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A.I.T./INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ASSOC.

The IWA Congress in Barcelona, Spain will debate the request of the Swedish Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation to become the Swedish Section of the IWA this coming September.

Following the Northern IWA Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark last April, the next Northern Section Conference will be held in Germany on 3 December this year. There is a Northern Section Bulletin which is co-ordinated by the Norwegian Syndicalist Federation.

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LONDON ANARCHIST YOUTH GROUP

The LAYG is made up of schoolkids, young unemployed and wage earners. Its members aim to educate themselves about all the ideas that contribute towards anarchism, in the general fight against authority and inequality, to take part in 'actions', and to produce anarchist literature aimed at young people.

They can be contacted at: Box LAYG, (please write initials) PO Box 332, Harlesden, London NW10.

INTELLECTUAL FALLOUT

The Anarchos Institute, Montreal, founded to raise the "intellectual tone" of the anarchist movement in North America, seems to be dissolving in a sea of acrimony. First, complaints in various papers by intellectuals unwilling to join and now collective resignations from the co-ordinating board with lengthy explanations of differences. Perhaps the trouble was to try to organise "intellectuals" without a clear idea of what was meant by that obscure term.

SEDITIONARY WHISPERS Free for a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope from: Box A, Project 35, 49a Market Place, Doncaster, South Yorkshire. No. 10 has articles on Workers Co-Operatives, poems International and local news.

NORTHERN STAR Free for a S.A.E. from 30 Pontefract Road, Ferrybridge, Knottingley, England, WF11 8PL. The May issue asks was Michael Hesseltine Tory Defence Minister in the CND when at Oxford as a student? A Northern Focus & Hogs and Sods and they give us a plug!

URGENT NEWS MAILING LIST

News of the hunger strike of comrades Photis Danatos and Kyriakos Miras was sent out via an Urgent News Mailing. If you would like to ensure that you are included on the Urgent News Mailing list, just send in the postage costs - £1.50 for 1 year (£2 overseas). Postal orders/cheques should be made payable to ASDNN and sent to ASDNN, BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX.

I.W.A. BULLETIN

IWA Bulletin, northern sections A4 leaflet. May 1983, issue No. 1. Includes manifesto to the workers of Northern and Western Europe.

COMISO APPEAL

Comrades in Sicily have informed us of the expected occupation of the cruise missile base at Comiso on July 22 and thereafter. Many people (especially young people and 'punks') are expected to come down from the north for the occupation. Comrades from elsewhere will be made especially welcome. Unlike the Greenham actions it is hoped that the occupation will not be a symbolic one. Meanwhile in London, on June 26, there will be a meeting (121 Bookshop, 2pm) to discuss actions of solidarity at this end. All anarchists, anti-militarists are welcome.

BLACK FLAG

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EXILES OCCUPY CONSULATE

FOLLOWING THE CYNICAL DECLARATION OF THE ARGENTINE MILITARY TO LEAVE THE QUESTION OF THE DISAPPEARED TO 'THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF MEN' - THUS AIRILY DISMISSING SOME 30,000 PEOPLE MISSING WITHOUT TRACE DURING THE DARK YEARS OF THE DICTATORSHIP BY THE ARMED FORCES - SOME FIFTY EXILED ARGENTINIANS OCCUPIED THE CONSULATE IN MADRID.

They stressed the nonsense of the press in referring to those who disappeared as 'terrorists', or even of describing those who resisted as such, and stressed 'the brutal terrorism of the State'. Some of those taking part in the occupation were former prisoners, or families of those who had disappeared.

Consul Izaguirre washed his hands like Pontius Pilate and denied any knowledge, or having any documents, and said he could only act as 'intermediator'.

Such demonstrations against the Argentine dictatorship are particularly valuable in countries where the Argentine government courts public opinion, such as Spain.



AIRE VALLEY STRIKE

The Aire Valley dispute began when Asian textile workers tried to unionise Aire Valley Yarns of Farsley near Bradford. When this had been attempted 2 years previously all those who joined were sacked leaving the board of directors free to impose a 12 hour shift, 6 day week and staggered day off so the mill could run for 7 days all at the pittance of just over £1.00 per hour and no bonus rate.

