



cularly in Europe. The most productive of these discussions has been with the GCI (Internationalist Communist Group) and has resulted, not merely in an exchange of independent sets of broadly communist ideas, but a genuine movement in the group, greater theoretical clarification vis-a-vis issues which were previously fudged in the interests of the mythical 'group unity', and a commitment to joint internationalist work. In accordance with this the GCI have produced a text on defeatism in the Iran-Iraq war, which we feel is a reflection of genuine proletarian action taking place in response to the slaughter of proletarians in a barbarous capitalist war. The events in Iraq in particular have shown once again how the spectre of communism definitively haunts capital. Iraq has been the scene of perhaps the greatest anti-war movement by the proletariat since the first world war. We have also responded positively to internationalists in Argentina, and attempted to produce a joint leaflet on the Falklands anniversary. This was unsuccessful for technical reasons. Discussions with Emancipation Obrera continue. A draft of the leaflet is reproduced in this issue. Broadly, then, the aims of the journal are first and foremost to uncover, publicise, and criticise, with a view to further discussion/joint work, all elements of resistance to this miserable society. From an understanding of these rejections in both their form, and, more particularly, the quality of their content, we hope to discuss with other like-minded people with a view to developing communist theory. Communist theory isn't 'what Marx said' - as it would appear from reading much of the left-wing press - but an elaboration of the

struggle of the proletariat, our class: its resistance to this society's discipline in all its forms. You can sit at home reading Marx till the cows come home, but it won't make you a communist. The struggle of the proletariat takes place on the streets, in the home, and in the workplace, not in the musty pages of the Pelican edition of 'Capital' - theory only becomes worthwhile when it is realised in revolutionary practice, at which point theory will be in motion and the separation which appears to exist between it and practice will disappear. This is not to say that reading Marx isn't valuable, but that its value can only be assessed in its impact on the action of the reader. Having said this we don't expect you, the reader, to put down this issue of Wildcat and immediately go into the shed and fix yourself a Molotov cocktail before starting the revolution! Neither, however, do we expect you to toss it to one side like you would a copy of the Face and wait for the next issue to come out. We do expect you to get involved - tell us what you think, begin correspondence with us, suggest areas where we might work together if the possibility arises, and generally keep us informed of resistance in your locality.

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As soon as the miners' strike ended, a massive strike wave swept Denmark, starting with a call from the trade unions for a 24 hour token strike against national wage restraint and a demand for a reduction in working hours, it spread rapidly and spontaneously into an all out strike of major sections of the State and public services and began to draw in the private sector. Despite concessions from the government to the trade union demands, measures to prohibit strikes and constant appeals from the trade unions to return to work, the strikes continued for another 15 days until further negotiated settlements in different sectors began to sap the unity and solidarity of the movement.



In the following year from April to June '86 there was a second major strike wave in Belgium. There was a spontaneous coalminers' walkout in Limbourg which rapidly spread throughout the coal fields. At the same time there were struggles against redundancies in docks, steel and railways, joined by other public sector workers and then the private sector. The unemployed and school students joined in, and mass secondary picketing was organised outside the unions. Only after concessions were made by the government were the unions able to end the strikes.

At the end of December following the French government's climbdown on educational reform in the face of mass student and school student protests, a small group of railway engineers issued a leaflet calling

The great train coal rustlers

By Tony Heath

Police in South Wales are calling for reinforcements in their campaign to catch organised gangs of raiders who have hijacked more than £10,000 worth of coal this year from trains travelling down the Cynon Valley.

Chief Inspector Stephen Chapman, of the British Transport Police, says the 40 officers responsible for Cardiff and the South Wales valleys are stretched to the limit. "We are stemming the tide, but it is a question of when we are over-run," he said.

The thieves, who co-ordinate their operations with CB radios, lie in wait in a narrow defile for trains moving coal from the National Smokeless Fuels plant near Aberdare.

They have used trees, sleepers and on one occasion a signal gantry to block the single-track rail line. Once a train is halted the thieves converge and open the wagon doors. Coal spills out and is carted away in wheelbarrows, sacks, and even redundant prams.

Police believe that more than 100 people, including children aged as young as five, are involved.

In a novel move to catch the thieves officers have been riding "shotgun" on the trains, which run up to three times a day. They liaise by radio with colleagues patrolling the valley floor in unmarked cars, but the raiders are known to eavesdrop on police frequencies.

