A New Partnership

THE CASE FOR BALDWIN

A NEW DEAL, OR THE SAME OLD SELL OUT?

After seven years of Thatcherism, people have been frightened into believing that the election of a Labour government is the solution to their troubles. But you only have to look at the French Socialist government (which was elected on a left-wing ticket), and the current Spanish government to see that so-called Socialist parties like the Labour Party do not have the interests of the working class at heart.

France and Spain have shown that when Socialist parties have run to the economy to the dictates of international capitalism, this means making thousands redundant, introducing austerity measures, and generally restructuring the economy away from heavy industry in favour of high-tech industries with their ever-shrinking workforce.

In the past the Labour Party in opposition has promised improvements in the living and working conditions of ordinary people. History shows that this has never been borne out in practice.

In 1939 the Labour Party stated that: "no conscript should be required to take duty in aid of the civil power in connection with a trade dispute, or to perform, in consequence of a trade dispute, any civic or industrial duty customarily performed by a citizen".

Within six days of coming to power in 1945 they used conscript troops to break a 10 week old dock strike in London. Troops were used on at least six further occasions against workers in dispute. The reason behind many of these strikes was a wage freeze, a move backed by the TUC - suprise, suprise! - leaving unofficial action as the only way open for workers to defend their living standards.

The Wilson government in the '60s carried on where Attlee's left off. Despite having a unilateralist policy the TUC backed social contract (or "social cos-trick" as the workers called it) which froze wages as prices rose steeply, and was aimed at helping the lower paid. Needless to say the lowest paid were the worst off under the "cos-trick" and were forced into the massive wave of strikes known as the "Winter of Discontent". And who can forget the sight of the Green Goddesses as the so-called socialists used troops to break the fire-workers' strike? It was Dennis Healy who first introduced monetarism - a fact conveniently hidden by the Labour Party by renaming it as "Thatcherism". Of course there is a difference between this Labour Party and those that have gone before. In the past they have always promised the world whilst in opposition, only to renege on those promises on coming to power. The new "yuppie" style Labour Party is being more honest, along with the TUC they are already laying down the framework by which they mean to hammer the working class.

Far from repealing the Tory anti-union laws, which are already an attack on basic trade union rights, Labour is seeking to extend them. Included in the joint Labour Party - TUC document being presented at this year's TUC and Labour Party conferences is a proposal to "lay down general principles for inclusion in union rules books based on a right for union members to have a secret ballot on decisions relating to strikes". The Labour Party is now trying to do what the Tories failed to do - in effect dictating to unions what they include in their rule books. In the words of that friend of the working class, the Financial Times: "Never before has the Labour Party, created by the unions, attempted to bring in controls of trade union activities on the scale proposed in this document. Never before has Labour tried to make that control statutory, backing it up - albeit in a modified form - with the involvement of the courts, traditionally seen within the labour movement as the enemy." Surely a case for direct action by the working class into the trade union movement.

Seven years is a long time for people to forget the sins of the last Labour government, but every Labour government works closely with the TUC and CIH to take power away from the grass roots. They can say what they like to get elected but they can do what they like only once they are in power. We must not expect a Labour government to fight for the working class. Anarchists-syndicalists is it our part of the task to dispel the pipe-dreams that any hope for the future rests in the election of yet another Labour government, doomed to travel the same road as it's predecessors. The only hope for the working class is to organise now at grassroots level to build an effective rank and file movement. Remember - you can vote only once every 4 or 5 years but direct action works 365 days a year.

BUILD THE RANK & FILES NOW!

The Anglo-Irish agreement was finalised last November amid hypocritical claims that it was an important step to ever lasting peace in Ireland. Loyalists saw it as an assault on their precious veto. They had failed to realise that the British state used the veto when it was convenient. However nothing has changed in Northern Ireland, especially for the minority community who the agreement was somehow supposed to protect. They are still subject to bigoted policing, shot to kill and many estates are regularly raided by the RUC and army on the pretence of looking for arms - in reality these are exercises to show "who's boss". Now in addition the minority community has to cope with the bigotry that the agreement has unleashed especially since the start of the marching season.

When Thatcher replied "no, no, no" to the 3 proposals of the New Ireland Forum it seemed that Loyalty could rest assured that their veto was still intact. But a year later, should she sign an agreement giving the Irish government an advisory role in the affairs of the 6 counties without even consulting the Loyalists? To answer this we need to look closely at N.A.T.O.'s interests in relation to Ireland.

