FEEDBACK

GLASGOW MEETING
A meeting on ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM is taking place on Saturday 7th April from 1pm-5pm at The Star Club, 44 Clyde Street, over suspension bridge. GLASGOW, SCOTLAND.

CHICAGO MEETING
The Autonomy Center in Chicago is organizing a gathering of Anarchists on Friday May 4th to Sunday May 6th 1984 for the following purposes:
1. Building and planning for May Events in 1986 - the 100th Anniversary of Haymarket and 50th Anniversary of the Spanish Revolution.
2. Working on and co-ordinating Anti-Election Events in the 1984 US elections.
3. Enjoying ourselves and meeting with, being with each other.
All enquiries to Autonomy Center, c/o Impossible Books, 3951 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL. 60613, USA.

TRANSLATORS
Anyone who is regularly receiving non-English language Anarchist or Anarchist-Syndicalist papers, could they please send in translations of anything that seems important or newsworthy. Our own 'in-house' translating facilities are already overstretched and we badly need some help, especially with papers put out by our Italian and German comrades.

PUBLICATIONS
Anarchismo, No. 42 March 1984. From Alfredo Bonanno, C.P. 61, 95 CATANIA, ITALY.
The Monkey & The Dragon are distributing Black Rose, a Canadian Anarchist journal and various Anarchist tapes. Write to them for a catalogue, MAB, Tweed Street, High Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7HW.
Prisoners of War 10p. Paper of the South Manchester Anarchist Group. Address: The Autonomy Centre, 8-10 Gt. Ancoats St, Manchester M4 5AD (We don't make it on their back page, tho.)

CRIFA MEETING
The CRIFA Secretariat (which acts as a liaison among Federations in the International Anarchist Federation) held a meeting in January of the French, Spanish and Italian Anarchist Federations, with a member of the former Anarchist Union of Bulgaria. The IFA was created in the First Congress at Carrara (Italy); with delegates from thirty countries. It has had two congresses since. No British organisation exists filling the role of the national federation. But the last Conference (Savona, Italy) called for co-operation in countries where organised federations did not exist. The CRIFA is independent of the International Workers Association, the anarcho-syndicalist international.

EDDIE HORN
Eddie Horner has moved from Liverpool: Eddie Horner No. 308 HM Prison, Hilden Rd, HULL, NORTH HUMBERSIDE HU9 5L.S.
Please keep writing, sending publications to him.

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DIARIE. Fanzine-style magazine from: Jon, 40 Bromleshaw Close, Harestock, Winchester, SO22 6LT.

DIRECT ACTION, National Paper of the Direct Action Movement. Issue 13 now out. Includes Battle of Warrington, Augustin Houchy obituary, TWA reports etc.

EMERGENCY, includes short story by John Barker (convicted on Angry Brigade bombings), articles on the work ethic, Italian Autonomia, racism and violence against women, the Class of '68 - where are they now? prison violence, the failure of pacifism, etc., cartoons. £1.95 (70pp A4) from: Room 265, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1.

BLACK FLAG FORTNIGHTLY NEWSBULLETIN

TROOPS TO DISAFFECT?

The signs are that the government is expecting a mass campaign of incitement in the near future. History has shown us that in times of economic recession and in the period leading up to a major war, a government takes steps to secure the loyalty of its troops (and senior civil servants).

Since the last issue of 'Black Flag' the government has initiated several developments as part of their own campaign to curb dissent. These developments include curbs on the rights of members of the Armed Forces, the tightening up and extension of vetting procedures for civil servants, and an indication that greater priority is to be placed on the sponsorship of more and more 'no strike' type staff associations.

The vetting of Ministry of Defence staff, so as to weed out those who are not sympathetic to current government policy, signals a change in direction. The government is now looking at the whole question of vetting procedures, with the intention of incorporating a form of political vetting. This new vetting procedure would involve all MoD staff, not just those in sensitive posts.

The implication is that the government will also try to extend political vetting to other government departments, if there is little opposition. With a huge majority in parliament and with a perceivably weak TUC the government may very well be encouraged to go all the way. To a certain extent M.O.SMI could help the government reduce the risk element, prevent possible leaks, and limit any attempts by unsympathetic staff to sabotage the efficient running of the system.

The government has denied that such political vetting would be party-oriented. The main target would be the CND supporter (or members of any other movement or organisation that...
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON ANARCHISM
Q: Why do Marxists under-value the unemployed lumpenproletariat and think that only workers can bring about revolution, and not peasants (if we had any in this country) saying that peasants are hard workers and only interested in their own little bit of land?

