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AGORA — French Libertarian Review appearing every 2 weeks before. 

CLASS OF '68 Rectav would like to make contact with readers who were active in the sixties and early seventies and who are willing to let us have their recollections and impressions of the period. We shall be drawing up a questionnaire to send out to respondents to stimulate their memories as to how they felt about events, people and groups at the time, and how they view this period in retrospect. Please write to: Stuart Christie, Rectav Publications, BCM Rectav, London WCIN 3XK.

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WAR HQ RE-OCCUPIED

On 26 March 1984 the UK Air Primary Static War HQ, under construction (on National Trust Land) at Naphill near High Wycombe, Bucks, was re-occupied by people from the Brighton area, after having been occupied three weeks before.

The bunkay, costing £400 million will become the HQ for both RAF Strike Command and for all NATO UK Air Forces. It was occupied to draw attention to what is going on at Naphill.

PROPOSED ACTION AT COMISO

The Ragusa Anarchist Group write: With a few other anarchist and libertarian comrades we were at the 1983 National Assembly of IMAC (International Meeting Against Cruise) held at Comiso in Sicily on 29th December. Before a meeting in which there was a massive presence of militants from all over Europe, we stressed the proposal to occupy the Magliocchio Airport missile site as the objective around which the activity and the struggles against the installation of Cruise must come together. This assembly, noteworthy for the different political positions held by the participants, nevertheless launched a proposal which we took up which ought to be seriously considered by the whole movement: a 50,000 strong demonstration at Comiso in the Spring which will aim at a mass occupation of the base.

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ARMAGH PICKET ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 10th & 11th March

A large group of women from different parts of England went to Belfast or Derry for a weekend, the main event being a picket outside the women's prison in Armagh. Various suitable like super-grease, the use of plastic bullets, strip-searches etc. were discussed in workshops the day before the picket, and that went well. However, it seemed to me that the general atmosphere in the delegation was like when a school goes on a day trip to the zoo. A sense of anxiety was spent in trying to associate with the 'right' people in the group, and because you're only away for a short time, you get a bit of a personal angle from staying with a local family for two nights, but it's still not enough.

I think the aim of going there is first of all to support the women in Ireland, especially those inside, in their struggles against all the oppressors, but in order to feel the intention to continue the support once you go back, you have to get a bit of a personal angle.

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News is coming in all the time, but here is a brief resume of information received so far... Around 1500 took part, there were less cops around at the beginning (busy day — miners pickets and GLC protest even the Cruise Missile road trip at Greenham). Things started to happen from around 9 onwards. From the beginning, the police moved in with snatch squads picking individuals at random. There were some attempts to defend comrades but there was many instances of protesters standing by allowing the cops to arrest those they want. Around 11.30 about 500 stormed up a street smashing bank windows. Altogether about 40 plate glass windows were broken (estimated damage £10,000). Lots of water-bombs and skips set on fire, tyres slashed, graffiti in chalk/paint, locks glued etc.

There were many reports of people being followed by plain-clothes cops. We heard of one undercover cop who was following a group around for several hours — he had also been seen the previous day, in the end the cop was chased into a wine bar and punched in the face. He wasn’t seen again.

We heard reports of some cars being overturned. One Rolls-Royce had its windows kicked in while the owner inside panicked.

Altogether the number of arrests were high — around 450 (this includes people who were arrested in the early evening protesting at the Cruise Missile manouvers in Trafalgar Square near Paul Raymond’s Theatre of War). We later heard that the police were thinking of charging some of those arrested under the firearms Act for throwing smoke canisters. One protestor was arrested and threatened with conspiracy to riot. At the police station he was accused of organising the STC protest, merely because at the time of his arrest he was carrying a CB and, possibly, because police infiltrators remember him from a planning meeting. He had several injuries: 3 cops got him in a stranglehold and carried him to the police van by his throat. In the police van they got hold of his breathing device (he’s an asthmatic) and dangled it in front of his face, which was by now turning blue. At the police station he collapsed in the cell, and had to be seen by a doctor. Fellow prisoners demanded he be let go. The cops thought he was dying, so they let him out without charging him, and told him to die 40 yards away, not here.

