FEEDBACK

ANARCHIST NEWS BENEFIT
23rd March at the Art College, Howard Gardens, Cardiff. A party at the prison. Bands playing are Howard Gardens, Cardiff. WALES (near the prison). Start date is 23rd March at the Art College, Cardiff. The party starts at 9pm.

BRACKNELL ANARCHISTS
An @ group is being formed in Bracknell. Their contact address is Box 27, 72 Chatham Street, Reading, BERKS.

BOOK SALE
Freedom Bookshop in Angel Alley off Whitechapel High Street, purveyors of literature to the intelligentsia. @ literature to the intelligentsia will be having a sale on Friday March 23rd and Saturday March 24th. Ring (01) 247 9249 for details.

FREE SPACE
SQUAT FOR LIFE
15 people moved into the former Ukrainian Club in Bradford and have set up the People's Squat for Life. It is off Great Horton Road 13-15 Claremont, BRADFORD 7 W. Yorks. Local people from Bradford and Leeds have visited the Squat (some staying the night in case of Police harassment). Benefits are planned and a Regional Stop the City meeting has been held there. The local Yorkshire Post reports "Squatters Storm Council Building" and a more sympathetic interview with Radio Pennine was aired. The massive building with its many rooms and theatre has come to life, already many local groups want to use what was an empty shell. The Squatters are facing some Council harassment so they are asking people to send letters of support to them. Please visit if you are in the area.

CND Pontificates
A little bird told us that Monsignor Bruce Kent, General Secretary of CND, has instructed all CND groups not to take part in the anti-militarist protests to be held on March 29 in the City of London. One affiliated group - Green CND - has managed, though, to obtain his dispensation as long as their protest is nothing more than a bit of street theatre.

STOP THE CITY MANCHESTER
On Thursday 22nd March in Manchester various actions will take place against those institutions such as the Bank of England, the Stock Exchange and various private companies and stores. Suggestions include disruption of the traffic, jamming telephone lines, leafletting, releasing balloons and kites, street theatre and picketing and more! Those interested in participating can attend a planning meeting held on Monday at Manchester University Students Union, Oxford Rd at 7:30pm (ask for Libertarian Socialist Society). If you would like someone to come to one of your own meetings then contact: 67, Albany Rd, Chorlton, MANCHESTER M27 (do not put 'Stop the City' on the envelope please put Susie/Nicky).

MEETINGS
BOURNEMOUTH: Students Union Office, Lansdowne College, Bournemouth for details.
BRADFORD: Meetings and information at the new squat of the Peoples Squat for Life, 13-15 Claremont.
BRISTOL: Bristol Peace Centre, 1 Picton Street, Montpelier, Bristol.
LONDON: International Social 18th March 4pm Ambulance Station, 306 Old Kent Road, Elephant & Castle Tube. Co-ordination meetings. Every Monday at Bethnal Green Rights Shop, 296 Bethnal Green Road, Bethnal Green Tube. 7:30. Leafletting the area on Mondays 12:30pm. Meet at Finsbury Square Cafe.
OXFORD: Campaign Atom, Wholefood Cafe, Cowley Rd.
READING: Bridge, Pangbourne 4532.
SHEFFIELD: Benefit and day school 22nd March Common Ground, Wicker. Ph Sheffield 755 941.

BLACK FLAG-
FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER-
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TWO EDITORS JAILED
West Germany

Writing about state repression has landed two comrades, both editors of the anarchist paper "Radical", a 2½ year jail sentence. Their crime was that the paper published articles condemning state violence, approving resistance against state repression, and criticizing militarism. The persecution also charged them with publishing details about the activities of the Revolutionary Cells, the anarchist underground network, that grew out of the Red Army Fraction and June 2 Movement. The two editors, Benny Haerlin and Micky Kloekner, were found guilty of publishing letters sent to the paper by the RZ. The journalists union in West Germany has condemned the court's decision and has claimed that a dangerous precedent has been set. Reporters and investigative journalists are worried that the verdict represents an infringement on press freedom. The implication is that anyone who publishes stories from the angle of anyone or any organisation, that the state is opposed to (i.e. Communists, revolutionaries, peace protesters, prison support groups, environmental groups, etc) can be subject to criminal proceedings.

