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UNCENSORED POLITICS

**WHO ARE
THE REAL
TERRORISTS?**



INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO number 8 of Ainriail and yet another exciting new year ahead for all of us.

Since the last issue the Collective has been kept busy with a number of community and workplace struggles, some of which are reported in the following pages.

Regular anarchist discussion meetings continued leading to an opening for internal debate as to the direction of our class struggle anarchist politics. We would like to thank our readers for their continuing support, encouragement and feedback, a few of your comments are carried within.

This magazine has been produced by Ainriail. Its 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, artwork, 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 send it to us.

The date for the next issues deadline will be **March 20th 1997.**

Back issues of Ainriail from No.1 to No.7 are available. If you wish to receive any issue, just send a SAE to our address below stating which number you would like.

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

If you consider yourself to be in general agreement with our 'This is Ainriail' statement we welcome you to join Ainriail. To participate in our ongoing projects, debates and activities such as producing this publication, the Anarchist Black cross/Prisoner support and organising in our communities and workplace amongst other things.

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

Ainriail
P.O. Box 505, Belfast,
North Ireland.

Water Charge Smashed

VICTORY over Brendan Howlins Pre-election decision to abolish the much hated Water Charge at the beginning of this year, can undoubtedly be claimed by the **Federation of Anti-Water Charges** in Dublin and around the country.

The Environment Ministers excuse for the Charges abolition was said to be in favour of the more 'fairer' Motor Taxation and possible Refuse Charges now to be introduced by Local Authorities, not that 1997 will see the country go to the Polls and not that the Anti-Water Charges campaign had continued to gain support for its removal nationally.

Despite this victory, its got to be pointed out that the battle isn't over just yet. Thousands of non-payers are to be tracked down by the courts in an effort to retrieve Arrears. It's thought that over IR£25 Million is 'owed', IR£7.5 Million of which is 'owed' to three Councils alone since the Tax was introduced in 1994. Council Officials have made statements threatening that they "would pursue arrears to the bitter end", irrespective of legal delays or costs. A number of families have appealed disconnection orders. Where Court disconnections had been granted, Dublin Federation of Anti-Water Charges are having them appealed also.

NO SECURITY

BRITISH Secretary of State, Paddy Mayhem gave the go-ahead for the establishment of an Independent Commission into how sectarian Marches and Parades should be handled in the 6 Counties after the Orange Orders behaviour over the past two summers at Drumcree and other areas.

The review comes after Paddy Mayhaem recently announced Public expenditure for the North with a huge Security spending spree for the next two years totalling £934 million alone. He obviously blamed the breakdown of the IRA's ceasefire and the massive security input over last years Marching season, resulting in severe Public Service cuts in Jobs, Education, Health and housing here.

Already chaos has set in with the British, as implementation of the new Commission on



Parades and Marches gets under way just before the general election. With this new legislation being rushed through, the potential for a Drumcree

(The Return of the Nightmare Orange Card) this summer seems, as ever, possible.

Meanwhile, top cop, RUC Chief Ronnie Flanagan is intended to oppose new guidelines for the use of the LETHAL Plastic Bullets here in the North. The Police Authority said that their boys in blue in Britian should only use Plastic Bullets to defend lives, but not property.

Nurse that Noonan !

MILITANTCY among Irish nurses is not uncommon, so when strike action over pay and conditions was put to the vote, it was no wonder that Health Minister Michael Noonan shock given the vote was a massive 97% in favour of all out strike action.

Strike Committees have already been formed by Irish Nurses Organisation (INO) Local Branches to deal only with drawing Picket Rosters and deal with Contingency plans and Emergency cover to hospitals throughout the country.

Government Ministers along with Noonan, said that meeting the Nurses' demands for an extra £100 million on top of the £40 million rejected as a Pay deal, "There can be no improvements".

It is expected that over 26,000 of the countries are prepared to 'take as long as it takes' to receive their demands put forward for rejecting the crumbs offered by the Left/Right Government.

The Nurses' demands include:

- * An Early Retirement Scheme for those aged 55
- * The plight of Nurses' lower down the Pay scales to be addressed and
- * The Plan to introduce a new Lower entry point for Nurses.

