The plight of the imprisoned and sacked miners is a sad comment on the weak state of the labour movement today.

Ignored by officials of their own union, anxious to get back to normal, and without practical support from the rest of their movement, an unknown number of trade unionists remain incarcerated.

Perhaps ten years ago there would have been a mass movement in defence of these brave men. But not in Thatcher's Britain, and not with Willis's union movement.

The newly-formed National Rank and File Miners' Movement the remaining strike support committees, and groups such as the Fitzwilliam Prisoners' Aid Committee are struggling for amnesty.

But an amnesty won't be won by demonstrations. It won't be won by waiting for a future Labour government. --Kinnock has made his position quite clear.

It can only be won through DIRECT INDUSTRIAL ACTION. This always has been and still is the only realistic policy.

FREE THE CLASS WAR PRISONERS!

To get details of prisoners for adoption, write to Direct Action, with a SAE, and we will send them.

The only answer is to fight back. Not just nationally. Not even throughout Europe. We must fight back all around the world.
A RESPECT FOR LIFE

Abortion and related issues are in the news again, with the recently discovered "Kat-

ren (Protection) Bill" sponsored by Enoch Powell, and The Gillick ruling on contraception for the under-16s, seen by many as paving the way for an outright attack on the existing abortion law. Yet without saying that the right of women to choose is not only a simple right but must be defended. In fact, this is the thing that Mrs. Gillick and her friends are fighting for. They are determined to prevent abortion in order to destroy a living human embryo for the benefit of a living human adult. This is a far more hon-

est way of discussing abortion than to assert that, like the removal of a bad tooth or a gangrenous appendix, it involves no loss of life. This said, we can draw a clear line under the issue of abortion, as a necessary measure taken by women, attempting to control their own lives, and the deliberate creation of life by scientists in order to destroy them during research.

Angel of Death

We must accept that "a foetus is just a group of cells". Indeed it is: so, am I, and so each of us readers. This is a description meaning-

fully used by scientists to dehumanise the baby. Those children exist, any mother will tell you that. And it is wrong to do experi-

ments on living humans. If it is not, then why all the fuss about Josefa Meneghe, Kauschwitz's "Angel of Death"? He and his associates also used pseudo-scientific jargon to dehumanise their victims. They are guilty of moral and anthropological research as justification for the cruelty they inflicted.

Vital research?

Today we are told embryo research will "prevent genetic diseases". But, like cancer, there is no such thing as a "cancer". There are already many of the causes of these conditions. This knowledge is ignored because of vested interests in adulterated foods, the nuclear cycle, lead and other pollutants. We are being told our research will provide test-tube babies for the infertile. But why not use the causes and prevention of infertility instead? Make research into infertility more profitable to exploit the desperate desire of individuals for a child? And what about all the things we aren't told? Those concerned about animal welfare and dissection already know of the random cruelty of scientists, and the callousness it generates in them. Worse than this, most of us without scientific training can only guess at the possi-

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SITUATION HARCH

Things are bleak for the miners who returned in March. Pit closures accelerate, as the rubber stamp reviews prove. Failing power fails predictably enough to save a single pit. At Bodel, the workforce has shrunk already by 300, from a previous level of 1,000. A monthly review system ties investment strictly to performance quotas, bringing heavy pressure to bear on the returning strikers. Strikes have been moved to jobs which don't pay the large bonuses miners demand. When a good wage offers miners have got their jobs back but that has been an on-employment rather than reinstatement with consequent loss of pension and other rights. AN EMERGING HOPE

Some attempts to rebuild unity have begun. At Bald, sever-

al picket breakouts have involved both strikers and some scabs, who have returned to work in the New Year. An embryo rank-and-file movement is quietly emerging, which, together with those strike support groups that have been made permanent, connects the main hope for resistance in the future.

BOLTON D.M.

Urgent help wanted

Last September, during the miners strike, 13 members of the Clydeside Anarchist Group occupied the Glas-

goff offices of Price Waterhouse, the accountants respon-

sible for seizing the NUM's money. This group was very active in support of the miners and raised over £11,000 for the strik-

ers. The people who occup-

ied have now been fined a total of £2,000. Help is badly needed to pay these fines. Send donations to Clydeside Anarchists, c/o Clydeside Press, 53 Cоч-

rane St, Glasgow G1.