It's not illegal to publish or read anarchist papers - yet! But the state has proven time and time again that it will take every opportunity available and every means at its disposal to criminalise all forms of dissent - if that dissent proves to be an effective challenge.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO: RADIKAL, c/o Zeitungskooperativa, Postgach 420, EISENBAHNSTRASSE 4, 1000 BERLIN 36 WEST GERMANY 36

25p.
THE ECONOMY

Fiddling at work has enormous benefits says Dr Gerald Mars, a sociologist, in a new book. The key at work — reviewed in the Daily Telegraph. Not only does it have the offspin of cash reward, but it increases job satisfaction, raises work rates, provides incentive bonuses and leads to greater production.

The "black economy" has become not only an alternative to State-controlled private economy successful whereas "straight work" systems are failing. The latter cannot even provide sufficient work. Increased money flow comes from the skinning, the fiddling, the moonlighting.

Those who are exploited and can only relieve the exploitation by some degree of deviation whether petty theft, false accounting of overtime, unworked hours, "charging" of expenses and the like. Dr Mars confirms it is "good for workers and bosses". Evasion of tax in some cases is all that makes the job worthwhile.

Those who are kept unemployed are also exploited; their weight of numbers is used to control the economy & keep a "modern light" — go on working privately but receive unemployment benefit — contribute twice; to their exploitation as unemployed and as the unemployed. They are the builders of the economy, the government recognises its interest and rules it will be sent to the V5 Defence committee with the remainder going into publicity on the Omari case. Thanks to all those who came.

WHAT EVER NEXT?

Shock horrors! You may or may not have seen our ad, in the latest issue of New Statesman. Well if you didn't, it's reproduced below.

Why are we advertising?

Well, we think there's a large number of libertarians and potential libertarians who rarely come across anarchist papers (let alone anarchists) and as the sort of news items that regularly appear in the New Statesman (circulation 30,000) are clearly of interest to libertarian why? Won't the workers have to dictate to letc which represent the counter-revolutionaries we thought would deal with counter-revolutionaries man be rotated and made accountable 15 socialists and those on the 'non-aligned left' (whatever that is), we thought would deal with counter-revolutionaries against "dictatorship of the proletariat", power, but not of courts, police, army.

Well, we think there's a large number of libertarians and potential libertarians. Anarchism is against the idea of a vanishing employers, since a revolution will be the job of the educated. It's reproduced below.

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THE ECONOMY

This may reverse the traditional capitalist morality. But it is sound economic sense. The capitalist system when properly working, does expand the economic "cake" and make a bigger one for all to enjoy. It leaves the "cutting of the cake" to those with the biggest muscle. Those who do not have political or financial pull must compete for bigger slices, at the expense of those who have got too much. This is what elementary working class organisation is all about. It is a fiction put about by those with the largest slices to make a bigger slice must inevitability be at the expense of the sections of society without "muscle". The fiction is designed to keep people impotent, in power, by playing on envy. The result of not doing this is a crashed capitalist economy. That's good? But it does not mean prosperity, it simply spreads misery.

In opposition to this economic truth, not only envy, but actually morality and religion are enlisted (it is regarded as dishonest to fiddle at work). Such morality is purely determined by the Establishment. The "unemployed" will be those of the Exchequer, speaking in Liverpool, that to find jobs they must lower wages. Mr Lawson explained, "Cheaper wages will be worse for us". In other words, the slice of the cake available to people classified as unemployed, will be increased, if they work, not to the amount carved out by normal commercial and industrial agreements, but in accordance with their status as economic pariahs. This is swindling on a grand scale.

Question and Answer on Anarchism

Q: Anarchism is against the idea of a vanguard party to give the masses revolutionary awareness and push the masses to abolish capitalism — why? It is also against "dictatorship of the proletariat" — why? Won't the workers have to dictate to the bourgeoisie as to what goes on? How would we deal with counter-revolutionaries from among the workers' courts, police, prisons and army or even workers' state accountable and rotated, not of the "counter-revolutionary class", to protect workers' interests, as the Marxists say?