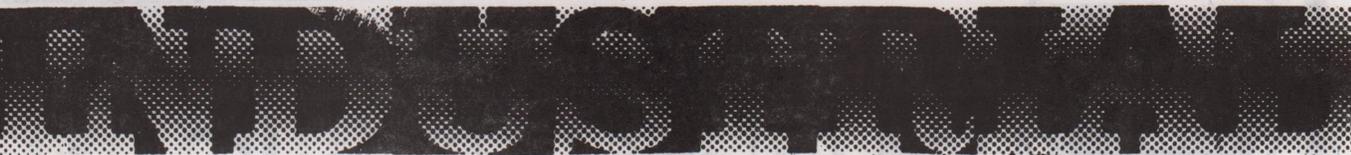
In February this year LIAQUAT ALI and fellow workers began recruiting for the TGWU. On 14 March Liaquat Ali was told by one of the

Continues in industrial section...

NEWS BULLETIN

FORTNIGHTLY

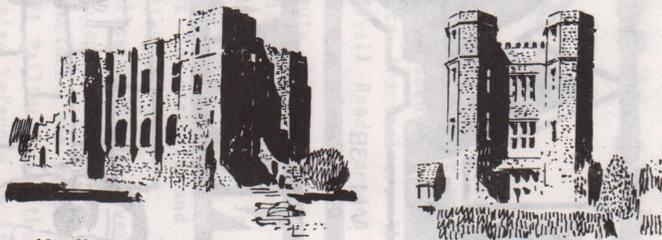
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LOW PAY

In a recent government report it has been suggested that the young and part-timers should be excluded from the Wages Councils - the bodies that are supposed to monitor and take to court those firms that flout the minimum pay laws. But a survey has shown that of the 9000 plus firms that break this legislation each year only about 7 are actually taken to court. Furthermore the deterrent is only a £100 fine. It has been suggested that the problem stems from the fact that the government deliberately ensures that firms are not prosecuted by not employing enough inspectors and by limiting the sanctions. The difficulty for unions is, of course, that many of these firms are not unionised and therefore union sanctions - as an alternative to legal sanctions - are not practical either. Test cases like the Wandsworth Council case (involving below the minimum pay for the refuse collectors) are fine but still don't solve the problem of the huge number of small businesses (cafe's, contractors, sweatshops, local haulage dealers, etc) that exploit their workers. Supplies can be blacked, sabotage employed, etc, but many firms would prefer to sack their labour and start up again elsewhere rather than cut profits. Also unions, especially the big unions, are not always that interested in unionising a firm where the workforce is small (there no real advantage to the union, and means a less efficient - more costly - use of union bureaucrats to represent these spread out members). Until workers are able to organise without relying on the big unions for assistance, then any kind of industrial action inevitably will lead to sackings.

SOURCE: S. LONDON DAM



Kenilworth Castle

Remember the lavatory cleaner who worked long hours and got £250 a week? How the press roared! But gently as a sucking dove when they found out about Job No. 340 at the Kenilworth Job Centre. At the historic Kenilworth Castle, where Simon de Montfort held out against the King, a toilet cleaner was wanted to work seven days a week 'part time' (!) for... £10 a week. A good annual wage when Simon was lordling it over the castle, but today...? This was one of the Civil Service posts contracted out to private enterprise to 'save money'.

The Low Pay Unit admitted that the Kenilworth job was 'gross exploitation by any standard'. There are three sets of toilets at the castle (all nicely kept). But as the implications of the pay had 'political overtones' Kenilworth Castle wouldn't speak to the press during the election. Once again, it's about time the serfs got organised.

Directors' Salaries

A SURVEY of 2,600 company directors has revealed that their salaries rose by an average of 13.9 per cent last year. This was about twice the level of inflation.

According to the study, carried out by a firm of head hunters, Kerm Ferry International, executive directors are paid an average of £40,825 a year compared with £35,850 when a similar study was carried out a year ago.

Only seven per cent of the companies surveyed had given their directors no rise at all last year, while the directors in companies with a turnover of £500 million+ a year received average rises of 21.3 per cent. This gave them average salaries of £56,400 a year.

HITCHIN TO SPAIN

250 workers at the Cam Gear factory in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, are facing the dole queues when the factory closes down because it is 'unprofitable'.

But the management is offering some of them temporary jobs in Spain where they can show other workers how to do their jobs (for less money). They can then come back to the dole queue, sunburned.

