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UNCENSORED POLITICS

An Introduction

Hello and welcome to the fourth issue of Ainriail and we're a wee bit later than usual, apologies to one and all as we have been busy. We had talks in April with members of 'Organise' to help establish better links and what came out of that was a three day conference, which will be held here in Galway on 21 /22 /23 of June 1996. Among all the discussions and debates, a couple of social nights will be laid on with a possible benefit gig by Galway's Anarcho - Punk band, Dole Eireann.

Plans are also afoot to publish an introductory pamphlet on the politics of Ainriail, so keep an eye out for that. Our regular Fortnightly anarchist meetings are going from strength to strength and if you wish to be kept informed about them, then why not add your name to our 'Info sheet' mail out.

Feed back on issue 3 was brilliant and we would like to thank those of you who sent us letters, Publications, Hard cash and Articles. Also a big special thanks to those of you who took extra copies of the last magazine for distribution in their parts of the country, every little bit helps. We also have some back issues of Ainriail 1, 2 & 3 left, all you need to do is request an issue and enclose an A4 s.a.e.

This magazine has been produced by Ainriail. It's purpose is to promote anarchist politics by providing coverage of local, national and international class struggle, anarchists actions and resistance.

We welcome contributions of ideas, letters, articles and any other relevant information from like-minded groups or individuals, for possible inclusion in future issues of this publication. If your group produces any publications, why not put us on its' mailing list and send it to us.

The deadline for our next issue will be August 20th 1996.

Donations of money and stamps are badly needed as production and distribution of this magazine will be impossible without them.

All correspondence to Ainriail can be done by writing to our new national address:

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ANARKHY IN DANMARK

'Direkte Aktion' was one of Denmark's most well known anarchist publications which sadly folded late last year. This was due to a number of personal commitments taken on by its' producers, however, we are pleased to report that that gap has already been filled. Members of Ainriail took up an invitation offered by comrades there and visited Denmark in early march, building our international links and showing support for anarchism in Denmark. While there, they joined with anarchists in Aalborg and Aarhus. Taking part in an Anti-Fascist demonstration

against the 'small' right-wing Danish National Party, who had planned a meeting at a local sports hall in Aarhus. Although the demonstration was heavily policed, some minor incidents did take place. Anti-Fascists made it clear, that the Danish National Party and scum like them will be challenged when and wherever they raise their ugly fucking heads. Anarchists in Denmark welcome all correspondence and any anarchist publications, so why not put them on your mailing list and drop them a few lines. Write to: **Sorte Snog, Poste Restante, Banegardspladsen 1A, 8000 Aarhus, Denmark.**

Review

'MASTERMINDS OF THE RIGHT'
By Emily O'Reilly.

This book is about an elite group who function behind the scenes in top executive boards across the country. They call themselves 'The knights of St. Columbanus' and have an exclusively male membership. As to whether they wear tights or not remains to be seen. Their main ethos consists of maintaining a Catholic country for a Catholic people. The word catholic is a serious one for these guys and they have gone to considerable lengths to have the laws of this country in line with their religious beliefs.

The 'knights' circulate in various state boards and committees, control the catholic Adoption Board and the censorship board, have influence over the main political parties, television and radio stations, wear suits and ties, and tend to be well-off business men.

They founded their little order in 1915, and by 1926 had spread throughout the 32 counties like a plague. However, it was in the 1940's when they really began to raise their ugly heads by infiltrating their hardened catholic ideals into national governing bodies of public life, by using their influence, money and positions in society to ensure that **catholc** is what this country would remain.

The 'knights of St. Columbanus' have been behind every anti-choice movement since 1973 and their lobbying of R.T.E has been continuously successful. The 'Order' controls it's 12 regions and 100 branches at it's national headquarters at Ely Place in Dublin. They partake in medieval ceremonies and the 'supreme knight' is their leader, and yet despite the obvious solution of a straight-jacket, these fuckers are spreading their venom throughout public life in Ireland.

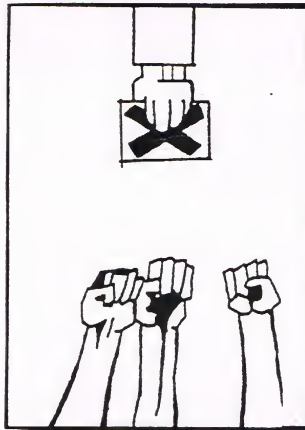
To be on any sort of similar wave-length as 'The Knights', your credentials would need to be catholic, racist, homophobic, rich, pope-lover, thick as shit and a slightly bit touched, and if you're female then get on into that kitchen and get dropping those babies. The 'Knights of Asswipe' as they'd be better called are messing with your life in ways you may not know. For more insight, read "Masterminds of the Right" by Emily O'Reilly.

