BLACKLISTING
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For some time we have hinted that moves are underfoot to initiate a campaign that would undermine the work of the Economic League and other blacklisting agencies. In November a new conference was held in Leeds. In addition to the usual conferences, independent researchers have taken steps to counter blacklisting by drawing together some of the techniques of those involved in the blacklisting business and which are now being made available to trade union activists as a basis for further action. In effect the blacklists will themselves be blacklisted and become the object of the sort of sanctions that they themselves do out so freely.

We ourselves have declared our commitment to assist in intelligence gathering and to share the results of our investigations with the wider labour movement. We therefore begin by asking all our contacts around the world to send us case histories and to help ensure that the information we obtain is both comprehensive and accurate. The long-term objective is to create a company database that will provide the maximum amount of information to help the labour movement in taking action in its own interests.

Our intelligence gathering will need to take account not only of company dealings in blacklisting but also their political dealings and affiliations, their involvement in corrupt practices and their record in industrial relations generally. Individual company directors, etc. will also need to be targeted.

Much of this research is already available but now needs to be coordinated via the different groups involved and updated by contacts operating at the "sharp end".

To combat the League and the other blacklisters effectively we will need to be both bold and imaginative. Their own database depends on contacts "in the field," without which they would have little to sell. Conversely if the League and similar organisations didn't exist then industry would create their own agencies. Indeed this happens anyway with certain industries and the public sector relies on state intelligence (see M15). We can't stop blacklisting as such — all we can do is provide the support for industrial action against those companies that are known to employ blacklisting methods.

For our part we will be working to strengthen the workforce and only the workforce that can take the sort of action that will force companies to stop using organised blacklisting. Companies that are identified as using the League and similar agencies will need to be confronted and threatened with straightforward industrial action. The same goes for companies that are known to use state intelligence as the basis for blacklisting. For too long we have been on the defensive, accepting blacklisting as a way of life that cannot be challenged. Now we must go on the offensive and turn the tables on the blacklists using the very same methods they themselves use.

No one should feel themselves that blacklisting can be combated by legal methods or through legislation. The right-wing majority of the trade union bureaucracies and the Labour Party and centrists will always back the Tory Right in retaining the right of employers to employ who they wish. Nor will legal actions, where individuals have been blacklisted of false information, work — this is a red herring and will not affect the blacklisting business in the slightest.

Where companies are identified as using organised blacklisting appeals to them to refrain from this will in most cases be met with the contempt they deserve: in these heady days of market stridency an employer will ride through all kinds of bad PR, justify getting the right to manage and only concede blacklisting if they can force the workforce to accept it.

The firms have the initiative in that they can dictate the terms for employment. But this doesn't have to be the case, nor was it always. If firms want labour then it should be the labour movement that dictates the terms for meeting that demand. Mass unemployment has always been the excuse for the unions to back down and let the employers set the agenda. But if the union movement were strong then things would be much different.

The unions have the resources to fight blacklisting on various fronts — whether it be through industrial action, boycotts, propaganda, etc. They can choose to take the initiative and give support to a campaign against blacklisting by using the information at their disposal to take concerted action. Or they can wait another seventy years and let others make the running. The regional conference in Leeds has started the ball rolling in one direction and the opportunity has been created for some of the others to follow.

The blacklisters, however, should be warned. They may think they can keep one step ahead of the next, wish to make it clear to them that whatever happens in this ongoing campaign we will be doing our best to watch your every move. You will be followed, your movements logged, your dealings noted. We will meet your dirty tricks with dirty tricks of our own. In short, we declare an open war on the Economic League and similar organisations. The time for whining is over. Watch your backs.

See also: Anti-Economic League Conference report on page 7.

