

CROWBAR (Squatter's paper) BENEFIT on FRIDAY 25th November at Loughboro Hotel, Loughboro Rd. 8.00-11.00 £1.50/£1.00UB40 Meanwhile a new squat centre has been taken in Southwark, it's on the Old Kent Road at the corner of Shorncliffe Road. It's a former Fire/Ambulance station and is big! A Southwark Anarchist Collective is being formed and can be contacted through the new centre at 306 Old Kent Road. London-wide Squatters meetings have decided to co-operate to set up more local squat groups, do big squats, resist evictions, try to make a London wide newspaper and a squatters contact network. Finally to undermine the Rent system and make all landlords obsolete. Support your local squatters. (Especially the nice folks here in scenic Brixton at Effra Parade where there is a nasty plan to demolish their homes details from 121 Railton Road, Herne Hill SE24).

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TREASON

Issue 11 out now, featuring articles on the Melbourne Anarchist Centre, News from Queensland, Practical Anarchy & more:
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A new anarchist group in the Leamington area is being organised, contact:
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Warwickshire.

Letter

Following on from the letter in BFNB 26/8/83 about your attitude to feminism, can I suggest that the essence of the problem is that male anarchists see sexism as something that just affects women and which every now and then a "heavy feminist" will pick them up on when they transgress some women defined law about language or whatever. A lot of friction and alienation would be removed if more men took an interest in the day to day struggle against sexism instead of waiting to be guilt-tripped into doing their bit...Although men do suffer from sexism its obvious that women's oppression is far worse; this and a need for women's autonomy in defining their oppression do make it difficult to avoid the apologetic "show me what to do" type attitude, but not impossible.

Basically, you can't blame feminists for being suspicious of men who only give token opposition to one of the most blatant and omnipresent forms of oppression there is. If we are to open our eyes to what sexism is doing to us, and even more so to women, then put the time and energy into doing something about it, we'll be able to speak constructively from our own experience and analysis rather than taking a "look-out-here-comes-a-feminist" type attitude. This is not to deny that feminists can be a bit over the top at times, but basically it's men's apathy that drives them to it.

Trying to work against someone else's oppression is always a bit tricky (anti-racism is similar to this) but on the other hand the distortion of men by sexism would be sufficient in itself to demand a response. You can never be free while you're part of the oppressive system.
Mick Sheffield.

It seemed to us at first we would open up a large debate by discussing the role of sexism and how to fight it, instead it has been quietly ignored. Is this because our readers are beyond it or at a loss to start? The Anarchist-Feminist Magazine attacked the role of separatism which we would also apply to black & other separatism. Is there a case for 'autonomy' well obviously! The difference is one obliges centralism the other federalism and mutual aid. Using guilt to motivate people smacks of religion to us; better to show by example of direct action, that no section of people should be pushed around and scapegoated for societies ills...such as the current wave of AIDS victims being insulted by the various churches. Solidarity with people resisting the role the State has allocated them does not imply liberalism, it goes further: the smashing of the State.

Black Flag Exclusive INTERNMINT

The government is making its own preparations for any forthcoming major response to the Cruise countdown. Any rank and file rebellion by the CND members, disillusioned with their leadership, it to be met by draconian measures. *We can reveal that the government have already implemented the plans to introduce internment as a means of pacifying the pacifists.*

Various prison camps have been examined as to their suitability. In the main "open" prisons will be used. The first such camp to be allocated is Rolleston, Salisbury Plain. It is an ex-Army camp (note the irony) and has already been used as an internment camp when hundreds of youths were held there in the aftermath of the '81 riots. Currently Rolleston is in line for use as an emergency youth custody centre until new and purpose-built centres have been built (by YTS and MSC recruits - see *News Bulletin* 4b). In the meantime the government is conducting a "wait and see" policy and if it judges that the mood of "the country" is against the "extremists" then they will take the necessary action. It is not clear who exactly will be guarding the camps (Beckingham, Notts. is another possible site); prison officers (of which currently there is a shortage) or army personnel. Rolleston is only a couple of miles away from two important military establishments: Tidworth Camp, where two battalions of paratroopers are based as part of the UK contribution to the Rapid Deployment Force, and Wilton - HQ of UK Land Forces. Despite being classified as an "open" prison, any attempt to abscond could be easily nipped in the bud: virtually all the area surrounding the camp is army owned with the land to the north reserved as a firing range and manoeuvres area. Rolleston is also

in close proximity to a main arterial road from the Aldermaston - Greenham - Burghfield nuclear triangle and in an emergency, such as a mass occupation and an attempt to destroy sensitive military equipment, army vehicles combined with police vans can be easily called upon to transport those involved in the attack to the militarised area on the Plain.

It is expect that the government will attempt to justify the measures by explaining, quite correctly, that the country's prisons are in no position to accommodate a large influx of detainees and that there is also insufficient facilities to guarantee proper judicial hearings without blocking the courts. The government will argue that the measures are purely temporary and that they will be dropped as soon as "normality" returns. For those unfamiliar with the "rules" of internment, in its extreme form measures include the following: extraordinary powers of arrest, without evidence, for acts violating public order; the suspension of Habeas Corpus and jury trials. If things really got out of hand tighter powers would include the banning of all industrial solidarity actions (already illegal under the '82 Act), in future to be re-classified as 'treasonable' behaviour. Many of these measures are currently in force in the north of Ireland.

N.B. UK Land Forces, Wilton, is the operational centre for all potential anti-insurgency activity in the UK. Major-General Sir Frank Kitson, only just returned from an observational tour of Beirut and author of Low Intensity Operations, is the UKLF Commander-in-Chief and director of operations. Between 1972 and 1974 Kitson was commander of UK forces in Belfast and was partly responsible for the supervision of internment.

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C.N.T. PRISONER FUND

There are now around 40 anarchists/CNT members imprisoned in Spain. The majority of these have been convicted because they attempted, through the expropriation of banks, to retrieve compensation for the huge losses (now estimated at . million pounds!) suffered by the CNT at the hands of Franco at the end of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). He made the CNT an illegal organisation and stole everything it owned.

Since Franco's death in 1975, each successive government (including the latest socialist one) has consistently refused to pay any compensation back to the CNT, even though compensation has already been paid to the UGT (Spain's socialist union), who Franco had also made illegal by 1939.

