Stop The City

Our estimation of the numbers involved was perhaps a bit of an exaggeration. More like 1-2000 (not all in one place) throughout the day, depending on what was happening. The ratio of arrested now takes on a different angle: an average of 15%, providing a good revenue for the City coffers via the fines. Other late news includes:

A peace Convoy truck was taken over by cops but a couple of passing punks jumped in, knocked the police driver to one side and one of them escaped with the truck keys.

An attempt was made to occupy Rothschilds but the guards inside were too numerous and well prepared. While the cops were out in force guarding the City, the offices of the Sun and News of the World newspapers were robbed of £125,000 by 2 separate gangs. Nice work.

N.B. The town of Loccum in W. Germany was the venue for a 'dialogue' between pacifists and police. However over 150 anti-militarists thought that this was too much and blockaded the hall where the meeting was being held. They managed to smash the hall's P.A. and forcibly eject a police chief.

'I STOPPED THE CITY BUT I DIDN'T STOP IT FOR A DAY. I STOPPED THE CITY BUT THE COPPERS CARRIED ME AWAY.'

Lindisfarne

Ex-Lindisfarne vocalist/songwriter Alan Hull is having a hard time with selling his new single Malvinas Melody. Normally you'd expect the radio stations to plug anything new that comes out of the Lindisfarne camp. But Hull also got the same treatment with his previous record, Cruising to Disaster. Whenever Lindisfarne did for CND. Whenever 'Malvinas Melody' was played on the radio, the audience would force the jocks to plug it. Now Hull has performed Malvinas Melody live it has gone down well and it has all the signs of a 'hit'. Its unlikely to get any big time distribution and no Newcastle (where Hull/Lindisfarne are from) store stocks it. The local MP has denounced it as sick and cynical. However the local left/anarchist bookshop, Days of Hope, has offered to sell and distribute the single. Other bookshops/distributors interested in getting hold of copies should contact them.

Days of Hope Bookshop, 115 Westgate Rd, Newcastle Upon Tyne. NE1 England.

PUBLICATIONS

KNOCKABOUT COMICS

KC was busted earlier this year, but has risen again to publish more issues. Contributors include Steve Bell ('Maggjie Farm'), Cliff Harper and others. Also a piece on Eddie Harper. 95p. (it's worth it) from KC, 249 Kensal Road, London W10.

THE LOBSTER

Investigative Stuff. Includes article on the Kinora Boys Home scandal. Available from Robin Lawrence, 17c Pearson Avenue, Hull HU5 25X. Price 60p.

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BLACK MAIL

Anarchist Spasmodical. Special Anniversary Issue No. 2. 16 pages. Liquid Blast; Squatting in Sydney; Sabotage; Modern little Red Hen; Strength through 019 & more from: PO Box 13-407 Christchurch, N.Z. and at Just Books, 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast 1.

QUITA CONTROL

Issue 40 out. Includes articles on the Supergrass trials, the abortion campaign in the south, and lots more. Only 5p (new price, new format) from Just Books, 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast 1.

SEDITION

No 1, produced by some members of Birmingham DAM, c/o 18 Moor Street, Queenway, Birmingham 4. Includes articles on the CPSA strike, Episodetomies, local Labour corruption, etc. Price 5p plus postage.
Rents

Now that the rent of those claiming unemployment benefit/supplementary benefit is in place, the housing authority it is impossible to stage strikes. In the past those who were most prepared to strike were the unemployed, who valued the extra money saved as a result of the action.

This weapon has been effectively taken away from their hands and those most likely to strike are now the lower paid. It is not impossible, therefore, to imagine in the not-too-distant future the government seeking a way to curtail this threat too. A likely proposal would be to bring in a law that will enable councils to direct-debit from the workers bank account or even from the employer. Already many people are paying direct to direct-debit rate payments (its the only way you can pay by installments), so there is no need for a precedent to be set. People of course find a way around all this bureaucracy: their rent payments are (if they are signing on as unemployed) paid to the landlord on a cheque to be passed on to the landlord. If there were a growing campaign to refuse to receive payment in the form of cheques (on the grounds that being unemployed they need to have a bank account, for which charges have a to be made), then some authorities may be forced to pay the rent direct to the tenant (paying direct to the landlord would prove impossible as many landlords would not want to be paid in this way for tax reasons).