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**HOME NEWS**

**BELFAST STRIKE**

Women workers at the Belfast branch of the clothes chain-stores, Cheeky Charlie, are in dispute with management over pay and the right to join a union. The Cheeky Charlie stores are owned by the Lewis Group of companies, which boasts that in over 35 years and with a total of 210 stores, it has never suffered a strike. This may have something to do with the fact that all Lewis Group employees are allowed to join a union under threat of dismissal. Workers at Cheeky Charlie in Belfast are expected to undertake overtime without pay and accept wages 200 per cent below those of their counterparts in Top Shop. Last year they secretly joined USDAW, the shopworkers union. Then just recently management told the workers that compulsory, unpaid, over-time was expected in the run-up to Christmas. Their refusal led to 34 of them being sacked on the spot.

Despite seab labour a regular picket of the shop by the sacked workers has resulted in few people prepared to cross the picket line. The workers are now waiting for an unfair dismissal hearing and meanwhile are without pay or state benefit. Support from unions (other than USDAW), a local students union, a women's centre and a local anarchist group have all helped to keep morale up.

**SOURCE: Warzone Collective**

**NO HIDING PLACE FOR FACISTS**

The British National Party have held two marches in York since 1982 (York is their "Nordic capital"). According to John Hume, the pop of a Radio York programme last year, York is the site of an active and well-organised fascist movement. This was, in fact, a horrid riot against Jews in 1190 culminating in dozens of Jews leaving their own lives—the site of the event being Clifford's Tower in the City. Last year the BNP announced they would march in York—the Student Union called a counter-march and the Home Secretary banned both as the BNP held a rally on "home private property" and anti-fascists tried to disrupt it, nine being arrested. The BNP and Anti-Fascist Action called for rallies this year at the War Memorial and Clifford's Tower—"the places where the BNP were banned and likely to turn up once again, as expected, the Home Office banned marches and the local Labour Council banned use of council property."

On Remembrance Sunday police turned back coaches of anti-fascists from entering the city and even escorted National Front/AFA back home. Yet some anti-fascists got into the City Centre (claiming a meeting at the local community centre). Some 300 anti-fascists assembled and a large crowd went to "greet" the BNP, and a consequent arrest by rail from Leeds (where the police had stopped another contingent from boarding the train). The police broke the anti-fascist crowd into groups of ten; some went to Cliffsords Tower, some went toConstellations Tower, some went to the police station and some spent the day hunting for the BNP. Some two dozans fascists tried to get new Clifford's Tower but disappeared. About nine others were cornered in a pub but were then escorted out by police.

The BNP, who claimed to be going to march through York with 150 people, were humiliated. The police had also arranged a large rugby match to watch that day. The BNP said the large numbers of people who turned out was a surprise: they have been criticised by some AFA members for being prepared to travel long distances to reach anti-apartheid events while ignoring racism at home. The BNP had been carrying out a numbers of attacks on isolated people in York:—one AFA member had been knocked unconscious after presumably having had etching fluid thrown in his face by another BNPer, though locally the BNP has hardly ever achieved a "victor". The wave of attacks on Jews in 1190 culminating in dozens of New world legislation is announced in the recent Queens Speech. The way it works is as follows:

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**A STRANGE SEQUEL**

The Northern University Toledo students invited a South African Embassy speaker and the anti-apartheid group in Black Flag to the city. A group of angry students immediately staged a counter-demonstration. Some 300 besieged the Tories. As the police found it getting out of control, an ANC-speaker was allowed to pacify the crowd then surreptitiously cress away. At the bank of the building however a general melee broke out—somewhat a mini-Wapping. Of arrested three were charged and kept overnight as they had not been long enough in their premises to qualify for permanent addresses (they were allowed no drink for eleven hours).

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**Housing Time Bomb**

New legislation aimed at pricing out the poor from council housing will act like a time bomb. When the legislation takes effect—which will be at the same time the Poll Tax will be announced in England and Wales—the results for many people will be catastrophic, increasing drastically the number of homeless and driving more people to below the poverty line. Add all this up and the authorities will be faced with an explosive situation—literally. The riots of the 1980's will seem like a picnic.

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The overall effect of this legislation is that council house rents will invariably rise dramatically (some observers say by as much as 17 per year). The chances of many tenants will be encouraged by these increases to move to the private sector. This will further encourage less house building in the public sector.