The police also face a daunting logistical problem. Chief Inspector Chapman's beat stretches from Fishguard to the Severn Tunnel: keeping an eye on such a huge patch with limited resources is not easy, and other priorities such as invasions of Cardiff Central railway station by football fans have to be taken into account in making manpower dispositions.

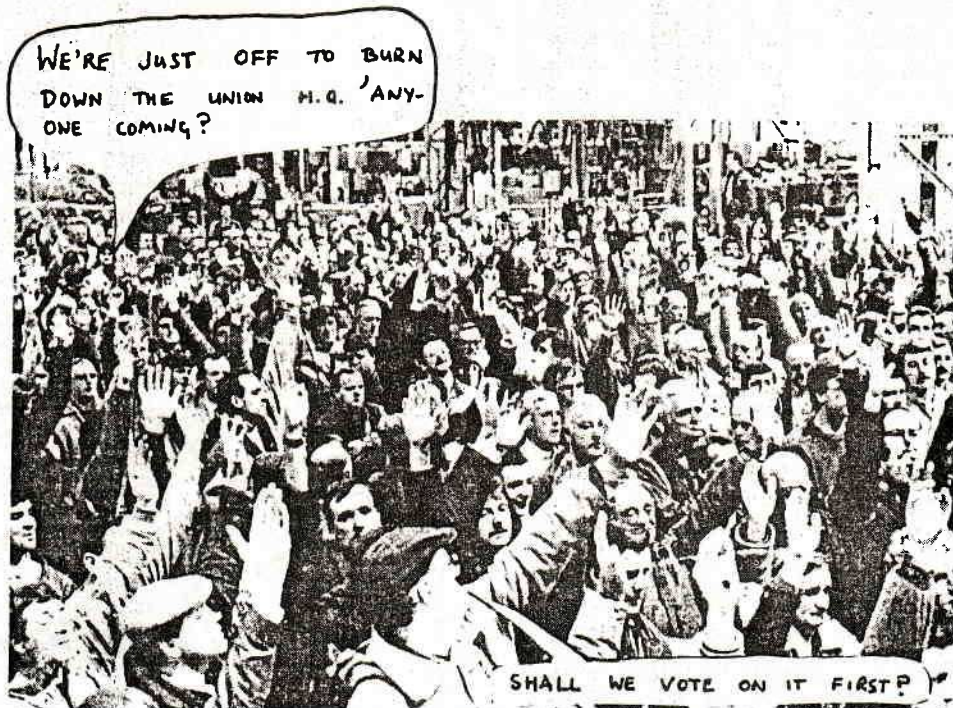
Much of the booty from the raids is rumoured locally to be sold at knock-down prices to the needy or given free to pensioners, although police maintain that the raiders are simply out to make money. They point out that coal from the plant can fetch £140 a tonne.

However, given the local groundswell of sympathy for what some regard as the valley's Robin Hood raiders, the officers face an uphill struggle in making arrests. Yesterday Chief Inspector Chapman appealed to the Cynon Valley borough council and the local community for help.

Recently, the raiders have developed a dangerous technique described by railway hands as a sort of Russian roulette. When a train slows to take a curve men run alongside it and pull open the chute levers to spill the coal out. Police fear that this adds to the possibility of accident, derailment and injury.

Chief Supt Chapman believes it is potentially lethal. Death or serious injury is only a matter of time, he said. "It is potentially the most serious matter I've dealt with in 20 years' service."

The Cynon valley and its immediate area have been devastated by colliery closures. Male unemployment is running at 25 per cent, and economists and sociologists have identified it as one of Western Europe's most deprived black spots.



Show of hands: Workers occupying the threatened Caterpillar factory near Glasgow yesterday voted by a majority of six to defy a court order and continue their 10 week protest — 369 voted to continue the sit-in and 363 voted against. The company said it hoped the Amalgamated Engineering Union executive would tell its members "to end an action which is in clear breach of law" when it meets today.

Its not just in Western Europe. From the prosperous countries of Scandinavia to the slum cities of Africa, Asia and Latin America, via the stagnant economies of Eastern Europe, the class struggle shows no sign of even temporarily halting. We know of recent strikes in Romania, Yugoslavia, India, Mexico and Bolivia, riots in Chile which have disarmed the police and burned down police stations, uprisings in Zambia and obviously struggles in South Africa, and many places in between. There have been massive battles against governments of the left and right, democratic and dictatorial, against the imposition of food price rises and other austerity measures demanded by the world's bankers as they shovel surplus value into the black hole of the American economy.

