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SACKED VISTEON WORKERS OCCUPY PLANTS IN ENFIELD, BASILDON AND BELFAST

The Visteon factory at Enfield is the unlikely centre of an industrial dispute, with workers having occupied their factory after they were given notice of their immediate dismissal in a meeting lasting all of six minutes. They left without pay and their belongings, returning the next day to pick up the latter. Arriving at the plant, they found the entrance locked, but a side door open, giving them access to the factory. They soon joined workers inside the Visteon factory in Belfast and outside their factory in Basildon (having been removed by riot police after smashing machinery), in demanding what is owed to them, a basic redundancy package.

Much has been made out of the confusion around the relationship Visteon has with Ford. Ford farmed out the jobs to Visteon, a company originally set up by Ford, with



the understanding that terms, conditions and agreements would remain the same. Yet Ford has washed its hands of Visteon, despite documents at Visteon plants such as ID cards showing Ford's logo. The majority of the workers for the company were there under Ford's ownership, and have contracts mirroring those they held before. The impetus

is therefore on Ford to pay the redundancy packages.

Following the union's scaremongering over legal eviction for the workers occupying in Enfield, they left the factory to rapturous applause, leaving behind the collateral they held, mounting daily pickets and protests instead. The factory and its equipment was their major bargaining chip, and the

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union convincing the workers to abandon this has weakened their position. Not surprisingly, Visteon's first offer following the end of the occupation amounted to just 16 weeks pay. The union support has been woeful, both in terms of presence and income; they visit rarely and when they've contacted workers, they haven't passed along much information about negotiations. They have not even created a fund for the struggling workers, who are having to rely on donations from up and down the country.

The Enfield workers are now on a continuous picket outside the gates of the plant, at all hours of the day. They are being kept company by a support group, set up at a meeting at the plant, to aid those involved in as many ways as possible, whether collecting money, leafleting the local community or covering shifts throughout the day. Unaffiliated visitors have also been made welcome at any time. The Basildon workers face a similar situation, whilst the Belfast workers are standing strong in their occupation. Their morale was bolstered on the 17th April by a rally attended by hundreds and a march from Transport House to Belfast City Hall, finding sympathy from 30 bus drivers who parked their vehicles in the centre of the city at lunch to support them.

The tactic of going into occupation has been contagious recently, and most importantly, it- has been successful. From Windows Republic in the US, to Prisme Packaging, Scotland and Waterford Crystal in Ireland, workers have found the only way to receive a decent payoff, and to be treated with respect by bosses, has been to take militant action. Aside from the Visteon occupations and pickets, there are two schools being occupied in Glasgow at risk of closure, and electronics workers at FCI Microconnections in France have just saved their jobs through occupation. In this recession, fighting for pay and even the privilege to work is vital, and a conscious working class body in each workplace is necessary. Regardless of where you are in the country, if you fight collectively, you can win.

If you would like to support the picket, you can put your name down on the rota for a 4 hour shift here:

<http://doodle.com/7tgwd2akiyeas8id>
Or if you'd prefer to donate money, cheques can be sent to HSG at PO Box 2474, London, N8.



Support groups have sprung up around the workers at Enfield, Basildon and Belfast



Following union pressure, the workers vacated the Enfield factory and are mounting a daily picket which has been successful in keeping the site closed down.

FIND OUT MORE:

To find out more ways you can support the occupation, or to find articles, leaflets, interviews, video documentaries and more on the Visteon workers' struggle go to www.visteonoccupation.wordpress.com

“G20 TERRORISTS” RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGE - QUELLE SURPRISE

The arrest of five people in Plymouth under terrorism legislation in the run-up to the G20 summit in London received blanket media coverage, and was much hyped by the police as an example of the kind of violence that could be expected at the protests. The release of the five without charge should come as no surprise, and neither should the fact that this happened without a peep from the national media.

It turns out the supposed “terrorists” were a 16 year old lad nicked for spraying “Antifa”, the name of a militant anti-fascist organisation, on a wall, and his housemates. And the reason for the belief that the cops had uncovered a nest of terrorists? Fireworks, toy guns, and worst of all, “material related to political ideology”! It now seems official that having political books can get you rounded up and held under terrorism legislation.

