FEEDBACK

LIVERPOOL ANARCHIST GROUP
Box LAG, 31 Gothic Street, Rock Ferry, B-Head, Merseyside. Now collecting relevant material such as newspaper cuttings, for collating & storing as a resource.

AMARE MULTIMEDIA
Box LAG 31 Gothic Street Rock Ferry.
From September DAYSCHOOLS are planned Libertarian Industrial Organisation/Alternative Education/Northern Ireland. Squeezing besides selling tapes/records/ fanzines they have a meeting room and a practice room, do ASDN information gathering and are organizing the STOP THE CITY action during September 29th.

SHEFFIELD ANARCHISTS
The Council were granted an eviction order on the Nursery St premises, and as defence was difficult they are now: c/o THE ANARCHIST CENTRE, formerly CHURCH HOUSE, ST. JAMES ST., SHEFFIELD 1. Visitors welcome, a squeezing advice service to homeless has begun and the queues outside the Sheffield Council Housing Dept. was leafleted.

LEEDS ANARCHIST WOMEN
& Leeds Active Anarchists, Box 5, c/o L.A.P., 59 Cookridge Street, Leeds 2.

Italian Consul. Occupied

On 22nd July, 25 people occupied the Italian Consulate in Edinburgh, in solidarity with the occupation that day at the Comiso cruise missile site Magglicocco airport. Protesters gained access to a large first floor room in the consulate, while others distributed leaflets outside.

After successfully occupying the building for over an hour, people left the Consulate together and went on to distribute leaflets in the centre of Edinburgh. Despite a sizeable police presence there were no arrests. The participants included people from Glasgow, Grampian, Kirkcaldy and Rosyth Women's Peace Camp as well as Edinburgh. Source: SCRAM NVDA Group, 11 Forth St, Edinburgh.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

THE DAILY BATTLE No 1 Vol 1, Free, Single-newsheet; anti-authoritarian. From: Anti-Autoritarian Studies, 612 Eahleman Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720 USA.


BREAKOUT July 1983. Anti-prison duplicated pamphlet. No price marked. Send money to cover postage. Contact: Prisoners are People, 14 Warren Road, London E10.

WALES ANTI NUCLEAR
Hundreds of the London-Comiso leaflets along with a few of their mini-posters were distributed in the Swansea area through the Welsh Anarchist Federation. Unfortunately the turn-out was disappointing to comrades there. Contact was made with a women's peace camp in Brawdy, who were sympathetic to anarchist ideas.

SOURCE: Black Dragon, Box 5, Neges, 31 Alexandra Road, Swansea, WALES.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH TRAINING SCHEMING

If averages are anything to go by at least 700 (a conservative estimate) young people will suffer serious injury and 17 more will probably die while working in unsafe conditions under the new Youth Training Scheme. These predictions are based on figures relating to the last 12 months for young people working on Youth Opportunity Schemes (same difference). Under YTP the number of health and safety checks were negligible, but with the YTS they will be non-existent as the government has recently announced that such checks will be withdrawn from YTS stipulations. If 700 managers had suffered serious injury there would have been an outcry, but working class kids are considered expendable.

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Sixteen year old Sean O'Brien from Coatbridge, Lancashire was killed while working on a Goats training scheme for Rosehall Engineering, Palacecraig Street Coatbridge. The firm failed to provide Sean with safety information but did provide him with a paraffin contaminated overall which caught fire when he stood too close to a heater. At a Court hearing Sheriff Arthur Millarwhite deemed the failure to supply safety information 'irrelevant'. On the 27th three judges sent the case back for a second hearing after appeal. The fatal exploitation of young men and women demands resistance!

SOURCE: A.B. Irvine, Ayrshire/Leeds DAM

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NEW BULLETIN FORTNIGHTLY

NEWS BULLETIN FORTNIGHTLY
THE BLACK FLAG QUARTERLY

THE BLACK FLAG QUARTERLY COMES OUT AS A MAGAZINE IN SEPTEMBER 1983.

