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Jail 'em!  
Starve 'em!  
Beat 'em!  
Hang 'em high!

For criminal damage to the entire pit industry and the whole way of life of the mining villages, Ian MacGregor (self-confessed 'Head of the NCB') has probably been recommended for the Honours list.

## "CRIMINAL DAMAGE" MINER JAILED FOR SABOTAGE

A Derbyshire miner has been sentenced to 9 months in Leicester Prison, for "criminal damage to an 11,000 volt cable". He has been told that he will get only 15 minutes visiting time per month, and that he will not receive mail. Letters and cards of support would be greatly appreciated. Send to : **Andrew Bradley**,  
4MP Leicester, Leicestershire, England.

## 121 RAIDED

On Tuesday 14th August, at 8 a.m., 121 Bookshop and four nearby squats in Brixton were raided by 50 police, from the Anti-Terrorist Squad and the Brixton Police.

Front doors were smashed in with axes one squatter being woken by police walking into her room, carrying an axe !

Some of the police were armed.

Police had warrants to search for fire-arms, but it was obvious that they were more interested in harassing people, and gathering information.

Three people were taken away from the houses - one for suspected theft of her own carpentry tools, and possession of an anti-rape spray (the charges were dropped), one for non-payment of a fine, and one for possession of a marijuana plant. Everyone was released later.

The police at 121 searched the Kate Sharples Library, after breaking down

yet another door, and are suspected of having stolen some papers.

Some wearing "Support The Miners" and "Save the GLC", they lounged around the shop for 3 hours, while dogs trained to sniff out explosives were given walkies around the shop, and photographs taken of the inside and outside of the building.

No reasons were given for the raids, other than "Information received". Most people conclude it was a "fishing trip", and yet another attempt to criminalise anarchism and squatting, especially if you don't happen to be Tory-blue British.

Since the raid, there has been lots of support, with sympathetic publicity, phonecalls and visits. A leaflet telling our side of the story was letterboxed in the area.

The eviction court case is still going ahead, supporting letters can be sent to: Labour Group, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SW2.

Unfortunately by this time the eviction attempt had been cancelled (until the next time)

2 Armed cops photographed

the local Federation moved to another building nearby, but the building was

## STRIKER'S RADIO

Following on our report on the striking miners pirate radio broadcasting on top of Radio Trent in Nottinghamshire, the *Guardian* has picked up on the story and tells (22/8/84) of an important new development. They report that the miners have "penetrated the system" this week and are now breaking in on VHF broadcasts of Radio Trent, seemingly at will reporting the truth of the miners strike and blacking out the official media lies and distortion.

Mr Ron Coles, Director of Radio Trent commenting on this "sinister event" has refused to say how the miners are substituting their news for that of Radio Trent because "I don't want others to do it"...*Black Flag* can report one simple way of doing it, which uses the official radio's own transmitter, superimposing the pirate programme over the entire area. This is possible because the official programmes are beamed from the studio to the main transmitter (which has to be high up for Very High Frequency) by means of a low power, directional VVHF (microwave) link (see diagram).

### HOW IT CAN BE DONE

So all you have to do is to build a small transmitter on the same frequency as their link, make a directional aerial point it exactly at their transmission tower and switch on. If their link is more powerful you simply go closer, until your signal wins, with VVHF this tends to block out completely the competing signal. The transmission tower then rebroadcasts your signal at full strength. The big advantage of this is that you are very difficult to detect.