The police and media milked the story for all it was worth, as showing the kind of violent extremists that would flood the capital during the summit. It added to the paranoia which had seen political stuntist and anthropology professor Chris Knight suspended over his role in the G20 meltdown protests, and the British Transport Police issue instructions to Arriva Trains staff to be on the look-out for protestors travelling to London. The police brutality this was all supposed to justify is now well known; the indiscriminate attacks on protestors, journalists and passersby, and the apparent manslaughter of Ian Tomlinson, a man returning home from work unfortunate enough to encounter the boys in blue.

The state is flexing its muscles at a time when the economic crisis is causing people to think about the way the world works, and whose interests it runs in. These arrests were followed by the round-up of Islamic terrorism suspects and the unprecedented mass arrest of 114 climate activists in Nottingham for ‘conspiracy’ to engage in environmental direct action. The wave of direct action by ordinary people looking to defend themselves against the crisis – such as those occupying the schools and Visteon factories covered in this paper – could well be next in line for such treatment.

BEAT THE SQUEEZE!

Unemployment benefits used to be a right – a social wage given to us for not having a job. But Thatcher and Tebbit put an end to all that during the 1980s. Today, Labour are still squeezing the life out of anyone on benefits. Even now politicians Ed Balls and James Purnell are trying to convince us that nobody will be left out of the labour market if they want a job, which is obvious nonsense. So if you are chucked out of work or your house and can’t get another one, what are you to do? Here are some ideas for stretching the pound.

The Mass Haggle-In

One step down from mass-shoplifting it’s actually legal to negotiate prices with shopkeepers. This is because the advertised price of goods under UK law is only an offer - called an ‘invitation to treat’. The idea is to get them to hand out free goods on some days, or at least very low prices on stuff we need. On your own you’ll probably get told where to go, but how about getting down to your local supermarket in a large group and work out what’s ‘fair’? A mass event could be advertised by putting posters around town. If that fails there’s always the mass shop-lifting.

Squat the High-Street

There are loads of shops and estate agents going out of business. Like haggling, squatting is perfectly legal and it’s a good way to get a communal base in the city centre. Set up a kitchen and cook up the cheap or free goods you have collected. As well as this there are lots of empty houses around. The Advisory Service for Squatters have lots of tips to make this work.

Claimants’ Action Groups

Visit the Job Centre or local council offices in a group and demand immediate ‘emergency’ benefits payments. This is best done by forming a claimants’ action group first. In the 1980s Islington Action Group of the Unwaged managed to get such payments from the council, and the Groundswell network of claimants action groups successfully campaigned against ‘over-zealous’ application of Job Seekers Allowance rules in the 1990s. Organisations like London (and Edinburgh) Coalition Against Poverty are reviving this kind of activity today.

Resisting Bailiffs

Take collective action against bailiffs and utilities companies. Prevent them collecting debts or cutting people off in your neighbourhood. This may mean a bit of intelligence gathering to get the number plates of bailiff and company vans, plus a decent crowd in case they get violent or bring the police with them. Make sure they get a good reception when they arrive, refuse to let them enter and sent them packing. The government tried last year to give bailiffs powers to break in to homes but this didn’t get passed so they still can’t come in if you don’t let them. ‘Bailiff buster’ groups were used successfully against Poll Tax arrears collection in the 1980s and 90s.

In short, it’s a great idea to get together, force shopkeepers and local authorities to give you what you need, and gain confidence to resist debt collectors of all kinds.

More info online:

Advisory Service for Squatters:

www.squatter.org.uk

Edinburgh Coalition Against Poverty:

<http://edinburghcoalitionagainstpoverty.org.uk>

London Coalition Against Poverty:

www.lcap.org.uk

Fair Price Campaign:

<http://ianbone.wordpress.com/2008/09/07/shopping-without-money/>

Find out about claimants groups:

www.geocities.com/ncajsa

<http://libcom.org/tags/unpaid>

CLASS(ROOM) STRUGGLE

GLASGOW SCHOOLS OCCUPIED

As we reported in the last issue of *Resistance*, plans hatched by Glasgow City Council to close 25 primary and nursery schools have been met with anger by both parents and members of the Glasgow community. The last few months have seen parents and supporters blockade council meetings, march in angry and lively demonstrations around the city and occupy the roofs of their schools.

The response from the council was a farcical public consultation that proffered no information and omitted the concerns and objections of many, many parents. Parents of St Gregory's and Wyndford primaries, realising early on that the whole process was a dramatic stitch up, took matters into their own hands on the third of April as the Easter break was about to begin.

