

Time to stand up

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STRIKING TIMES



Piraeus, Greece in Oct.: shipyard workers resisting a closure confront police. Workers the world over are battling for better wages and conditions, against sackings and management attacks. Trade Unions are generally on the bosses' side. The strongest struggles are self-organised and spread to involve other workers and the community. This is a class war which will only be won by the working class community taking over all workplaces and resources, and running things for need not profit.

A wildcat strike in protest at planned job-cuts by printers of the Hersant group at Roissy, outside Paris, prevented production of 3 newspapers on 21 Sept and on 10 Oct 5 million French public sector workers staged a 24-hour walkout in protest at the pay-freeze imposed by the government.

PRESS GANGS

On 4 Sept, 8 people were arrested as over 3,000 strikers and supporters blocked the gates of the Detroit News and Free Press's distribution plant in Sterling Heights, Michigan, USA. Delivery vans tried to crash through but were met by a hail of rocks and sticks. 2,500 workers walked out on July 13 over wages, staffing levels and work rules. For more info on US industrial struggles see Collective Action Notes, PO Box 22962, Balto., MD 21203, USA Following an 80% solid general

strike on 25 Sept in protest at its economic policies, the Paraguayan government has charged union leaders with sedition. 10,000 municipal workers in Johannesburg struck, on 26 Sept, in solidarity with colleagues in 4 provinces demanding wage increases. They overturned bins and scattered rubbish before being attacked by police with stun grenades and tear gas. In Sept, with inflation running at 100%, the Turkish Coalition Government was brought down after mass strikes by workers responding to a 5.5% pay offer.

REALLY ANGRY

In the southern Spanish city of Cadiz, workers from the threatened shipyard and that of nearby Puerto Real, where the anarchist CNT has a strong influence, held an angry demo on the eve of the planned closedown of the 2 yards. "The

TWO YEARS after the anti fascist/anti racist demonstration in Welling, south east London, 14 people were found guilty of riot, 9 were jailed.

Tens of thousands attended the demo against the British National Party's Headquarters, to show their anger and disgust at the fascists. They met a massive police presence and violent confrontations followed, demonstrators having only bricks and sticks to fight against riot police.

No police faced charges, they conveniently "lost" the video of the chief steward being truncheoned to the ground. Police hit, kicked and punched demonstrators, even as they were trying to leave.

Support the anti fascist prisoners, who face sentences of up to 3 years: Karl Anacoura RN0599, Sanjiv Karla RN0598, Steven Kelly RN0318, all at HMP Elmley, Church Rd., Sheerness, Kent ME12 4AY. Mark Gay RN0594, Paul Gay RN0593, Charles Ryder RN0595, Russel Wild RN0597, John McFeely RN0596 all at HMP Canterbury, 46 Longport, Canterbury CT1 1PJ.

SEVENTY DEAD

In the last 10 years 70 black people have died in police custody, including Shiji Lapite, arrested in Dec. 1994 by Stoke Newington police in London for allegedly possessing drugs. On the way to the police station he was throttled and died. 8 months later it was announced no coppers would be charged!

The family of Stephen Lawrence, murdered by a gang of white racists, have taken out a private prosecution. This is after the Crown Prosecution Service dropped the case, claiming lack of evidence. The inadequacies of their investigation were shown as Stephen's family found substantial new evidence. On 11 September 2 men were committed for trial. Support/donations to Stephen Lawrence Family Campaign - PO Box 3433, London SE18 3SS. Tel 0181 893 6266 - PO Box 1572, Glasgow G20.

60 anarchists confronted cops handing out another racist attack on an innocent bystander at the *Justice* demo on 7 October in London.

Demos are being held on the last Saturday of every month at Campsfield Immigration Detention Centre, in support of the inmates.

On 11 June a large group of neo-nazis randomly attacked black people in Lisbon's nightlife district. 12 people were badly wounded. Akino Moreira was killed. A week later, after feeble responses by the police, a group of Africans responded, stabbing 2 nazis. They have continued the attacks on nazis over recent months.

Police fired rubber bullets at 300 protestors disrupting a rally by the racist Swiss Peoples party in Zurich on 23 September.

time of good faith deeds has ended and the time for action has started," a speaker told the crowd, "We must fight, fight, fight!"