NATO AND IRELAND

After the New Ireland Forum's proposals were rejected, Reagan stepped in, having separate meetings with Thatcher and with FritsGerard. So it seems likely that U.S./N.A.T.O policy featured heavily in the Anglo-Irish agreement. It is no surprise that this should happen, as Ireland has the unique position of being the only E.E.C. member that isn't in N.A.T.O. With behind-the-scenes talk of a West European super-state closely linked to N.A.T.O. the Irish government
SILENTNIGHT

Dust to Dust

Deaths and serious injuries in factories and on building sites are rising again dramatically. The trend is most marked in the construction industries that are notoriously dangerous.

Recently the Health and Safety Commission figures for 1984 show that the "fatal and major injuries" in manufacturing industries rose from 71 per 100,000 in 1983 to 92 in 1984, and in the building and construction industry the rate of fatalities rose from 271 to 323 per 100,000 workers in the same period.

After construction and mining (the figure for mining went down because of the miner's strike) the dangerous industries are metal manufacture, timber and furniture trades, and brick, glass, pottery and cement manufacture.

The most common accidents are broken bones, falls on building sites and fingers severed by machinery.

Employers are using the current high rate of unemployment to pressure workers into cutting corners and dangerous procedures, and the Government does not do care for their employees because the number of "dangerous occurrences" per 100,000 workers has risen from 3,645 in 1961 to 7,204 in 1984.

Thousands of people in the furniture industry have been exposed to dangerously high amounts of wood dust because the employers' representatives on the Health and Safety Executive in the area are blocking new limits on dust.

Dust from hard woods is responsible for a large number of cases below each year from nasal cancer. High Wycombe, the centre of the wooden furniture industry in the area, has a high incidence of nasal cancer, which is usually fatal.

In May 32 scientists on the committee's advisory committee recommended that the old advisory limit of 5 milligrams per cubic metre be converted to a legal maximum.

Strike Won!

The strike at the Wroughton factory of Bell and Ford ended in victory: a three-month strike over: with a victory for the strikers.

On the 29th of July the management sacked 2 workers - Dennis Green and Alan Bond - without any warning being given. A one day strike the following day did not stop their sacks. The workers were allowed back on the shop floor, pending the outcome of an external conference the following Monday.

At this conference, management refused to give reasons for the sackings and restored their position that Green and Bond must be off the shop floor. At a works meeting the same day a victory was given to the sacked men and on the 5th of July a strike began involving all 120 workers from the factory (members of TASS, AUEW and GMB)

Since then Alan Bond has left the area, and was thought to have been involved in the dispute. But on the 19th of July the management announced the following:

- Dennis Green (apparently sacked for his involvement in the labour and trade union movement) be reinstated.
- The 6 days of holiday pay for the strikers.
- The introduction of a system of 3 months notice that workers would no longer be employed on a casual basis.

We are pleased to be able to report a VICTORY - albeit a minor one - for our out numbering trade union family and direct action we CAN win!
As the News International strike draws towards the end of its eighth month, it has emerged that this is not a dispute involving only the 5,000 printing workers but one that has severe implications for the class as a whole. If Murdoch is allowed to sack his whole workforce and have them blacklisted and members be set and the other newspaper busses with the same thing. Eddie Shah is already using non-union methods to try to crush the strike and is also planning a move eastwards to destroy the other national papers are making similar preparations.

Although picketing of the plant is important as a focus for the dispute, it is also important to encourage News International from getting their scab papers out. The High Courts have not yet been asked to write a letter to the social workers, William Freeman, Michael Britton and Chris Robbins for helping them to into conflict with the terms of the arrangement, in which practical terms makes doing absolutely fuck all.

We would like to ask SOGAT what their definition of an immediate union strike action is and if there is some of the fines of the state and its laws or is it prepared to fight for its members' rights whatever the legal implications.

Q: What is the mood of the strikers following the writs and the latest kick in the teeth by Brenda Dean? A: There has been a very little high and down in the pin funds, but the strike has been very much in the line of Central Hall which has been the highest in its rate for 10 years.

Q: Should the National Executive Council of the P.A.U. have been handback ultimate control of the strike? A: When you say the N.E.C. and did them report, they didn't actually recommend accepting the offer, but they did recommend it for a split in the London District Council (L.D.C.) along the lines of the old joint executive. This has led to the split in the leadership and the breakaway of the L.D.C. at the bi-annual delegate conference in the New South Wales. I welcome the leadership elected to the Executive Council, and I would like to support the strikers in escalating the strike. I think we would be bitterly disappointed.