Members of Irish Nurses Organisation are now determined to win these major increases. Undoubtedly, if the nurses win this battle, it will pave the way forward for others workers to take Industrial Action for better Pay and Conditions. The date now set for the national Nurses strike is February 10th and Pickets will be placed on all hospitals around the 26 counties.

ANARCHIST MEETINGS

If you think you're a bit of an anarchist then why not come along to our fortnightly meetings and get involved !

Sunday Bloody Sunday

IN 1972, over 25 years ago in Derry, 30,000 people marched through the streets in protest against Internment, which was declared Illegal by the then Stormont Government. As the demonstrators poured into the Bogside, little did they know that Platoon of British Paratroopers were to storm the area, leaving 13 unarmed civilians dead and many others wounded, a 14th later died because of injuries received.

In its aftermath, the British Government opened their own investigations headed by a Lord Widgery. For the Tribunal, over 500 eyewitness testimonies were compiled by the National Council For Civil Liberties, Widgery only considered just 15 of them. The outcome of his Final Report was a blatant cover-up, in which the British Government denied any responsibility of those clearly innocent civilians who were murdered that day. The Paratroopers Commander who organised the killings, was later to be rewarded a Knighthood.

Despite frequent appeals since, the cover-up has created immeasurable hurt and anger, not just on the families and relatives of those murdered on Bloody Sunday, but also on the entire nationalist community of the north and on the Irish people as a whole.

As for the likes of the Republican movement, the IRA had emerged two years previously as one of the most militant wing of the struggle

here in the north. Following the developments of Bloody Sunday, their ranks swelled.

Today, new evidence that had been forgotten for over 20 years, has now all been unearthed by Don Mullan, himself an eyewitness. Marking the 25th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday, his book 'Eyewitness Bloody Sunday' reveals the terrible truth that the British Establishment still refuses to disclose.

In Derry, as well as other parts of the country and throughout the world, Protest Marches and Pickets have been placed on British Embassies in commemoration of those murdered on Bloody Sunday. Calls are also being made for a fresh independent inquiry due to new information which Don Mullan Helped bring to light. Already there are hopes that that may happen this year as pressure mounts.

Eyewitness Bloody Sunday is Published by Wolfhound Press and is now Available in all good Bookshops Priced at £8.99.



Syndicalism in Sweden

THE S.A.C (Sveriges Arbetares Centralorganisation) is a Swedish syndicalist organisation, the Swedish syndicalist is best understood by the term Anarchosyndicalism in English. Found in 1910 they are the most militant union in Sweden with over 10,000 members. The proportion of members is 60% male 40% female and members are from all ranges of the work spectrum and as long as they recognise the inherent division that exists in society all are welcome to join. Membership requirements are quite open and activity is centred around union activity and winning better conditions and terms for their members. The membership includes a broad range of workers from hospital workers to teachers and even cops and a few radical priests.

It must be pointed out that although the SAC is a revolutionary syndicalist workers union with the aim of creating a self-managed society it is for the moment not overtly Anarchist more concerned with winning better conditions etc. for their members than trying to change society a point that's used by other workers as a threat to get things done, "we're going to join the SAC or else".

In Sweden they are active in many areas from hospital workers to a recent campaign and a very direct action one that even got covered on Swedish T.V. They have a newspaper which is published weekly called *Arbetaren* "The Worker" and a magazine *Syndikalisten* "The Syndicalist" that is more or less monthly.

Internationally they have developed contacts all over the world and are involved in projects globally. Currently they are involved with organising workers food convoys to Bosnia which originated with contacts with a multi ethnic union to a union education programme in Nepal. They are also involved in fund raising and support in current workers struggles such as the Liverpool Dock Workers in England and

the National Garment Workers in Bangladesh, as well as cementing international contacts in Chile and Turkey and organising international meetings/conferences.

Last year they had a split but have overcome this and have increased membership since. It is a strong organisation and a good example of what an Anarchosyndicalist union could do.

IWA Establish Irish Section

In late December of last year, the Anarcho-syndicalist international, International Workers Association, held its XXth Congress during which our comrades Organise became affiliated to it as its Irish Section.

During the Congress, which was held in the Spanish city of Madrid, there was an estimated seven new Sections affiliated to the I.W.A. altogether, including RKAS and KRAS for the two regions within the old Soviet Russian block. There were also affiliates from countries such as the Czech Republic, Chile, Bulgaria, the Awareness League of Nigeria, whose continuing oppression was highlighted in No. 7 of Ainriail, and of course Organise from Ireland. Several other groups and organisations also affiliated as 'Friends of the I.W.A.' groups including the IWW in Ottawa, Canada.