Bolton Public Meeting

Bolton D.M. held a public meeting early in March addressed by Dennis Pennington, of Bold Colliery, near Warrington. He had recently been released from jail after serving a jail sen-

tence on charges of "bricking a coal car and is now out of work. Asked why direct action tactics such as occupations and sab-

otage played only a small part in the strike, he told the meeting that pits were policed as heavily as possible, with 24-hour police presence in the industrial centres, using video cameras to establish almost total surveillance. He also agreed that the official NUM strategy was outdated. The leadership discouraged mass one

"file initiatives, but this was not with defiance. For example the strikers occupied the main office in the Western Area, to protest the lack of support from leaders. The Lancashire NUM President went on sick leave for the duration of the strike.

The meeting heard how resi-

dents of high-rise flats opposite Wigan poll tax noticed army vehicles outside and "police" action already taken. Without the usual identity num-

bers leaving in coaches some time later. Unfortunately, the attempt to produce filmed evi-

dence of this failure.

WHAT IS ANARCHO-

SYNDICALISM?

The goal of anarchosyn-

dicalists is the total reorganisation of society on the basis of liberty and democracy. This can only be achieved by the revolutionary action of the working class itself. Only the economic organis-

ation of the workers, not political parties can reach this objective. Anarchosyndicalism combines the daily struggle for the economic and social advancement of the workers within the limits of present-day society with the revolu-

tional action by all workers to control the means of production and distribution.

WHAT IS THE I.W.A.?

The I.W.A. (International Workers' Associa-

tion) is a loose federation of groups in French and Spanish initials as the A.I.T., was

formed in Berlin in December 1922. The I.W.A. is the international revolutionary syndicalist organisation, uniting workers worldwide. Today the I.W.A. has sections in 15 countries.
RACISM: knowing our enemies

Only natural?
Racism, that set of dogmatic, cruel and derogatory attitudes that claims one "race" is somehow superior to another, is a huge con worked by the ruling class on the rest of us. There's nothing natural about it. It's an artificial attitude that we are taught, and we are taught from a young age. Everywhere in the world, society is divided into classes. While the rich enjoy luxury and privilege, the workers suffer deprivation, repression and degradation. Inevitably, the strains and pressures caused by this system lead to frustration and anger. That way, the rich can safeguard their system of exploitation than to make the poor see that those feelings out on each other instead of our rulers.

Divide and rule
Racists instead of attacking the real enemies prefer to blame the first group of people they happen to be black or speak a different language. In this way we are always disorganised to fight the real enemy and win the battle. One of the ways of this chaotic system imposed by capitalism is:

Sources of infection
Like so many other barren attitudes, racism is passed down in the home, with ideas we may pick up from parents and other adults who influence us. Next comes school, where many racist attitudes are fostered, both openly and implicitly. Books and comics seem to be only about white people -- when blacks and asians do appear they are stereotyped images of thieves, criminals, street-sweepers, etc. Their behaviour is uncivilised, dirty, aggressive, stupid and ugly.

One step on from comics, the gutter press is just as bad, with frequent hysterical outbursts portraying black immigrants, for example, as a life-threatening invasion of colonial magnitude. People easily absorb these opinions and ideas, forgetting that they benefit only the ruling class.

Prone to be a patriot?
What about patriotism and national pride? Surely a love of country and our national culture are positive feelings? Maybe not. Our simple enjoyment of our own land and language are easily twisted into an attitude that we are superior to anyone who isn't white and British.

But every country feels that they are best and everyone else second-rate. This is simply another form of racism, which leads to hysterical levels when it comes to our rulers economic interests go to war.

Then we are sent off to murder people of our own class while the bosses -- in each country -- laugh all the way to the bank.

Good for business
Racism protects the bosses by acting as a safety valve at times of "economic crisis". It's always the colour of peoples' skin that gets the blame for unemployment, for example, or crime on the street. Blame the blacks, not the bosses, we're told. But this lies. It is easily exposed just consider Northern Ireland, one of the UK's worst areas of unemployment. Not exactly overrun with Asian immigrants, is it? Historically, racism was a justification for the slave trade and later colonialism. The pretence was that black people were fit for nothing better, or in some way benefitted from these things.

The real enemy
We must fight racism at all times. We know that no one is racially superior or more important. The real enemy are the bosses and their police. The working class has no country. Our interests lie with our class, and the struggle between the rulers and the ruled will only be solved in solidarity with the downtrodden of the world breaking through the palls of nationalism and racism.