A: A "vanguard" party, that is to say one LEADING "the masses", must come out OF SIDE "the masses" (whatever they are): it is a Russian idea, nobody in Western Europe regards themselves as belonging to "the masses". The idea of the "vanguard" is the old Marxist idea of Leadership by the scholars. Leninism put forward Leadership by the armed scholars but it seems this has been amended to "the students" who are presumed to have both learning and the revolutionary force which candidly one has doubts about either in great quantity. There is no need to "dictate" or "manipulate" if by that is meant employers, since a revolution would sweep them aside. There is a need for a militia to prevent counter-revolutionaries from reasserting their power, but not of courts, police, army which represent the counter-revolution. The idea that these State functions can be rotated and made accountable is an attack on anarchy. Anarchists never work (British style democracy rotaries an elective dictatorship). The very reason why they said these State functions should be rotated is precisely because in "socialist" countries they palpably are not. The phrase "dictatorship of the proletariat" is a cover-up. There clearly IS a dictatorship. This being impossible to deny, it is said to be a dictatorship "of the proletariat" — but in what way does it differ class-wise from any other dictatorship? Do the judges also mine coal, or the police plough fields, or the Generals put in a noose? Of course not. So why should it be only dictatorship by a PART of the proletariat?

RICH SCUM

March 1st marked the first celeberation of the 'Spring Offensive Against The Rich', initiated by Class War. About 40 trouble-makers sat at, thrrew stones and jostled the rich parasites as they arrived at the Horse and Hounds Ball at the Grosvenor Hotel, owned by Sir Charles Forte, and known for its anti-union stance.

Many of us were masked with 2 sprigs of aristocracy who filled the windows and were "beholding their future executioners". The cops took half an hour to arrive, so many poney couples had their night and clothes ruined before we decided to make a tactical retreat. One "Red Action" member, who was arrested and later charged on four counts, including "assaulting a police officer". A Chicago US anarchist paper, The Alarm reported on a counter to the Thanksgiving March of 3,000 people in Chicago in 1884. The following: "The demonstrators groaned, hissed and booed at the rich and young sprigs of aristocracy who filled the windows and were "beholding their future executioners".
GCHQ

1. A QUESTION OF LOYALTY

Perhaps the most inspiring thing about Tuesdays 'half day of action' by many trade unionists throughout the country, is not least at the government's attempt to curtail the right to trade union membership, was hearing of the 200 or so Sellafield (Windscale) nuclear power plant workers down tools and come out in solidarity. Other trade unionists who came out in support included rail workers, newspaper workers, shipyard workers, car workers and, of course, civil servants. Even the TUC chief, Len Murray, looked aggressively determined when he announced that the TUC would be withdrawing from many state committees and consultative bodies (not unnecessarily a bad thing for the trade union movement anyway!) in protest. There are now threats of a possible one day national strike if any of the GCHQ staff who refused to be de-unionised are dismissed from their jobs.

The GCHQ staff themselves did not go on strike on the 'half day of action'. Their dilemma was that they did not wish to hand to the government the ammunition proving that anti-union campaign had been justified from the very beginning. In the end the vast majority of GCHQ staff signed away their union rights - many clearly doing so under duress and threat of possible dismissal. Many probably have mortgage or HP payments to make: as one member said at the time said, 'Choice? There was no choice'.

The main union at GCHQ is the Society of Civil and Public Servants. Their record for industrial action at GCHQ is hardly notable, that is until the government attempted to impose the polygraph (lie detector) as a means of testing loyalty. The staff at GCHQ forcibly rejected any use of the polygraph, and they received strong union backing. As a result panic buttons began to be pushed at Whitehall (and Washington): a 'sole' had already been rooted out at the base and the government's worry was that staff could very well be placed in a position where their loyalties would eventually be inextricably divided between the state and the trade unions. Furthermore the Tories believed firmly in the principle that state security should never be challenged or put at risk because of an industrial dispute.

2. PRECEDENTS

It is clearly the policy of the present government, when it comes down to the issue of trade union rights, to push the limits of their repressive powers as far as they believe they can do so without being effectively challenged. The Tories also believed - quite correctly - that there was much cynicism within the trade union movement with its leadership. But then they seriously underestimated the solidarity workers around the country would show when their trade union rights are attacked.