Finally we hear that one group of squatters was visited by plain clothes cops the day before STC. They were refused entry and later that evening they were visited by a young man looking for somewhere to stay for the night. He didn’t explain clearly how he knew about the house, he also came out with some bullshit about how he had some genocidal and how he had been in the Swedish Army (he was too young). Later he was confronted and ordered to knifepoint to remain in the house overnight and to get out of the area in the morning. This agent provocateur clearly hadn’t done his homework.

More overall coverage of STC will follow in the next News Bulletin, please be prompt with news and photos if you wish to contribute.
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How is Japanese capitalism laundering Tyne & Wear? 

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STOP THE CITY

14th April. Defendants day, bring photographs, videos etc. Solicitors will be available.

15th April. General discussion on how we stopped the city. ZA Alexander Rd. N8 Turner's Lane Tube. Overnight accommodation will be available if necessary.

Rampages - A crowd got free of the police lines at the Royal Exchange and charged Aldgate Way smashing Barclays & Navigation House windows. Smoke bombs were thrown, paint splashed, a Rolls had its windscreen done in. Another car was put over for a barricade. A Securicor van was tried but it was too heavy. Arrests were minimal, as only 15 cops could keep up. The winging birds of the coming storm....

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FRANCE

In the province of Lorraine there has been extensive rioting because of the threatened cut-backs in the steel industry. Over 25,000 jobs are threatened. The monopolies and management of property was attacked, buildings set on fire and damaged. A march to Paris is, as we go to press, planned for April 4. Overall, there are around 50,000 jobs have been "rationalised" away and workers have clearly had enough. It is thought that miners will also join in the trouble in Tyne & Wear.

QUESTION AND ANSWER ON ANARCHISM

Q: How and why did the State and capitalism come into existence?

A: A primitive, generally pastoral, society didn't have a state. Only when it takes prisoners does the State come into existence for the first time. The ruling class creates a State in order to make work for others. They also create a police force to protect the interests of the ruling class, they will eventually not need State power as there is no economically oppressed class remaining. Anarchists say that rule for its own sake means that while there is a State, people will use it to dominate others. Bureaucrats can replace class. Since Stalin, many Marxists have to admit this, but it blurs on Stalin's personal wickedness, rather than focusing on the problem of State power.

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Nissan has come, prepared with smiles, to do business on its own terms. But who is paying for it? Is the savings of hundreds of small investors saving yen each week? On the contrary, the money is being raised from London, Framlington & General Fund and opened a "new unit trust aiming for all capital growth" through "investment in the East, primarily in Japan".

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The Japanese economy is strong and believes the prospects for further growth are good, particularly for the many companies which are committed to the aggressive marketing of advanced technological products. With the Japan & General Fund, we will be following the same investment policy that has served holders of other Framlington units well in the past. We are being seek to identify growth companies in Japan, and elsewhere in the East, at a time when development - before others have fully recognised their potential.

Yours sincerely,

T.P.F. Miller
Group Managing Director

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**MINERS**

**BALKL?** The liberal call for a national ballot on whether or not to strike against pit closures, can only be treated with derision and contempt. If a pit closes, a whole community dies. You only have to look at what was left in the pit villages in the north-east and South Wales, to witness the utter devastation and dereliction that are the result of pit closures. So the call for a ballot of people, some of whom do not even live in mining communities (particularly white collar staffing) to decide on the life or death of that community is an anathema. So about the school children who have demonstrated in solidarity with the miners in Edlington and Mexborough schools near Doncaster. Nor about the Barnsley nurses who have voted to have a rota of women to stand with the miners on the picket lines. Nor about the local trades people who are selling food, giving food, women’s action groups.

