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COMPETITION - HOW MANY CRUISE MISSILES CAN YOU RAM DOWN HESELTINE'S THROAT? FULL PRIZE LIST IN 'HANSARD' OUR SISTER PAPER.....

COCKSPARROW FARM -

On Saturday 29th September a group of people from the Southampton area set off to a national demo at Cocksparrow Farm, just outside Coventry. Cocksparrow Farm breeds silver foxes, in appalling conditions, for their skins. About 1800 foxes are kept in cages made from large gauge wire mesh (including the floor for easy disposal of waste) with corrugated iron roofs. The wire causes severe foot deformities in the foxes and the size (approx. 2ftx2ft) and exposed position of the cages does not allow the foxes to follow any of their natural patterns. When the foxes are 6 months old they are gassed so that their fur is not damaged (the owner, Mr. Amrik Singh Gill (tel.0675 70171), claims that the foxes are destroyed by injection. We found the gas chamber 50 yds from the pens).

We joined the 2000 marchers by the farm and went up a public footpath to the back of the farm which is completely open. We collected in a group by the entrance and a spokesperson started talking to the press (PAH!). Suddenly there was a chant of "IN, IN, IN!" and about 1500 people rushed towards the enclosure where the foxes are kept. A large group of pigs also started running over towards the pens but not before many people had climbed over the fence around the pens. The pigs dragged us off of the fence and then ejected the people from the enclosure (for once they didn't arrest anyone). We collected in a group again and ran towards the house where Gill lives, picking up stones and bricks on the way. The object was to destroy as much of Gill's property as possible, hopefully forcing him to close down his 'farm'. Much window-smashing - later the pigs again ran over and tried to stop us. They started to arrest people but large groups of us kept intervening with the pigs and the 'arrestees', preventing them from 'doing their duty'! Some of the coppers were even on our side, refusing to arrest demonstrators (it may have had something to do with the fact that we outnumbered them by over 10 to 1!). However they could have arrested far more than the 9 that they did.

After the 'house job' we ran towards the garages and gas chamber. People got into Gill's garage armed with lumps of wood and red spray paint and started to overhaul the 3 cars and new caravanette. Meanwhile about 150 people moved round to the gas chamber and a few went inside armed with cameras and lumps of wood. The rest of us stood outside and linked arms to stop the pigs getting through. It took them about half an hour to get everyone out of the garages and gas chamber (during which time several alterations had been carried out!). This running from building to building happened several times during the day.

A couple of people noticed a small ^{pen} near to the garages and had a look into it. Inside there was a sick fox in a miserable condition. They took the fox out and after persuading a copper that the fox would be better off elsewhere they got it into a car and away (6 other foxes were also taken from the pens). It was worth all the effort by everyone to get those foxes out.

When I had first peered into the pens and saw these poor creatures I couldn't stop the tears running down my face. It was the most pitiful sight I have ever seen. If the people who wear fur coats saw the foxes and their condition they wouldn't wear them. If the demo forces Gill to close then we'll have succeeded, and if it doesn't then we'll carry on until he and thousands like him find out that it's not worth them working in their sick business.

It's a pity that we couldn't free more foxes but the creatures do not survive in this country. They would have to be found homes or good sanctuaries. Maybe Gill will think twice about what he's doing, but even if he doesn't we won't give up our fight on the animals behalf until they have ALL been freed.

- Alf.

BURN IT DOWN!

A SPANNER IN THE WORKS

SABOTAGING THE MASHINE....

Recently there has been an upsurge in the use of sabotage by workers as a weapon in industrial struggles. During the Waterworkers' Strike a conveyor belt used to carry coal to a water purification plant was cut, disrupting the operations of the plant. In October British Leyland lost £250,000 in lost production at their Cowley plant because a metal bar was jammed into the mechanism of a Maestro production line. Sabotage has always existed as a gesture of revenge against the boss who makes a profit out of your slavery, as a reaction to boredom or unsafe working conditions, but has regained popularity recently as a tactic, largely because the usual walk-out or stay-at-home strike has been used as an excuse by employers to dismiss strikers and employ scabs at reduced rates or to shut down operations altogether and move to more profitable areas.