In one sense GCHQ was a soft option for the government: those with little to lose are generally the most militant and most of the staff at GCHQ are relatively well paid and would probably therefore think twice before risking unemployment. Nevertheless the staunch reaction showed by the GCHQ staff as the dispute developed surprised everyone, while the government's lack of tact and general mismanagement of the whole affair no doubt added to and encouraged the determined resistance shown.

But it was clear very early on that the Tories would win in the end on percentage figures, leaving the way open for them to push the question over loyalty even further by suggesting that that GCHQ staff - and other Crown employees in other top security establishments be 'protected' by law from disloyal influences. In this respect the government would, no doubt, wish to 'do a GCHQ' on other Crown employees, such as those who work at the Royal Ordnance Factories. However many Tory MP's now believe that Thatcher made a grave mistake and they received strong union backing. Their dilemma was that they did not wish to hand to the government the threat of possible legal action which, if implemented, could have been a precedent - with added TUC support be 'protected' by law from disloyal influences. In this respect the government would, no doubt, wish to 'do a GCHQ' on other Crown employees, such as those who work at the Royal Ordnance Factories. However many Tory MP's now believe that Thatcher made a grave mistake and they received strong union backing. Their dilemma was that they did not wish to hand to the government the threat of possible legal action which, if implemented, could have been a precedent - with added TUC support.

3. THE TUC'S ROLE

It did not take the TUC leadership long to realise full right behind the 'no-strike' agreement offer from the SCPS; but then its tactics changed drastically when it saw that the government was not even prepared to bend and accept that. So they cautiously proposed the idea of a 'half day general strike'. Taken aback by the massive solidarity shown by workers around the country, the TUC leadership has now proposed a possible one day general strike if there are any dismissals at GCHQ. The government may very well decide it would be more tactical to try for transfers rather than actually sacking anyone, which would then mean that the TUC would be left with trying to solve the matter through the courts. Like the government the TUC underestimated the deep anger that workers around the country felt because of the attack on their trade union rights. If a one day general strike - together with other disruptive actions - had been called, the dispute may very well be still very much alive and kicking.

As with the NGA dispute workers have shown that it is the rank and file who determine both the pace and degree of protest, while the TUC leadership awkwardly falls in line with the general consensus, until a face-saver can be found.

For its part the TUC leadership probably welcomed the opportunity to come involved in a major campaign may have helped to restore its waning credibility. Over the last few years especially the trade union movement has suffered defeat after defeat, while its leadership is perceived as merely retreating further down the road of conciliation and compromise. The lower paid, the jobless, those threatened with redundancy: all felt little identification with a movement that appeared to be solely concerned with protectionism rather than effective solidarity, with a policy of confrontation rather than with job creation.

With the influx of professional bodies and white collar workers, the TUC has gradually lost much of its anti-capitalist pretence. Many of its solidly working class rank and file now swell the ranks of the sole queues. By its own design the TUC caters in the main for only those who are lucky enough to be still earning a wage. And the lower paid wonder if the TUC can do anything at all to prevent the mass being priced out of the job market altogether.
4. GCHQ REVISITED

Most of those employed at Government Communication Headquarters at Cheltenham are engaged in work of a highly secretive nature involving the monitoring of signals and communications on behalf of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) and SIGINT – the military signals intelligence wing of the Western Alliance.

It is now more or less common knowledge, thanks to the excellent investigative work undertaken by Duncan Campbell (New Statesman) that GCHQ was responsible for arranging the bugging of Harold Wilson's private office, when he was Prime Minister; that it is involved in the design of phone tapping equipment, for use by British Telecom; that GCHQ staff set up and monitored trade union meetings and campaign meetings organised by militant activists involved in the Grunwick dispute. The nature of GCHQ work involves those who work there directly in institutions that seek to thwart those opposed to the state or to government policy. Left militants, peace protesters, union activists, anarchists: all come under the GCHQ microscope.

GCHQ works directly with MIS on international surveillance, including phone tapping of dissidents, etc. Together with the National Security Agency (NSA) in the USA, GCHQ plays a major role in the interception of radio traffic. The centre is directly connected to out-stations (listening posts) in Malta, Hong Kong, Australia (Pine Gap), West Berlin, as well as similar set-ups in Sweden, Brazil, Turkey and West Germany. Fort Meade, the NSAHQ in Maryland, is its a Big Brother and operational co-partner in heading the SIGINT consortium. GCHQ staff are officially part of the Foreign Office and have their own Deputy of State. Much of its budget comes under the Defence Expenditure.