The fight against pit closures is a fight that concerns all the people who live in the mining areas.

**POLICE STATE** The police operations during this strike have struck alarm into the hearts and minds of the liberal establishment. The co-ordination on a national rather than regional level has been seen as the embryo of a national police force. The speedy mobilization as a threat to ‘democracy’. The thoroughness and effectiveness of the police operation has been seen as the embryo of a national police force. The police actions are just the tactics they have used on many occasions to maintain law and order, to prevent strikes, to prevent demonstrations, to prevent picketing. The next day the police were better prepared and when the pickets arrived at the Coal House there were already g

**DIVISIONS OF LABOUR** The Coal House in Doncaster has become a battle ground in the miner’s strike, not only because it is still working but because it is where the wages for the Nottinghamshire scabs are made up.

The Coal House is the main administrative centre in the region and employs some 1,800 workers, who are divided into 3 unions BACM (British Association of Colliery Management), APEX (Association of Professional Executives and Computer Staff) and COSA/NUM (Colliery Officers Staff Association).

The traditionally a resentment of the of the office staff by the miners, and since the introduction of the bonus system this has greatly increased. The bonus system works on an area basis. Pit workers are paid the bonus on the production from their face, other pit workers get paid on the production from their pit and office workers are paid a bonus on the overall production of the area. What this means is that office staff are paid a bonus despite being more constant than the other pit workers. If a face stops production for reasons which are not the fault of the face worker such as mechanical or geologi cal, the face workers lose most of their bonus, whilst still working a full shift in situations that are just as hard and dangerous.

So the bonus system means that office staff earn their bonus not on their own work but from the toil, blood and sweat of the men in the mine. It is their toil, their sweat, their blood that is the source of their bonus.

**THE THIRD WEEK OF THE STRIKE** On the Monday at the start of the third week of the strike the Coal House became a target for pickets from the Doncaster area. The pickets had been a handful from the Coal House and their effect was minimal. There were around 200 pickets, mainly miners who had been turned back at the Nottinghamshire border, but they were supported by members of the Hatfield Women’s Support Group and a handful of unemployed workers. On arrival at the Coal House there were only 20 policemen but these were soon reinforced by others from the police station next door, bringing their numbers up to about 100.

There was then pushing and shoving to occupy the entrance to the building. The pickets could not hold it all the time, the police couldn’t ensure the ‘safety’ of the scabs, the majority of which were being held by the police station. After a couple of hours when only a smaller number of workers had braided the pickets the management agreed to close the place down for the day.

Although the press has attempted to highlight any ‘violence’ of strikers towards scabs, this encounter showed there is little violence directed at the scabs; this is obvious when all the pickets and scabs are face to face. When a non-striker stops to talk and argue their case, even if they are surrounded by pickets there is quiet to allow them to talk. When the police lines are outflanked, a group of 50 pickets ran towards a group of policemen standing across the road. A good example of the thoroughness and effectiveness of the police operation can be seen in the following example. A miner from South Yorkshire, contacted his brother who runs a pub in Nottingham saying he was coming over to stop the scabs. As the miners closed the Saltby colliery they were stopped by the police, the story was given and checked up on, but they were still turned back on the threat of arrest.

The police have smashed windows, held miners on minor driving offences, arrested many and beaten some up; just to stop them reaching the still working pits. Four miners from Bentley pit, north of Doncaster, were arrested while having a drink and a game of darts in a village pub.

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The police have mounted roadblocks and convoys of vans constantly cruising up and down motorways in order to stop the recent tactics of causing congestion of main roads.

