack on the Polish transport company in Paris. Before this, the French government has supplied arms to the Fascists. The latter was claimed by PFN. More serious in February was a factory in France by an organization in the city which was occupied by the workforce. This included a bomb on a factory in Clyth which the Fascists were involved in an industrial dispute. Fighting broke out and one of the workers fell to his death through a window.

**BERLIN STREETS**

Since last year crackdown on squatters there are now only about 150 houses left. But there are other blocks, holding 100 or more people living communally. Many are used also as cafes, cinemas, concert halls, theatre and radio studios etc. New squats are inevitable to get and existing ones are being picked off one by one. But the squatter movement must be fought as usual. As the squatters demonstrate and the following report makes clear.

In March, we got 43 Fontain Street and 3 Schult Street, on April 26, No 5 Kopitschplatz. Things are heating up after the long cold weather. No 5 Kopitschplatz is a turning point. All talk of negotiations are now as seen as a betrayal. Over the last 5 months 100 houses per week have been raised and brutally attacked.

Everyday there is a "squatter" at the Kottbrand Tor, at the wall street. But the attacks have become more and more hard, the walls have been attacked, the block walls have been attacked. We are driven back, then burning in the cops charge. Police buses driving straight at us, then tear gas and police officers shooting until they hit a worker and everybody with their solid sticks. Jumping in and out of our armoured vans on both sides of the street.

Certainly at least 20 of us were caught and charged. Later the police toured the houses, identifying wounded to charge them later with "public violence" or "disturbing public order". There was no reason for the demo it was illegal from the start.

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FORGETTING THE GOAL

The long, slow descent into Reconstruction
and the eventual end of the war had
sent the South into a downward spiral.

The once proud and self-sufficient
people of the South found themselves
struggling to make ends meet. The
economic depression that followed
left many families struggling to
survive.

The Reconstruction era had
brought about many changes, but
they had also left the South
marginalized and impoverished.

The rural South was hit the
hardest by the depression, with
many farmers losing their land and
becoming tenant farmers or sharecroppers.

As the years went by, the
South's economy slowly began to
recover, but the damage had been
done. The region would never
regain the prosperity it had
enjoyed before the Civil War.

The years of Reconstruction
had left a lasting impact on the
South, shaping the region's
history in ways that are still
felt today.