Q: What are the tactics of the strikers? A: I would say they are using no tactics which I am not able to give totally to the recommendation of the Executive Council of SOGAT. Now when we ask this question of the Executive Council of SOGAT, that it was planned for picketing activities in the following week or so. The Executive Council (a general president), said that "there are no dates being organised for this purpose. We are not proposing to win this strike with these forms of tactics" and he said "by organisation". Now we don't understand what he means by "organisation", what our understanding of organisation would be the return of mass meetings to that the pickets could decide the objectives of the strike and carry them out and maintain their role on the platform, who are allegedly led, to implement the

Q: What is your attitude towards the strike? A: I would say they have made a positive contribution and why do you think the majority have now dropped the strike? A: Well, I've seen what might be described as "revolutionary left" and I've been in some cases very pleased and surprised. I don't know if it's true to say the majority have dropped the strike, I would certainly say a number have changed their attitude towards whether or not we can win, I think there have been some positive developments over the last especially in the last days of the heavy picketing around 3rd May. I think these were positive moves and if we could have maintained those types of picketing we would have a positive conclusion to the

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**SCABBY DEAN**

Q: Since the National Executive Council of the P.A.U. were defeated, what will be the next step for the strike? A: Brenda Dean was defeated, it has been handback ultimate control of the strike.

Q: The L.D.C., a number of F.O.C.s and certain Branch Committees have been opposed to a strike committee. I think for this reason is fairly obvious as why they would then be under the mandate of the strikers and not the Branch Committee. You would then see a power struggle as the strike committee could actually challenge the structure of the trade unions, especially in London, I don't think at this stage they would be prepared to tolerate that. The strike committee is the obvious vehicle for implementing the strikers' wishes and taking the strike forward on an accountable basis.

Q: Could you describe what the Strike Support Unit is? A: It is a unit made up of militants in the Fleet St. area who were concerned about the lack of escalation in the strike. The unit is two-fold, firstly to escalate the strike and make more strikes and to stop the collaboration of many members of the branches and the L.D.C. within Fleet St. The only way we felt we could do this was to build our own platform. We wanted to carry out an exposure programme as well as to escalate the strike. Secondly, in the future we want to build a national rank & file movement in the printing industry. We want to be able to respond to appeals both inside and outside London with regards to the printing industry and any other industry which finds itself in struggle.

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**EXPOSURE**

Q: What do you see your role as in this dispute and have they been effective in achieving their aims? A: I think we were very effective around the time of the exposure of the national leadership in its collaboration with the courts and the establishment in the purging of the contingents. We predicted this and put out many leaflets trying to identify and local rank & file. We predicted that the London leadership would support Brenda Dean at the bi-annual delegate conference. We have tried to make the membership aware of these errors and to predict the result of certain events within the dispute. We have tried to get the leaders of the P.A.U. to win the picket line now. If we want to win we must win in the chapels first - and if the strike by now.

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**Printers' march 9th August**

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too late, I think we're only seen as a thorn in the side rather than as an ally.

Q: Could you explain why it is so important that Fleet St. comes out on strike?

A: I think the first reason is that other trade unionists see the strike as an isolated dispute, concerning Murdoch and the 4 titles. This is a gross underestimation of the scale, because the importance of this strike is for the right to organise and for the right to strike. This is about the trade union organisation being recruited whilst you're on strike. If you lose that battle, the whole labour movement, we have to take the road towards that. It must be seen that the rank & file are showing the rest of the trade union movement that we are prepared to escalate the strike beyond its limitations to Fleet St and that the struggle of workers is most prominent. People say that Fleet St coming out would give Rupert Murdoch a clear shot. What I would say is that we would have enough strikers and pickets fighting against a non-stop picketing from The Wapping Plant. Also the strike is about the failure of Fleet St. Fleet St came out other trade unionists would see it as a very serious attempt at protection, it could be protection over all, they would probably have a pick of strike money. It is an answer of our members who are in a desperate situation.

Send money to: FO.L.G., LONDON

After being out for more than 21 months the strike at the non-union cleaners, Hospital, Cambridge, have decided to call on all cleaners to unbundle contracts. The Hospital, Cambridge, have decided to call on all cleaners to unbundle contracts. If the strike would be more than 300 full-timers to 200 workers, many only part-time. They predicted that, since these numbers would never be less than 200 cleaners, the strike would be employed a staff of untrained scabs. The standards of hygiene plummeted and have resulted in such an epidemic standard that since May 1985 Cambridge Health Authority decided that O.C.S. was "not suitable" to be considered for other contracts according contracts. The cleaning contracts awarded to the lowest bidder, we got the worst possible service, and the standards of the lowest possible standard to benefit. A lot of dirty work in the market at Addenbrookes, even employing 14-year-olds to do the cleaning.