The police have also been questioned arresting pickets on their political views, but again this is nothing new. Finding out what people think they vote for and what they think is the major function of the special branch and the MI5, which job it is to keep an eye on. It is clear that the police have mounted an efficient means of control, but it is only a fraction of what they could do and their tactics and repression have only been part of the methods they could use.
LA-BORE HYPOCRITES

The Labour Party is giving its full support to the miners in their struggle against pit closures, but as with all things their words in opposition and their actions in power are two different things. The ship is down the industry is very similar to the run down that occurred between 1964 and 1970 under the Conservatives. It was there, where in South Wales alone 50 pits were closed, every one week, and 34,000 jobs destroyed. In the '60s the oil was very cheap and power stations were changed from coal to oil. This is similar to today where nuclear power is seen as a cheaper form of power, mainly because it employs less workers, which makes it less vulnerable to industrial action as most industries work are specialists technicians and management. The other common industry producing countries pushed up their prices and the oil crisis led to the 3 day week, coal was back in favour, power stations were switched back to coal and the new Labour government of 1974 launched 'The Plan for Coal'. But even now the coal industry is being run down as nuclear power is to be the power of the future. In South Wales between 1974 and 1979 4,000 miners jobs were destroyed. Tony Benn also was Energy Secretary between 1975 and 1976 not only supervised the 'Plan for Coal', in order to hobble the power from the oil countries, he also lunched 150 officers who would go ahead for many more nuclear power stations, which then as now was seen as the alternative to coal. Tony Benn also proved that the nuclear industry is easier to control when he broke a strike at one point by threatening to send the troops in.

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THIRDLY the miners must free themselves from the restrictions and divisions that the law puts on them. Although the miners have the transfer of cash from the strike fund and other sections and the divisions of pickets into official and unofficial must be ignored. When the organisation of the union is free from all hierarchical and bureaucratic structures and the union is made totally independent of state and company can the solidarity evolve that is required to destroy the power of the state.

HYPOCRISY OF THE POLICE

Speaking on the miners' pickets a speaker on a police discipline, and predictably praising the operation as a 'victory for traditional policing methods', the police (in what the police referred to as an 'official statement') said they had prevented 'violent men' from intimidating those who wished to work. He contrasted it with the treatment of the American police, the laith charges of the Indian police, of the 'Western' police only). The same tactics and terms of reference apply, perhaps he would have praised the restraint of the miners. But that was not what he said.

**FOOTNOTES**

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2. An appeal for aid was made to the miners from the NCB. All the miners union cannot be healed by ballots or by executive action. The miners union must be united, for the miners union can only be united in the fight against pit closures, but for whatever reason they act, over the last decade both labour and the 'Western' police only.

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ITALIAN WORKERS RESIST WAGE CUTS
16th March 1984. Venice, Italy.

Short strikes are continuing to break out all over Italy in opposition to the Government's moves to reduce all workers' real wages. Cisal (Socialist) and Co are implementing a further cut in the "Scala Mobile", which partially protects workers from wage decreases by automatic increases every 3 months. These rises are related to, but less than, the current rate of inflation. The two countries is it clear that the Maputo government will cooperate extensively with Pretoria if this will ensure the security of Mozambique's borders. South Africa's restrictions on ANC sympathisers; arms trade and funds extrapolated. Last month South Africa and Mozambique signed a non-agression pact and are currently engaged in a bilateral commission to tighten up security between the two countries. So far the Serre de Penguins have refused to extradite ANC members and other rebels to South Africa, but these are but small steps.

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A State of emergency has been imposed series of anti-transient (vagrant) ordinances have recently been introduced. The government seems to think that this will help to restore order. The C.P. leaders of the 'Scala Mobile' to make more arrests. We analysed transient behaviour on railway lines, roads and motorways. However it's not clear what exactly is expected to further pose a real challenge to the Government's austerity plans or if the Co and Co Union Leaders will succeed in channelling the discontent into ineffectual gestures of protest, as a prelude to a compromise solution.

2 of the main trade unions support the Government and totally oppose the strikes. The C.P. Leaders of the biggest union, the CGIL, support the strikes, while issuing orders to try and limit their effectiveness.