After the demo, over 1,000 workers, along with local youth, battled police for more than 2 hours before going on a night-long rampage, burning barricades, smashing shopfronts and wrecking the ruling Socialist party's Cadiz offices. A branch of the savings bank Unicaja was ransacked when the rioting continued for a second night.

BLOW FROM BELO

The full force of the neo-Stalinist Belorussian state has been used to break a strike by transport workers. The government has introduced scab labour, imprisoned union activists, threatened to suspend groups and papers supporting the strike and banned union activity on the Minsk Metro as it sacks Metro workers. Meanwhile, international capitalism gave its backing to the repression in the form of a £200m loan from the IMF, issued on 12th September.

Since June 94, bus drivers in Esbjerg, Denmark have been involved in a battle against the privatisation of the local bus company by the council. The struggle escalated after the company, Ribus, removed toilets and proper restrooms, cut pay by

25% and sacked union activists. The workers began their latest strike on 10 Feb without the support of union leaders. Denmark's longest ever strike has seen mass pickets blockade the scab buses and suffer brutal police attacks which have only served to strengthen the strikers' resolve. Support committees have been set up in Esbjerg, Copenhagen and elsewhere. There are 2 daily pickets of 100-200 and weekly mass pickets of 300-500 which prevent the scab buses leaving. The support committees organised a national day of action, in which 250,000 workers took part in the biggest solidarity strike in Danish history.

LABOUR vs WORKERS

FACED with wage cuts of £10 to £45 a week, residential care workers in Liverpool have resisted the use of scabs & other methods to break the strike by the Labour Council. In one home, Council Managers were sent to sledgehammer down doors barricaded against scabs by children in care. On 23rd September, strikers and supporters marched through Liverpool.

Similar attacks on wages & conditions were being resisted by Merseyside Firefighters & gaining massive public support. From 8 Oct. strikes were escalated to 24-hour stoppages. *Cont. p.2, bottom col.1*

Barbarism in Bosnia opposed

PROMPTED by his experiences as a volunteer Truck driver with the August Workers Aid convoy to Tuzla, an anarchist is active in setting up a new solidarity group. Anti-Fascist Aid to Bosnia* is intended to display the solidarity of libertarian socialists for the ordinary oppressed people who support the aims of a pluralist ethnic society in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Aid agencies generally only supply refugees, without supplying the local Tuzla people, who suffer from inflated prices as some refugees sell 'aid' on the "black market".

At meetings in Manchester, Glasgow & London it was explained that the forces opposing the Bosnian State are fascist since both the Bosnian Serb and Croat zones have involved genocide and ethnic cleansing. Although skeptical of the Bosnian Leaders, the Muslim SDA Party and the role of the Bosnian Police, the 'anti-fascist' solidarity group will aim to deliver aid and establish direct links with Tuzla, a centre of ethnic diversity and working class resistance.

Deserting a bad cause

At least 15,000 conscripts have been taken to court in Serbia for desertion or refusal to serve in the armed forces. The Bosnian Serb authorities convicted 1,300 for desertion or non-compliance with conscription between June '92 and Autumn '94 - this despite draconian penalties of 5-20 years jail plus the confiscation of all possessions. (see *Disertori, Edizioni Alfabeti*, Italy). As the Croat Government starts the expulsion of Bosnian refugees from Zagreb back to liberated western Bosnia, the Bosnian Government has stated it wants to conscript all of them who are of 'fighting age'.

The approach of Anti-Fascist Aid* is not identical to the Anti-war pacifist aims of anarchist and feminist groups in Croatia and Serbia. *For more information, contact *BM Haven, London WC1N 3XX*.

News from Nowhere

It is no surprise that it is increasingly difficult to find news of resistance from around the world in the papers & other media. Their preference for sensationalism, their bias towards consensus politics, and their ownership by news conglomerates blights news gathering that doesn't conform to their own distorted way of 'seeing' the world.

It is true that pressure groups, especially environmentalist are often effective in 'penetrating' such a black-out, but this only covers Campaign politics, often single-issue and temporary. This is where you come in.

