LURCHSIGHT (AGAIN!)

We have had occasion of late to note the involvement of Searchlight - the paper exposing the petty Nazis rather than the major Fascist conspiracy - with Special Branch, an involvement scarcely concealed ("our correspondent at the Channel ports..."), Searchlight or perhaps its team of "Channel ports" correspondents has been conducting a vendetta with Anarchists - notwithstanding that it was the Anarchist involvement with the Anti-Nazi League ("any cause but their own" as a critic has, sarcastically, but truly, pointed out) that helped build up Searchlight (and so perhaps made it attractive to SB as a means to penetrate?). The latest in the vendetta is that a speaker from Searchlight, invited to speak at a meeting referred to 121 Railton Rd as a centre for "Italian Fascist propaganda". Some Anarchists in the audience, not being parochially centred, could not believe the slur and wrote 121 to ask what was going on?

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This story is a vague remembrance of that, - though even the oddball inspector who dreamed it up never alleged the riots were caused by "fascists" (!) - The only book we have on Italian fascism, viz. Christian's denunciation of Stefano delle Chiaie is anti-fascist and patriotically disliked by Searchlight. For linguistic reasons we do not sell Italian anarchist literature so there is no chance of an innocent mistake.

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HIT AND RUN TACTICS

With the Govt. desperately using every dirty trick in the book to try and force a 'return to work'. it is little wonder that the offensive to support the mineworking communities on strike in their hour of need has taken on a new phase.

The resistance is widening and hit and run sabotage is increasing. All over the country workers and unemployed are rising to fight the class enemy. The response of the press is to enforce a blackout on all but the incident they cannot avoid to mention. The heroic struggle against the State's vicious attempt to break the back of the trade union movement has caught the imagination of everyone. Support is coming in from workers around the world - from Holland, France, Germany, etc. as workers everywhere realize that for the NUM and the trade union movement the fight against tyranny has been revived to the detriment of the Govt. Incidentally it is interesting to note that TV film of police terrorism against pickets which is 'too contentious' to be shown in this country has been sold to European TV channels.

The press have been 'shocked' by the fact that working people can effectively organise themselves into large action-packed units that can strike at the heart of the enemy, do what was set out to be done, and get away without losses or arrests. Why should their 'shock' be any more than if the enemy were a foreign aggressor the press would applaud such actions. The working people of this country are only doing what any working people have a right to do, to take back what is rightfully and morally theirs and to defend their livelihood against the 20th century robber barons who use the economics of the nation-state to increase their power and hold over us all.

The new offensive is only a beginning. The forces of law and disorder will need more than video cameras to prevent further attacks on the haunts of the boss class. Every government office, every army centre, every court house, every home of every industrialist; all will need to be defended if the state foolishly refuses the latest in hitting back.

The battle lines have been drawn, it's up to everyone to play their part. There's no going back now.
DIRECT ACTION

Guerilla tactics were used in the raids on Doncaster NUM Area Office and NCB headquarters, with and Silverhill collieries. Police vehicles, coal lorries and the cars of scabs were attacked and damage was extensive. At Silverhill many NCB office windows were smashed and cars damaged. At Doncaster over 150 took part in the raid on the area HQ, causing extensive damage. There were only three arrests.

Nineteen were injured during scuffles at Barnworth. Later a police spokesperson said that they thought the operation was well planned and feared that the defensive tactics had taken on a new phase. According to some press reports those who took part in the raids numbered up to 1000 and knew exactly how to go about things, acting efficiently and with precision.

At Bilston Glen, Scotland, 300 pickets confronted cops and when 50 were arrested pickets lay siege to the local police station until all their comrades had been released.

The South Notts Hit Squad has claimed responsibility for a raid on the NCB transport depot at South Normanton when vehicles were attacked. The caller who rang BBC Radio Notts stated that a campaign would be instigated against NCB and scab property and that further actions are to follow.

WOMEN AGAINST PIT CLOSURES

On Saturday 11th August, a march organised by Women against Pit Closures was held in London. The march was attended by about 20,000 people, the majority of these from Women’s Support Groups spread all over the country.

Peeling was good on the march, which took a long route through the city, past the Ministry of War, with the graffiti, “Remember Hiroshima-Don’t Glorify War” still on the front, then on to BBC HQ at Elephant and Castle, where a huge cheque for £43 million—owed to the miners and families in benefit with-held—was on display. A window of the building had been smashed earlier.

Lots of songs were sung along the way—“He can shove his ballot up his arse” and “Maggie Thatchers boot boys” featuring.

