

# COUNTER INFORMATION

October, November, December 93

## Joy was Murdered

When the police murdered Joy Gardner on 28th July 1993 the racism of the British State, immigration laws, police force and popular press was obvious to all who could see.

Joy was a 40 year old Jamaican woman who had been in Britain since 1987 and was appealing against a Deportation Order, on compassionate grounds. She died of "hypoxic brain damage" after 8 police officers raided her home at 6.30am and restrained her using a body belt resembling slave manacles, and adhesive tape to gag her. She had no advance warning of the raid and offered no opposition to the police. Her solicitor only learned of her appeal being refused 2 hours after she died.

Nearly 7,000 people were deported from Britain in 1992, an increase of nearly 400% since the changes in Immigration laws in 1988. Also in July a Nigerian woman, Dorothy Nwodcki was deported after having had her thumbs broken, mouth taped and legs tied together by a private security firm.

### No Justice No Peace

On September 8th Quaddus Ali, a 17 year old asian man was attacked in Stepney by a gang of racists and almost beaten to death. A peaceful vigil outside the hospital two days later by over 300 people led to a night of rioting after large numbers of police waded in. 9 young asians have been charged with riot. 2 weeks later another asian youth was savagely attacked in Stepney. On Sundays 19th & 26th September hundred of anti-fascists attacked and disrupted BNP paper-sales in Brick Lane



Anarchist & anti-deportation protesters in Tokyo, Japan

and the police had to intervene to save Richard Edmonds and his fellow fascists.

Anti-racist resistance to these State attacks continues with over 1,200 demonstrating on 7th August at Joy Gardner's death. On 10th July, 75 people protested outside a London police station after Rita Porter, a black mother of two was attacked then charged with assault by police after she refused to leave her local electricity showroom until her supply was reconnected. The charges have since been dropped. On 30th August, 300 anti-fascists prevented a planned BNP march in the town centre of Burnley, Lancashire.

### Combatting the State

In Paris, a neighbourhood collective has been set up to take daily action against police excesses after a number of murders & arrests of those protesting against State murder. French National Front leader,

## Rights are Wrongs

The 7 vote victory on a 44% turnout, representing 15% of those on the Electoral Register in Millwall Ward, east London has boosted the media profile of the nazi British National Party. We have to wage a class war to fight back against despair & bigotry.

The BNP candidate Derek Beackon campaigned under their racist slogan: "Rights for Whites". There was resentment at the lack of jobs in expanded Finance & Newspaper employment in the area, overcrowding due to a lack of public housing, and unpopular Tower Hamlets Council expenditure such as a new Town Hall. "Island" dockers supported Powell's race policies in 1968, an eccentric Declaration of U.D.I. in the 1960s for the Isle of Dogs, and now a "siege" mentality scapegoating the Bangladeshis over spilling into the north of the ward after a Ring Road scheme led to the relocation of residents.

Faced with the Race Relations lobby demanding "positive" treatment for asians, & the Left tail-ending the State, the BNP have manipulated local working class anger into the cesspit of racism and diverted attention away from Big Business and the empty private houses unavailable to bangladeshi & "white" residents alike. The vote was a "silent protest" with no BNP posters in windows & few hard-core Nazi supporters. As a protest-vote it has given publicity to grievances that can be bought-off by the State reversing the run-down of Public housing and jobs.

## OPERATION OPPRESS-U

WITH the threatened arrival of Operation Rescue (O.R.) in the U.K. we thought we'd look into this anti-abortionist organisation.

O.R. appears to be made up of respectable "soldiers of God" but behind their respectability are a mish-mash of nazis, ex-Klu Klux Klan grand-dragons (!) and holier than thou Christians.

O.R. picket, hassle and intimidate doctors, nurses, clinic workers, and women who have chosen to have an abortion. They picket their homes, fire-bomb clinics, and have also stayed quiet on the killing of a doctor killed by a frenzied "picketeer".

They have their own training camps where they train IMPACT teams. They learn how to terrorize and intimidate those of us who would control our own bodies and lives.

But this harrassment has been met with resistance. In USA, Britain and elsewhere, counter demonstrations have chased off the no-choice bigots in defence of abortion clinics, staff and women who need to use them. Be on the look out.

### RESIST "PENSIONER GENOCIDE"

"DON'T pay VAT on your fuel bills or on standing charges. Help keep older people alive, contact your local Pensioners Rights Group for practical ways to show SOLIDARITY. "Loughborough Pensioners Rights Group.