At the end of term as the children of the schools, which are next door to one another, released balloons bearing messages asking for the school to be kept open, a group of approximately twenty parents and people from the community barricaded themselves into the schools taking direct action for the fate of their schools.

Occupation and Resistance

For two weeks parents and supporters, including local anarchists, organised themselves to make sure that around the clock both schools were occupied. Between the third of April and the eighteenth, when the parents ended the occupation, the community came together to protect their interests against a council that seems bent upon the destruction of Glaswegian communities and culture. Banners with messages of support hung from balconies and garden fences and posters appeared all over the area advising people how they could support the occupation. Support from all over the world flooded in as news of the occupation spread, some coming from places as far away as Australia and the US.

One voice that was conspicuous by its absence was that of the unions. Despite parents from both St Gregory's and Wyndfords contacting the unions that represent the staff at the school not a single union sent a word of support or came out against the closures. This despite one mother sending letters to the school with her child, asking the teachers to force their union to speak up for the school. Their silence was drowned out however by the



sheer volume of support the occupation received.

After occupying the school for a fortnight the parents decided to leave the school before the end of the holidays so as not to interfere with their children's education. When they left the school on Saturday the eighteenth they were given a heroes' welcome as the parents of both schools left with heads held high and determined to continue the struggle. The occupation may have ended but one thing the parents were certain of is that this is only the beginning. New tactics and new methods will be employed in this campaign. The council aren't going to know what's hit them!

Local struggles, global issues

The attack by the council on the people of the city should not be looked at without seeing it in its global context. As capitalism restructures itself following the most recent 'crisis' it is we, the working class, who will bear the burden of this financial

'meltdown', not the ruling class. They will attempt to reduce our access to services and facilities, to reduce investment in our communities, to lay us off and make our work security even more precarious, all to maintain their profit margin.

We cannot, must not and will not accept this. Like the parents of Glasgow, the workers at Prisme in Dundee and at the Visteon plants in Enfield and Belfast we must stand strong and fight for what is ours, for our communities, our children and our entire world. The capitalists have stolen our world and continue to try and increase their profits at the expense of our lives and communities.

Actions like those of the parents at Wyndford and St Gregory's, like the workers in Dundee, Belfast and Enfield, show that we will not be pushed around. When we allow ourselves to be divided we are weak, when we stand together we are mighty!

ON THE FRONTLINE: WORKPLACE ROUNDUP

Stand and deliver: your union or your jobs!

The Autologic company is demanding that its drivers quit their union and get rid of all collective bargaining or face redundancy in a move that looks set to lead to legal and industrial action.

The union branch had already agreed to pay cuts and redundancies in the face of a management 'modernisation' plan. However, they are not prepared to give up union membership. One worker interviewed by the Financial Mail said: 'We are talking here about a company that is making money. We have always been reasonable. We have accepted redundancies in good faith and we have told management that we are more than aware of the economic climate out there. We are even willing to lose some pay. But this management is be-

ing very provocative. We think there is an agenda of wanting to sell off the company for a good profit.'

Management have sent workers a threatening letter with union de-recognition forms attached, which claims, provocatively, that 'Autologic can offer you good pay, good conditions and a good future. The trade union can offer you tea and biscuits when you've lost your job.' It ends ominously with the words: 'The ballot choice is yours but think long and hard about the lack of jobs available outside if you decide against de-recognition. Think long and hard about how you will continue caring and looking after your families and your dependents with no job.'

Chief executive Avril Palmer-Baunack has further antagonised the workers by having a £60,000 Porche Cayenne delivered on a company truck in the middle of the

dispute.

London Midland strikes continue

Rail workers with London Midland have continued weekly strike action which has run through March and April over contractors being forced into Sunday working. Station workers who have witnessed health and safety breaches by managers attempting to cover the work have been told not to submit reports, according to the RMT union.

Strike ballot over fingerprinting for cleaners

Cleaners on the Eurostar express are being balloted for strike action by the RMT union over the introduction of fingerprinting for cleaners, and fingerprint scanners which would replace traditional clocking in and out.

MASTER RACE? YOU REALLY ARE HAVING A CHUCKLE!

It comes as encouraging news to see that the 'Blood & Honour' forums have been hacked...again! The neo-Nazi record label/music promoters have again fallen foul of the tricks of cyber anti-fascists, with private messages, passwords and IP addresses falling into the wrong hands. This is no major victory, but it does show one thing; the complete incompetence of the extreme far-right and fascist organisations currently operating in Britain.