WHEN A 'STRANGER' CALLS

The North's political parties are all in the form for smiles, kissing babies and ringing bells this weather, which does seem kind of absurd, but its all down to elections now scheduled for May 30th. Originally the scam came from the Ulster Unionists, when they pulled John Major and his party out of a popularity hole in the House of Parliament, so it's no wonder that 6 county wide elections was offered in return. Both Loyalist and Nationalist parties have entered their candidates for the 'Big Table Race', as there was much concern when Ian Paisley had problems registering. **So what's it all about?**

Basically those who manage to be elected will be seen as representatives of the various communities and they each get a bonus prise, a seat at the table for talks. As Anarchists, we feel that the Elections and the 'Peace Process' itself is a cop-out, it's only intended to pacify our class into believing that something will be done this time round by our leaders. You can bet, that when the leaders are elected, nothing will change. We have already seen their Process, their Cease-fire and their Talks of Peace Talks fail, just as the previous ones had. Its a game played by politicians to serve their own interests, scoring points against each other. They provide a distraction while our class pays the fucking price, **NOT ANY MORE!**

Ainriail believes that the only way forward is to continue to build a strong, united working class movement, both North and South of the divide. We call an end to all Republican and Loyalist armed actions as they never can or ever will, benefit our class. We have no need for their elections or their politicians, we can do it better ourselves, alone! Our proud history has shown us just that. Mass demonstrations in the 60s - 70s and occupations of our areas by our class, beat their governments and along with protectors. We can do it again, stuff the May 30th elections and to hell with their talking shop. Lets get back on our streets.



So when a 'stranger' calls to your home be fore the elections - Tell 'em to Fuck Off!

CLEAR THE STREETS

Here comes the summer and in Galway, everyone knows just what is to be expected. The city's Chamber of Commerce submission this year to the Cops and the Corporation is the same as ever "Clear the streets!". This just doesn't mean that those of us who happen to have alcohol problems or live on the streets will be arrested. Years previously, people who had a local (pub) and drank their all year round, got barred come summer time - people who did a bit of busking, got told to move on - New Age Travelers who live in the

outskirts of the city, get harassed and barred from their 'off season' locals, all this boils down to Galway being Irelands 'Cultural Capital'.

Local Community activist and Writer Mark Kennedy, who lived on the streets for some time, took his own experiences and produced a short documentary video called 'Clear the Streets', so check it out in your local video shop.

Those of you who do find yourself in any of the above situations in Galway this summer, we'd love to hear from you.

SPAIN

3000 locals in Bardenas, Catalonia are striving to close a 4000 acre military bombing range that has decimated the local environment.

WE'LL DRINK TO THAT

Anarchists took part in the massive Anti-Water Charges Demo held in Dublin at the end of April, one of the biggest seen there since the Tax farce was introduced. Also, around 60 protesters staged a demonstration outside the Democratic Left party's annual conference on May 10th.

So-called 'lefty' DL delegates came under showers of abuse whilst entering the conference in Dun Laoghaire, as a long hot summer of discontent grows, so to will non - payment of water charges.

For more info, contact: WSM, P.O.Box 1528, Dublin 8.

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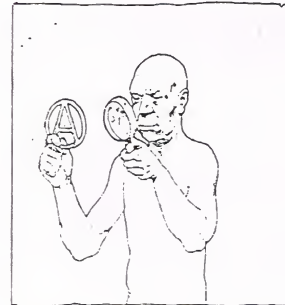
Anarchism

This is the first of a series of articles on the basic principles of anarchism and Anarchy.

There are two definitions of anarchy given in dictionaries. One is: 'A harmonious condition of society in which government is abolished as unnecessary'. The other: 'Utter lawlessness/ chaos and complete disorder'.

Those who use the word 'Anarchy' or 'Ainriail' to mean disorder or misrule are not incorrect. If they regard government as necessary, if they think we could not live without the Dail, Whitehall or Brussels directing our affairs, if they think politicians are essential to our well-being and that we could not behave socially without policemen, they are right in assuming that anarchy means the opposite to what government guarantees. But those who take the reverse opinion, and consider government to be tyranny, are right too in considering anarchy, no government, to be liberty. If government is the maintenance of privilege and exploitation and inefficiency of distribution it's tool, then only anarchy is order.

But order implies some degree of organisation, and anarchy you may consider to be the **opposite** of organisation. But, as stated above, anarchy essentially means the absence of government, the absence of authority. The 'order' of anarchy is a mode of



human organisation rooted in the experience of everyday life, which operates side by side with, and in spite of, the dominant authoritarian trends of our society. It is governments, the ostensible controllers and maintainers of the state, which make and enforce laws that enable the 'haves' to retain control of social assets to the exclusion of the 'have nots'. It is the principle of authority which ensures that people will work for someone else for the greater part of their lives, not because they enjoy it or have any control over their work, but because to do so is their only means of livelihood. It is governments which prepare for and wage war, even though you are obliged to suffer the consequences of them going to war.