The addition of 8% VAT from April 1994 and 17.5% a year later will cause "pensioner genocide" say the group, as older people have to choose between eating and heating. Contact: Loughborough Pensioners Rights Group, c/o Gorse Covert Community Centre, Maxwell Dr LE11 ORZ Tel. 843752

# UNITED NATIONS CAN'T END WAR!

The endgame is being played out in Bosnia-Herzegovina. With partition being negotiated, rebellion is growing amongst the population, including troops, against the war economy. In Somalia, UN "peace-keeping" has been hijacked by U.S. gun-toting farce. Elsewhere, the 'new world order' has become a tired cliché for "new, improved" death and destruction on a world scale.

In *CI 32*, 2 years ago, we denounced the "Plague of Nationalism" and anticipated a Bosnian conflict "reminiscent of Lebanon": 100,000 dead, 2 million displaced and embittered refugees, 50,000 women raped, thousands maimed & scarred by a so-called "civil" war. What was a multi-ethnic society, with low religious observance by those termed muslim, has become ethnically cleansed areas based on nationalist myth and intolerance.

The agenda of the Serbian and Croatian states has been realised with the collusion of western diplomats such as Carrington who gave the green light to partition, and the illusion of US led intervention which led the Bosnian elite to cling to increasingly hollow threats of airstrikes\*.

## 'Smart bombs' can't liberate

In Somalia there is no delay. Even the humanitarian aid effort has been jeopardised by the use of force often against protesters and townships. General Aideed may have used women and children as a "human shield", but the U.S. is callously using southern Somalia as a training ground for 3rd World insurgency based on the "Cortina" training at the Fort Chafee base in President Clinton's Arkansas. The U.N. has behaved like another warlord and is no longer trusted by a population subject to warlord & superpower barbarity.

Confusion on the left has accompanied the fascist glee at Balkan barbarism. The leftist theory is that each conflict demands "taking sides" with one State because it is "objectively" resisting imperialism. Hence you have the RCP siding with Serbia in the mistaken belief that western crocodile tears for Bosnia = a threat to starve and bomb the "anti-nazi" Serbs. On the other hand the German state's encouragement of Slovene, Croatian and Bosnian independence was not matched by France, USA and especially Britain. The WRP and assorted liberals argue that as anti-imperialists you must support the Bosnian State and its multi-ethnic legitimacy.

## No solidarity with States

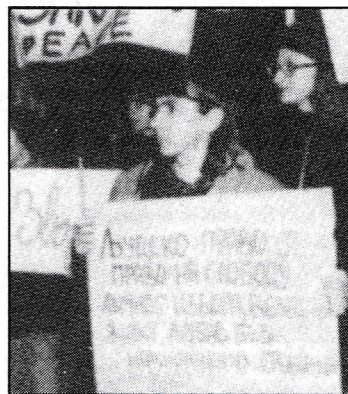
Following similar humanitarian missions, a Workers Aid convoy has taken off from the Timex picket-line to deliver supplies to the workers of Tuzla. The motives of many taking part are to be applauded. However, the interests of the ruling elite, Bosnian included, must always be viewed as distinct from the aspirations of working people, especially those in Sarajevo preserving a multi-ethnic society. In central Bosnia, revenge ethnic cleansing and atrocity, a mutual process with Croat forces, is driving a wedge between working people and promoting fundamentalism.

The selective response of the United Nations to preventing war is demonstrated elsewhere by the unrestrained Armenian advance in Azerbaijan; Unita restarting the civil war in Angola after they lost the election and U.S. support; the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia; the continued State terrorism in East Timor, Kashmir, Burma, Kurdish areas etc. The move to "democracy" in South Africa and the PLO/Israel deal for limited autonomy cannot bring 'peace'. War, death and destruction is central to capitalism on a world scale. Only social revolution can end the barbarism of nationalist conflict.

\* see articles in *Here & Now 13*, c/o 28 King St., Glasgow G1 5QP & *Subversion 13*, Dept 10, 1 Newton St., Manchester M1 1HW - free, send large stamped addressed envelopes.

# Cracks in the Armour ?

Disaffection is beginning to show among some soldiers in Serbia but at present their aims are confused. Serbian soldiers have taken control in Banja Luka, northern Bosnia. They are holding local officials and demanding an end to war profiteering and corruption in local government, supported by people suffering from hyper inflation. Other army units are reported to be taking similar actions, notably at Brcko.