LETTER GET IT UP TO DATE

Is anarcho-syndicalism too old-fashioned in the presentation of its ideas? I think this is often the case, and we need to modernise our approach - full marks to those who, like Black Flag, try to do so. The trouble is that an old-fashioned approach, usually stuck in the early century, makes people think that our ideas are out-of-date, too.

Take for instance the I.W.W. which is steeped in 1910 phraseology which no one ever uses any more (nearly all stemming from Daniel de Leon who gave us most of our political swearwords like "reformist", "labour fakir" - sometimes altered to "faker" because its so meaningless, and so many others have become so too.)

I came across a rock group the other day saying the reason someone criticised them was because "they were too fucking proletarian for us". Here was a group of self-employed musicians - none the worse for that, - but they were - engaged in individual jobs, if any outside music, and they were criticising people with jobs in industry as being "middle-class". Did they but know it, for all their uncouth manner and phrases, they were in the phrase "petty bourgeois" as originally meant, and the others - however nicely they might be dressed - "more proletarian". But to them, "proletarian" had become synonymous with bad language and old clothes.

Well, I hardly blame anarcho-syndicalism for them using words they don't understand - but the old Syndicalist Workers Federation put out a reprint of a pamphlet by the late Tom Brown - going to the other extreme in which he described the middle class as consisting of doctors and music-hall artists! It must have been an off-day for him, being a bit absurd at the time. Reprinting it forty years later, it read as comic as an article in "freedom" attacking anarcho-syndicalism and showing an old IWW cartoon...where the anarchist (dressed as a Bohemian artist of the 1910s) gazed at the sky, while the Communist Party also

gazed at the stars (someone might get it into their heads that maybe they were looking for a Russian satellite) with the Socialists, despite all their governmental activity, gazing likewise...while the hardfisted I.W.W. - now down to organising hamburger stalls on University campuses - was pointing angrily at the factory and saying go in there and ORGANISE! This was reprinted without any reference to its date...Even the Flag fell victim - see News Bulletin D to the "date syndrome"...a poem calling the boss a "fat leech and parasite". Seen any bosses lately? When I first went into the boardroom I noticed the lean sleek, well trimmed, males - all into jogging, with fashionably silvered hairstyles for the older men, and younger men wearing jeans and curly hair, talking trendy - that was them. Our side consisted of large, fat, bald men, all out of condition, with beer bellies and smoking cigars who all said "Beg pardon, miss" when they slipped into a "bloody" or worse. The bosses, I may say, are just as bad as they were when they wore top hats just as in the ongoing cartoons.

ESTHER A. SYMONS

AIRE VALLEY (cont. from front page)



Liaquat Ali

two directors of the mill, Hitler lookalike Derek Bedford, either to get back the union cards within one hour or to consider himself fired. An hour later Ali returned to Bedford (minus union cards) and was given a week's notice. Ali then rang his local union official who twice tried to get in contact with Bedford who was 'unavailable'.

At 5.30pm Ali was summoned to Bedford's office and was told he'd be paid in lieu of notice and should leave immediately. Ali tried to return to the shop floor to collect his belongings but Bedford offered him £50 if he'd leave at once without them. Ali refused and the offer was increased to £200 and followed by a threat that the police or Bedford's dog would be called in.

Ali returned to the shop floor and told his co-workers what had happened and at 7.30pm when the night shift arrived, both shifts walked out. When they turned up at 7am the next morning (the usual starting time of the morning shift) they found they had been locked out.

Since then Ali, his 22 co-workers and their supporters have been picketing Aire Valley Yarns undeterred by an oppressive police presence and several arrests of picketers; and workers at Busfields near Leeds have been refusing to dye yarn sent from Aire Valley via a sister company called Atlantic Yarns. Bedford tried to recruit scab labour from the Bradford Asian community (where the Aire Valley workers live) relying on the fact that many would be ignorant of his racist sackings so a publicity campaign aimed at Asians was mounted in Bradford and Leeds to try and get the whole community behind the dismissed Asians.

Ali appealed against his dismissal at an industrial tribunal which has been adjourned till 13 June.

A march and mass picket is planned for Saturday 18 June. All donations and messages of support should be sent to: L. Ali, 34, Dirkhill St, Bradford, 7. W. Yorks.