The strike was successful in squeezing concessions for the Cambridge Health Authority, who gave the cleaners a total of 500,000 for 40 cleaners, and O.C.S., who offered marginal improvements in the employment contract. The cleaners who received these concessions have been the biggest winners in the battle, withdrawing support and strike pay. The cleaners have ordered the strikers to accept a "deal" arranged with O.C.S. but the cleaners decided, by ballot, to renew their action if they cannot be satisfied, supported by donations and collections, but have now decided to call it a day.

As a bitter piece of irony O.C.S. have been recommended that for £250,000 profit on its cleaning contract at Addenbrookes while the strikers have been promised that for financial shortages many beds would have to be closed. Meanwhile the Government is still in search of another case of profit before people. The government, through its privatization and anti-union laws, are the attacking health service workers, picking them off one by one. Many workers were too scared to even hold meetings for support of the strikers, on hospital premises, preferring to keep their heads down in case nothing would happen to them. Only an organised fightback by the strikers and the distributors will help the government's destruction of the NHS. Without it, the government will be able to get their way.

WOMEN RESIST EVICTION

Privacy at hospital cleaning activities have on many occasions evicted women from their homes. For some women, it will mean losing all of their homes and their community.

As we go to press, women cleaners at St. Mary's hospital in Paddington, who were facing eviction from the hostel in which they have lived for between 8 and 22 years.

Most of the women are from Spain, Portugal, Morocco and the Philippines. Many have been in the UK for only a little English and were admitted on the condition that they work in 4-year residencies. Woman's wages were only 50% of the minimum wage and they were not eligible to move or get higher paying jobs, because they were living on the hostel to support their families. They formed a campaign against eviction with the support of the community. At the end of March they were offered to support, which they have accepted, and are under pressure to leave.

A woman who has been employed for many years by the cleaners for the private contractors, Medics.

Twenty-two of the women have refused to move and the GMBTAT has occupied the building in support. The workers have been threatened with dismissal and the patient are being threatened with eviction. The hospital are trying to force the women to leave their homes if they do not comply.

The hospital now reportedly went the women to hostel nurses, the cleaners have not been offered alternative accommodation elsewhere. They were given 6 months to look for housing that would be, in a rather cynical method of eviction by health authorities.

According to one of the MGB cleaners the cleaning company has threatened to evict before the hospital for accommodation that would not be suitable for doctors and nurses, not for professional staff. The sitting situation is that it is illegal. The hospital is not suitable housing that they can afford. This means they will not get the support of their community together. The cost of this situation was the cost of the lowest B&B in the area. The women's already low wages are being further reduced by the eviction orders and they won't be able to afford £4.50 B&B.

These women were recruited by the hospital into jobs which gave them little chance to pursue any other course, without any support or guidance. The women have been dismissed from the government in an attempt to cut costs. Members of St. London DAB are trying to get in touch with the women to see if any support action can be taken up. But they actually achieve these things. We've got to convince the strikers to return to work, but while there has been no sign of a settlement the strike will continue. We will not support them but only a rank & file organisation organisation will stop a settlement. If we can convince them of that there is a good possibility of the strike being won. We will continue with the "exit" of the boycott, trust the leaders and the "corporatists" then will pass into defeat. We will go down and the effects will be with us for many years, and they will exploit it to every worker's expense and they are a massacre of the dote, dote, dote. I personally believe that this is a lesson that will come to a revolutionary situation to go forward again.

Interview by Mick Wood, South London (AFL/C.M.A./V.W.)


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Women Resist Eviction

Aberdeen/Backstabbed?

As such events become routine manoeuvres of the Wapping picket it is increasingly apparent that if effective disruption occurs, people activism is, not only insufficient and a tax, but a tax on the need to gain and extend public support for the strike. Despondency is turning for a Saturday night Women's march and picket and bombing of the hostel. Women's "Dance" dress, make a two minute speech and exercise the ugly "engagement" that evening. Ultimately, the struggle is still new and another case of profit before people. The government, through its privatization and anti-union laws, are attacking the health service workers, picking them off one by one. Many workers were too scared to even hold meetings for support of the strikers, on hospital premises, preferring to keep their heads down in case nothing would happen to them. Only an organised fightback by the strikers and the distributors will help the government's destruction of the NHS. Without it, the government will be able to get their way.