**Women in Black demonstrate against the war every week in Belgrade**

In Serbia, Trade Union officials, pressurised by angry members, called for a General Strike for August 2-6 to protest at 50% daily inflation, 50% unemployment, production down 60% since sanctions were imposed. Recent strikes have included 18,000 miners,

10,000 chemical workers and actions by engineering and transport workers. Farmers in annexed Vojvodina have been blocking roads in protest at low grain prices offered by the Belgrade Government.

At the end of 1992, Serbian reservists refused mobilisation against Croatia. 6,700 in Kragujevac reported for duty without weapons and refused to go to the front; in Valjevo, 200 returning from the front forced the Commander to discharge them; at Markutsika on December 18th, 700 refused further duty after their 45 day service ended. 150 Belgrade reservists were sent back from the front after a 3 day hunger strike.

Citizen groups exist to help the victims of war and pressurise Governments to stop promoting the conflict. They document human rights abuses, give psycho-social counselling for rape and other war victims, and support conscientious objectors. In Serbia, Radio 852 broadcasts alternative news & information. With international support and networking these "civil society" groups can continue their work.

## CONTACT :

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ANTI WAR CENTRE (as above)  
tel. 011 38 41 422 495. Fax 011 38 41 271 143.

WOMEN IN BLACK, c/o S. Zajovic, Dragoslava Popovica 9/10, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia.

Source: *ContraFlow, Kick It Over, Bad Attitude.*

# Unemployed revolt!

**UNEMPLOYED** people are rebelling against compulsory Jobplan Workshop. Claimants unemployed for over a year are being forced on to this 1 week course under threat of benefit cuts.

But many courses are ending in disarray as the conscripts argue with the "trainers" and generally refuse to co-operate. Claimants groups are leafletting the courses encouraging maximum insubordination. On 8 June 16 claimants walked out of their workshop in Lambeth.

50 Jobplan resisters stormed Brixton Job Centre on 12 July. The hour-long occupation was organised by Lambeth Unemployed Action Group.

In Edinburgh a dozen claimants halted work at High Riggs Unemployment Benefit Office on 10 August, playing drums, displaying placards and distrib-

## McLibel

TWO unwaged London Greenpeace supporters are defending themselves against McDonalds in a major libel case. Defiance is growing.

\* In some towns weekly pickets now besiege McDonalds

\* There have been protests in a dozen countries

\* 15 - 17 Oct. is World Anti-McDonald's Weekend. Demonstrate 15th at 4.30 pm McDonald's HQ, High Road, (East Finchley tube) - and in your area!

Contact: *McLibel Support Campaign*, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1

uting leaflets against Jobplan Workshop.

Contact: *Lambeth Unwaged Action Group*, 12-14 Thornton St, London SW9 Tel 071 733 5135  
*Edinburgh Unemployed Workers Centre*, 103 Broughton St. Tel 031 557 0718.



Protestors take over houses in Wanstead, East London as they resist the construction of the M11 link road which involves the demolition of 400 homes

## BEATING THE BULLDOZERS

Public opinion seems to be "U-turning" against the Government's gigantic insane road expansion programme. This follows a Spring and Summer of widespread, often intense, struggle - given occasional media coverage - by a broadbased diversity of environmental eco activists ranging from liberal middle class groups (Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth) to the more encouraging direct actionists of Earth First and Green Anarchist.

Overcoming setbacks, the initiative has switched to the protesters, following a series of reverses for the roads lobby. This is especially symbolised by the cancellation of the £300 million road through Oxleas Wood after a vigorous campaign, and continued delays & resistance at Pollok Estate (Glasgow) and Twyford Down to Tarmac and fellow scumbags Group 4.

An appeal for more help from activists prepared for direct action has been circulated. Action is underway at Wanstead, Jesmond Deane in Newcastle upon Tyne, the Wensum and Wyndum valley road links near Norwich, the A30/303 "Improvement" in the West country, the "Tin Hat" Oxford by-pass, the Birmingham northern relief road, the M25 widenings and the Skye Bridge in Highland Region.

Usually well away from rich suburbs, road developments pose threats to health and safety of nearby residents, destroy areas of "rare natural beauty" and

drives away wildlife. Working class residents in N. Pollok, Glasgow, Tottenham/Haringey & Hornsey/Wood Green in London, and Kirkby (Liverpool) have taken action against speeding cars & business commuters after recent child deaths.

