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Goodbye ISO

The following letter was sent both to Love and Rage and as a letter of resignation to the International Socialist Organization (ISO).

Dear Love and Rage,

Reading of the return to private capitalism, the private ownership of the means of production, and the establishment of a stock exchange in Moscow, I study *State and Revolution* by Lenin. I cannot help but acknowledge the fact that the state capitalist countries are returning to private corporate capitalism.

During the decades which have elapsed since the revolution of 1917 every country that has experienced a Marxist-Leninist revolution has become state capitalist, and recently in the Soviet bloc, simply capitalist. The ISO and other Marxist-Leninist parties do not deny this, but simply reply that the revolution was betrayed at one point or another in these countries. Each party believes that if only things were done over again, with their organization at the front, things would be different, this time the lessons and theories of Marx, Engels, Lenin would be applied correctly.

Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky believed that the capitalist state should be smashed by revolution, then replaced with another state, "the dictatorship of the proletariat." This state would then theoretically wither away as the transition was made from socialism to true communism. Marx, Lenin and Engels, all agreed that when true communism was achieved there would be no state.

What has happened is the development of state capitalism and the

transition to private capitalism. Some people blame this on Stalin, Khrushchev, or more recently Gorbachev. Yet when we examine the history of all "socialist" governments from Castro's Cuba, to the Sandinistas, to the Mitterrand government in France, or Garcia's "democratic" Peru, the same result is found, people oppressed by the capitalist state. The few examples cited and others are not governments led by Stalin, they range from Leninist to democratic socialist.

In each case the predictions of the socialist George Orwell have come to pass. Just as the pigs became humans in *Animal Farm*, each of these "socialist" governments has oppressed the poor. This has brought me to the conclusion that socialism and communism cannot be achieved by substituting a new



state for the old capitalist state, for historically this hasn't been the case.

Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, as well as many of those who followed their teachings, made invaluable contributions to the struggle against capitalism. Marx and Engels with their class analysis, Lenin on the right of nations to self-determination, imperialism, and the state, Trotsky's work on Stalinism and fascism. Like any humans they made errors. One of Trotsky's was to consider the Stalinist countries workers' states even though they are not controlled by the workers. In my opinion one of Lenin's greatest errors was the decision to substitute one state for another. Lenin developed an excellent definition of the state as a means of oppression for the capitalists in *State and Revolution*. He correctly describes the

state as an instrument of repression, however he could not foresee that any state would become capitalist because of the class structure inherent in any state.

Over the past few years I have looked into the various socialist currents. The last year of my development has found me wavering between anarchism and the unorthodox Trotskyism of the ISO, *News and Letters*, etc. . . .

One issue which had pushed me from anarchy had been the issue of racism, how to deal with the problem without the rule of law and the fact that much of the anarchist movement is white while seeming to be insensitive to the problem. On the other hand, I am aware of the fact that the rule of law has not brought about an end to racism and nationalism.

I decided to re-examine this idea that minorities can only be protected from a racist majority by the use of laws. My concern that the anarchist movement did not address the issue of racism has been put aside by the founding of a new journal, *Love and Rage*. An article by Neil Farber in *Ideas and Action* No. 13 also helped in clarifying this issue. At the same time the lack of sensitivity shown by Keith Preston of



the Richmond Anarchist Workshop, concerning racism in his letter attacking *Love and Rage* published in *Ideas and Action* No. 13, as well as *Fifth Estate* No. 3 Winter 1990, proves this is a problem not fully resolved in the libertarian socialist movement.

While I intend to research this issue further by reading *The Continuing Appeal of Nationalism* by Fredy Perlman, and *Lucy Parsons: American Revolutionary*, by Carolyn Ashbaugh, I have decided to support both *Love and Rage* and the Workers Solidarity Alliance. I feel that the criticism of the "statement of principles" proposed and accepted at the *Love and Rage* founding conference basically amounts to sectarian nitpicking. People cannot expect the paper to publish the collected works of Bakunin and Kropotkin in every issue.

In solidarity,
Richard S. Mote
Seattle WA

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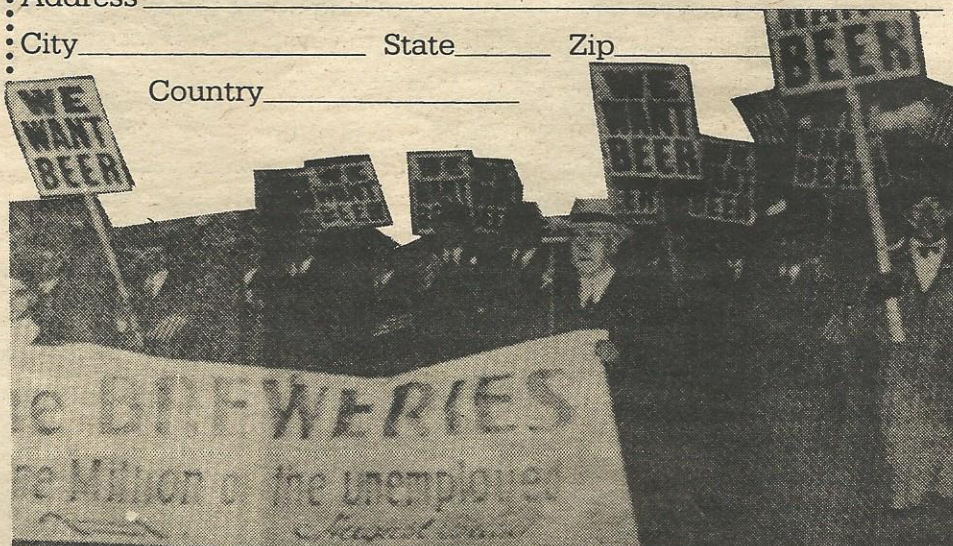
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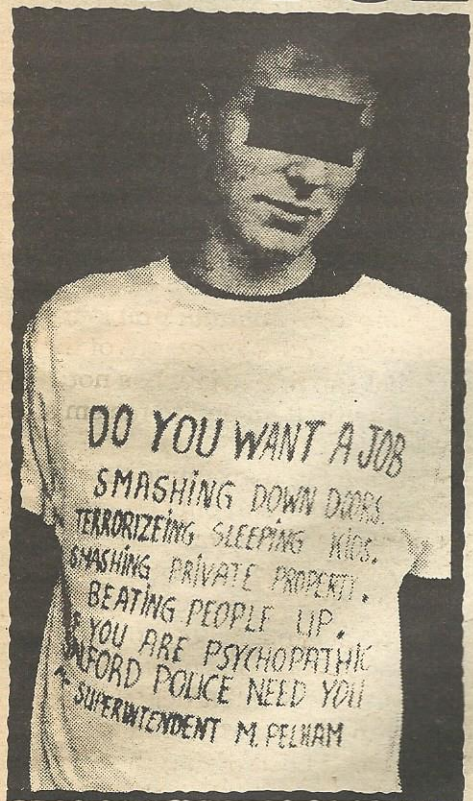
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★ TIPS FROM THE BRITS ★

SALFORD housing project, Manchester, England — People in Salford are beginning to fight back, and the filth are definitely worried.

A bogus 999 (Brit's 911) call was made, luring the filth to Sunnyside Court in Orsall. When they arrived, and had left their van, it was bush-whacked and the pig-mobile burnt out. This attack was in retaliation for a recent raid on the block, which the law went right over the top on.

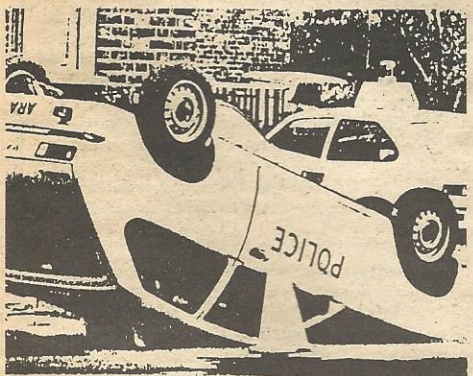
DUBLIN, Ireland — The Garda (Irish cops) have recently admitted that whole areas of South Dublin are "no-go-areas." In Ronanstown, one Garda said, "the area is totally out of control. Gangs of up to 200 strong regularly congregate to stone the Garda station here." !!! A common tactic is one that regular readers of *Class War* will recognize:

Stolen cars are driven slowly around, waiting for the cops to chase, then they are ambushed by gangs, who are waiting at prearranged points.

In one incident recently, a stolen Saab was chased by a Garda patrol car. The driver slowed right down, so the cops could catch up, then led them through areas where up to 100 people were waiting on street corners. The Garda car had all its windows and lights smashed, as well as very badly damaged bodywork!

reprinted from *Class War*

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COP CARS

Notes of Revolt

Filipinos Battle U.S. Bases

HUNDREDS of people battled with police at the gate of Clark Air Base and in front of the U.S. embassy in the Philippines, February 19, in a demonstration against a visit by U.S. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. Thirty people were injured as truncheon-wielding police tried to prevent the crowd from dismantling barbed wire barricades at the air base. In Manila, 200 students pelted riot police with stones, tomatoes and firebombs in front of the U.S. embassy. Tear gas was used to disperse the crowd. The U.S. Congress unilaterally cut \$96 million from its pledged compensation for military bases in the Philippines. The bases are widely regarded as a symbol of U.S. imperialism and the cuts have further inflamed popular opposition to the bases.

from *New York Times*

Don't Leave the Driving to Them

SIX thousand Greyhound bus drivers struck March 2 to regain some of the 25% pay cut they took in 1987. Greyhound has responded by trying to bust the union, giving "permanent" jobs to at least 2,100 scabs. A striker was crushed by a scab-driven bus in Redding, California. But the workers are not lying down in the face of these attacks. Shots have been fired at scab buses in Chicago, Phoenix, Connecticut and Florida. While union officials have denied any responsibility for the shootings, they have clearly raised the costs of scabbing. This determination to win the strike by any means necessary is a refreshing break with the strict legality that has so weakened the labor movement in the U.S.

from *New York Times*

★ QUOTES OF REVOLT ★

"There were jewelers' shops in Stockholm that didn't have bars on the windows. To people who have nothing that is provocation."

JOE STRUMMER, quoted in *CLASS WAR* concerning English football (soccer) fans in Sweden who looted posh jewelry shops.



Haitians Hit Racist Regs

HAITIAN organizations in New York and Miami have protested a Federal recommendation to exclude all Haitians from blood donations. The Food and Drug Administration based its racist recommendation on the grounds that for Haitians the primary route for AIDS transmission is through heterosexual intercourse, thereby making it more difficult to identify people at high risk of AIDS. More than 5,000 Haitian-Americans marched defiantly outside an FDA office in Miami, snarling traffic at Miami International Airport.

from *New York Times*

FMLN: 'We're no threat to capitalism'

RECENT UPHEAVALS from Moscow to Managua have stripped away the revolutionary veneer of Communism. As Communist Party bureaucrats come out of the closet as the capitalists they always were, the leaders of guerrilla armies from South Africa to El Salvador are also dropping the pretenses of anti-capitalism. "We don't consider ourselves either Communists or Marxist-Leninists," said Fermán Cienfuegos, a senior commander under the red banner of El Salvador's FMLN. In an interview with the leftist *Guardian* (March 7) the FMLN's New York representative Gustavo Acosta was even more explicit: "FMLN leaders have been saying for a long time that an FMLN victory would not pose a threat to capitalism in Latin America or in this hemisphere. On the contrary, it will bring about a transformation that will enable capitalism to become more capable of resolving our country's economic problems ... we are talking about introducing reforms that have elements that would make the system work better, be more dynamic."

Capitalism under the FMLN will still be capitalism. It will still be bosses, bureaucrats and generals running the show, exploiting the labor of the Salvadoran people and accumulating power and profits at their expense. The FMLN hopes to be able to sell the products of other people's labor on the international market just like the current rulers of El Salvador. An FMLN victory will mean renegotiating the terms of exploitation for the Salvadoran people.

Solidarity activists in North America who have pinned on the FMLN their hopes for authentic power-to-the-people may need to reconsider their allegiances. With U.S.-supplied bombs raining down on them, the Salvadoran people can not afford such sentimental hand-wringing. Even if the FMLN will not fulfill our need to distantly project our own anti-capitalism, the Salvadoran people still need our determined solidarity and resistance if they are to throw the U.S. and its loyal butchers out. ★

No Soldiering in the Rain

STRIKES and demonstrations by East German soldiers have become common and possibly tens of thousands of soldiers have effectively deserted, either by fleeing to the West or by taking civilian jobs abandoned by other East German workers. On March 5, soldiers in the Eighth Motorized Rifle Division refused to go on exercises at 4 a.m. in the rain. The mutiny lasted a few hours and only ended after the arrest of two soldiers. This incident is only one of many that have effectively destroyed the fighting capacity of the East German military.

from *New York Times*

'When faced with injustice and disorder, I always choose injustice'

STUDENTS and workers threw firebombs at police in armored vans who responded with tear gas and concussion grenades in Ivory Coast, March 2. The demonstration in the city of Abidjan demanded the resignation of Félix Houphouët-Boigny, president of this West African nation. Houphouët has proposed cuts in civil-service salaries and taxes on privately-employed wage workers.

from *New York Times*

Piss on Unisys

COPENHAGEN, December 4, 1989 — Danish headquarters of Unisys, at Blegdamsvej were attacked. "We have painted, smashed windows and thrown stinking acid into the offices, to disrupt their work and show the future they deserve. In this way we show our solidarity with the fighting people of El Salvador."

from *Profane Existence*

Greet the IMF

THE Black Banner Brigade (POB 7962, Austin, TX 78713-7962) is organizing an anarchist contingent to greet this summer's IMF Conference in Houston from July 9-11, and they "want out-of-town folks to come and join" them!

from *Anarchy*

Pacific Northwest @ Gathering

JANUARY 26-29, Vancouver — over 200 people, about 80 from out of town, attended a weekend regional gathering here. Around 28 workshops, many aimed at local struggles — Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en native struggles, prostitutes and other womyn for equal rights, squatting and combatting gentrification — were held. Many people felt that the smaller size, compared with previous continental gatherings, contributed to a more relaxed and informal atmosphere and more social feeling. A monthly coffeehouse in Vancouver was initiated and a wimmins gathering was tentatively proposed, to be held in Seattle.

