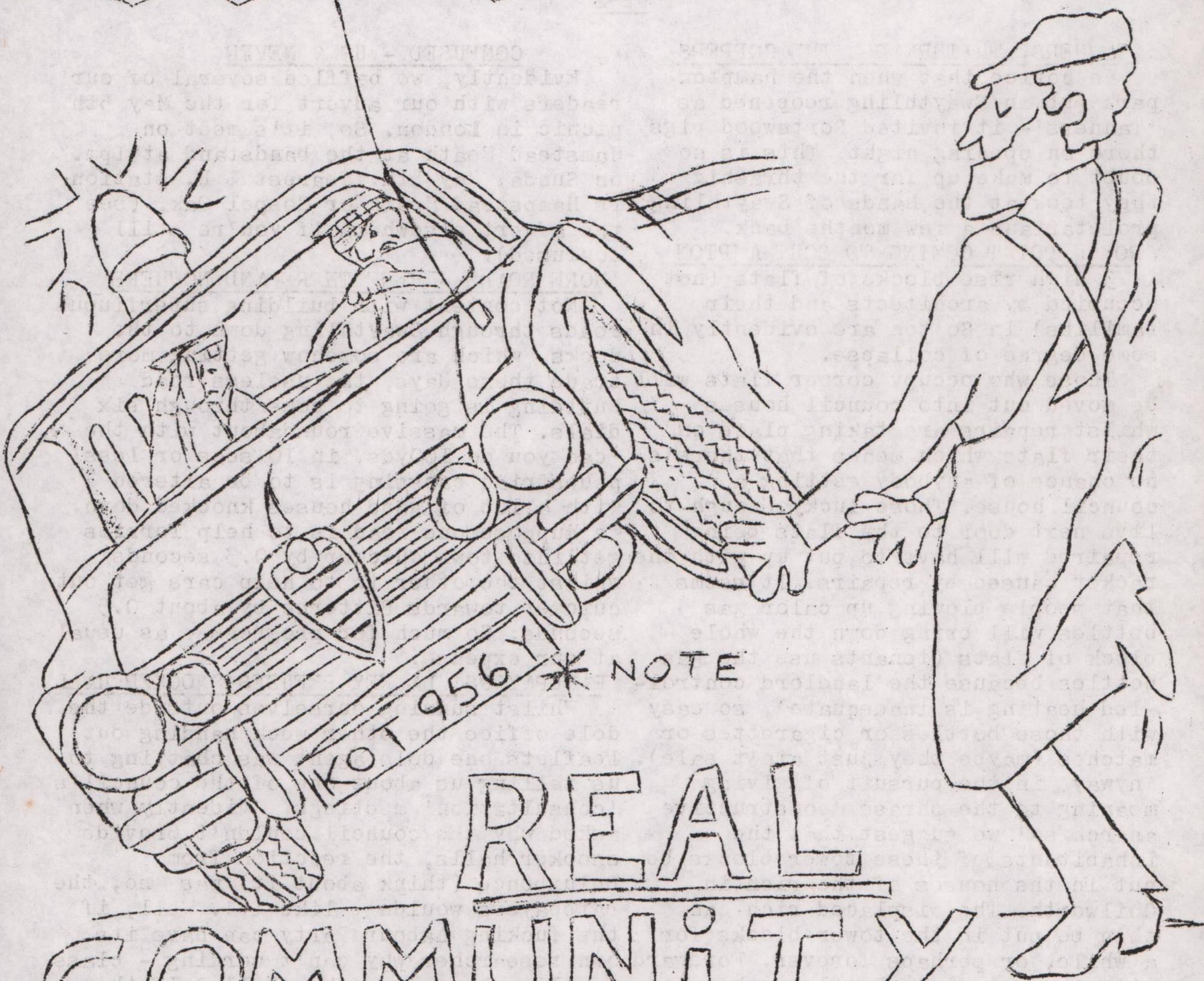


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EDITORIAL

What, I hear you say, it's a bit bulky this month. Well we've gone a bit mad this time and since we've had 6 weeks to recover from "typewriter finger" we decided to produce the biggest ever V.A.

Thanx to the comrades who came down to Southampton from "Workers Playtime" to talk at the first Southampton anarchists meeting. The next meeting will (hopefully) take place in the 1st or 2nd week of April and be entitled "Animal liberation". Anybody wishing to attend should drop us a line (and an S.A.F.) or look out for the posters.

Thanx also to everyone who bothered to write to us since our last issue, the mailing box is looking a little healthier for a change but you've still got a long way to go if you're trying to give the postman a hernia.

Donations recieved + £1 P. Darlington, £2 B. Rognor.