A: These terms are flip terms which become popular, but have changed meaning. In Victorian regulation, the concept of “unemployed” was different; without social security if you permanently lost your job you had literally NOTHING, you eventually dropped down into slums or street, in Trotsky’s term “human rubbish”, Jack London’s “people of the abyss”. This lumpenproletariat (rogue proletariat) has no possibility of survival, bane of “respectable workers” and not to be equated with today’s unemployed who are not reduced to begging or theft as a permanent life and the only one of survival.

Marx undervalued them, some of today’s Marxists undervalue today’s unemployed thinking this is what he had in mind.

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DISAFFECTION—Cont...

campaign against party policy. In this sense it would seem that the government’s intention is not necessary to load the Civil Service in its favour, but to neutralise the activists to rid it of any subversive elements.

There has also been revealed that the MoD are to make operative changes in the regulations governing the liberties of Forces personnel. The changes in question mean that members of the Armed Forces are actively discouraged by the regulations from being a member of, or sympathising with, any political or disaffected movement. This means that any Serviceman or woman who takes part in any political demonstration, of any sort, could face disciplinary charges. Up until now restrictions have been confined to participation in the activities of political parties only and it is clear that the government is worried that members of the Armed Forces may be open to influence from anti-militarists, etc. The new measures are therefore precautionary and are designed to nip in the bud any possible disaffections. From now on anyone who wants to organise or join in participation in political activity will have to do so clandestinely. Merely talking to someone, for example, will become an offence under these new regulations. Under the 1934 Incitement to Disaffection Act the Crown has to prove that there was an attempt made to incite, or that there is intention to cause disaffection; but under the new regulations responsibility for housing - has been placed on serving members, as an additional safeguard, to ensure that they are not involved in the first place.

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FASCISTS In Search of a Home?

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The first discussions and propaganda groups. The movement played a major role in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century workers struggles. However, from united; two wings of the movement and some cooperation with the then highly centralised Communist Party began to work its way into power, predictably this meant the suppression of the movement. The following is a list of libertarian prisoners in Boniato prison, included are seven anti-authoritarian prisoners who had been on hunger strike to get at the moment.

**CUBA**

The Cuban Anarchist movement traces its roots back to 1885 with the start of the first discussions and propaganda groups. The movement played a major role in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century workers struggles. However, in the late 1950s the movement was far from united; two wings of the movement existed, the anarcho-syndicalist wing and those that favoured armed struggle and some cooperation with the then 'libertarian' Fidel Castro. However, with the defeat of the Batista regime the military authorities Wh9 Fun the Jail-launched the GAL (Confederacion National Traval - anarchist-syndicalist union) members. Just as the Sindicato-Libres, the hired killers who were paid assassins is but a sign of how things forbode for the future. They are reminded of the Sindicato-Libres, the far-right and fascist criminal and business communities do what they wish, while the 'socialist, mandarins turn a blind eye to the dirty work performed on their behalf.

**IRELAND**

In the last issue we printed a letter smuggled out of Long Kesh prison in the north of Ireland. The author described how Republican prisoners were being harassed since the spectatorial escape a couple of months back and went on to say how some of those who were re-captured were beaten up and left naked in solitary and how tension was rising generally. It was a forewarning of things to come: a week later the prisoners' Deputy Governor, William McConnell, was executed by the IRA's Belfast Brigade. He was specifically singled out because he 'had organised and directed beatings in the gaol (and had been) selected by the administration to break Republican opposition to the new law of menial and degrading work tasks'.

Astoundingly, after the killing, the national press reported that there had been no recent claims by the Republican movement of ill treatment. Either the press are deliberately covering up the truth about what is happening in the north or they are clearly out of touch.

**JAPAN**

We recently received word that the anarchist group in Kyoto, Japan are still fighting for the release of K. Omori, the young anarchist who was to have been executed in January this year. The comrades there are hoping to continue this fight over the next few years inside as well as outside the prison and in the courts.

They warn us of a new law that has come into use recently in Japan which enables any judge to pronounce a death sentence to the mere evidence or confession from any witnesses (sounds similar to Diplom Court in N. Ireland. They also warn us that if Omori is executed, other anarchists in Japan will be hunted down and killed in a similar way to Omori. They ask that in order for them to free Omori they need further support and continued solidarity.