Some participants, while considering the gathering on the whole very successful, felt there needed to be a greater revolutionary focus, extending various social struggles — ecological, anti-patriarchal, anti-racist — to an attack on capitalism.

from *Profane Existence*

Berkeley Cops Riot At Student Squat

BY JONNIE VERMONT & NISSA

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 2, STUDENTS at the University of California Berkeley's Barrington Hall hosted a private poetry reading. About 40 people gathered in the downstairs lounge to quietly listen to poetry. At 10 p.m., upwards of three dozen police broke into the party, declared the reading to be an illegal gathering and ordered everyone out of the building. The residents and their guests refused, thus beginning a five-hour confrontation with the police which ended with eight people in the hospital, 17 in jail, 10 injured cops, a demolished police car and over \$10,000 in damage to students' property.

The police riot was the latest development in the ongoing attack on Barrington Hall, a long-standing home of radical activism in Berkeley. In November 1989, the University Students' Cooperative Association (USCA) voted to close down the hall.

Eighteen residents remained in the building after the USCA closure to fight the eviction and many other former residents and community supporters are committed to keeping this center of Berkeley radicalism alive. According to their slogan, they will "Squat or Rot!"

The March 2nd riot began at approximately 10 p.m. when a half-dozen cops entered the downstairs lounge and sprayed mace into the room. Twenty minutes later, USCA General Manager George Proper entered the building with 30 police officers in full riot gear. The police announced that everyone should either disperse or be arrested. This ridiculous order was ignored.

The riot cops then began pushing people out of the house. They were quickly ordered to begin jabbing, a tactic that has been implicated as the cause of serious injuries. Immediately, one woman crumbled on the ground after being struck on the forehead. Several people were randomly pulled behind police lines, thrown to

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the ground and beaten. At the end of the attack, five people were taken to the hospital with serious injuries. The cops swept the upper floors of the house in a similar fashion — first spraying mace, then beating people out the doors.

Enraged by the police actions, we built a bonfire in the street behind Barrington. About 400 people gathered around the fire.

The police then did a sweep down the street, using the same jabbing technique. The crowd started throwing bottles, and any other handy projectiles, at the cops. A firetruck then arrived to put out the fire, which had become a large blaze. After extinguishing the fire several times, only to have it restarted by the crowd, the fire department turned its water cannon on the crowd for a full half-hour. The Bay Area is currently experienc-

ing a drought.

At 2:15 a.m., the police once again charged into Barrington, after 100 or so people had regained entry. Inside, the cops conducted an unannounced search of the bedrooms where people had barricaded themselves. At each room, the police would ram through the barricades, beat whom-ever they found inside, and order people outside, forcing them to run a gauntlet of seven or so officers who beat them with their billyclubs. Other people were forced to jump from their windows to fire escapes to avoid being beaten.

One resident describes her experience: "We sat in Room 208 and lis-

tened to the police breaking doors. We were all afraid; it sounded out of control. They got up to our barricaded door (we had hoped it would protect us) and began ramming it. They got through it and came in after us. We were sitting in the farthest corner of the room. They yelled, 'Fuck you — it's the police!' We all stood with our hands above our heads, saying 'We are peaceful, we are cooperating,' over and over. They didn't hear us and proceeded to push and throw us around. An officer picked one man up and threw him head first towards the door, saying 'Here comes another asshole.'"

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The Handmaid's Tale

BY JANE

YEARS AGO I HAD A NIGHT-mare — a scary one, about living in a world similar to Gilead, in the book *The Handmaid's Tale*. Last year when I finally got around to reading *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, a few pages into the book, I realized my bad dream was a popular one. The book was terrifying, 1984ish, but somehow more believable. It took me two days to finish the book in fits and starts. Between times I thought about it. I was feeling almost paranoid; every time I passed the door I'd check to make sure it was locked. The movie, based on the story in the book, is faithful in theme, but lacks that sense of dread, of finding yourself disoriented in a situation where you are seemingly powerless.

In her book, Atwood creates a world, Gilead, where the ultra-right has come to power. Women lose all value, except that of breeder, servant or wife. Those who don't fit into the

new scheme are quickly eliminated. The women who have remained fertile through the toxic disasters, nuclear accidents and environmental pollution are assigned the role of handmaid. The handmaids become property of wealthy men of power, to be impregnated by the husband and bear a child for the infertile wife. Women in this new society are controlled completely, prohibited from reading, moving about freely or communicating beyond their prayerful greetings or talk of domestic chores or the weather.

Kate, in the book, never gives in. From the moment she is captured her thoughts are of escape, anger, sorrow and hatred for the system she is trapped within. She won't let herself forget her real name (she has been renamed Offred — of Fred), her former life, friends, her husband or little daughter.

The movie's Kate seems almost

impassive, floating from situation to situation. The complexity of the relationships in the book becomes flattened out on the screen. The relationship between Kate and Nick in the book is conspiratorial. He's somehow different, more human, she can talk to him. And it's dangerous; she is not sure if he is an agent of the State or a "political" involved with the Mayday underground. In the movie, Kate sort of falls into the relationship, the tone of danger is absent. The most interesting character in the movie is Kate's friend, a dyke who is tough, rebellious and has a biting sense of humor. Unfortunately, she disappears early on and then reappears only briefly. The movie's ending is a "happy" romantic one, quite a change from the ambiguous ending of the book. Unfortunately, the movie was close to the book in detail, but watered down the characters. Stick with the book. ★

Love and Rage is a monthly anarchist newspaper intended to foster revolutionary anti-authoritarian activism in North America. We will provide coverage of social struggles, world events, anarchist actions and cultures of resistance. We will support the struggles of oppressed people around the world for control over their own lives. Anarchy offers the broadest possible critique of domination, making possible a framework for unity in all struggles for liberation. We seek to understand the systems we live under for ourselves and reject any prepackaged ideology. Anarchism is a living body of theory and practice connected directly to the lived experiences of oppressed people fighting for their own liberation. We anticipate the constant and radical revision of our ideas as a necessary part of any revolutionary process.

Love and Rage is revolutionary.

We support the overthrow of all forms of authoritarian social relations and the creation of a society based on cooperation, solidarity and mutual aid. We recognize that social revolution can only be made by the oppressed majority of humanity in a movement that they control themselves. We support the use of whatever means are necessary to emancipate humanity and bring an end to the war, poverty, hunger and misery generated by the existing system. We support the emergence of a fighting movement as a step toward making the social revolution.

Love and Rage is anti-statist.

We oppose all States whether they call themselves capitalist or communist.



Love and Rage Political Statement

Love and Rage is anti-capitalist.

We support all efforts to overthrow all forms of class rule and state power. We support strikes and other forms of workers struggle for control of the means of production.

Love and Rage is anti-racist.

We fight against white supremacy and work for the creation of societies that respect cultural diversity. We support the self-determination of Mexicans, Chicanos, Native Americans and other oppressed groups. We recognize the special oppression of African-Americans since slavery to the present and fight for the liberation and self-determination of Black people in the U.S. We fight the resurgence of anti-Asian and anti-Arab racism. We take front rank in the fight against racist skinhead, klan, nazi and cop terror.

Love and Rage is anti-imperialist.

We support the right of self-determination of nationalities oppressed by the various forms of imperialism. We fight to get the U.S. out of Central America, Puerto

Rico and all other lands. We support the destruction of the U.S. Federal State. We support the destruction of the Soviet Empire and the liberation of its peoples. We are for the destruction of Apartheid, the IMF, World Bank, multi-national corporations and other forms of imperialism.

Love and Rage is anti-sexist.

We are for the liberation and self-determination of all womyn. We are fighters against patriarchy and for the empowerment of womyn. This means, minimally, unquestionable reproductive freedom for all womyn regardless of race or economic status and a world free of sexist violence. We recognize that the oppression of womyn is necessary to the continued functioning of the State. The State will not solve our problems. Our liberation lies in the overthrow of the State.

Love and Rage supports Lesbian, Biaffectionate (Bisexual) and Gay liberation.

We reject the compulsory heterosexuality of the patriarchal family, and support attempts to foster a diver-

sity of consensual human relationships and sexuality.

Love and Rage will support the struggles of youth against their specific oppression.

Love and Rage makes a special effort to provide a platform for youth. We recognize that the revolutionary future lies with the youth.

Love and Rage supports the struggle against the domination of the natural world.

We recognize that the current industrial order, built on the exploitation of the planet and its inhabitants, has given rise to an ecological crisis that threatens the very survival of life on the planet. We support the movements that resist further destruction of the planet. We see the need for the revolutionary transformation of our relations with the planet and the species on it. We want to stop and reverse the destruction of the wilderness. We want to stop and reverse the poisoning of the air, land and water. We are against the exploitation of animals in factory farming and testing systems. We oppose the attacks by the State on the animal liberation movement.

This statement does not attempt to include all issues of concern to anarchists and anti-authoritarians, nor does *Love and Rage* pretend to fully understand, or be fully united on, all issues. We do not purport to represent the full spectrum of diversity in the contemporary anarchist movement. We will not shy away from controversy. We will always seek the input of our readers and other activists in our efforts to advance both our own understanding and that of the movements we serve.

Just When You Thought "Socially Responsible Investing" Was Safe, It's Capitalism's...

NIGHTMARE ON WALL STREET

BY PAUL

IT IS EARLY MORNING, THE DAY after a big celebration of the environment. The air is calm. Corporate executives, comfortable reform-environmentalists, members of Congress and the generally well-off have just pulled off quite a scam. A whole week of activities aimed at improving the quality of the environment went smoothly, with only a few "extremist" groups around the country disrupting what was otherwise a pleasant occasion. Nothing to do now but check the Wall Street stocktrading on the computer. But wait, no trading is being reported! What's going on?

Taking direct action on Monday, April 23, radicals from the Northeast, Midwest and Canada will expose the root causes of the social and ecological crisis in capitalist and statist systems; systems which have developed out of, and are interconnected with, other forms of hierarchy and domination.

Left Greens, Youth Greens, radical

ecologists, eco-feminists and others believe that the upcoming 20th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22) needs to be radicalized because the underlying reasons for the ecological crisis are being ignored and systematically excluded from public discussion and action plans. Their target is Wall Street — a center of capitalism.

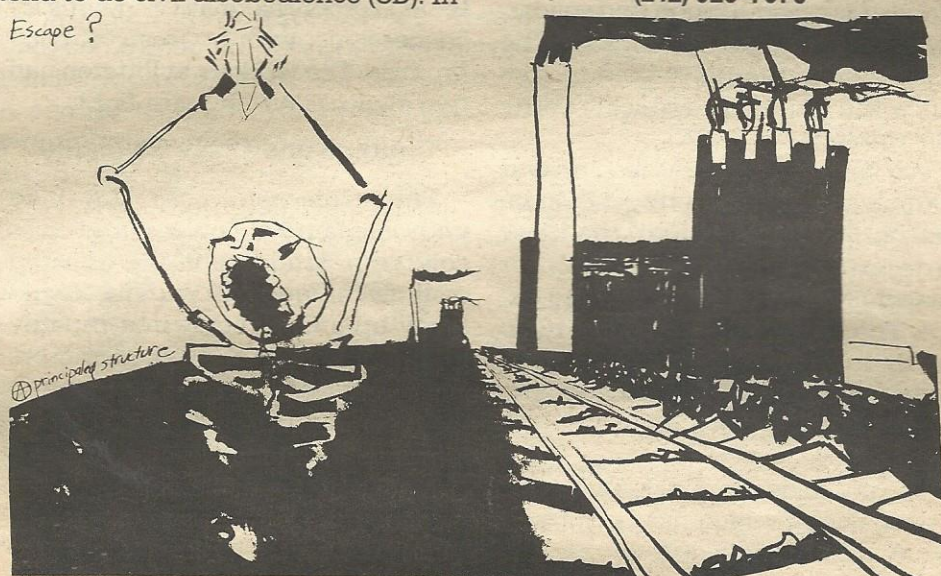
With its endless need to expand, its exploitation of human labor and its disregard for the integrity of ecological and human communities, capitalism is both anti-ecological and anti-democratic. The future of life depends upon capitalism's abolition and the development of non-statist, direct-democratic, social-ecological alternatives.

In sharp contrast to most environmentalists and conservative members of the Greens, those organizing the Earth Day Wall Street Action see the ecological crisis as a direct result of the crisis in society; a society marked by race, sex, class and other divisions. Their organizing is involv-

ing a wide variety of people who are excited by the potential for a radical action.