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Wapping Update: The numbers picketing at Wapping, which were in decline up to the ballot on Wednesday, are back up again today. While the daily picket numbers are still down on a week ago, the pickets and strikers yesterday night's demo's still produce a steady stream of numbers, even though the union has promised to move on. However, they have been to extend control over the area around Wapping with the result that on Wednesday and Saturday nights, in addition to the stationary police who are mostly at the centre of the coverage, in two riot vans, "Kinko" time and car park cars parked both on the main roads and surrounding side streets with their lights off. During the day the police have been taken to exercises their cavalry armament.

In an attempt to evade the sit-in confrontations encouraged by the police, the pickets spontaneously march around on Wednesday and Saturday nights. These mostly entail reaching Commercial Road through which lorries and scabs pass at shift changeovers times forming a "garage" to harassed and distribution lorries. At the same time slow moving "blockades" as zebra crossings force the lorries and scabs to stop or slow down. Slow moving commercial vehicles are much harder to utilise. The police have resisted being attacked right up to entering and installing even more "traffic control" camera covering the roads outside the site. Police notices have also been erected stating that Metropolitan police will be present anywhere in Wapping or the surrounding area.

Harlequin: No need to get worried half-stricks.

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Mayday Around the World

The events received good media coverage in numerous newspapers and bulletin sheets, with headlines like "The return of the anarchists", and even on the radio and TV.

ITALY: REGGIO EMILIA

A meeting of anarchists took place on the 3rd of May to commemorate the centenary of the founding of the revolutionary labour movement for which the Haymarket martyrs died. The meeting drew together militants from the ISU-IRWA (Italian Syndicalist Union), the Union of Anarchists and Liberals, and the Railway Workers, along with members of other libertarian federations working within the reformist unions, groups covering included the problem of unifying the employed and the unemployed, and attempting to work within the framework of the bureaucratic unions. After the conference, a thousand anarchists took to the city's streets to demonstrate their solidarity, and show their anger and concern over the Chernobyl disaster, the Middle East wars and the recent prison death of a comrade, Marco Sanna.

USA: CHICAGO

Over 400 anarchists from the USA and Canada attended the Haymarket Centennial Gala held in Chicago on the 1st May. They joined the traditionally Marxist Pilsen march through a predominantly working class area of Chicago, narrowly missing a major confrontation with the police when they tried to head towards the city centre. The following day there was a typically anarchistic meeting which took place in, amongst other things, the jail, where anarchists had built a "building" (where money and a US flag were burned and the building temporarily closed down), and the South African Consulate (where a similar scene took place). The anarchists then swarmed the numbers on the picket line at the "Chicago Tribune" in solidarity with striking workers there. Finally, there were 38 arrests for "disorderly conduct" and "mob action against the state", when Chicago was caused and damage was done at a nearby［（原文缺失）］the day worked all night to release the imprisoned comrades.

MAYDAY IN SOUTH AFRICA

Over 1 million black workers celebrated the 100th anniversary of Mayday in South Africa, by staying away from work and declaring a "day of protest" mobile. Their numbers were flocked to rallies in every major centre to demonstrate their solidarity with workers all over the world. Schools throughout South Africa were empty as the students joined the workers. The city eldest ended with the ringing words of George Engel and Louis Long: "LONG LIVE ANARCHY!"

Sources: Industrial Worker, Mayday, Industrial Worker. "May Day 1988" Unsaeta Nova

Chile: Workers Sold Out

The self-activity of the Chilean labour movement has been paralysed for a long time due to the reasons for this has been the way in which each union has been forced to accept a particular form of unionism, whether Socialists, Christian Democratic or MAPU, another "socialist" tendency - so that it was expected that the M.S.U. (Unidad Syndicalista Movement) would avoid this trap, the politicians seemed to have won.

The M.S.U. was formed in 1984 in an attempt to prevent a re-emergence of the unions from the Social and Christian Democratic Parties in whose hands the unions had been reflected from any further threat against the State. A nucleus of union members from the party disaffiliated with the party and published an appeal to all members of the leadership to struggle and demanded that the CNT form a National Committee of Union Federation with autonomous powers of decision making and action, free from party ties. This appeal won widespread support from within the ranks of the CNT which, because of the protest sparked off by the MSU, quickly agreed to form a National Committee, without, however, the powers asked for. As a result, the M.S.U decided to go it alone.

During the 19 months between the founding of the MSU and its first conference, November, 1985, the MSU parties tried drastically to muscle in under various fronts and it seemed to be in touch with the MSU's thinking.