Remember, regardless of the petty differences of skin colour and nationality, we are the same. We should join as a class for the chance to run our own lives.

LIVERPOOL DAM

NEW LOOK FOR DIRECT ACTION

Dracula in charge of blood bank
Scab Labour Councillor Edmondson has not stopped work even as the miners' strike has remained unchallenged. Scab Labour of the New party did not announce any plans to return to work either. The 1975 general election there would be strong efforts to oust him, but at the July 1975 group meeting Pisk was re-appointed with no opposition.

It now seems to be official Labour policy to stick to any depths necessary rather than rock the boat, in the struggle to win votes at the next election.

The sub-committee Pisk will oversee will be responsible for weekly street collections in Burnley for the families of striking miners.

GOLDEN WONDER IN DISPUTE

Workers at GOLDEN WONDER CRISPS have been on strike since May 29th, demanding a 12% inc in basic pay. The company's offer of 6% has been rejected, as the basic wage lagged behind inflation. The TGWU's competitors is 25p per week higher. Even if the strikers' demands were met, it is unlikely they would still earn less than workers at Smiths or Walkers.

The TGWU has made the strike official after a ballot covering plants at Corby, Bromburn, Widnes and Long Buckby. At the latter plant, 300 people are crossing the picket line which lasts 24 hours a day, but Widnes is at a standstill, and the other two plants have only a few temporary staff in.

The strikers need your support. Raise the issue at union etc meetings. Send donations to: Mrs M. Richman (Factory Convenor), 87, St Augustine Way, Daventry, Northants, NN11 4GP.

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Strike at Windsor castle
After 37 years of service, 23 of them at the Windsor Castle public house in Liverpool, Mrs Margaret Molloy was unfairly dismissed for an alleged clerical error. After seventeen weeks her fellow girl bar staff are still out on strike in solidarity, and are determined as ever to win. The pub is picketed daily between 8am and 10pm, and has received no deliveries since the strike began. Customers' support has been overwhelming, in not crossing the picket line.

The TGWU has made the case, official and support has been received from miners, dockers, sacmen, Ford workers, and many others. The strikers ask for: SUPPORT on the picket line daily, at the Windsor Castle, Rice Lane, Altrincham. INVITATIONS to speak at union etc meetings. DONATIONS or regular collections, Money can be sent to: Mrs Joan Donoghue, 87 Crescent Road, Walton, Liverpool 9.

There's still one thing missing though. Over the last months many DA readers have written in about the IWA logo on our old masthead. They feel it's old-fashioned, and that the figure with the flag looks too much like a man.

We don't feel we can get rid of the IWA symbol -- the IWA paper -- but we would like to have a logo of our own, as other IPA papers do. So here's your chance to win fame, and a five pound book token. Simply send us your design for a logo for DIRECT ACTION.

Remember, it should be suitable to fit the space on our masthead which is now vacant (about 5 x 5cm) although drawings can be larger as we will reduce them to fit. Send entries to:

competition

ABOVE: THE IWA SYMBOL: TOO DATED? SEXIST? OR RACIST?

rules
Entries will be judged by the DA Editors and the Secretary and International Secretaty of DAM. The decision will be final.

Competition is open to all readers of DA, except the families of the judges. Entries to be accompanied by proof of purchase on PAGE 7.

The closing date for entries is 15th August.
WE'LL BE ALL!

The IWW — The bloody fight of US labour

During the decades following its birth in 1905, the IWW burst on the scene as the vanguard of the history of American labour. It inspired a devotion amongst the workers who comprised it which was time and again to be proven by the workers of the world.

The business unions

The Industrial Workers of the World was formed as a reaction to the sick state of Trade Unionism in early 20th century America, as represented by the American Federation of Labour (AFL).

This was the archetypal business union of the type the EFED etc. seek to emulate with their no-strike and "sweetheart" agreements. "Bosss" and workers' interests", according to San Gonzalo, were the same, until the time were "identical". Workers had to be paid by the AFL to change the trade.

Bums vs intellectuals

De Leon, a Marxist intellectual, championed the idea that the IWW should be affiliated to a political party, naturally, his own. The second convention of the IWW saw off the reformists in 1907, committing the IWW to a revolutionary position. The fourth national congress established the IWW as a politically independent union. Workers, many of whom rode the rails 2,000 miles to attend, ousted the politicians, such as the SDG, by removing from the Presidio to the Constitution the clause caving for workers to co-operate together on the political front.