The origins of sabotage as an industrial and social weapon go back beyond the Luddites, but it wasn't advocated as a definite tactic until the late 19th century. Emile Pouget, a French anarchist, was impressed by the use of "ca'canny" (go-slow) in the 1889 Glasgow dock strike after traditional strike tactics had failed. He wrote:

"..sabotage is in the social war what guerrilla warfare is in national wars...it keeps the workers going, it prevents them from getting bogged down in a pernicious flabbiness, and as it necessitates permanent and ceaseless action, it has the happy result of developing the spirit of initiative, of accustoming the working class to self-activity, and of stimulating combativity."

In France at the turn of the century, the then anarcho-syndicalist union, the C.G.T. advocated sabotage, as did the I.W.W. (Industrial Workers of the World) in the U.S.A. and Australia. Both unions wished to see workers' control of production and saw sabotage as a valid weapon to be used in the war against the capitalists, along with strikes, sit-ins, occupations, pickets, mass solidarity, etc. The C.G.T. was in favour of using sabotage in the context of a revolutionary general strike, or as a protest against national mobilisation in case of war. The I.W.W. saw

Sabotage as a weapon in a wider range of circumstances, believing that workers should directly fight the conditions imposed by managers. Sabotage developed as a tactic to be used in the struggle for higher wages and better conditions and was used increasingly to combat speed-ups and productivity norms? it was a natural response of individuals and groups of workers to a discipline imposed by management and the nature of the technology itself. Behind it all is a resentment at having one's life shaped by the clockwork rhythm of work and the loss of so many hours a day to the boss and the machine. Who wouldn't resist that?

TECHNIQUES...

A common practice on assembly lines around the world is to accidentally drop a bolt in the line, which would work its way round to the end until, bang!-the line stopped and everyone would take a 'break'. The same sort of thing goes on in every industry: neglecting to maintain or lubricate machinery at the correct intervals, pushing buttons on complex electronic gear in the wrong order, putting pieces in the wrong way, running machines at the wrong speeds or feeds, dropping foreign bodies in gear boxes, etc. In the office awkward bits of paperwork can be lost, stationery nicked, files misplaced, fire alarms set off, etc. The practice of phoning in sick and fiddling the timesheet is still popular. The increasing use of computers has widened the possibilities of sabotage (*see TEN WAYS TO WRECK A VISUAL DISPLAY UNIT elsewhere in this issue).

Techniques of sabotage resorted to by workers have displayed an inspiring degree of ingenuity. For instance, New York I.W.W. restaurant workers won some of their demands after a failed strike by giving customers double portions and making up bills. When Lisbon bus and train workers could not get a pay rise they ran a normal service but refused to accept fares. In 1948 New York theatre operators and projectionists secured a pay rise by an unofficial campaign which had startled audiences with films shown upside down, alarming

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A SPANNER IN THE WORKS (cont'd).

Noises from the sound machinery, mixed reels from other films, and films projected onto the ceiling instead of the screen. A vineyard worker in France lost his employers £350,000 by turning on the taps of wine casks, sending thousands of gallons of Burgundy down the sewer. Office workers in New York lengthened their lunch-breaks by making hoax bomb calls to their offices - over 200 calls were reported in one week. In an act of solidarity French farmworkers helped local strikers by unloading a lorry belonging to the Negobeureuf company. The contents - twenty-two cases of cheese, 500 kilos of butter and pots of yoghurt were taken to workers in Pontivy who had been on strike for two weeks. Inspectors at a car factory in Detroit disrupted production by taking their jobs absolutely seriously - they began rejecting 3 out of every 4 or 5 cars under examination. Some were rejected because they didn't turn over quietly enough.

As the strike weapon becomes more difficult to use, the use of sabotage will increase. It was dropped by the unions like a hot brick long before the age of the 'social contract' between unions, employers and government because its use would encourage independent initiative by the workers themselves, thus undermining the power of the unions as negotiators of the rate of exploitation of 'their' workers. Sabotage is perhaps one of the purest expressions of people's autonomy in the workplace. When it is organised collectively with people in other areas of resistance (schools, the community, etc.) using a variety of tactics (wildcats, rent strikes, occupations, etc.) and combined with a will to change life, it will be unstoppable.

P.S. If anyone has any handy hints or experiences they wish to relate please tell us.

TEN WAYS TO WRECK A VISUAL DISPLAY UNIT.

*1) Coffee poured into the keyboard is effective in gumming up the works, but instead of using sugar in the coffee, use salt - about 3-5 times as much salt as you would use sugar. Saltwater is quite conductive to electricity and very corrosive to the foil conductors on the circuit boards. It will short circuit the integrated circuit (IC) chips on the board and screw things up very nicely. (A lye solution is even better).