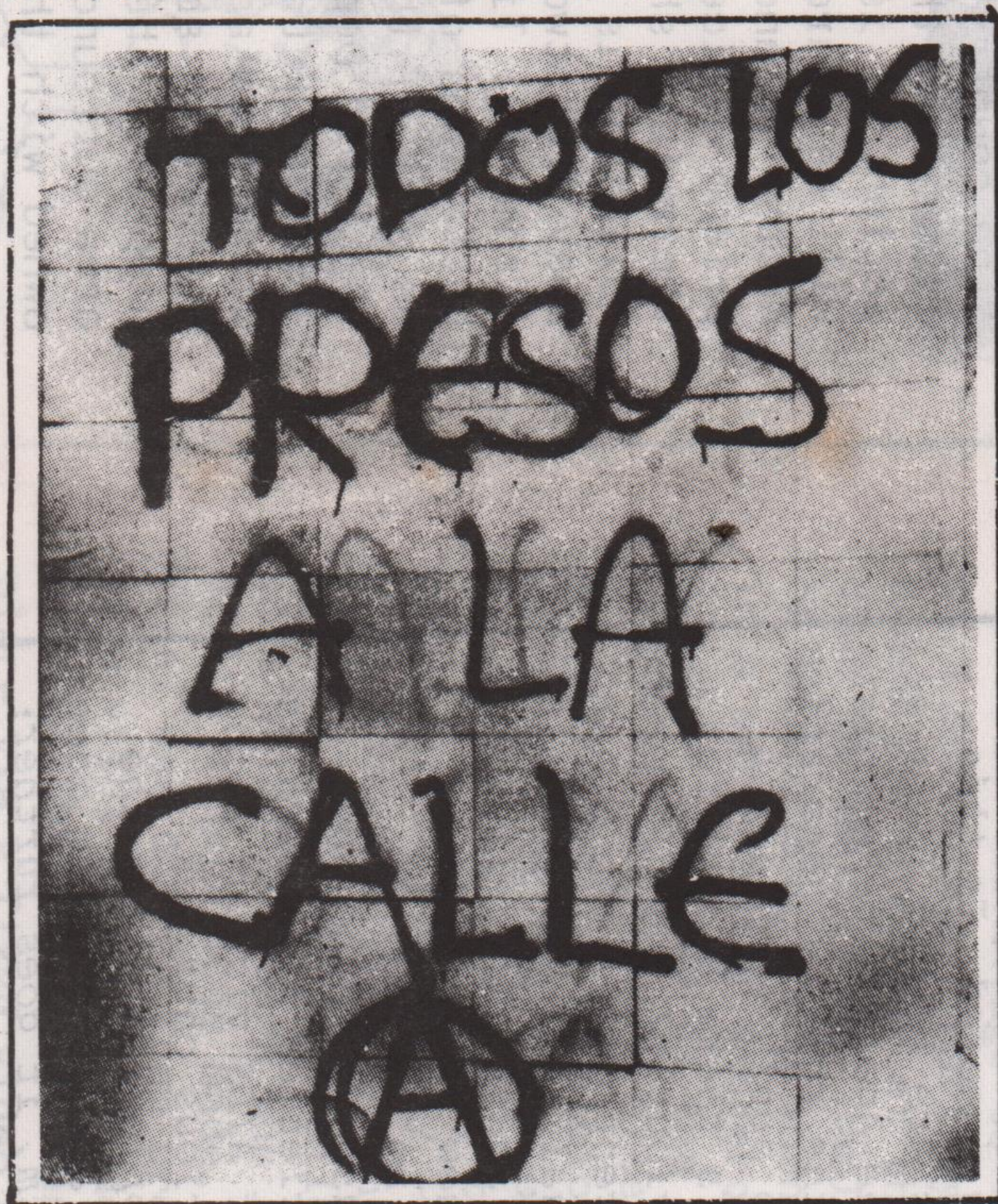
These comrades must be freed immediately.

A Solidarity Committee has recently been formed inside Spain in order to pressurise the 'socialist' government into releasing all, or at least some, anarchists immediately but it is desperately short of funds (as is the CNT) and needs donations in order to survive.

ALL BLACK FLAG READERS ARE ASKED TO DONATE WHAT THEY CAN.

If we don't support these comrades now, who else will?

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ALL PRISONERS ON TO THE STREETS !

LEGACY OF WAR

Esther Albouy spent 38 years hidden away in her home because of her shame at having her head publicly shaven and being spat on at the time of the "liberation" (!) following a claim she had been fraternising with the enemy.

This was in Saint-Flour (Central France). Her parents believed that her shame was such she could not appear in public any more. She was finally "liberated" by the police in October and no doubt put into an institution.

No such shame was felt by French soldiers "fraternising" (as they called it) with German women during the occupation. Though for a time it was forbidden, this was ignored. It was regarded as a legitimate part of war by soldiers.

COMING EVENTS:

Anarchist Bookfair, 11.30am to 10.30pm on
SATURDAY 26th November at the Prince Albert,
Wharfedale Road, N1 Near Kings Cross Tube/BR

L.T. DISPUTE

Around 1500 London Transport workers marched to LT's HQ at Victoria only to be prevented from occupying the building by union leaders and police. Tom Holland, convenor of one of the LT works due for closure, pleaded with the marchers to disperse. The police, having failed in their attempt to prevent the workers from considerably disrupting the city traffic (a human barricade of police was forced to give way by the sheer force of the numbers), then succeeded, but only after lengthy arguing and with the aid of the union bureaucrats - in getting them to return to Westminster Central Hall. The LT workers were clearly in no mood to be messed about: pissed off by the disruptive action of the police they blockaded the police HQ at Scotland Yard, before they managed to break the police cordon in Victoria Street.

US & THEM

1982 saw British managers salaries rise at twice the rate of inflation. Inbucon, a management consultant firm reports (£110 a copy!) that the average executive salary is £17,305, an increase of 9.5%. This annual gain is the biggest in 22 years of the survey. Directors pull in £30,000 plus. Fringe benefits include free medical insurance (Private Health care is expanding), five or more weeks holiday, company cars and bonuses averaging £1,969 or 11% of basic salary.

According to the Economic Bulletin for Europe unemployed British workers (with three children) receive less than half of their previous work income. In the US such a worker would receive only a third less, in West Germany a quarter, in France only a tenth. This applies for a year though only and drops afterwards. Single workers get only a quarter of their old income when on the dole (by far the lowest in a survey of 14 countries looked at). Loss of revenue from income tax and national insurance contributions means that for a single worker the Exchequer loses £3 in taxes for every £1 paid out in benefits, the equivalent to between 11 and 17 per cent of State spending.

Half of under 18s are out of work, a quarter of under 25s, more than 350,000 have been unemployed for more than a year.

Meanwhile idiot of the year Professor Patrick Minford of Liverpool University believes that high unemployment benefits are responsible for pushing up unemployment since 1979.

HOT HOTEL TIMES!

Striking hotel workers in Tahiti smashed furniture, threw dishes and silverware into swimming pools and overturned cars in an industrial dispute that has emptied 3 of the island's largest hotels during peak tourist season. Airline relief crews and guests have been prevented from leaving rooms causing long delays to flights out of the island.

Source: Sunset Strip.