Organise!, who publish their own magazine also titled 'Organise!' The voice of Anarcho-syndicalism, can be sent straight to your home just by sending them your name and address (plus a donation) to:- ORGANISE!

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WHO ARE THE REAL TERRORISTS ?

ONE OF the biggest lies told about ANARCHISTS is that they are mindless bomb throwers, cut-throats and assassins. People spread these lies for their own reasons: Governments, because they are afraid of being overthrown by social revolution; Marxist-Leninists, because Anarchism is a competing ideology with a totally different concept of Social Organisation and Revolutionary Struggle; and the Church, because Anarchism does not believe in deities and its rationalism might sway Workers away from superstition. It is true that these lies and accompanying propaganda are able to sway many people, primarily because they never hear the other side. Anarchists receive bad press and suffer as the scapegoat of every Politician, right-wing and left-wing.

Because a Social Revolution is an Anarchist Revolution, which doesn't merely abolish one exploiting class for another, but abolishes *all*

Exploiters and the instrument of exploitation, The State ; because it is a revolution for People's Power, instead of political power; because it abolishes both money and wage slavery; because Anarchists are for total Democracy and Freedom, instead of politicians to represent the masses in Parliament, Dail Eireann, Congress or the Communist Party; because Anarchists are for Workers' self-management of industry, instead of government regulation of Bosses' tyranny; because Anarchists are for full Sexual, Radical, Culture and intellectual freedom, instead of sexual chauvinism, cultural repression, censorship and racial oppression and bigotry - because of this, lies have had to be told that the anarchists are killers, rapists, robbers, mad bombers, unsavoury elements, the worst of the worst.

But let's look at the real world and see who is actually causing all the violence and repression of human rights. The wholesale murder by

standing armies in World Wars One and Two, the pillage and rape of former Colonial countries, the military invasions or so-called Police operation in Korea and Vietnam - All of these have been done by Governments, not Anarchists. It is Government and State which is the source of all violence. No Government is innocent.

The so-called Communist world (What's left of it) is not Communist and the Free world is not Free. East and West, Capitalism - Private and State - remains an inhuman type of society where the vast majority are bossed at work, at home and in the community. Propaganda (News and Literary), Cops and Soldiers, Prisons and Schools, Traditional values and morality all serve to reinforce the power of the few and to convince or coerce the many into passive acceptance of a brutal, degrading and irrational system. This is what Anarchists mean by Authority being oppression and it is just such Authoritarian rule which is at work here in Ireland and throughout Europe, the USA and within the 'Communist' States of China and Cuba and elsewhere.

"What is the thing we call Government ? is it anything but organised violence ? The Law orders you to obey, and if you don't obey, it will compel you by force. All Governments, all Law and Authority finally rest on force and violence, on punishment or fear of punishment".

Alexander Berkman, ABC of Anarchism.

There are Revolutionaries, including many anarchists, who advocate armed overthrow of the Capitalist State. They do not, however, advocate or practice mass murder, like the Governments of the Modern world with their stockpiles of Nuclear Bombs, Poison Gas and Chemical Weapons, huge Airforces, Navies and Armies. It was not anarchists who provoked

Two World Wars in which over 100 Million people were slaughtered: Nor was it anarchists who invaded and butchered the Peoples of Korea, Panama, Somalia, Iraq, East Timor and other countries that have sustained imperialist military attack. It was not anarchists who sent armies of spies from the CIA, KGB, MI6 and other national Spy Agencies all over the world to Murder, Disrupt, Subvert, Overthrow and meddle into the internal affairs of other countries, Nor use them as Secret Police to uphold the Home Governments in various countries, regardless of how repressive and unpopular the Regime. Furthermore, if the Government makes you a Cop or Soldier, you kill an oppress people in the name of 'Freedom' or 'Law and Order', even if you don't want to.

" You don't question the right of the Government to kill, to confiscate and imprison. If a Private individual should be guilty of the things that the Government is doing all the time, you'd brand that person a Murderer, Thief or Scoundrel. But as long as the violence committed is 'Lawful', you approve of it and submit to it. So it is not really violence that you object to, but rather people using violence unlawfully".