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NEWS

TANNERS, WHITBREAD & THE COPPERS

We notice that when the hampton park pub in Swaythling reopened as 'Tanners'- it invited Portswood pigs there on opening night. This is no doubt to make up for the thrashing they took at the hands of Swaythling proletarians a few months back.

RONAN POINT COMING TO SOUTHAMPTON

3 high-rise blocks of flats (not occupied by architects and their families) in So'ton are evidently in some degree of collapse.

Those who occupy corner flats will be moved out into council houses whilst repairs are taking place on their flats which means that there's no chance of anybody getting a council house. Those lucky enough to live next door to the flats being repaired will have to put up with the racket caused by repairs. It seems that people blowing up calor gas bottles will bring down the whole block of flats (tenants use the gas bottles because the landlord controlled heating is inadequate), so easy with those bottles or cigarettes or matches (maybe they just ain't safe). Anyway, in the pursuit of giving meaning to the phrase 'constructive anarchism' we suggest that the inhabitants of these tower blocks be put in the houses of the rich in Chilworth. The displaced rich can then be put in the tower blocks for a while, or perhaps forever. Forward with the calor gas bottles, then.....

TOWNSEND THORESEN ATTACKED BY

CARNIVORS

Once more the ferries in Portsmouth are at a standstill (at the time of writing) as 'the Lion' is resting peacefully in the docks there as the officers walked out.

CONFUSED - US ? NEVER

Evidently, we baffled several of our readers with our advert for the May 5th picnic in London. So, it's meet on Hamstead Heath at the bandstand at 1pm. on Sunday May 5th. Nearest B.R. station is Hampstead Heath or Gospel Oak, (see the advert elsewhere if you're still confused).

MORE ROADS - HERE THERE AND NOWHERE

Not content with building superfluous roads through Swaythling down to the docks, which are somehow getting more trade these days, the useless road building is going to come through six dials. The massive roundabout with the 'can you do 100yds. in 10 secs or less' pedestrian crossing is to be altered with a lot of good houses knocked down. We suppose one road is to help lorries get into town quicker by 0.3 seconds whilst the other is to help cars get out quicker towards Bitterne by about 0.5 seconds. So much for progress - as usual at our expense.

RATEPAYERS' LACKEY REFUSES SNOOKER HALL

Whilst sunning ourselves outside the dole office the other week handing out leaflets one dole agent was chatting to us telling us about one of the council's 'consultation' meetings. Evidently when asked why the council couldn't provide snooker halls, the reaction from Duluxbonce (think about it) was 'no, the ratepayers wouldn't like it'. Well, if the fucking Labour Party can have its own researcher why can't working - class families have a snooker hall? If they got one perhaps old Al could open it and then have the snooker balls down his throat - it's the only use we can think of for his mouth.

DOLE FIGURES

Evidently the govt. has run out of excuses for unemployment figures and the DHSS computer has broken down.

CLASS WAR - OVER? - NEVER!

After the Polmaise strikers have gone back to work after 56 weeks, the miners' strike can be said to be finally over. Yet walk-outs are occurring as the strike at Abercwmboi, where five men were sacked for allegedly bopping a scab, spread to cover 4 other pits. Thus, the miners will battle on and already, scabs at Betteshanger are appealing for protection to the management, which in Yorkshire has kept scabs at home for their own good. The spittle covering the scabs at Betteshanger will be small fry compared to what they can expect - and rightly so! The miners' strike has taken a year of intense struggle against the state - and those 3 words, 'against the state', are important. Obviously, the state interferes in all aspects of life these days but in Britain it has been rare for the state to throw its full might overtly against a group of working-class people. The events at Warrington foreshadowed the events of the miners' strike in the aspect of the use of policing albeit on a smaller scale. The state's widespread intervention via the National Reporting Centre, the use of police originally in Nottingham and the borders of Yorkshire and Kent and the consequent full-scale policing throughout all the coalfields, and the specific use of the courts against the NUM after the failure to control mass picketing all reflect the state's willingness to learn from past events. At times it appeared that the Num was purely looking for a repeat of the 70's - Orgreave was never going to be another Saltley. One final point on 'against the state' - it is a cast-iron certainty that had the Labour party been in power the battle would also have taken place - though probably in a different form.

The state has obviously learnt from previous battles and implemented certain new strategies but what have been the positive elements from the miners and the working-class side - there have been 3 main areas of development. First, there has been the aspect of mutual aid and primarily the women's support groups; second, the appearance of the hit squads; and third, the community wide resistance being manifested in the support groups and the involvement of the unemployed and pensioners amongst others in them. The high point of this resistance was in the riots in the mining villages and the reactions to the scabs. The future of all 3 will be very interesting and already some women's support groups are continuing to run the canteens, whilst the events at Abercwmboi give an example of the third aspect. There can be no doubt that miners active in the hit squads will not forget that experience.