* N. GREENING Ltd. strike. *
* N. Greening Ltd. Warrington has 400 strikers *
* out against Management plans to try and sack *
* 89 employees, abolish Negotiated holidays and *
* Subsidies, the annual wage claim and after the *
* closure of half the site a follow up further *
* sackings within six months. *
* Messages of support to: N.Greening JSSC Strike *
* Fund c/o L. Blood (Treasurer), 26 St. John St. *
* Newton-le Willows, Merseyside. *
* Source: Manchester D.A.M. *

INTERNATIONAL NEWS INTERNATIONAL

FRANCE

The Prefect of the Paris Police has resigned and the Director-General of Police has been dismissed by the government because of an incident when hundreds of armed police converged on the Elysee Palace as part of a protest against the shooting of two cops. As the police drew near to the Palace the order was given by the government for riot units to use tear gas to disperse the protesters. However this order was deliberately ignored by those cops in charge - hence the dismissals and forced resignation. It later transpired that the protest was organised by a right-wing breakaway police union and that the leader of a French far-right organisation - the National Front - was at the front of the march.

KENYA

President Moi of Kenya ordered 8,470 prisoners released, held since last August's attempted coup against his government. The rebellion, crushed by President Moi's foreign agents, was followed by a severe clamp down on the armed forces - no longer 'our heroes' but treated as criminals. Some thousand airmen were jailed amongst others. In February nearly 500 servicemen were released. Those now remaining in prison are more or less confined to those who actually took part in the coup, as opposed to those who were arrested in the widespread arrests. It is now admitted that for a year many of the country's armed services have been in prison for no reason at all.

Opportunity was taken by President Moi not only to imprison and jail all his many Servicemen opponents, even if they had nothing to do with the coup, but to sweep into jail groups such as feminists - of which there is an active group, mainly anarchist, campaigning against female circumcision - who could not even have had the chance to be involved in what was essentially a military rising.

Good news is that the Anarchist groups are functioning as before, once again, in the Services, although still small in number.

SPAIN

LLOPIS CANO

Salvador Llopis Cano is active in Barcelona for rights of prisoners and support of their families (including the CNT as well as Catalan Nationalist, Basque, Maoist, GRAPO & ERAT) and we have had his assistance in channelling sums of money in support of families from our Mutual Aid Fund. He is also active in the resident's community of Casa Antic, and in the anti-nuclear struggle.

On June 28th 1982 he was going to work, as a house painter, when he was intercepted by four plain-clothes policemen. He was taken by them to the Jefatura de Policia, in the via Layetana, where he was beaten and tortured. They told him he was held under the "Anti-Terrorist" Law and he had no right to a solicitor.

He was held for three days in a cell without his family having been informed, and subject to "interrogation" in the traditional manner. Then his home raided and books, keys and anti-NATO posters seized. He was moved to the infamous Modelo prison until 23rd July, when he was finally released on "provisional liberty" on 20,000 pesetas (not recoverable in Spain).

The reason for the delay? The judge who was assigned the case was away in his yacht. Llopis Cano had to wait 21 days until the judge turned up in the office to put in an appearance.

Many protests have been made. But our comrade is now out and continues to give us assistance.

GREECE

The release of comrades Photis Danatos and Kyriacos Miras after lengthy hunger strikes received widespread publicity in Greece, TV, radio and the press all covered the story. However nine days after the release Photis Danatos was re-arrested, charged and sentenced to 10 months in prison. Comrade Danatos, in extremely poor health after the hunger strike, was charged, with Sofia Lavvidou, of throwing three molotovs at the Ionian Peoples Bank in 1982. Comrade Sophia Lavvidou was sentenced to 5 months in prison, plus another five suspended sentence. Comrade Danatos is also in prison again.

This latest state repression is another in a long vendetta against anarchists and another in a long line of attacks on individuals like Photis Danatos.

On 19th May 1982 Photis Danatos and Sophia Dimou were arrested in central Athens for riding a motor-cycle without a licence. When they were taken to the police station they were charged with a petrol bombing that night! Both comrades were acquitted after eye-witnesses of the bombing categorically stated that the two comrades were not responsible; this despite much police pressure on witnesses.