But the power of a government, even the most absolute dictatorship, depends on the agreement of the governed. Why do people consent to be ruled? It isn't only fear; what have millions of people, mainly working class people, to fear from a small group of professional politicians and their paid strong-armed men? It is because they subscribe to the same values as their governors. Rulers and ruled alike believe in the principle of authority, of hierarchy, of power. We even feel ourselves privileged when, as happens in a small part of the globe, we can choose between alternative labels on the ruling elites. And yet, in our ordinary lives, we keep society going by voluntary association and mutual aid.

Anarchists are people who make a social and political philosophy out of the natural and spontaneous tendency of humans to associate together for their mutual benefit. Anarchism is an assertion of human dignity and responsibility. It is not a programme for political change but an act of social



self-determination. We must take back the power of control over our lives which we have surrendered to the state and government. To be truly free, we have to begin shaping and determining our own destiny.

Anarchy and The State

The State: A territory that forms it's own domestic and foreign policy, acting through laws which are typically decided by a government, elected or non-elected, and carried out and enforced, by violence if necessary, by agents of that government.

In the modern state, everywhere and in every sphere, one group of people makes decisions, exercises control, limits choices, while the great majority have to accept these decisions, submit to this control and act within the limits of these externally imposed choices. The state structure cannot ever be reformed. Economic and social equality can only be achieved by the abolition of the state. The so-called left reformist parties want and will achieve nothing but the gaining of power for themselves.

"And when socialism has achieved power what has it created? Monopoly capitalism with a veneer



of social welfare as a substitute for social justice". Colin Ward (British Anarchist).

"The state organisation, having been force to which the minorities resorted for establishing and organising their power over the masses, cannot be the force which will serve to destroy these privileges...The economic and political liberation of humans will have to create new forms for its expression in life, instead of those established by the state". Peter Kropotkin (Russian Anarchist)

"The state is not something which can be destroyed by a revolution, but is a condition, a certain relationship between human beings, a mode of human behaviour; we destroy it by contracting other relationships, by behaving differently". Gustav Landauer (German Anarchist)

In the ongoing struggle between the state and society, the strength of one is the weakness of the other. Totalitarians of all kinds realise this, which is why they invariably seek to destroy those social institutions which they cannot dominate. If we want to strengthen society, and empower ourselves, we must, therefore, weaken, and ultimately do away with, the state.

Who is to lead

Most of us have been brainwashed into accepting as natural the cult-like concept of hierarchical, authoritarian, privileged and permanent leadership.

Consequently, people go from the cradle to the grave without ever realising their human potential, precisely because the power to initiate, to participate and innovating, choosing, judging and deciding is reserved for the men and women at the top. Indeed, so accustomed as our state-entombed society is to artificial, professional leadership, that it is difficult for us to realise the truth that leaders require no training of appointing, but emerge spontaneously when conditions require them.

In an anarchist context, an individual would instinctively become, and would instinctively though not officially be recognised as, leader to meet the needs of one particular moment. Such leaders would appear as and when required, because they would not be consciously or formally appointed, neither (when they have fulfilled their purpose) would they be consciously or formally overthrown. Nor necessarily,



would any particular gratitude be shown by society or its members to a leader either at the time of this individual's services or afterwards for services rendered. People would follow his/her guidance just as long as this guidance is helpful and what they want and/or require. They would melt away from him/her without regrets when some widening of experience calls them on to some other task, which may in turn throw up its spontaneous leader, or when their self-confidence is such that any form of contained leadership would be a restraint to them.

WHO WE ARE

Ainriail is a class struggle anarchist collective, organised by and for working class people.

As Anarchists we are opposed to all states and institutions, and all attitudes and ideologies that stand in the way of equality and the right of all people everywhere to control their own lives and environment. The working class has no country. The class struggle is world wide and recognises no artificial boundaries. The Armies and Police of all States do not exist to protect the workers of those states, they exist only as the repressive arm of the Ruling class.

OUR AIM

Our aim is to abolish world-wide, the state system, governments, capitalism and wage slavery in all their forms and replace them with a free and classless society based on self-managed communities and industries where production is for need not profit.

In order to bring about an anarchist society the working class must take over the means of production and distribution, along with the day-to-day running of their communities.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

As Anarchists we believe that the only way for the working class to achieve this is by independent organisation in the workplace and the community, in federation with others in the same industry and locality, independent of and opposed to all political parties and Trade union bureaucracies. Industrial and community federations must be controlled by the working class themselves and must unite rather than divide the working class.

Dividing the working class by skin colour, sex, nationality, religion, sexual preference, etc. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must combat and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.

Ainriail exists in order to further our aim for the creation of a Social System where the working class alone controls industry and the community, free from the Dictates, Rules and Laws of Politicians, Bureaucrats & Bosses. If you share the ideas contained in this statement then get in touch. Write to : Ainriail

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RECLAIMING MAYDAY!

Several members of Ainriail joined forces with 'Organise' in Belfast on the city's May Day march and celebrations. The turnout was impressive, and just prior to the actual march, we were addressed by a representative of the Liverpool Dockers, who took the opportunity to thank the working class people of Ireland - North & South - for their moral and financial support in the Dockers' struggle with the 'Mersey Harbour & Docks Company'. The comrade was deservedly well received by all present.