The women in the support groups have presented a vivid alternative of practical anarcho-feminism to certain strands of feminism, namely the power seekers of the '300' group, whose main demand is to solve society's problems by having presumably 325 women M.P.s in Parliament, or those who see society as being better with more female managers. The example was set us all by the women at Abercwmboi with their use of concrete, tar, flour, rotten eggs and tomatoes against the scab Watson - and the T.V. camera.

On a similar level, the hit squads have reintroduced the concept of 'direct action' into industrial struggle on an overt level. A tradition long hidden has been comprehensively renewed and long may it continue. Their activities continued right up to the end of the strike, e.g. the window-smashing at Cadeby amongst others. It will be interesting to see if they continue their activities and possibly extend them physically against the management - perhaps next time, indicating to the management that if miners' families are gonna suffer then so will the management's. It is hard from this distance to see if this has occurred already.

It is a sad fact that over 700 miners have been sacked with over 200 others waiting on suspension. Some may get their jobs back but this is happening in a piecemeal fashion. The reinstatement of all sacked and imprisoned miners should be fought for. They must not be forgotten. There is a list of imprisoned miners taken from the March issue of Direct Action at the end of this article. Some people however seemed to have forgotten them already; one group produced a leaflet called.....'Lessons of the Miners' Strike' (original ain't it, if only I had a pound for every lesson the leftists reckon to have taught us, Verbal Assault would be printed on recycled fivers) which fails to mention the sacked miners. Another mob giving us 'the immediate lessons' also fails to mention them either - indeed, this mob doesn't appear to welcome anybody except Trade Unionists and Labour Party members - good, means this dole agent can skip it. The imprisoned miners must not be forgotten - not for any political gain - but because they are prisoners of the ruling class. The very least we can do is to collect money and get it to the sacked miners and their families. We're holding a gig to raise money on May 1st (see the ad. elsewhere - if you can't make it and want to send money, send it to our usual address).

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CLASS WAR - OVER? - NEVER!! (CONT'D)

The Labour party has been shown once again to be on the bosses' side; when in power it has always smashed strikes. Nowadays, the so-called 'socialist' councils send in strike-breakers or negotiate 'no - strike' agreements. The 'Militants' of Liverpool fame crossed its own councils' building - workers' picket lines - so much for class solidarity. Kinnock meanwhile has been called a scab by some - well, anybody could have seen that before the strike. No doubt some of those who are calling Kinnock a scab will be imploring us to vote for Labour at the next election 'because they are better than the Tories'. Well, I can only wait with Bated breath for the slogan, 'Labour to power led by scabs' - and these people expect to be taken seriously. The Labour party is pro capitalist, pro-boss, against strikes. etc., etc., etc.,. To those who are thinking of joining that fetid, moribund organisation - do yourself a favour, forget it.

The miners' battles will continue, only idiots imagine that class struggles are manifested solely in strike action. The so-called 'guerilla warfare' will go on and it will be generally outside union control. Some of the most interesting aspects of the strike were outside the unions' control - e.g. the hit squads, the womens support groups. However, it is the content of the struggle that determines our views, not the fetish of unionism vis-a vis anti - unionism (some leftists supporting the scabs of Nottingham). To end with though, one miner said, "They might have lost this battle but the war goes on". As the title of this article says, Class War - Over? Never!!! Class War until the abolition of the Capitalist System!!!!

PRISONERS' LIST

The following list is taken from the March issue of Direct Action and was up-to-date on 12/2/85.

HMP Armley, Armley Rd., Leeds LS12 2TJ.

Ian Black(6 months); Michael Eyrebowho; M. Hobson(3 months) ; Nigel Hodgson ; Neil Marshall (3 months); S. Neath ; Paul Truman; Steve Wakefield; Terence Capstick; Robert Laytham ; Clive Thompson.

HMP Winson Green Road, Winson Green, Birmingham

Nev Bell(C 54233- 6weeks); Dennis Evans (C 54230 - 6 weeks); Bill Jackson(C 54231 - 6 months); Colin Ward (C54234 - 6 weeks); Lesley Ward (C 54232 - 6 months)

HMP Ranby, Nr. Retford., Notts. DN22 8EU

Rob Andrews; Paul Brothwell(1 year); Peter Cooper(6 mnths); Ron Staniland (2½ years); M. Wyville

HMP Sudbury, Derby DE6 5HW

Andy Bradley (C 954 - 9 months) ; Kevin Neal (2½ years)

Sudbury Open Prison, Derby DE6 5HW

Steve Goodall(2½ years); David James (2½ years); Peter Pearson(2½ years); Michael Southwell(2½ years).

North Sea Camp DC, Freston, Boston, Lincs. PE22 0QX.

Todd Booth; Chris Hyman ; John Wallace

HMP Lincoln, Greenwell Rd., Lincoln LN2 4BD.