As readers of Counter-Information, you will hear stories in local papers, radio etc., news will filter around networks of friends, you might participate in direct action or staged protests. Rather than keeping knowledge of such actions local & marginalised (eg. signposted on the Internet to be accessed by a privileged few), we rely on 'our own correspondents' to send us reports, news-cuttings, photos and other means to highlight what resistance is surviving the global restructuring of capitalism.

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The Labour run Authority spent £141,000 in one week by using the Army's green goddesses during previous strike action.

"We've had enough"

A solidarity strike in support of 5 Liverpool dockers sacked by Torside after refusing overtime without notice, escalated when another 15 refused & were sacked. After another 60 refused, all 80 were dismissed. By 6th Oct., the port was at a standstill as T&GWU union leaders failed to back the show of solidarity. "We've had enough and they aren't going to get away with it any more" declared an angry docker.

The lesson of a successful strike against Labour proposed Library cuts in Sheffield, earlier in '95, was the strategy to escalate the dispute by winning the solidarity of all 'leisure' workers.

Wobblies inspire victory

INCENSED by Union capitulation to compulsory redundancies, IWW members at Stevenson College, Edinburgh organised a pledge of resistance, which attracted the support of 50 staff from janitors to lecturers. Faced with this revolt, the College & the unions hastily met & overturned their "compulsory" jobloss policy.



Solidarity with McDonalds Workers

Helen Steel & Dave Morris are being sued by McDonalds for allegedly distributing a London Greenpeace leaflet exposing McDonalds' exploitative practices.

The McLibel case has now become the longest libel trial in British legal history. Over 30 ex-McDonalds workers from around the world will be testifying about the disgraceful conditions that the company's employees are expected to endure. These include low pay; the exploitation of young workers; suppression of trade union activity and in particular, dangerous working conditions.

The Support Network for McDonalds Workers organised a day of action on 12 October, the third anniversary of the death by electro-

Mumia - support still vital

WE REPORTED in C.I. 43 how ex-Black panther Mumia Abu-Jamal had been falsely convicted of murdering a police officer and given the death sentence - a warrant had been signed for 17 August 1995.

On 7 August, due to mass international protest, Judge Sabo (the same judge who sentenced Mumia to death) granted Mumia a stay of execution. This meant that Mumia now had some time to put in a petition against his conviction/sentence.

Protests included 2 demos at Judge Sabo's house, political prisoners in the USA, Italy and Germany going on hunger strike in solidarity with Mumia, 4,000 marching in Berlin and, on 3 July, protestors in Germany sprayed slogans, smashed windows, glued locks and damaged ATM machines at 7 branches of the USA bank, Citibank.

On 15 September 1995 Judge Sabo issued an order denying Mumia's petition. Mumia can now appeal once more and if this fails the authorities will set another execution date.

It's clear that mass direct action has helped in getting Mumia a stay of execution. It's vital now to keep up the pressure till Mumia's life is no longer in danger.

Write to Janet Reno, demanding that Mumia is given a re-trial or that his conviction be overturned and he is freed. Janet Reno, US Attorney General, US Justice Dept., 10,000 Constitution Ave., NW Washington DC, 2001 USA.

For up to date information write to or 'phone - Equal Justice USA, PO Box 5206, Hyattsville, MD 20782 USA. Tel USA 301-699-0042. fax USA 301-864-2182.

Send messages of solidarity to Mumia: Mumia Abu-Jamal, AM-8335, SCI Greene, 1040 East Roy Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090, USA.

Mark Hopkins, a worker at a McDonalds store in Manchester. Workers at many stores throughout Britain were leafleted to inform them about their employment rights and encourage them to organise collectively to fight the McDonalds Bosses.

The McLibel case has got McDonalds on the run. The annual anti-McDonalds Day on 16 October saw protests at McDonalds stores world-wide.

The McLibel 2 and McDonalds workers need support and solidarity from other working class activists. Contact: Support Network for McDonalds Workers, c/o Collin Roach Centre, 56 Clarence Road, London, E5, 0181 533 7111. McLibel Support Campaign, 0171 713 1269.

The Glasgow 2: Stop the Cover-up!