On 23 March 1983 Photis Danatos and Kyriacos Miras were sent to prison for allegedly smashing a car window on a march. Both comrades went on immediate hunger strike, which was widely publicised in the international anarchist press. After many days the President of Greece finally signed the pardons and the comrades were released.

Nine days later on 27 May 1983 Photis Danatos was back in prison. At this early stage we do not know what course of action Greek comrades propose taking. Another hunger strike will prove fatal for comrade Photis. Further details are expected soon.



DENNIS BANKS ON TRIAL

On 16 January 1973 a white man walked into a bar in Buffalo Gap, South Dakota and stated "I'm gonna kill an indian tonight." Five minutes later, in front of six witnesses, he stabbed John Wesley Bad Heart Bull, a young Sioux, to death. He was later charged with second degree manslaughter after the sheriff said there wasn't enough evidence for a first-degree murder charge.

On 6 February 1973, a meeting was held at Custer County Courthouse, Rapid City, to discuss the incident. An A.I.M. (American Indian Movement) delegation was refused entry, but one of their representatives, Dennis Banks, was allowed in. Meanwhile, outside the courthouse, cops grabbed John Wesley's mother and started to choke her. Several people rushed to her

CANADA

VANCOUVER 5

Arrested Jan 20, charged April 12 (after 3 months in custody & 2 days before bail Appeal) amid much media sensationalism and a block by the State of Legal Aid. The Court proceedings were switched from Vancouver to New Westminster Court House, which meant travel for friends and relatives. Various groups and individuals (from environmentalists, feminists, the B.C. Law Union & Canadian Civil Liberties Assoc to bands such as the Dead Kennedys who have played at Benefits).

Doug Stewart's bail reviewed and denied on May 25 - the reason was not the seriousness of the charges (bombing Litton Industries plant which makes components for the guidance systems for U.S. Cruise missiles) but that the charges were carried out in a conscious and organised manner, ie. with political intent.

A Bail Review for Ann Hansen & Brent Taylor is due shortly. They will be defending themselves and declaring the trial is political.

In July Julie Belmas & Gerry Hanah apply for bail. Demonstrations have been held around Canada & San Francisco, benefits all around North America. Outside is quiet so telegrams should be sent to the nearest Canadian Embassy and would be appreciated. For Britain: Canadian High Commission, Canada House, Trafalgar Square S.W.1 Tel: 01-629 9492. Letters to those incarcerated: Julie Belmas, Ann Hansen, Gerry Hanah, Doug Stewart, Brent Taylor at Oakalla Prison, Drawer "0", Burnaby B.C. V5H 3N4 and the Defence Group at V.5.D.G., PO Box 4296, Bentall Station, Vancouver. BC V7X 1A1

GREETINGS TO ALL PRISONERS WHO RECEIVE BLACK FLAG. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY PRISONER WHO WOULD LIKE US TO SEND THEM BLACK FLAG - FREE OF CHARGE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE ARE THINKING OF YOU

defence and a riot ensued during the course of which a cop threw a tear gas canister into the courthouse. Banks picked up a police billy club from the floor and smashed a window to get fresh air into the room, but was later charged with being armed in a riot. John Wesley's mother was charged with inciting a riot.

To add insult in injury, the prosecuting attorney at Banks's trial was State Attorney General William Janklow, who had previously stated "The only way to solve the A.I.M. problem is to shoot the A.I.M. leaders. Put a bullet in a guy's head, and he won't bother you anymore."

Janklow also threatened defence witnesses and Bank's court-appointed attorney, who had to be dismissed in the middle of the trial because he stopped helping Banks.

There are fears for Bank's life.

Send protest letters to: Governor Mario Cuomo, Executive Dept, State Capitol, Albany, N.Y.

12224. or write to:

Dennis Banks, c/o Onondaga Nation, Nedron, N.Y. 13120.

BRIXTON COPS

NERVOUS

On Saturday June 4, a police car was overturned and set alight as a result of a guy being harrassed for allegedly expropriating a police transceiver. The incident took place in Mayall Road, around the corner from the 'Front Line' in Railton Road. Within minutes IRU's (Instant Response Units) and cops in riot gear appeared and a crowd of over 80 locals gathered in case there was trouble. But being election time the cops decided not to risk it and left with their wounded colleague.