HOLLAND & WAGE CUTS

3.5% wage cut is proposed by Prime Minister Lubbers's Govt for public sector workers & those on social welfare benefits to come into practice from Jan 1st 1984. Railway workers have used work-to-rule implementing trivial regulations with new found zeal eg. checking to see all door windows are shut before leaving each station. Post Office & telephone operators are also taking action at work by going slow. The Port of Rotterdam may be closed down and civil servants act, "private" sector workers have so far not joined in. Although appealing to a 'hip pocket' (wallet) perspective and involving some 'workers' such as the Customs officers and police (who want the threat of strike action to get them more power to deal with Squatters) it comes as a shock to the State who thought that with union Officials backing it would get away with a reduction.



New Zealand

1984 is election year in New Zealand. The National Government hangs on with only a few seats majority. Muldoon's last gimmick was the Springbok Rugby Team from South Africa's tour of 1981. Not long after the Tour ended the Queen arrived and the elections were held shortly after that. The present Government crawled in - only just.

Confrontation with the Union Movement is always a "right wing" vote catcher and with proper calculation before but not too close to the election should bring back the votes. They hope... The NZ union movement has a phobia about the 1951 lockout. (Five months of a near general strike by the Trades Union Congress composing Watersiders, Miners, Freezing workers, Drivers, Carpenters and other smaller unions.) The opposing Federation of Labour worked with the National Government in smashing the "strike". Many of the militants from that time now occupy the leadership of the Federation of Labour. The TUC was completely destroyed and its affiliates deregistered. The union movement remained passive for 20 years. The late 60's and early 70's saw a re-emergence of the movement centred mainly in Auckland and Wellington - the large cities.

NEW SHOWDOWN

Legislation to allow de-recognition of the Public Service Association and confiscation of its assets is being introduced. Strikes will be illegal in public sector industries - in protest PSA (which has a Power Workers affiliate) threatened go-slows. Private sector unions, the Federation of Labour have called it "Fascist Government action". Some power plants will strike if the Law is passed. In February 1984 the current wage-price freeze fixed by the New Zealand Government ends.

warning to heseltine

Defence Minister Heseltine blundered when he declared in parliament that troops will be obliged to shoot peace protesters who threaten the security of the Greenham silos. In doing so he has made clear that the law of the land can be refuted and isn't worth the paper it is written on. There is no law that allows any member of the armed forces - during peacetime - to use lethal means to protect any military installation. But the law, like all UK laws, are defined not by statute only but by legal interpretation and by precedent. The precedents for the use of indiscriminate violence against the civilian population by HM Forces are numerous; suffice to say that the north of Ireland is the latest example (officially, there is no war on!). For the average British citizen unaccustomed to having their life threatened by UK troops, it must all come as a bit of a shock. Conveniently the north of Ireland comparison has all too often been swept to one side.

In Britain the anti-nuclear issue has already divided the population and the point where those who wish to escalate protest into direct resistance has finally arrived and, inevitably, the peace movement will, in turn, divide as the CND rank and file decide whether or not to go along with their leadership. Heseltine's blunder has a double edge to it. By allowing any member of HM Forces to use force in the way described, and by flouting the law by which he and his colleagues in power use to impose 'order' upon the land, he has shown that he can threaten 'unlawful' murder simply out of expediency. Perhaps the most recent example

where expediency in murder has been approved of in retrospect is in the attempted murder of Stephen Waldorf. In times of extreme stress for the state (i.e. mass occupations of military establishments - whether by peaceful means or not), expediency will again become the rule of thumb by which the laws created by the 'servants' of the state will be either modified to the state's advantage or simply ignored.

The double edge is simply this: by issuing a threat to civilians that they no longer have the protection of the 'law of the land', Heseltine has openly, in parliament, declared the law - any law - to be meaningless and just a tool to use to the advantage of the establishment. Heseltine has declared 'open season' on anti-militarists; protection to a certain sector of the population against murder is no longer available. Not that we seek the state's protection or its laws to define what is right and what is not. But in stating that peace protesters who manage to get within the proximity of a sensitive area are thus deemed to be out-laws, then the state cannot, in turn, expect its laws - any of them - to be respected by those who it has defined as 'beyond the pale'. If it is open season on anti-militarists, then Heseltine must realise that as a matter of defence, it is also open-season on soldiers. They cannot expect to shoot at defenceless citizens at will! If the troops can take precautionary measures, then the balance needs to be evened out. If one protester is harmed in the manner suggested by Heseltine, then the state will have to face the inevitable consequences: no state property will be safe from attack, every govern-

ment official will become an object for retaliation. To Heseltine we say: if because of your declaration just one unarmed peace protester is shot at by a member of the armed forces (UK or US) or by a cop, then you should realise that you will be held personally responsible and will be dealt with accordingly. This is no empty threat: do you not realise that there is anger abroad and that you have every reason to fear the consequences of your inflammatory measures?

Anarchist Black Cross.

N.B. According to one report, US troops are immune from legal proceedings if they attack or kill a citizen whilst protecting US installations. They are protected by law, ratified by an agreement - the Visiting Forces Act 1952.