More and more landlords are hoping to squeeze cash out of existence; preferring to rely on paper transfers instead. Already they have got an agreement from the City Council, the trade union leader, to abolish the right of workers to be paid in cash. This leaves the way open for the future where the government will try to deal with debts (and the reneging of their payments) at source. The payment of rent by direct debit from the unemployment benefit/supplementary benefit may only be the beginning of things to come.

Fiddling

According to one British insurance company over a day is fiddled from industry by employees. Unfortunately most of this is spirited away by yer actual bosses who specialise in high level paper fraud. However one well known car manufacturer has recently put in a claim for over £75,000 worth of parts that have been overcharged by workers on the assembly lines. The parts were consistently taken from the main assembly areas and used to construct complete vehicles away from the plant.
South Africa

Throughout the last two months there has been a boycott of buses in the Ciskei. In July fares were raised by 10% and many workers who have to travel many miles to work each day to service the predominantly white and 'coloured' cities of East London and King Williams Town, are demanding that the increase be dropped. The result of the boycott has been that the white areas have been plunged into chaos as black workers get in late or not at all. The authorities have responded by sending in vigilantes and death squads to deal with militants. Altogether at least a dozen people have been killed by the death squads while the boycott has been on. The ANC, for their part, have responded with retaliatory actions against the Consulates-General in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Meanwhile trade union activity has been banned altogether in the Ciskei. This means that a curious situation has developed: a Ciskei worker may legally be a member of a union in, say, East London, but cannot be a member where they live.

In northern Transvaal, tankers at a railway station were blown up by limpet mines. Two men were found attached to a window of the local municipal office and were defused. It is thought that the mines were placed by the ANC in retaliation for the massacre of black strikers in the Ciskei for participating in a boycott of the bus services because of rising prices. One report (unsubstantiated) claimed that around 90 were murdered by troops and police outside the railway station of Midrand.

France

According to the fascist paper 'Nationalism Today', the 'serious' paper of the National Front, at the height of the right-wing riots earlier in the year, the Parti des Forces Nouvelles and the Group Union et Defence (both neo-fascist organisations) had their common HQ attacked when 50ls of plastic explosive blew out 3 floors, destroying offices, printing presses and files. The National Front argue that one of the reasons to be learnt from the French riots is that fascists do not always need to see themselves as being outside mass popular demonstrations; instead they can be at the forefront leading them. The NF then go on to argue that fascists in Britain should get more involved in workers' struggle, against unemployment and wage cuts, etc. The collaboration between the left and the establishment once 'socialists' are elected to power, and the acquiescence of so-called militant left organisations in the face of left-wing austerity measures, is proof, according to the NF, that the right have as much claim to popular revolt as anyone.

Italy

FRANCO LEGGIO & GAINNI CERAVOLE FREEED

Our two comrades Franco Leggio and Gaunni Ceravole have finally been released from Faguma prison after serving a six month sentence for 'insulting the judiciary'.

Although the threat of imprisonment had been hanging over the heads of our two comrades for some time, the authorities chose to jail them just before the popular anti-militist protest against the build-up of the fascist so-called 'national guard'. The authorities chose to jail them just before the popular anti-militist protest against the build-up of the fascist so-called 'national guard'.

Now that the protests at Comiso have been quelled, the government feels safe to release our comrades. Good luck and best wishes Franco & Gainni!

Germany

The German State claims that 3 million people organised through a large forum of protest groups (ranging from the pacifist, religious, political to 'anarchist') will take action against the militarist build-up. Petitions, pickets, blockades, demonstrations, occupations, sabotage & pirate radio broadcasts will take place. In Bremen, 'radical anarchists' (wot conservative lot?) clashed with police and further 'riots' are to come. Good luck!
Surveillance

Commissioner Newman's four information and Surveillance centres are soon to have at their disposal a special computer with a multi factor searching capability. The information fed into this computer by the police can be used for sophisticated targeting. For example, if there is a break-in and the suspect escapes in a green Rover car, is around 6' 3" tall, is male, and speaks with a Welsh accent, then the computer will not only feed information about convicted persons but also about those who the police has information on (e.g. political). On this basis an at-the-scene-of-the-crime description from a witness is not really necessary for raids to be made. Raids on suspects, based purely on their past convictions or operating style, is common with your average thief, but maybe increasing more common in the future with the 'political' crimes. The computer will be able to answer the question, who is likely to commit this crime and then print out a list of possibilities, which the police can then go through and eliminate those who have cast iron alibies (although not necessarily) and those who manage to stand up to intense interrogation. For those who cannot do neither, hard luck: a case will be made and convictions will be sought.