The Marxists, bitterly complaining about the "trusts" of workers — who had just ensured that the IWW remained an independent organization, departed for Detroit in 1910. The "Richard" IWW committed to a moderate policy. This was a short-lived affair.

Free speech

The IWW, perhaps the most in the history of labor movements, sought to propagate its idea of One Big Union for all workers, and the rights of the authorities throughout the USA — a regime which brought on the famous Free Speech Fight.

Time and again the comercia mens of the United States were behind the spread of the IWW. The IWW created a "vertical" unionism. Free Wobbly soapboxes from spreading their class consciousness in the United States. At San Diego, Fresno, Spokane and many other places, these "red flags" were set up. Wobblies, after being arrested for speaking, would work with the police to see if there were any radicals among the police. Often the police were drawn from the Wobblies. Arrests of Wobblies enforced the persecution of all the workers, but it was not easy, and could also bring tragedy.

The Everett tragedy

At 230pm on November 5, 1916, a large number of IWW members went on the steamer Ferroza to a meeting at Everett, Washington, as part of a free speech fight in an effort to prevent the union there. 25 men hired by the Commercial Club, including employers' organizations, opened fire on the boat, without provocation. They shot at men in the water and continued shooting until the steamer was out of sight.

secret police while serving in theCNT Anarchosyndicalist militia

Industrial victories

In America the IWW's first big triumph was the gigantic strike of 23,000 textile workers at Lawrence Massachusetts, who faced wage cuts. The IWW organised the strike using direct action, intimidation and boycott. The headline of a January 1912 "Industrial Workers" (now the WW weekly paper) read]

BOYCOTT LAWRENCE...RAILROAD MEN LOSE THEIR CARS FOR THEM...TELEGRAPHIERS LOSE THEIR MESSAGES FOR THEM...AIRCRAFT MEN LOSE THEIR PACKAGES FOR THEM...BOYCOTT LAWRENCE...BOYCOTT IT TO THE LIMIT.

A complete victory was won. A few weeks later Wobblies fought bitter strikes with mine owners, bringing out copper workers and organised both black and white workers in the racist south.

As has been stated the IWW's main achievement was bringing the workers into the IWW organisation, "The Harvest Stiff, the lumber heap, the meat hooks". The union gave these itinerant wage slaves hope for a free society and the chance to win decent reforms in the here and now. Through their membership, the Agricultural Workers' Organisation became the largest constituent, made up of 100,000 workers in search of employment and dispossession. Unionism messages in a great uncooked chunks.

The war and after

The IWW had to contend with a new enemy, the war. The social discipline of political action tried to weaken the union and its brand of unionism, organising rival unions to try and undermine the IWW.

State repression fell to a steady decline in WW membership. The US government even slapped the IWW with the "seditious" law. In the US many local IWWs were closed down.

The war was over, and the IWW had developed from a workers' revolution in America, but was truly international. In fact, the IWW as a syndicalist international.

Spread by Wobblies of the Marine Transport Industrial Union, the IWW unions were formed in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The Chilean IWW had 20,000 members in 1923, achieving job control of the Valparaiso waterfront.

During the 1911 Mexican revolution Wobblies fought successfully with Mexican anarchists. In the USA, where 100,000 miners organised with the IWW, after the war, the Revolutionary Syndicalists fought Lenin's red fascists. At Kristal, IWW dockers died under Trotsky's trotskyite gunsmen.

In the German ports they were silenced by the Gestapo after a few months. The war had been a disaster for the IWW, but a great victory for the Spanish and the French Communists. Most of the Wobblies who had returned from Spain, either were killed by Franco or the Marxists...
THE WWF FIGHTING AFTER THESE YEARS

As the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) enters its 80th year, our organizing staff is strengthening the wage-profit system, and establish industrial democracy, despite their attacks, usury, usurpations and violence.

Financing the IWW

Currently the IWW has somewhat more than 500 members—a number that has been slowly increasing since the mid-1970s-in the United States, Canada (and a handful of members in Guiana and Europe). About a third of these work in shops where the IWW has established job control (a union recognition) in a warehouse, a bookstore, a printshop and a janitor service. The IWW also has organisers driving under way among metal workers, paper pickers, nursery workers, maintenance workers, tour guides and educators, and construction workers. Our members are also active in organizing unrecognised workers, striking, supporting the efforts of members of other unions to organise the business unions and efforts to bring them under the control of the IWW.