With a massive increases in rents, lease housing to go around, and the Poll Tax to pay as well, the situation will reach breaking point for many people. Already there are thousands of 16-17 year olds, homeless and begging in ding and dash, coming from出处 Coffee in prison cells, and they can only be turned off by the new "Workfare regulations" they cannot receive benefit if they refuse to go on Wage-Slave training schemes. These young people are disqualified from staying in hostels under the new regulations and are end up squatting or on the streets, invariably penniless with only crime to turn to for support. This situation can only get worse.

With no housing, only bad jobs, and a crazy tax system, the Government seems to be almost begging for trouble.

**SOURCE: Workers' Communist Party**
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INTRODUCTION
Peter Wright alleged that he took '10 major subjects' out of his original Spritesheet manuscript. He included accounts of 'MI6 operations, techniques and work in Northern Ireland'. Evidence now proves that the SAS and MI worked with other agencies (including MI5) to 'disinformation', and so-called 'hit squads', were involved in many of these murders. The campaign can also be linked to the destabilisation campaign on the mainland to engineer a far-right Tory government.

For the MI5 operation was found sympathetic media as well as with at least two Tory MPs, one of whom—Airey Neave—was the opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, a position he was not to occupy much longer. Neave was assassinated in an attack on the leadership of a party. Neave also used disinformation from MI to attack the Labour Party. He had not been assassinated by the INLA, but neo-tricks on the right-wing establishment is believed to have ended up strengthening the State for Northern Ireland or as Minister responsible for the Security and Intelligence services.

ARMY OF RESISTANCE
Eight days before his death Neave had been meeting members of MI5 and MI6 to discuss forming an 'Army of Resistance' (another coup plot?). Should Labour win the election, and, they had won and that Tony Benn had been made leader of the party—and Prime Minister—he advocated his assassination.

In 1974, the Northern Ireland campaign, although this, together with his work in Northern Ireland, is not mentioned in his book. In 1975 Wright and Neave were introduced by Victor Rothschild (another MI5 agent, who had worked to Health) to James Goldenlaw, G.K. Young, David Stirling, and others—all of whom represented a cross section of the right-wing establishment. According to Wright their aim was to prevent the formation of a Labour Government and to get Wilson out. The Army was returned to power and in May 1974 the Ulster Workers Council strike ensured the failure of the Labour sponsored power-sharing scheme. Instead the war would escalate, with MI5 taking a direct part in its operations. The following year saw a ceasefire arranged by the Wilson Government—but this was quickly undermined by the undercover operations of the SAS and the sectarian murders of the pseudo-peace parties. The USFU operated a 'guerilla warfare' policy in the early years of the conflict, killing John Francis Green as well as the Miami Showband massacre. The campaign involving the SAS, UFF and UVF extended to the supplying of explosives to the UDA, who killed 31 people in Dublin and Monaghan just two days after the UUC strike began. In fact it can be shown that during the Labour Government of 1974-79 there were over 50 civilian killings by the loyalist paramilitaries and vessels by civil defence workers (UCAS). The 'plotting' groups is this 'missing chapter' from Spritesheet. [1]

STRATEGY OF TENSION
The New York Times, the Daily Mirror, and Fred Holroyd have contributed to our understanding of this period: Holroyd, an MI6 officer attached to the Special Military Intelligence Unit, was involved in codingMI5 documents sent to him in 1974. SAS documents decoded showed that the IRA, but one operation backfired when a civilian was shot dead by accident. On another occasion a second civilian was shot in mistake for an IRA member in the process of the SAS body? tramping an arms dump. During this period the UCC and the UUF were used as assassination squads south of the border and the SAS and MI5 (according to Holroyd) conducted a shoot-to-kill policy in South Armagh.