2) If possible, remove the cover of the VDU. Then try unplugging the circuit boards with the power on and replugging them in again. This is a very effective way to blow out every IC chip and transistor on the board. They can't stand this sort of treatment and will blow out every time. (Beware: very high voltages are present at the transformer - after all the idea is to give the boss a shock!)

3) Try reversing the ribbon-cables connectors if possible. This will really screw things up.

4) Bring nail clippers to work and cut a few conductors in the ribbon cable. This will cause endless problems.

5) Dump metal paperclips, staples, ball bearings, tacks, aluminium foil pieces, etc. into the VDU cooling slots. Hopefully they will land on some circuit boards and cause short circuits.

6) Cigarette smoke causes problems with the circuit boards. It condenses and coats the slip-connectors and then they won't make contact any more. So blow as much smoke as possible into the VDU.

7) Be creative: remove the IC chips from their sockets and put them in backwards.

8) Floppy diskettes are very sensitive to magnetic fields. Some have the software programming on the outer edge. Run a magnet a few times across the disk in different directions - a magnet leaves no trace, unlike staples, biro, etc.

9) A bulk tape eraser (used for erasing stereo tapes) is effective in erasing all digital bits from a diskette. Even a tapehead demagnetiser can be used effectively this way.

10) Put a plastic magnet or a rare earth cobalt magnet inside a finger ring. No one will ever suspect it is there, provided you don't get paper clips or staples stuck to it. So when you handle the diskettes run your ring across them a few times.

ANARCHIST BOOKS

Unlike Marxism and the various other strands of authoritarian dogma, Anarchism has no Bible. There is no 'Das Kapital' or 'Mein Kampf' that you must read before you can call yourself a 'true' anarchist, whatever that's supposed to mean. People's actions and their way of life are more important than what books they read. This doesn't mean that there is a lack of libertarian literature for people to chew over. The following (too short) list may suffice as an introduction to a varied spectrum of ideas.

ANARCHISM - George Woodcock (Pelican). One of the easiest books to come by, it is an introduction to the philosophy and the development of anarchist ideas and action from the 17th century onwards. By the same author is THE ANARCHIST READER (Fontana), an anthology of polemics and articles by anarchists through the decades.

ABC OF ANARCHISM - Albert Berkman (Freedom Press). Written in the 20s, so a bit dated, but still a good statement of revolutionary Anarchism.

THE FLOODGATES OF ANARCHY - Stuart Christie and Albert Meltzer (Kahn & Averill) 'A lucid exposition of revolutionary Anarchism', written in 1970.

MALATESTA - HIS LIFE AND IDEAS - Vernon Richards (Freedom Press). The writings of a long-standing anarchist militant, quite cheap at £2 00. Look out for Malatesta's ANARCHY (Freedom Press) as well.

ANARCHISM AND OTHER ESSAYS - Emma Goldman (Dover). A selection of the writings of a stubborn anarchist and feminist. Also worth looking out for is RED EMMA SPEAKS (Wildwood) by Alix Kates Shulman.

Anarchists played an important part in the Revolution and Civil War in Spain 1936-39. There are many accounts available, the most accessible being George Orwell's HOMAGE TO CATALONIA. BLOOD OF SPAIN - Ronald Fraser (Penguin) is a collection of eyewitness accounts, whilst Hugh Thomas' THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR (Pelican) is a flawed though useful account. A detailed survey of anarchist achievements in self-management can be found in COLLECTIVES IN THE SPANISH REVOLUTION (Freedom Press), whilst Vernon Richards' LESSONS OF THE SPANISH REVOLUTION (Freedom Press) is an anarchist interpretation of what went right and wrong.

THE KRONSTADT UPRISING - Ida Mett (Solidarity). An account of the mutiny of the 'red' sailors of Kronstadt and its bloody suppression by the Bolsheviks in 1921. After you've read it throw it at a Trotskyite.

POST SCARCITY ANARCHISM, TOWARD AN ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Black Rose) - two books by Murray Bookchin, a pioneer of the radical ecology movement. Interesting. A PRIMER OF LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION (Black Rose) - by Joel Spring, an introduction to the ideas of three libertarians who aimed for the liberation of the individual and the freeing of education from authoritarian assumptions.