## MINERS GUERRILLA RADIO BREAKTHROUGH

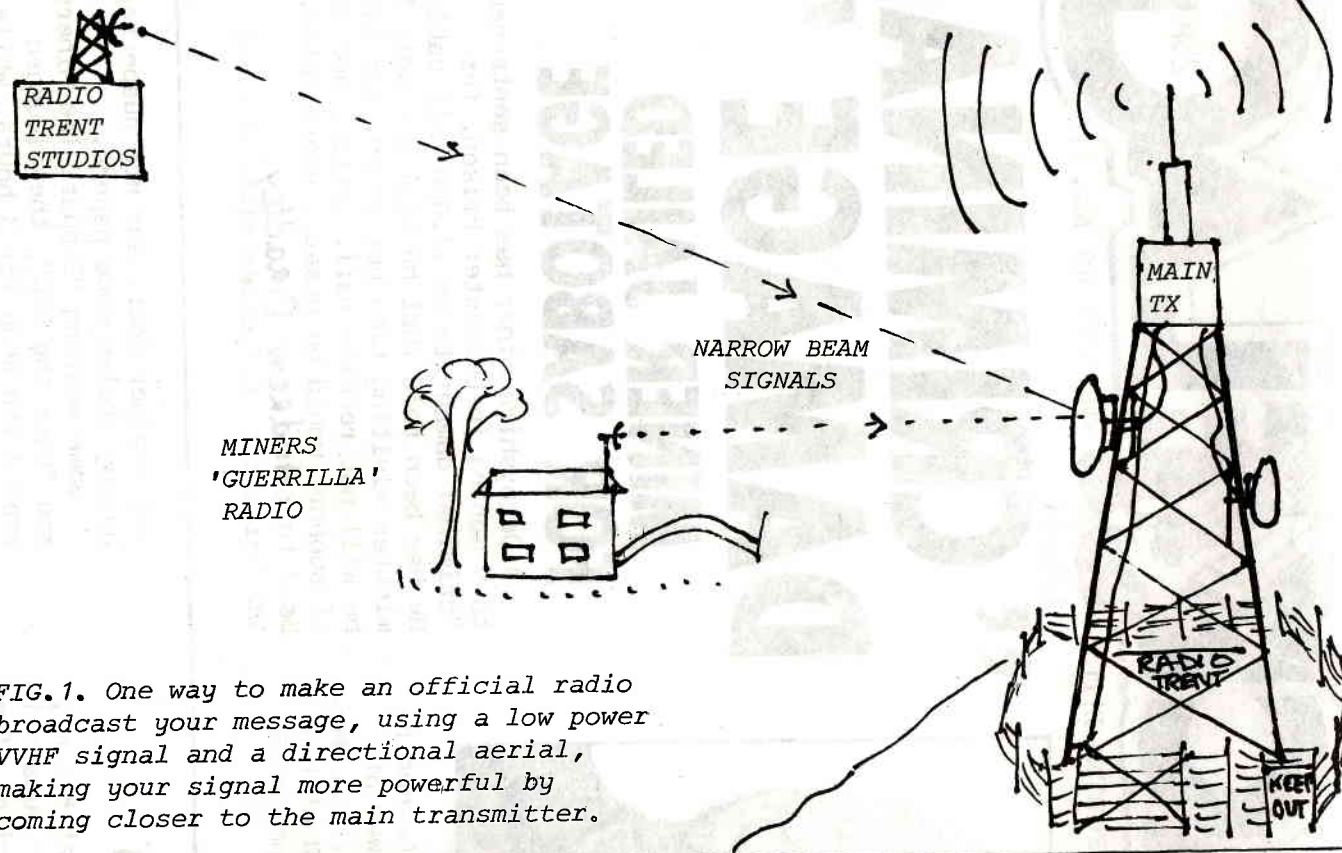


FIG.1. One way to make an official radio broadcast your message, using a low power VVHF signal and a directional aerial, making your signal more powerful by coming closer to the main transmitter.

ment,,and if it goes to Crown Court, it can be up to 2 years jail and an unlimited fine or both, plus of course seizure of equipment. A pretty steep price to pay for nicking a few of HM's airwaves.

If the miners' pirate really has 'penetrated the system' its an important step for political pirates. The equipment involved could probably be built by a capable electronics hobbyist with Radio Frequency experience. Main problems could be finding suitable circuit diagrams and tuning. Also I

These were, Cambridge Community Radio, CCR, Radio Revenge\* (Leeds), Our Radio (London based open access), and Sheffield Peace Radio, (who were heavily busted in March but may be back). None of these have however tried the guerrilla 'interference' tactics of the miners in Nottinghamshire.