It is definitely not the case overall, but recently the more crude and extreme fascist groups or 'organisations' have been having a bit of a hard time. The openly Nazi music label Blood & Honour having their forums hacked, the British Peoples' Party mustering no more than a measly 20 people to a national call out (surrounded by 400 anti-fascists), and countless splits, fallings out, and failed 'unity coalitions' have plagued the loons over the past few months. Despite this they are soldiering on (according to them anyway), attempting to deliver their shoddy leaflets filled with racial hatred, and continuing to post on their forums and websites. One of these 'organisations' is the British Freedom Fighters, a new arrival on the block. They

claim to be the new 'fighting force' of National Socialism in the UK. In actual fact they are little more than a handful of knuckle draggers, unable to string a sentence together, let alone run a decent group capable of much. This is proving a bit of a pain in the arse for these dim wits, as all they seem to do is post threats on the internet. Most of these groups seem like they could just be set up for our entertainment, right...?!?

Despite the sheer idiocy of certain groups and individuals involved in fascist politics at the moment, there are some that pose a real threat. Some of the previously mentioned groups do contain dangerous individuals, who wouldn't hesitate to cause harm to people because of their nationality or ethnicity. This is certainly not beyond the abilities of certain fascist groups, and serves as a reminder to all anarchists and anti-fascists that these groups cannot be ignored and have to be challenged. There is also a large and growing political threat; the British National Party. The BNP have been fairly successful at changing their appearance from typical fascist street marching thugs, into 'respectable' politicians, resulting in a number of minor political

successes. But a scratch beneath the surface reveals the truth. For example, deputy leader Simon Darby was recently photographed being greeted with straight-arm fascist salutes for a conference with other far-right politicians in Italy. The BNP are currently preparing for the European Elections in June, in which they are hoping to make big gains.

It is vitally important to us as class struggle anarchists to oppose fascism. History has shown us the evils of fascism, and just what fascists can do if left unopposed. Fascism is a violent and often racist ideology, which seeks to divide and oppress certain sections of society to achieve power. Regardless of what the BNP say, they are an anti-working class party, and offer absolutely nothing positive to the working class of Britain. They are hoping to divide communities, weaken working class organisations, and find scapegoats at times of economic crisis. We will not be fooled by their lies and hatred; No to the bosses and fascists, yes to working class self organisation.

For more information on the fight against fascism in the UK & abroad, visit

www.antifa.org.uk

BENT BARS PROJECT LAUNCHED

Bent Bars is a new letter-writing project for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, gender-variant, intersex, and queer prisoners in Britain. The project aims to develop stronger connections and build solidarity between LGBT/queer/trans communities outside and inside prison walls

Although many overtly homophobic and transphobic laws have been recently overturned in Britain, the criminal (in)justice system continues to target and criminalize queer, trans and gender non-conforming people. We don't know exactly how many LGBTQ people are currently behind bars, but we do know queer, trans and gender non-conforming people, particularly those from poor backgrounds and communities of colour, are disproportionately funnelled into the prison system as a result of systemic discrimination, inequality and social exclusion. We also know that queer, trans and gender non-conforming people are subject to increased isolation, harassment, and violence when in prison.

Penpals needed!

The project is looking for non-imprisoned and formerly imprisoned LGBT/queer/trans people who are interested in becoming penpals. In the first month since they initiated the project, they received more than 100 requests from LGBT prisoners for penpals, and the requests keep coming. Bent Bars welcome anyone who is interested, but are especially looking for gay/bi men and transwomen to be penpals. Becoming a penpal can give a person in prison vital emotional support, help prisoners be less vulnerable to violence and assist in building networks and resources for release. Time commitment is whatever you want it to be. Writing one letter a month, which can take as little as half an hour, would be great.

The group is also looking for folks who want to get involved in the Bent Bars Collective, which coordinates the letter writing program, collects resources for queer/trans prisoners and does public education work on queer/trans prison issues.

For more information, contact:

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*Please note we're getting a new mailing address soon
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SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON IMMIGRATION PRISONS

Last month, 100 people demonstrated outside Pennine House, a purpose-built immigration prison at Manchester airport where migrants are locked up even though they haven't committed a criminal offence (see Resistance 111). In the 'Big Issue in the North', the immigration minister Phil Woolas has responded to the protest with a number of inaccuracies. Here we set the record straight.