DM was well represented with a large well-made banner which had been given as a donation to Burnley DM from a friend in Manchester. Anarchists from all over London attended. Less savoury elements on the march were the Revolutionary Communist Party and Spartanist League, plus perhaps the worst, back from all over (sic.) about how Marx and Engels singlehandedly united the proletariat.

The march was also plagued by “officials and councillors” who did their best to antagonise and disrupt the proceedings.

At Parkside Colliery, Lancs, over 1000 pickets managed to prevent 100 scabs from getting to work; many police and NCB vehicles were attacked.

According to the NCB sabotage attacks on NCB property since the strike began came to an excess of £1000 worth of damage.

In the Gwyr Valley, S Wales, miners erected a barricade at the entrance to the local pit. Local people came out to support the miners as police dragged some away to waiting vans. Pickets attempted to rescue prisoners and attacked a police van. A crowd gathered and surrounded one group of cops who were holding the prisoner and forced to let the prisoner go.

At Kinsley colliery over £100,000 worth of damage was caused when buildings and vehicles were set on fire.

Six articulated lorries used to transport coal to power stations were destroyed in a fire near Mansfield that caused an estimated £200,000 worth of damage. The lorries belonged to the UK Mosse dept. (A detailed list of scab haulage contractors can be found in the last issue of Black Flag bulletin).

At Hawthorn, near Durham, a railway line from the pit to a nearby port was ripped up by persons unknown.

RAID ON SEQUESTRATORS

Dear Black Flag,

On the night of Sunday 5 August we attacked the Headquarters of Price Waterhouse, the company responsible for stealing the funds and donations for the Welsh miners.

We wrote Scabs, Scabs on the wall of the building at 32, London Bridge Street, and set fire to building materials and a security hut, totally destroying it. We telephoned TN (true) for responsibility for it but as we expected there was no publicity. We hope you will print this and that others will be encouraged to take action.

Miners Support Group No.7

Note to Special Branch: All letters received are shredded.

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MINERS RADIO

‘Independent’ Broadcasting Authority radio station ‘Radio Trent’ was interrupted in Mansfield/Derby on August 9 by a group of working miners to join the miners strike. Police were unable to seize the mobile transmitter so possible future broadcasts should continue. Any readers who hear the transmissions are requested to get a similar project off the ground should—within the limits of our mail being ‘read’—contact us. Support Radio Resistance.

BOORS UNDER THE FLOOR

A scathing—but reasonably accurate, though biased—attack, called Boors Under The Floor (‘a guide to the wave of left groups currently invading the pit villages’) was written by David Douglas, coordinator of the Doncaster NUM Strike Committee.

Dealing with the anarchists, Douglas says...

Numerous papers, etc. It will come as a surprise to many but the Anarchists have in fact been far more helpful than many of the self-proclaimed savours of the working class. Since they are against people telling other people what to do, they have in fact spent what time and energy they have to actually helping us in the ways we ask to be helped. Printing is often their strong point and they have often done this for free; they have also helped in food collections, etc and when we have asked they have shown up on picket lines, without the newspapers the others on the left usually carry.

You will have no problems with Anarchists moving in to try and take things over, or sell you a line; the only problem will be that many of them look funny. You might find that quite acceptable if the choice is the company of some of the groups mentioned above (eg Socialist Workers Party, RCP, CPGB, Militant, etc — RC) in addition you will find that when push comes to ‘shove’ in dangerous situations on the picket lines, the ‘left’ are way back with an arseful of papers, whilst the Anarchist is stood with you.

The Daily Telegraph got hold of Davies’ report, it gave hack journalist Maurice Weaver the chance to ‘re-write’ it as they thought. He altered the reference to Anarchists—a deliberate act of misrepresentation for the sake of giving credence to political opponents, even though he referred to the report as ‘true’. The Anarchists, said Mr Douglas (known bitterly but realistically and did not live up to their fiesty image!)

PURE TERRORISM

On July 28 a 71 year old man driving a car was stopped by the A611 by cops because he had NUM stickers on the car windows. The cops viciously assaulted the man and hit him across the face three times because he persistently refused to be intimidated and get out of his car for no good reason.

The man explained to these thugs that he was simply trying to visit his daughter and was not ‘on his way to picket’.

An eye witness to the incident said he tried to get the man to say he was visiting him in a vain attempt to provide the cops with a reason to desist from harassing him further. The old boy had guts, however, and remarked ‘I’m going to see my daughter’. I helped fight a war and I won’t let these lads stop me.’ The cops finally released him.