The other major listening post in the UK – some estimate it to be, perhaps, the most important Western Alliance – is Menwith Hill, Yorkshire.

Menwith Hill, to which GCHQ is directly linked, has the capability of monitoring all UK telephone traffic, having a direct input to the BT microwave system (which was, in fact, built to fit in with Menwith Hill's own network). In times of national emergency Menwith Hill and GCHQ will control, operationally, all UK communications, feeding in all communication intelligence to Wartime Military Command. GCHQ is already linked to spysat, spy satellites, and other surveillance centres on a global basis. Under agreement with NSA, it has prime responsibility for a joint intelligence gathering for the whole of Europe, Africa and western USSR. Ultimately it is responsible to the government, but its operations are currently guarded by the Intelligence Service (MIS and MIG) and SIGINT. GCHQ is just the right kind of establishment that could easily run the centre of a power struggle between Whitehall policy makers and senior figures in the military. The recent dispute over the status of civil servants and government scientists at the centre may very well be symptomatic of such a struggle in deciding whom GCHQ is ultimately responsible.

By attempting to sever altogether the link between the staff at GCHQ and their Civil Servant trade union and trade union movement generally, the government is hoping to make GCHQ more accountable to Central Government. Perhaps it is also the intention of the present government to strengthen the influence of SIS and SIGINT over GCHQ staff, to the extent that their status as civil servants is dropped altogether. After all it is quite clear that the present government does not see the activities of other fellow trade unionists?

5. A WORKERS CLUB?

There are several options now open to the GCHQ staff, given that the government will probably now play softly softly for a while until the issue is no longer front page news and a 'cause celebre' for trade unionism. Firstly the GCHQ staff could take the opportunity to form a local syndicate of all GCHQ workers – clerical, scientists, cleaners, caterers, staff, administrators, etc – at the base and to set up their own negotiating committee – composed of delegates from all staff sections.

Furthermore, GCHQ staff could go on the offensive by collectively rejecting any further work involving the surveillance of fellow trade unionists – a step in the right direction at least. To date there has never been any trade union picket of GCHQ against the kind of work undertaken at the centre. The TUC have kept completely silent on this issue although, admittedly, much of the monitoring the GCHQ staff would do would probably be on the sort of labour militant the TUC leadership would feel little in common with.

The GCHQ staff have received the support and solidarity of trade unionists and workers throughout the country: they could easily reciprocate this solidarity by helping (either openly or anonymously) to expose the extent of the state's anti-trade union activities. After all, is not the government's bribe of £1000 for any GCHQ employee who agrees to become disassociated with their trade union in order that they can retain their job, merely a form of incitement? Incitement to disloyalty to government policy. Left militants, anarchists: all come under the same categories.

DONCASTER, ANARCHISTS HASSLED

On the night of the 15th of February a quarry in South Yorkshire was attacked and sabotaged by 'Open Membership'. In their statement to the press 'Open Membership' claimed responsibility for slashing conveyor belts, pouring sand on diesel engines and daubing slogans, damage estimated at £1000. They also stated their intention to burn down the office on site, but this was never done because the night was foggy which would have put the fire personnel at risk.

The quarry is owned by Amea Roadstone Corporation, which are sub-contractors at Greenham Common. 'Open Membership' claimed responsibility for a similar action in November at a quarry owned by Tarmac who are also involved in construction at Greenham. A week after this attack, on the 23rd of February three anarchists were arrested in Doncaster and held for questioning for 11 hours; their home was searched and items taken for forensic tests.

During the questioning the police implied that the arrests had taken place because of a tip off, from some one who not only set the comrades up but informed the police of their political ideology. Because of the nature of the questioning it is believed that someone within the local CND group informed the Doncaster comrades, either because he/she believed they were responsible or because of their politics.
**IMMIGRATION CONTROL IN BERLIN**

On New Year's Eve 1983 6 people were burned to death in a Berlin prison where they were awaiting deportation. All investigations by the Fizz Brigades (with the exception of a few cases in which the arsonists were living in_exorcised dorms and blocked the doors of their cells must have been driven to despair. The police are investigated the supposed rebellion and arson. The politicians say that they can't understand how this incident could have happened. "It is incomprehensible". Behind all this is nothing less than a repressive and racist policy which has been practised by the German Govt. for years. It is aimed at people who come from other countries to seek asylum or want to join their families who have lived in Germany for years.