A major part of our work, however, is the development of the task of rekindling class consciousness—fanning the flames of discontent. We are trying to convince our fellow workers that the class struggle is real and that the system can be eliminated.

A result of this activity Wobblies continue to be arrested, fired and red-hanted. Currently, Toronto IWW member Brian Burn is under a court order barring him from participating in any strikes, joining any picket lines or public demonstrations in Canada. As the bosses' offensive intensifies—with wage cuts, union-busting, etc.—the order for the day—such harassment and violence is increasingly resorted to wherever workers resist, prompting the formation of the General Defence Committee last year.

One big union

As a revolutionary industrial union, the IWW does not involve itself in lobbying or political parties. Instead, we focus our energies on the economic battlefield, where our power as workers can most effectively be brought to bear.

Towards the end of the decade, the IWW organised industrially and agitating for the rights of workers in the same industrial union, the IWW unitedly forming one big union of the class. Wherever our numbers are large enough to form local General Membership Branches and groups to agitate, we are now uniting to create a national union. The IWW is organised to ensure that power stays in the hands of the rank-and-file, by maintaining both "treasury" and control in the hands of the membership. The IWW controls the business unions and the ability to control the repression. The IWW's experience has taught us that worker cannot rely on pile-cards (union "leaders"), politicians or praying. Only our organisation and direct action enable us to further our interests and pursue our goals.

Direct action

This commitment to direct action, industrial democracy and revolutionary unionism is the same that has been fought for by the business unions and from purported "leaders" who scheme to give in to the bosses and the IWW curiously, many of these aspiring politicians decide the IWW was "impractical," arguing that we should seek to reform the business unions instead of giving in to the bosses.

The business unions—which have dominated the IWW since the late 1920s—represent only about 2% of US workers, a number that is declining both as a percentage of the workforce and in absolute terms. These unions have been stagnating since the 1950s, unable to organise, relying on government to enforce their modest gains, preaching harmony between capital and labour. After more than 50 years of this they have become irrelevant to the workers' struggle for control of the social and economic system.

The IWW is the new IWW. The workers' struggle for control of the workplace is too high, that we don't want ward efforts and the foreign war is killing him, the union bosses urge concessions on the workforce.

Preamble of the Industrial Workers of the World

The working class and the exploited class are nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as workers and pay are forced upon producers for the benefit of the few, and part of the employees' disposal all the good things of life. Between these two classes in a struggle must be the working class organised as a class, the recognition of the earth and the property of production, and abolish the wage system. We claim never to have received a penny from any source of whatsoever kind. This Preamble is to all those struggling for the class interests of the oppressed who are not afraid to be the first to build together a better world for the future. We are the newer workers class. We are the hungry, the rebellious, the oppressed, the exploited. We are the IWW. We are the independent workers' class. We are the IWW. We stand up for the rights of the worker against his oppressors and we who are the IWW. We stand up for the rights of the worker against his oppressors and we who are the IWW. We are the newer workers class. We are the hungry, the rebellious, the oppressed, the exploited. We are the IWW. We are the independent workers' class. We are the IWW.

TRIRIO ITALY

SIZEWELL B

In Plockton, Northern Italy, a campaign is being waged against the building of a second reactor which is to be installed at the existing Trino nuclear power plant, by the regional "Junta." Earlier this spring there was another campaign to stop the construction of the 5000-megawatt power station. The protest was jointly organised by Plenitude Committee for Control of Energy Choice, and the Regional Co-ordination for Peace and Disarmament, which includes many libertarian comrades from around the region, including the Anarchist Circle B. Berneri, and the Turin section of the USI (Unione Sindacale Italiana). Italian section of the IWA, who distributed the following leaflet:

To be opposed to nuclear power stations doesn't simply mean paying heed to the problems which are connected to them or asking that the energy it produces have only peaceful uses. Safe and peaceful nuclear power stations cannot exist. The only possibility is the total suppression of the nuclear armament that is the offspring of man's domination of nature, which, in turn has produced the domination of his fellow man (race). These power stations are the product of many, of the beggarly society, violent, oppressive, incapable of conceiving of any relationship except in terms of tyranny and exploitation.