Parallel environmental actions centre around the imports of tropical rainforest hardwood by British/Multinational companies, and the "Store Wars", with green field sites for shopping malls and superstores (eg Yeovil). 38 arrests on 20th September at Faslane/Coulport highlighted the continued nuclear convoys which speed through Glasgow and other cities. Despite slick advertising campaigns, the Thorpe Reprocessing plant at Sellafield is still being resisted. A week of action - Oct. 31st - Nov. 5th - has been arranged around the old "Nuisance" period of Halloween/Guy Fawkes.

For international news of environmental actions contact **Green Anarchist (Box M)** and **Earth First (Box E)** both at **111 Magadalen Rd., Oxford OX4 1RQ.**

## MASS BIKING

On the 9th July about 100 cyclists rampaged through Berkeley "challenging prevailing notions of public space". Traffic on Freeway 1-80 was brought to a halt as cyclists blocked all lanes. Targets of these fortnightly rides include McDonalds and Burger King, and the San Pablo Police Station.

*San Francisco Critical Mass*, formed in September '92, now has 500 riding monthly.

Source: *Crash.*

## Repression in Peru

PERUVIAN anarchist Andre Villaverde was falsely imprisoned - untried - in October 1991 on nonsensical charges of belonging to the authoritarian Marxist 'Shining Path'.

Recently, while visiting Andre inside, 2 Peruvian comrades were arrested by DINCOTE, the national security police. A third visitor from the US Love and Rage Collective, evaded prison security and left the country.

If tried, Andre will face a 'Faceless Tribunal' of sinister masked judges who disdain legal rights and rules of evidence.

These arrests, along with DINCOTE raids on anarchist homes, are part of a co-ordinated policy to discredit and destroy the Peruvian anarchist movement.

Prisoners' food must be brought in by outside friends, or they starve. Money is desperately needed. Protests at Peruvian interests are essential.

Contact **Peruvian Solidarity Project**, c/o WSM, PO Box 1528, Dublin 8, Eire

All donations acknowledged.

# A WORLD TO WIN

## Danish Demo

On 22 May 2,000 people marched in protest at the shooting of anti-EEC demonstrators on the night of Denmark's "Yes" vote to join the EEC and called for the release of 35 prisoners. The Danish consulate in Gronigen, Netherlands was attacked in response to the shootings and demos and actions have taken place in Oslo, Stockholm and Berlin. (*Autonomi Newsletter*)

## Poles Apart

Poland. 500-600 people meet in Gdansk to celebrate May Day with shouts of "Factories to the Workers". The meeting was broken up by police. In Wroclaw, 300 turned up for May Day organised by Anarchist Federation and Anti-Nazi Front. In June, the Solidarnosc (Trade Union) threatened a general strike in support of health workers and teachers. The government was dismissed.

## Burnsalls Battle Goes On

The strikers at Burnsalls in Smethwick, West Midlands have been attacked by scabs, the police and now they've been told by the GMB union that the strike is over. The strikers, mainly Asian women, and supporters are determined to continue the struggle and have demonstrated outside the GMB HQ. Contact: **Balvir Singh**, 82 Rosefield Rd., Smethwick, Birmingham B67 6DX, tel: (021) 565 5416. Cheques to: **Burnsall Strike Fund**, c/o 27 Firsvale Rd., Lindale Park, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 3LN

## Mushrooming Pickets

Fortnightly mass-pickets (7 a.m., Saturdays) are being organised by the 89 strikers from Middlebrook Mushrooms and their supporters at the mushroom farm at Whitley, near Selby. The workers, mainly women, were sacked by Middlebrook (a subsidiary of Booker PLC) when they refused to accept a pay cut. Info tel: 0977 662923.

## Miners Strike

A miners strike in the USA had spread to involve 17,000 workers across 7 states by late August. London-based Hanson PLC is one of the companies involved in attacking workers' conditions. Mass pickets of up to 1,000 have clashed with police and scabs. The miners are seeking international solidarity. **UMWA**, tel. (618) 942 6112

## Striking Against Racism

Council housing workers in Southwark, London took unofficial strike action in July against racial discrimination and authoritarian management. Although only 36% of the workforce are black, 84% of those disciplined are black. (*ContraFlow*)

## Nepalese Victory

Strikers at the Nepal Battery Co. of Katmandu have won 15 of 16 demands for improvements in wages and safety conditions. The Gen. Fed. of Nepalese Trade Unions said the success was due in large part to International solidarity.