THE EARLY '80s brought free-marketism to Glasgow with a vengeance, reaching its nadir in the city's steel-and-concrete suburban wildernesses, where fleets of mobile vans competed fiercely over lucrative rates in an escalatingly violent 'Ice-Cream War'.

In April 1984, 5 members of the Doyle family died when their Glasgow flat was torched. Press and police suspected an Ice-Cream War connection and Strathclyde Police, under pressure to secure arrests, eventually arrested and charged Tommy 'TC' Campbell and Joe Steele. Their trial was a farce; even the judge told the jury 'There is no evidence to say that the accused were near or at the scene of the crime...'. But they were convicted and sentenced to life on the evidence of William Love, who claimed to have overheard them plotting the attack in a pub. For 10 years Campbell and Steele have vociferously protested their innocence: Campbell has been on many hunger-strikes and Steele has escaped on numerous occasions to highlight their campaign. Love has admitted in writing, on national TV and under oath in an English court that he perjured himself in return for immunity from prosecution for armed robbery and attempted murder. Strathclyde Police stitched Steele and Campbell up but still they rot in jail, proof that Scotland's police and judiciary are as corrupt as anywhere else. Stop the cover-up. Free the Glasgow 2! The Glasgow 2 Campaign, 75 Annick St., Glasgow. Tel: 0141 764-0604.

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Exploited, raped & beheaded*

An Appeal Court verdict of murder against Sarah Balabagan, raped by her employer, in the United Arab Emirates led to worldwide protests over the brutal Gulf states policy. This year - 181 executions* in Saudi Arabia alone. Many of the executed have been foreign domestic workers. On 14th Oct. the Court agreed to a plea for clemency and commuted the sentence to prison.

Carry on Defying!

CJA prosecutions continue unabated but less than 1 in 10 are successful, examples being Derek in Ayrshire Hunt Sabs cleared in mid-August & 7 arrested at an all-night party at the Thanet 'blue' route in Kent. Mass squats have included the West pier action in Brighton, a disused 100 room Convent in Hove, and a cinema in Camden. In Glasgow, the Solidarity Centre & Glasgow Anarchists occupied Queens Park bandstand and staged illegal festivals, against the CJA, local motorway construction and brutal assaults on gays in the park, attracted hundreds in party mood on 29th July and September 2nd.

Car free zones erupt

FOLLOWING from the successful occupation of Camden High St. on 14th May for 4 hours, another 'people power' event was staged on 23rd July. Our partying correspondent, Alec Smart, reports :-
"A loose coalition of people, coordinated by the radical city environmental group

cle-free zone. Banners were unfurled and stretched across the 4 lanes, anchored to traffic lights and lamp posts. A tonne of sand was dumped, creating a children's play area complete with paddling pool; 3 tripods, their apexes 6 metres high, were erected at the northern and southern end of the now pedes-



'Reclaim the Streets', occupied a major intersection at the Angel, London, and held a streetparty in protest against overuse of private motorcars.

Around 2pm, police had sealed off the exits of Kings Cross station, in anticipation of the action; but a crowd of up to a thousand took the underground one stop to Angel, and swarmed out onto Upper St.. within minutes they turned it into a vehi-

trianised Upper Rd., a person suspended within each, to deter traffic driving through food stalls, sound systems, a live rock band and an armoured military vehicle with a blaring sound system.

Several thousand people soon swelled the gathering. Police vans, sirens wailing, screamed into the Angel, but were unable to halt what had now developed into a public festival. Special branch officers, in

What's mine is yours

ALL OVER Britain people continue to fight for our common home - the planet.

People are getting together to fight the madness of open cast mining, another form of government-sponsored environmental rape, which is replacing deep mines in order to do down the collective power of miners and utilise cheaper labour.

A group of 60 ex-miners, TU members and protestors invaded Michael Heseltine's manor gardens and started up their own open cast mine. The wannabe prime minister woke up to 7 hours of digging and picnicing. They have also submitted a

planning application to Northampton County Council for permission to sink an open cast mine in Heseltine's garden.

