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## POLICE REPRESSION BRITAIN

### March Against Police Repression



#### NO TO NEW POLICE LAWS

*THE REVIEW OF PUBLIC ORDER LAW* proposed by the government will give the police the power to ban marches, restrict pickets and charge people with riot (carrying a ten year sentence), violent disorder (carrying a five year sentence) and affray (carrying a three year sentence). Organisers of any 'illegal' marches or meetings will face a three month prison sentence and a £1000 fine. This is just another law in the armoury of the government along with the Prevention of Terrorism Act and the Police and Criminal Evidence Act used to oppress opponents.

We know the police will do what they can get away with. We must show that we will not be intimidated by them. People are resisting, defending their communities (mining villages, the six counties, inner-city areas like Handsworth, Brixton and Tottenham), showing determination to hold their events (peace convoy festivals) and protests (the Greenham Common women).

#### Nasty or Nice....



**A Cop is a cop is a cop!  
KILL THE BILL!**

A DEATHS IN CUSTODY PRODUCTION



**Sat. January 25th 1986**

## GREECE

### ANARCHIST RELEASED AFTER HUNGER STRIKE – POLICE MURDERER WALKS FREE

As reported in our last issue, Athen's Polytechnic building was recently occupied twice by people protesting against the police murder of 15 year old Anarchist Mihalis Kaltezas, on November 18th.

The murder also sparked off major riots in Athens, similar to those seen in Amsterdam after the death of the Dutch squatter Hans Kok while in police custody in October.

Thirty seven Anarchists were arrested after the first occupation and beaten up by police. One man, Christos Koutelieris, was so badly beaten by police that he was taken straight to hospital after being arrested with serious head injuries.

Despite this, Christos went on Hunger Strike on November 20th, demanding to be immediately released, along with his thirty six comrades. He also refused all liquids and soon went into a coma at which point he was force fed against his will by the hospital. Once he regained consciousness he restarted the Hunger Strike until on December 6th he was released, (on a fifty thousand drachma bail) *very close to death*. His condition is improving as we go the press but its uncertain whether or not he will suffer more permanent damage. Fifteen

out of the thirty seven Anarchists remain in police custody. They are all due to be released soon although a date hasn't been fixed yet by the Courts.

In contrast, the policeman who murdered Mihalis Kaltezas by shooting him in the back of the head (Mikilas Kalteras was fleeing from police firing guns at a crowd,) Athanasios Melistas, walked free after being charged with manslaughter. It's unlikely that he will be found guilty when he goes to Court, and is set to literally 'get away with murder'.

#### Revenge

In response to events a policeman was blown up in Athens on November 26th killing two cops and injuring twenty one. The bomb was claimed by the 'November 17th' group (named after the date that students occupied the Athens Polytechnic against the 1973 Military Colonels dictatorship), a known armed gang. It is the first action by the group in solidarity with Anarchists and has been received with mixed feelings by Greek Anarchists. Some feel the action was genuine, others feel it was simply opportunistic.

#### Anti-Anarchist Clamour

Not surprisingly, there's been a lot of anti-Anarchist sentiments expressed in the Greek newspapers (Socialist, Communist and Fascist) and on TV over recent weeks, much of it being repeated in the British press. *The Guardian* for example on Nov. 28, claimed that the Anarchists had run

OUR STREETS. We all need to co-operate if we are to effectively challenge police repression. That is the purpose of the CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION and march which will take place on Saturday, January 25th at 12 noon, London Fields E8 (Bethnal Green Tube, Buses: 55 106, 38, 30 and 253.). This will go past Dalston Lane and Stoke Newington police stations... A newsletter which collects all information about police harassment is open to contributions, available from: Campaign Against Police Repression, Box C.A.P.R. 83 Blackstock Road, London N4. Phone Pete 01 341 5340

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into some luck 'as a result of Kaltezas' murder!! Other newspapers claimed that Mihalis Kaltezas was throwing a petrol bomb when he was murdered. *This is a lie!* He was shot in the back of the head while

trying to escape police gun-fire, along with many other people. Many newspapers also claimed that the 'November 17' group was Anarchist. *It is not, has never been, an Anarchist group.*