A. Edwards(4 months); Steve Gregory; Victor Gregory; Jimmy Lees; Steve Wakefield.

HMP Featherstone, New Rd., Wolverhampton WV10 7 PU

John Ellis; Mark Giore; Mark Grove ; Peter Newbold; Billy Taylor

HMP Wellingborough, Northants

David Gaunt(3years); Paul Jones(2½ years); David Mason(2½ years); Philip Sterland(2½ years).

HMP Cardiff, Knox Rd., Cardiff CF2 IUG

Dean Hancock (899410); Russel Shankland(883752)

HMP Strangeways, Southall Street, Manchester M60

Chris Thomas ; Mike Winstanley;

HMP Wandsworth, P.O. Box 757, Heathfield Rd., London SW18 3HS.

Terry French (B73383 - 5 years)

Thorpe Arch DC, Wetherby, N. Yorkshire

Martin Hodgson

PRISONERS' LIST (CONT'D)

HMP Haverigg, Millom, Cumberland.

Peter Hurst (G 78282 - 6 months)

HMYO Chelmsford, Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

Chris Tazey (A 29398 - 3 years)

The location of the following prisoners is not known at present;

William Bannister (2 years); Jeffrey Budworth (6 months); Michael Jones (2 years); Stephen Lowe (2 years); Gary Mould (2 years); Anthony Routledge (3 months); Ian Kestle (2½ years); Raymond Patton (2 years)

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John Quail; "The history of anarchism and anarchist history".

Alan O' Toole; " Dr. Creaghe - a neglected British anarchist".

Cassette 2 ;

Alan O'Toole ; (continued)

Chris Milburn ; "Ambrose Barker : anti - state socialism and the radical tradition".

Cassette 3 ;

Chris Milburn ; (continued)

Carl Levy ; "Malatesta in London 1881 - 1919 ".

Don Pedelty ; "Syndicalism, Guild Socialism and the state socialists".

Cassette 4;

Don Pedelty ; (continued)

Michael Holman ; "British Tolstoyism in the 1890's ; theory and practice in Croydon, Purleigh and Leeds".

Cassette 5 ;

Michael Holman ; (continued).

Phil Ruff ; "Preliminary investigation into the anarchist movement in East London."

Cassette 6 ;

Phil Ruff ; (continued)

Mark Shipway ; "The APCF and the Spanish Civil War" .

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Cassette 7 ;

Laurens Otter; (continued)

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Stuff IT - 30p plus large s.a.e. to A Bristol Anarchist Group, c/o Drowned Rat Collective, Box 010, 110, Cheltenham Rd., Stokes Croft,

SUPPORT CLASS VIOLENCE

One of the most significant developments during the miners' strike has been the forming of the 'hit squads': groups of workers willing to plan and carry out military style attacks on the bosses' property. Not surprisingly, the bosses see this type of action as a major threat. For instance, on 23 August The Times reported that: "Senior police officers last night admitted that they were deeply concerned at the emergence of a para-military style gang, apparently led by a woman, which spearheaded a day of unprecedented violence in Yorkshire pit villages

The riots that have occurred in such places as Fitzwilliam, Grimethorpe and Maltby have been joint actions involving the unemployed as well as miners. Police stations have been fire-bombed, police convoys ambushed, dozens of NCB buildings wrecked and barricades erected at pitheads. It is neither possible to condemn nor support violence out of hand on moral grounds. It must be seen within the context of the class struggle, as sometimes productive, sometimes not, rather than on a basis of right and wrong. Workers must take whatever action is needed to further their struggles. If this means taking violent action, then so be it, and that violence must be both accepted and supported. One point which must be made though: in general, violence in a strike is a defensive action. If the miners were receiving the support, and above all, the solidarity action they so desperately needed, from other workers, then much of the violence witnessed over the past ten months need not have taken place.

The Labour Movement tends to condemn this violence because they cannot control it. On 24 November at a rally in Derby, Arthur Scargill condemned violence against scabs, saying "The miners' union would not have been involved in any way in attacking people's homes", and again on 30 November at the rally in Stoke with Kinnock, he condemned "all violence outside the picket lines". The violence against scabs had a great effect in slowing the drift back to work. However, it is outside the control of the unions, as is all the violence apart from the useless set-piece actions typified by events such as Orgreave.

