

# COUNTER INFORMATION



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## RESISTANCE

### CHERNOBYL REVISITED

In Holland to commemorate the first anniversary of Chernobyl, the AKB [Dutch anti-nuclear movement] decided to hold a rally at one of Holland's two nuclear plants.

The action was meant to be peaceful, but it was agreed that an "autonomist" group could hold one of the plant's gates and to defend it if the filth tried to "move in".

On the first night holes through and under the fence appeared, buildings were painted etc.

On the second night a great atmosphere was created after experiences of the day before (which included a fight with the pigs at a nearby aluminium plant) and soon the nuclear plant's gate was off its hinges and large sections of security fencing had disappeared, then a site hut went up in flames.

At this point the pigs attacked and in the three hour long battle that ensued, the pigs were beaten back, eventually running back to their vans and refusing to take any orders!

No arrests were made and a good time was had by all

Front Line Info.

### IN BRIEF

Wednesday 19th August. As a result of petty victimisation of a claimant, six members of the local Claimant's Union accompanied her to her Dole Office, Wood Green [North London]. [She, having been advised to sign weekly, instead of fortnightly]. They distributed leaflets about the situation to packed dole queues. Eight police arrived, called in by management to try to throw us all out. We refused to leave and called on clerks to strike in our support, until the police left.

After much discussion and negotiation, they agreed to our demand for us to sort out the victimisation with relevant staff and C.P.S.A. rep. [who turned out to be more anti-claimant than a supervisor]. After an hour, we got 90% of what we wanted, and left together.

Saturday 22nd August. 200 people were enjoying a street festival organised by local squatters and tenants on the Pullens Estate [S.E. London] when a small fight started among some drunks, during a rainstorm. As people intervened to separate them, police moved in to make an arrest. About 50 - 60 people tried to prevent this and more arrests were attempted. There followed a half-hour melee as some prisoners were freed, other people ran off, one cop was hospitalised, and 15 got arrested as cop-vans flooded into the square. People appealed to police to halt their violent attack on the festival [which seemed pre-planned]. A meeting for all was called and everyone agreed that the two-day festival would go on.

### CZECHMATE!

DESPITE BEING "SUBJECTED to intimidation and chicanery", as a workers spokesman put it, protests have escalated at a Uranium mine in Western Bohemia.

In an attempt at some real 'Glasnost', the workers have banded together to list 15 major breaches of regulations which have led to excessive exposure to radiation. The Czechoslovak authorities have a history of using either political detainees in the uranium extraction mines or of failure to disclose the levels of radioactivity breaching health and safety guidelines.

To avoid the protests being recuperated by the 'Glasnost' (public relations) hype, the workers would have assist the spread of direct contact between workplaces which has for long been repressed and stifled.

### Pretoria hangings

Two men were hanged for their part in the necklace killing of a black town councillor and his family at the height of the political unrest that swept South African black townships in 1985

### PAPER MONEY

Beirut [Reuter] - a man in Tyre covered his war-scarred walls with £11 worth of Lebanese banknotes after discovering that wall-paper would cost £48.

## Autumn Supplement

### Crackdown on strikers in Korea

Ulsan, S Korea (Reuter) - Leaders of 15,000 striking shipyard workers said yesterday they would continue their pressure for higher pay for a year or more if necessary, but promised to end violence.

Riot police earlier stormed the Hyundai shipyard and a car plant, arresting almost 200 strikers in a new crackdown on the industrial turmoil which has gripped South Korea for several weeks.

In Pupyong, 20 miles west of Seoul, about 3,000 riot police stormed the Daewoo Motor Company plant at the management's request, to end an occupation by hundreds of workers.

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6-9-87:REPORTS of State mass arrests of strikers who are being charged for 'criminal acts' against Public Order.

### Coal strike

Sydney (Reuter) - About 12,000 Australian coal miners went on strike yesterday in Hunter Valley, New South Wales, in solidarity with 300 colleagues sacked for refusing a longer working day. A national coal strike has been called from 14 September.

### Chile protest

Santiago (UPI) - Riot police entered the University of Chile's law school and arrested 61 demonstrators, ending a two-day occupation by hundreds of students protesting against the government's education policies.

BEIRUT - Crowds blocked many streets with burning tyres and seized food trucks in Beirut's southern suburbs yesterday as protests against poverty and hunger spread to new areas of the divided capital.

There was no sign of any demonstrations in east Beirut yesterday, despite radio broadcasts from west Beirut calling for a "revolution of the hungry and poor".