### REVENGE IS SWEET

Radio Stop the World\*(aka Radio Revenge) took to the airwaves in support of Leeds Stop the City. The station was on the air live between 8-8.30am, 10-11.30am

strength. The big advantage of this is that you are very difficult to detect. Several London pirates have been using 'links' for years between their studios and transmitters and reckon they are almost impossible to follow. You can't take good 'cross bearings' for instance on such a low power narrow beam transmission, plus in the case of the miners the signal of Radio Trent will interfere with the hunt, and the miners only go on the air for short periods ie. news time. The Radio Trent Managers would either have to close down completely or switch to using land lines at additional cost, or more likely change their link equipment.

However it would be a mistake to underestimate the array of excellent detection gear available to the Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) who are sure to be putting all their efforts into stopping the strikers breaking the media monopoly; the penalties are quite high if anyone is caught. It would come under Section 13 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act (1949)... 'Deliberate Interference' which carries up to six months imprison-

with radio frequency experience. Main problems could be finding suitable circuit diagrams and tuning. Also I reckon it could cost £1000 to build, including directional dish, and you'd need access to expensive testing gear. Breaking into microwave links has up to now been a pipe dream of the radio pirates. In theory at least you could break into TV or even military communications in the same way.

The *Guardian* article also reports, quite falsely, that there have been no 'political pirates' in Britland since Radio Enoch closed down (good its gone!) The real pirates are of course the right wing and commercial class interests which control and censor radio. Its true that at present there are no anarchist pirates here, the nearest ones are in Amsterdam (Radio Vrije Keizer, Anarchist night) and in Paris (Radio Libertaire). There have however been at least 4 pirates in the last few years which have carried anarchist views, and have been relentlessly busted and persecuted off the air for their trouble.

to the airwaves in support of Leeds Stop the City. The station was on the air live between 8-8.30am, 10-11.30am and 8.30pm-midnight, on 90.4 mHz VHF - between Radios 2 & 3 .

During the broadcasts an appeal was made for money to help pay fines of the people arrested during the action to be sent to: *RSTW, Box T, 59 Cookridge St., Leeds 2.* They also broadcast over the recent long weekend 24/25/26 August at 10pm on 90.4 mHz VHF.

*Black Flag* is planning to carry a more detailed report on Anarchist radio in a future Quarterly Review (could people please send in more info!) which we hope will be a step towards setting up new stations.

NB. Detailed information sheets and a bimonthly bulletin and legal advice are available from *Free The Airwaves*, Box CCR c/o Bath House, Gwydir Street Cambridge (Sub. £2.00) A photocopy of the Our Radio pamphlet, *How to be a Radio Pirate* are available for 30p and a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope c/o

*Black Flag, BM Hurricane, London WC1N3XX*

## JAPAN - NARITA!

The houses of three senior airport authority officials in and around Tokyo were petrol-bombed on Monday 6th August.

The attacks were in reply to Govt. plans to extend Narita airport (37 miles East of Tokyo) against local people's wishes. The airport opened in 1978 after 10 years of resistance by local farmers and their friends in which 9 people died and 10,000 were injured. Tactics included mass occupations, sabotage and a raid on the airport control tower which resulted in extensive damage.

## LETTER

Dear *Black Flag*,

One final bit of cell cleaning before being transferred to a Federal prison tomorrow..

An interview appeared in a local feminist newspaper *Kinesis* with Ann Hansen. What is most interesting about it was the extent to which the two womyn questioning Ann were coming from a position which reflected a fair amount of the State perspective. Ann in her final answer says: "the hardest part is when people only focus on the negative aspects...". The indications are that the State was successful in distorting reality and that the media is very effective in making people believe their distortions. Two supposedly radical feminists actually ask about the "plan to murder a Brink's guard". They have

obviously swallowed the State's distortions - hook line and sinker. There was never any plan to 'murder a Brink's guard' - in fact all the scenarios for robbery plans were very thorough about how to ensure nobody was injured. But the persecutors and the Judge turned the case from 'conspiracy to rob' to 'conspiracy to kill a Brink's guard'. With the media following suit, they ended up having people believe that we were intending to ambush and kill a Brink's guard and take the money.