“Pennine House has been there for many years – why they are protesting about it now, I'm not quite sure.”

It's not really that surprising, is it? Since Phil Woolas got the job of immigration and borders minister, he has been the most draconian and arrogant member of Brown's cabinet. Remember him declaring war on migrant communities and their friends? Well, that's us fighting back.

“It reopened because the old facility was not fit for purpose, and was refurbished. I would have thought they would have agreed with that.”

How dishonest can you be? Woolas wants to detain and deport more and more asylum seekers and thus plans to expand the detention capacity by 60% - to over 4,000 places. Pennine House was not just refurbished but was doubled in size, from 16 to 32 places.

Sure it was also refurbished after even the HM Chief Inspector of Prisons criticised it as a “poor” and “disrespectful” environment. There is finally a courtyard that received natural light, but the trade-off was that detainees can no

longer receive visitors inside their living quarters but must meet their visitors in a special meeting room.

“I believe they think we should have no border control. I don't think I can take that as a serious position.”

This is certainly a radical proposition. But it can't just be reduced to a dislike of migration control. The border system that Woolas is in charge of is a mess – and it's the most vulnerable who suffer most. This system can't just be reformed; we need a complete overhaul of it. For us this means an end to all forms of authoritarian control – be they ID cards, the DNA register, police surveillance, or indeed the control of people's movement.

“The people who are detained are people who have not co-operated with the judicial system. It is a relatively small number of people.”

An estimated 30,000 people are locked up in an immigration detention centre every year, including 2,000 children. This is not a small number, especially as it means that families, friends and communities are torn apart. And let's

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Woolas looking hot under the collar

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remember that the majority of detainees have not committed any crime, have not had a trial or received a sentence. Rather, they are arrested and detained when their asylum claims are refused, their visas run out, or they are otherwise deemed to “not have the right” to be in this country. This includes school and university students, migrant workers and families who have long been settled in the UK and who are often ‘snatched’ in dawn raids from their homes.

It is “not true” that vulnerable people are detained at Pennine House. “Sometimes they are dangerous people.”

Many asylum seekers and migrants

lacking the right legal documents face a constant threat of being snatched by police and immigration officials in dawn raids or in swoops on their workplaces. Many have escaped violent conflict and war in their countries of origin and lived through traumatic journeys to the UK. Despite this, many display an amazing strength of character and sense of dignity. We are yet to meet a single immigration detainee who has been as dangerous to other people as the immigration and security staff accused of beating and torturing migrants in the back of Border Agency vans and in detention centres.

“They are people who have been judged

not to have a legitimate immigration claim by the courts. That is not down to the government.”

The legal requirements for immigration claims as well as the decision to detain people in immigration prisons and to deport them are made by the government. The courts judge according to the law made by government policy.

“The facility is humane. It is subject to independent monitoring.”

A new lick of paint doesn’t change anything to the fact that locking up people who haven’t committed a crime can never be ‘humane’.

www.noborders.org.uk

BRUTAL WARFARE IN SRI LANKA LEADS TO PROTESTS

Recent weeks have seen massive protests which have mobilised significant numbers of the Tamil population in Britain around Parliament Square. The protests are the result of the ongoing civil war between the Sri Lankan state and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), more commonly known as the Tamil Tigers. The Sri Lankan government’s attacks on LTTE-controlled areas have been brutal and frequently indiscriminate. On Sunday 5th April, the Sri Lankan Armed Forces launched a chemical gas attack in a so-called ‘designated safe zone’, an area where more than 1500 civilians, including many children, were present. Recently, the Sri Lankan government accepted a two-day ceasefire with the Tamil Tigers, though rejecting a call for a permanent ceasefire.

The Sri Lankan state, officially known as the ‘Democratic Socialist’ Republic of Sri Lanka, was created after Sri Lanka (known before 1974 as Ceylon) gained independence from Britain in 1948. Like India and many African regions, it is another example of how colonialism produced new nationalisms and divisions, intensifying the situation through the creation of new borders and states. The Sri Lankan state is responsible for racial discrimination against the Tamils, torture and the massacre of civilians and political dissidents. It is second only to Iraq on the issue of disappearances of those detained by national security forces. The Sri Lankan state also doesn’t have a good record on LGBTQ rights, seeing lesbianism as an ‘act of sadism’ and protecting the rights of a newspaper to suggest that

lesbians should be submitted to convicted rapists as a ‘cure’! All this from a largely Buddhist nation!

