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FROM THE UKRAINE WITH LOVE?

According to a communique received by

the 'Guardian' newspaper, neither

Ukrainians nor, by implication, Argentinians are responsible for the

spate of 7 letter bombs sent to the

Soviet targets in Britain, to 10

Downing Street, and to the Communica-

tions Unit of the US Naval HQ in

Mayfair. The ATS (Anti—Terrorist Squad)

followed up the Ukrainian connection—

the 4 devices sent to the Soviet

targets were purportedly claimed by

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'Makhno's Anarchist Army'—with

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Apologies to subscribers who received their copy of the first and second issues of the News Bulletin late. We are still experiencing one or two "teething problems", but hope these will be solved soon. In the meantime if for some reason or other you did not receive your copy/copies at all, please let us know and we'll do something about it.

SOURCES
Where a source is acknowledged in the Bulletin, this should not always imply that the source quoted actually contributed the information given, but rather that the information in a certain respect, may have been based on information/research undertaken or publicised by that source. Complete details of the source (eg. full name - as opposed to initials - and full address, etc.) will not be given unless the source indicates that this can be done.

BLACK CROSS NETWORK
We hope to publish details of local, regional and international contacts. Groups that are interested in providing active support to libertarian prisoners and solidarity with resistance groups, and who wish to be included on the list should write in.

"IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST"

Within days of the closure of the Lewis Merthyr pit, it has been announced that the Coedly coke foundry, further down the valley at Tonrefail is to be closed down also. 260 jobs will be lost as a result. Meanwhile, nationally, have found themselves cornered into a position totally unfamiliar to them. Traditionally militant and supportive of both inter-industrial struggles as well as being both active proponents of cross-industry solidarity (they are nearly always the first to provide support when other workers, in a weaker position need help), they were forced to back off from a generally and strategically, badly timed confrontation. This was orchestrated by a combination of the political manoeuvres of the National Coal Board, the NUM and the government. The NCB used every trick in the book (local consultative committees, special hand-outs, localised agreements, separate productivity deals, etc) to try and split the solidarity of the miners, pitting one area against the other, knowing at the same time that the NUM leadership will go all out for a total collision-course make-or-break strike (which would not entirely conflict with the NCB's own objectives for winding down the industry and would provide them with just the excuse they need to implement more shutdowns). Scargill is not known for imagination or flexibility and when all is said and done it was his gamble and his alone even if he did follow Conference orders. The government, of course, would like to come in the same way, once and for all, for a total transformation of the country's energy supplies within a programme attuned to the future plans of the CEBG and the nuclear fuel industry. This, in the long term, is the major threat to the miners and they in addition to using more selective means of industrial action (go-slows, occupations, sabotage, and localised actions on, say, a rotational basis), could look at what tactics they could employ to directly counter this threat. At the same time, workers in other industries (not necessarily related) and also in the same locality where there are threatened cutbacks (mass redundancies tend to have a domino effect on local industry - destroys communities, creates urban waste-lands) can themselves reciprocate by providing the solidarity the miners have always shown others in the past. Within their realistic policy of 'loss without limit', the miners realise, of course, that redundancies (voluntary or otherwise) mean in turn less work available for the young. Quite rightly, they are putting the needs of the workforce before the needs of the industry. In contrast, as far as the state is concerned, the workers are only of secondary importance. Both the Labour party and the trades unions share, in fact, this attitude. Only recently the Labour MP, Arthur Palmer, criticised the miners actions and said: 'Is that (referring to 'loss without limit!') not really to move away from the principle of nationalisation...to a condition of syndicalism where the workers in the industry make the decisions on behalf of their own industry and not...in the long run, the community through its elected representatives or managers'. In other words: 'national interest' and rationalisation (together with the key features of the two main political parties) are, in fact, identical, with the same devastating results.

GROSVENOR HOTEL DISPUTE

Biffen's trade union legislation has been used to prevent Associated Broadcast Staff From showing solidarity to workers involved in a dispute at the Grosvenor Hotel (see the last issue of the News Bulletin). The BBC are due to film the BAFTA awards (which will be attended by Princess Margaret) at the hotel and ABS workers decided they would not cross the picket lines. Subsequently the BBC and BAFTA got a magistrate to impose an injunction against the threatened action.

WATER WORKERS THE FINAL RINSE

Following the water strike NUPE members employed by the Anglian Water Authority returned to work, 3 were sacked, holidays forfeited and private contractors used to repair burst mains.

Two Doncaster anarchists were arrested for flyposting "Why we should support the Water Workers". No charges as yet (they haven't decided whether it was criminal damage, or offensive language (the posters contained the word shit).
GREECE

Heavy sentences were given to three of four young anarchists charged with robbery, possession of explosives, causing explosions and the formation of a terrorist group. The explosives were minor incendiaries which caused minimal damage. The targets were the police headquarters and university in the town of Ioannina.

The three who were found guilty admitted to most of the charges, except for the formation and terrorism. (His brother, the notorious 774 Law, similar to the German anti-terrorist law). Throughout the trial no mention was made of any politics or political motives, perhaps thinking they would get lighter sentences. The sentences are as follows:

Christos Szoula — 18 year old, student at a technical college, sentence: prison for 11 years and 3 months.

Basiliki Leba — 25 year old student, prison for 6 years & 3 months, fined 30,000 drachma ($250) and loss of political rights for 3 years.

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COUP OR NOT TO COUP?

Certain sections of the Greek military were preparing to take-over on the 26th February '83. This would have been a return of the coup which gave the Fascist Colonels power several years ago. The Secret Services nipped the plot in the bud (makes a change from attacking the underground unions formed by the national servicemen in the Army and Navy). On the night of the 26th thousands of members of PASOK, the Communists and others took part in massive demonstrations against the coupists.