BUILD THE PARTY

The anti A299 Thanet Way campaign continues with a mass trespass of 120 in August stopping work for over 3 days. At the party that night 7 people were arrested in an illegal eviction attempt by the Kent police, but this was resisted and the party continued till 4am. On 22 August the protest site on Claphamhill was evicted by 85 sheriff officers, security and police. However the Convicts Wood site is still held and actions

activists from Brighton, London, Oxford and Reading. In Edinburgh claimants protested at all 3 city centre Unemployment Benefit Offices, and plan an action for early November.

The oppressive Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) cuts benefits & steps up harassment of the unemployed. In April 1996 the right to Unemployment Benefit will be cut from 1 yr to 6 months.

The JSA starts in October 1996. Wide new discretionary powers could include compulsory training courses and

t-shirts and shorts, photographed the proceedings. By 8pm most of the revellers had dispersed".

Party poopers

The Legal Defence & Monitoring Group complete the story: At 8.15pm, the Territorial Support Group (riot police) started assisting the uniformed police. They were supported by 10 vehicles, and helicopters. As the last 150 revellers moved towards Angel tube station, on the pretext of one small bottle being thrown, the TSG pushed the police out of the way and for 90 minutes attacked and dispersed the outnumbered 'hard core' revellers leading to 3 people being beaten unconscious and 17 arrested. A smaller incident had occurred at the end of the Camden 'reclaim' action, and a bust fund & Defence campaign can be contacted/sent donations at *BM Haven, London WC1N 3XX.*

Undeterred, in early August, mid-week, 100 activists with 20 foot tripods blocked a major road in Greenwich, south-east London. A Birmingham action on 22nd July, was followed in early August by another *Reclaim* action during which 150 pedestrians who quickly placed skips across the road, established a kids' beach & paddling pool, as a party erupted for 5 hours. Similar actions in Streatham, south London occurred, while in Bristol a street blockade is planned for 28th Oct.. Info: Schnews c/o *On the Fiddle PO Box 2600 Brighton (01273-685913)*

happen daily. Flat Oak Society 0973 262259.

Glaswegians are uniting to chuck out the proposed M74. Its path would raze 27 houses and a social club, damage woodland and open spaces, and plough up nearly 30 contaminated sites. Info 0141 550 1745.

Regular actions are disrupting work on the M66 extension in the Oldham/Ashton area. Visit the camp at Daisy Nook, ring 0161 627 4862.

EARTH NIGHTS! Take action to defend the earth 31 Oct - 5 Nov.. SHUT Down Whatley Quarry, Somerset. 3/4 December. 01935 825074.

EF! Action Update, Box 25, 82 Colston St., Bristol BS1 5BB.

workfare schemes. Rights to 60% hardship payments are being drastically cut.

The planned changes involve 10,000 redundancies among benefit office workers - their opposition has led to 11 of the 21 JSA pilot schemes being either abandoned or delayed. In September a threatened strike stopped a JSA pilot in Middlesborough.

Brighton Claimants' Action Group, c/o Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton BN2. tel. 01273 671213.

World to Win



LAND RIGHTS CLASH

In early September, 40 Chippewa Indians strengthened barricades around the Ipperwash provincial park in Ontario, Canada, after an Indian was killed in a clash with police. Meanwhile, police surrounded an armed camp of Indians located on a sacred site which is now private ranch land at Gustafsen Lake, near Vancouver. Mohawks in Quebec marched in solidarity.

BATTLING THE BROTHERHOOD
Sudan's military regime has been rocked by a series of riots and demos. Students and the homeless, protesting against rising food prices and the severe poverty inflicted by the Islamic Brotherhood-backed regime, fought police for several days in the capital, Khartoum. After the rioters' victory over the authorities on the first day, the police prevented further marches from the university but more than 10,000 students from other campuses mobilised and rioted in the city again. The Bank of Khartoum, which had just sacked 2,000 workers, had one of its branches burnt. Demos also began in Port Sudan and Wad Madani.

OVER THE SEA ... FREE
25 carloads of protestors crossed the new privately financed Skye Bridge on 17 October and refused to pay the tolls. Exorbitant charges (£5.20 summer, £4.30 winter) have angered locals on the Scottish island.