The London K. Omori Defence Group, have been holding pickets outside the Japanese Embassy every fortnight since December last year and have put out numerous leaflets about K. Omori's case. We are hoping to do a poster in the near future. A comic-form leaflet arrived from Melbourne, Australia in January this year. Unfortunately there was no contact address on this leaflet. We are compiling a list of Japanese businesses which we hope to leaflet/picket soon. More people are needed in London for these actions and an international campaign outside London we would like to know of and publicise.

All enquiries about the case to K. Omori Defence Group, c/o 121 Railton Road, London SE24. Phone (01) 274 42-700 Lubliniec, POLAND.

**POLAND**

Anna Walentynowicz

Anna a 54 year old crane operator from the Gdansk shipyard and leading Solidarity member is again in prison.

She was arrested on 4th December '83 along with along with other Solidarity activists outside the Wujek coalmine in Silesia. About 500 people had gathered to put up a plaque that Anna had funded from compensation she had received for values stolen by cops during a house search. The memorial was in honour of the miners who were killed during the brutal suppression of their strike in December 1981. The gathering was attacked by the police and several detained.

**TURKEY**

Seven political prisoners in the South-east town of Dijiarbakir have died. They had been on hunger strike since January. Another six are in very serious condition. The prisoners mostly Kurdish, are protesting at the removal of political status, by the military authorities who run the jail. After several episodes, including a fire which killed six prisoners, they decided to go on a three week hunger strike in protest. However 43 of the prisoners have decided to continue to refuse food until death.

**SOURCE:** Ball Dam
**FASCISTS NF RAIDS**

Why did Special Branch raid the NF leadership? The raids took place in the early hours of February 28, only a couple of weeks after the appearance on TV's Panorama programme on the links between fascists and the Tory Party. They raided the homes of NF Deputy Chairman, Ian Anderson, and 'Nationalism Today' editor, Joe Pearce. They took away large quantities of files, address books, etc. It was a clear fishing trip - where will the information end up, on the SB's computer or on 'Searchlights' desk? Either way, the police may be out to get a prosecution, seeing that members of the Obscene Publications Squad were also present at the raid. It's not that the police approve of the NF's racist garbage...more likely they wish to keep their activities contained, seeing that they are currently an embarrassment to the state fascists who are already in power.

**HIGH WYCOMBE**

On March 2-4 a NATO bunker which is under construction at Walters Ash, Naphill, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire was occupied. The action took place to draw attention to what is happening at Greenham. Over the past couple of weeks, some of these have come true.

Firstly we predicted that when the practice convoys leave the base they would head for Mob land...probably Salisbury Plain. After the recent excursion, Press and TV reports all mentioned Salisbury Plain as the destination point where the first convoy ended up before returning to Greenham. If such an excursion is repeated, we predict that the convoy is likely to pass somewhere along the A330, then the A307, and then the A345.

Secondly we predicted that the military would endeavour to displace a complete convoy (plus or minus the missiles) to another base within MoD territory. As we go to press, we learn that a convoy left Greenham and did not return. It may very well have ended up at another Forces base where practice runs could be performed at will, away from public attention. A convoy could be stationed at some Forces base temporarily or on a permanent basis.

Thirdly we predicted that the MoD would look into the possibility of constructing dummy missiles - either to replace the real ones at Greenham (and install the live missiles elsewhere) or to function as surrogates for training exercises that could take place at other bases. In fact a little bird has told us that the government has every intention of constructing dummy missiles - allegedly to fool the Soviets (who were allegedly to target their counter-missiles), but also to fool the peace protesters (whose numbers would otherwise have become overstretched).

As the first convoy left Greenham, the Press and TV were already there to cover its departure and it was obvious they were given advance notice of the exercise. The Greenham women, however, were patently unprepared and unable to do anything to prevent the convoy from leaving the base. It was an enormous PR success for the government.

But the Greenham women cannot be blamed for what happened. In isolation they are powerless, and if anyone deserves criticism, it would be those anti-militarists who have allowed themselves to be conned by the pacifist mystique. It's as if a huge spiders web of quietism has been woven, dulling the sensibilities, lulling those trapped within into believing that their strength of conviction alone will ensure eventual victory. The government has kindled a fire that symbolic resistance is no challenge to its strength of arms, and there has been no effective rearguard campaign in support of the wider protest movement. The state is well experienced in dealing with protest movements and knows exactly when to use the right degree of violence to quell resistance (whether actual or symbolic). Tear gas and the SAS in Belfast, soft cops (comparatively) at peace camps, and IRA's in Brixton. That is until the state is confronted with the unexpected: offensive measures on terms it has not calculated on.