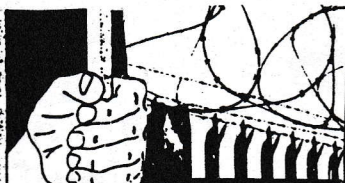
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## Joint Enterprise

CHRISTINE Sawbridge was only 15 when she visited her friend Ethel to escape the ravings of a violent, possessive boyfriend, 'T'. Shortly after, 'T' arrived at the flat and forced his way in. When Ethel protested, 'T' struck her with a bottle. When she screamed, he knifed her.

Christine escaped, but didn't report the murder, mostly because of violent threats from "T". She was eventually arrested and charged, along with 'T' with joint enterprise to rob! Joint enterprise is an old police dodge usually used to convict innocent bystanders.

In court, Christine was fitted-up by - that's right, the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad. She was found guilty. She writes. "I am now 24 years old and have been in prison for nearly 4 years. Lst year I finally realised the futility of writing to the Home Office. I refuse to be shut away like I



## Do The Riot Thing

ON 8 June, 105 prisoners took over 'D' Hall in Shotts Prison, Scotland, for 23 hours. Graffiti on the walls read 'Anti Screw Crew' and 'Run Screw Run! Damage is estimated at £100,000.

The prisoners took this action after visitors had been strip-searched, allegedly for drugs.

PRISONERS rioted at Wymott prison, Lancs on 6 September.

Most of the inmates participated in the 9 hour riot. At its height, fires burned throughout the jail, a fuel tank exploded and a group of prisoners almost reached the front door by using sledgehammers to smash the walls of the control centre. Damage is estimated at £20 million.

don't exist. But I'm here until they admit they make mistakes." Christine would welcome the formation of a support group. Christine Sawbridge, D30409, Drake Hall, Dylan House, Ecclelland, Staffs

# "A Fight for Everyone"

A country-wide crisis is sweeping the Health Service. Many NHS Trust hospitals are running out of money and stopping all non-emergency NHS operations. Britain-wide some hospitals face complete closure.

But at University College Hospital (UCH), North London, workers have fought back. Nurses and porters were on indefinite strike, with emergency cover, from 17 August till mid-September to resist the hospital's closure.

As we went to press the UCH workers had reluctantly voted to return to work, following their Union Unison withdrawing support from the strike.

Earlier, other UCH staff and workers at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and Middlesex hospitals had struck for short periods, and a general campaign to "Defend the NHS" developed.

**Make Capitalism the Casualty**  
The resistance to the UCH closure has involved: ambulance workers refusing to move UCH patients out of the hospital; patients refusing to be moved!; workers and community activists occupying a UCH ward for

10 days in September; BT and other workers not crossing the picket line to dismantle the wards; Camden Council workers walking out to join the picket; posties leafletting their rounds and Goode St. tube workers broadcasting strike reports over the station tannoy!

There have been mass pickets, three unofficial marches and occupations of the chief executive's office and UCH foyer.

Management used agency nurses to strike-break and refused strikers access to the building - five nurses were threatened with the sack for trying to provide emergency cover.

The Union, UNISON, before their final act of sabotage, sent circulars to other hospitals ordering workers not to support any unofficial action by the UCH workers.

But the strikers said "This is a fight for everyone. We are appealing for your support."

Now the UCH workers are discussing how to continue the battle against the hospital's closure. Spreading the struggle to promote solidarity in local communities and in other workplaces will be vital, along with the need to oppose marketising our health-care.

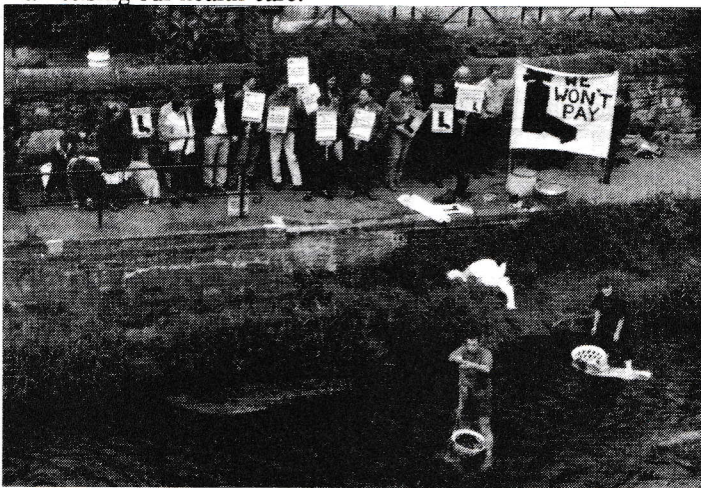
## We're No Washing It

AQUATIC activists made a splash with a Wash-In against Water Privatisation in Edinburgh's Water of Leith on 10 July.