The strikes have largely been called and organised through workplace assemblies and Factory Councils, on which sit workers elected by members of all the unions at their workplace. An ambiguous form of organisation. Certainly not an expression of the proletariat. The strikes are a step towards the ruling class' aim of getting rid of the gestures of protest, as a prelude to a compromise.

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The Nationalist regime in Mozambique is now actively collaborating with the South African security forces to wipe out ANC resistance. After the recent concert in the Centre, it is clear that the Maputo government will cooperate extensively with Pretoria if this will ensure the security of Mozambique's borders. South Africa's restrictions on ANC sympathisers; arms trade and funds extrapolated. Last month South Africa and Mozambique signed a non-agression pact and are currently engaged in a bilateral commission to tighten up security between the two countries. So far the Serre de Penguins have refused to extradite ANC members and other rebels to South Africa, but these are but small steps.

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They call themselves guarantors of the Law and then pliously throw legality out the window. What could be easier than to evict 116 Rue des Pyrenees with an order referring to 'previous inhabitants'? What more legal than to ignore a Court order demanding a weeks consideration on the case of 105 Rue de Crimee? Madame le Juge, the government laughs at whatever you decide!

The socialists claim to be anti-racist, and have just destroyed 105 Rue de Crimee where an exhibition of anti-war literature was being held, and where anti-racist local groups held their meetings. Just by the by, the day before the eviction, one of the organisers of the groups, a friend of the MPEC, was shot. What knew what was going to happen, came along and carefully removed all his papers, posters and files, just so no harm came to them. The socialists claim to support minorities and then go and evict immigrants and squatters. Worse still: the 'pink' police are permitted to enter the squats and evict 116 Ruede des Pyrenees, evicted last August, with, as public transport.

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RADIO PIRATES

Tangerine Radio, a pirate rock station playing music and analysis from the war in Nicaragua, is based in the Florida area. Presently the signal is rather weak but we hope to upgrade the equipment as time goes by. The. The gunboats are based sporadically on 7429 or 7340 klo-cycles. The radio movement is picking up momentum in the United States; there are about 25 free stations operating shortwave, although most of them just play music and have no social awareness.

Orlando ABC

About 4 weeks back, far-right death squads spent several evenings roaming the streets of the shanty towns looking for possible targets. In the event there were no deaths, but many houses were burnt down. Pinchot blamed the arson attacks on communist guerrillas and was able to use a couple of these to pass new anti-terrorist legislation. About a week later, and only two days prior to another day of action, two leading figures in the PNC (Christian Democratic Party) were attacked. Oliva was shot in a drive by two magnetic bombs were fixed to his car); Lavandero was attacked by 10 assailants and was severely beaten up. Garensel is thought not be responsible for organising the murder of Allende; he is also known to control a private army who specialise in murders and arranging disappearances.

On the day of action one demonstrator was killed after riot police pursued hundreds of protesters. Many workers came out on strike which the protests continued for 3 days. Many were wounded. There are now plans for a general strike.

SPAIN

PURE TERRORISM

Three redundant workers have been found dead in "decongregated Francisco" Company in Rubi (Catalonia) suffered facial burns when they were shot at by a Company Director on 3rd January 1984.

The incident happened as several Directors, following workers leaving the factory at the end of the day, confronted a crowd of redundant workers protesting outside the factory. During the confrontation one of the Directors, Jose Antonio Bas, took out a flare-gun and fired off several shots at workers, wounding three in the face.

In protest the next day 800 people marched through the town, carrying traffic for two hourson the road from Rubi to Sant Gugers. Tinta Negra.

NACICAGUA

While attention was focused on the election farce in El Salvador, Nicaraguan ports came under naval attack. 'Contra' gunboats opened fire on Sandinista vessels in the port of Corinto. The Nicaraguans suspect US coordination behind the attack.

The gunboats were burnt down. Pinochet blamed the attacks on the 'illegal' guerillas, while US President told the Congress that it was clear that the Maputo government had promised to develop the country.