The action will be based upon the initiative of autonomous affinity groups, working within general political principles, action guidelines and a scenario developed over the last eight months. The primary focus, beginning very early in the morning, is to blockade the Stock Exchange, not allowing anyone in to start the day. No one is authorized to negotiate an orchestrated arrest scenario, although some people do intend to do civil disobedience (CD). In

Escape?



use. There's controversy over whether needle exchange programs should be encouraged. These organizations fear being pro-sexual when they address AIDS, partly because they get financial backing from churches and businesses who are against gay/lesbian liberation and pre-marital sex. There is no visible radical people-of-color gay/lesbian movement to fight AIDS, although there are some dedicated individuals and groupings. There is some gay/lesbian union organizing.

Most AIDS organizations are not sensitive to the needs of poor women. It's already bad enough that housing and AIDS education are not available for women and children; but middle-class organizations that speak to poor women lack understanding of their situation. It's not

addition to mobile tactics and CD, others will engage in street theater and a variety of other protest actions. A march is planned for early afternoon, followed by decentralized actions and perhaps a large-scale CD and War Chest Tour.

Wall Street is a center of the system we oppose. By taking direct action there we can ignite a new oppositional force in the long-term struggle for a socially-just, ecological society. The 1990s can be a time of revolutionary change if we respond to our situation, clearly articulating not only our rejection of the existing system, but also affirming viable alternatives. Take it to Wall Street!

For more information, or to order a copy of the action handbook (\$1.85 including postage), contact: Earth Day Wall Street Action PO Box 1128 New York, NY 10011 (212) 925-7976

The AIDS Movement:

HOW WE GONNA ACT UP IN THE 90s?

BY DARREL GORDON

AIDS CONTINUES TO PLAGUE the oppressed in society. AIDS generally hits those who are oppressed and isolated by the powers-that-be: people of color, gays and lesbians, women and children, IV drug-users and the homeless. The government has spent far more on building bombs than on fighting AIDS. As long as AIDS mostly affects those whom the powers-that-be care little about, they would rather let people with AIDS die or go to concentration camps.

The AIDS epidemic surfaced at the height of the right-wing movement in the United States. Unemployment runs rampant, social programs are slashed, unions are busted, affirmative action and abortion rights are stripped, and police brutality and gay-bashing are on the rise.

For the past few years there has been a strong AIDS movement within the middle-class white gay community, where networking, AIDS education, social services, housing and healthcare are more available. There hasn't been a conscious effort to build a long-term coalition with others who are affected by AIDS. The leadership of most AIDS organizations seem not to see any connection between AIDS and oppression. They have taken on the right-wing philosophy of taking care of oneself and forgetting the oppression of others.

The AIDS epidemic is being used by conservatives as a further argument against gay/lesbian liberation. Unfortunately, some gays are brainwashed by institutionalized heterosexism, and feel that we either should stay in the closet, or that we deserve AIDS.

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) has been a radical force in challenging the powers-that-be in dealing with AIDS. The Food and

Drug Administration has begun releasing new drugs for AIDS a little faster because of the pressure of ACT UP. ACT UP is the only major AIDS organization fighting AIDS through direct action, as opposed to lobbying politicians.

People of color — gay and lesbian, or straight, women and children, IV drug-users, poor and working-class whites are less likely to receive the latest drugs available for AIDS. Their AIDS is generally diagnosed late. Housing and AIDS education is not readily available to them.

Most mainstream organizations of people of color are slow in dealing with AIDS, or are ignoring it, because they are uncomfortable discussing lesbian/gay sexuality and IV drug

National AIDS Action In Chicago April 23

BY DARREL GORDON

ACT NOW(AIDS Coalition to Network, Organize, and Win) is planning a national action on public healthcare and insurance discrimination on the weekend of April 20-23 in Chicago. During that weekend, a conference of people of color, healthcare, and AIDS activism is being planned by the Out of Newtown Caucus of ACT UP/Chicago (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power).

The Out of Newtown Caucus is dedicated to extending outreach beyond the white middle-class gay and lesbian community. Its conference is now planned to meet on Friday, April 20 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. at the United Church of Rogers Park, 1545 W. Morse, Chicago. There will be speakers addressing various issues; there will be time for people to caucus; and it is hoped that a resource center and newsletter for people-of-color AIDS activists can be launched.

ACT NOW will have its membership conference at the University of Illinois at Chicago campus on Saturday, April 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a 24-hour vigil at Cook County Hospital in Chicago from 3:00 p.m. Saturday to 3:00 p.m. Sunday to address issues of quality healthcare for the poor. The vigil will include a soup kitchen, guerrilla theater, and speakers. The hospital is understaffed; the AIDS ward has only 16 beds; there is no ward for women and children; and the hospital has a ten-year-old policy of performing no abortions, although it is the chief source of healthcare in Chicago for the poor.

On April 23, ACT NOW will assemble at Michigan and Randolph to march at various insurance companies and the headquarters of the

easy to persuade their husbands or boyfriends to use condoms, because they're afraid the man would leave, and the woman would have no other way of surviving — which makes this a struggle against sexism and class oppression.

I think if we have a radical, multi-racial, people of color, lesbian and gay, straight, womyn/children, poor/working class white fight against AIDS, from an anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-classist, pro-sexual liberation point of view, we will have a better chance of winning. I envision an anarchist society, where quality healthcare and living conditions are available to everyone. This kind of society would be cured of AIDS — and of racism, sexism, classism and heterosexism. ★

American Medical Association to protest discriminatory insurance practices against people with AIDS, and to the Cook County Board, which controls Cook County Hospital. Supporters of *Love and Rage* in Chicago are asking anarchists and anti-authoritarians to come and form a contingent at the demonstration.

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BY MIKE KOLHOFF

MINER THREAT!

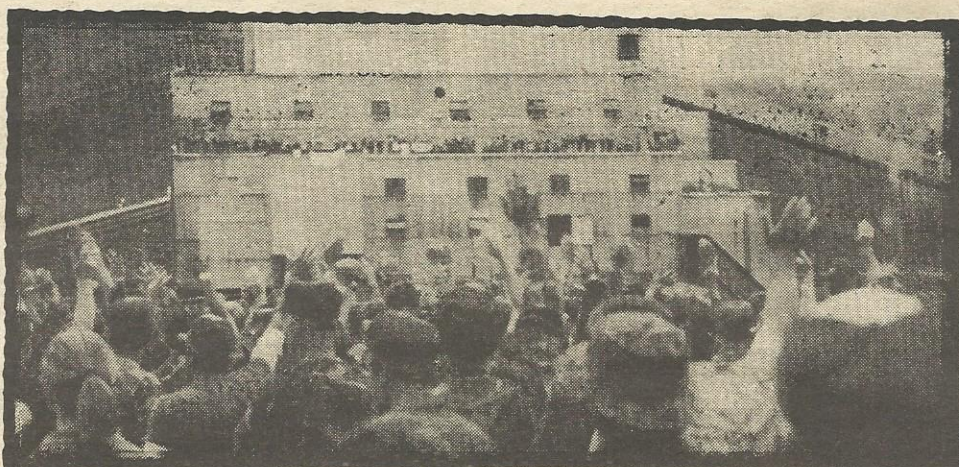
ON FEBRUARY 20, STRIKING Pittston miners voted for a contract that ended a 10 month strike. On January 1, the United Mine Workers announced that they had reached a tentative agreement with the Pittston Coal Company, possibly ending the strike against that company which began in April of 1989. The Pittston strike has served as a focus for (and inspiration to) the workers' movement in the United States, reminding workers of the power inherent in class solidarity while at the same time underscoring the glaring inadequacies of the labor movement as it currently exists.

We saw workers in mines not directly affected by the strike take their own initiative and launch wildcat strikes. The leadership of the UMW moved quickly to squash those strikes. Workers from around the globe expressed support and solidarity with the Pittston miners. The leadership of the UMW tried to convince the workers to quickly settle the strike.

We saw miners dressed for war staffing blockades to protect their interests. The leadership of the UMW ordered those miners to submit peacefully to arrest by the state police. The workers were willing to do anything necessary to win the battle while the business union leadership did everything possible to lose the war.

The strike began over a number of issues, one of which has become as basic during the last few years as wages and hours were a few decades ago: health care. In our age of high-cost, assembly-line medicine, basic health insurance is vital for a family. Given the inherent risks of working in the mines, adequate health care is as important to miners as putting food on the table.

When Pittston Coal Company withdrew from the Bituminous Coal



taken prior to contract negotiations and was generally perceived as Pittston's way of telling the miners that they were dealing with a New Order. And sure enough, when the company presented its contract offer, it contained across-the-board demands for concessions, with no room for compromise. The workers at Pittston had two choices: surrender or fight.

Courage and Class Solidarity

The strike itself has been filled with incidents of courage and class solidarity. Students in the affected counties of western Virginia stayed away from classrooms in sympathy strikes. A band of women miners and miner's wives calling themselves "The Daughters of Mother Jones" appeared and took such actions as seizing Pittston's regional headquarters. Residents of western Virginia assisted the miners in various ways, from donating food and bail money to using their cars to block roads used by scabs and state police.

There were incidents of brutality, too. Several miners were run down by scab-driven trucks in the early months of the strike. The state police, called out in force by the pro-business governor of Virginia, used

and the company were all joined in an effort to break the mine workers' union and drive them out of western Virginia. Since Ronald Reagan busted the air traffic controllers' union (PATCO) in 1981, the business unions (disguised as organized labor) have viewed strikes in a fatalistic manner. Given the open collusion of the conservative courts and big business, the business unions launched strikes only when cornered and put under pressure by their own rank and file. And even then they steered such a narrow and pointless path that merely surviving a strike was hailed as a victory. The courts and capital, recognizing the soft underbelly of the business unions (located somewhere near the wallet) increased their long-standing policy of fining the living shit out of unions every time a strike was called. When Congress allowed passage of legislation restricting strikers' families from receiving food stamps, it was clear that the government had declared war on the workers.

Direct Action

In November around a hundred miners seized and occupied a coal preparation plant. With 2,000 supporters arrayed outside the facility the police and rent-a-cops were helpless. After making their point, the miners peacefully left the plant. It was clear that something wild was in the air.

Striking miners formed the most visible contingent in a memorial march to Blair Mountain in West Virginia, where striking miners fought a pitched battle with state militia and company goons in the 1920s.

By mid-December the situation was critical. There was even a possibility that a short-term general strike could have been called. The UMW leadership event so far as to seek affiliation with the AFL-CIO, perhaps to facilitate a more centralized control of such a strike. But in truth the business union leadership is more scared of a general strike than the capitalists are. A general strike would give birth to new, more practical modes of organization, organizational forms created by and for the rank and file for the purpose of coordinating necessary activities related to the strike. The bureaucrats in their offices would be exposed for what they are: at best useless, at worst a hindrance. The real power in the union would move into the streets and meeting halls.

In any case, the details of the agreement are pretty depressing. In short, the union keeps its health insurance (actual details are not yet available) along with some vague promises of job security and in return they have surrendered everything else: Pittston will now be able to run their mines on a continuous basis,

Sundays included, disrupting the lives of the workers for an increased profit margin.

As most people said, the best the UMW could hope for was the status quo. In the present situation nothing tangible can be gained, no real improvements can be won, by following the business union leadership. The present business unions are as tied to the capitalist system as the chamber of commerce. Our struggles, to be even remotely successful, will have to extend outside the confines of capitalist law.

The frustration that has built up over decades of exploitation and abuse (by union bureaucrats and bosses alike) took shape in the Pittston strike. It has been given shape, but to what use will it be put? There are cynics who believe that merely pointing out the obvious inadequacy of the business unions is enough to stop them. That is bullshit. Simply sneering at the self-serving antics of the bureaucrats is pointless.

What is needed are new formations that are strong enough to withstand capitalist oppression. Revolutionary unions that are controlled by the rank and file. For rebel workers and anarchist unionists, our hour has come. ★

Love and Rage

Editorial Council Meeting

June 30 - July 1

LOVE AND RAGE/AMOR Y RABIA has an elected Editorial Council that meets several times a year to make decisions about the direction of the newspaper. The next Editorial Council meeting will be held June 30 and July 1 in New York City. This meeting is open to all sincere supporters of the newspaper. If you would like more information about this meeting write to:

Love and Rage
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New York, NY 10012



Miners burning shanties at conclusion of strike.

Operators Association (an organization of coal companies created in the 1950s to allow the UMW to negotiate one contract for all unionized mines), one of their first actions was to cut medical benefits to retired miners and widows. This meant that retired miners, many suffering from black lung disease, had their oxygen cut off by Pittston Coal. This action was

"choke-holds" and excessive force. The arrests during the strike numbered in the thousands. The miners blocked mine entrances and were arrested in droves. The courts (capital's best pal) levied fines that, by December, totalled over 60 million dollars.

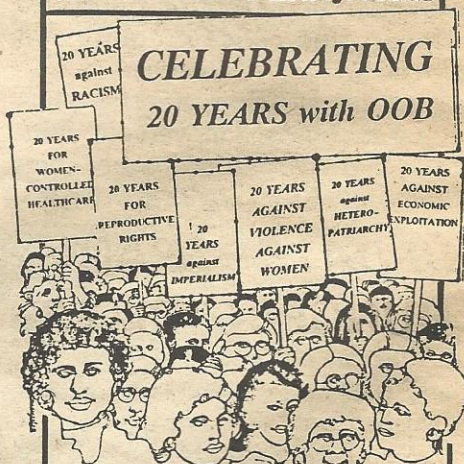
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ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18, A DEMONSTRATION was held in front of a McDonald's in New York City to protest McDonald's destruction of South American rainforests, murder of animals, use of styrofoam packaging, contribution to Third World starvation due to meat production and sub-standard working conditions, as well as many other atrocities.