The reptiles of the international media have systematically suppressed news of this struggle. All we can be sure of is that the world class struggle is much more ferocious and widespread than we thought. For example, we have only just heard of the strikes in India, such as that of 600,000 government workers in Uttar Pradesh, and the resistance to the Iran-Iraq war featured in an article in this issue. It is encouraging to realise that people whom

we are taught to see as passive recipients of charity are able to win temporary victories when they fight on a massive scale, such as the N. African riots against food price rises. The state in the so-called third world countries is often weak, as shown in March '86 when the conscripts of the Cairo police rioted and the state had some difficulty suppressing them. It's not an unbridgeable gap between armed conscripts rioting and the collapse of state power.

Even in Britain, in spite of the defeat of major battalions of the class, rear-guard actions help prepare for more massive and conscious battles in the future. And there are small signs that hard lessons are being learned. Miners who worked in the national strike, and joined the UDM, which was specifically set up to divide the miners, have walked out at several pits along with NUM members against sackings and victimisations. When flying pickets of sacked miners picketed in Yorkshire, the local leadership colluded with branch officials to stop the action spreading. At Silverwood and South Kirkby the local officials recommended crossing picket lines. Few pits have been free of strikes since 1985.

Women who produce Laura Ashley lampshades in Scotland went on strike and joined the TGWU. The union then negotiated a return to work based on RE-ENGAGEMENT, without any of the benefits for women who'd worked there for years. So the women left the union, and continued the strike. Laura Ashley has been picketed in Europe and America, and in Britain management proudly stated that the women have been told to go back to work by the Labour MP, the Labour council and the union. The 90 strikers in the Trader newspaper dispute in the Midlands were told by their union leader to canvass for Labour in the election or have their strike pay halved.

The riots on New Year's Eve were a welcome start to 1987. There have been various disputes around the country this year, the biggest of which was the British Telecom dispute, again sabotaged by the union. Fightbacks against police repression continue, and solidarity between small oppressed sections of the class have grown out of riots, for example Broadwater Farm residents have supported lesbian and gay struggles in Haringey.



Sabotage

Heinrich Kley

The class struggle won't go away, and when the British economy follows the rest of the world deeper into recession, we can expect that there won't be enough water in the English Channel to quench the flames of proletarian resistance as they blaze around the world. Everywhere the working class faces the same problems and

fights the same enemy. Our aim as revolutionaries is to contribute to making the world class struggle consciously internationalist. We try to forge links with militant workers groups that have emerged from struggles, and with revolutionary political groups. Wildcat is attempting to play its part in the creation of a strong and united international revolutionary movement.

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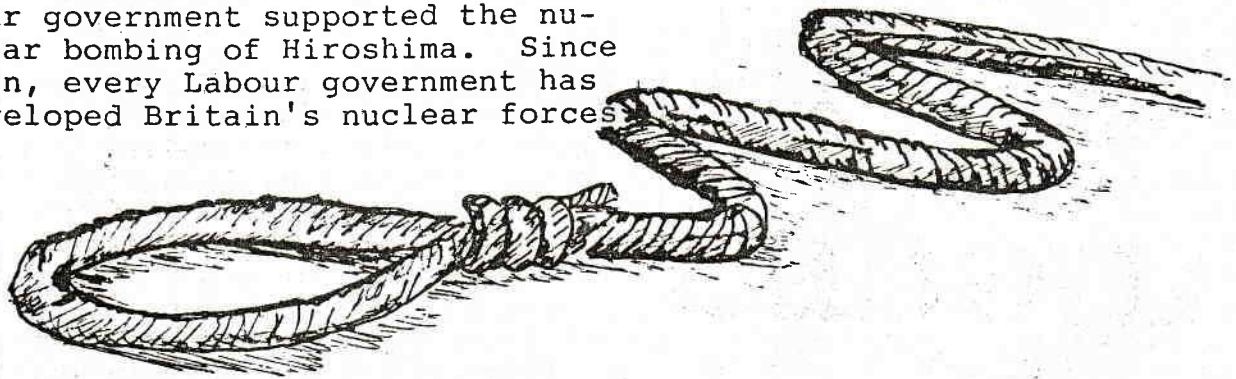
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Whenever the Labour Party has been in power, it has always acted ruthlessly against the working class. In 1945, five days after the election of a Labour government, it sent troops against striking London dockers. Troops were used against lorry drivers, power workers, gas workers and Buckingham Palace boilermakers. Labour has never had any hesitation in using the army against the working class. In 1969, Labour sent troops into Northern Ireland. These troops were used to crush the Free Derry working class uprising.