In protest trade-unionists, including the anarchico-syndicalist CNT, united to demonstrate their disgust. Only the liberal Nationalist Trade Unions did not participate, insisting that it would be counter-productive. Despite this, the strike was total, with 80,000 people attending a rally at midday.

Source: Solidaridad Obrera
The National Front has been up to some apparently strange things just lately. Not content with courting left fascism in their Sheep Street strategy (see the latest Black Flag News Bulletin), some of their cannon-fodder are now utterly confused with their aim. When they are up to, they've found themselves siding with Asian Rachmanites (Rachman was a notorious 60's landlord, who specialised in metal polish and turpentine businessmen in the defence of private property.

Mr Ram Das Sharma was a landlord with several properties, charging exorbitant rents on delapidated houses. His tenants were both other Asians and also whites. Sharma wished to forcibly evict one lot of tenants in a Leytonstone house, so he searched around for some hired thugs to throw them out. Local NF's - around twenty of them - offered their services. The attempted eviction took place last September, but it was not the NF's who eventually found themselves in court, but the seven tenants who tried to defend themselves. The seven were afraid for their lives, so they made up some molotovs, but in court they were acquitted on charges relating to the possession of firebombs. A clear case of self-defence is no offence. After some of their confused brethren had demonstrated that for them the protection of private property is of greater priority than their preoccupation with racism, the NF leadership compounded this confusion even further in appealing to a well known Jewish libertarian for his assistance in the defence of their tenants, Mr Larry Gostin, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, agreed to advise the NF on their rights after being approached by them about the raid by Special Branch on the homes of two NF cronies, Ian Anderson and Joe Pearce. Gostin followed the steps of the American Civil Liberties Union, who took a more middle ground in their politics and defended the right of nazis to march openly through the streets. The NCC had better learn quickly: fascists have no rights, they will take whatever opportunity they can to get what they want; was the tolerance of people like Mr Gostin that helped to pave the way for 'radical nationalists' to take power in Germany in the '30s.

Extremists of the centre were threatened with retribution when RAGE (Residents Against Gearman Encampments) sent a letter warning them that they will suffer attacks on property if they continue with their campaign of harassment. The letter was, according to press reports, signed by the Angry Brigade Resistance Movement and ended up with the words 'Anarchy, Peace, Freedom'. (Not about 'Black Flag' - editor). Dr Gibson, an organiser of RAGE, afterwards expressed some sympathy for CND and described CND as the 'genuine' peace movement and not the 'undesirable hangerson'. There were, apparently, a number of letters sent by the ABRM, including to a local Newbury newspaper that published ads on behalf of RAGE. So far, despite the continuation of the evictions, ABRM have failed to do anything about their threats. (Perhaps in the case of a lot, the violent pacifists again, who are doing the bullshitting.) If pacifists threaten violence, are they credible pacifists? If anarchists resort to bullshitting, who benefits? - not us!

At least one national newspaper recently featured a story that deserves repeating for those who missed it. In March 1982 in the debate at London's County Hall on the Marshall Inquiry of that time, into the future of local government and the GLC, the National Front has been up to "Communist terrorists" instead of the Irish Republican Army to avoid the emotive "Communist terrorists" instead of the Irish Republican Army to avoid the emotive appeal in the words. This would have the neat effect of tarring two sets of people he doesn't like with the same brush. If a Ministry of Defence officer in the Gulf, it would not need to distinguish between the "Officials" who are Communists and the Provisionals, who are not. The Officials (whom I believe to be Afghanistans or Nicaragua or Poland) take a pacifist policy on Northern Ireland and have been eclipsed by the Provisional IRA in certain numbers. The fact remains that whether they are terrorists or not - which entirely depends upon one's viewpoint - they are Catholics and NATIONALISTS and their support comes from the Catholic Irish in America, not Russia.

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