In addition to containing the regular BLACK FLAG Features, the quarterly will incorporate items from the Colombian presses, Anarchist Review and the Anarcho-Quiz. This next issue will include Stuart Christie on Armed Non-Nuclear Defence, Albert Melzer on The Death Wish of the Labour Party, articles on Nationalism, and of course the Anarcho-Quiz.

Price £1.00 (50p subscribers). A combined BLACK FLAG features, the quarterly will cost only £9.50 (with Miguel Garcia Story)

Radio Libertaire Lives On

The great success made by the French Anarchists in their gala to aid Radio Libertaire, and the public response to that event on 30th June and subsequently, has convinced the French Government that there is no alternative but to let Radio Libertaire carry on, in its lone voice against the political dictators.

Radio Libertaire, the free radio of the French Anarchist Federation, transmits a Spanish programme on Saturdays from 2pm to 6pm with the collaboration of the Spanish union CNT, and the rest of the week in French. 

Miners

Fifty-eight miners in Sallent staged a sit-in strike in their mine on June 18th, as a protest against an agreement signed on their behalf regarding wages and conditions by the UGT and Comisiones Obreras (socialist and communist unions respectively) which they had refused to accept.

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Holiday Job Loss

The Talbot and Peugeot factories in Paris announced 7,000 redundancies. Immediately, in Poissy, the four rival unions combined to stage a 24 hour sit-down strike. Some 3,000 workers, having tied up the plant, marched with slogans "Peugeot assassins" and "Talbot will live". Others staged a sit-in.

Peugeot is sticking out for its "right" - as in Spain and Britain, where it has made similar cuts - to turn off the work force at will in the interests of profit. But such a demand has at any rate momentarily brought the four rival unions together.

There are some important lessons here: France does not have a closed shop system which is the main prop of British trade unionism - and which Conservative intellectuals would, in principle, like to see established (Conservative Industrialists think otherwise). Unions are forced to be more militant, in order to keep their members.

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HINDLES

John Hindle, Manager of Hindle Auto Group Bradford, whose power station action workers have been on strike since February is trying to sue the amalgamated union of engineering Workers for £20,000 for "lost production" at the offices of Hindle Gears in Caledonia Street in June for 4 days. Hindle is also taking legal action against secondary picketing of an associated company power unit (Hindle) Ltd. just across the road from Hindle Gears - "illegal under the 1980 Employment Act" - through the legal firm Garfield of Bradford.

A spoof on the Strikers Newsletter (from the Ministry of Disinformation?) by the 'Free Worker's Democratic Press (sic!) on behalf of some of the strikers' came out encouraging 'moderates' to leave the 'militants' and accept the bosses.

Meanwhile the AUEW President Terry Duffy has been falsifying membership figures in order to go to a general council of the T.U.C. General Council. How many members, how many paid up is a hot potato at present.

The strikers are demonstrating on 10th September at 10am, marching from Denby's Dye Works (where workers were sacked a few years back for taking strike action) to the gates of Hindle. For more information and to send support:

HINDLES GEARS STRIKE FUND

A.U.E.W. Offices, 2 Claremont, Bradford, BD7 1BQ

St James

Laundry workers at St James hospital have staged sit-ins and walk-outs to protest at Management plans to cut wages by up to £25 a week.

The workers plan to ensure that while Management is hit, the patients don't suffer. The 33 workers employed are women who earn £45 for a 32 hour week, male workers take home £77 for a 46 hour week.

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N.U.S.