THE SOCIETY OF THE SPECTACLE - Guy Debord, THE REVOLUTION OF EVERYDAY LIFE - Raoul Vaneigem (Rebel Press) - two of the main texts of the Situationist International - 'Without hesitation, without any moral scruples, these cynics have preached theft, vandalism, the abolition of work, total subversion and a universal proletarian revolution with pleasure as its only aim...' Their theories still have great relevance today; look out for ENRAGES AND SITUATIONISTS IN THE OCCUPATIONS MOVEMENT, FRANCE 1968 - Vienet (Tiger Papers) and the S. I. ANTHOLOGY - ed. Ken Knabb (Bureau of Public Secrets) as well.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE.. - Ratgeb (Bratach Dubh) - "Whilst sabotaging production, hasn't it ever occurred to you what fun it might be to sabotage the weapons of repression (such as the bureaucratic machine, the cops, the quality control people, the information services or the town planners)?" Recommended.

Most of the books here are obtainable from October (?) Bookshop in Onslow Road, Southampton which has a passable anarchist section. If that's too far to walk you can ask for a catalogue from the Anarchist Book Service, who do a discount mail order service and do not charge postage and packing for any books you order. Their address is Box ABS, 121, Railton Road, London SE24.

P.S. It would be criminal of me not to mention Daniel Guerin's ANARCHISM (Monthly Review Press), John Quail's THE SLOW BURNING FUSE (Paladin) - the Lost History of the British Anarchists; Voline's THE UNKNOWN REVOLUTION (Black and Red) - anarchist experiences in the Russian Revolution, etc., etc., etc.....

FREE THE MURRAYS!

It's now over seven years since the Irish State's Special Criminal Court, composed of 3 judges without a jury, sentenced Noel and Marie Murray to death for shooting a policeman after a bank raid. They were convicted on the basis of confessions extracted by torture; indeed, Ronan Stenson, who was also charged was tortured so badly he was unable to stand trial. Eventually, Ronan was acquitted and as a result of anarchist support all over the world the Murrays' sentences were reduced to life imprisonment. In March 1980 Marie began a legal battle to win conjugal rights through the Irish Courts. Although this has been unsuccessful so far it is possible that parole could be granted. There are plenty of people willing to offer surety on their behalf so parole could be given; at the moment it's unlikely that remission of the sentence would be granted. Pressure from everybody would help this campaign so we'd suggest that people should write to: THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, STEPHENS GREEN, DUBLIN 2, IRELAND and demand the Murrays' release as soon as possible. If you want a petition form demanding conjugal rights and their release write to: THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS, c/o 121 RAILTON ROAD, LONDON SE 24.

We'd also urge people to write to the Murrays showing them that they are not alone. Their address is THE MURRAY FAMILY, LIMERICK GAOL, COUNTY LIMERICK, IRELAND.

MIXED ACTION AT GREENHAM COMMON.

THERE IS TO BE A LARGE-SCALE MIXED DEMONSTRATION AT GREENHAM COMMON LATER THIS YEAR, PROVISIONALLY PLANNED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE, TO RESIST THE INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST CRUISE MISSILES. THIS MAY INVOLVE AN INVASION AND MASS OCCUPATION OF THE BASE BY AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

PEACE ANONYMOUS.

NAVAL SABOTAGE.

25 10 83. A naval rating who started a potentially catastrophic fire on a warship at Devonport was dismissed from the service and sentenced to 15 months military detention. Air Engineering Mechanic Graham Patching who caused £900 worth of damage on the £100 million frigate Penelope, admitted two arson offences at a Devonport court-martial. Lt. Hugh Wolfensohn, defending, said that Patching was depressed at the possibility of returning to the South Atlantic after spending six months there.

So that's the 'Spirit of the South Atlantic' that Thatcher extolled.

TAHITI HOTEL STRIKE. 1 11 83

Striking hotel workers in Tahiti smashed furniture, threw dishes and silverware into swimming pools and overturned cars in a strike that has emptied three of the island's largest hotels at the peak of the tourist season. Three airline relief crews were prevented from leaving their rooms, causing long delays to flights out of the island.

THE SPECULATIVE DEALS OF JOHN BROWNE M.P. (DEC'D)

Winchester's Tory M.P. Mr. John Browne (songs have been written about him) stands to make a cool £50,000 profit from the sale of a house he bought from the City Council in 1981. He bought the house at 84 CANON STREET, Winchester for £26,250. Now the house is back on the market and under offer at a price of £75,000. Neighbours of the M.P.'s Canon Street home say that he has only occupied it for two to three weeks during the general election campaign. Between the agreement to buy in April 1981 and the election, the house was extensively modernised and redecorated. All that time it was empty.