During the march, we encountered the unwelcome, though laughable, attentions of 'Spartacists' (A Trotsky Sect) who frantically to sell their ludicrous paper 'Workers' Ice-Pick' (or was it 'Workers' Hammer?'). This rag perfectly reflects the attitudes of the 'statist' Trots and others of their ilk who desperately want to 'LEAD' our class to some 'promised land' and rule it with an iron fist. Typical lovers of Government and State, the 'Spartacists' (Whatever the fuck that means) have *no faith whatsoever* in the working classes ability to fight and destroy capitalism without self-appointed 'leaders', let alone in its ability to re-organise and run society by itself, and in its own interests. The 'Spartacists' simply want to *use* our class as a 'vehicle' in their vain quest to seize the reigns of power for themselves. They're fooling nobody. Trots aside, the Belfast May Day march and subsequent celebrations were thoroughly enjoyed by us all. We distributed hundreds of leaflets and numerous issues of Ainriail. In addition, we made many new contacts, which will serve us well in the future. Our whole-hearted thanks to our 'Organise' comrades for putting up with us.

Meanwhile May Day around other parts of our world:

TURKEY: Cops shot two people dead and seriously wounded two others as May Day others found themselves being searched attending Turkey's largest 'Official' rallies in Istanbul.

BRITAIN: Although There had been major turn-outs in most of Britain's cities, it was the ex-union leader, Arthur Scargill who stole the lime-light. He launched the (so-called) Hard-Left 'Socialist Labour Party', who now plan to put the shits' up Tony Blairs (Tory) Labour Party by stealing militant votes at the next elections.

RUSSIA: Anarchists throughout Russia joined in protests against the countries deepening economic conditions, which has left our class there no better off since the down fall of 'State' Communism some years back. While parliamentarians focused on showing support for various parties entering the Presidential elections in June.

FRANCE: After the longest labour unrest seen there for over a decade by the Public Sector workers, some unions marked the day separately. In Paris, Anarchists gathered with others to pay tribute to a Moroccan, drowned during last years demonstration in the River Seine by Nazi Skins. Earlier the Fascist 'National Front Party' staged its' own shambles through Paris.

GERMANY: May Day celebrations were disrupted when riot cops attacked people with batons, teargas and water canon in Berlin. Several people were injured and arrested for



fighting back.

POLAND: Nazis took the opportunity to delay the countries largest demo' in Warsaw, by throwing fire-works into the crowds.

SRI LANKA: Twelve people were badly injured as cops there attacked crowds with teargas and batons during May Day demos' which had been banned by the G overnment.

GREECE: Over 6,000 Greeks marked the day by demonstrating against the 'Socialist' Governments continuing Austerity Policy. Some minor trouble broke out after cops moved in to rid people off the main streets around Athens.

CUBA: Some things never seem to change for Castro and his 'State' Socialist Dictatorship. In Havana's Revolution Square the 'die hard' Freddie warned crowds that he would never dump 'State' socialism, as exiles in cramped boats protested against Castro in waters off Cuba.

May Day, like the Labour Movement itself, must be rescued from those, like Full-Time Union Officials and Politicians, who have a vested interest in the Capitalist system. Labourism and Marxism have failed. The future for the Labour Movement lies in reclaiming its hidden past and creating a real-fighting Alternative, Revolutionary Anarchism.

The Truth

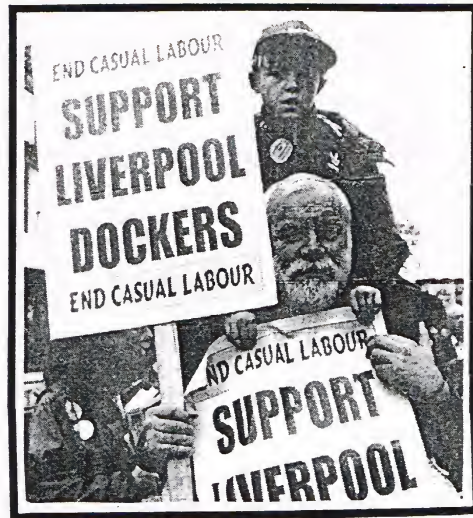
In August 1995, Torside Ltd. - a company established by Mersey Docks & Harbour Company to supplement their own labour shortages from 1991 - announced their decision to sack 20 dockers (replacing them with casual dockers).

An official union/legal ballot took place involving Torside dock workers. With over 90% support to oppose the 20 redundancies Torside announced that they would go into liquidation and sack its 80 young dock workers.

However, with an official/legal dispute due to begin on 8th September 1995, Torside withdrew their threat of closure and continued to employ its dock workers. Two weeks later, Tuesday 26th September 1995, all 80 Torside dock workers were sacked. By Thursday 28th September, 500 dock workers were sacked. Within a week, Liverpool dock workers accepted the advice of their union to return to work on Monday 9th October 1995.