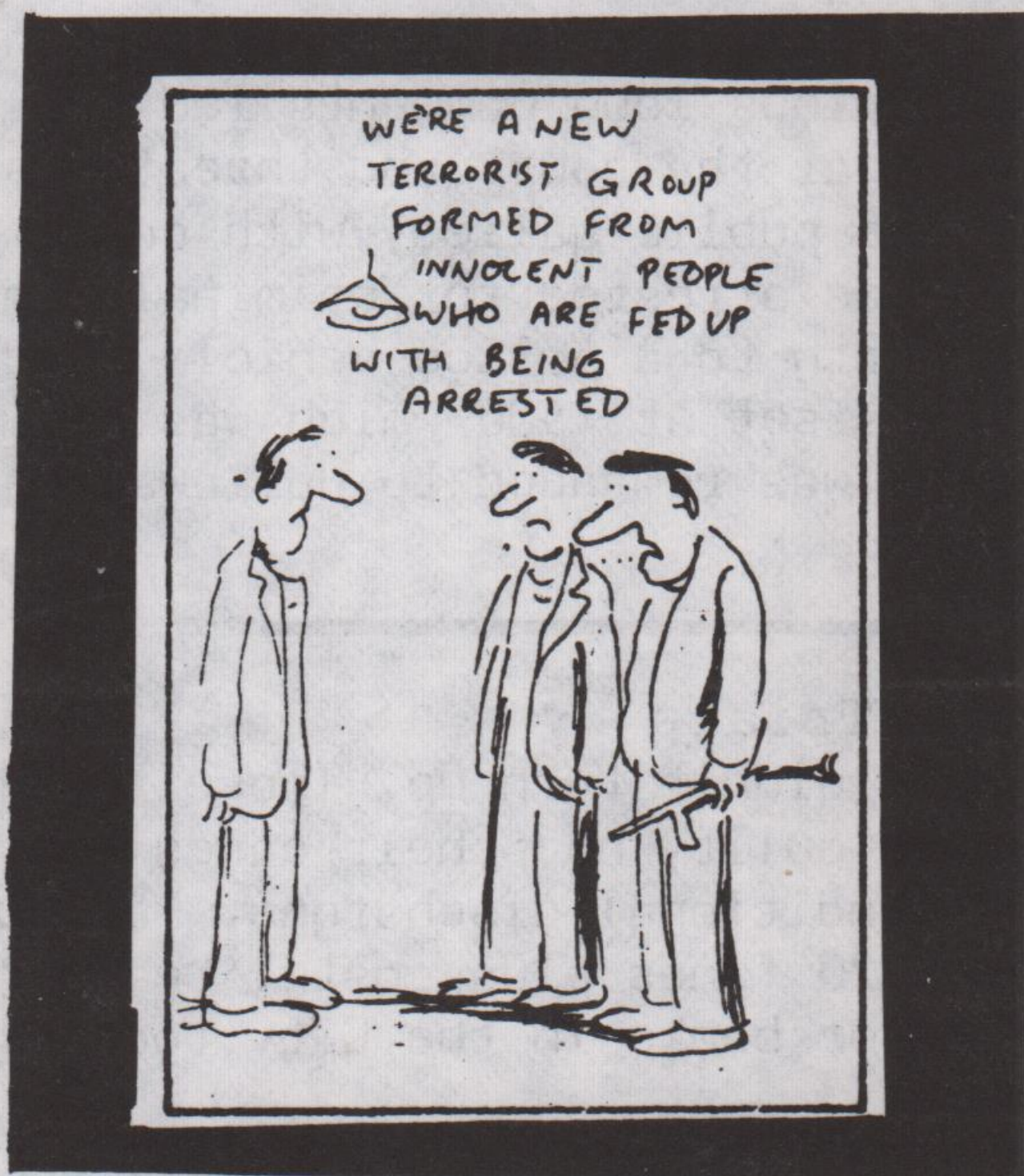
theatricals

At the CND march on October 22, fascists commandeered two buildings in Whitehall so as to unfurl a banner (saying 'Nuclear Bomb Election Losers Exit') across the road and position a massive P.A., to blare out anti-commie music, so as to antagonise the 'reds'. But then sweet revenge: only a couple of weeks later and 3 days prior to November 11 (Remembrance Day) a bomb was discovered in one of the buildings - the 'Theatre of War' (otherwise known as the Whitehall Theatre but renamed temporarily because of a revue and an exhibition about war). Unfortunately the device - an incendiary - was discovered and then defused by members of Scotland Yard's Bomb Squad. Apparently when it was found it was still ticking (hasn't anyone heard of quartz watches yet!) One thing is certain anyway: it is highly unlikely that the theatre will provide its premises for use by fascists in this way again - at least not without a certain amount of trepidation. What do you say, Mr. Raymond?

action update

The class basis of militarism is revealing itself more and more, with one of the latest manifestations being an hysterical, partly Media orchestrated, campaign to deride the women at Greenham. It's been reported that in some of the more wealthier areas of the country, November 5 was celebrated somewhat differently. In Surbiton (and the idea quickly spread to other bonfire celebrations) Guy Fawkes (the adopted hero of many anti-statists - mistakenly so for his intentions to destroy parliament were not that altruistic) was replaced with effigies of Greenham women and firecrackers, in the form of rockets repainted with the words Cruise Missile on their sides, were used to set them alight. A bit of wishful thinking perhaps. Surbiton is also the home of the Police Federations HQ, whose parliamentary representative is Eldon Griffiths (see 'Nuke Roundup' report). Eldon Griffiths has also been undertaking a spot of wishful thinking, however, when he dreamed up this nonsense that some of the Greenham women were planning to shoot each other with American bullets and use the (intended) superficial wounds to arouse anti-American sentiments. Mr. Griffiths, who has undoubtedly taken a crash course in

stalinist propagandising, was not able to shed any light as to where the Greenham women were supposed to get the guns in the first place. Perhaps Messrs. Finch and Jardine, the two police marksmen of Stephen Waldorf fame and notorious for their accurate shooting, could save them the trouble, or has Mr. Griffiths got enough on his plate ensuring that the new Police Bill gets passed without getting tied up in any conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm?



We heard of an anti-militarist action on the night of November 5 when a local Conservative Party office was attacked by a mob of 20 or so youths. The office, in Brixton, had its frontage smashed up and the cars in its car-park were immobilised. Anti-Cruise graffiti was left behind. We hope to report on similar actions from around the country over the next few weeks. Watch this space! Meanwhile we hear that Eldon Griffiths, MP, has offered to become the first member of parliament to be butchered to death by an angry mob of extremists: he intends that this noble sacrifice be used as an excuse for the government to introduce 'mercy killings' for Christian CND-ers. Mr Griffiths is the Commons representative of that august body, the Police Federation.

N.B. In Germany it is reported that the Revolutionary Cells (RZ) have bombed an armaments site and a missile transporter plant at Kiel. This report, as we go to press, is unconfirmed and we hope to bring you more news on this action in our next issue.

Greenham

Action at the cruise missile base... A very efficient word of mouth communications system had resulted in a thousand women converging on the base on the 29th-30th October weekend. At 4pm on Saturday afternoon small groups of women had used bolt-cutters on the fence cutting as fast as they could. Every few hundred yards a group was working - the decentralised approach baffled the soldiers inside the fence and the cops outside. They had expected an attack on one section and a group of women entering, not systematic sabotage all around the nine miles of fence. There were approximately two hundred arrests, unfortunately, once the police had got into gear; most women being charged with criminal damage. The state's finest hardware was in operation during the night. Helicopters with search-lights and soldiers with dogs, radios and night-vision cameras. There was definite tension between the soldiers and cops. The soldiers did not have the power to make arrests so had to call the cops by radio. Rumours of a US soldier who planned to hand in his papers "we're making a mess of this country", and another British soldier who planned to leave were encouraging. The fact that Greenham women have been in constant contact with the soldiers has meant that some of them have said they would not fire at the women. The women there say that the state might fly the missiles in but they will do everything they can to stop them being driven out on transporters. A lot of the women there are pacifists and spiritual in theory, but what they have done is keep up continuing harassment and presence at the base. Camps such as Greenham Common help increase the general awareness of military build-up even if they often lapse into symbolic protest.

Dioxin

In 1976 the ICMESA chemical plant in Seveso Italy blew up showering the town with dioxin, possibly the most poisonous substance known to humanity. In the last few weeks the trial has opened up in Monza with five officials accused of being responsible. A week after the trial began scientists were again analysing soil sample samples in the area, there has been no official explanation for this, but it seems that the 'decontaminated zone' still contains dangerous quantities of dioxin. The 'decontaminated zones' were declared safe and people had been allowed to return to their homes. For example, Gisele Columbo, a five year old girl has lived all her life there. She has chronic liver disease which was probably caused by the dioxin in the soil.