Alexander Berkman, ABC of Anarchism.

If we speak honestly, we must admit that everyone in society believe in violence and, to some degree or other, practices it, however much they may condemn it in others. Either they do it themselves or they have the Cops or Army to do it on their behalf as agents of the State. In fact, all of the Governmental Institutions we present society are based on violence and coercion. The United States of America, for instance, which ceaselessly touts itself as a bastion and pusher for Peace, Freedom and Democracy, is the most violent country on the earth. The US goes all over the world committing violence. It assassinates Heads of State, Overthrows Governments, Slaughters civilians in their hundreds of thousands and even makes Prisons out of entire captive nations, such as Iraq and, a few years back Somalia. We are each of us expected to passively submit to these Crimes of Conquest, because

that is the hallmark of a good citizen.

Anarchists have monopoly on violence. Socialists, Communists and other Statists as well as Patriots and Nationalists, such as the IRA, and Fascists and Racists like the UVF and the Ku Klux Klan, have all used violence for a variety of reasons. When violence was used by Anarchists, however, in so-called '**Propaganda by Deed**' attacks mostly in the Nineteenth Century, it was against Tyrants and Dictators, rather than against the Common People. These individual reprisals - Bombings, Assassinations, Sabotage - have been efforts at making those in Power personally responsible for their unjust acts and repressive authority. Who would not have rejoiced if a Dictator like Hitler had been slain by assassins, and the earth thus spared the world radical genocide and World War Two? Further, all revolutions are violent because the oppressing class will not give up Power and Privileges without a Bloody fight. So, we have no choice anyway.

Ideally, we would all choose to be Pacifists. We would rather resolve our differences with understanding and moral reasoning. We will attempt these solutions first, whenever possible. In the insanity that reigns, however, our Movement acknowledges the utility of preparedness. It is too dangerous a world to be ignorant of the way to defend ourselves so that we can continue our revolutionary work. Being acquainted with a weapon and its uses does not mean that you must immediately go out and use that weapon, but that if you need to use it, you can use it well. We are forced to acknowledge that the Western Progressive and Radical Movements have been too pacifist to be truly effective. We also realise that open groups that proposed co-operative change and were basically non-violent, like the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World), were crushed violently by the State. Finally, we have the unfortunate example of Martin Luther King jr., who was assassinated in 1968 by a conspiracy of agents of the State, most likely the FBI. Understand that the more we succeed at our work, the more dangerous our situation will become, because we will then be recognised as a

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NO EXTRADITIONS!



THE DAUGHTER of former radical and Mid-Ulster MP Bernadette McAliskey, 25 years old Róisín McAliskey, is still waiting her extradition to Germany while on remand at the female

Róisín has been classed a 'Category A' prisoner who is now late on in a very difficult pregnancy and is being held in the notoriously 'sub-standard' womens prison. A spokesperson for the group supporting Róisín calls for more support to have her released on bail for badly needed medical treatment. The treatment that she faces inside constitutes the obvious abuse of her human and womens rights, an attack directed more obviously at her mother Bernadette. She said that her daughter's legal rights and personal dignity had been punished by the cynical abuse of the European Extradition Treaty.

Holloway Prison in Britian. Róisín was seized with a number of other women from several areas of the North late last year, under trump up charges in connection with carrying out an attack for the IRA on a British army base in Osnaruck, Germany and is now wanted by the authorities there for questioning.

Family, friends and neighbours of Róisín are calling for as wide a section as possible to lend much needed support to prevent the 'British inspired exrtadition' and for her immediate release to receive urgent medical treatment. Letters of protest should be sent to the British Home Secretary, Michael Howard.