Mersey Dock & Harbour Company refused to allow dock workers to return to work. On 23rd October, Mersey Dock & Harbour Company announced their decision to contract dock work to known strike breakers, Drake International and PDP (Services) on a casual basis.

This decision was justified by Mersey Docks Director Bernard Cliff (News night, BBC, 15/1/'96) as he 'did not know how long the dispute would last.' Mersey Dock & Harbour Company claimed that they would not take on Torside dockers as this company no longer existed. It has been confirmed by Companies House that Torside have continued to trade and they still operate in Liverpool Docks. The port of Liverpool is now being destroyed by a proven incompetent management team more interested in saving their own lucrative lifestyles than protecting the future of our once great port. Following the success of our Dock workers International Conference, held in Liverpool's Town Hall in late February 1996, over 60 delegates from 17 ports pledged support for the Liverpool Dockers and their families. It is a fact that shippers are busy making arrangements to leave our port. They have lost so many customers that the trading uncertainty caused by the actions of Mersey Docks Directors is forcing them to use other UK ports.



With continued falls in share prices coupled with other costs the Mersey Docks Directors have paid over £70m for the privilege of sacking 500 Liverpool dockers. In a secret postal ballot 85% of the sacked dockers refused to sell their campaign against casual labour. Now Mersey Docks' incompetent Directors have vowed to invest over £8m to continue this tragic farce.

Liverpool Dockers call on all our class to expose this act of gross negligence by the directors of Mersey Docks - Reinstatement the sacked dockers - end casual labour - get the Liverpool dockers back to work - get our port of Liverpool back to work before these directors obtain their bizarre ambition to close the port to protect their careers.

ALL DONATIONS NEEDED

Cheques and postal orders should be made out to: Merseyside Dockers Shop Stewards' Committee and sent to J. Davies, Secretary/Treasurer, 19 Scorton St., Liverpool, L6 4AS, England.

SUPPORT THE 500 SACKED LIVERPOOL DOCKERS!

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If you would like more information about our politics, activities or how to get involved in your area then fill out the form below and send it to our National secretary.

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Ainriail is class, I'd like to get involved

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Racist Graffiti in Dublin

AFA
ANTI-FASCIST ACTION



The recent appearance of racist graffiti in Dublin has been highlighted on radio and in the newspapers. There had been a previous outbreak of similar racist graffiti, which was removed by AFA, in the spring of 1995. The latest 'Blacks Out' slogans first appeared at Christmas in the Phibsboro area of North Dublin and were immediately painted out by members of Anti Fascist Action. They reappeared shortly afterwards and again AFA removed them and put up our own slogans. A chemist's shop in Phibsboro, owned by a family that sought refuge here from apartheid South Africa 25 years ago, was the target of vandalism with threatening phone calls and the locks of the shop were superglued. Another Asian family nearby had racist slogans daubed on the walls of their shop.

The slogans have been hyped in the media as being work of a 'neo nazi skinhead gang'. However there is no nazi skinhead gang or fascist group in Dublin. AFA's investigations point to the likelihood that the graffiti is the work of one or two racists and AFA is cur-

rently attempting to identify those involved and take action against them.

The racist slogans were reported on the Gay Byrne radio show and a press statement from AFA was read out and AFA also got coverage in newspaper reports. Several weeks later the Anti Nazi League organised a public meeting in the area and the large attendance showed that there is considerable public interest among local people who want to identify and deal with those responsible for the graffiti. Unfortunately the intervention of the ANL is a distraction from the task of stopping the racists, given that it is a recruiting front for the Socialist Workers Party and will no doubt resort to the usual cynical SWP tactics. The ANL also claimed that European nazis could be involved in organising in Ireland. AFA pointed out that there was absolutely no evidence to support this idea and the ANL were merely scare mongering. The response of the local people to the wishy washy ANL line at the meeting showed that those present supported direct action against the racists.

Anti Fascist Action has since made contact with a number of independent anti fascists in the area who have agreed to work with AFA on future activities. Because of the absence of a fascist organisation in Ireland the activities of AFA are limited to creating a network of contacts, monitoring the activities of the small number of individuals fas-

cists here and the distribution of anti fascist literature.

The AFA magazine 'Fighting Talk' can be obtained from the address below. It comes out quarterly and costs £1 (include 50p for P+P). Irish AFA stickers are also available.

If you would like more information, or become part of the Anti Fascist Action network in Ireland please send a stamped addressed envelope to:

**Anti Fascist
Action
PO Box 3355**


NO PEACE FOR NAZIS
A Madrid shop selling Nazi regalia was attacked at the end of last year, destroying the windows and most of the shop's interior.

PRICE RISES RIOTS
Police killed one demonstrator and injured dozens after opening fire on angry crowds rioting in Maputo, Mozambique over rising prices.

CHINA UPRISING
In an uprising of 500 migrant workers, incensed about exploitation and serious work accidents in Shenzhen, 4 were killed by cops.