Neil Kinnock and the TUC leader Norman 'Noose' Willis are both obviously anti-working class as they continually condemn necessary class violence, but the NUM has proved just as bad. Jack Taylor of the Yorkshire NUM appeared on television repeatedly condemning the riots in Yorkshire. Malcolm Pitt, a Kent NUM leader, moans about the police "undermining respect for the law". And the NUM paper, The Miner, is full of complaints of police brutality, but has never once supported workers using violence

to defend themselves. A typical attitude expressed by the leaders of the labour movement is that workers should not carry out acts of violence on the grounds that they give the police the excuse to crack down on the miners. This viewpoint is ridiculous - the police don't need any excuse to clamp down on the strikers! The very same reasoning could be used against striking (and no doubt will be so used). At the beginning of the strike the police were the first to use violence and the miners had to take violent steps to protect themselves. The media failed to report the original police brutality at all, and later reported that it was the poor, innocent police who were being attacked by miners - a complete reversal of what actually happened.

Capitalist society is based upon violence, the violent suppression of the working class by the ruling class using the state and all its instruments. The police, the government and the courts only exist to implement this. Workers must take whatever steps are necessary to counter this continual attack. Those who support or carry out working class violence had better not look to the NUM to organise the defence of working class political prisoners against the police and the courts. In fact, up and down the country the NUM has tried to prevent workers defending their imprisoned comrades arrested on unofficial actions. For example, when the trial of those arrested during the Fitzwilliam riot came up, the NUM circulated all branches in the area discouraging miners from going to the lobby of their hearing. Just as the most effective actions within the strikedid, by necessity, take place outside the control of the union, so too must the defence of those involved in them. The release of these class prisoners and the reinstatement of the sacked miners should become a central demand for the miners but they must organise it themselves as it is obvious that the NUM will not do so.

In Britain there has been little evidence of the violence against bosses that has been seen in other countries such as France, Spain, Italy or Belgium. The unions have sold workers the idea that it is possible to both serve their own interests and compromise with the bosses as well. The violence we have seen during this strike reflects the growing realisation by some of the more militant strikers that the supposed neutrality of the state and police is nothing but a sham. There can be no compromise with those who enslave us, nor with those who try to con us that we are not slaves.

This article is based on an article in the Jan/Feb. issue of Wildcat available from/c 8-10, Great Ancoats St., Manchester 4.

ETHIOPIA: "LET THEM EAT BULLSHIT"

AID AS A WEAPON

The Ethiopian famine, having gone on for several years, unheard of in the West, has been discovered by the media. The mass outpouring of powerless, liberal anguish confronts you, but it won't last long - the editors will eventually get 'bored'. The aid given by individuals and governments will only dent Ethiopia's famine. Consider the following facts: world cereal production went up by 8% last year. Ethiopia's coffee production went up 9% last year. Britain pays £1300 million to buy surplus food to destroy it or store it (in mountains, so they say). All rich governments pay out money to farmers to produce less. There is enough cereal produced now to feed everybody. The 4 million ton EEC cereal mountain is 35 times bigger than all foods sent to Ethiopia by the E.E.C.. These facts illustrate that their 'concern' is pure bullshit - governments are totally cynical.

If you compare the amount of aid given, to the surplus food and wasted land, you realize they don't give much of a damn about starving people in places like Ethiopia (7 million of them). For instance, the Israeli government decided to airlift 25,000 Ethiopian Jews out of the famine. This sounds like a very noble and brotherly act. However, the Israeli government is just as racist as most states and gives worse housing and jobs to the local Jews while European and American Jews occupy the lucrative posts. These Ethiopian Jews, who will no doubt support the Israeli government, will be transported to land illegally occupied by the Israeli army - the Gaza strip, so they can further their colonisation of the region. The famine publicity was the essential excuse to put this exercise of social manipulation into practice. The great Socialist State of the U.S.S.R. is equally cynical: like most 3rd world countries Ethiopia is 'backed' by a super-power - this time Russia. They use the aid, the vast majority of which is inedible tanks and guns, to try to crush nationalist uprisings in Ethiopia, e.g. Tigre. In the war regions no agriculture takes place which explains to a certain extent why starvation is worse in Ethiopia (it's not just the weather). The Soviets, in this context, have put into practice another exercise of social manipulation. They've transferred tens of thousands of victims from Tigre to labour camps in the less affected areas of the South-West. Once there, they are compelled to work for food. Being weak and helpless they haven't the ability to argue. In the process, the Ethiopian government, with Soviet help, depopulates the Tigre and undermines the guerillas' base of support.

while the Labour party tries to make political mileage about the government not giving much aid to the Ethiopians, they were the ones who cut off aid to Ethiopia in '74 (there was a famine then as well) because the Ethiopian state supported the U.S.S.R.. The rich states can destabilize a government by building up its economy (i.e. so it can buy its exports) and then by removing this aid - which is important to the economic structure of 3rd world countries - the chaos caused will, in theory, topple a particular regime. Third world economies are usually based on industry and agriculture that supplies goods like coffee, from Ethiopia (see above), to the rich countries. This means the best land being in the hands of multi-nationals and government farms so that

peasants emigrated in their thousands to the cities from the poor land. The third world needs foreign currency (i.e. rich countries money) so that they can import anything. Most of this money goes into building up the apparatus of the state, the armed forces and imported items for the local ruling class. This explains to a large extent, why there is enough food in the world while 50 million die of starvation every year.