Benefit Booklet

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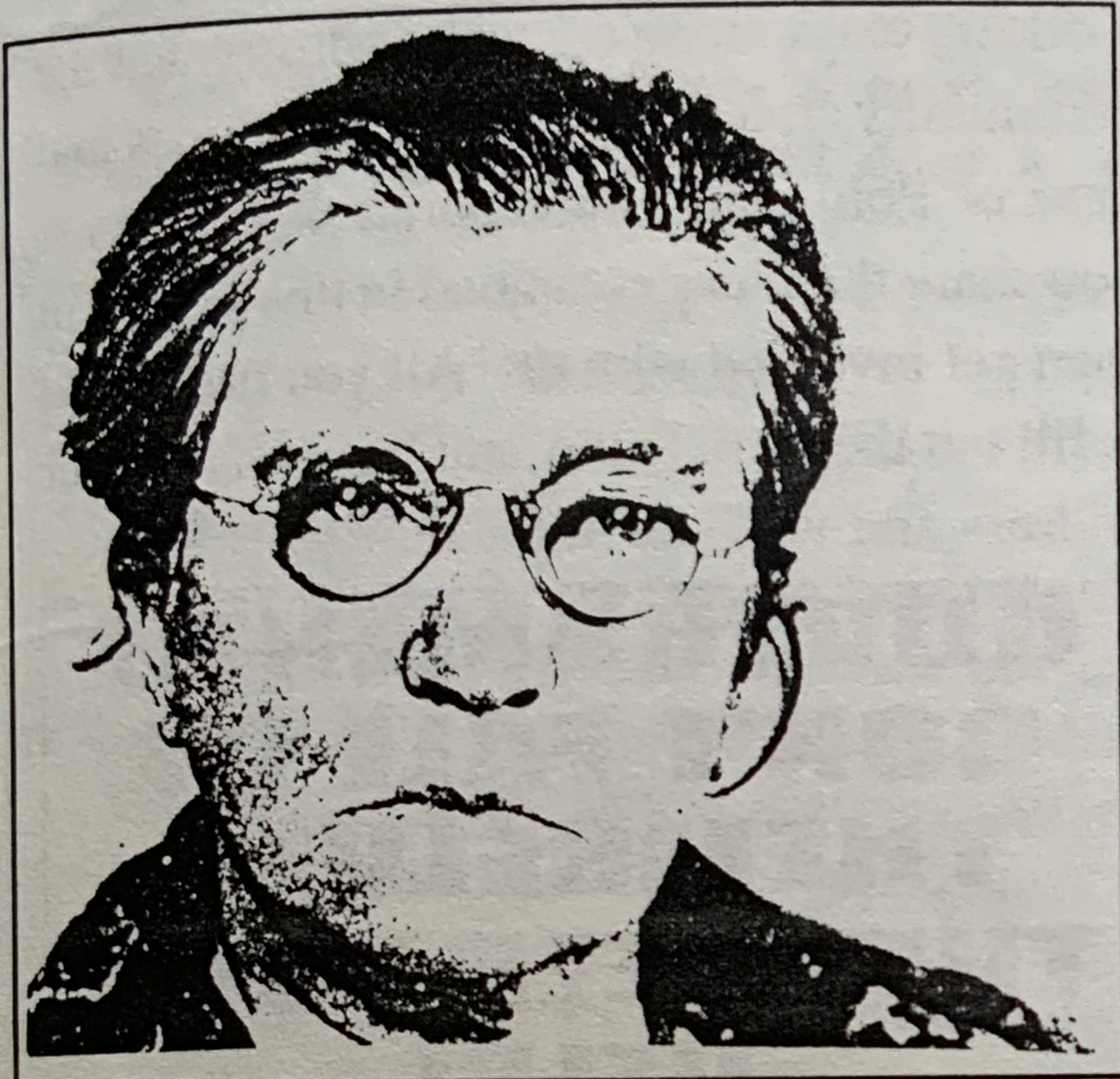
IRELANDS most notorious Prison, Mount Joy, in Dublin is yet again in the headlines as the conditions for inmates there continues to worsen.

Recently, a some prisoners in the Separation Unit there held screws hostage to highlight the barbaric conditions. Each year, at around 4 inmates commit suicide, as most prisoners are banged up into overcrowded cells for up to sixteen hours each day. The 'Joy' is simply typical of the overall Prison System here in the Republic. ABC wish to hear from prisoners or their families as to their horrific stories for support and much needed action.

PROMINENT ANARCHISTS

Past & Present

Emma Goldman 1869 - 1940



BORN in Kovno in 1869, Emma Goldman went to the United States in 1886. During her childhood, Emma's early school days consisted of a wretchedly oppressive religious education, which was to be mercifully shortlived. As a girl she witnessed the cruel beating of a peasant that was to leave its mark upon her. In her last few months of her school days, she came into contact with some radical students, which also left an important influence.