LENCAVALLO LIVES!
200 cops invaded and smashed up the LENCAVALLO, a self-managed social centre in Milan, Italy in December. Four days later 20,000 marched in defence of the centre.

NO EVICTION
Kings Cross Womens Centre is threatened by a huge rent increase. Closure would mean the loss of vital services. **Kings X Womens Centre, 71 Tonbridge Street, London. WC1.**

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ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

The Anarchist Black Cross is an international revolutionary organisation that works towards the abolition of the prison system as part of the class struggle.

The ABC is an International Network of local, autonomous groups, meaning that each group is free to carry out work demanded by their local situation. However, each local group is, as part of the collective, responsible and accountable to the other member groups. The Collective supports the work of ABC through our paper Ainriail.

TRANSFERRED

The long awaited transferrel of the terminally-ill Republican prisoner Paddy Kelly from Maghaberry prison in the North, to Portlaoise prison in the south has been completed months of campaigning by his family and supporters.

That decision has been welcomed by Prisoner Support groups both here in Ireland and in Britain, as Republican prisoners played a major role in the adoption of the I.R.A cease-fire in 1994.

Paddy, who has been suffering from cancer was imprisoned first in Britain, after endless protests he was then transferred to Maghaberry and is now in Portlaoise closer to family and friends.

Inside oot, Outside in

In direct response to the increasingly draconian measures of that part of the oppressive state called the Scottish prison system, a group of comrades have got together to form the Scottish Prisoners (Direct Action) Support Group which aims to offer practical solidarity with those on the inside, and to publish on the outside, news from Scottish jails. Counter Information has already published a pamphlet called *Inside Oot* and requests that anyone interested should get involved. Prison pickets and leafleting are planned. Support is badly needed. Info and Pamphlet (75p, free to prisoners) from Inside Oot, c/o P.O.BOX1008, Glasgow G42 8AA.

Peltier Parole

Rejected

The U.S Parole Commission has deniaed parole to class war prisoner Leonard Peltier on the grounds that he continues to insist on his innocence. This despite a (since fired) hearing examiner's recommendation that Peltier should be immediately released.

The USPC rejected parole even though the government concedes that no direct evidence exists against Peltier.

Further info on Leonard in our next issue.

More Marionisation

In 1973 the first U.S Management Control Unit was established in Marion Penitentiary in Illinois. This unit was specifically designed to rid the U.S. prison system of its critics, revolutionaries, Native and Islamic militants, prison union organisers, jailhouse lawyers and any other cons who defended human rights and dignity. There are now 36 such control units in the U.S using such torture techniques as forced drugging, constant isolation and supervision, humiliation, physical and mental assult. Their object is to break the wills of politically active prisoners. Ojore Nuru Lutalo, a New African political prisoner in Trenton Penitentiary, New Jersey, has recently requested that his defence campaign be refocused onto the fight aginst control units, and on the support of their torture victims. Ojore writes, "Any movement that does not support its political internees is a sham movement." National Campaign to Stop Control Unit Prisons, 6th Floor, 472 Broad St., Newark, NJ 07102, U.S.A.

REMEMBER! We're still here



support class struggle
& anarchist prisoners

TURNING UP THE HEAT

Our ever active comrades in Greece turned up the heat even more. Surrounding the main event of the massive two day occupation and riot in and around the polytechnic on the 22nd anniversary of the Athens uprising were dozens of bitter clashes on demos and pickets all over Greece in support of the 504 arrested. Of these 137 were identified as key 'subversives and kept inside, some were tortured. 15 got 2-3 years along with 3 up from an earlier Thessaloniki riot who went on hunger strike. Also during this time there were 3 severe prison riots and a series of clashes between farmers and riot cops in Larisa.

NOTICE

All publications of this magazine is free to prisoners. So if you have any family, friends or loved ones on the inside and you think they would enjoy the read, and would like to more about anarchism, then please forward thier name and address to our P.O.Box address.

'THE BIG WINK' INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN GENOCIDE.



1995 marked the 20th anniversary of Indonesia's illegal occupation of East Timor, an occupation which at its peak reached an almost unparalleled level of brutality. A genocide that would never have taken place, without the 'Big Wink' that came from the West. writes Alan Waldron.

The recent history of the small, south-east Asian island country of East Timor, has been a somewhat turbulent one, by comparison with other countries in the vicinity.

Approximately 200 miles north of Australia, East Timor had been a Portuguese colony for more than 400 years, a land where nothing of any great worldly concern ever happened.

When in 1974, Portugal, following its own leftist revolution, decided to decolonise all its 'outposts' around the world, it effectively left the island to the mercy of its larger neighbour, Indonesia.

In the years that have followed the 1975 invasion, Indonesia has seen to the systematic destruction of at least one third of the entire population, including a culture steeped in tradition with as many as thirty different local languages. The statistics, of more than 200,000 people dead, proportionally make East Timor into a bigger blood bath than even the infamous Pol Pot's reign in Cambodia. The Indonesian 'governor' himself,

admitted to civilian losses of 'around 60,000' within the first three months. The Timorese resistance, FRETILIN using classical guerrilla tactics, fought long and courageously to defend their homeland and, indeed, are still fighting in the mountains today, 20 years on!