Shortly before 3:00 p.m. the literature ran out and the more militant demonstrators became bored. The crowd had swelled from 50 to over 100. The chanting got louder and McDonald's was paint-bombed with red paint, signifying blood, as a more dramatic visual effect. Shortly after, a

McDonald's garbage can mysteriously burst into flames.

The cops did not hesitate to react. They began pushing at the crowd with their nightsticks, ordering them off the sidewalk. They pinpointed one demonstrator, slammed him against a car and cuffed him. A second demonstrator tried to pull the first one away from the police. The second demonstrator was pushed to the ground by another group of police, his arms were held behind his back as his head was pressed against the pavement. His face turned bright red; he was obviously in great pain.

His wrist was fractured.

The crowd chanted "Let him go!" Many of us put ourselves between the police and their cars, but the police pushed their way through, hitting many people with their nightsticks in the process. The two demonstrators were taken away. By this time the entire crowd was in the street blocking traffic and chanting "No Police State!" Supportive passers-by and NYU students hanging out their windows chanted the same. The police announced they were clearing the street and began pushing people back onto the side-

walk.

The demonstration moved to another McDonald's. The police were not there to greet us, but when they finally caught on, they showed up in force.

The demonstration then returned to the original location. After the demonstration wound down we (a large group of vegan demonstrators) went to Chinatown for our post-demo dinner. On our way back a demonstrator liberated a turtle from her sure-to-be-torturous death as soup. The turtle was quickly transported to Minneapolis where she will be released into her natural environment. ★

Anarchist Black Cross

LOCKED-DOWN FOR LIFE

THERE is a new Maximum Maximum State Prison in Corcoran, California. It is part of the new wave in incarceration. Its official name is California State Prison (Level IV) Security Housing Unit. Its sole purpose is to keep every prisoner there in a complete and perpetual state of "lock-down."

There are hundreds of young male first offenders currently imprisoned there, as well as repeat offenders. The only reason for such a place to exist is to completely break the spirit, mind and body of the individuals being held there. We at NY-ABC were recently contacted by an inmate of Corcoran CSP-SHU.

What is daily life like in a Maximum Maximum State Prison?

- No outside contact except through glass-windowed booths.
- No rehabilitation or vocational programs whatsoever.
- No educational or work opportunities.
- 24-hour, 7-days-a-week lock-up in cells (minus shower and exercise time of eight or nine hours per week.)
- 24-hour gun coverage of all inmates by guards.
- Automatic handcuff-shackling and strip-searching of prisoners for any out-of-cell activity.
- Almost no medical or dental care.
- No tobacco, cigarettes or personal clothing allowed.
- Minimal amounts of reading material and personal correspondence permitted.

Places like Corcoran CSP-SHU are an example of the policy of State governments to treat prisoners like the living dead, allocating the minimum possible to keep them alive in the most basic sense of the word. Letters of protest against the treatment of Corcoran prisoners and demanding the abolition of Maximum Maximum detention centers can be sent to:

California State Prison
Security Housing Unit
PO Box 3456
Corcoran, CA 93212-8310



UPDATE SPANISH HUNGER STRIKERS

AS of March 15, 42 prisoners remained on the hungerstrike. Of these 30 were being force-fed. None of the prisoners has lost consciousness, but some are pre-comatose. The force-feeding has happened in spite of a court ruling that it violated their human rights as long as they remained conscious. The prison administration replied that they would not participate in someone's suicide. Letters protesting the prisoners' situation can be sent to: Antonio Asunción, Director General de Instituciones Penitenciarias, Ministerio de Justicia, Calle San Bernardo 47, Madrid 28015 Spain.

from Prisoner News Service



The Endeavor Project is a news-magazine published by Death Row inmates in Texas. So far there has been one issue, dated August-September '89. It contains articles about life on Death Row, the inhumanity of death sentences and state licensed murder in the electric chair, a poetry page and Death Row prisoner news.

They plan on including a column in future issues reviewing other publications (such as the ABC's) and space that will provide Project readers with names and addresses of "individuals and organizations active in this growing movement for equality,

justice with compassion, and living in harmony with our fellow man." Anyone wishing to trade with The Endeavor Project or get in touch with the folks who put it together, or contribute, can write to this address:

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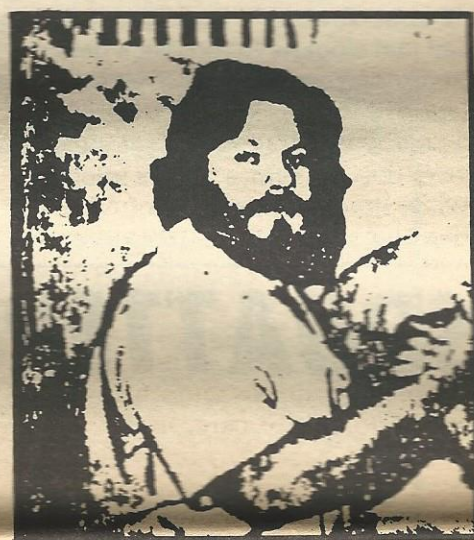
Perotti Ends Hunger Strike

JOHN Perotti, who, along with two other prisoners, began a hunger strike on February 14, has ended his fast due to failing health. John ended his hunger strike on February 28. We don't have any information right now on the other two hunger-strikers, Sudan Swafford and Michael Day. John has been transferred to another prison in Ohio, the Lebanon Correctional Facility.

Since his arrival at Lebanon, John's isolation of the last few years has continued. He is segregated, the only one on his cell block. He is having trouble both sending and receiving mail, and has been denied access to the law library.

The only visitor John has been allowed has been his mother; no other relatives, friends, or supporters have been permitted. John has written to the warden protesting these restrictions, but has received no answer. There has been a lot of pressure on the warden in the form of phone calls and letters. As a result John's most recent visit with his mom was extended from the usual one hour to four.

John is perceived by the prison administration and staff as a threat, due to his organizing and legal work on the behalf of other prisoners. They



are determined to keep him as isolated as possible, but they seem to be responding to outside pressure. Write or call and demand that John be allowed: visits with family, friends and supporters; access to the Law Library; an end to his isolation, and the freedom to send and receive mail freely. Write to:

Warden William Dallman
Lebanon Correctional Facility
PO Box 56 Lebanon, Ohio 45036
Phone: (513) 932-1211



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IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN Intifadah there is no United National Leadership. But there is Public Enemy. Public Enemy's powerful influence with today's rebels is undeniable.

In January of '89 when the KKK tried to rally in downtown Atlanta they were greeted by hundreds of Black kids who threw rocks and charged the police line chanting "Too Black, Too Strong!" a quote from Malcolm X that Public Enemy popularized by sampling it on their album, *It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back* (1988). Last summer "Fight the Power," Public Enemy's contribution to the soundtrack of *Do the Right Thing* became the battlecry for thousands of African-American college students who rioted when police attacked their annual Greek-fest celebration in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I've seen gang fights at parties broken up by kids singing/shouting "Self-destruction, you're headed for self-destruction," a line from a hip hop hit that Public Enemy had a hand in.

Public Enemy's cuts give more than just slogans to the Black nation. "Party for Your Right to Fight" from *Nation of Millions* is a quick history of the Black Panther Party as well as a clever dis on a white band's idiot hit. "Black Steel in the Hour of Chaos" from the same album, describes a

prison revolt. Public Enemy is out to teach.

Now Public Enemy's latest communique is out. "Welcome to the Terrordome" is a five-minute journey into the minds of a people under siege from an increasingly racist and repressive society. Paranoia and defiance bounce off each other in lyrics and music.

The new single opens with PE's frontman Chuck D's cry, "I got so much trouble on my mind — Refuse to lose!" He then proceeds to examine those "troubles" of the past year from Bensonhurst to the murder of Huey Newton to the continued self-destruction of many Black communities. "I'm not going to look at 1989 like Ted Koppel, . . . I'm looking at 1989 like a brother on the motherfuckin' block to see how 1989 affected me and Black America. That's what 'Welcome to the Terrordome' is about," Chuck D explained at a recent concert.

"Welcome to the Terrordome" speaks about a siege mentality, "Every Brother ain't a Brother — Cuz the color just as well could be undercover" (never a quicker lesson on COINTELPRO). But it also creates a siege mentality with Chuck D's screaming vocals that sometimes sound more like punk than hip hop. The hard driving music has a feeling of suspense, like a TV cop show. The result

Public Enemy: Tearin' Up The T

is mind-opening and frightening, an "intellectual Viet Nam" as PE describes it.

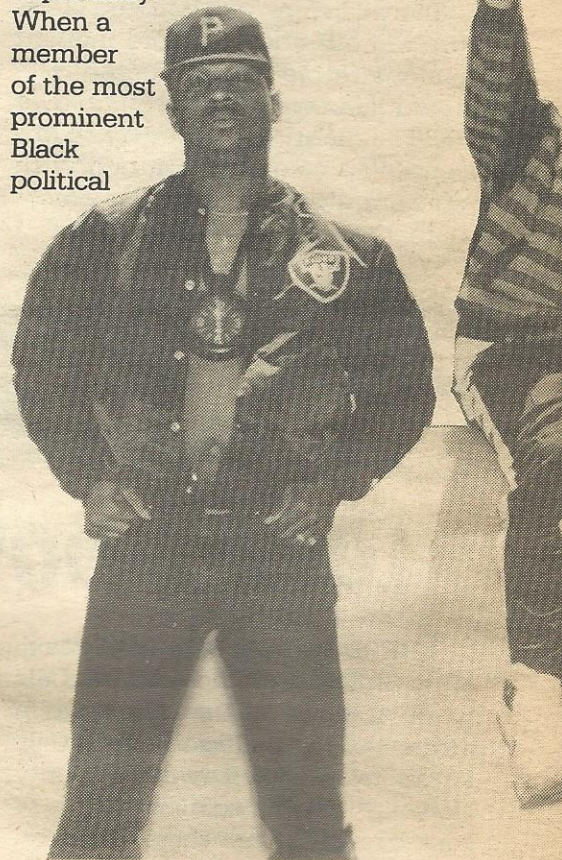
Public Enemy knows things look grim but they are not cynical. If we fight back we can change things. "Can't wait for the state — To decide our fate . . . Move as a team — Never move alone" and samples of the revolutionary rasta Mutabaruka all speak of developing our resistance.

Public Enemy is making the politically most important music since the Clash. Fuck that, since Joe Hill, and "Terrordome" is their best song to date. But the song is not without its problems, including anti-Semitism.

Last summer a member of PE, Professor Griff, said some dumb shit about how Jews are evil and control the world, etc. He was disciplined by the band and Chuck D issued a statement denouncing anti-Semitism. But a line in "Terrordome" raises the concern again. Anti-Semitism is wrong no matter who it comes from. We should be clear about who is hurt most by Black anti-Semitism. African-Americans have never oppressed Jews and never will. Under the current system there is no danger of

mobs of Blacks lynching Jews, it's just not reality. But Black anti-Semitism obscures the real enemy: white supremacy.

When a member of the most prominent Black political



SQUATTERS RESIST C.H.A. LOCKDOWN

BY KEDZIE THROOP

TWO WEEKS INTO THE NEW year, as Operation Clean Sweep was entering its 17th month, a handful of activists squatted a vacant apartment in a Chicago Housing Authority building. While a dozen supporters used a bullhorn to hail dwellers at the Harold Ickes Homes on the city's South Side, CHA security guards burst into the apartment with their guns drawn and dragged the squatters down to the street.

The attempted takeover marked the first time since the city has begun its war-on-drugs crackdown on public housing that residents and homeless people had worked together closely. The protest had been called to open vacant apartments for the homeless.

Opponents of Clean Sweep felt cheered, largely because scores of Ickes residents poured out of the building to join the protest in defiance of the increasing numbers of security guards and Chicago police who rapidly arrived.

"It was a real opening," according to one activist, a white man, who has been attempting to organize resistance to Clean Sweep since its debut in September, 1988.

The "opening" was in the tightly-closed atmosphere that still prevails throughout public housing in Chicago. Members of the Campaign to end the CHA lockdown and of a newly-formed group here, Fight the Power, attribute the low level of protest to repression from housing authorities and police.

While the outpouring of resident support broke a year-long pattern of frustrated opposition to the "lockdowns," it also illuminated some of the many problems that Clean

Sweep's opponents face.

Among these are the unresolved relationship between white activists and Black residents, and the widespread support, among whites and Blacks, for draconian war-on-drugs measures.

Operation Clean Sweep began in September 1988, when 60 Chicago police and CHA security officers surrounded a building on West Adams, three miles straight west of the city's Loop, and stormed it. Under the supervision of CHA chief Vincent Lane and the commander of the Chicago police public-housing detail, half of the force began at the bottom and half at the top, searching every apartment without a warrant, and herding residents to a processing center on the ground floor.

While the raid was not the kind of paramilitary assault New York and Los Angeles have seen — no helicopters, flak jackets, or shotguns were in evidence — authorities appeared satisfied that they were on the right track. About 30 tenants were evicted on the grounds that they were not listed on the lease: children 18 and over, common-law husbands, and temporarily-homeless relatives were declared illegal guests.

"Eventually we'll get to all 168 buildings throughout Chicago," Lane vowed.

Authorities also employed an ominous new technology, retina-scanning. Residents described having to submit to "eye scans." An identification system as reliable as fingerprinting, a retina scan electronically records the unique pattern of blood vessels in an individual's eyes. As "eye prints" are not left at a crime scene, retina-scanning's only appli-

cation is population control.