Meanwhile two commissions had been set up. To co-ordinate the conference, one for organisation under J.Thuma, the other for the agenda chaired by the secretaries of the CNT, and in many cases there were protests against Spanish consulates.

It was obvious at the time that the judge was under political pressure from the Spanish government, as well as from the Bishopric of the Catholic Church, who came down on the CNT-AL'T. The appeal has since been heard and the judgement overturned due to allegations against the judge of bribery and corruption. This decision is now back to square 1 and it is now up to the Spanish government to have possession of the historical syndicalist patrimony [offices, printing plants] that were either confiscated by Franco or lost due to the CNT-AL'T's being an underground organisation while Franco was in power. These rightfully belong to the CNT-AL'T.

Mayday in Chicago

The biggest public meeting occurred at Orlando Stadium and was attended by 30,000 COSATU members. During this rally police fired tear gas at a crowd of 30,000, and the crowds in Elsipur and Elsipur were attacked by the police, and agitators for their claims. The demonstrators ended with the ringing words of George Engel and Louis Long: "LONG LIVE ANARCHY!"

Elsewhere, 20,000 COSATU members met at Durban where Busheisid was slammed for his attempts to split the union movement with the formation of his moderate Unite Workers' Union of South Africa. In the Transvaal some 4,000 members of the workforce stayed away; in areas of Natal 60% stayed away and in parts of the Eastern Cape 100% stayed away.

The conference was also developing well for the Socialists in other ways, particularly for MAPU who were able to dominate their allies. Nevertheless, a powerful challenge came from a large independent grouping within the FIshery section, who not only openly criticized the CNT-AL'T, but defended the need to defend sectionists and delegate based initiatives at the conference.

A set of organizing principles of syndicalist unity was drawn up based on the autonomy, participation and struggle of all sections; a plenary and rank and file-MSU affiliated unions was to be the source of all political direction, and the rank and file MSU leader would have to adhere to this structure. This would allow full involvement by the rank and file and be an effective antidote to the party poison already seeping into the MSU leadership. This structure was approved by the delegates present despite the politicians.

Nevertheless, MAPU and the Socialist Party continued to capture most of the National Executive Committee. Now, six months later, it seems that the MSU has become just another plaything of the left parties, a common experience in Chile; over the last forty years, MAPU plan to incorporate MSU within its own political orbit.

Once again events have proved that a revolutionary syndicalist movement will only take off when Chilean workers fully understand the link between the party cards constantly played by the politicians and the corporatism of Church and State. Social and economic oppression will only end with a strong syndicalist movement wherein unity of workers within their own ranks is the key to winning power and following through the decisions the left has always yearned for.

From "Hombre y Sociedad" editor, the Coordinadores de Estudio, May 1986.
Free Omori Now!

Have you got a bag of sugar in your house? Or perhaps some batteries? Maybe you haven’t got a fire extinguisher. Watch out then, because YOU could be arrested for harbouring these "saboteurs".

This, along with the testimony of one unreliable witness, is the evidence against Japanese anarchist Katsumi Omori, who has been imprisoned for 10 years and is awaiting the death sentence. In Japan, he is accused of plotting to overthrow the government, and of supporting left-wing groups. If this is true, we can understand why the Japanese government is so keen to get rid of him.

Omori still needs all the support he can get - TIME IS RUNNING OUT. Send letters of protest to the Japanese Embassy, 46 Grosvenor St., London W1, and to the Prime Minister, Hirohito, c/o the Japanese Embassy, 1-1 Chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.

Donations and support to Omori Support Committee, No. 35 Chotto P.O. Box, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Ireland (contd.)

Irish neutrality is under pressure to give up its neutrality. The Vatican has warned that it is "non-aggression". The Catholic Church has been very vocal in its support for the Irish government.

Will Brandt once stated that Ireland should make a "full defense and military community" to the United States. It is clear that the West German government has urged Ireland to give up its neutrality. This pressure has been backed up by a sudden attack on the Irish neutrality as "anti-British" and "Threatening".

It is clear that the Irish government, under the influence of the United States and the European Community, is preparing to declare a state of"neutral" and"anti-British".

The advantages of N.A.T.O. have been reviewed in the British Press. It is clear that N.A.T.O. has a major role to play in the future of Europe.

The Irish section of this organization has been set up again to promote the abandonment of neutrality.

The Council of Europe, founded after World War 2 to reduce the possibility of war - its statutes state that "membership of the council of Europe does not entail the loss of national sovereignty, but it will help to strengthen the bonds between Member States and promote the European idea as a whole. It will help to ensure that the Member States work together for the common good of Europe."