On the following Monday evening, references to illegal dope and drinking clubs were made when the incident was reported on the local TV news. 121 Railton Road (the anarchist bookshop) was also referred to in the same item. It was later revealed that Chief Superintendent Speed of the local Brixton police had personally briefed the TV stations and a BBC researcher admitted ('but don't quote me on this') that Speed had specifically said that he was out to close down 54-56 Railton Road and 121. 121 was also referred to in a newspaper report in Fridays 'Guardian' in which it stated that the police were interested in repossessing the anarchist bookshop. All this makes it clear that the proposed eviction of 121 is a political decision, made on the insistence of the police.

On Tuesday 7 the Lambeth Police Consultative Committee held a meeting to the recent tension in Railton Road and the threatened evictions. At the meeting was Commander Marnoch and Chief Superintendent Speed of the local police, Ted Knight (Lambeth's Lenin) and the usual crowd of community 'representatives'. About 70 Front Liners and 20 121er's turned up to cause trouble. The meeting began with the BBC TV crew being thrown out at the insistence of everyone (barring certain members of the Committee). The police then stated their case and the Front Liners theirs. Insults were hurled (mainly at the cops, but also at certain community turncoats (black councillors) and on occasion it seemed that fighting was going to break out. Several people had to be restrained by friends from assaulting members of the Committee. One of the Front Liners made it clear that if the police continued with stop and search, then the people of Brixton would have no hesitation in defending themselves with guns. Several black councillors, together with Ted Knight, tried to cool things down by suggesting more discussion and more meetings. This proposal was rejected and it was suggested by the Front Liners that if the police wanted to talk further, then they should arrange a meeting on the street down on Railton Road. At this point the discussion ended.

It later transpired that despite the promise of no Media presence, the whole discussion was recorded on audio tape, with an additional interview with Knight, and then transmitted as part of a news item on BBC Radio London.

SOURCE 121 COLLECTIVE

LETTER

Dear Comrades,

What a marvellous idea of Buzby Berkley's sabotaging telephone lines - particularly those of 'sensitive' establishments - although the lids are a fair size and access not a moments work (I should think). However, isn't the debate on privatisation (de-nationalisation) a non-debate for anarchists?

Nationalisation can only be a progressive step in the Marxist scheme of things - in that same world perspective which certain Trots possess who would 'support Russia in a war against America'! (All States are undesirable, if not equally repressive, then only by degree!)

Nationalisation, in that analysis, is 'progressive' in that it advances the State which will facilitate the working class (read Party's) seizure - or acquisition - of State power (the politics of Marx, of the centralised State, of the corporate bureaucracy).

To have masters imposed on you is an exercise in subjugation - to choose your masters is an exercise in submission. To vote is to accept dictatorship by consensus. And to swop one lot of bosses for another is, to say the least, absurd, naive; to be more unkind it is to accept the misleading, mischievous lies of the Marxist Left. It is a historical cul de sac - which appears to have no end.

Fraternally,
L.D. Surrey.

Reply:

It wasn't about nationalisation versus privatisation but about protecting jobs and control over jobs versus cut-backs.

BRIXTON RAID WHITEWASH

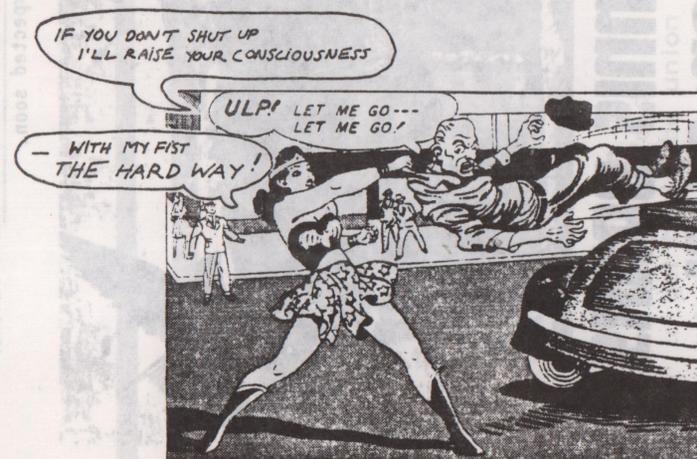
A Police Complaints Board Special Report finalised last September but kept secret until 29-4-83 has found 400 Metropolitan Police who raided 11 houses in Railton Road Brixton South London in July 1981 to be lacking in 'professional standards'. Wrong warrants were used; extensive damage was done (everything from windscreens of nearby cars to bathroom fittings and musical instruments) resulting in £4,000 in compensation being paid out. The raids to look for 'petrol bombs' (none were found!) resulted in "enough evidence to recommend disciplinary charges against 2 officers" but the Board did not do so because "in view of the wider implications of this operation, they should not be singled out". So why weren't any charges against 'rioters' dropped also considering the 'implications of the riots' and why should those caught be singled out for 'justice'? If you're rich or a copper, you are above the Law of course!