But, although they were greatly outnumbered by an army which in total exceeds 1 million men, they managed to contain their invaders to the coastal fringes, until late 1978/79. The Indonesian army, being trained on the flat plains of Java, were not used to the rough, mountainous terrain of East Timor. What they really needed was more modern military hardware, to constantly hammer FRETILIN and de stabilise them through sustained bombing of supportive civilians in the mountain villages. They did not have to wait long. From 1979 onwards western arms industries began to see Indonesia as a potential big buyer. Around this time 90% of Indonesian military equipment was US. made. This 'aid' policy had already been happening, especially under the 'human rights president' Jimmy Carter, with the sale of the specially adapted low-flying bomber the 'Bronco', but not nearly to the extent that was to come. The Timorese civilians, as well as the guerrillas, were to feel the full brunt of these deals.

There was a rush around the world to satisfy the new customer on the mar-

ket. Britain, the US., France, Germany and Australia took up the leading roles but many others had their fingers in the pie. Each of the countries involved, some to a larger extent than others, saw something in the invasion advantageous to themselves. Britain, France and a few other 'boys from the club', saw the opening as a fine opportunity for arm sales. The US., as a priority, required that the deep water passage just south of Timor island, (the only such of its kind connecting the Indian Ocean with the Pacific Ocean) did not fall into the 'wrong hands'. Their nuclear submarines could then pass undetected from east to west, avoiding 'communist' sonar. Australia, then as now, wanted to on best terms with Indonesia, its closest economic neighbour and thought the enormous wealth of oil (always a favourite!) in the Timor Sea, would be far easier negotiated with Indonesia, than an independent East Timor.

The U.N.'s role?

Within 10 days of the December 7th invasion, the UN. condemned Indonesia and requested them to 'withdraw their forces, without delay'. There have since been eleven such requests, from 1975 to 1989, each one being as mere rhetoric by the Indonesian government. (When one considers the rapid response from the UN and the international community, when in almost parallel

situation, Iraq 'brutally annexed Kuwait', it more than shows where their concerns lie). Many countries actually voted No or abstained, at earlier UN resolution debates, so as not to offend such an economic giant as Indonesia. International legal specialist Roger Clarks' analysis is that if further and stronger Security Council resolutions had been proposed, the US. would have blocked their approval. In his memoirs, Daniel P. Moynihan, US. ambassador to the UN boasted: "The (US.) Department of State desired that the United Nations proved utterly ineffective in whatever measures it undertook. This task was given to me and I carried it forward with no inconsiderable success."

'A closer look at other countries dealing with Indonesia showed that their actions at the UN. was part of a much larger pattern of support. Not only did many of the western countries fail to condemn the illegal invasion, they also knew the invasion was imminent and did nothing to prevent it, or were actual accessories to Indonesia's brutality. The most significant accomplice was of course, the US. Indeed, while Indonesia was in preparation for their invasion of East Timor, President Gerald Ford and vice president Henry Kissinger were in Jakarta, giving General Suharto 'the green light' to do as more or less as he pleased, without affecting US. arms shipment. This was dubbed 'The Big Wink'.

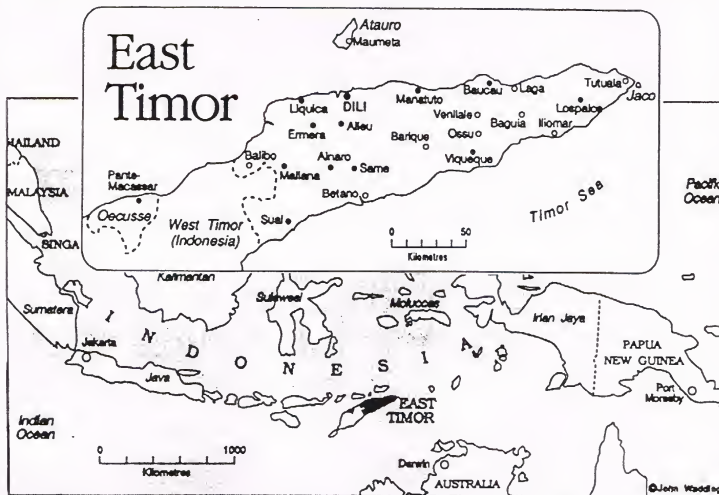
When Kissinger returned to the States, he was furious that he had been given a dictate reminding him that he was breaking US. law, by supplying arms not solely intended for defence. After an attempt to have the Timorese labelled 'radical communists' had failed, he ordered that shipments be stopped, but should resume again quietly in January (1976). Shortly after, arms shipments were doubled.

British hawks today.