A VINDICTIVE STATE
NICK Jeffries, angered during the Poll Tax Riot in Trafalgar Sq. in April '90 after a Police vehicle drove into the crowd and ran over a demonstrator, was jailed for 2yrs 10 months on 2nd Oct.. He had been extradited from Amsterdam. His 'crime': to fight back against the Police attack.

DISARMING POWER
ON 3rd Sept., there was a demonstration against the opening of the Royal Navy and British Army Equipment Exhibition by Defence Minister Portlao, in Aldershot.

SHELL DESERVE HELL
SHEILED by Nigeria's military regime, Shell exploitation of the Niger Delta (£200 billion worth so far) continues to exterminate & persecute the Ogoni Tribe.

Info: Box E, 12 Mill Rd., Cambridge.

YOKE OF OPPRESSION
INCAPACITY Action (London) pelted Social Insecurity Minister Lilley on July 11th in response to new stringent "Incapacity" rules.

A DEAD LOSS
FACED with ceilings of £500 towards undertaker's bills for Social Fund payments for claimants, a campaign in Falkirk is to oppose driving families further into debt.

SNUFF MOVIES ATTACKED
CAMBRIDGE activists have attacked a Private Shop selling the infamous executions video & other porn. Info Contacts/Penpals News.

OUTRAGE GREET'S BIGOT
ARCH homophobe, Ian Paisley MP was stunned by gay demonstrators outside a Presbyterian Free Church in Everton, Liverpool on 24th Sept..

POLL TAX FALLOUT
Wakefield Council was forced to back down after sacking a worker for past non-payment of the Poll Tax. The solidarity of other workers threatened a mass walkout.

Brighton Rocked

ANGRY claimants picketed 3 Brighton Job Centres, occupying one, climbed onto the roof of the Metropole Hotel housing Labour conference delegates, and occupied the Grand Met Training Agency - all during a tumultuous Day of Action against the Job Seekers Allowance on 2 October. 31 were arrested at Grand Met.

Organised through the Groundswell network, the successful actions involved 70

Meltdown state power

THE MOST inspiring resistance to the French state's nuclear terrorism has been the uprising in the Pacific island of Tahiti.

Immediately after the first nuclear test at Mururoa on 6 Sept. a general strike began, against nuclear testing and for higher wages and better social security. On Mururoa 200 workers struck against the tests.

3,500 were involved in protests at Papeete airport, where the runway was blockaded with machinery, rocks, canoes and coconuts. Among the demonstrators were striking workers and women from the group Vahine To'a ("Warrior women to protect the land").

"Our call for social justice and an end to environmental destruction are one and the same," said Vaihere Bordes of a local women's group. Gendarmes attacked the runway occupation with stun grenades. Demonstrators fought back. A bulldozer drove into the airport terminal, buildings blazed.

Rioting spread to Papeete itself, with unemployed youth to the fore. The French High Commission was bombarded. Businesses and offices were looted and burnt out.

Tahiti is a society divided into haves and have nots. **This was a carnival of the oppressed.**

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Nuclear poison

"SINCE the testing we have cancers. Children are being deformed. Now we have what we call 'jellyfish babies'. They have no eyes, no heads, no arms, no legs." : the results of 49 years of nuclear tests in the Pacific by the US, British and French governments, described by Darlene Keju Johnson.

Tilman Ruff of the Monash Medical School in Melbourne confirms that radioactive material is leaking from under Mururoa. Radioactive Caesium-134 has been detected in plankton 19 kms away.

The US and British military are using data from the French tests at Los Alamos and Aldermast.

Global opposition

A "PEACE FLOTILLA" braved French military attacks and sailed towards the test site. 2 Greenpeace landed on Mururoa itself.

Australian workers - refused to handle French goods at Melbourne airport or to service French flights at Sydney - stopped mail to French consulates - refused to load French ships or to transport uranium to France.

People besieged French embassies from Chile to Indonesia. Activists twice occupied the Edinburgh consulate roof, on 6 and 29 September, while in London 16 took over the roof of the French ambassador's residence on 2 October.

In Paris 200 blockaded the main bridge over the Seine. 2 lorries from a Renault branch were set ablaze in Padova, Italy on 21 July by "Red Warriors of Greenwar".