On her arrival to the United States, she settled in Rochester where exhausting factory work and an unhappy marriage ending in a divorce made her decide to resettle in New York.

In New York she came into contact with anarchist circles and expanded her great oratorical talents on behalf of the anarchist movement. She was a great champion of women's rights and fought for birth control methods with

Margaret Sanger. She wrote a great number of articles, travelled widely on behalf of the anarchist movement, suffered deportation to Russia with Alexander Berkman, making her way back to the U.S.

She spent a number of years in England, Canada and Spain, agitating, sometimes enduring imprisonment and always giving her life and energies to her ideas. She was described as a highly dynamic and attractive personality with an impressive and untainted crusading zeal.

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THIS IS AINRIAIL!

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.

GET INVOLVED

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 involved with us. All you need to do is fill out the form below and forward it to our address and we'll be in touch.

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DON'T FALL BY
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LETTERS

Dear Ainriail,

Well done on the October/November issue, the format is great, the piece on Billy Wright was spot on and interesting stuff on 'Local groups' and 'Open doors'.

Any chance of something on the 'War' end of 'No War But The Class War'. Something about violence and non-violence in social change, especially given the history of mass deaths of workers in revolutions. Well done to all at Ainriail!

In Solidarity
Dave/Derry

Dear comrades,

Thanks for sending us Ainriail numbers 5 and 6. The only other anarchist publication from Ireland which we see fairly regularly is Workers Solidarity and in our view Ainriail is far clearer in its opposition to Nationalism/Republicanism. We certainly support your slogan "Against All Bosses Orange and Green" and the comments you make in your reply to the letter from Chris in London in issue number 6. One criticism I would make of Ainriail is your inclusion of adverts for Fighting Talk/Anti-Fascist Action, as "regarding links with all bosses" also means refusing to back democratic capitalism against fascist capitalism.

We hope you will continue to send us your publication, and to criticise/comment on anything you read in Subversion.

Yours in solidarity
Mark, for Subversion/England

Unfinished Business ?

Dear Ainriail,

I noticed that the latest copy of the British 'Class War' paper was without its subscription rates, which got me thinking, does this signal the end of Class War Federations Unfinished Business? If so maybe Ainriail could now enlighten us all as to the unhealthy downfall of Irish Class War.

In solidarity
Paul/Wexford

Ainriail Replies: Although Ainriail Collective grew out of the developments surrounding the 'downfall' of Class War in Ireland, members seen the need to continue on with the promotion of our anarchist politics through a national publication such as this. Nevertheless the Collective will decide on commenting on the rumours as to possible happenings regarding the British C.W.F. only after they confirm that their Business is or is not to end.

**We welcome letters
on all subjects**

The following is an exciting list of some other interesting publications that's around at the moment, we recommend that you enclose a donation when sending off for any of them.

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threat to the State. And indeed an insurrection will occur that will totally de stabilise the entire State structure and the whole concept of such. We are talking here about a spontaneous, prolonged Rising of the vast majority of the people in many countries and regions across the world, and the accompanying necessity to defend that Social Revolution. Although we recognise the importance of Defensive Paramilitary violence, and even Urban Guerrilla attacks, We do not depend solely on war to achieve our Liberation, for our struggle CANNOT be won by the force of arms alone. No, the people must be armed beforehand with understanding and agreement of our objectives, as well as trust and love of the Revolution, and our military weapons - when required - will only be an expression of our organic spirit and solidarity. Perfect love for the people, perfect hate for the enemy - "When one falls, another must take their place, and the rage of each death renews the reason for the fight".

The Governments of the world commit much of their violence in repressing any attempt to overthrow, or even to weaken the stranglehold of the State; Bloody Sunday, for example, when the

British Army opened fire on a peaceful march in Derry in 1972 killing 13 unarmed civilians; or Sharpeville, South Africa, where 69 people were killed when Cops fired on Demonstrators during a campaign against Racist Laws Passed. Ultimately, some Anarchists would say, we cannot just depend on mass mobilisations alone, or just engage in Underground Offensives. If we want to defeat the State - The Ultimate Terrorist structure - some mid-point between the two must be found. For the future then, our work must include development of collective techniques of self-defence, as well as underground work, while we work toward Social Revolution.

This article is based on an extract from 'Anarchism and the Black Revolution' By Lorenzo Kom'Boa Ervin.

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