In a Christmas message in Berlin the Interior Senator Heinrich Lummer (best known and most hated for his repressive policy against Berlin squatters) called upon everybody who seeks asylum to leave Germany voluntarily. "We cannot solve the problems of other countries; and in the best interest of all our taxpayers and the jobmarket we cannot allow an unlimited number of people to live in our country." In fact less than 10% of all applications for asylum get accepted and other deterrent methods are common practice.

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**FRANCE**

DEBT TO SOCIETY

Three French Nazi collaborators have been released. Two had originally been sentenced to death, one to life; all were released after twenty years imprisonment. Mtre Serge Klarsfeld, the lawyer and Nazi-catcher, said, "These three were Jean Barbier, Jacques Vassurer and Joseph Cartail, have paid their debt to society". We are not in favour of keeping people in prison for the sake of crime. People are guilty of mass murders in France, in collaboration with Klaus Barbie, "the Butcher of Lyons". Yet we cannot help thinkers who have made a career of condemning the Spanish clergy for their crime? Trying to prevent these people carrying on their butchery on Spanish soil! And we think that even the most repressive policy against Berlin squatters) called upon everybody who seeks asylum to leave Germany voluntarily. "We cannot solve the problems of other countries; and in the best interest of all our taxpayers and the jobmarket we cannot allow an unlimited number of people to live in our country." In fact less than 10% of all applications for asylum get accepted and other deterrent methods are common practice.

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**MULTI - NATIONAL**

**HYSTER HYSTER**

Some issues back we reported on the situation of the workers at Hyster's fork lift truck plant in the USA. Some workers were fired for accepting large wage cuts in return for the promise of job security and the creation of 1000-1500 new jobs in the area which has one of the highest unemployment rates in Britain. If you were sceptical you were right. The bosses are now saying that it never at any time promised new jobs and the guarantees of job security were 'conditional'. The same company made similar spurious pledges in Europe and the States and looks like getting away with it.
Five women in Durham Prison are still on hunger strike in protest at the harsh conditions still being maintained in one of the prison's wings. The five are receiving support in their protest from a group of ex-prisoners called Women in Prison. Three of the women are classified as Category A (ie, considered to be highly dangerous). One of the five is Judith Matt Lygate, having bravely survived his 34 year sentence, completing 12 years of it — during which ordeal his comrades would not stand by him — is appealing against the decision, if she loses her Appeal against Deportation. She is appealing against the decision, if she realises she had stayed out of prison for her courage and quiet. I write letters, read or even just sit and contemplate without any distractions.

The whole media-coverage around this first Trial is really strange in that they are not allowed to mention the upcoming "political" bombing trials or refer to us as anarchists, terrorists or extremists, so the reporting is very low key and strictly "criminal". We're still at a very early stage of this trial in front of the jury. It was pretty funny that the members of the Emergency Response Team wore their scarlet tunics — the full dress RCMP uniform — in court. They looked like they'd just ridden up to the Court on horseback or stepped out of some tourist poster. Ah, the RCMP — symbol of any distractions.

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Josie Thomas

Josie Thomas, the Huddersfield woman who has lost her Appeal against Deportation. She is appealing against the decision, if that appeal fails she will be deported. Josie has lived in Huddersfield for the past 20+ years called in by the British GoV. to do the shit work. She has supported herself by working ever since, getting a skin disease from when she worked in a fireworks factory. She lost her right to stay in Britain when she went back to Grenada to nurse her father (who was dying) & stayed there five months too long. Due to the unfamiliarity with bureaucracy, she did not realise she had stayed out of the UK for too long and she did not qualify for residence permit when she got back to Britain. The Home Office insists she gave her a repatriation grant, Josey denies this. Her family has been split up between the UK & Grenada ever since. Help Josie by writing to David Waddington.

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