This followed the Government announcement that 3 new Scottish Water Boards will replace today's Council-run set-up. Under orders to maximise private sector involvement, the Boards are a stepping stone to privatisation.

Activists are urging community-based direct action to defeat any sell-off.

Contact: Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network 031 667 4299.



## Nursery Occupation

TWO nurseries on the Harvest and Springdale Estates in Islington have been occupied by a Parents' Action Group since the 5th of May. On Mayday staff were given 3 months' notice of closure despite protests from the local community. The 24 hour a day occupation aims to overturn the council decision. In Barnet, women also fought closures.

Contact: Islington Under Fives Action Group, c/o Springdale UFEC, 15a Springdale Rd., London N16. Tel. 071 923 0263

## No Justice for Norman

Norman Laws, 73 year old anti Poll Tax activist has been jailed for the third time by South Shields magistrates for not paying the third and final year of the Poll Tax. This time he was given the 90-day maximum instead of the 60 days he received the last two times. Norman was dragged away before he finished attacking the court, the council and the government. From *Contra Flow*, Sept 93.

## Ukraine Errupts

Starting in the mines, 700 factories were hit by mass strike action against price rises in a summer of discontent that led to the President's resignation. The action centred in the Donbass region.

## A WORLD TO WIN

### Easey Street

Unemployed people in Collingwood, Australia have occupied the Easey St. drop-in centre, with help from local supporters. Despite sabotage, threats of eviction and police hassle the venue is to be opened up again and used for what it should be - a local drop-in centre self-managed by local users. Angry People PO BOX 4434 Melbourne University, Parkville, Victoria 3052

### "Sporting Behaviour"

For the second year running and despite advanced planning by the authorities, the celebrations which followed another championship win for the Chicago Bulls basketball team turned into rioting, especially in the West and South side housing projects. Wealthy shops were attacked and over 100 police were injured. Unfortunately 1000's were injured by the police and 682 were arrested. *Wind Chill Factor*

### "General Strike"

Despite threats from General Babangida's military government, a 3 day general strike demanding an end to military rule was solidly supported, especially in the commercial capital Lagos. Government offices, banks and shops were closed and public transport was brought to a standstill...meanwhile in the oil-rich south-east of the country, the Ogoni people continue to fight the state and the Shell Oil company, demanding political autonomy and more compensation for the environmental damage caused by the oil industry. Several traditional chiefs have been forced out of the community for opposing the people's tough stance.

### Water Fight

In June, united action by 4,000 families in an exclusively working class *barrio* (district) of Mexico City succeeded in getting a 40% cut in water rates. In some areas people are only having to pay 20% of the rates. Working class people are bypassing the corrupt unions and setting up people's assemblies to organise their struggles. *Unite* 10/7/93

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Contraflow, c/o 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17 (European Counter Network, London)

DS4A, Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol (mail order distribution)  
Glasgow Anarchists & Summer School Book: Box 1008, Glasgow G42 8AA.  
London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1  
Norwich Solidarity Centre and Direct Action Movement - both at: PO Box 73,

Norwich NR1 2EB  
Stockbridge New Town Solidarity Network, c/o J. Ball, 24 Dean Pk. St., Edinburgh EH4 1JT  
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## Boycotting Timex

"We have lost everything. All we have left is the fight".  
Roger Letty, Timex striker.

THE Timex workers are continuing their battle against the multinational following the closure of the Dundee factory on 29 August.

Despite innovative grass-roots initiatives, the struggle has so far been unable to definitively break free from the dead weight of trade union/STUC bureaucracy; the aim of the most militant workers - occupying the factory before it closed - was not realised.

Nevertheless the international workers' and consumers' boycott of Timex is developing. 14 sacked workers picketed the Timex plant at Besancon, France, for 2 weeks in September, and further visits are planned. An international Timex workers conference is on the agenda.

The new Timex office in Forfar is picketed daily. And Support Groups, such as in Edinburgh, are picketing H Samuels and other shops selling Timex watches.

Contact: Timex Strike Committee, c/o AEEU, 2 Union St, Dundee Tel 0382 22406  
Edinburgh Support Group Tel 031 556 0903