To oppose yourself to nuclear power stations means postulating a positive relationship of workers to one another, of domination, but of harmony and co-operation. It signifies therefore, opposing yourself to the society which is the main obstacle to the creation of this new balance."

Meanwhile, new figures show that Milan is the most dirty and polluted city in the world and Italy is one of the worst polluted industrial nations. None is now pollution. "As New York." The painful murder of the Adriatic Sea continues, with 15,000 a year being over for most of Italy's industrial ports. The Italian government's planned massive man made lake in the Adriatic Sea continues, with 15,000 a year being over for most of Italy's industrial ports. The Italian government's planned massive man made lake in the Adriatic Sea continues, with 15,000 a year being over for most of Italy's industrial ports.

F. RICHARDSON, ITALY.
Fowler robs poor

The "Fowler Review" of the Social Security system has now been published as a Green Paper, and it makes unsavoury reading. The cosmetic notion of simplifying and streamlining the system is used to hide the fact that the new provisions are designed to reduce people's living standards to the bare minimum. Young people under 25 are particularly badly hit; the new proposals could mean that they will lose £6.60 or more from their weekly benefit. This follows hard on the heels of new regulations prohibiting people under 20 years of age from receiving an allowance for staying in bed and breakfast accommodation for more than a short period of time (between 7 and 8 weeks, varying from place to place) - effectively saying that young people unable to find self-catering accommodation must stay with their families for ten years after leaving school, or move around the country every few weeks. An unacceptable set of options.

MEAGRE

This having been said, the Fowler cuts hamper everybody, not just the young. Everybody on benefit will have to pay 30% of their rates, and all their water rates, which they do not at present. Currently, around 60% of people (90% of pensioners) depend on some weekly addition for, for example, holiday costs. Payments to cope with financial pressures, all these extra payments are to be scrapped, and replaced by a system whereby claimants will have to beg to a limited "Social Fund", for a "reasonable loan" when they find they can't manage on their meagre benefits. This fund will be finite and may therefore run out by the end of the year - in which case, late claimers will get nothing, whatever their needs. It will be run by social workers, psychologists.

competition with each other, for the few crumbs available from the State table. An understandable move, from the State's point of view, as claimants' unity is the only weapon they have, particularly as the Trade Union Movement sees the unbalanced as a collective nuisance who can occasionally be used to sweeten up sour-tasting pro-labour Party rhetoric, and not as being on the same side of the fence as working people.

MORE DESPERATE

There are deeper implications. By reducing claimants' living standards to the absolute bare minimum, the government will hope to make people who are working more desperate to hang on to their jobs (and less keen to strike, push for better pay or conditions, or generally rock the boat) - and thus create a deeper division amongst those sections of society whose unity is most essential.

Furthermore, the moves are obviously intended to contribute towards the general devalorisation of those who have most to gain from a change in the structure of society, and to speed the process of overall destituation which will provide the excuse for a deeper entrenchment of the system.

WORKHOUSE

Already, there are "rehabilitation units" to which unemployed people can be sent, to be "reacclimatised to work" - in practice people who have been troublesome. With the increase in the mobile share labour force resulting from the board and lodging, and proposed compulsory TSE regulations, the reintroduction of a modern-day workhouse system, in whatever superficial disguise, cannot be far off. Watch for the full-scale introduction of food stamps and clothing vouchers, to replace monetary benefits.

RESISTANCE?

The Fowler Review is yet another frightening display of what the State can, and will, do. Unfortunately, it seems likely that it will meet with little resistance, (and probably with considerable approval) among the people who will themselves be best in line for having their living standards attacked.

families on low incomes will suffer...

but privatising pensions pleases the city

...so will the old
Debate goes on...

Dear comrades,

I'd like to make a small contribution to the debate started in the pages of DA by the "Future is Ours" article made clear, we shed no tears over this side effect. But, as our good friend Dubois said, unemployment is a disaster for some defined class, and along with casualisation, it closes spaces for libertarian change, not opens them (as the article seemed to be advocating).

Our task is to combat this social disintegration, (ambiguity: "we will form all the bosses", and do our bit to ensure that the workplace response in the manner we know it can and must. Coal miners, school kids, the unemployed... all workers: if we organise our collective power and organise it we could control the world could be ours.