Residents who were allowed to remain were photographed and issued ID cards so that they could pass through the new wire-mesh front door. Armed CHA guards checked all IDs, and enforced a 9 p.m. curfew.

Finally, several weeks after the raid, the CHA and local businesses staged a mass wedding for 16 couples separated by eviction. Once married, they again had CHA grace to live together.

In December 1988, following the second raid, which followed the formula, the first organized opposition began. An outraged long-time resi-

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dent and political organizer at the Prairie Courts annex, the raided building, pulled together her friends and invited activists to join them for a protest in front of the building.

For two Saturdays in a row, in sub-zero weather, about 20 Black residents and another 20 whites, including religious activists, anarchists, supporters of the Revolutionary Communist Party and others, rallied, leafleted and sang re-written Christmas carols.

CHA guards at the building, most of whom were Black men, shut off the elevators and rolled garbage bar-

rels into the stairwells to discourage residents from joining the protests. They let themselves be overheard "joking" about putting bullets into outspoken residents.

With spring came new raids, and the stomping of a high-profile Prairie tenant by neighborhood teenagers, one of whom later stated that the building guards had bribed them to do it.

By the time Fight the Power arrived on the scene, more than ten buildings had been locked down, and close to 300 persons evicted.

Fight the Power, which organized the January squat-attempt and invited the Campaign to support it, appears composed entirely of CHA tenants and homeless people, making it a Black-controlled organization. Until its formation, some Clean Sweep opponents, Black and white, felt that the mostly-white character of the Campaign had stymied authentic community resistance.

"The Campaign is perceived as a bunch of white people going into the projects telling people what to do," became a familiar criticism.

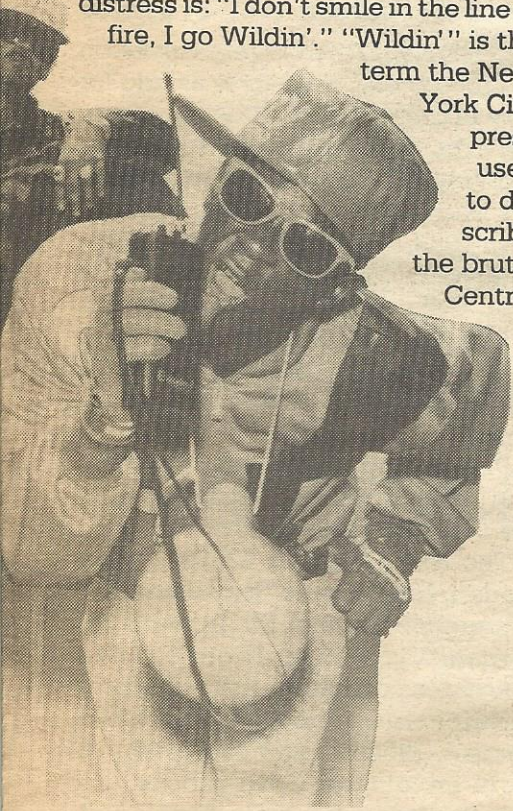
Those white activists who remained in the Campaign even as other whites were leaving the group over this question continue to reply that focusing on resisters' skin color misses the point, namely, they say, stopping the locking-down of Black public housing residents.

The RCP, because of its analysis of the centrality of Black rebellion in the U.S. to revolution here was quick to "take up" the struggle against the lockdown. Many groups, white, Black and mixed, steered clear of this issue, for better or worse, because the RCP appeared to have a franchise on it. Unfortunately, this has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. Because the RCP acts aggressively to promote itself as the single organization that can lead revolutionary struggle in the U.S., many groups and individuals refuse to work with it. Consequently, any authentic independent

errordome

band quotes from a white supremacist text (as Professor Griff did this summer) the movement is in trouble.

The other line that might cause distress is: "I don't smile in the line of fire, I go Wildin'." "Wildin'" is the term the New York City press used to describe the brutal Central



Park gang rape of an upperclass woman by a posse of Black and Latin teenagers last summer. I don't believe PE disputes the horrible nature of the crime, but they fail to take a stand against it. They do stand up to the racist media though, who used the term "Wildin'" as a battering ram against all Black youth. When Public Enemy talks about Wildin' they mean against the State, not white (or any other color) women. But because PE has had shaky sexual politics in the past they leave themselves wide open to misinterpretation.

Public Enemy will continue to play a very significant role in young Black and all radical politics. A new album, *Fear of a Black Planet* is due out in April, and along with "Welcome to the Terrordome," it will include tracks titled "Revolutionary Generation," "Who Stole the Sole?" and "911 is a Joke," among others.

As Public Enemy's politics become more sophisticated ("American Blacks need to take a more global approach... I'm able to see parallels with the American Black struggle and what's happening in Israel and Northern Ireland," Chuck D said in a recent interview) so will the politics of large numbers of African-American youth. *Fear of a Black Planet* could very well be the soundtrack to rebellion in 1990. ★

Black response to the lockdown will find few white allies outside the RCP. The relationship of Fight the Power to the RCP is not yet clear.

The emergence of a Black-controlled group in opposition to the sweeps will not automatically sweep away other obstacles, especially ones that exist within the Black community itself. Not only in Chicago, but across the U.S., many Black people from different economic classes are demanding more arrests and imprisonment of teenage Black men to

if the fight against the system is too big. Communities, many feel, should wage a more "manageable" struggle against the dealers.

For some, surely, fighting the system is also undesirable. Classism, in the form of suspicion towards anyone who lives in public housing, mirrors the within-the-system power mongering of a Jackson.

But just as troubling is the call being raised from within housing projects, in Chicago and across the country, for greater police intervention.



curtail gang violence and drug use.

Many working and middle-class Blacks harbor a legitimate outrage against the violence of gangs and decry the devastation they wreak on Black communities. Discussion about the underlying community devastation, however, is nearly nonexistent, and regarded as passé.

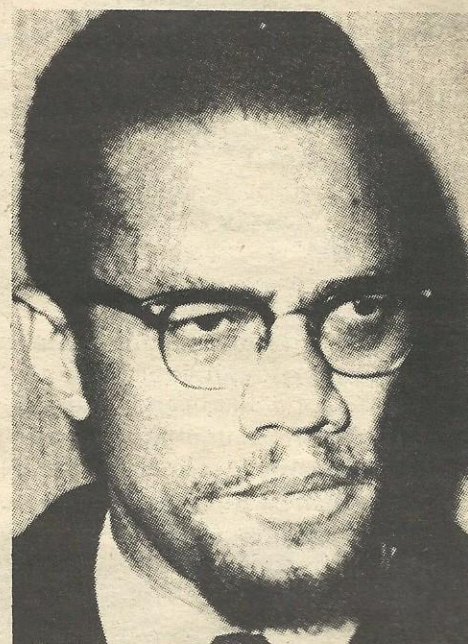
"It's not the guys in the white hoods that are your enemies," Jesse Jackson has said to cheers, "it's the hood in your neighborhood." For many, from political leaders to intellectuals to homeowners to renters and public housing residents, it is as

Fight the Power, for example, is the first Black group to emerge in this city that explicitly calls on "the people" to improve their lives by battling institutional injustice. Last fall, Black and white radicals watched with dismay as Black leaders tried to funnel popular anger over a police murder into community marches against drug dealers. These leaders were not interested in talking about the absence of jobs and community self-control that drives youth into gangs.

In the short term, Fight the Power's emergence appears a hopeful sign. ★

COMMUNITY FIGHTS FOR AUDUBON BALLROOM

A COALITION that includes Harlem community residents, the Metropolitan Council on Housing, and the December 12th Movement, is working to save the Audubon Ballroom from demolition. Columbia University wants to build biotechnological research labs on the site of the Audubon, where Malcolm X was assassinated 25 years ago. The community is pushing to halt the demolition and turn the ballroom into a community center and monument to Malcolm X. Several years ago it was recommended by a city planning group that the building be given landmark status, which would protect it from structural change or demolition. The recommendation was never acted on by the city. Columbia's building plans (estimated at \$22 million) include the for-profit research facility and a parking lot. The research labs will be doing experimental work with germs, viruses, and genetic material. Columbia University obviously thought



they could demolish this community symbol and replace it with a potentially hazardous research facility without causing too much of an uproar. Several demonstrations have already taken place and more are planned. ★

LITHUANIA FIGHTS

BY CHRISTOPHER DAY

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV IS trying to strangle independent Lithuania in its cradle. On April 5, 50 Soviet soldiers busted into the office of Lithuania's Chief Prosecutor to evict civil servants loyal to Lithuanian independence. Since the Baltic republic declared independence on March 11, the Soviets have sought to dismantle Lithuanian independence one building at a time. From the capture of Lithuanian deserters from the Soviet armed forces to the expulsion of foreign correspondents, the Soviets have sought to avoid a massive confrontation while they have whittled away the symbols of Lithuanian sovereignty.

For its part, the Bush administration has cooperated with the assault on Lithuania. Vice President Quayle upheld the capture of Lithuanian deserters as essential to the maintenance of military discipline. This collaboration between imperialist powers offers us a glimpse of the new order that is being built on the changes in the Soviet bloc. Both Bush and Gorbachev have a great deal to fear from Lithuanian independence.

If Lithuania is successful in its bid for independence it is fair to expect that the other Baltic nations, Estonia and Latvia, would follow quickly. It would be a short step to national independence for the many other oppressed nations within the Soviet empire. For over forty years U.S. imperialism has maintained a phony commitment to sovereignty for the Baltic nations, but never questioned Soviet control of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, the Ukraine or other oppressed nations. This position is based on the fact that the Baltic nations were occupied in 1940 as part of the Hitler-Stalin pact, whereas the other nations were conquered under the Czars. But today their fates are intertwined. Independence for Lithuania could

spell the collapse of the whole Russian imperialist house of cards.

For those of us raised with the propaganda of the Cold War it may seem strange that the United States would oppose the collapse of the Soviet empire. But in fact that is why Bush has sold out the Lithuanians. Western capital would much rather do business with the dependable central bureaucracy of the Kremlin than with the unpredictable nationalists of a dozen new states. For the same reason, the Bush administration supported the deployment of Soviet troops to Azerbaijan in February.

The collapse of the Soviet empire might also serve as an inspiration to oppressed nationalities around the world. Such examples are important in breaking down the appearance of imperial invincibility that both the U.S. and the Soviet Union have relied on in maintaining their power.

With such powerful enemies Lithuania needs all the international solidarity it can get. Supporting Lithuania's fight for self-determination should not imply any illusions about the nationalist politicians who put themselves in front of that struggle. In Minneapolis on April 8, members of the Revolutionary Anarchist Bowling League held a demonstration in front of the U.S. Federal Building demanding freedom for Lithuania and an end to U.S. involvement in El Salvador, uniting the fight against U.S. imperialism with the fight against Russian imperialism. Many on the U.S. left will join George Bush in hoping the fight for Lithuania's independence will just go away. Anarchists need to make sure it doesn't. The Lithuanian people want independence from the Russian empire, it is their right and we should stand with them in their fight to get it. ★

On Gogol Boulevard

Chinese Workers Arrested & Held

DESPITE the lifting of martial law in the People's Republic of China, the oppression of workers and other dissidents continues unabated. The actual fate of many of those arrested after Tiananmen Square is still unknown. They have, for all intents and purposes, disappeared from the face of the earth. The U.S. Workers Solidarity Alliance has begun a letter writing campaign to try to remind the despots of the Chinese ruling class that there are still many of us who support the valiant members of the Workers Autonomous Federation, many of whom have already been murdered at the hands of the "People's Executioners." WSA is asking people to send letters to addresses below demanding the release of the following workers whose names we know: Liu Quiang, Liu Huanwen, Bai Dongping, Tian Bomin, Guo Yaxiong, Li Jiang, You Diangi, Yan Fugian, He Zhaohui, Li Jian, Liu Xingqi, Lu Zhaixing, Yang Xiong, Zhang Xudong, Zhou Yong, Gao Jingtang, Li Xiaohu, Zhu Guanghua, Che Honglian, Hao Jingguang, Liu Yubin, Shao Liangehen, Zhang Xinchao, Li Huling, Rui Tonghu, Zhu Huiming, Cai Chaojun, Chen Shengfu, Gong Chencheng, Li Zhibo, Wang Hong, Wang Miaogen, Zhang Renfu, Zhang Qiwan, Zheng Liang, An Baojing, Bao Hongjian, Chang Ximin, Liu Chongshu, Ren Xiyang, Xu Ying, Zhao Demin.

Send letters to: Premier Zhongguo Guowu Yuan, Beijing, PRC; President Yang Shangkun, Zhongguo Guoji Zhuxi Banshichu, Beijing PRC; Ni Zhifu, Chairman, All China Federation of Trade Unions, Beijing PRC. Fax: (86-1) 801-2933.

RESPONSES TO PANAMA INVASION

THE CUBAN ECO-PACIFIST Movement "Green Path" has denounced the U.S. invasion of Panama as an act of "cowardly aggression against the people of Panama." Its spokesperson, Orlando Polo, also announced the group's demand for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops. Green Path's declaration is the only unofficial condemnation of the invasion that is known to have come out in Cuba.

Green Path consists of a network of more than 200 activists throughout the island who work for non-violence and draft resistance and against militarism, nuclear weapons and nuclear power. It also carries out protests against the sending of young Cubans to fight in Angola and against the mass mobilization of the population for military purposes.

Green Path has been demanding information from the government about the Soviet nuclear power plant that has been built in the city of Cienfuegos, as well as about other environmental hazards.