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Successive British governments and the media have ensured that few British people are aware of the Loyalist mural campaign, despite the fact that along with the security forces they have killed more civilians than the IRA. Figures released by the Irish Information Partnership in 1987 indicate that out of 1,418 civilians killed between 1969 and 1986, 53% were security forces and Loyalist paramilitaries killed 754, or 53.1%. The Army, the RUC and the UDR were responsible for 167, or 11.7% and the Loyalists for 587, or 41.4%. The IRA and DFLA killed 523, or 36.8%. A further 141, or 9.8%, were unidentified or killed by unclassified agencies.2

On the day the IRA announced its intention to hold an earlier ceasefire, in 1972, the Army undercover unit, the MP, shot dead a catholic and within the next few weeks Loyalist gunmen had killed a further 40. During the first five months of the 1976 truce Loyalists killed 35 catholics. At the height of those killings the UFF commented: Many of our contacts with Charlie and Delta BUC divisions have reported that the vast majority of grass roots constables, together with several Special Branch officers and CID personnel, were overawed by the result of certain PAP operations in recent weeks.3

Members of the UDA and other loyalist groups are encouraged to join the UDR where they can get firearms and counter-insurgency training. The UDR has even said that it would not object to members of the IRA joining as unlike the IRA it is a legal organisation. By 1976 the IRA estimated that there were almost 200 Loyalists in prison who were serving or former serving members of the security forces and jailed for terrorist offences.

THE MIAMI SHOWBAND MASSACRE

The September 1973 killing south of the border of John Francis Green, an IRA active service member on the run, was blamed on the SAS and used by the IRA as one of the reasons for ending the 1973 ceasefire. Fred Holroyd claimed that Captain Robert Nairac, a security forces Guard officer attached to the SAS, had told him he, along with two members of the UFF (who claimed responsibility), had killed Green. Green was shot in a farmhouse while having a shave and Nairac later showed Holroyd a polaroid photo of the body to prove of the operation. Forensic evidence has since linked the cartridge case left at the scene with weapons used in four sectarian murders between 1973 and 1976 as well as the Miami Showband massacre.4

On the night of 21 July 1975 a mini-bus carrying members of a catholic rock group, the Miami Showband, was stopped by seven men wearing UDR uniforms. Although these men claimed to be UDR they were also members of the UVF. The group was ordered off the bus and then attempted to plant a bomb on it, which exploded prematurely killing two members of the UVF. The remaining UVF members then lined up the band and killed three, wounding two others. According to the two UVF men who helped Nairac kill Green also took part in the Miami Showband murders. It is alleged as well that the murder of the mini-bus was bally-trapped by Nairac as the UVF unit was considered to have become a liability. MPs Ken Livingstone corroborated this in that he claimed Nairac had told him that Nairac had planned the Miami Showband operation and supplied the weapons and the explosives.5 A RUC Special Branch officer apparently supplied the UDR uniforms. Two members of the UDR were later jailed for the murders. Confirmation that the unit were UVF came later in the form of obstacles in the UDR magazine Combat.

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THE MIAMI SHOWBAND MASSACRE

The September 1973 killing south of the border of John Francis Green, an IRA active service member on the run, was blamed on the SAS and used by the IRA as one of the reasons for ending the 1973 ceasefire. Fred Holroyd claimed that Captain Robert Nairac, a security forces Guard officer attached to the SAS, had told him he, along with two members of the UFF (who claimed responsibility), had killed Green. Green was shot in a farmhouse while having a shave and Nairac later showed Holroyd a polaroid photo of the body to prove of the operation. Forensic evidence has since linked the cartridge case left at the scene with weapons used in four sectarian murders between 1973 and 1976 as well as the Miami Showband massacre.4

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We have been sent an interview with Johnny Walker, one of the Birmingham Six. The interview was conducted on behalf of Black Flag by prisoner John Bowden, our correspondent in Rem Det. As far as we are aware this is the first such interview published. The Birmingham Six recently lodged an appeal against their convictions for the pub bombings, but this was rejected. They have always maintained their innocence and intend to continue to fight for a retrial.

J.B. As you approach the 7th anniversary of your conviction and imprisonment what are your thoughts and feelings now about the situation?