NATIONAL UNION OF SEAMEN attempts to block the dumping of nuclear waste resulted in the charter for the US Atlantic Fisher being withdrawn by the nuclear waste disposal contract in order that the ships owners can use the ship for another job. The NUS have consistently refused to crew the ship and the 3,600 tons of radioactive waste from Belgium and Switzerland awaiting dumping will have to be stored elsewhere.
CENTRAL AMERICA

Either the USS New Jersey (based in Norfolk, Virginia) or the USS Coral Sea (now in Naples) will take the role of task force leader for the Caribbean contingent of the Naval Force sent to blockade the Nicaraguan. The New Jersey is armed with cruise missiles. Meanwhile in El Salvador, government troopers are still taking part in 'Operation Goodwill,' whereby they hope, by the process of destruction followed by construction, to 'win the hearts and minds' of the locals. The question is the brainchild of the US advisors but doesn't stand any chance of achieving their objective: enthusiasm within the Salvadoran army is low (they're tired of fighting) and the guerrillas are now seen as the main protagonists of peace. Although it is reported that there is a lull in the fighting while talks with the US are sought, the guerrillas are in a weak position. Recently it was announced that they captured two important communications bases and destroyed the equipment that controls microwave, satellite, radio, TV and telephone links for the eastern part of the country. Salvadoran government troops 'successes' have, on the other hand - according to one source - included the murder of over 1050 civilians during the first 6 months of this year. Unofficial sources (the Catholic Church) say the real figure is more like 2527.

In Honduras 300 US engineers and advisors are helping the 12,000 Honduran troopers, now stationed near the Nicaraguan border to prepare for hostilities. A new training centre has also been opened up at Puerto Cisalla. The US are now bypassing the Honduran government altogether in their dealings and are collaborating with the army generals direct.

Weather Underground Trial

Three members of the Weather Underground Organization and the Black Liberation Army are currently on trial at Goshen, New York State, charged with 9 counts of murder, robbery and assault. They are Judith Clark, David Gilbert and Donald Weems. They, together with several others, were picked up after the hold up of a Brinks security truck in October 1981. The hold-up took place in nearby Nyack - one guard was shot and they left with $1.6m. Cops were told to look out for a U-Haul truck and a Honda. The U-Haul was stopped at a roadblock and whilst the two whites in the front were being questioned, several black men got out from the back and blasted two of the cops dead. All of them, except one of the whites, (a woman) managed to get away. Later the Honda that was being sought crashed and Gilbert (wanted in Colorado for arson and assault on a cop) was taken in. Most of those eventually captured were taken in as a result of raids and stake outs. The security of the trial has been deliberately over the top: defendants were taken to the local jail escorted by dozens of cop cars, the jail itself is constantly under guard by armed deputies inside and outside the building and the courthouse has been re-designed as a mini-Fort Knox. Some theatrical precautions have served to impress the guilt of the defendants upon the local community (and jury) before the trial has even begun. The town of Goshen has seen nothing like it and most of the locals have been made to feel that they expect any day a 'terrorist attack' to liberate the three.

Despite the heavy-handedness of the authorities the three defendants have not been afraid to speak out and protest in court and make their political stance clear. The trial commenced on July 11, but so far it has been impossible to form a jury as no one in the area wants to serve in case of reprisals. Over 1000 potential jurors have been dismissed. (Many correlated their obvious inability with doctors notes). The defendants have also been able to dismiss jurors on the grounds that they are either white or middle class or both.

Turkey

Twenty-five hundred prisoners in Metric jail (Instanbul) are still on hunger strike - they are on their 5th week and are protesting against vicious conditions. These include the beating up of visiting visitors relatives, the destruction of defence documents, and day-to-day solitary confinement for the politics. Many of these imprisoned are inside because of their trade union activities or because they were members of a civil rights or peace group. One man has been given 5 years for publishing a book containing reprints of old newspaper articles.

Sri Lanka

Now that the right wing tendency of Trotskyism is labelled a "left wing tendency" the Bombay-Trendy Party in the Labour Party is passed off as the "Militant Tendency", one can hardly expect any political commentators to point out that once this tendency succeeded not only in penetrating a political party, but also into the local social-democratic, and pushed it far to the extreme right, BUT HELPED TO FORM A REPRESSIVE CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT!