. Shortly after the incident a nearby Met police bus was attacked by persons unknown.
MINERS

758 of all coal mined in the UK is bought by the Central Electricity Generating Board. If the coal industry needs to be 'economic', let the CEBB charge a dual rate system, a higher rate for the CEBB and a lower rate for the consumer. The CEBB make vast profits and could easily absorb such an increase by passing it on to electricity users. As for the so-called losses caused by 'uneconomic' pits the CEBB want to close down, it will cost around £4,500m in redundancy pay—men—dole, etc if the closure programme goes ahead, while to keep them open with current level of subsidies (and taking wages into consideration) would cost only £2300m all round.

British Steel are selling off one of their operations based in Rotherham and Manchester. The privatisation deal is going to several companies, one of which is Lazzard, the international banking firm which Ian MacGregor, BSC's ex-Chairman and now current Board Member, is a director. Small world.

It has been revealed that 'Silver Birch', the Notts scab who has been specifically chosen to sabotage the strike action, has been funded in his campaign by several business interests. We wonder if the Freedom Association is helping out. They, after all, were behind the conspiracy to crush the Grunwicks strike and are also involved in the Newbury anti-Greenham women's group, namely. Finishing 'Silver Birch' would be just up their street.

The NUM have been employing desperate measures to create the impression of a massive return to work by striking miners:

- non-miners have been bussed into collieries past picket lines
- miners from other pits in other areas have been brought in to border line pits to add to the illusion
- new recruits have been secretly paid (on paper only) to relief workers who have been distributing coal to hospitals and pensioners

The NUM have also been sending official around to striking miners to offer bribes to return to work.

LEEDS STOP THE CITY

About 400 people, mostly anarchists, met up at the Art Gallery, where a CND vigil was being held to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days, and then split into small groups. One group smashed up the Job Centre, another painted bombed Barclays Bank, others did a lot of superglueing locks, and smashed the windows of a sex shop and the Masonic Lodge.

There was one successful sit-down which blocked the traffic for a while. Stores reported shoplifting, many windows and display cases were damaged.

The Police appeared quite OK at first, but got nasty when they realised the demonstration was succeeding. They began to make violent arrests, and even began arresting and beating up innocent shoppers.

The public were quite sympathetic and shocked by police violence.

CPS Police tried to get everyone into one crowd and escort them away—some people broke out, and were chased and attacked by police.

About 120 people were arrested—most were released the same day, charged with criminal damage, and "public order" offences.

PS Police were using a new tactic for arrests—grabbing people by the back of the neck in the two places which cause dizziness and fainting, if pressed.

CAMBRIDGE DAY SCHOOL

Cambridge Anarchist Group will be holding a day-school to discuss anti-militarism and strategies for disarming the state on Saturday 1st September. Everybody is welcome to attend especially anarchist/libertarians in the East Anglia area. There will also be a meeting the following day, Sunday 2nd Sept., to discuss plans for peaceful demonstrations on 17th September. For further details please contact Cambridge Anarchist Group, c/o Cambridge Free Press, 25 Gwydir St, Cambridge.

DAM SUMMER SCHOOL

There will be a DAM Summer School on 7th - 10th August 1984 in Selsey, Sussex. Contact your local DAM group for details or write to: DAM c/- Raven Press, 8-10 Great Ancoats St., MANCHESTER.

WOMEN'S STRIKE

Womens Strike September 20th-30th. Massive NATO exercises will take place in Germany in the two weeks of September. The government has asked British employers to release 57,000 Territorial Army men from their jobs, to participate. The aim of the women's strike is to call on women to go on strike, take time off, visit Greenham Common, and take collective action against the war machine. More information: 144 Caledonian Rd, London N.1. Ph. 01-8333812

PASILANE

We have been asked to report on 'month of actions' planned for November against Trident (due 1990). Construction work, estimated at a cost of £10b, has already begun. All activists welcome; if large party coming please advise in advance. Contact Pasilane Peace Camp, below St Andrews School, Shardon, nr Helensborough, Dunbartonshire, Tel 436-820719 (Iain Macdonald).
Bolivia

Army Threatens Pacification Programme

The kidnapping of President Zuazo (1979-1982) a few weeks back by members of the Leopards (Bolivia's elite police anti-drug squad) with the active assistance of several government officials, was an attempted military/far-right coup, which was partly instigated as a result of the growing power struggle between the Bolivian landowners and the peasants.

The coup was partly instigated as a result of a series of attacks by peasants on landowners who had refused to sign a government programme to reduce prices. The peasants had been promised the reduction of prices by the government, but the landowners had refused to sign the agreement. The peasants had been anticipating a reduction in prices and were angry when the landowners refused to comply.

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