Labour introduced the first racist immigration laws.

Labour always supports Britain's imperialist wars. The Falklands is the most recent example, but Labour enthusiastically recruited workers into the First and Second Imperialist World Wars. After it was elected in 1945, the left-wing Labour government supported the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima. Since then, every Labour government has developed Britain's nuclear forces.



In every way, on every issue, Labour has always been just as anti working class as the Conservatives.

How the Labour Party works

When Labour is in government the party is controlled by the parliamentary Labour Party, which in turn is controlled by the Prime Minister and the cabinet. In opposition, it is controlled mainly by the trade unions.

Trade unions are based on negotiating between workers and the bosses, on selling our labour power. Their very existence depends on the continuation of wage labour, of capi-

support the Labour Party



The working class will Lose!

talism. So they do everything in their power to defend it. When Labour is in government, the unions work directly with the government against the class struggle. Under the last Labour government, this was called the "Social Contract". The unions promoted a truce between the workers and their enemy, the capitalist state. When the unions failed to hold back the class struggle in this way, the Thatcher government brought in laws to force them to sabotage it more directly. They have generally gone along with this, calling off strikes when judges threaten their investments, and signing no-strike deals on the pretext of "realism".

Nationalism

It goes without saying that revolutionaries are internationalist. The workers of the world, the masses of unemployed, have an overwhelming interest in common - the need to fight against international capitalism. Anything which tries to make us think we belong to our own country, rather than our class, is our enemy.

Labour's view is accurately summarised by Neil Kinnock :

"And just as a family uses its combined spirit and resources to overcome crisis, so Britain can once again make common cause to achieve common good."

Although there is little difference between the major parties, perhaps the Tories have closer links with international capital. The left are proud of their record of patriotism, and during the Second World War were the most jingoistic of the capitalist factions. Recently a Labour shadow cabinet member lectured the City of London on its lack of patriotism. Labour's traditional patriotism may be appropriate during the collapse of the world economy, when nations

may attempt to go it alone. But this would be even less successful for a geriatric capitalist country like Britain than for others.

Perhaps during a revolution, Labour will have the same role as the Social Democrats during the revolution in Germany in 1918-19 - crushing the working class. However there is more cynicism among workers about the left now than then. We do everything we can to encourage such cynicism.

It is debatable whether Labour is of any use to the ruling class. It is certainly of no use to the working class.

If we want to save ourselves from war and pollution, poverty and crisis, we'll have to unite with the rest of the world's oppressed in a class war against capitalism.

The Labour Party will have to be destroyed by the working class along with all other capitalist institutions. We echo Lenin's phrase "support the Labour Party ... as a rope supports a hanged man". But we mean it.

Wildcat, June 1987.



for a mass meeting to discuss opposition to the employers' attempts to restructure the railways. This led to an immediate strike of Paris railway engineers, which spread rapidly throughout the rail network. The strike was organised outside union control. In the end though, the unions were able to regain control and the strike was defeated.

Since February this year, there has been a huge wave of strikes and riots in Spain against the attacks of the



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16,000 attacks on policemen
 By Our Police Correspondent

There were 16,000 assaults on police officers last year resulting in the loss of nearly 70,000 working days, according to a survey published yesterday.

In some areas, policemen have a one-in-four chance of being assaulted on duty, according to the survey of 28 of 43 police forces in England and Wales published in Police Review.

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KILL THE BILL: An international language as old as capital itself finds its practical expression in Spain (top) and Wapping (centre)

Socialist government, reaching semi-insurrectionary proportions in the Northern steel towns. In Reinosa for example steel workers threatened with redundancies locked up their bosses, and together with other workers and unemployed, successfully fought off the police.

Although the recent struggles in Western Europe have shown a real suspicion of the trade unions and many have witnessed tendencies towards self organisation outside the union machinery, illusions persist. The independent workers' committees have looked to the unions for recognition, and have often elected delegates to negotiate with the bosses, retaining a trade unionist content in an autonomous form. Rank and file activists in the unions, less tainted with the smell of betrayal, have been able to lead the movements back to the treacherous terrain of trade unionism, and of course it's the workers' trade union mentality which allows them to be led.