The Cuban Eco-Pacifist Movement is anti-imperialist, anti-militarist and non-violent, while being for peace and life, and for a cooperative and

mutualist world through a libertarian society. ★

BY GOSIA KRUKOSKA
WROCLAW WiP
POLAND

I'M a member of Freedom and Peace (WiP), a non-violent and pacifistic movement from Poland. I'm against the U.S. invasion of Panama.

In Poland and other Eastern European countries we have experienced Soviet domination. Domination is domination. It's not important what color the flag is, red with the hammer and sickle, or red, white, and blue with stars.

Both superpowers, the Soviet Union and the USA, apply the same methods, though they make use of different ideologies. ★

BY IVICA SKORIC
SVARUN GROUP
ZAGREB, YUGOSLAVIA

FOLLOWING the basic principles of non-violence, we consider any military intervention a crime against the human race, against humanity (which is for peace and freedom). There are not enough reasons to apologize for violence. ★

Soviet Anarchist Prisoner Freed

THE following is a letter reprinted from SVOBODA (Freedom) no. 3, 1989, zine of Moscow's Free Initiative (FI). Author Sergei Troyanski, an anarchist, is free after an international campaign for his release.

Sergei's anti-war and counter-culture activity (he's part of the Soviet hippie "System," equivalent to the U.S. Rainbows) led to his arrest on drug charges. Most or all of Free Initiative members have been political prisoners. Jailed in New York is Paul Knapp (Rainbow Hawk), an anti-war organizer, anarchist, and member of the Rainbow Family. Paul was similarly jailed on trumped up dope charges. NYC-Neither East Nor West and Free Initiative decided to twin Paul and Sergei and jointly work for their release. Paul remains jailed. For background on this campaign, Free Initiative history and documents, please send \$1.00 and a SASE to OGB. Free Initiative would love correspondence. Write: Yuri Popov, Novokosinsky ul., dom. 18, ku. 2, Moscow 11672, USSR. Tel: 383-6407.

Letter to my friends,

On June 6, 1989 I was taken from jail to a psychiatric hospital. It was hard for me to forget the two years I spent in jail. I can say, however, that I am thankful that after spending all that time in jail and all I went through

I am still a human being. It's only people who went through this who can really understand me. Friends, family, brothers and sisters, people on both sides of the ocean, I appreciate that you've saved my conscience, from having me turn into a social animal.

All your letters broke the walls of my jail, all the financial assistance helped me stay strong. This not only helped me, but all of those like me. If I was alone I couldn't have survived, but with help from everybody it pulled me through and saved my life. I hope that somehow Paul Knapp will get his liberation as I did.

Thank you all
Sergei Troyanski

AUTONOMIA

THIS single sheet newsletter is from the Hungarian anarchist group Autonomiá. They'd like to hear from anarchists everywhere: Autonomiá, Eötvös Klub, 1053 Budapest, Károlyi M. UT9, Hungary.

They speak English, German and

French, and are interested in books and pamphlets about any and every political issue.

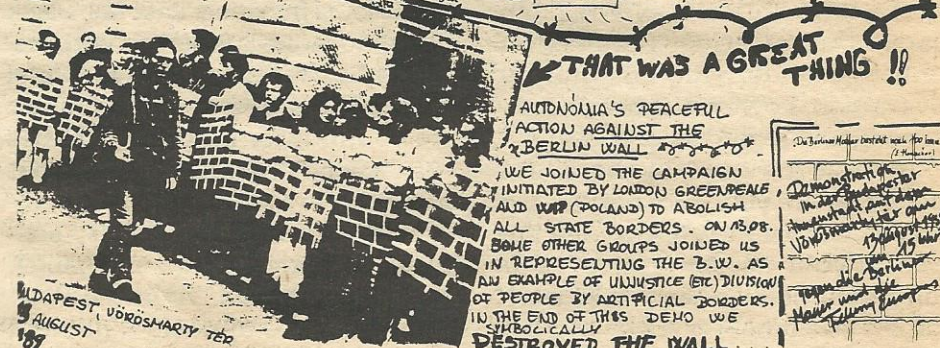
For their founding statement send a SASE to OGB. If you're going to Hungary give OGB a call or send a SASE and we'll set you up with personal contacts.



Since that time the situation has changed. Most of the new parties of the opposition seems to fight for one reason - take the power...

They turned against each other. The problem is one can never know how strong (still!) is the influence of the leading party. (As you might know the communists are still up there in their seats). And now the Party itself imitates a reformist way. When they talk about changes here in Hungary everyone means the free way to market economy [THE CONSUMERS' PARADISE] the free way to foreign capital to come, stock exchange etc.

50k Dollars & HAMBURGERS! No ONE talks about workers, women (or not loud enough) about environmental problems and only very few talk about oppressed minorities and the victims of all these blessed changes.



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FREE THE NEPA 11

Support Nigerian Anti-Stalinists

THE NIGERIAN Axe/Association of Libertarian Socialists is asking for help in the release of NEPA 11, workers who went on strike for better working conditions against Nigeria's National Electric Power Authority in 1988. Their life sentences have been reduced to ten years. They are: M.A. Odedina, S.F. Adekunmi, C.N. Olafor, D.A. Olatoke, J.N. Olotu, C.E. Dortie, B.B. Oye, K.E.G. Okoroafor, E. Eguakegbe, E.O. Kuye and J.K. Olaturunde.

Please send protest letters to Ibrahim Babangida, Office of the President, Lagos, Nigeria.

The Axe (GPO Box 12859, Dugbe Ibaden, Nigeria) and the Awareness League (40 Samuel Mbah, POB 28, Agbani Via Enuga, Nigeria) have asked for correspondence, radical publications, books, etc. from abroad. Please send materials in plain envelopes. Both groups are anti-Stalinist and have developed good relations with NYC-Neither East Nor West and others.

POLL TAX REVOLT ROCKS BRITAIN

BY MICHAEL DONNELLY

THE SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY was set on fire, police vehicles were overturned, at least 36 cops were injured and over 340 people were arrested after riot police charged an English anti-Poll Tax demonstration in London, March 31. Over 200,000 people participated in the demonstration near Downing Street, the home of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Fire engines sent to protect the South African Embassy were pelted with missiles by the angry crowd. The demonstration against the Poll Tax came the day before the tax was scheduled to go into effect. It is the latest and largest in a series of militant demonstrations against the tax that have swept England this March.

Earlier in the month a crowd of at least 5,000 attacked police with rocks and bottles, smashed shop windows and flipped over a police car in Hackney, London. The announcement of Poll Tax rates during the first week of March was met with massive resistance all across England. There were 57 people arrested and 30 cops injured in the Hackney riot. In Birmingham protestors fought with police in the council chambers. In Bristol, Poll Tax demonstrators attacked the cops and were then charged by mounted police. In Swindon, over 1,200 protestors burned Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in effigy. The story was the same in city after city across England.

Presently the amount of local council tax is determined by the value of a person's property. Thatcher's new proposal would institute a flat rate tax paid by each member of a household over 18 years old, with limited exceptions for hardship cases. The tax bill for a lord of the manor would go down sharply, while someone living in a humble apartment would pay hundreds of pounds more. Since each local council will have to balance expenditures with poll tax revenue, someone living in opposition Labour Party-controlled councils (which are poorer and have heavy expenditures for social services) would pay much more than someone living in a council controlled by Thatcher's Conservative Party.

The first British Poll Tax led to the Peasants' Rebellion over 600 years ago. After full scale rioting and the public execution of the state treasurer, the tax was revoked.

When plans for the tax were announced there were immediate protests. The spirit of resistance was dampened by government announcements that teams of roving investigators were checking if all had registered. There were also threats of 20% deductions from government benefit checks and of warning letters followed by seizures of property and bank accounts and ultimately jail sentences for tax resist-

ers.

The Labour Party, the unions, the Scottish National Party were unable or unwilling to challenge Thatcher over the tax. Labour leader Neil Kinnock made speeches in Parliament denouncing the tax plan, but official party policy was for the local councils to collect the tax.

Several local anti-Poll Tax groups were dominated by dogmatic leftist sects such as the Militant Tendency and the Socialist Workers Party. Neither group was particularly



democratic in its methods. Both seemed more interested in recruiting new members and pursuing their own agenda than building resistance to the Poll Tax.

The English anti-Poll Tax movement got off to a slow start. But, as in Scotland, months of street-level community organizing began to pay off, with anarchist and anti-authoritarian activists making important contributions to the movement.

Scotland rejected Thatcher's ploy to "test market" the Poll Tax there. One quarter of the Scots refused to pay. Many had not registered in the first place, and others stopped paying after the first installment.

Sheriffs who attempted to confiscate people's property for nonpayment of the Poll Tax were often met by crowds of angry demonstrators and would cancel the day's proceedings. In one case in Aberdeen, the police had to rescue the sheriffs from over 100 angry protestors. In Edinburgh 40 activists occupied a sheriff's office and had a mock sheriff's

Berkeley Cops Riot

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Done with their beatings inside Barrington, a couple of cops briefly emerged on the third floor fire escape to throw bottles and bricks at the crowd. At this point, some people, angered by the beatings, smashed up an empty police car. Other people threw bottles and debris at the cops.

Shortly after 3 a.m., another police line forced us down the street to an intersection, meeting little resistance. The cops continued swinging their clubs in jabbing motions, sending more people to the hospital. Once pushed into the intersection, the crowd, exhausted and shaken, dispersed.

The next morning residents were allowed back into the house, but the

auction of items found there.

NALGO, a union representing council staffers (many of whom would lose their jobs from budget cuts if the tax went into effect) went on strike. This considerably slowed efforts to identify and pursue nonpayers. The strikers were joined on the picket lines by anti-Poll Tax activists.

In England, activists started producing literature, doing graffiti, going door-to-door, organizing community groups and protest marches, and protesting at council meetings and Poll Tax offices. There were numerous anti-Poll Tax shows featuring bands like Chumbawumba and Wot Tyler (an anarchist band named after the 14th century leader of the Peasants' Rebellion).

In London, Lambeth's NALGO workers boycotted all Poll Tax work and many governmental and quasi-governmental groups declared they would not cooperate with Poll Tax investigators. Investigators were chased off housing projects in Southwark and Tower Hamlets.

A popular method of demonstrating opposition to the tax was public

burnings of Poll Tax registration forms. The largest "burn-in" took place in June in the progressive London borough of Islington when the Poll Tax office itself was torched one night and burned to the ground.

After the December registration deadline ten percent of the people refused to sign up and anger began to rise when people started realizing that after all the talk, a huge unfair tax bill would actually soon be appearing in the post.

The anti-Poll Tax movement was

greatly aided at this juncture by the increasing cracks in Thatcher's armor. The economy wasn't doing as well as before. Surveys revealed that Thatcher would lose an early election campaign to Labour by 20%. The tabloids featured stories revealing that the tax rates would be much higher than projected, and pointed out such laughable discrepancies as Prince Charles' butler paying a higher rate for his studio apartment than the prince for his country estate. Neighborhood groups like the one in multi-racial working-class Haringey (in London) denounced the 554 pound (nearly \$900) tax residents would be expected to pay, one of the highest in the country. The well-organized Haringey group predicted near-total noncompliance.

The riots this March were denounced by Thatcher as the work of Militant Tendency supporters. But in truth the demonstrations were an interesting mix of students, housewives, anarchist squatters, pensioners, left yuppies and others. If the crowd were only Militant supporters Thatcher would have had nothing to worry about.

Thatcher now faces the greatest political crisis of her career. Fortunately, when anti-Poll Tax sentiment exploded there was already a solid foundation of activists, information, organizations and community support to draw on which people had built for over a year. At this point it seems there will be mass noncompliance with the tax, with some sort of political compromise likely. Thatcher's political life looks like it will soon end. Perhaps a more important question is whether anarchists who worked with other groups on this issue will continue to work with broad-based grass-roots community groups and present anarchist ideas as a viable alternative within such groups.

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cops stepped up surveillance of the radical community. For the next two days cops in riot gear cruised Berkeley, four to a car, I.D.-ing and searching anybody they recognized as having been at Barrington Friday night. They arrested at least two people on warrants and have stated that there are more to come.

In court, on Monday, the district attorney entered felony charges — assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer, rioting and arson — against four students. The other 13 arrested are facing multiple misdemeanors. All were released on their own recognizance with the stipulation that they not go within one block of Barrington Hall.

Students held an anti-police brutality rally on campus the following

Wednesday that was well-attended by a broad range of people which helped to publicize Barrington's plight.

A week later, Juan Mendoza, one of the 18 residents of Barrington, was found dead in the house's parking lot. The cause of his death is still unknown and under investigation.

The Barrington police riot was an important lesson for all who witnessed it on the incredible lengths to which the authorities are willing to go to repress the counterculture. The brutality of March 2 mobilized all who witnessed it. The community will continue its fight for Barrington.

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ANARQUIA EN GRECIA

EL VIERNES, 26 DE ENERO EN Atenas, Grecia, Athanasios Melistas, el policía que asesinó al joven anarquista de 15 años de edad, en noviembre de 1985, tuvo su apelación final. Melistas disparó a Mihalís Kaltezas en la parte trancera de la cabeza, mientras trataba de huir de los tiros de la policía junto a otros manifestantes en una demostración.