All in all, the trying of the 'criminal charges' first proved very effective for the State in confusing and depoliticising the case and in portraying us in the most negative way they could. We managed to redirect the focus somewhat with the political sentencing hearings - but still there are a lot of people out there saying "well, I can understand their cause but you can't go around shooting people to get money".

Apparently, the authorities in Toronto still haven't decided whether to actually proceed with the Cruise Missile factory bomb-in against just me... They already have two convictions against Ann & Julie and they know I am already doing the maximum time before parole eligibility, so therefore they probably don't want the radical focus that would be directed against the Canada/US war preparations and the continued forum for the development of resistance/guerrilla politics which will occur if they proceed. Yet, I wouldn't be surprised if they eventually decide to go ahead. However until they do I'll be residing at the regional maximum security Federal prison. New address for me is: *Kent Prison, P.O. Box 2000, Agassiz, British Columbia, CANADA.*

I hope things are well with you all. Take good care of each other and keep strong.  
*In solidarity and resistance,*  
Brent Taylor.

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## MINERS UPDATE

### THE NEXT STEP

The miners have now been on strike for over 5 months. The Govt. and its NCB lackeys, hadn't expected so much resolution.

Their plan to provoke a strike and thus force a final showdown had clearly worked. But they had clearly underestimated the determination of the miners. Contrary to the media, the State and misinformed public opinion this strike has little to do with Arthur Scargill's political ego.

The strike began because of the closure of Corton Wood colliery. Before Scargill realised what was happening the Yorks area was already on strike. Corton Wood was the bait, the destruction of the NUM the trap. The miners reacted in this way because they had been previously transferred there with a promise of several years work. It is too much of a coincidence that the NCB decided to close the pit only a few weeks after the transfer of miners had taken place.

Of course the miners had been offered alternative jobs and redundancy money. The redundancy money payment of £1,000 per/years service would prove irresistible to a collier with 30-40 years service close to retirement age. But for a younger worker with say 10 years service, £10,000 (less tax!), less unemployment benefit, is close to sweet F.A. The alternative employment sounds fine providing you exchange like for like. Increasingly the skilled are being offered unskilled and thus lower paid work: an offer they cannot refuse. It is patently clear that the redundancy payment scheme, like the product-

When the workers take two steps forward by what right do the Left claim to demand the miners should take two steps backward? If the Left can't keep up with the miners they should drop out of the race instead of agitating for a ballot with the forces of reaction.

The right of veto is an important one that should be used often but not at the expense of someone else's job. There must also be a place for spontaneity of action

The police have been used to perfection with a total disregard for *their* Law they have harassed, arrested and downright brutalised the miners. Suddenly the "fair cop" image looks slightly tarnished. Once again State terror shocked many liberals but not the miners. The potential for oppression is always there but is rarely used on such a large scale. Significantly the police showed that they had learnt from previous disputes, notably in 1972 & 1974. The mass pickets now illegal were not going to triumph and haven't worked. The NUM leadership despite this continue with this monumental waste of time resulting in many arrests as proof of machismo.

It is clear that new irregular guerrilla tactics are urgently needed since the cops have far greater sweeping powers and are not afraid to use them! The use of hit and run against selected targets with the result that the police jam is spread thin

### MINERS MEETING

"My father, a miner all his life, was unable to work at 47 years old, and he died at 57. During his working life, he worked hard to increase output, the reward for which is a flag at the end of each month for the pit that has produced the most coal. He would turn in his grave if he knew that by increasing production he was encouraging the premature closure of a pit." - the words of a miner's daughter who left Nottinghamshire 18 months ago and now lives in Amsterdam. She is one of approximately 50 people who attended a meeting in Amsterdam last month to organise support for the current miners strike in Britain. STEUN committee MIJNSTAKERS ENGELAND, set up by a section of the squatters movement, are planning various actions including fund raising parties & giving miners children a holiday in Holland. August 1984