Mr. Browne (95), is a merchant banker with a London address...

Who said there was a housing crisis?

THE MAN WHO BEAT HIMSELF UP.

At Birmingham Crown Court 3 policemen denied assaulting a suspect during an interview. The victim, Mr. Junior Williams, a BL worker, had been taken to Longbridge police station on suspicion of having stolen four light clusters from the local Austin Rover plant. One of the accused, Sgt. Merton told the court that Mr. Williams "sort of threw his hands to his head. I saw blood. The blood was coming from his nose...".

The trial continues.

WHEN FREEDOM IS OUTLAWED
ONLY OUTLAWS WILL BE FREE.

ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY THIRD TIME BITE BACK

Well, the Labour Party conference is now well over and the expected clowns were elected. Kinnock is rapidly rushing to the centre as the Labour Party buys some new cosmetics in its bid to win the next election. No doubt British capitalism will be looking to the Labour Party to win it too. With North Sea revenue diminishing, unemployment still rising the fiscal crisis of government will be sharply accentuated. And who's best to tame the working class than the Labour Party of course. The mythology of the working-class and the Labour Party exists only in the putrefying minds of the "rots who are rapidly becoming the mainstay of a party whose membership is dropping and becoming increasingly based in the bureaucracy and technocracy of government.

The Labour Party will no doubt be marketed like KAJAGOOGOO - nice 'n' pretty - and they will scream that they are the only party to represent the workers. Well, Labour has a long, long record of smashing workers' strikes and we thought that it was a good time to look at a local strike of some years ago to illustrate a few things.

In the heady days of 1945 the Labour Party won the election and true to its nature within six days it sent troops into the Surrey Docks to smash a ten-week old strike. Indeed, the docks were to provide the Labour government with severe problems. Two months later troops were sent into ports all over the country to smash a national dock-strike which had started in Birkenhead on September 24th. This strike spread rapidly all over the country with one very notable exception of which more later. Despite union officials' claims that the strike would soon be over, and Isaac, Minister of Labour, saying that the strike could not be justified whatever their grievances, the strike lasted until November 5th. Indeed Manny Shinwell, ex-extreme leftist and now Thatcher admirer, said: "One thing that disturbs me is the number of unofficial disputes in the industry... I am a Socialist, not an Anarchist, and I want order and reason in our industrial relations." At the time he was Minister of Fuel and Power.

As stated previously there was one major exception to this strike wave: that was in Southampton where

the dockers refused to support their colleagues nationally. The shop stewards committee issued a statement containing these immortal words: "they are not prepared to take action which would give the enemies of the working class a chance to disrupt their organisation and to bring into discredit the government which they helped to elect". This no doubt went down like a lead balloon with the 'enemies of the working class' - i.e. the striking dockers in the rest of the country. Locally, the Echo said that the dockers "were to be congratulated heartily on their good sense in remaining at work". Several letters were published along the same lines which may have prompted the Chairman of the Dockers' Shop Stewards Committee to write to the Echo saying: "Our decision to continue work was a purely tactical one, and cannot in any circumstances be considered as professed loyalty to our employers." So, the Southampton dockers backed the Labour government. They were to be rapidly disillusioned within nine months.

On July 6th 1946, 2,000 dockers stopped work at 11a.m. after a mass meeting, despite the area secretary of the TGWU, Chick, saying that "This strike is quite unofficial. I have advised the men to continue working". The dispute was about the 'continuity' rule but spread to other issues such as the transfer of workers and victimisation. The dockers met again on the following morning and voted to stay out until the following Thursday. Now, these were the same dockers who had backed their 'Labour government' - it didn't do them any good because the next day troops were sent in to unload ships, which they duly did, in spite of the crane drivers refusal to work in support of the dockers.