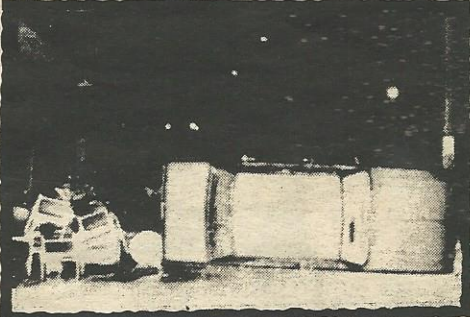
A pesar de la evidencia del crimen, el policía fue absuelto de los cargos. En respuesta, miles de personas se lanzaron a las calles ocasionando violentos motines. Durante dichos motines la policía griega disparó más de 700 granadas de gas, incluyendo el banned SS. Cada vez que un policía ha sido llevado a corte han estallado motines, especialmente en esta ocasión con motivo del asesinato de Kaltezas.

Los motines finalizaron con la ocupación de un politécnico en Atenas el domingo en las primeras horas de la mañana; la ocupación aún continúa en el momento en que se redacta este informe.

La ocupación convocada por la Unión de Estudiantes y los anarquistas ha sido un éxito. Diariamente se realizan dos mítines generales con una participación de unas mil personas aproximadamente (en el mitin de la noche). Cuentan con una radio pirata en el interior del politécnico destinada a la comunicación y a la contra información.

Los estudiantes de secundaria han ocupado 20 escuelas secundarias. Acciones similares tienen lugar en otras ciudades como Creta, Sicilonia, etc. La Universidad fue cerrada por tres días.

Los anarquistas han bloqueado las carreteras nacionales y han creado comités para unirse a los huelguistas que también tienen ocupadas las fábricas, como parte de las muchas luchas obreras que tienen lugar en Grecia.



A través de las demandas de la ocupación, se escucharon las voces de los más fuertes, como los estudiantes y otras uniones. Desde el principio, el lema ha sido "Auto Justicia."

Si esto hubiera sucedido en Europa del Este, lo hubiéramos visto en las primeras páginas pero, como sucedió en Grecia y allí no pueden culpar al comunismo, la prensa no le dió cobertura. Por nuestra parte, esto nos sirve de inspiración, a la vez que aprovechamos la capacidad y el impacto de la acción directa organizada. ★



Estimado Amor y Rabia,

Les pedimos vuestro apoyo y acción inmediata para los transviarios de Melbourne.

El día 1 de enero, el gobierno de Victoria demandó de los trabajadores la firma de un contrato, aceptando el nuevo sistema de billetes que costara a muchos la pérdida de sus empleos. Ellos rehusaron y decidieron hacer funcionar los transvías por su cuenta, negándose a vender los billetes. De esta forma, se lograba el primer día del 1990, la autogestión del sistema de transvías.

La Corporación de Transporte Público y el Gobierno no pudieron tolerar esto y cortaron el corriente eléctrico al sistema, desconectándolo completamente. Pero, antes de que ellos hicieran esto, los transviarios lograron llevar todos los transvías al centro de Melbourne. Diez días después permanecen allí paralizados.

Los transviarios han ocupado todos sus puestos de trabajo y a fines de la pasada semana, formaron comités para coordinar alimento, dinero, propaganda, seguridad, etc. Grupos de apoyo de pasajeros asisten los depósitos locales para que los transviarios puedan continuar resistiendo a las presiones del Gobierno. Esta disputa se está llevando a cabo por los propios trabajadores.

Ellos están realizando contacto directo con trabajadores de otros sectores. Si logramos vencer, será una importante victoria.

Pedimos a todos los lectores de Amor y Rabia que: 1) Manden telegramas en apoyo a los trabajadores transviarios a: Delegado, Brunswick Tram Depot, Sydney Rd., Brunswick 3056, Victoria, Australia. 2) Realicen propaganda y acciones de protesta contra las Embajadas australianas y también contra los negocios australianos. 3) Manden telegramas al gobierno de Victoria, demandando que echen abajo el nuevo sistema de billetes, que mantengan en sus puestos a los conductores y que permitan a los trabajadores volver a operar, otra vez, el sistema de transporte para el público. Se pueden dirigir a: Ministro de Transporte, Jim Kennan, y/o Premier de Victoria, John Cain, Parliament House,

Spring St., Melbourne 3000, Victoria, Australia.

Por favor, mándenlos (a la ASF) copias de vuestros telegramas, etc. a: Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation of Australia, PO Box 199, East Brunswick 3057, Australia.

P. Stevenson
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de la ASF/IWA

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La mayoría de los colaboradores de Amor y Rabia están activos en esfuerzos por cambiar al mundo, además de publicar Amor y Rabia. Los simpatizantes están involucrados en un amplio rango de grupos locales, en varios tipos de publicaciones, en redes que atienden asuntos específicos y en organizaciones que militan nacional e internacionalmente y muchas veces escriben sobre sus actividades en Amor y Rabia.

La red de apoyo de Amor y Rabia no es un círculo cerrado de amigos. Si estás de acuerdo en general con la Declaración Política y estás conforme a comprometer tu tiempo, energía o dinero en nuestro esfuerzo común, puedes convertirte en parte de la red y participar ampliamente en el proceso de tomar las decisiones. Pídele más información a la persona que te vendió o te obsequió tu copia del periódico, o escribe a:

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Amor y Rabia es un periódico mensual anarquista revolucionario que intenta fomentar el activismo revolucionario antiautoritario en Norteamérica. Proveeremos cobertura sobre luchas sociales, eventos mundiales, acciones anarquistas y brotes de resistencia (contra cultura). Apoyaremos las luchas de los oprimidos alrededor del mundo por el control de sus propias vidas. El anarquismo ofrece la más profunda crítica a la dominación, haciendo posible un marco de unidad de todas las luchas por la liberación. Tratamos de entender los sistemas bajo los cuales vivimos mediante nuestro propio análisis y rechazamos cualquier ideología pre-enlatada. El anarquismo es un cuerpo viviente de teoría y práctica, conectado directamente a las experiencias de los oprimidos que luchan por su propia liberación. Anticipamos la revisión constante y radical de nuestras ideas como parte necesaria de cualquier proceso revolucionario.

Amor y Rabia es revolucionario.

Apoyamos el derrocamiento de toda forma de relaciones sociales autoritarias y la creación de una sociedad basada en la cooperación, en la solidaridad y la ayuda mutua. Reconocemos que la revolución social solo puede hacerla realidad la mayoría oprimida de la humanidad mediante un movimiento autogestionario. Apoyamos la utilización de cualquier medio que sea necesario para emancipar a la humanidad y alcanzar así el fin de la guerra, de la pobreza, del hambre y de la miseria generada por el sistema actual. Apoyamos la necesidad del desarrollo de un movimiento de lucha como paso dirigido hacia la realización de la revolución social.

Amor y Rabia es antilestatista.

Nos oponemos a todos los Estados como quiera que estos se autotitulen: Capitalistas o comunistas.

Amor y Rabia es anticapitalista.

Apoyamos todos los esfuerzos por derrocar toda forma de dominio de clase y poder estatal. Apoyamos las huelgas y otras formas de lucha obrera por el control de los medios de producción.

Amor y Rabia es antirracista.

Luchamos contra la supremacía blanca y militamos por la creación de una sociedad que respete la diversidad cultural. Apoyamos la autodeterminación de los mexicanos, de los chicanos, de los indígenas nativoamericanos y otros grupos oprimidos. Reconocemos la especial opresión de los afroamericanos desde los tiempos de la esclavitud hasta el presente y la lucha del pueblo negro en los Estados Unidos por su liberación y autodeterminación. Luchamos contra el resurgimiento del racismo hacia los asiáticos y los árabes. Nos colocamos al frente en la lucha contra los racistas fachas cabezas rapadas (skinhead), el Ku Klux Klan, los Nazis y el terror policiaco.

Amor y Rabia es antilimperialista.

Apoyamos el derecho a la autodeterminación de los

pueblos oprimidos por las diferentes formas de imperialismo. Luchamos por expulsar a Estados Unidos de Centro America, Puerto Rico y de todos los otros territorios. Apoyamos la destrucción del Estado Federal de EU. Apoyamos la destrucción del Imperio Soviético y la liberación de todos sus pueblos. Estamos a favor de la destrucción del Apartheid, del FMI, del Banco Mundial, de las corporaciones multinacionales y de todas las otras formas de imperialismo.

Amor y Rabia es antisexistista.

Estamos a favor de la liberación y de la autodeterminación de la mujer. Esto significa, como mínimo, el incuestionable derecho reproductivo de todas las mujeres sin diferencias de razas o estado económico y por un mundo sin violencia sexista. Reconocemos que la opresión de la mujer es necesaria para continuar con el funcionamiento del Estado. El Estado jamás resolverá nuestros problemas. Nuestra liberación solo será posible mediante el derrocamiento del Estado.

Amor y Rabia apoya la liberación de las lesbianas, de los homosexuales y los bisexuales.

Rechazamos la heterosexualidad obligatoria de la fa-

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milia patriarcal y apoyamos los esfuerzos por promover una diversidad de relaciones humanas consensuales y sexuales.

Amor y Rabia apoyará las luchas de los jóvenes contra su específica opresión.

Amor y Rabia se esfuerza especialmente en promover una plataforma para la juventud. Reconocemos que el futuro revolucionario está en manos de la juventud.

Amor y Rabia apoya la lucha contra la dominación de la Naturaleza.

Reconocemos que el sistema industrial actual, construido sobre la explotación del planeta y de sus habitantes, ha causado una crisis ecológica que amenaza la supervivencia en el planeta. Apoyamos los movimientos de resistencia contra la continua destrucción del planeta. Vemos la necesidad de una transformación revolucionaria de nuestras relaciones con el planeta y las especies que lo habitan. Queremos detener la destrucción del medio natural. Queremos detener e invertir el envenenamiento del aire, de la tierra y del agua. Estamos en contra de la explotación de animales en las granjas industriales y en los sistemas de prueba. Nos oponemos a los ataques del Estado contra el Movimiento por la Liberación de los Animales.

Esta declaración no intenta incluir todos los asuntos que conciernen a los anarquistas y antiautoritarios, ni Amor y Rabia pretende un entendimiento a plenitud o una plena unidad de criterios sobre todos los temas. No pretende representar el espectro completo de la diversidad en el movimiento anarquista actual. No evitaremos la controversia. Le pediremos siempre ideas y sugerencias a nuestros lectores y a otros activistas esforzándonos por mejorar nuestro entendimiento y el del movimiento en que militamos.



Lecciones Sobre la Huelga de Los Mineros de Carbón

BY MIKE KOLHOFF

EL 20 DE FEBRERO, MINEROS EN huelga contra Pittston aprobaron un contrato que terminó una huelga de 10 meses. El 1 de enero, oficiales de los United Mine Workers (UMW) anunciaron que se ha concluido un convenio con la Pittston Coal Company, señalando posiblemente un fin de la huelga que ha sido en efecto desde abril de 1989. La huelga Pittston ha servido como foco (y ins-

piración) para el movimiento obrero estadounidense un recordativo del poder de la solidaridad obrera — y simultáneamente la huelga subraya las insuficiencias deslumbradoras del movimiento obrero estadounidense actual.

Veíamos a trabajadores en las minas no afectadas por la huelga actuando con iniciativa propia en huelgas no autorizadas por el sindicato.

Veíamos al liderazgo de UMW aplastando rápidamente esas huelgas. Veíamos al liderazgo de UMW fomentando nacionalismo para subrayar la necesidad de un fin temprano de la huelga. Veíamos a mineros en traje de guerra luchando en las barricadas para defender sus intereses. Veíamos al liderazgo de UMW mandando a los mineros someterse pacíficamente a la policía. En suma, veíamos a

obreros con la voluntad para hacer lo necesario para ganar la batalla; y veíamos al liderazgo del sindicato haciendo todo posible para perder la guerra.

Las razones para la huelga eran muchas, una — el cuidado médico — tan básica hoy como la jornada y los salarios hace una décadas. Con los
(Continúa en la página 5)

En La Avenida Gogol

Liberado Preso Político Anarquista Soviético

A continuación una carta reproducida de *Svoboda* (Libertad) #3, 1989, publicación del Movimiento Libre Iniciativa de Moscú. Su autor, Sergei Troyanski, un anarquista soviético, está en libertad después de una campaña internacional por su excarcelación. Sergei es un antibelicista y un activista de contra-cultura (él forma parte del "Sistema," grupo hippie soviético, equivalente a los Rainbows en los EU) que fue mandado a arrestar bajos cargos de droga.

Encarcelado en Nueva York, se encuentra Paul Knapp (Rainbow Hawk), un organizador antibelicista, anar-

quista y miembro de la Familia Rainbow. Paul fue igualmente encarcelado por cargos de droga.

La sección newyorkina de "Ni Este Ni Oeste" y "Libre Iniciativa" decidieron hermanar a Paul y a Sergei y trabajar juntos por sus respectivos excarcelamientos. Paul aún permanece encarcelado.

Para recibir más información sobre esta campaña, la historia de "Libre Iniciativa" y otros documentos de este movimiento, por favor envíe \$1.00 y sobre franqueado a OGB, 528 Fifth St., Brooklyn, NY 11215, USA.

Para correspondencia con Libre

Iniciativa, escribir a Yuri Popov, Novokosinsky, U1. dom. 18 kuz, Moscú, 11672 URSS. Teléfono 383-6407.

Carta a Mis Amigos

El 6 de junio de 1989, fui trasladado de la cárcel a un hospital psiquiátrico. Ha sido muy duro para mi olvidar los dos años que he pasado en la cárcel. No obstante puedo decir que estoy agradecido, después de haber estado perdiendo todo este tiempo en prisión, he logrado mantenerme siendo un ser humano. Esto solo pueden entenderlo las personas que lo han experimentado.