THIRD WORLD PEOPLES TAKE THE BRUNT

As we languish in economic depression, the working class of the 'developed' world suffers in cut backs and unemployment, while the third world also foots the bill. The debts owed to western banks get larger every year the poor countries are less able to pay them. 90% of new loans to Brazil are solely for the purpose of financing interest on other loans. In the event of one of these countries defaulting on their loans, the international banking system will collapse, making the chaotic world economy nose-dive into a new depression. They don't want this so they have imposed severe austerity measures on the populace, yet resistance to this is growing. Massive food riots and strikes hamper their attempt to defend their system of privilege. Part of the austerity measures imposed by the banks is the devaluation of the currency of the debtor countries (p.s. America has just become a debtor country for the first time since 1917!). This means the West/East pays less for goods from the 3rd world and more expensive imports into the 3rd world country. This affects the amount of investment in zones of agriculture in 3rd world countries.

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ETHIOPIA (continued)

THE BIG LIE

The impression you get is that rich countries give more than they get from the Third World. The fact is massive amounts of resources are drained from the Third world, this amounting to £22 billion in 1983 alone !!! Compare this sum to the measly amount they make such a song and dance about.

It makes me laugh when people say that anarchism advocates chaos, when you see what a mess governments have made with the world. They can stuff their 'law and order' up their backsides. We need a world based on need, not on profit, power or the egos of world leaders.

A DAY OUT IN LONDON

Arrive at the T + G offices at five to eight, nice morning.....get on the bus - 8 o' clock..... 8.45 off we go at last.....
Get off the coach at Hyde Park.....good few people there.... notice the debris of the left failing to flog their wares 'over the day count thirty different forms of Andrex)...
....hear a Police Inspector say to another pig, 'I suppose we'll have some drunken jocks later on tonight' - a remark to be of interest later ongo off for a wander.... see some Scottish miners abuse the driver of a Mercedes for his wealth..... follow Scargill back into Hyde Park - surprised no photographers..... coppers try to get anarchists to take down their black flags 'cause they might 'cause offence - ignored..... listen to Benn's verbal guff for a few seconds..... suggest to some miners that all the M.P.s should go down the mines to work - gets a laugh..... join up with other anarchists and join the march..... off we go stewards try to intervene but rightly ignored..... down Park Lane shouts of 'burn it down', 'the rich, the rich we gotta get rid of the rich (who seemed to be all dressed in blue).... anarchist contingent seems to double or treble..... make lots of noise..... marchers behind seem sullen..... finally arrive in Trafalgar Square - can't hear the speeches, thankfully... get ready to go back to the bus..... 'ere what's happening at the top of Whitehall - lots of pushing and shoving..... 2 cops on the ground getting well and truly kicked some journalist in front gets thumped by miners who recognise him..... stewards try to quieten it down by announcing 'Scargill is on in ten minutes' instead of getting the people in the Square to join us..... miners charge the thin blue line...one group of coppers is surrounded, one of 'em is being jabbed with the pole of a black flag by a smiling anarchist..... pig reinforcements appear....pigs clear the road... stroll down Whitehall to Downing Street - good number of black flags.... lots of shouting.... think about going back to the bus - decide not to..... stewards announce the march is to stay put until people released..... march moves off after are released.....stroll back up Whitehall... pigs go berserk..... snatch squads go in....attempts to turn police van over....copper gets wrapped up in banner whilst trying to arrest someone and ends up on the ground.....help bloke get away from cops horses appear behind us and eventually charge... forced onto the pavement..one cop gets worst of exchange with miners....go back into road... an old woman shouts 'sit down, don't let the horses through'..... only about 30 of us standing in the road - pointless, too many spectatorsdriven back down Whitehall....police divide crowd into smaller and smaller groups of people... turn over barricades - somebody puts them up again....cops force us back down Whitehall...get on busget home.....see ITV news at 9.45 -police claim it was 'drunken hooligans' who started it - mind flashes back to Hyde Park - bastards.....

