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SHOCK HORROR BUT IT'S THEM

MRS THATCHER...imagine now hard the Special Branch would come down on someone who said that...would an abuse about a sense of humour help with a judge? But it was OK for Kenny Everett to come up with the Young Conservatives with "Bomb Russia" - a rapturously received far more murderous idea - and "Kick away Michael Foot's stilts with "Spice Denis Thatcher's drink with arsenic" coming under the attention of the Criminal Court...

And we wonder what the Sun and the Mail would have made of Mr Foot's employing a speechwriter who was a former agent of the KGB, member of the CP, commissar in the International Brigade...MRS Thatcher did, and new he's Sir Alfred Sherman.

Incidentally, north-east London teenagers put on a musical comedy "Flaming Liberty" during June. The Haymarket Gazette said: "The play in face about a girl who made a bomb to blow up Margaret Thatcher but accidentally leaves it at a friend's home just before it is due to go off." Sounds more like a tragedy.

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HINDLES...ON STRIKE

A letter from Black Flag/ABC, Thanks a lot for the papers! They'll be very useful as I'm doing an article about @! in Britain for our mag "TOTAL". The situation in Sweden right now: The Syndicalist Union, SAC had its 22nd Congress a few weeks ago. Most @'s are members, though its not as revolutionary as it could be. Over the years thousands of members have been forced to quit because of pressure from the reformist/sec. dem. unions.

The Swedish SAC federation is being rebuilt after collapsing a few years ago. There are of course lots of local groups across the country as well. As for books, SAC publishes and distributes most of them. SAC has also a weekly paper, "Arbetaren" (the Worker) and some bulletins etc. Other @ papers are F.S.T., Praxis, April, and Brand (which has been going since 1986)! There are lots of @-fanzines and locals.

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Dear Black Flag/ABC,

The Industrial Tribunal of Liaquat Ali has been adjourned yet again until July 25th when the summing up speeches are expected and hopefully the verdict will be returned, allowing him to go back to work along with his 18 co-strikers who held out for 15 weeks to get him re-instated. The local support group will be meeting on the 27th July to consider the result of the case & to co-ordinate any support actions eg. stopping supplies to Aire Valley Yarns.

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I.B. The whole question of privatisation, rationalised industries and redundancies will be covered in the next BF Quarterly. Readers who wish to contribute to this should send in their comments by mid-August.

TELECOM

The second strike against Mercury Privyate Telecomunications system being connected to Telecom has begun. Six telephone engineers in the Holborn area of London have walked out from these duties. The Post Office Employees Union has levied a £1 a week from its 122,000 members to build a fund to fight privatisation. Indy plans will mean a loss of 250,000 jobs in and around the industry so a Special Conference of the Union has been called for August.
An invasion of Iraq now seems imminent, not only from its eastern front as it falls prey to the Iranian army, but also on its northern front where Turkey has installed over 40,000 troops waiting for the collapse of its war weary neighbour and for the 'spoil' of war to be plundered. Already some incursions into Iraqi territory have been made on several occasions units of up to 1000 troops, backed up by helicopter gunships and artillery, have crossed the border 'looking for bandits'. The USA is already involved. They are concerned that Iran will become all too powerful and therefore another power - to either back up the ailing Iraq or as a buffer to further Iranian expansion - is needed to balance things out. The US also fear that Syria will become too formidable and will make a stronger regime fight for the 'balance of power' strategy all over again.

Over the last few weeks other signs that Turkey intends to deploy its troops in the mid-east have been apparent in the form of increased US consultations.

In May the US chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Vessey, arrived in Ankara. He was shortly followed by Richard Perle (the US Assistant Secretary of Defence and a one time expert in Kurdish affairs), Henry Kissinger (have war will travel), Vice-Admiral Rowden (Commander of the Sixth Fleet), General Rodgers (Commander of NATO combined forces), and Joseph Luns (NATO's Secretary-General). More recently it has been announced in Washington that AMES and F16's are soon to be put at Turkey's disposal to be based near its border with Syria.

For Turkey and the USA an intervention in Iraq is almost complete as the US patrols and near to state-of-emergency aelsinki. It is the old 19th century 'balance of power' strategy all over again.

The isolation of Nicaragua from outside supplies is almost complete as the US government continues its plan to provide backing to the military regimes of the far right.

In advance of the naval blockade that will include US frigates and the aircraft carrier USS Ranger, the CIA, it is revealed, has plans to mine the entrances to the Nicaraguan ports. The Naval Task Force is already on its way and will soon divide into two: one section to cut off supplies from Cuba, the other to blockade the west coast and prevent the Nicaraguans supplying their comrades in El Salvador.

Meanwhile 5000 US troops have been sent to Honduras and deployed to the Nicaraguan border to join 12,000 Honduran troops already poised for the invasion. It took anti-militarists and libertarians in the USA 10 years to get off their backsides to present a formidable protest against what the US government was doing in Vietnam. Will it take a similar amount of time for another such movement to grow to do something about US policy in Central America?

CHILE

Despite an increase in army and police patrols and near to state-of-emergency conditions, a third day of national protest took place, starting off with a bus being seized and blown up by insurgents. The protest was called in response to the massive arrest of strikers and union activists.

In the southern part of the capital 8, eneral Strike took place in Brazil Padua - 4 anti-terrorist police were given suspended sentences of 12-14 months for torturing Cesare Di Leonardo (applying electric shock to his genitalia) after the release of the kidnapped US army General & NATO Official James Dozier. Di Leonardo is serving 27 years for the kidnapping along with 16 other Red Brigade members. A fifth cop, Salvatore Genova, was excluded from the Trial because he was elected to Parliament last month. Parliamentary approval is required for criminal prosecution of a legislator.