An official report by six Italian scientists presented to the trial seems certain to absolve the officials charged, and could lead to their being found not guilty. The judge has repeatedly muddled the process of the manufacture of trichlorophenol which resulted in the explosion and spread of dioxin. It seems that state 'justice' will mean the guilty will go unpunished. This despite evidence that a lack of simple safety requirements, loose pipe connections, and a lack of trained staff were responsible (see *New Scientist* No. 1363).

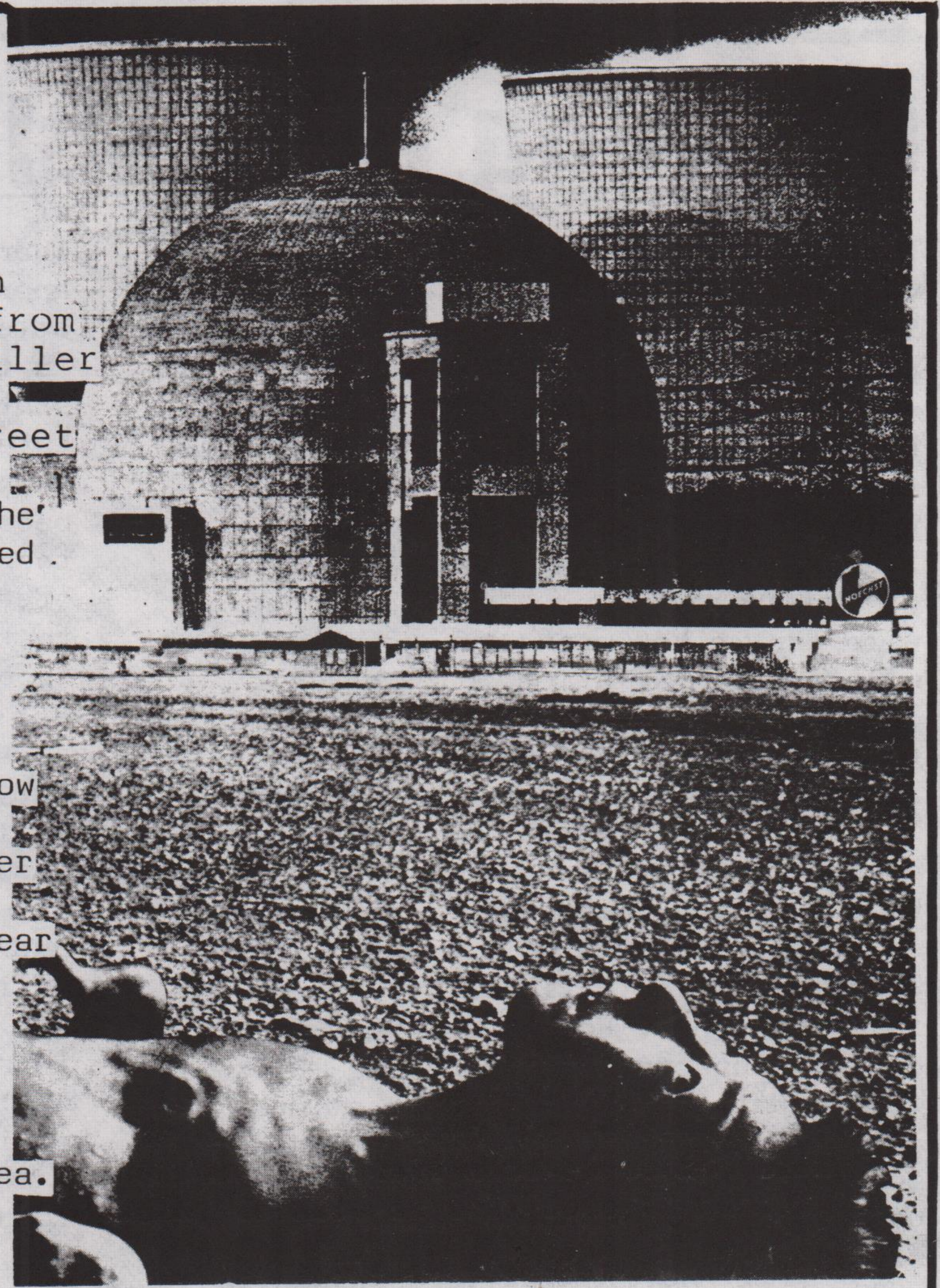
However, one of the officials responsible for the criminal negligence, Paolo Paoletti (the production manager) has been brought to justice. He was executed by members of Primea Linea
Source: The Technician

Windscale

On Saturday 12th November a train load of Cumbrians, local people from the area near the Windscale Newkiller Power Plant, marched from Euston Railway Station to 10 Downing Street in London.

There they presented a petition to the door. Meanwhile some of the group dumped piles of sand, sheep's livers and fish (ALL RADIOACTIVE) in Downing Street. Minutes after, two people were arrested and traffic was completely disrupted in Whitehall as the bureaucrats panicked due to the nearness of what had up to now been just a statistic.

Speakers were local people, Jim Slater from the Seamens Union (the only Union whose members have refused to dump Nuclear Waste); Dublin Clean Seas Campaign; Greenpeace; and the producer of the TV Documentary which brought many of the issues to light. It publicised the huge number of cancer victims, babies born dead or with Downes Syndrome, in the area. The incidents of cancer in Cumbria is 10 times the national average.



SQUARE DANCING

Besides the Greenham fence cutting and solidarity action at Faslane, Scotland, there was an anti-cruise sitdown outside the Theatre of War in Whitehall. The march had intended to go to Parliament where cruise was being debated, but was stopped by a row of police buses and cops. People bored by the sitdown, and the singing and bleating of "Jobs Not Bombs", started blocking the entrances to Trafalgar Square. As the traffic was stopped by rows of people, some in wheelchairs or otherwise disabled, arguments developed with

motorists, whilst CND stewards ran around trying to keep up. A large fire got going in the middle of the Strand, helped along by litter and discarded candles. As cops moved in to extinguish it some people were saved from arrest while others jeered the cops (Smokey Bacon!). Meanwhile, about 300 people blocked Westminster Bridge, and later insulted politicians coming out of Parliament. The next evening in Manchester two hundred and fifty people brought traffic to a standstill in the centre of the city.

Stop The City

Nov 4th: 20 people were due in Court. Over half failed to turn up. 8 cases were then heard but as the defendants pleaded not guilty were adjourned till later in the year. The same Bail restrictions were in force ie people cannot return to the City (business district of Mayor's Guild Hall, Stock Exchange and Banks) and legal representatives tried to oppose this without success. Various loud comments led the judge to clear the court and threaten all those in the public gallery with contempt. One woman was arrested for criminal damage (£10 worth to a police vehicle) and her Bail was set at £500 which was not at hand so she was remanded to Holloway women's prison.

Nov 11th Trials

More people didn't turn up. Those that did and pleaded guilty had their cases heard & received conditional discharges. Not guilty pleas got £20 fines plus costs. Leafleting outside major banks in the City took place the same day.