Q: And on ANARCHISM

A: The language that has changed, since the upper class mean the landowners, middle class or bourgeoisie implied capitalists, petty bourgeoisie (i.e. less privileged citizens) mean self-employed craft workers; peasants meant privileged workers, and proletariat meant the industrial workers (Marx also invented the working class, petty bourgeoisie (i.e. those who could not sell their labour and turned to crime). All these meanings are now given different connotations.

The middle class is anyway now the upper class (particularly the upper class) or a middle class (meritocracy) composed of those who wear a clean collar but carries out a Wears a clean collar but carries out a academic ascendantcy.

include the meritocracy, there is no distinctions (even regional ones, like working class). There are no classes, working class society is called the working class. Nurses, teachers and even clerks used to be included in the working class. However, there is no way for them to become middle class, so that is actually what the middle class means. The middle class people as possible. We desperately need public support, and we need it from all sections of the population, especially from working class people. You know, since we were arrested in 1974 people’s perception of the police in this country has changed considerably. I think that British police are really like, but now even white working class people are beginning to wake up, and the miners Strike in particular forced a lot of ordinary working class people to change their opinions of the British police. That’s today, as opposed to the time when we were first arrested, a lot of people accept that we are innocent. We are victims of a blatant injustice, all we need is for more and more people to actually come out and support us.

We don’t think what happens or has happened to us can be separated or isolated from that Britain is doing in Ireland, or at least influenced by it in an important way. At the end of the day we don’t think what happens to us or has happened to us can be separated or looked at in isolation from what Britain is doing in Ireland.

I feel very depressed about the continuing situation in Northern Ireland and the stepping up of Britain’s war there because it inevitably means that myself and the other five have a long way to go before we’re likely ever to be released.

J.B. How broad-based would you like the campaign for your release to be?

J.W. Let me answer that in the following way. Public opinion immediately after the Birmingham pub bombings showed the police to be six innocent Irishmen and terroristic confessions of out them. It allowed them to get away with a completely free hand to do as pleased in terms of framing us and then getting us convicted. Now, J.W. it is public opinion that ultimately gets us released. Therefore ask ALL progressive groups and organisations who are genuinely committed to the campaign to join and support campaign, to highlight and publicise our case amongst as many ordinary working class people as possible. We desperately need public support, and we need it from all sections of the population, especially from working class people.
I was billed as a national conference, but it turned out to be more regional. The conference was sponsored by a number of trade unions, including the MSF, the BTU, Nackson, SOGAT, and NACE. The conference had been described as an attempt to develop a more inclusive and diversely engaged labour movement, a position that was taken seriously by the conference organizers. The conference was also sponsored by a number of independent organizations, such as the Independent Research Department (IRD), which had published historical research on the League. The conference was held in a large city, and delegates had access to Loop internal resources, including the Information Research Department, the state propaganda arm. The conference was organized by Peter Edwards, the League's editor, and was attended by a large number of people, including Union leaders and researchers. The conference ended with a commitment to initiate a campaign against blackmailing. The conference was well attended, with people from all over the world interested in the issues discussed. The conference was a success, with many attendees expressing interest in future conferences. The conference was held in a large city, and delegates had access to Loop internal resources, including the Information Research Department, the state propaganda arm. The conference was organized by Peter Edwards, the League's editor, and was attended by a large number of people, including Union leaders and researchers. The conference ended with a commitment to initiate a campaign against blackmailing. The conference was well attended, with people from all over the world interested in the issues discussed. The conference was a success, with many attendees expressing interest in future conferences.
Post-Zombie Rule in Russia

According to historian Roy Medvedev, President Brezhnev was "clinchly dead" in 1976, but was restored to life by doctors who kept him going in a daze for six years. He had been asocially useless and mentally stupid that leads him to construct an artificially limited upper class twit. He was the type I would regard as capable of thinking like a fly's ass. All I knew of Lord Lucan before reading this book and all I have learned from it leads me to the view that he was a socially useless and mentally limited upper class twit. He was the sort of man I would regard as capable of planning to kill his wife and overlook the fact that beating her over the head would lead to the spillage of considerable quantities of blood. It is possible that the evidence we now have is that the Lucan family was killed in mistake for his father. This seems fairly plausible, but is based on a conclusion by the author's mind that Lucan acted throughout in a planned and calculated manner because he had an overall purpose to regain the custody of his children. A man apparently ready to murder his estranged wife killed thought himself a suitable person to have custody of children.