A student squatter was evicted from a flat owned by Prince Charles - so that it could be sold to a Housing Association who "Housed people unable to afford free market prices!" 60% of tenants already get housing benefit because they cannot afford their 'subsidised' rents.

In Nov-Jan issue, a longer article will appear on Opposition.

### POLL TAX

THE RATING SYSTEM WILL BE REPLACED WITH A Community Charge, better known under the name of a Poll Tax. This will be payable at the same rate by all adult residents of a local authority. The level of the charge will be decided by each local authority and will affect all residents - including students - and not just householders as in the past. In fact the only exemptions to this charge are children under 18, prisoners, hospital patients, severely mentally handicapped and people living in nursing and residential homes. Claimants will have an 80% rebate but will have to pay 20% of the charge. This will be made up by an increase in their giro - but this increase will not reflect how much they will be charged but the national average of the community charge. There are NO CONCESSIONS for people on YTS or JTS or trainee nurses or apprentices. They will have to pay the FULL AMOUNT.

### BOX JAG

Please note that the following groups now use Box JAG as their address and not Box ASS.

Leeds Anarchists  
Leeds Black X  
Jewish Anarchist Group

at 52 Call Lane, Leeds 1.

NEWS from Everywhere

etc: pamphlets from  
Box 14, 136 Kingsland  
High St., London E.8.  
Chronology: £1 or SAE.

ALSO OUT/ WILDCAT\*10,  
HERE & NOW #5

READERS MEETING: Edinburgh Sat 3 Oct 4pm, write for details. DAY CONFERENCE planned, Edinburgh 12-12. Themes proposed: National Liberation struggles, Poll Tax, Democracy & Scottish identity, Internationalism. Stirling 'anon' reader criticises our stance in NOBODY WINS (CI 15) as writing off voting for Independence!!

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The official added that management were so concerned that the Scottish miners' president, Mr George Bolton, and the General Secretary, Mr Eric Clarke, had been contacted at the TUC in Blackpool. "Our understanding is that they accept the position and are anxious to get the pit back to work," he added.

He also pledged that management would be given all the safety cover required to tackle the latest fire near a roadway leading to the pit's sole coal face. British Coal reiterated the claim that there was no health hazard. "Our sampling is going on as established that over a period of some hours the dust accumulation was less than half the recommended safety standard laid down by the Health and Safety Executive."

future in jeopardy," he added. Confirming that the men had been asked by union officials to return to work, the pit's NUM delegate, Mr Fergie Cowan, said: "They won't go back until this fan has been installed, then they will return and try it. Claiming that the cement could burn skin, had to be washed out of eyes immediately and carried safely wrapped in the bags, Mr Cowan added: "I was down yesterday and this morning when I woke up I had a bit of a sore throat."

SCOTSMAN 10 SEPT 87  
BRITISH COAL is shipping a dust-suppression fan from Wales to the Seafield Colliery at Kirkcaldy after miners at the pit refused to return to work until one was fitted.

A British Coal spokesman, describing the fan as an additional precaution, said last night that as a sensible and responsible management it would never expect miners to work in conditions which might injure their health.

"This is over and above what is required to meet the health and safety regulations and is a demonstration of good intent which we hope will completely allay the men's fears," the official said.

Earlier miners at the pit, who have been on strike since Monday, had said they would not return until they received independent health assurances on the dust clouds created by cement being used to seal an underground fire. They then demanded the installation of the dust fan.

A British Coal spokesman, who said the men's decision was in spite of "extensive additional preventative measures" to reduce airborne dust, claimed NUM officials recognised management efforts to allay fears but had been unable to persuade their members to go back.

The British Coal spokesman said the dispute could lead to a further loss of two or three days' production. "This will represent a major loss to the colliery and could put its



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**Printing           £150**  
**Postage            £90 (about £18 of this is recycled stamps)**

Although we do receive some donations, for which we are very grateful, the vast bulk of the cost is met by the collective. As 5 out of the 7 of us are on the dole (and 2 of us have just had a baby) it is becoming more and more difficult to meet the costs unless we receive more financial help. We realize that not everyone can afford to give us money, but it doesn't have to be pound notes - every little helps. What we do ask is for everyone who receives CI to send back the stamps which we soap so we can use them again. Some people and groups do this already, but not everyone. And it would be good if you could soap the ones on your envelopes to us, so we can use them too. If everyone who got copies of CI could give us the cost of the postage plus a little extra now and then it would help us greatly and ensure that we can keep producing CI. We hope you can help.

Best wishes and solidarity

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