Even if workers are able to overcome these limitations, nationalism remains a serious barrier, as it was in the mass strike in Poland 1980-81. All the parties from left to right try to limit workers' aims to the management of the national economy. However, the direct linking of even ONE mass movement beyond its national boundaries (say if French and Belgian workers formed joint strike committees, a not unimaginable development) would have an electrifying effect on the whole workers movement.

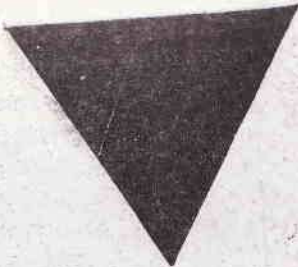
CLASS STRUGGLE SINCE THE MINER'S STRIKE

Since the defeat of the miner's strike in March in 1985, there has been a downturn in the class struggle in Britain. The News International strike was defeated by a combination of hard-line management, police and union manoeuvres, leading to lay-offs in the print industry, following the mass redundancies throughout manufacturing and mining.

But the class struggle has not gone away, even in Britain, and if we look at the international situation, we can see no reason for complacency in the palaces and penthouses of our class enemy. Like the rich bastards who perished in the hotel burnt down by impoverished Puerto Rican strikers, our rulers should regard the smoke rising from the lower decks with some apprehension.

After a brief respite in the US recession, financed by a savage attack on living conditions in the poorer countries, the crisis has returned. The OECD has just revised its forecast of world growth in 1987 from 3 to 2.5%. Economists are becoming pessimistic about the precipitous state of the US economy. Wall St bankers are calling for international action to prevent a further collapse of the dollar's purchasing power, which could lead to a full scale economic crisis in America, leading in turn to recession in the Western world, which depends on the US for much of its export market. 75 US banks have had to be rescued so far this year, and the decision of Citibank and Chase Manhattan to take heavy losses against Latin American debts sent shock waves through the financial markets of the world. Each stock market fall is worse than the one before, and although international capitalism is more coordinated than it was in 1929, its ability to phase in the crisis is not infinite, as shown by serious fears of trade war.

The international working class will not be slow to defend its living conditions in the face of the deepening crisis. In fact, outside Britain, it hasn't stopped.



**'The more you struggle,
the more we like it!'**

The following is a contribution from a member of Wildcat who is also a member of the new revolutionary lesbian and gay group, Lesbian and Gay Noise, summarising the current level of understanding and agreement within that group on lesbians and gays in the class struggle.

The increasingly hostile attacks on lesbians and gays over the last few years, whether encouraged by the rising tide of moral puritanism or AIDS hysteria, have been met with only a minimal response on the part of their victims. The Wombourne march in February against Councillor Brownhill's remarks that gays should be gassed, and against the imprisonment of 12 lesbian and gay activists for a week for protesting, demonstrated more than anything the weakness (or rather the non-existence) of a lesbian and gay movement capable of defending itself in the face of such an onslaught. Disorganised and ill-prepared we arrived angry but ineffective as we were herded and pacified by the mass ranks of the police and the so-called Revolutionary Communist Party.

At a time when we most need to be strong, we are weaker than we have ever been. But, although we came away demoralised, we also came away wiser. We have re-learned an important lesson:- that while our enemies despise us, many of our self-styled 'friends' try to patronise and dominate us, using our struggle to recruit for their own obnoxious political ends. It is for this reason that Lesbian and Gay Noise has been set up - to provide a focal point for lesbian and gay militant activity independent of other political and party organisations. Having seen and experienced the anger (if not the activity) generated by events such as Wombourne, we feel it important to emphasise that the chief weakness of the response to lesbian and gay oppression is not

FROM THE **FALKLANDS** **WAR**

The following is the draft of a leaflet intended for distribution in Britain and Argentina on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the Falklands/Malvinas war. It was intended to be a first step towards giving a practical expression to the spirit of the 'International Proposal' for greater cooperation and centralisation of revolutionary forces formulated and distributed by the comrades of 'workers Emancipation' (Argentina). However, this leaflet, drafted by Wildcat, was for technical reasons not distributed in Britain. The overstretching of our already very limited resources prevents us reproducing the 'Proposition' in this issue of Wildcat, but it has been reproduced in full in no.4 of the Internationalist Communist Groups english publication 'Communism', available from our Nottingham address (75p inc. p&p) or from the address of the ICG printed elsewhere in this issue.