DONATIONS to help with fines should be sent: BOX S.T.C., c/o London Greenpeace, 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1

The Greater London Council's Police Monitoring Committee is to take up the case of a youth whose photograph appeared in the Evening Standard following the Stop the City protest where a police officer has a strangle-hold upon his throat.

Throughout the City on Nov 3rd and the following evening various banks locks were found to be glued up.

Jericho

On December 11th the Greenham base is to be surrounded and people with musical instruments will bring down the fences (wot?). In the following days a mixed action will take place, details as they come to hand.

STOP PRESS: the woman detained for "criminal damage" spent a week inside Holloway and is now released.

STOP THE CITY MARCH 29th 1984

1-6pm at the Peace Centre, 99 Roseberry Avenue, EC1 on the 3rd of December will be a meeting of the London Region Planning group. People outside London are encouraged to hold their own local meetings but are welcome to attend.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CANADA & CANADIAN SOLIDARITY!

Western Canada faces a general strike, in Vancouver, British Columbia there have been a series of one day stoppages by the "public" sector workers. Under the name of SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT they are protesting at new Labour Legislation which will prevent effective industrial action. In October a demonstration of 65,000 (largest ever in BC) people took place against the Law. High trade union officials tried to call off the protest but rank & file community groups turned out anyway. Anarchists had a good presence and are advocating a general strike through their literature and by graffiti & posters in the city.

On the 8/11/83 some 35,000 teachers struck for the first time in local history. Although not unionised the strike was 90% solid. Civil Service, transport (bus) and other workers are taking a day off in a build up to Nov 18th when the hospital workers will call out "private" sector employees for a general strike. The State is rumoured to be falling back onto its cops, judges, prisons and even Army if the union Officials cannot control the actions.

Source: B of O.R.

VANCOUVER 5

The latest wheeze is that the Court has disallowed normal reporting on certain 'sensitive' issues, such as the harassment of the defendants' friends and associates, the abuse of media connections by the police authorities, the bugging of the defendants homes, the use of surveillance on the defendants, etc. This is real double standards at work. Throughout the 6 month period leading up to the trial the Media were allowed to print and say whatever they wished about the defendants. They were able to get away with convincing the whole of the province, never mind the country (and certain sections of the non-anarchist libertarian movement), of their guilt. It was trial by Media. But now the legal system suddenly remembers about contempt - just when the cops and security service are giving details of how they trussed the case up. The Media, of course, obey the instruction from the court, with the result that only a one-sided story is revealed. (Don't forget, the Five face a total of 4 trials with 4 juries and therefore the 3 yet-to-come juries have only been subjected to the testicular anti-defendant lies put out so far.)

Finland

Finland's leading political party is the Social Democratic Party (SDP) which got 26.7% in the last Parliamentary election. The current PM and President Koivisto are both Social Democrats. Some months ago Pirkko Tyolajarvi, the vice-chairwoman of the Parliament and an SDP member said on TV how splendid the SDP organised Finland. A dissenting Anarchist challenged her views and sent her a generally well received leaflet; she replied, preferring "traditional Scandanavian democracy".

GERMANY

The womens' section of the Revolutionary Cells, Red Zora, has bombed 3 "marriage bureaux" in West Germany during the last 3 months. The bureaux advertised "wives" from Latin America, Africa and Asia. Advertisements like "Hundreds of pretty, young Thai girls are waiting for the right husband - combine a holiday with a honeymoon" appear in West German papers. The agencies charge approx. £2,600 for an introduction, and one agency is known to have made 400 such arrangements in a year. They go to further insults - they claim the men recoup their outlay because money is saved due to the women not smoking or drinking. "A pair of gloves and boots, and a coat will get them through winter." According to the Federal Interior Ministry, the bureaux are legal. Red Zora also attacked the Phillipines Embassy for complicity in the selling of womens' lives.

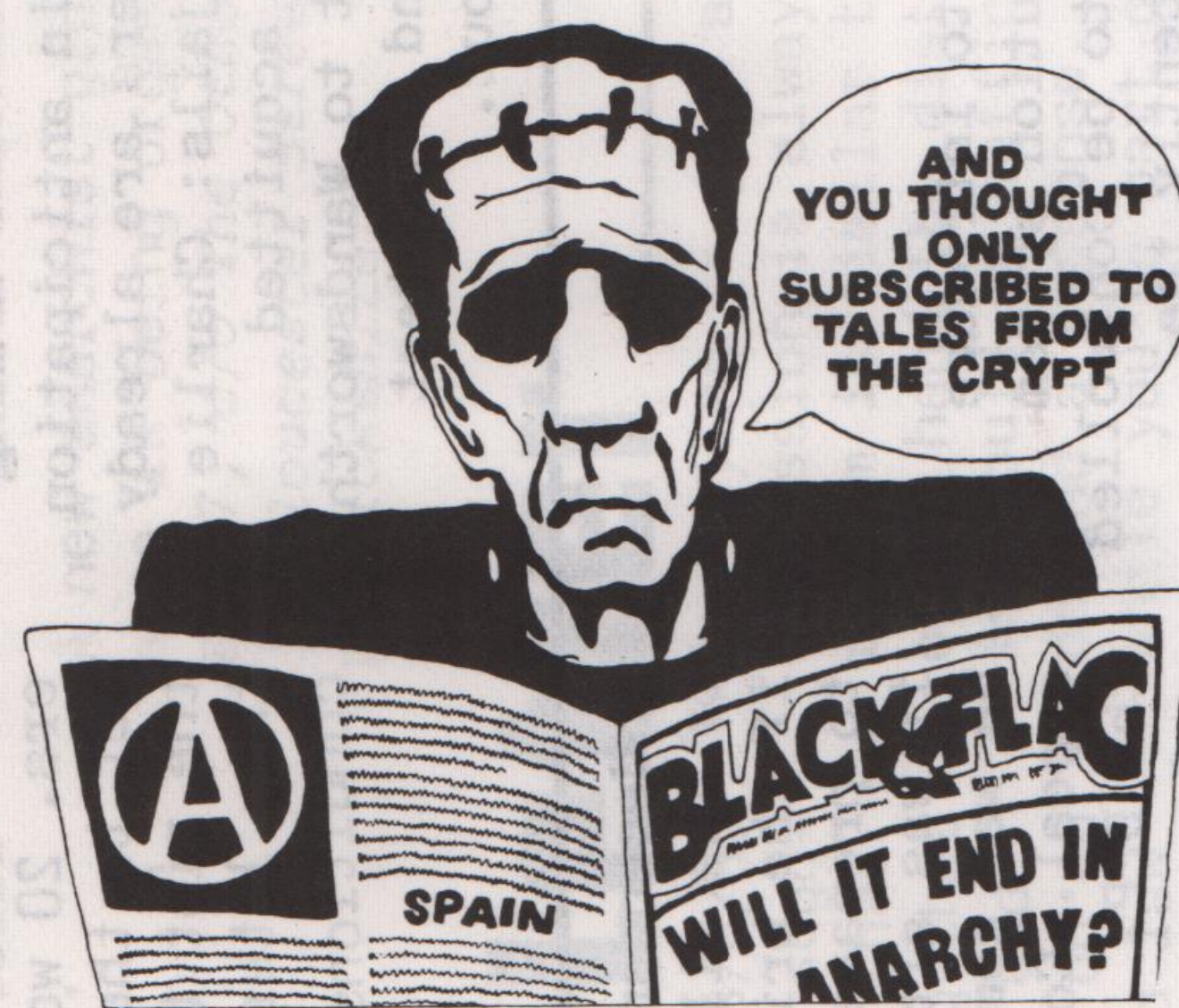
Source: Outwrite.