A report to the Council, headed by a Frenchman proposed that the council should be "a commitment to membership by the Member States (including Ireland) in a common programme for peace and economic, social and cultural development".

The Council of Europe is to be subsumed in the European Community in 1975.

The American Trilateral Commission, founded by David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger, is one of the main bodies involved in the policy of "neutral" Ireland. Its membership includes several prominent figures in business, finance, and politics.

The National Democratic Institute, established by the Reagan administration in 1983 to help further American foreign policy goals, has been charged with providing aid to certain groups and organisations. Through its subsidiary, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), it has provided funds totaling over $300,000 to the Solidarity Movement in Ireland. The NED has been accused of providing "soft money" for the Irish Republican Army.

The Institute for European Defence and Security Studies, another organisation backed by the National Endowment, is funded by N.A.T.O. and is working to promote the "European Defence Community".

As an Irish socialist, I must oppose both the attempts of N.A.T.O. to meddle in Irish affairs and the attempts of foreign capitalists to keep the Irish working class divided in the name of profits.

R.G.C.

Next month's "Direct Action" will focus on the Irish situation. We will discuss how it affects the class struggle, and how the Irish working class can overcome the challenges presented by the Irish Republic and Ireland relating to these issues.

Anarchy at the Old Vic

The August 7-14th issue of City Limits magazine ran a feature story on London's East End, including coverage of the "Vic and the Enders" movement. The interview with Tom Watt (Locdy) produced the interesting quote that Ireland is "an anarchist state". We were curious about whether this is true for people who are vaguely liberal to call themselves "anarchists". However, Watt described the Irish movement as "anarchist" in a specific and general sense. He contacted some of the DAM! and there was an anarchist union at the Old Vic, that is really a black and red flag behind Tom. We're still puzzled.
Plastic Bullets Video Tour

As we go to press a DAM organised Plastic Bullets video tour is underway. The video is very informative and well worth seeing and will be accompanied by a short talk to lead off a discussion. The remaining dates are:

- 8th September - Bristol, St Werburgh Community Centre, Horey Rd, Bristol 2 - 8.00pm
- 10th September - Liverpool, 8 Law Centre, Princess Avenue Toxteth, Liverpool 7.30pm
- 11th September - Bolton, Bolton Socialist Club, 16 Wood St, Bolton - 7.30pm
- 12th September - Burnley, AUE Rooms, Hargreave St, Burnley - 7.30pm
- 13th September - Manchester, Millstone pub, Thomas St, off Tib St, Central MCR - 7.30pm
- 15th September - Leeds, Trades Centre, Saville Mount, off Chapeltown Rd, Leeds 7, - 7.30pm
- 19th September - Nottingham, International Centre, Mansfield Rd, Nottingham - 7.30pm
- 20th September - York, Priory St, Community Centre, Priory St, York - 7.30pm
- 21st September - Newcastle - contact Newcastle DAM, c/o Days of Hope Bookshop, 82, Thornton St, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- 22nd September - Doncaster - contact Doncaster DAM, P.O. Box 58, Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

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Future Meetings on Unemployed Month

6th September - Buxton Arms, Stockport - 8.30pm
20th September - AJWE Rooms, Margaret Street, Ashton-under-Lyne - 6.30pm
26th September - Tame Valley Club, Tame Valley Road, Hadfield - 8.30pm
4th October - Church Inn, Huddersfield Road, Milnrow, Stalybridge - 8.30pm

DAM PAMPHLET SALE

13th September - Highland Laddies, Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne - 8.30pm

LAUNCH OF THE NORTHERN ANARCHIST NETWORK (NAN)

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

Assemble at the art gallery in Leeds city centre at 12pm with flags, banners, etc, for a march through the city centre to the Leeds Trades Centre at Saville Mount (off Torksey Rd), where the launch will take place.

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SOUTH AFRICA: Fighting for a Real Change

Only two years ago Thacker received South African premier P.W. Botha at 10 Downing Street. Now even she claims to want to see apartheid dismantled, surely a sign that western capitalism and the multinationals companies that profit from the racism of the "white crisis" no longer have any confidence in the regime. This lack of confidence is not primarily because of the increased levels of the street violence or the guerrilla bombings of the Spear of the Nation (the ANC's military wing). After all South Africa isn't a Rhodesia to be won by military force, it is a powerful nuclear armed state.