IMPRISONED MINERS LIST - FURTHER DETAILS AND AMENDMENTS

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Guy Bennett(3 months) ; Gregory Budworth(6 months) ; S. Meeth (6months)

ARMLEY PRISON, ARMLEY RD., LEEDS LS12 2TJ
Dale Scofield (3 months); Kevin Green (ON remand); Gary Millward

WETHERBY PRISON, YORKSHIRE
Gary Hopper(4 months); George Richardson(4 months)

WELFORD PRISON, LEICESTER
Ian Kestle (E71032 -2½ years)

SUDBURY OPEN PRISON, DERBY ,DE6 5HW
Kevin Beal (031 - 2½ years)

LOCATION NOT KNOWN
Paul Foster (12 months)

The address given as HMP Wellingborough should be ; Millers Park Youth Custody Centre, Wellingborough, Northants,

JOE HILL

The radio can be a very entertaining thing sometimes; unfortunately there's very little pirate radio in this area (apart from the big business pair). However, now and again strange things appear: Stuart Christie on Radio 4's Profile programme, a few years back, a programme on Emma Goldman on radio 4 a few months back (the tapes offer still available if anybody wants one), a Crass record on Radio 2 (!) on Wednesday 6th of February being played on Round Midnight at about 12:20 am. and the b-side of the Bluebell's latest record turns out to be 'I dreamed I saw Joe Hill last night'. The A-side is bloody awful but I wonder how many people will hear the B-side and indeed wonder who is or was Joe Hill. Well, if that includes you, read on.

He was born on October 7, 1879 and was christened Joel Haggbund. He emigrated to the United States in 1902 and sometime during the next eight years changed his name to Joseph Hillstrom. In 1910, he joined the local I.W.W. in San Pedro, California. The I.W.W. was the Industrial Workers of the World and it was a revolutionary industrial union dedicated to the overthrow of capitalism via direct action. Its aim was to partake in struggle until such times as 'the workers of the world organise as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system'. This is hardly the place to give a history of the I.W.W. - there are several books dealing with it. The best one is Kornbluth's 'rebel Voices' - the worst is Renshaw's book.

Joe Hill travelled throughout the U.S.A. (and also Mexico) propagandising for the I.W.W. whilst working for various jobs though most often as a mechanic. Joe became known for his songwriting - such songs as 'Casey Jones - the union scab', 'the preacher and the slave (perhaps better known as 'pie in the Sky', which was an attack on religious hypocrisy) 'The Rebel Earl' and many others. These songs were published in the Little Red Song Book, the song book of the I.W.W., which contained songs by others such as 'Ralph Chaplin, James Connell, etc. The names may mean nothing to many but they are still worth discovering.

Whilst Joe was travelling the States in 1912 being involved in many things including the free speech fight in San Diego, California; there occurred there in September of that year a fight to organise the miners of Utah. However, it was defeated by the gunmen of the company. In June 1913, 1500 workers on a railway construction project struck for a wage increase and a reduction in hours. The management tried the same tactics as the mining company but failed because of the support given to the construction workers by the railway men. The strike was won but local management with the support of the local police began an attack on the I.W.W. Street meetings were attacked, I.W.W. members jailed and ass-

aulted, and also kicked out of the state. The local I.W.W. called for help and many 'Wobblies' (the name members of the I.W.W. had) came to support them - including Joe Hill. The battle for the right to organise continued.

However, on January 10, 1914 at about 9:45 p.m., two armed men held up a grocery store and the owner and his son were killed whilst the younger son survived. One of the armed men was shot and left a trail of blood. Later that night Joe visited a doctor for treatment of a gunshot wound at around 11:30 p.m.; the doctor that treated Joe later went to the cops who subsequently arrested Joe. Joe insisted all along that he received the gunshot wound in a quarrel over a woman. Joe was brought to trial eventually on June 10 in front of a biased judge, a biased jury whilst the local press had found him guilty well before the trial. During the period between the arrest and the trial, the I.W.W. had mounted a campaign proclaiming Joe's innocence with meetings being held throughout the states. However, the jury found Joe guilty and he was sentenced to death by firing squad on September 4th.

That decision was put off 3 times whilst the campaign to save Joe carried on. However, eventually it failed despite its ferocity and on November 19, 1915 Joe Hill was murdered by a firing squad of the Utah state. His will is worth quoting in full,

MY LAST WILL

My will is easy to decide,
For there is nothing to divide,
My kin don't need to fuss and moan,
"Moss does not cling to a rolling stone."
My body? - Oh! - if I could choose,
I would to ashes it reduce,
And let the merry breezes blow
My dust to where some flowers grow.
Perhaps some fading flower then
Would come to life and bloom again.
This is my last and final will.
Good luck to all of you.
One of the last telegrams Joe sent contained these words, 'Don't waste any time in mourning, Organize.' That message still remains vital. That's the bare bones of the story of Joe Hill - a man murdered by the state of Utah. His songs will never be forgotten and his aim is ours - the creation of a free society

SOFT CORPS STRIKE AGAIN

DON'T LET THE BASTARDS GRIND YOU DOWN!

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On Friday, some of your fellow pupils went on strike against the teachers and the school (maybe you did as well). They realised that school isn't really teaching you what you need to know, but is brainwashing you into being a zombie that is easily controlled. THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK FOR YOURSELVES.