Five years ago, the British Task Force attacked the Falkland Islands to evict the Argentine occupiers. The ruling classes of Britain and Argentina had long term interests in 'sovereignty' over the islands as a basis for the exploitation of the mineral resources throughout that region. However, the main reason behind the war was more immediate:- to control and maintain the exploitation of capitalism's most basic resource: the working class!

The Argentine government chose to invade the islands as a way of turning the attention of the the working class away from the deepening economic crisis and worsening living conditions. In 1976, mass strikes had forced the rulers of Argentina to grant huge pay rises to keep up with inflation. By 1982, these had been eaten away. Class struggle was growing again to which Galtieri's regime responded by murdering 30,000 people in six years. As soon as the war broke out, the Argentine left and the unions called on workers to fight and die and demonstrate for a regime soaked in the blood of the working class.

The war was also used by the British government for the same ends: to restore its credibility and attack the class struggle. The riots which tore through the cities of Britain in 1981 had once more placed the class war in the foreground. The conservatives badly needed an issue which could unite the nation and focus the smouldering hatred on an external enemy.

Labour supported the imperialist war effort as they have always done. The unions called off a dock strike and persuaded Hawker Siddley workers in Bristol to end an overtime ban. The electricians union demanded more arm spending. The health service union denounced striking hospital workers. As always, the unions and the Labour party showed that they

are not just the bosses arse-lickers, but an essential part of the ruling class.

There was little resistance to the war in Britain, though Portsmouth dock workers refused to sail with the fleet. Few workers realised its real significance: an attack on their struggles and living standards. It was used to test weapons for NATO's war machine and to prepare the working class to support it. After the war, Thatcher used her victory to redouble her attacks on the working class. Workers who were unpatriotic enough to go on strike were denounced as the 'enemy within' and given the same treatment as the 'Argies'.

There was more resistance and active sabotage of the war in Argentina and riots among the conscripts on the Falklands. The defeat doubled the problems of the Argentine ruling class as the avenging spectre of class struggle rose up once more. Strikes and riots had become an almost daily occurrence in an economy on the verge of catastrophe. That's why parliamentary government was brought in: to restore the ruling classes credibility.

In Britain, the Falklands victory was used to win the election, and we expect the Tories will use the anniversary for the same purpose. In both countries, the war was used to promote the idea of democracy, the idea that workers have an interest in a system which oppresses them.

As the capitalist parties of Britain and Argentina, left and right, try to use the Falklands anniversary to stir up nationalism among the working class, our message must be one of international solidarity. The working class has no country.... at the bottom of the South Atlantic, corpses from both sides mingle with each other. Capitalism means the same thing in both countries: bad housing, wage cuts, unemployment and war. In every country, workers are fighting back against our common enemy. Everywhere the unions attack our struggle. In every country the left and right wings of the ruling class try to make us abandon our class interests and unite with our class enemies.

Against the international war preparations of today, only the international class struggle provides serious resistance. Any class struggle throws a spanner in the works for capitalism. but a unified international struggle consciously directed against capitalism and its war drive will be the only way of stopping the bloodbath that millions of the working class are facing now.

DOWN WITH BRITAIN ! DOWN WITH ARGENTINA !

FROM BRIXTON TO BUENOS AIRES - CLASS WAR FOR SOCIAL REVOLUTION !

TO THE

CLASS **WAR**

TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL AND WAR

This is the text of a leaflet produced jointly by Wildcat and some Anarchist Communists in Nottingham. It was distributed on the April '87 demonstration against Nuclear Power and weapons which was organised by CND and Friends of the Earth. Not surprisingly our predictions as to the ineffectiveness of the 'demo' were surpassed by the reality which didn't even go past Downing St. but satisfied itself with directing "boo's" in that direction.