When its notorious reputation as a 'free-trading' arms dealer, Britain began to, and has continued to supply dictatorial regimes around the world, including Indonesia's General Suharto, to the extent they now have more than 20% of the world arms industry sales.

The largest slice of the exports are from British Aerospace's' (B.Ae.) Hawks. The very same plane that has been used to devastating effect, in civilian suppression, in East Timor. Britain has already sold 12 to

"The Hawks will be used as a trainer, but also for ground attack". Jose Gusmoa from East Timor, gave an account of living under the shadow of Indonesian Air-force Hawks: "(Hawks) are a small aircraft... per-



Indonesia, and has almost completed an order for a further 24 of this light, versatile aircraft, to the value of £1 billion. These deals often come together with helpful 'soft loans', in the form of Overseas Aid, an easy political/military loophole perfected in the Thatcher years. It simply allows an array of British arms manufacturers to supply any arms to anybody, regardless of human rights or national stability.

Take for example, the year the Hawks were ordered '92/'93, in exchange was an 'aid' package to the value of £436 million, 97% of which was allocated to the military. Rather handy!

This was not affected in the slightest, by the worldwide condemnation of Indonesia in November 1991, after its army opened fire on peaceful mourners at the Santa Cruz cemetery East Timor, killing at least 270. This barely brought token disapproval from the British government, as they were too busy finalising one of many deals.

The Hawks are sold under the innocent sounding title of 'a light, trainer aircraft', but it is well known as a carrier of a wide variety of arms. Indonesian general Habibie blew the cover, when he admitted:

fect for moving in and out of the mountains. They have a terrible sound when they are coming in to bomb, like a voice wailing. We immediately go into the caves, into the deepest ones, because the bombs are so powerful. They fly in low... and attack civilians. Four of my cousins were killed in Hawk attacks near Los Palos. Most people in East Timor know about the British Hawks."

The complicate attitude of the British government was summed up in an interview with John Pilger, the outspoken former Defence Minister Alan Clark said, when questioned on the sale of Hawks to oppressive regimes such as Indonesia:

"I don't really fill my mind with what one set of foreigners is doing to another."

Pilger continued "I asked the question because I read that you were a vegetarian and concerned about the way animals are treated, doesn't this extend to the way humans, albeit foreigners, are also treated?"

Clark replied, ".....Curiously not."

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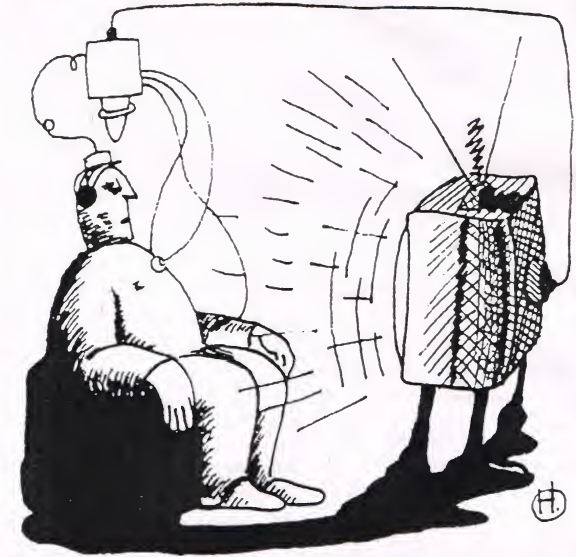
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TELLY ADDICTS

Pictures from the BBC and ITV have always been available to those living along the East coast especially with the introduction of Cable. But in rural Ireland Cable TV is not a reality. Eleven years ago, a group of people centred in Fermoy, North Cork and decided to set up a system of their own to transmit signals. They set up a deflector system which received the signal from Wales and rebroadcast signals to local areas, it worked well.

Around the same time a similar venture was set up for the south coast region of Cork county, that system is a 'non profit' community based one and money was collected to set up the system. Initially it cost £15, it now costs £30. Six years ago both areas joined to form South Coast Community TV. Cork Communications is the Cable company which has the franchise to cover Cork county. They came out to some rural areas but the expense was too much.

In 1987 the government granted them a license for a microwave deflector system to cover the rest of Cork county. This system used a signal received from a satellite and subsequently deflected around the locality.

There are health worries about microwave television, yet there are no agencies at present in Ireland to monitor possible hazards. It costs £49 to set up and £18 per month. Community TV was a threat to this cosy monopoly that many politicians and big businessmen have bought in to.

In 1993 they turned to the courts and in the same year, heavy security personal from a Dublin firm came down and 'confiscated' equipment. South Coast Community TV fought against Cork Communications and the Department of Communications. Last December after 8 weeks of evidence and one of the longest judgements in legal history (over 200 pages), the judge found in favour of SCC TV and awarded them costs. At present there is a 6 month moratorium before a final verdict is given and the group is hoping to be granted a license to broadcast 'legally' in May.

There are/were deflector systems all along the west coast from Donegal to Kerry and it now seems that a cheap 'non profit' based system for transmitting TV signals will be available to communities all over Ireland.