*The Other Paper A'dam.*

### Price - Waterhouse Occupied

The Birmingham offices of P-W the 'sequestrators' employed by the Govt. to seize NGA funds last year and NUM funds (£50,000 unpaid fine) now were occupied by 11 strikers and one woman supporter. They hung banners from the windows and when police arrived, breaking down the doors, they left without arrests being made. Money to buy food for strikers' families has been frozen in accounts by the State-paid thieves.



skilled are being offered unskilled and thus lower paid work: an offer they cannot refuse. It is patently clear that the redundancy payment scheme, like the production bonus scheme which inflates the still pathetic miners wages, is just another way of putting worker against worker. It is, therefore, not surprising that the Corton Wood miners had the foresight to see clean through the NCB's sham. They could do nothing else since unlike North Yorks and the Midlands, the South Yorks. miners haven't got the luxury of a Selby or Belvoir. From this well planned incident the NCB sat back and waited to see the reaction of the colliers in Arthur Scargill's backyard.

Macgregor had been appointed to the job of Chairman of the NCB for one purpose only. The Govt. had for many years being stockpiling coal - enough to be able to sit out a long strike. Add to this the Tory determination to destroy the miners union: a grudge held since the 70's.

Many claim Thatcher is a fascist. This clearly is a nonsense not even worthy of the educated elite of the Left. What she is, however, determined to do is to restore the 'lower orders' to, what she and her class perceive as their proper station, at the bottom of the scrap heap.

When the strike began many demanded, in unison with the NCB propagandist and the simple-minded, a ballot. Many regret the timing. But on both counts the critics of Corton Wood miners were clearly clutching at straws. What could the NEC of the NUM do? Tell the miners on strike to go back to work and promise support when they have a better chance of winning? Allow a secret ballot in which those from secure pits (at least THEY THINK they're secure), would vote away the livelihood of miners from small "unprofitable" pits? Clearly NO to both! If the so-called Left cannot comprehend the reason of the miners they should shut up and piss off - taking their elitist newspaper crap with them.

Mindless thugs terrorise Armthorpe pit village.

and not the senseless push and grunt that goes on now. The promising use of the go-slow tactic on roads and motorways is a good tactic for example.

Another highlight of this dispute is the actions of the 'petticoat pickets' as the sexist media refers to the miners wives. Organising self-help groups, food collection and standing on the picket lines: promoting women's liberation far more effectively than legwarmers and aerobics.

The NCB as expected championed the 'right to work'(sic.). The lonely miner in Scotland, the winder in Yorkshire all heroes for the day. The Govt. help this propaganda along by personalising this strike and succeeding to the point that many now believe Scargill responsible for the strike, a comparison can be seen with the recent D-Day lies - the Russians were the enemies, the Germans just misguided. Enter Silverbirch a latter day Scarlett Pimpernel rescuing 120,000+ intimidated miners from the Scargill guillotine. The endless stream of tear-soaked women appear on TV blaming it all on the Govt.'s favourite parish. If the miners succeed in defeating the propaganda war it will be a miracle.

Whether as in some areas miners begin to drift back, as in Notts, to work yet remains to be seen. The NUM for their part need to turn the screw as soon as possible before its too late and the demoralisation of the constant anti-miner Media barrage takes effect. Whatever the outcome it is hoped that should the worst happen the miners don't turn their humiliation into hatred of those delegated to carry out their mandate, and save it for the State, the enemy of us all.

## Money Money Money

South Yorks police bill is over £6 million for persecuting strikers. Much more on a national level but money "well spent" according to Tory Parliamentary Speakers.

340 scabs cars set on fire or sabotaged in Notts. Approx £150,000 damage to NCB property. Damage to miners on strike who have had their homes and cars attacked by police is higher, with over 6,000 arrested, 2 deaths (what price?) and 1,000+ injured, some with severe head injuries who will never get the 'publicity' that the gun-toting 'right-to-work' scabs get in the bourgeois press.