Today another strike is being organised. Your friends who refused to work on Friday are going to be suspended. You can't afford to let that happen. If you stick together you will have the power to tell the teachers to FUCK OFF! Show them that they can't push you around, that you have the intelligence to do without THEIR type of education. Organise yourselves and use your own ideas and actions to learn what YOU want to learn. On Friday the strikers were videoed by the staff (THIS IS THE POLICE STATE OF 1984) using school video cameras. When you see a camera, TRY AND BREAK IT BUT DONT GET CAUGHT. If you can, disrupt normal lessons before and after the strike. Break as much as possible, desks, windows, graffiti the bogs, fire alarms and extinguishers, the ideas are endless. RIOT!! They'll try and con you into submission, they'll say that its your school that is suffering, it is, GOOD. They'll say youre all going to get expelled, they won't expell the whole school will they!! They'll lose their jobs.

ITS TIME FOR US ALL TO STICK TOGETHER AND SAY A BIG



FUCK OFF



STRIKE WHILST THE IRON IS HOT
SHOW THEM YOU'RE NO FOOL
DON'T LET YOUR BRAIN CELLS ROT
GO AND BURN DOWN YOUR SCHOOL

RESIST !!
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If you want to know more about your rights as a pupil, how to get bastard teachers sacked, how to organise strikes etc. send 80p to Housemans Books, 5 Caledonian Rd., Kings Cross, London NI9DX and ask for a copy of the Little Red School Book.

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SOFT COPS STRIKE AGAIN

When I was sixteen I chose to live in a squat much to the disappointment of my "stuck up" middle class family who had a detached house, the latest 'A reg' car and 2.5 kids.

Whilst in the squat I had to visit the local social services so that I could claim supplementary benefit. This is when the fuckers stuck their noses into my business. I was asked to visit their offices once a week. Then, when I went in one thursday, I was told that they had been to court and got a place of safety order for two days and if I co-operated I would be allowed back. I fell for their lies and I was still there a week later. Then I was taken to court for another order for 28 days and again told if I was "good" then I would be allowed out.

This place was an observation centre for teenage girls. It stank of detergent, the same routine was adhered to every day and, of course, everything was done perfectly. No fags were allowed to be kept on you and were given as a privelage when they

liked. As I was a vegetarian I had the piss taken and lived on bread and cheese.

I often absconded and was brought back and locked in my room for 24hrs and not allowed out for 7 days. They couldn't see that my absconding was due to me wanting my freedom (naturally). As a result I ended up on a full care order 'til the age of 19.

After 8 institutionalised months, slowly deteriorating, I was allowed home (8 months is a fucking big difference to two days!).

When I was in this home there were times when my temper broke and then I was given an injection of tranquillizers. Also there were other girls who were on a course of pills and were constantly dopey. A conversation between myself and the home head resulting in us talking about my political viewpoints (anarchism) ended up with him recommending me to a psychiatrist. So much for freedom of mind!!

1984 is here!

Childrens legal advice centre (2-5pm) Phome: 01-359-6251.

UNMARKED MEAT STALKS THE STREETS

Recently it has come to our notice that unmarked police cars have been touring the Derby road area. As we believe in the phrase 'constructive anarchism' we are setting up a neighbourhood police watch scheme. If you see any unmarked cop cars in the area drop us a line and we'll check it out. Anyway for starters here's a couple of numbers for your collection +

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BACK PAGE

Due to a few printing problems you may not be able to read the back page. There is a gig on May 1st in aid of imprisoned miners and their families. It features "Pigs on heat", "New jazz aliens" and "Maureen Foster" Doors open @ 7.30 at the west Indian centre, six dials, Southampton.

ADMISSION - £1.00, 50p UNWAGED.

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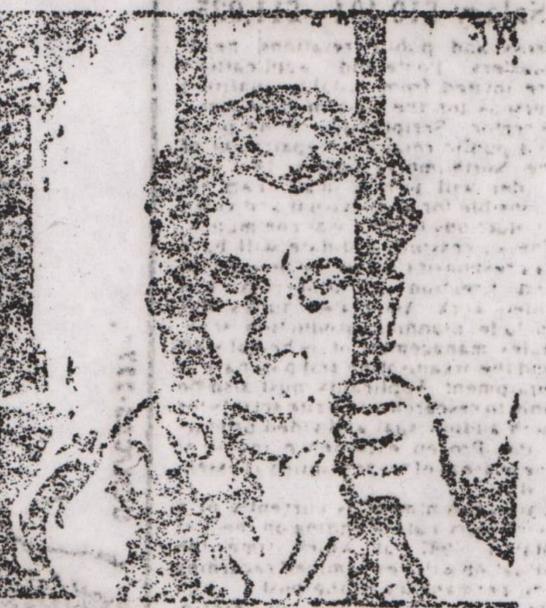
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