For the WSA, Dino Marcone

Editorial Note: The above has been printed virtually unedited, in spite of its great length, but in future, for space reasons, we may shorten readers' letters where this has happened, we will say so. Please keep writing in, but keep your letters brief if possible.

Soccer violence: cont'd from p.8

getting to know the Spaniards.

This is reserved for the middle class. As the rest of us contribute to this "fortnight on the Costa del Sol", English football pubs live like one back home, fish and chips, no greasey foreign rubbish, and bingo on a night. Blackpool on the Mediterranean...

SALE SOLUTIONS

What then is the answer for football identity cards for matches, more blue in blue, lorry park violence, and all other hackneyed solutions being proposed missed the point. Authorities don't have an answer (although they created the problem). After Bradford, etc, it must be obvious that they can't run football with the rest of society.

Look at the Bradford disaster when the authorities were rushed to accuse hooligans of causing the fire. Let's call for the strengthening of law and order. It turns out that 55 people were burned alive, not by hooligans on the terraces, but by the state in government and big business, who take millions of pounds out of the main working class sport and put back nothing. They need people into dilapidated victorian grounds and when something like Bradford happens they say they're "shocked". They treat people like animals, yet pretend to love the game when people actually behave like animals.

Football lovers themselves can save the game in England now.

KICKING THEIR OWN KIND

Football is the best game out. A common language for people around the world --workers who have more in common than divides them. In May the DAM helped two English miners to address meetings of workers, including one in Turin, home of Juventus. This is the international spirit we want to see amongst workers. Instead of people kicking the ball around their own kind who happen to be their own town or club, imagine another language, let's see the anger and hatred directed where it belongs... at our class enemies.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

Dino Marcone

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FOOTBALL VIOLENCE

Who's to blame?

38 people died due to a combination of the mindless tribalism that capitalist society fosters and the criminal incompetence of the authorities.

last season, before the hang-dam and Full House would install electric fencing in grounds around the country. Otherwise, we might have witnessed hundreds of deaths, rather than hundreds of deaths.

RULE BRITANNIA

Football hooliganism isn't specifically a British problem. In Argentina, where the government suspended the championship last season because of repeated crowd trouble.

Nevertheless, it has been admitted that British football fans on the continent are known for getting into trouble. This is not due to the facade of the "national character" that educates British citizens abroad to drunkard barbarians. It stems from the strength of chauvinist feeling in British society.

This "Rule Britannia" mentality originates at the top and has for centuries been instilled into the lower classes. The Channel dividing us from Europe is only 22 miles across, but sometimes it seems like an ocean. British interests belatedly took the UK into the EEC because new markets were needed now that the Empire was only a fond memory. The major reason for the opposed UK entry did not so much have to do with a common market which holds nothing for the workers of Europe - but rather being governed from Brussels or Madrid instead of London ("sovereignty" they called it). Pathetic.

THE ROYALALAM SPIRIT

No doubt National Front-type fascists who had the courage to attend the events in Brussels, but this scum only prey on the prejudice, chauvinism and already deeply ingrained in society.

Some of the members of the English League are black, and at every match the club would prearranged to racist abuse by sections of the crowd. The football authorities have cooperated in allowing this to continue.

38 days ago the "Slim" could meet the sinking of the antique cruiser Belgrano. The day before the death of nearly 400 "argies" with the headline: "British-Argentine" to the unhinging,"argies" and "wops" are much the same. So why the difference? What happened in Brussels,Maggio? I'm Falanges Spirit is alive and well.

The system around the world is designed to keep the working class downtrodden and the stinking factory, the dope queue or a tour of duty in Ulster. Add to this the fact that it is perhaps the most parochial and insular country in Europe, and events like Heysel Stadium really aren't as difficult to understand as commentators and politicians try to make out.

England only designed to play in a foreign country in 1971 for the first time in 1950. Prior to that it had been thought that the English were the envy of the world. It was said that our "national game". When England won the World Cup in 1970 all the excuses were ready, as usual, the dangerous minorities of the Mexican kept the players awake. Although choice goalkeeper had been poisoned, etc.

Today, alone among major football nations, the UK thinks top club teams can only be worthy of extensive coverage at the expense of local or football Federation's ban on English teams playing across the Channel. This type of contact is needed, not less.

Let's not forget that British people get to see Europe at their first hand. No Frenchman, sampling the culture of Italy,