5 NCB coaches being fitted with window grilles by J.Thompson engineering works at Pleasley Vale North Derbyshire were destroyed by fire (£30,000 damage).

At a privately owned mine at Westerhope, Newcastle diesel fuel and oil was drained from tanks and caused £4,000 damage to vehicles and machinery.

Aug. 8th, 100s of miners attacked Silverhill Colliery smashing up 18 scabs cars, and rammed a police van. They then went 20 miles (passing a police station where they overturned a police car) to Harworth colliery where they smashed windows in the canteen and more scabs cars. From there they went across into Yorkshire and attacked the 11 storey NCB office in Doncaster, causing £2,000 damage to windows.

4 police were hurt and two cop cars damaged when they turned up at the 'Pussycat Club' in Wakefield where 300 miners were having a cut price social outing. One cop car was overturned with the driver still inside...the cops withdrew and there were no arrests.



## HOW TO SURVIVE THE BOMB

Wealthy suburban types in the South of England are planning to murder their neighbours. They are already building fortified houses under which they can retreat in the event of nuclear war, and are applying for guns to shoot down those who wish to share the limited shelter afforded.

This is already commonplace in America, if sensational news in the U.K. It comes to light as Mr John Emin, a well heeled civil engineering contractor, of Haywards Heath, seeks planning permission for a fortified house above his £150,000 hideaway "to stop people shooting their way in". He points out that many people in the locality have guns, as it is in a country area. (Gun licences are freely given to the Tory country gentry; as was proven in the Orkneys case reported in these columns, where an anarchist was refused on political grounds).

Mr Emin pointed out to the press that this type of application was commonplace in the States, where contractors building nuclear shelters build swimming pools at the same time, to keep the plan secret from the neighbours; and where it is not uncommon to supply a "brace of sub-machine guns" to customers.

The fleeing panic-stricken, scarred and dying survivors of a nuclear attack seeking shelter will not all be gunned down by the lordly possessors of their own hideaway. Those who can put down a sizeable sum now can buy a place in advance - Mr Emin, for instance proposes to take 75 people at £6,000 now (and whatever else he demands at the crucial

time), asking not only for money but giving preference to "surgeons and doctors and other people who have needful skills" (no carpenters need apply unless perhaps, they sell their house now and pay for a place in never-never land).

### US AND THEM

What of the radiation victims stumbling around the big cities? Troops have already orders to confine them in the inner areas and not let them spread. Is not it time *they* thought up some survival strategies? It is doubtful if anyone will survive, nuclear shelter or not, or if it will be worth living if they do, but there is nothing to be lost by a last-hope final battle.

Troops also act as city jailers, and must be fought or circumvented and the main thing is to get out of the concentration death areas and into the pleasanter green belt surroundings, there to take over the spacious and attractive houses of the (almost entirely pro-nuclear deployment) well-to-do, which may well be fitted with bunkers. There are weapons enough to grab from them, by overwhelming force if people stream out in stolen cars if necessary to overpower them.

It is odd that the threat of this, even the mere possibility that it just *might* happen, will more effectively frighten the property-conscious bourgeoisie from going along with nuclear war than any talk about the mass destruction and universal holocaust that would be brought about by the atomic bomb.

...with a more particular racial, linguistic or religious identity.

Nationalism, as the adoration of a state, appeals to the bourgeoisie, and forms the backbone of fascism because it is an alternative to class struggle and glosses over differences of class interest within a nation. An appeal to national unity is the classical last hope of tyranny. Those national liberation movements which are essentially successful, however liberal or even 'revolutionary' in their early stages, build up stores of this nationalistic emotion and easily fall into various forms of tyranny, including fascism.