There were many other instances of this particular Labour government using troops to smash strikes - such as lorry drivers, power station workers, and gasworkers. This, remember, is the great reforming government (sic) of which Benn and Kinnock are fond of talking about. There is no doubt that they would do exactly the same as Attlee and co. The main point is that governments of all sorts are opposed to autonomous working-class organisation and are not afraid to use any method to smash such organisations and strikes. Indeed you've only got to

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ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY. THIRD TIME BITE BACK (CONT'D)

-go back as far as the Firemen's Strike with the infamous 'Green Goddesses' To remember the same lessons. As the workers are beginning to battle against the capitalists once more (witness the Fawley strike, the Vauxhall strikers, the Telecom actions, etc.) it's vital that they believe in their own strength and ability to organise and win. They may get some mealy-mouthed support from the Labour Party, but in power no party will support a strike - Labour will act exactly the same as the Tories. Their acne may be in slightly different places but the problem is not which spot to pick but how to get rid of the lot.

SOMEWHERE IN HAMPSHIRE....

The existence of a secret police anti terrorist unit that has been operating out of Hampshire for the last 13 years, was revealed by the TVS documentary programme 'Seven Days' on May 12th. The unit, known as the 'Irish Squad', is said to consist of about 30 members working from an electronically guarded base 'somewhere in Hampshire', and to be one of the most expensive, skilled, and effective specialist units in the police force. According to the programme the identity of the squad's members is top secret, and until now, it is claimed, many high-ranking police officers were unaware of its existence.

We would like to hear from anyone who has a transcript or a videotape of the programme.

AIRBEIT MACHT

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WORK MAKES FREE

Y.T.S. recruits will be placed on schemes to help build 10 new prisons throughout the country. These will provide 5,000+ places for offenders (or long term accommodation for the unemployed?) These units will also be used to incarcerate young offenders employing the 'short, sharp shock' treatment. In the meantime until these prisons are built young offenders will be sent to emergency prison camps (ex-army barracks) such as the one at Rolleston Camp on Salisbury plain (used during the '81 riots). Sentences of week long solitary is also being pushed as policy: young offenders would be placed in cells with the minimum of facilities, no furniture, no right to possessions, etc.

The more permanent variety of these units are either currently under construction or about to begin construction. M.S.C. AND Y.T.S. low paid workers are being used on the construction work. MANY ARE LIKELY TO END UP BEING IMPRISONED INSIDE THE VERY BUILDINGS THEY ARE WORKING ON! There are several things that can be done. Workers can refuse to work on the construction; if this doesn't work out then a campaign of sabotage can be employed by those who end up on the sites. Find out if there are any Y.T.S. recruits working for supply firms; if so they may be able to help out with secondary actions.

JOIN THE YTS - IT'S A SABOTEUR'S LIFE!

(Adapted from 'Black Flag').

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WOULD YOU BUY A USED FLYING SAUCER FROM THIS MAN ?

Before I start I think I'd better make it clear that I do not support involvement in Grenada or Lebanon but I just wish to point out the hypocrisy of US foreign policy.

The build up to the Grenada invasion started about 3 months ago when Regan showed the press satellite photographs which, he said, 'proved' that an airport was being built for Soviet military use and would receive Russian long range bombers. When the runway was measured it was found to be 400 feet too short for this use. He also spoke of a heavy Cuban build up and just happened to ignore the fact that they were technicians employed by the British company Plessey. Photographs of their living accommodation were also said to be a 'Military base'.

Grenada disappeared from the Worlds attention until oct 12 th when the P.M. Maurice Bishop was deposed in a coup (the same means by which he gained power in 1979).

The U.S. invasion started at 4.30 am on oct 25th with a 2300 strong force claiming that there were 1500 armed Cubans on the island.

On wed oct 26th the official U.S. figure for Cubans on the island had fallen to 600. The U.S. claimed that they had met stiff opposition and about 12 U.S. soldiers were dead and they had lost 2 helicopters. This gave the impression that 2 helicopters had been shot down. This could not be verified because the U.S. had done a Falklands job on the media (i.e. censorship and all info to be viewed by military before release).

By friday 28th oct the U.S. presence had risen to over 3000 and a U.S. spokesman said that over 1000 Cubans had been captured. At midnight in his speech Ray Gun claimed that 600 Cubans had been captured and the rest had taken to the hills (the U.S. now claimed that there were 1100 armed Cubans on Grenada). He claimed that the airport, (which is being built by Plessey) was a military airport for long range Soviet bombers even though it had previously been proven to be not long enough and that any military airport would have underground fuel dumps, bomb proof bays and a protected control tower none of which were being constructed.

Another claim was that they had found 3 huge warehouses full of arms - When photographs were seen they showed ex WW2 mortars, machine guns and rifles - so much for huge weapons dumps.