It would appear that the West German police still use directions from the Nazi era ("Leitfaden für Kriminalbeamte"). Whole sections in this come from the "pocket Dictionary of Criminology" by Alexander Elster and Heinrich Lingeman, published in 1936 - in the full blood of Hitler's legislation, states Tillman Bünz in a new book, published in the Netherlands called "Is the West German police still using a reference book from the Nazi era?"

We bear in mind the remarks made some ten years ago, by a Berlin police spokesman, "Would you take the word of these people, anarchists, against that of police officers of thirty years service?"

Nor must we forget the organisation founded by Heinrich Himmler, "Interpol", considered by many police to be the finest achievement of the Nazi era, and still well in force against international political dissidents and others - always in defence of tyranny.

Source: Loop op Zand
(Dutch bulletin)



On the 27th of August the SDP had its 80th anniversary congress. The PM Kalevi Sorsa made on that occasion a "revolutionary speech". He said that HE had *contemplated the problems of social democracy* and HE had come to the following conclusion: 1. *parliamentarism is not identical with democracy*. 2. *society must be changed to the self-governmental direction* 3. *planned economy doesn't demand centralism* 4. *it is not self-evident that the increasing involvement of the State is desirable* 5. *people must have a chance to take direct part in ruling*. A plagiarism of the local Anarchist's leaflet? Is the State of Finland nationalising anarchism?

Source: K.H. Finland

GELLI

Licio Gelli, the former Grandmaster of the banned far-right P2 lodge is now thought to be somewhere in South America - possibly Uruguay where his sidekick, Umberto Ortolani, owns the largest banking concern for that country, or Argentina, where he has many friends amongst the military. He is believed to have escaped via Monte Carlo (a close friend of his, Francesco Pazienza, just happened to have had his ship anchored there). Gelli was also a close friend of ex-President Nixon, and later became a supporter of Reagan. The US governments are expert at shielding international criminals (e.g. Klaus Barbie) and Gelli is probably receiving CIA help in concealing his whereabouts in exchange for 'the occasional favour'.

PERU

The Sendero Luminoso bombed the residence of the Honduran ambassador in retaliation for the support Honduras is giving to the Contra's. The guerrillas also received support in the city of Ayacucho, where a 24 hour strike was called against the general election. Altogether 9 provinces have been made into no-go areas for government officials and elections are being boycotted in these areas. As we go to press, it is believed that the pro-Moscow, pro-Peking, Party - the United Left Coalition - will win. The authoritarian ULC is violently against the equally authoritarian Sendero Luminoso (Maoist).

Nicaragua

The Central American Defence Council (CONDECA) - an alliance between the countries of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Panama to fight "communism" - is gearing itself up, with the help of the US, for a concerted invasion of Nicaragua. They are calling the idea "not war" but "pacification" and are using the US invasion of Grenada as a (recent) precedent upon which to violate the existing international laws of sovereignty. CONDECA are also calling for support from the Caribbean alliances. Documents seized from Contras show that the US intend to deploy up to 25,000 troops for the imminent invasion.

HOLLAND

A reader from the Netherlands asks us to find out "if anyone knows why there are no Anarchists in Holland?"

Well, the Dutch paper "Recht voor Allen" has brought out a special issue chiefly dealing with the 50th anniversary of the libertarian camp site "Tot Vrijheidsbezinging" at Appelscha, Freisland, run by the Dutch Northern District Libertarian Socialists.

These mostly consist of anarchist manual workers who some 15 years ago gave the site a permanent brick building serving as a meetingplace for many groups. The main event there is the yearly meeting at Whitsun, a long-standing anarchist tradition in the Netherlands since the 1920's. It has largely been a regional meeting, but since the 1960s the attendance has come from all round the Netherlands, and also a strong delegation from Belgium.

The issue also has the story of Anarchist pioneer Domela Nieuwenhuis (1846-1919) and a herstory of the Dutch anarchist-feminist group "Serpent" which held its biggest meeting on the camp site.

policing

A hospital security guard seeing a man fall down outside Casualty decided on the spot that he must be drunk and called the police to take him away. The police held him in a cell in Southall nick and later he was examined and appeared to be 'very ill'. A police doctor was brought in and decided he needed hospital treatment and sent him back to the hospital (the same one - Ealing - where he started off) to get attended to. The doctors treated him for a cut eye and instead of sending him home - or better still keeping him in for observation - arranged for him to be sent back to the police. This all may seem rather farcical, but unfortunately the conclusion to the story was not: later that night in the cell the man, Frederick Hockney, died, seemingly of a heart attack.

fascists

Juan Domingo Martinez-Lorenzo, leader of the Falange's military wing, was arrested recently in Paris at a flat which functioned as a base for the distribution of arms and explosives. Among Lorenzo's customers was Tony Malski, editor of 'The European' and leader of the National Socialist Action Party. Also using the flat were two members of FANE, who did the actual dealing. Lorenzo was responsible for an attack on a left-wing bar in Madrid in 1980, when one person was killed and several others were wounded. Left Nationalists interested in reading up more on the subject should look out for a new magazine on sale in Britain called 'The Scorpion' and distributed by WH Smiths. 'The Scorpion' is edited by Michael Walker, associate of Nick Griffin of the National Front. 'The Scorpion' includes a special study of nationalism (Palestinian, Irish, British, etc.)