A major reason why capitalists have lost confidence in apartheid is that they no longer call for "guarantee" stability in the industries and communities, to win their profits. This "lack of stability" has come about by South African workers rising up and organizing along black and white lines in factories and communities, so much so that the state of emergency many South African communities have never been able to form a "stable" or "solid" organization of their own and are forced to come to the ANC. This is not to say that these areas still in chaos, the residents through street committees and organizations have on the whole organized a level of social and commercial services which provide for the community better than the repressive white government was ever willing to do.

CRISIS

In the workplace the South African working class has pushed the ruling class towards the crisis it is now in by the uncompromising struggle by the industrial militant. Before its banning in the early 80s COSATU(South African Congress of Trade Unions) was the industrial wing of the ANC and was undeniably linked to that organizations political ambitions. The banning led to the collapse of the union movement in South Africa but much blame was laid at the feet of the CTU for the defeat of the best union activists away from the industrial struggle and placing them in the Spear of the Nation as "professional revolutionaries". SACTU has virtually no influence in South Africa. The political members are in exile, due to the banning and probably the experience of SACTU also, the South African workers organizations have grown up independent of all control and influence of political parties, and have been the stronger for that.

Throughout the 70's and 80's unions such as SAAWU(South African Allied Workers Union) and the South African NUM have pushed the multinationals and capitalists winning important concessions. Much of this is due to their uncompromising attitudes and their insistence on making links between day to day fights, like pay and conditions, and the overriding problems of racism, capitalism and national liberation.

In November 1985 COSATU(Congress of South African Trade Unions) was launched as a broad federation of many of the independent trade unions. It stresses all the militancy of its constituent parts. COSATU also stresses federation, the forming of one union per industry and the forging of links between workplace and community. To quote Jay Naidoo, General Secretary of COSATU

"COSATU is forging close ties with democratic, community-based organisations. In particular we have high regard for those communities which are building strong grassroots structures in the form of street committees. We see this as a major step forward and an important principle that is integral to working class organisation on the factory floor.

COSATU also recognises the nature of capitalism and the apartheid state. It therefore rejects all reformist and concepts offered by the regime, especially the homelands which they say will lead to "diversity and racism.

It is obvious that capitalism does not find the formation of this massive militant union very comforting. They have been attempting to quash COSATU by sponsoring other unions in order to split it.

Many of these attempts have centred around Chief Buthelezi, head of the "independent" homeland of KwaZulu. This struggle, between Inkatha organisations, has set up the rival union, the United Union of South Africa. The funding of this union is reinforced by the visit of Simon Casco, a major power behind the throne of the USA, to Washington. The ANC will not be two notorius CFI frontmen. It would suit the interests of these people if the too blatant capitalism of white minority rule could be replaced by moderate black rule.

SANCTIONS

The major question in this country, however, now can the working class here aid the working class of South Africa? Much discussion centre on the call for sanctions. The denunciation, we believe that calling on goverments in every country in the world either to impose or to stand aside will not bring down apartheid. Governments always act in the interests of the ruling class, therefore any such sanctions would be almost useless and full of hole hops. The working class of South Africa however recognises this also but they still call for them. They know that at the very least the call will produce massive amounts of publicity for their cause and that prevent it becoming "yesterday's news".

Truly effective sanctions in this country would have a major effect on the South African economy and in the apartheid regime. By the end of this year the UK will become the first to impose full sanctions on South Africa, and expected to £643M worth. This is to be followed by the EEC.B. It is possible that the United States, however, be imposed by any British government, as it is a capitalist state. They can only be achieved by mass working class action. By refusing to handle goods coming from or going to South Africa and by organising boycotts, shop pickets and sabotage a change will be aided in coming to South Africa, but as Jay Naidoo said

"We do not want superficial changes. We want to face up to the repressive machinery of the state and capitalism and demand: "[EDITOR'S NOTE: THERE IS A SHORT SENTENCE MISTAKENLY DEDUCTED FROM THE PAGE."

At the time of writing, Jay Naidoo is in state detention in South Africa.

SILENIGHT UPDATE

On Wednesday 27th of August the Silenight Strikers received a major blow from their own union: FTAT have decided to withdraw their strike pay. The excuse for this treacherous act is that payment of strike pay interferes with strikers' claims for social security benefits despite the fact that a number of strikers are veterans. The support of FTAT Head Quarter has been lacklawn in the past and strikers have fought to prevent sellouts in the past but now the bureaucracy has decided their way. The strike will be continuing, to quote a striker: "Money will be tight and a few will fall by the way, but there's hard core of us who will stick it out."