The LTTE are fighting for an independent Tamil state in an area known as Tamil Eelam to the North and East of the island. Though the main enemy for the people of Sri Lanka is the Sri Lankan state itself, which is responsible for state sponsored terrorism in Tamil regions, racial discrimination, and the exploitation and oppression of the working class, we should not have any illusions about the LTTE rebels either. It is understandable why people in the region look to the LTTE as a solution to their problems, it is after all the only real force actively fighting against the Sri Lankan government, just as Hamas is seen to be in regards to the Israel-Palestine conflict. However, the LTTE will not solve the problem in the region.

Organisations reflect the society they wish to create. When examining the

LTTE, it is clear that they are most certainly not a force to be supported. They recruit child soldiers, murder Sinhalese workers, institute racist programmes, intimidate and sometimes kill locals opposed to them. Moreover, they are fighting for a capitalist Tamil nation-state.

In material terms, the Tamil people could be better off under a Tamil nation-state in the sense that they will no longer face air strikes, bombardments and in general, no longer live in a war zone, however, the Tamil people will have only replaced one oppressor with another: the only difference between the two will be that the new one will be of the same ethnicity! They would continue to be oppressed and exploited, just this time by their ‘own people’, in control of their own state! As Libertarian Communists, we do not support national ‘liberation’ movements and challenge them as another state in waiting.



WHAT IS ANARCHISM?

The Anarchist Federation, which produces this newsheet, is an anarchist-communist group. But what does that mean? In part one of an ongoing series, we look at the problems with capitalism.

We live in a truly beautiful world. There is easily enough of everything to go around for everyone to live comfortably. However, while a few live in luxury, most of us spend our whole lives slaving away just to get by. We, the working class, own very little property and so to survive we can only do one of three things: work for a boss, claim benefits or steal. And the latter two options are neither available, nor desirable to most.

This is what capitalism is based on: we have to sell our ability to work - and hours of our life - for a wage. Our work produces things and provides services. But our wages are less than the value of the products and services we provide. The difference between the value of what we make and what we get paid is the profit

which is being stolen from us. Someone answering phones may perform work which makes the boss £400, but only gets paid £50 in wages. The rest is taken by the boss and called "profit" - which the bosses are entitled to just because they own the office the phones were answered in. So to make money, you must first have enough money to own something. By this system, the rich get richer and more powerful while we get poorer and, of course, less powerful.

Capitalism produces things for profit rather than need. For example, in famine-ridden Africa, big corporations will grow cash-crops like cotton while millions starve all around. If you can't pay the mortgage, your house is repossessed. Treatments and medicines for fatal diseases which cost pennies to make are sold for thousands of pounds to pay for marketing, while millions die.

These are not problems with capitalism that can be fixed, they are capitalism. The

relentless drive to accumulate, make profit and expand drives capital. Profits must always come before people and planet because if not enough profit is made the corporation will go bust or be bought out. War, poverty, crime, famine and environmental destruction - these are all signs that capitalism is working perfectly. They are also signs that it is unsustainable and needs to be replaced.

We don't want to replace one set of bosses and politicians with another like in the USSR. We want to abolish government and the control of production by the market. We want workers and service users to democratically control their own workplaces and see ordinary people run the world together without money or authority. This is what we call anarchist (or libertarian) communism. (Adapted from libcom.org)

Look out for part 2 of this series in the next issue of Resistance.

ANARCHIST FEDERATION

The **Anarchist Federation** is an organisation of class struggle anarchists which aims to abolish Capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is **Anarchist Communism**.

We see today's society as being divided into two main opposing classes: **the ruling class** which controls all the power and wealth, and **the working class** which the rulers exploit to maintain this. By racism, sexism and other forms of oppression, as well as war and environmental destruction the rulers weaken and divide us. Only the **direct action** of working class people can defeat these attacks and ultimately overthrow capitalism.

As the capitalist system rules the whole world its destruction must be complete and world wide. We reject attempts to reform it such as working through parliament and national liberation movements as they fail to challenge capitalism itself. Unions also work as a part of the capitalist system, so although workers struggle within them, they will be unable to bring about capitalism's destruction unless they go beyond these limits.

Organisation is vital if we're to beat the bosses, so we work for a united anarchist movement and are affiliated to the International of Anarchist Federations.

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