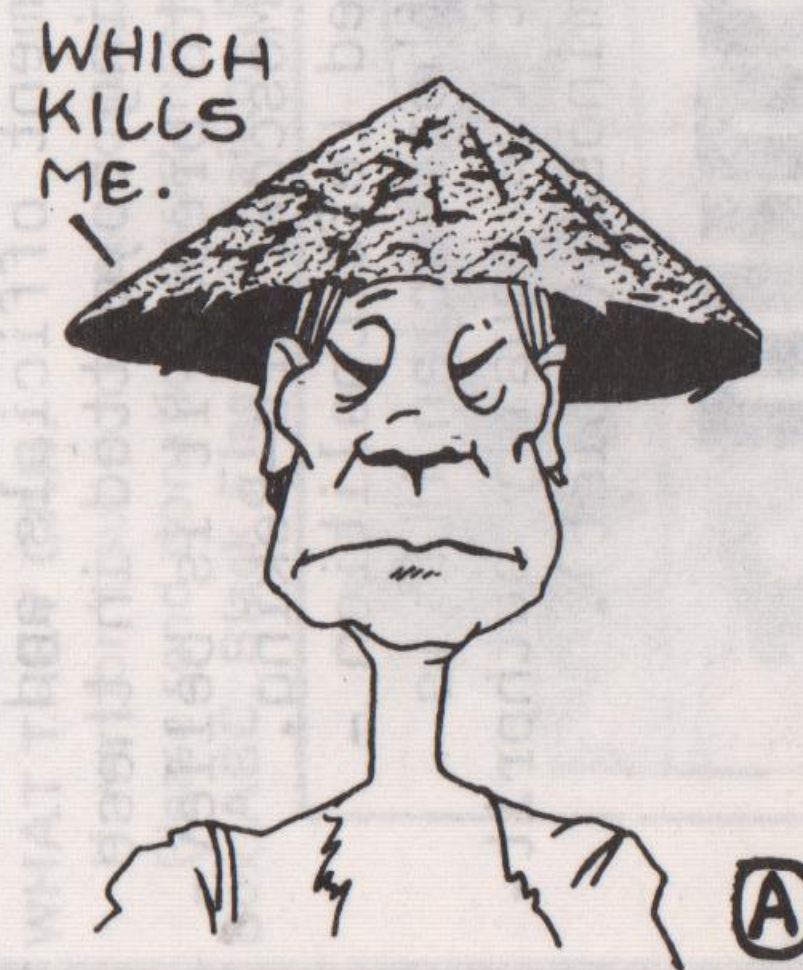
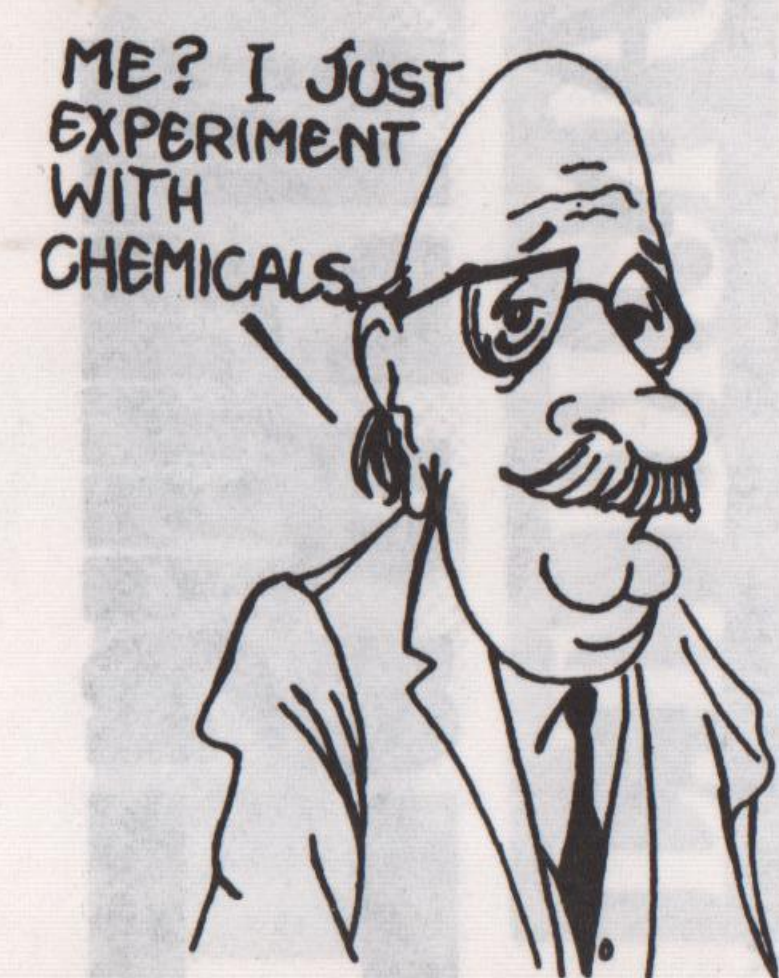
PRISONS

Maidstone

In Maidstone prison an incendiary device was discovered on October 30; on the previous day a fire was discovered and some cells were gutted. Arson is suspected. Prisoners are feeling angry at Home Secretary Leon Brittan's statement that there will no longer be parole for lifers. There have also been recent instances of forced drugging. Tension is rising and screws are in the meantime arming themselves with staves in anticipation of trouble. Some prisoners are already being ghosted to other jails: Charlie McGhee (Albany protest, acquitted of mutiny) has been sent to Wandsworth. Others are organising and a protest note has been smuggled out.

Mountjoy

40 prisoners and 30 police were injured in rioting at Dublin's Mountjoy prison. One wing of the jail was nearly destroyed by fire. It all began with a dispute between the authorities and the warders over staffing levels and overtime payments. Warders walked out of the prison, police and army were drafted in, surrounding the building. Some prisoners succeeded in scaling the perimeter walls only to be turned back by the armed troops. The warders then tried to return to work but were prevented as some were "under the influence of drink & in an excitable state". During a previous dispute between the State and the warders there was a riot and several youths then managed to escape. The Irish Republic has 1,600 warders to look after 1,500 prisoners. 20 women prisoners who managed to get to the Prison Governor's office during the riot took a quantity of drugs which they later ingested as a protest at the conditions inside the jail.



D.P.P.

The government intends to introduce an 'independent' prosecution system for England and Wales, to be controlled by the DPP. But only recently the DPP was criticised in Court for proceeding with a case where there should have been no arrest in the first place, and for using his position to gain an unfair advantage to the detriment of a defendant - Hartley Hanley, a black youth worker at the 'Hideaway' club in Manchester. Hanley was accused of assaulting a cop when he intervened in a potentially dangerous situation outside the club as the cop and several other officers were attempting to arrest a man on suspicion of possession of drugs. At the trial of Hanley and 2 others the DPP - who took over the prosecution personally - would not give adequate reasons why he had consistently refused to allow the defendants' brief to learn the full details of the allegations made, nor why the brief was barred from proper access to a vital piece of evidence (a video tape of the whole incident that took place via a fixed video camera in the nearby shopping mall). Normally a brief is entitled to see such

independent evidence; also the sight of the allegation details is vital if the brief is to have the chance to prepare an adequate defence. As it was although Hanley was convicted, he was completely exonerated at the appeal. Costs were awarded against the DPP.



Yitzhak Gerstein, now living in Tel Aviv, told of his experiences in a Russian prison to an Israeli newspaper: in one interesting phrase he referred to "the great round-up of Anarchists in 1961, which recalled the twenties rather than the thirties". The only meaning we can make of this one is that Anarchists, in the real sense of the term rather than it being used in the all-embracing media sense, were arrested wholesale in 1961 as they had not been since the days of the Makhnovista and anarchist movement, often thought to have died off in the twenties. (Our correspondent was unable to contact Mr Gerstein for explanation).