That was in what was then known in the West as Ceylon and now as Sri Lanka. The Trotskyists in the Ceylon Govt., incidentally, triggered off all the more successful Trotsky parties in the world and its essential protege was the Tamil Tendency which has now succeeded in penetrating the Labour Party. The result of fascism in Sri Lanka was to re-divide the country, formerly divided between planters and workers, along national lines, between Sinhalese, Tamils and others. The Trotskyists, in combating (as they thought) fascist division, reformed the national lines into national liberation struggles. Now the Sinhalese workers are massacring the Tamils, the Trotskyists, no doubt thought, would massacre the "Tamul upper classes" and they have the Christian-Muslim workers of Lebanon divided into "phalangist" and "left wing liberation fighters".

Not difficult, anywhere to resurrect national hatreds especially of the people next door. In England it is correctly labelled as racialism and fascism. Given a few Marxist phrases, now easily to stick a false label on the bottle.
DEWSBURY 3

On the 24th of July a car smashed into the rear of a parked car in Dewsbury near the Scarborough Hotel. The four white occupants then attacked the occupants, smashing in the window of the car. A young Asian man was then smothered into a池塘 and punched repeatedly by the attackers, who then fled. The following morning, police traced the vehicle to a specialist hospital in Bradford, where the Asian man was admitted. The four youths were arrested and charged with assault.

The next day, police raided an Asian home in Dewsbury, finding the racially motivated attackers. The attackers were arrested and charged with assault.

The following Saturday, 700 Asians marched through Dewsbury in protest against the attacks.

NEW CROSS VICTIM DIES

Anthony Berbeck, aged 21, survived the fire in Deptford 20 years ago in which 13 young black people died. Nobody has ever been caught for starting the fire. Anthony escaped by leaping from a first floor window. The following day, he was admitted to Bexley Hospital and returned there three more times before his death. The Massacre Action Committee has always held that the fire was the result of a racial attack. A large demonstration against this possibility was held in support of Anthony's legacy.

RAPE

Recently in Blackburn, a rapist attacked a young Asian woman in her home, smashing a door in and threatening the victim with a knife. The police were called and arrived on the scene within minutes. The rapist was arrested and charged with rape.

DEPORTATIONS

MOHAMMED KHAN has appealed against his deportation. The Home Office has been trying to deport him for over 20 years. Despite this, the Home Office has refused to grant him asylum.

JOSEY THOMAS has lived in Huddersfield for the past 20 years. Despite this, the Home Office has refused to grant him leave to remain.

Mr Cheema came to the UK as a visitor. On the day of his deportation, he was married to a woman who was born here, and was allowed to stay. Despite this, the Home Office has refused to grant him leave to remain.

Mr Cheema's wife has beencampaigning against his deportation, and the Home Office has been trying to deport her as well.

I.R.U. a-go-go!

It took about four I.R.U. (Instant Response Units) to arrest a man, who had jumped bail. The raid took place at the blacks peoples club - the Mangrove - in Notting Hill. There were no arrests, and the incident was completely unnecessary.

Dennis Kelly

The two hundred plus supporters of the Dennis Kelly Campaign, their direct action tactics outside Watton Birkdale, would have put the left to shame. The case of Dennis Kelly, who was arrested on a warrant, would have put the left to shame.

FIREBOMB ATTACK

The home of the Father and brother of a black activist - the Mangrove Action Centre in Croydon, has been firebombed. The fire started outside a window and quickly spread inside. The centre has been one of the leading activists in the centre, campaigning against local heavy-handed policing and against the National Front who have their headquarters in the area. The BPAC, which was also firebombed earlier in the year, is still publishing their paper The Sniper which specialises in monitoring the activities of the local police and digging up dirt on them. The BPAC collective have in the past worked with the Asian anarchist, who was arrested on an anarchist counter-information radio programme within the "Our Radio" open access set-up.

For more information contact:
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