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United States

"Red" Warthan was instructed by the Nazi movement to penetrate the anarchist movement. He was a member of the Ku Klux Klan since youth. At the age of 13, he had murdered a 10 year old, apparently thinking he had made a Joke. He was tried for voluntary manslaughter, but released "by reason of insanity". (In his correspondence he never sounded insane to the police, nor did he get on with society and then used him to "penetrate" the anarchist movement, notoriously difficult to penetrate but very susceptible to accepting someone who sets up a separate group and claims acceptance.

"Red" Warthan (Perry Bernard Warthan) tried to extend his influence by forming the Woodstock Anarchist Party, inviting the anarchists "into the drug scene" to come in at a technical college, sentence: prison for 11 years and 3 months.

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Source: Kolonou Anarchist Group.
prisoners

SHANE GREEN S.O.S.
Shane Green, an anarchist prisoner in danger of being killed by Walla Walla prison guards. His comrade in the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective, Carl Harp, was 'suicided' on Sept 5 81 after a guard's hit list with his name on it was discovered. Shane's name is now on that list, on the same tier, & the guards are the same. Shane says: "These pigs have starved me - chained me spread-eagle to the bars for 6 days - beat me - blinded me with tear gas and mace which put me in hospital - paid to have me beat, stabbed, and paid to have me killed..." He wants a transfer to another penitentiary!

Messages of Support to:
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Work in progress on a book of Carl Harp's writings. Contact: 'Carl Harp Printing Appeal', 121 Bookshop, 121 Railton Road, SE1A London with offers of help or donations.

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XAVIER VINADER
Xavier Vinader is a Catalan journalist at present in exile in London. In January this year, the Spanish Supreme Court confirmed a lower Court sentence of seven years imprisonment for the crime of 'professional irresponsibility'. The matter is now before the Constitutional Court, the last court of appeal in Spain.

The case has caused considerable concern in Spain and outside. The case sets a dangerous precedent for freedom of expression in Spain, particularly for the 400 journalists charged with offences related to criticisms of the armed forces, police and judicial authorities whose cases are still to be heard. The case highlights the fact that much of Franco's apparatus is still intact.

Xavier's prosecution followed article he wrote for the weekly Interviú that exposed links between the right-wing extremist groups in Spain and the police. Investigating an ex-cop's accusations Xavier and other journalists went to Bilbao where the ex-cop was himself shot by members of the State Intelligence services posing as ETA Basque nationalists. Interviú then published an interview with this ex-cop but the entire issue was confiscated! Further articles exposed the structure of neo-fascist commando groups in the Basque country. Not long after ETA executed two barowners that allowed their places to be used as clandestine meeting-places for neo-fascists, Xavier was threatened and left for safer story: the Russian Invasion of Afghanistan!

SQUATTING IN LEEDS
A few weeks ago, sick and tired of living in a Council house infested with black mould & damp, a Leeds woman decided to act on her own behalf rather than listen to the Rich Bosses and Leeds City Council. She moved out of her rotting house in Marehills (an inner city area of Leeds) taking her mother, lover & six kids the most of whom had damp related illnesses - one child had a heart complaint another I.B. - to an unoccupied house in Chapel-Town. She publicised her story in the local press who were sympathetic to her. She is now rehoused by the Council. But, the story doesn't end there she is now going on to set up a squatters association to help other families in similar circumstances.

FASCISTS-ITALIAN CONNECTION
Italian fascist terrorists are still at large in Britain. Several attended the extradition proceedings of Petrone (wanted in connection with the Bologna bombing massacre). Petrone, who is a member of the Armed Revolutionary Nuclei, was implicated by fellow activists who were in turn identified by police while they participated in the recent, much publicised Marbella bank raid (netting a cool £1m for NAR funds). Three of those who attended the hearing-Massimo Marcello, Amadeo de Francisci and Marinella Rita-also faced extradition a year ago, but the case was thrown out. Since then they, and four others, have lived in a house in south London. They are now elsewhere.

Source: 'Searchlight'

CITIZENS MILITIA
Recently much publicity has appeared about the launch of a campaign to create a new right-wing home guard by leading militarists and financiers. The scheme, called 'Defence Begins at Home', is financed by Sir David Wills (of the tobacco company) and the Dulverton Trust (chaired by Baron Dulverton, otherwise known as Frederick Wills, the head of Wills & Co.). The Dulverton Trust has already pumped over £20,000 into the British Atlantic Committee-which promotes and produces pro-nuclear and NATO propaganda. Others involved in the campaign include Admiral Lord Hill-Norton (the former Chief of Defence and chairman of NATO's military committee during the period 1974-77), General Sir Anthony Farr-Heckley and Air Marshal Sir Frederick Soames. Altogether they hope to build an army of 500,000 reservists to provide auxiliary support by crushing 'subversion from within'.

Meanwhile we hear that 'Towards A Citizens Militia'-that ever-so-handly guide to practical defence for all anti-authoritarians everywhere, is now in its 3rd reprint, providing at least 10,000 people with the basics to counter the threat dangerous nuts like Wills, Hill-Norton, et al, and their potential recruits. The book, they hope to build an army of 700,000 reservists to provide auxiliary support by crushing "subversion from within".

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Those interested please contact Box 666, 108 Bookshop, 108 Salisbury Road, Cathays, Cardiff CF2 4AE

CND & SWP
Instead of individuals joining CND, the branches have been instructed to elect a delegate who will go to meetings to observe, nothing else...not quite what their paper says. Also they are no longer to involve themselves with Solidarity as it is no longer a viable political movement. Talk about entryism!