## LETTERS

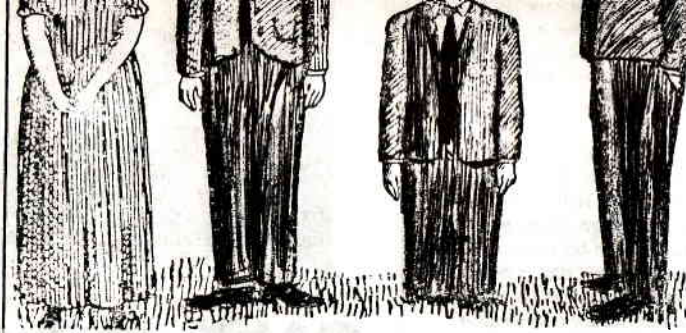
Dear Comrades,

I think the fortnightly and quarterly publications are both very good, informative and generally pretty incisive. I also think that it's good that you are unashamedly putting forward anarchist proposals and views on issues (eg 'Disarming the State' and 'Collectivise the Mines'). Too often in the past anarchism has come over as wholly critical and negative, but in Black Flag there is now quite a good blend of information and constructive comment which definitely stands out from what I've seen of the anarchist press!

more general approach elsewhere  
Best wishes and solidarity,  
A Jones.

Dear Comrades,

Keep up the good work with Black Flag; the recent rebirth of the class struggle is at least showing us where the pseudo-anarchists' interests really are. Hope the next Stop the City goes well, although I won't be there and, if it's possible, you can inform the person who wrote the article in Black Flag about the last SIC and said 'real success is not getting arrested' that his/her non-arrest seems to have depended on others being police fodder. Real success



## LUIS PALAU AND ANARCHIST STRATEGY

On Tuesday 10th July there was a major disruption of Luis Palau's religious fascism at Shepherd's Bush. People yelled their "doubts" such as "Riot Not Religion" and 'Sex not Superstition', ran out on to the pitch (QPR Stadium, London), attempted to play football with a ball called God, and so on. Generally, the aim was to demonstrate our opposition to religion and hopefully undermine its pervasive spell. But the end result of this was the arrest of 12 comrades. This article is not intended to discuss 'why' we disrupted Palau, more to discuss strategy in the light of events.

First, I personally felt more happy with our action on 6th July, when a group of us simply sat down, refusing to be sucked into the overwhelming spell of obedient religious consensus. We proved by our example that not everyone was willing to be duped into becoming a sheep-like acceptor of our shit society in the mythical hope of a 'better' future in 'heaven'. The cost to ourselves was zero (apart from a very boring evening!) - yet on Tuesday night the cost was very high. I believe that "small deeds" are far too underrated by many anarchist comrades - what is the point of a disruption if 12 comrades are arrested and so face court/fines, etc? Furthermore, our small deed on Friday was, I think, much better received by the Palau audience than the large deed on Tuesday - we will

The arrests were mainly made because of police provocation - they openly and directly provoked us into reacting: and we reacted right outside Shepherd's Bush police station! I find it difficult to think of a more stupid place to react to police provocation. It is vital that we struggle against the state on our terms, not on its - because then we simply get smashed. I feel that our reaction was important, as well as, of course, our demonstration of solidarity to those comrades who were first arrested. But need we have allowed ourselves to have been shepherded, provoked, controlled by the police so easily? It might have been better to have split up and disappear down the numerous side streets - instead we allowed the police to control us to the extent that we ended up outside Shepherd's Bush police station, where a gang of thugs in blue charged out and randomly arrested comrades. I think the general points to be considered are the importance of small deeds (eg, leafletting, talking to individuals, etc), the vital necessity of struggling where and when we want to, the need for calm and control by ourselves (which I believe can be best gained through strong affinity groups), and, naturally, the essential need for struggle. After our disruption, the religious heroin no doubt continued and the sheep probably obediently swallowed their regulated diet of containment, containment and more containment. But maybe our action made one or two of them actually think for themselves and place their faith in reality rather than myth.

REPLY: It's all a matter of 'balance of forces' (us & them) really. A variety of tactics and imagination can even go and upset the odds in our favour when we are largely outnumbered. Big thing is to not let them grind you down. By all accounts the locals nearly rioted with the cops when the arrests took