ANGRY WIMMIN

On 27th May 1983, angry women paintbombed the Hollywood videos on Cambridge Heath, Hackney. They were protesting about hardcore pornographic videos the shop stocked.

These videos contain explicit scenes of women being raped, mutilated and murdered. We believe that pornography is directly responsible for the increasing number of rapes and for the generally accepted idea that rape victims are willing victims. Pornography is a multi-million pound industry which unashamedly sells degrading images of women. Even the less sexually explicit material makes a point of objectifying women's bodies, and repeatedly tells us that our only purpose in life is the sexual satisfaction of men. As women we find it unacceptable that the use of soft porn is becoming more widespread in the media and advertising, constantly conditioning us to the image of ourselves as objects, and making us feel humiliated to the point of self-hatred, when we cannot measure up to the image of magazine models that men lust after.

Received from Daughters of AMAZON



DEPORTEE ON HUNGER STRIKE

Anwar Mahomed had to flee South Africa as a result of producing and distributing a leaflet urging fellow Asians to use civil disobedience against the authorities because of their intention to demolish their homes to make way for a shopping complex. Mahomed says he was tortured by the political police and held in solitary. He finally made it to Britain on a forged passport, where he was promptly arrested for being an illegal immigrant. The Home Office want to send him back to South Africa. He is now on hunger strike and says the only way he will go back to South Africa - where he is certain to be arrested - is in a coffin. Strangeway screws now have him in their prison hospital wing.

ELECTIONZZZ

Some interesting election points. 27% of the electorate boycotted the election - 4% more than last time. The Conservatives polled less votes than they did at the last election and the combined non-Conservative vote polled more than 56%. Altogether the 'majority' party took only 32% of the share of the electorate, with the remaining 68% going to the 'minority' parties and the abstainers.

The 1983 election witnessed a record number of independent candidates, representing over 90 different parties. In Bradford North the Loony Society polled more votes than the British National Party (neo-fascist) candidate. In Sevenoaks and in Beckenham the far-right candidates (National Front and BNP respectively) didn't poll a single vote. In Lewisham/Deptford the Assassins Bullet candidate (who stood for the assassination of all political leaders) polled a significant 173 votes.

CURIOUS OMISSION

A curious(?) omission in the trial of Heinz Barth, now taking place in an East Berlin court. Barth, a 62 year old former lieutenant in the SS is charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity in France and Czechoslovakia during the war. He was only recently discovered living in East Germany.

Barth is accused of carrying out the murder of 642 French civilians in Oradour - more than a third women, more than a third children - in 1944; and for helping to shoot nearly a hundred Czechs in 1942 in a revenge killing for SS leader Heydrich. What has been omitted from the indictment against Barth? The murder of twenty Spanish members of the Maquis which took place a few days after the Oradour massacre.

Even the 'judges' of war crimes are reluctant to admit the role played by the Spanish members of the Resistance, even in their defeats no less than in their victories. Why should this be - since in all the Communist bars in East Germany, no less than here, veterans boast of their achievements intervention in Spain?

Could it possibly be that they want to underplay the role of the Anarchists?

DEPORTATIONS CANCELLED

Regarding the case of Nesat Tolunay and Selim Dezugun (see the last News Bulletin), the two Turks involved in the left-wing organisation Dev-Yol and who were threatened with deportation, the Home Office has now had a 'change of heart' after receiving widespread protests on their behalf.

HALIMAT BABAMBA TO STAY

The Leeds woman Halimat Babamba who was threatened with deportation to Nigeria has been allowed to stay in Britain. This just shows that if enough support is given, campaigns against deportations are effective.