Meanwhile Professor Tony Negri the infamous Autonomist whom the Italian State tried to frame as the Head of the Red Brigades/Autonomia has got himself elected to Parliament as a Radicals member, and under Italian Law he should be released from Prison to serve as an MP.

For the first time in over 20 years a general strike took place in Brazil on July 22. It was acclaimed a partial success. The strike was most successful in Sao Paulo where over a million workers stayed at home for the one day stoppage. The Ford, Volkswagen and Mercedes Benz plants were completely closed and a general increase in rents. Combined with an inflation rate of around 130% this means an estimated 30% cut in the real value of earnings. Over 10 million people - mostly rural - are living below the poverty level (ie cannot afford to feed themselves). The austerity measures include substantial wage cuts of between 15% and a general increase in rents. Combined with an inflation rate of around 130% this means an estimated 30% cut in the real value of earnings. Over 10 million people - mostly rural - are living below the poverty level (ie cannot afford to feed themselves).
S.B. Takeover-bid!
The Anti-Terrorist Squad may soon be disbanding. Their success rate hasn't been too good lately and their Special Branch colleagues find they're doing more of their job anyway. The SB are therefore making a bid to oust the ATS and to take over their duties altogether. One of the reasons for this move is the cut-backs the SB is itself facing as a result of Commissioner Newman's rationalization policy. There has always been a strong rivalry between the SB and the ATS, not least because the SB's brief is far wider and there is an obvious overlapping of duties. The ATS are used to dealing with the IRA, the Palestinian organisations (and even, sometimes, anarchists), whereas the SB deals with all the law including industrial activists and the 'fringe' activists within their area of concern. Today some politicians see even pacifists as terrorists of a sort, never mind the letter-bomb despatcher from within the animal liberation camp. The SB, unlike the ATS, are probably more realistic in their assumption of what is threatening and what is not and how to deploy their more decentralised forces economically, giving due attention to information-gathering, intelligence work, and not to spectacular arrests that lead nowhere.

FASCISTS
The National Action Party, based around the leadership of Eddie Morrison, is expanding to the north. They have also been located in the Recognition area. The NAP now use a BCM box 4161 as their address point and put out papers called 'National Action', 'Combat' and 'Signal' (quarterly). Their primary charge is their 'national regulator'(!). Adrian Wiltshire is the editor of Combat and Morrison edits National Action, Morrison's Trial By Visitor?
28 prisoners charged with mutiny during the riot and roof-top protest at Albany will be dealt with behind closed prison gates. The trial is the biggest in the history of Parkhurst Prisoners after a riot there led to 2 defendants being acquitted & the Home Office making ex-gratia payments to prisoners injured by prison officers. The Hull 1976 Riot case* defendants were dealt with in front of a Board of Visitors and since then all disciplinary cases have been dealt with inside. No legal representation or friends are allowed to be present and cross-examination is difficult. Defence witnesses are selected by prison officers with the leave of the Board of Directors. * The equivalent of a 3 year sentence (1000 days lost remission) was handed out at the Hull Inquiry. Charges that carry 6 month sentences are heard before a Jury trial out here in minimum security.

Shane Green
Shane Green has asked us to publicise the fact that on April 29 three screws (one of whom was involved in the case of Carl Harp) came into his cell and confiscated all of his belongings (including papers, personal files, letters, etc) already contacted the prison legal service about it, but expects little cooperation as they have already refused to provide him with assistance on previous occasions ever since the hostage taking incident in 1979. Letters protesting about the confiscation should be sent to: Larry Kincheloe, Superintendent, Washington State Prison, PO Box 520, Walla Walla, Washington 99362 USA; or, Amos Reed, Director of Prisoners' Legal Service, Department of Corrections, F771, Olympia, Washington 98504, USA. The whereabouts of Shane is currently unknown (his application for out of state transfer was successful).

SOURCE: LD (ASDN)

Canada

On Monday June 13th the Toronto Police raided the home of the Bulldozer (a magazine written by and for political prisoners with production and distribution done from Toronto) Collective as a result of the group's local support work for the Vancouver 5 (persons charges with bombing the Litton - Cruise Missile computer systems plant - Plant and several other unsolved bombings and robberies). In the midst of production for Issue 6 the Police raid set back the publication date. Seizure of the copy was specified in Section 27, which states that copies were taken along with original articles. The mailing list was also seized. After legal threats xeroxes of the mailing list were returned and the typeset copy is also to be returned. The political offences listed on the warrant were: 1. Seditious Libel 2. Sabotage of Litton. These charges remain over those raided and could be laid at any time or held off indefinitely.

The case against the Vancouver 5 is weak so the Toronto police probably want to help out and give the raid some regulation of evidence. The police have been caught flat-footed recently. They have drawn blanks in virtually all of the major cases or have been overthrown or so. Again the British Columbia police actually produced more of the leads that exist on Litton. Seditious Libel is an advocacy of the use of force to overthrow government, without proper authority; no documents of the Bulldozer group call for an armed uprising as such pointless rhetoric only reduces and trivialises their politics.

Bulldozer is a legal magazine, a forum for debate and discussion, communication for the 'disappeared' people in North America.

NB. Reminiscent of the 'Persons Unknown' Conspiracy Trial when Police of the Anti-Terrorist Squad seeking to justify their large numbers and resources during a full in Irish Nationalist guerrilla actions on Britain's mainland raided Anarchists and tried to 'fit up' six people with a wide range of Conspiracy and unsolved robbery charges.

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