Still Hazy After All These Years

Our admirable Philip Ruff is writing a detailed story of the facts of Sidney Street. He has even got the collaboration of a Soviet historian, Valentin Steinberg. We look forward to the book, which identifies Peter the Painter as a lap-dancer, a Social Democrat. The author's conclusion is that Lucan killed the nanny in mistake for herself. This seems fairly plausible, but is based on a conclusion by the author's mind that Lucan acted throughout in a planned and calculated manner because he had an overall purpose to regain the custody of his children. A man apparently ready to murder his estranged wife killed thought himself a suitable person to have custody of children.

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We Reveal All

Can we correct some misapprehensions from the past and free alike the running of Black Flag. Lobster thinks we're anonymous. Formerly our editor got so much pressure from the authorities he decided not to mention the names of those of us involved (we have some names). We think we would have thought most people in the movement knew the various people concerned. Black Flag was described as a 'nazi organisation' controlling the 'DAM' and another described DAM as a sinister organisation that grabbed control of Black Flag. Some years ago we thought about writing a piece on anarchro-socialist organisation, but decided it was superfluous when the DAM was formed. All involved in our collective were doing other things in the anarchro-socialist movement and most joined local DAM groups. Our bitterer liberal opponents think it's a one-person effort, all written by one villain, to discredit them. For the record, Black Flag was started by only six people; at one time we ran a rotating editorship, which did not last. We normally had an editorial team of about six and a production team of about a dozen (which overlooked support groups around the country write, sell or help in other ways.

Letters

I've received the first issue you sent, though it was delayed for a month by those wonderful people. No doubt the local censors found it interesting—ha! Looking forward to future editions, keep up the good work.

Gary Borsman (US prisoner).

It's good to read an Anarchist publication which has got its priorities right. Above all it shows we need to be explicit about what we stand for. All newspaper editors are in the business of filling the newspaper with something interesting. Our newspaper, Black Flag, is an attempt to do the right thing in the face of overwhelming reaction. We've got to face the facts as to what can happen when a charismatic leader splits a social democratic party (as Lenin did) and finds a split giving it his own name... has it got a modern parallel?

Feedback

Black Flag campaign, many of which came from unexpected quarters on the left. We don't only get mild attacks like those in the daily press, Savour asks and elsewhere

Answers to Quiz

1. While of course 'doctor' is nowhere exclusively medical, in Germany all begging from professors to directors of rag-picking companies insist on the title. Here are a mark of recognition of the supposed qualifications (the exception nowadays being that many women objects to being called Frau Doktor as this can also just signify marital status).

2. It was formed during the war time, when the Labour Party's conscience was eroded, and this particular Speakers private office as a way to work on the Labour Party to vote for them despite the Conservative, Labour and Co-operative Parties' support for the official Churchill candidate; their respelling MPs' defection to the Labour Party after 1945. They had a major electoral success in a French Education Act, an amendment (debating society) in Cairo during the war, which scared the government—though much as much as the Middle East soldiers' strike for quicker demobilisation a few years later.

3. The Ukrainian.

4. True in a way! When people fought for free speech, and the Nazis were in power in a great many places which came to be recognised as forums, they were enforced by police as the determinant of the struggle for free speech eroded, and this particular Speakers Corner is a place for free entertainment, the authorities effectively recognised it as a museum piece.

5. Introduced by Maxwell and Murdoch into the language as a result of confusion between 'custom and practice' being defined in the print industry, and the phrase 'old Spanish customs' used by London printers, which comes from California, referring to the supposed grace, courtesy and goodwill of Spanish colonial days, alien to the parvenus proprietors whose methods are nearer to the real ways of the Spanish colonials.