Policing

Neil McGeehan complained about the police treatment of Manchester United supporters. But after a court hearing he was forced to pay £15 in legal costs and £250 to Derbyshire's Chief Constable, Alfred Parrish, to be paid into his personal account. Parrish claimed that McGeehan's allegation was an attempt to make a false complaint. He added that it was not the first time the council had been forced to pay a fine over an employee's actions. It is a problem that is becoming more common in the future with the 'political' crimes. The computer will be able to answer the question, who is likely to commit this crime and then print out a list of possibilities, which the police can then go through and eliminate those who have cast iron alibies (although not necessarily) and those who manage to stand up to intense interrogation. For those who cannot do neither, hard luck: a case will be made and convictions will be sought.

rail bomb

An incendiary device was found on the main line leading into London Bridge Station, the main terminal for commuters from London to the south-east. Reports in the press indicate that the bomb hadn't worked properly. Apparently the timer (a clock) had gone off (before a bulb and matches), but the main incendiary (paraffin or petrol inside 3 beer or cider flagons) had not ignited. Discovery of the device ensured that all power on the line was switched off for a period of 13 hours until the all-clear was given. According to eyewitness experts it was a 'viable device' that could have wreaked untold havoc on the line, especially if it had detonated prior to rush-hour. Later police said they did not think that the bomb was placed 'by terrorists'. At first they tried to connect it to a fire that broke out and was soon put out, but after 3 months ago, but later a spokesperson from British Rail said that there was no connection implying that the previous damage was caused accidently. According to one report had the incendiary gone off disruption to trains entering not only London Bridge Station but also Charing Cross, Waterloo East and Cannon Street stations would have occurred on a scale affecting traffic for about 3 days, causing untold loss of revenue for British Rail and to the City. Was the device planted by, someone with a grudge against British Rail or against 'the system' in general? Was it the work of fascists? So far no one has claimed responsibility. One thing is certain: as an act of sabotage, it would have proved to be a highly effective means of causing chaos to the City, without danger to life. Instead it would have grounded to halt the power went off.');

N.B. It is possible that the device was planted by members of the Irish Republican Army, a group which has been involved in terrorist activities in the North of Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The IRA has been linked to a number of bombings and attacks on targets in the UK, including the City of London. It is possible that the device was intended to cause disruption to the railway network, with the aim of causing chaos and confusion in the City. Alternatively, it may have been a belated protest for 'Stop the war!' a slogan that has been used in protests against the war in Iraq.

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matt lygate

Matt Lygate was welcomed home to Glasgow after 12 years in jail. It will be recalled how members of the John Maclean Society went to prison for alleged bank robberies - one who turned Christian got a few months, the rest (unashamedly Communists) got 15 years each. Matt said he'd reaffirmed the words of Maclean that he was accusing capitalism, not them, they him. (Press reports in Glasgow referred to Maclean as the 'notorious anarchist' - that, and the association with armed robbery, must have sent poor old John a twirling in his grave. Lygate's famous Scottish Party (Marxist-Leninist) disintegrated as the rest disavowed him and the fellow Communist Party of England (Marxist-Leninist) declared they had nothing to do with him. We argued his case in Black Flag and got no support outside anarchist circles, though we disagreed with his Maoist nationalism. The 'left' was totally silent. He then did Matt get a stirring welcome but a bum's rush out? Du he had meanwhile become an associate of the Scottish Republican Socialist Party and the Irish Republican Army flag party from them and a drum roll from the Paidraig Pearse flut band. Dominic Behan - name me the trend and I'll name you the music. Together with the Sio1 ran Gaedhael, Troops Out Movement, Sinn Fein, SRSP and so on...were they in protest when Matt was convicted? What protest was made by them when the Mauists washed their hands of him? Well, there are fashions even in armed struggle and bank robbery and armed raids have become fashionably accepted since twelve years ago - at any rate among Irish influenced 'republican socialism'. But good luck to Matt anyway. He's need it with that bunch. And it won't stop us supporting his in the future as a class warrior if ever it becomes necessary.

More Maknho's

Letter bombs addressed to 'Maknho's Anarchists were sent to a Police Federation office in Limehouse and a police admin building in Victoria. Other bombs addressed to the same group in the past include targets such as the Institute of Directors and Aeroflot. The latest two didn't explodc according to the press reports of matches, gunpowder, etc. More symbolism or police disinformation?