Amigos, familiares, hermanos y hermanas, personas de ambos lados del océano, aprecio que hayan salvado mi conciencia, de tener que convertirme en un animal social. Todas sus cartas rompieron las paredes de mi celda, toda la asistencia financiera me ayudó a mantenerme fuerte. Esto no solamente me ayudó a mí, sino a todos los que están como yo. Si yo hubiera estado solo no hubiera podido sobrevivir, pero con la ayuda de todos me excarcelaron y salvé mi vida. Yo espero que de alguna manera Paul Knapp pueda obtener su liberación como yo.

Gracias a todos,
Sergei Troyanski

Histórica Conferencia Anarquista Este-Oeste

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ANARQUISTAS norteamericanos han jugado un importante rol en la unificación de los antiautoritarios del Este y del Oeste. Es de vital importancia que representantes de Norteamérica asistan a la primera reunión de este tipo.

La sección newyorkina de "Ni

Este Ni Oeste" desea enviar representación. Sería aún mejor si un grupo de anarquistas de Norteamérica asistiera. Nos urge que los anarquistas de EU y Canadá asuman colectivamente la responsabilidad financiera de enviar a algún o algunos compa-

ñeros a esta importantísima conferencia. Si miles de ustedes solamente mandan uno o dos dólares, tendríamos suficiente para pasajes, más fondos para subsidiar los costos de la conferencia y ayudar a los compañeros anarquistas de Europa del Este.

Activistas Antinucleares de EU y de la URSS Se Unen en Protestas

EL 24 de septiembre de 1989, el grupo Peace Test y los Indios Shoshone en los Estados Unidos se unieron y coordinaron protestas con los soviéticos del Movimiento Nevada Semipalatinsk demandando el fin de las pruebas de armas nucleares. En solidaridad con la campaña, el Peace Test de Alemania Occidental y el Mo-

vimiento Libertad y Paz de Polonia mantuvieron protestas en sus áreas.

Una jira de voceros y activistas, incluyendo a Kairat Nmarow del Movimiento Nevada Semipalatinsk, Pauline Esteves de los Indios Shoshone, miembros Nevada Desert Experience y el Peace Test del Area de la Bahía visitaron muchas ciudades del

oeste de los Estados Unidos durante su marcha. Para conocer su itinerario contacte con el Peace Test del Area de la Bahía, 1998 25th St., San Francisco, CA 94107, USA. Teléfono: (415) 641-4095; Movimiento Nevada Semipalatinsk, Unión de Escritores de Kazakstan, Kommunistichesky Prospekt 105, Kazakstan, URSS. ★

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LLAMADA PARA DÍA DE LA TIERRA ACCION DE WALL STREET

POR EARTH DAY WALL STREET ACTION

EN ESTOS DÍAS TODO EL MUNDO se está montando en el vagón de la banda en la lucha ambientalista. Según nos acercamos el 20 aniversario del Día de la Tierra (Earth Day), las corporaciones y los políticos están diciendo que están de nuestro lado. Están flotando la bandera verde de la ecología, haciéndole burla a los verdaderos deseos de la gente para un mundo verdaderamente democrático y ecológico.

Corporaciones y sus aliados en el gobierno están tratando de sacar la atención sobre ellos — lejos de sus sitios de reunión donde es que se hacen las decisiones diarias que resultan en el envenenamiento y la devastación del planeta tierra y su gente. Como el cancer, ese sistema se come todo, desde los bosques a los océanos hasta nuestros propios cuerpos. A pesar de esto sus representantes estarán usando la ocasión del Día de la Tierra para venir a nuestras comunidades y ligarse y marchar junto a nosotros. Y proclamarán que "todos nosotros," no ellos, somos los culpables.

Los contaminadores nos quieren hacer creer que todos nosotros somos unos pasajeros comunes en "la nave de la tierra," cuando en la verdad unos pocos de ellos son los que controlan y el resto de nosotros vivimos ahogados por el resultado de sus emanaciones.

La economía corporativa no es compatible con la responsabilidad ecológica. El sistema entero depende de la habilidad de unos pocos para convertir el planeta tierra y su gente en ganancias. Su apetito no tiene fin y no quedará satisfecho hasta que no se coma todo el planeta tierra. Ya somos testigos de los cambios en el cli-

ma que, si no los paramos, nos harán la vida imposible. Mientras tanto la élite corporativa está teniendo ganancias destruyendo los bosques, fabricando armas nucleares, envenenando nuestro alimento y el agua. Se están beneficiando de un sistema económico donde 40,000 niños de la edad de cinco años mueren cada día de causas que podrían ser evitadas; millones de americanos no tienen hogar; el SIDA (AIDS) mata mucha gente mientras bosteza la medicina corporativa; y norteamericanos que no descienden de los europeos sistemáticamente son mantendidos abajo.

Los químicos tóxicos son derramados y plantas contaminantes son puestas en los barrios pobres; la gente nativa es sacada de sus tierras y las mujeres en todos sitios han sido reducidas a objetos de placer, y le han robado el poder de escoger su reproducción y forzadas hacer los trabajos más tontos.

Pues ¡Ven a Wall Street!

Wall Street es el centro del sistema. Wall Street alberga los bancos, los comerciantes de la bolsa de valores, agentes de seguros y los cuarteles

generales de las corporaciones. Es una burocracia sin cara y irresponsable donde nuestro futuro es comprado, vendido y comercializado a gusto. Wall Street es el símbolo central de una economía basada en una codicia sin límites y en la especulación.

El lunes, el 23 de abril, un día después del "Día de la Tierra," gente de toda la nación se reunirán allí para cerrar Wall Street. Nosotros llenaremos las calles con gente, interrumpiendo los "negocios como los hacen usualmente" con nuestra propia celebración de la vida. Traeremos disfraces, música, teatro, árboles y símbolos de la basura corporativa y la generación de la tierra. Grupos afinados y preparados en acción directa sin violencia, bloquearán el Stock Exchange y otros centros de actividad corporativa. Ilustraremos la conexión entre el envenenamiento de la tierra y la destrucción de nuestras comunidades. Demostraremos que la única solución real a la crisis ecológica es terminando la opresión en todas sus formas: opresión por las corporaciones, el gobierno y las instituciones patriarcales y racistas. Buscamos el final a todas las formas de opresión social e injusticia ecológica. Queremos una democracia política y económica verdadera: gente con el poder para bregar con nuestras necesidades comunes juntos en una forma verdadera y de forma ecológica. ¡Unete a nosotros! ★



Cruz Negra Anarquista



Condenaron a Fran Trutt

FRAN Trutt es una activista pro derechos animales a quien se le tendió una trampa por agentes que trabajaban para Perceptions (una corporación de vigilancia para las compañías farmacéuticas) para cometer un acto ilegal con el fin de desacreditar al Movimiento para la Liberación de Animales.

Ella está esperando dos juicios, uno en la ciudad de Nueva York, por posesión de bombas y armas, y otro

en Stamford, Connecticut, por colocar una bomba en las afueras de la Corporación Quirúrgica de Estados Unidos, una compañía de abastecimiento quirúrgico.

El 8 de enero de 1990, Fran fue sentenciada por un juez federal a las 14 meses que ya ha pasado en la cárcel previo a ser juzgada (dos meses más largo que el máximo término permitido por esta clase de cargo de posesión) y se le ordenó servir tres años de

probatoria y permanecer bajo terapia psiquiátrica después que su juicio en Connecticut sea concluido, lo que tomará lugar este año.

Los agentes que tomaron parte en el planteamiento y en la obtención de las bombas y las armas, Mary Ann Sapone y Marcus Mead, fueron investigados, pero nunca enfrentaron cargo alguno en su contra. Ambos, en la actualidad, se mantienen infiltrándose en los círculos políticos. ★



La Huelga de Los Mineros

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riesgos de trabajar en las minas, cuidado médico adecuado es tan importante como comida en la mesa. Cuando Pittston Coal Company se retiró de la Bituminous Coal Operators Association (una organización formada durante la década 1950 de compañías mineras con el propósito de permitir al UMW negociar un contrato para todos los mineros en el sindicato), una de sus primeras acciones era cortar los beneficios médicos para los mineros retirados (muchos con la enfermedad "pulmón negro") y las viudas de mineros.

Cuando la compañía presentó su contrato, el contrato contuvo demandas para concesiones comprensivas, sin la posibilidad de un compromiso. Los obreros tuvieron dos opciones: rendirse o pelear. Decidieron por pelear.

La huelga ha sido llenado de incidentes de coraje y solidaridad. Estudiantes en los condados afectados en el oeste de Virginia boicoteaban sus aulas en manifestaciones de simpatía para los huelguistas. Un grupo de mineras y esposas (se llamaban "The Daughters of Mother Jones") aparecía y llevaba a cabo acciones como la toma del centro regional de dirección de Pittston. Residentes del oeste de Virginia ayudaban a los mineros en varias maneras: la donación de comida y dinero para fianzas y el uso de sus vehículos para bloquear caminos usados por la policía y los esquiroles.

También habían incidentes de brutalidad. Camiones conducidos por esquiroles atropellaban a algunos mineros en los meses tempranos de la huelga. La policía del estado — muchos de ellos estaban usados por el gobernador pro-negocios de Virginia — empleaban "choke holds" y fuerza excesiva en centenares de instancias. Los mineros empleaban tácticas de desobediencia civil, poniéndose los cuerpos humanos frente a

Estimados lectores,

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Gracias

El personal de Amor y Rabia

Estudiantes de secundaria en huelga en solidaridad con mineros.

las entradas de las minas y les permitiendo a la policía les arrestar en multitudes. Y los tribunales (los compinches de capital) asesaban multas de más de \$60 millón.

Era claro muy temprano que los tribunales, la policía, el gobierno del estado y la compañía eran unidos en un intento de destruir el sindicato de los mineros y les expulsar del oeste de Virginia. Los mineros, 1,700 de ellos, tenían solamente una arma: la solidaridad de la clase obrera. Los mineros, marchando con pena y trabajo hacia el interior del pozo para minar el combustible para industria, venían a ser un punto de resistencia irresistible para el movimiento obrero, la izquierda, y trabajadores rebeldes de todos tipos.

Desde que Ronald Reagan destruyó el sindicato de los controladores del tráfico aeronáutico (PATCO) en 1981, los sindicatos comerciales (desfrazados como "labor organizado"), les han visto a huelgas en una manera fatalista. Con la colusión entre los tribunales conservativos y las corporaciones gigantes, los sindicatos comerciales empezaban huelgas solamente cuando estaban arrinconados y bajo presión por sus miembros propios. Y entonces sus senderos eran tan insensatos que nada más que la supervivencia de una huelga se saludaban como una victoria.

Los tribunales y el capital, en la reconocimiento de la barriga blanda de los sindicatos comerciales (cerca de la cartera de bolsillo), incrementaban su curso de largo plazo de multar la mierda viva de los sindicatos cada vez que se organizaba una huelga. Estas multas tenían menor o ningún efecto sobre los trabajadores ordinarios, pero mucho efecto sobre la riqueza de los burócratas. Cuando el Congreso pasó una ley contra el recibir de "food stamps" por familias de huelguistas, el mensaje a los obreros era claro: ¡Váyanse a la chingada! La clase obrera organizada estaba torpe, tal vez letárgico, en responder. La imagen de mineros en vestido de camuflaje en Virginia bloqueando las entradas de las minas subraya esta realidad.

Durante los meses recientes el término "huelga general" ha aparecido en los órganos de algunos sindicatos comerciales, o en la forma de artículos históricos o como tópico de discusión. En noviembre cerca de ciento mineros se apoderaron de una planta preparativa de carbón. Con más de 2,000 partidarios de los mineros afuera de la facilidad, la policía y los asesinos de la compañía no podían hacer nada. Poco después, con su punto claro, los mineros abandonaron la

planta. Era claro que algo indómito estaba en el aire.

Por todos modos, las detalles del pacto entre el sindicato y Pittston deprimen. El sindicato retiene su seguridad de salud y hay promesas dudosas de "seguridad de trabajo," y, en cambio, el sindicato se ha rendido todo lo demás: Ahora Pittston tiene el poder para operar sus minas continuamente, incluyendo los domingos — una disrupción de las vidas de los mineros y sus familias en busca de ganancias aumentadas.

Lo mejor que el UMW pudiera esperar era statu quo. En la situación actual, no es posible ganar nada siguiendo el liderazgo de los sindicatos comerciales. Los sindicatos comerciales son tan atados al sistema capitalista como la cámara de comercio. Pero ¿no estaba ganado nada por la huelga? Es intangible, pero sí, la huelga ganaba algo: La conciencia que la ley no es una avenida de alivio para la clase obrera, que nuestras luchas tienen que extenderse afuera de la ley capitalista.

La frustración que se ha incrementado durante década tras década de explotación y abuso (por burócratas en los sindicatos y también los dueños de empresas) se fraguaban en la huelga Pittston. Tiene forma, pero ¿qué es su futuro? Hay cínicos quienes creen que solamente es necesario indicar la insuficiencia de los sindicatos comerciales para combatir su influencia. Esto es tontería. Simplemente despreciar a los bufonescos egoísticos de los burócratas no vale nada.

Lo que es necesario son nuevas formaciones que son bastante fuertes para resistir la opresión capitalista: sindicatos revolucionarios controlados por las filas. Obreros rebeldes y sindicalistas anarquistas ¡ha llegado nuestra hora! ★