A boycott of French goods is particularly strong in Scandinavia, Germany and Austria.

No Dili dallying

EAST TIMOR youths went on the rampage in Dili against Indonesian occupation on 8th October.

GET INVOLVED !

• Active Distro, BM Active, London WC1N 3XX • AK Distribution, 22 Lutton Place, Edinburgh • Anarchist Black Cross, c/o 121 Railton Rd., London SE24 (prisoner solidarity). • Anarchist Communist Federation, 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX • Anarchist Womens Newsletter, PO Box 51, c/o Greenleaf, 82 Colston St., Bristol • Anarchists in London Fax 0171 326 0353 to contact Contraflow, 56a Infoshop, Anarchist Black Cross, 121 Centre, and Bad Attitude. • Angry People, PO Box 108, St. Peters, NSW 2044 Australia. • Bad Attitude, 121 Railton Road, London, SE24 Tel 0171-978 9057 • The Centre, c/o Peace & Justice, St. Johns, Princes St., Edinburgh (mail only) • Class War : PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW : PO Box 772, Bristol BS99 1EL PO Box 4297, Dublin 1, IRELAND : • Contraflow, 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17 (excellent news-sheet) • DS4A, Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol (distro) • Federation Anarchiste, 145 Rue Amelot, 75011 Paris, France • Industrial Workers of the World, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB • Kate Sharpley Library, BM Hurricane, London WC1 3XX. • Kaos?, c/o J.Bals, Blekksoppgranda 39, 1352 Kolsas, Norway. • Kommunist Krantil, Majdoor Library, Autopin Jhuggi, Faridabad-121001, India. • London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1 • Norwich Solidarity Centre/Solidarity Fed.: PO Box 73, Norwich NR3 1QD • PO Box 51465, Raedene, 2124, Johannesburg, South Africa. (anarcho distro) • Sheffield Anarchist Group, PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY • 255 PdG Info Shop : M. Decortes, c/o Libreria Utopia, via Moscova 52, 20121 Milano, Italy. Tel/fax 02-29003324. • Tottenham Solidarity Network, c/o 72 West Green Rd., London N15 • Torpedo Milan Djuric, M. Velikog 12/10 11300 Smederevo, Serbia-Yugoslavia (Write if you want listed)

The Wheels have spoken !



Critical Mass in Brighton (A.Smart)
'CRITICAL MASS' ventures in a number of cities have exploded. These draw inspiration from n. america, and London where up to 1,000 anarcho-cyclists get their own back on pollution-ridden vehicles on the last Friday of each month. In Bath, cyclists have blocked

Saturday traffic during August & Sept.ember.

In Edinburgh and Hillhead, Glasgow on 29 Sept., Princes St. and Byres Rd. were briefly controlled from unfettered car use. 80 cyclists in Edinburgh and 40 in Hillhead took part, with a confrontation in Glasgow when a taxi rammed a cyclist and was surrounded by angry cyclists.

A Birmingham to Manchester CM will cause fun on 20 Oct., arriving for a Reclaim the Street Party the next day. Lancaster CM activists invaded a new car park launch & spoiled the Mayor's publicity exercise in Sept.. In Brighton on 5 Aug., "200 cyclists caused a major traffic congestion by peddling slowly along the town's one-way road system. Several cyclists had their rear wheels buckled when impatient car drivers rammed them."

(Alec Smart)

No cream for fat cats

"WE WON'T pay the fat cat water rats!" say *Hands Off Our Water.*

H.O.W. urge mass non-payment of water bills from April '96, when control of Scottish water passes from Councils to new unelected Water Boards. This is a move towards full privatisation. Bills will soar. The West of Scotland Board forecasts a rise of up to 15% in April.

Activists disrupted meetings of the 'West' Board on 24 August in Glasgow and 29 September in Dumfries. And H.O.W. intends to pressurise Councils not to collect water bills for the Water Boards.

"Our objective is a high quality water and sewerage supply freely available to everyone as a human right," declare H.O.W.. H.O.W., 71 London Rd., Glasgow.

* 60% are refusing to pay water charges in Dublin, Ireland.

SCOTTISH FEDERATION OF ANARCHISTS

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