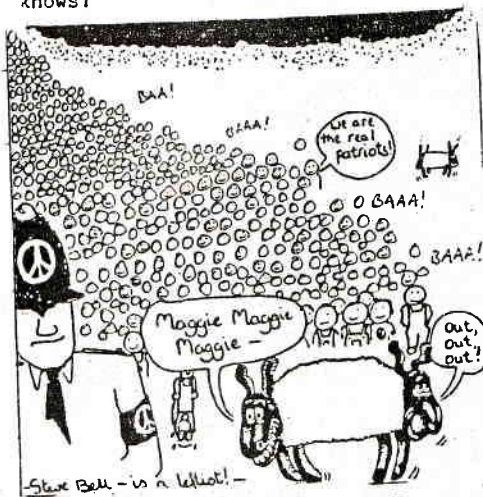
Capitalism has always bargained human flesh for profits. This global system of production and exploitation (which includes the laughingly named 'communist' countries) infests and absorbs every aspect of human activity. Science and technology are not some neutral products which reflect either the 'progress' or the 'fall' of humanity. They are totally linked to the development of capital which determines both their content and the way in which they are applied. It is for this reason that the main areas for research and the development of technology are:

1 MILITARY in order to 'protect' or expand the resources, markets and investments of each nation state.

2 INDUSTRIAL to increase the productivity of each worker. Competition between capitalists leads them to try and introduce newer technology than their competitors in order to produce goods more cheaply and grab a bigger slice of the market.. Even in such a period of reconstruction as that following WW2, this new technology led to greater exploitation of the workforce through speed-ups etc. In a period of crisis such as today this increasing exploitation is accompanied by wage cuts, massive lay-offs and permanent unemployment. Resistance to such attacks on our class have a long tradition, from the Luddites to Wapping.

3 SOCIAL CONTROL as resistance to this dehumanising society grows, we find ourselves surrounded by video cameras and telephone taps; drugs & the media are used to keep us pacified and misinformed. The latest gimmick from the US is an electronic 'tag' which will enable the state to keep us as prisoners within our own homes...as if they haven't been keeping many of us prisoners for years! On top of all this, the cops resemble killer robots more & more with every outbreak of riots or strikes. Of course since there is unlikely to be anything on this matter to disturb the social peace, we'll probably see nothing more frightening than some polite uniformed bobbies. They usually need only twenty or so to seal off Downing St., from these 'mass movements of dissent' We may even have the pleasure of seeing the 'friendly' police helping

the stewards herd people into a giant CND sign in return for all the help and cooperation CND stewards have given the police in the past. Who knows?



As well as the nuclear 'accidents' at Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and Windscale, each of which has been hushed up and blamed on individual human error or technical problems, we also have the Union Carbide leak in Bhopal, gas explosions in Mexico City, famines in Ethiopia (where people starve to death in the interests of profit, and fertile land less than 100 miles away is devoted to cash crops to pay off national debt) we have industrial 'accidents' and diseases...all of which demonstrate the violence and death which is an integral part of a system geared to the accumulation of capital.

IF YOU WANT PEACE.....

Perhaps the clearest demonstration that we have no interests in this system beyond its destruction is war. Not the threat of a future nuclear, biological or chemical war, but the everyday horrors of the more 'conventional' wars which are already a reality for large sections of the world's population.

The competition between enterprises and between nation states finds its natural extension in war. More than 20 million people have died in wars

since the end of the last world war. Nuclear weapons are a product of capital's perpetual dynamic towards war.

How does the 'peace movement' challenge this dynamic? It doesn't. The leaflet advertising this march says that people living near US bases in Britain were 'outraged at being used in someone else's war'. (!!) This is typical of the nationalist attitude behind CND... 'The True Patriots' according to its leader Joan Ruddock. When it comes to getting involved in 'our own' wars CND (alias Capitalism's Non-Nuclear Defenders) are at pains to make appeals to the ruling class and 'the public' that nuclear weapons are not an effective form of national defence.

Just look at this trash which appeared in the Guardian during the Falklands war:-

"The Labour Party, Liberal/SDP Alliance, many Conservative MPs and military experts have spoken out against Trident. Quite rightly, it's hardly the best way to defend Britain. Just look at the Falkland Islands."

This is consistent with their advocacy of a strong 'conventional' defence. This defence would no doubt have to include such nice weapons as napalm, poison gas, fragmentation bombs etc, just to compete with 'the enemy'.

The Falklands war was used by both sides to smother class struggle with 'national unity'. CND appeals to a similar 'unity of opposition' against one aspect of capital. This 'unity of opposition' includes politicians, trade union leaders, Catholic priests, 'military experts' and just about every other variety of capitalist toe-rag you could think of. What's worse is that most of these scumbags will be spouting drivel at the ever so predictable rally whilst the majority of demonstrators stand around like a mass of Steve Bell's sheep. All of which sounds like a reinforcement of the national unity and social peace which are necessary pre-conditions for a sustained effective war.