Ray Gun concluded 'Grenada was a Soviet-Cuban colony being readied as a major military bastion to export terror and undermine democracy - we got there just in time'.

He also drew many parallels with Lebanon even to the extent of bringing back the bodies together. There can be no parallels, he talks of restoring democracy when in fact he is supporting and supplying the Lebanese government which is far from democratic. It is a christian government supported by less than 30% of the population in that area.

What Regan accuses the Cubans and Russians of doing in Grenada he himself is doing in Lebanon - such is the hypocrisy of the superpowers.

By monday oct 31st the U.S. were admitting that it's intelligence had got it's figures wrong and agreed with the Cuban figure of 700 - 750 Cubans on the island. They had also captured General Hudson Austin, the coup leader, who the U.S. claimed had one hostage on thursday, two on friday and three on sunday, it transpired that he had no hostages at all.

The U.S. government was also forced to admit that most of the 16 U.S. dead were killed in accidents and that the two 'shot down' helicopters had in fact collided.

PLEASE DON'T SHOOT - MY NAME ISN'T DAVID MARTIN
OR STEPHEN WALDORF!

Recently, the police have had a rough time both on the streets and in the press. Their activities at the 'Stop the City' demo - the paranoid invasion of the Islington Peace Centre - the revamped Police Bill, which basically gives them increased powers to control you and me whenever they feel like it, (We hope to publish a full analysis of the Bill in the next issue) the pistoleros, DCs Jardine and Finch and a certain PC Moss are but a few examples. Now, we can hear the question - who is (or was) PC Moss? Well, on the day after DCs Jardine and Finch were acquitted for shooting 'Martin'/Waldorf, there appeared a little story about PC Martin Moss who had pleaded 'not guilty' to assaulting Paul James Parsons, causing him actual bodily harm. There are certain similarities (and a few differences) between the cases involving Moss, Finch and Jardine. First the similarities:

- 1) All three policemen have been charged with offences relating to violence.
- 2) The two cases both related to people with criminal records, although Waldorf hadn't a record - but he may be charged with damaging police property (a pistol and bullets) and impersonating another person with intent to deceive.
- 3) All three police officers pleaded 'not guilty'.
- 4) Both cases involved people on the run.

Now for the differences:

- 1) Messrs. Finch and Jardine were both charged with the attempted murder of a certain Mr. Waldorf whilst PC Moss was charged with assaulting Mr. Parsons.
- 2) Messrs. Finch and Jardine admitted they actually shot Mr. Waldorf and Finch admitted pistol-whipping him as well, whilst PC Moss denied harming Mr. Parsons, claiming that in order to restrain him he pushed him towards the police car and may have struck his head against the car roof. At the time of writing, it has not yet been ascertained whether Mr. Parsons is to be charged with damaging police property i.e. the roof of the car.
- 3) Perhaps most importantly, Messrs. Finch and Jardine were found not guilty, whilst PC Moss was found guilty and given six months imprisonment.

Now we have never believed in bourgeois 'justice' as enunciated by the judiciary, but we'd like to ask a

question - does PC Moss think he received the same treatment as Messrs. Finch and Jardine? Perhaps if he'd arrested David Martin (or a clone of him), well, that might have been a different kettle of fish altogether...

We could, as some revolutionary papers do, draw a few lessons about the civil liberties situations, arms and so forth. We would though draw one particular lesson - if you look like Arthur Hutchinson or whoever is the latest gunman entrancing the yellow press then make sure you're armed because they will be.

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FROM THIS MAN (cont'd)

It is rumoured that Sir Eric Gairy (Grenada's leader until 1979 when he was deposed while he was speaking to the United Nations about the danger to the world from flying saucers) will be restored as head of government. In the mean time a state of emergency has been declared - resulting in the rounding up of all political 'undesirables'. The true face of democracy?

Many people are beginning to think that Grenada was just a military exercise preparing for an invasion of Nicaragua and ultimately Cuba. Another twist in the South American cold war saga.

- Black Sheep.

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Junior Williams' assailants (see 'The Man Who Beat Himself Up' elsewhere) have been put down.

So far, there hasn't been a military intervention to evict the 'hippies' camped next to Salisbury racecourse, as demanded by the town's crazed Tory M.P., Robert Key.

"...there are very few alienations which are not shattered every day for an instant, for an hour, for the space of a dream, by subjective refusal..." - 'The Revolution of Everyday Life'.