

resistance

the anarchist bulletin

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LANDLORDING IT OVER US



Life for tenants is soon to be made even harder as a professional landlord (and professional shitbag) is creating a nationwide "tenant blacklist" database on the internet, inspired, he says, by the News of the World's decision last month to print the names of alleged paedophiles.

Millionaire Paul Routledge, a former City worker who with his girlfriend owns 160 properties in the south and west of England, claimed the new system will prevent "hundreds of thousands" of people from leaving landlords with debts and from stealing property from lodgings. Details of worthy tenants, who can be trusted to move into properties without references, will also be recorded by the scheme, which he said has the support of the National Federation of Residential Landlords. The database, which is at www.landlordsdata.com, gathers data from landlords signed up for it. It was, said Mr Routledge, "born out of pure frustration" with the refusal of the police and social services to inform him about prospective tenants' past histories with previous landlords. "I can go down to the police and say that someone is asking to be a tenant and can they give me any background, and they refuse. Then I get them in on a six-month tenancy and find out that they're a drug dealer and that they have no intention of paying me at all. But I can't get them out for six months," he said. "I've had carpets taken

out of properties. I've been burgled so many times this year and the police don't even bother to come along and look." Our hearts bleed!

Mr Routledge, who has been a professional landlord for the past ten years, and whose business, Cadogan Investment Properties, brings in between £50,000 to £100,000 each month, even compared tenants to paedophiles saying: "I had to do something about it. It's like the News of the World printing the names of paedophiles. OK, so some paedophiles might have suffered but someone has to start it off."

As the database is computerised it had to be registered under the Data Protection Act, which allows people to see personal data held on them and request changes where it is incorrect. It will be indexed by details such as name, previous address and even National Insurance number. Big brother IS watching you. There will be no personal comments about tenants; just a sliding score, ranging from +2 for an ideal tenant to -2 for one to be turned down, based on a personal, subjective evaluation by the previous landlord. While anyone classed wrongly might be able to complain, it is likely they would never know why they had been turned down.

Details of blacklisted people would probably be kept on the database for up to four years: "Long enough that for them to be approved, they will have to change their ways." But Routledge could not say how they would find accommodation in the meantime, except with landlords who have not signed up to his scheme.

He insisted the system will not discriminate against people who have never rented before, even though they will not have an entry in the database, so obviously would not have an approved rating.

Routledge and scum like him moan about tenants but for the past twenty years legislation has consistently favoured landlords at the expense of tenants. The selling off of council

housing and rising house prices has placed more and more people at the tender mercies of private landlords. A 'dodgy' tenant might mean these people can't afford a second Jaguar, but for tenants a dodgy landlord can make life misery.

Things have already been made difficult for tenants due to processing difficulties with housing benefit claims since new rules were introduced last year. At the end of last month, the payment system was reported to be "in melt-down", affecting nearly five million households. Many prospective tenants, whose rent would have been topped up by benefits, have been rejected because the landlords fear a rent shortfall.

Let Paul Routledge know what you think of him by emailing:

service@landlordsdata.com

We're sure he'd also love to be put on any email lists you come across as well.

The Advisory Service for Squatters have been providing help for those seeking housing for donkeys years but desperately need more money to continue. Contact them at: ASS, 2, St Paul's Rd, London, N1 2QN
Tel: 020 7359 8814

And here's a heart warming housing story: *"When an estate agent I and some mates were renting off withheld our deposits at the end of our contracts, we knocked up a brief leaflet saying what a bunch of dodgy wankers they were and stood outside their shop handing them out. Within 15 minutes we were inside the shop being handed a cheque for the full amount by a totally stressed area manager."*

Direct action works. Let's use it and tell each other how it works for us. Send us any advice on how you have successfully stood up to these thieves so we can print it. ★

READERS POLL

- A journalist with the South Wales Argus
- Mike Buckingham recently came up with
- the bright idea that all black people in
- Britain should be quizzed if they're
- entitled to it before being given medical
- treatment. Our readers poll is:
- DO YOU THINK MIKE BUCKINGHAM IS
- A RACIST BIGOT?
- if **YES** call the South Wales Argus on
- 01633 810000 and let them know
- if **NO** then fuck off.

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Mexico, 1968

Mexico city, like Paris, experienced violent, near-revolutionary action in the streets. Sparked by brutal police action during peaceful demonstrations, wide-scale university and school occupations took place.

In September, mass crowds gathered to protest at the repressive regime of the PRI (Institutional Revolutionary Party), and to demand the release of political prisoners. Faced with riot police and tear gas, running clashes took place. Action Brigades were established by the militant students to spread propaganda, in a effort to widen the base of the revolt into full-scale social revolution.

However, the Mexican State had other ideas. President Diaz Ordaz, desperate to exploit the full political and economic benefits of the Olympics, ordered the rebellion to be crushed. On September 22nd, the government troops and riot police began their offensive against the centre of the most militant action, the technical school, Vocational School 7, where the students had barricaded themselves in so well, that the building was impenetrable. By now regular working class people were supporting the uprising, bombarding the troops from high rise flats as they attempted to break the barricades. These people were sick of the poor living standards and the authoritarian government, and they displayed their disgust for the regime by assaulting the Ministry of Foreign Relations, directly across from the college, and setting it on fire. Thousands of people flooded into the area to show their solidarity, forcing the troops to withdraw.

Hail of bullets

The Olympics were due to be held on October 12th. On the 2nd, the Mexican State sent a message to the people in the clearest possible terms, using brute force and showing absolutely no mercy. Nothing would stand in the way of the Games.

Around 10,000 people had gathered in the Plaza Ide Las Tres Culturas to listen to anti-government speeches. On the direct orders of President Diaz Ordaz, the army opened fire on the crowd. Over sixty people were shot dead in cold blood.

This year the Olympics are to be held in Sydney. And when the money rolls in form the Games and the spin-offs, lets just remember who has the blood on their hands.

Anarchists and others in Australia have been organising resistance to the Olympics in Sydney for months, so if you look carefully there might be something interesting on telly over the next few weeks! ★

Prague Autumn

International Solidarity Statement:

"We believe in internationalism and the globalization of our struggle against all of capitalism, regardless of political borders, and we work towards a genuine international unity which will one day lay the basis for global social revolution."— Revolutionary Anti-Capitalist Bloc, Washington, DC, April 16, 2000
Revolutionary greetings from the Northeastern Federation of Anarcho-Communists (NEFAC) of North America and the Anarchist Federation (AF) of Great Britain to all participants within the International Red & Black Revolutionary Anti-Capitalist Bloc.

At the dawn of the twenty-first century, a global movement is rising to resist exploitation by transnational capitalism. From trade unionists to environmentalists, from religious groups to non-governmental organizations, from indigenous peoples to the urban homeless, the dispossessed echo the cry emanating from the Lacandon Jungle: "Basta, Enough!" As this refreshing breeze gathers strength, it bends capitalism's rotting branches, but only an anarcho-communist social revolution can rip up the roots. Reform

is no match for capitalism's resilience; capitalism's destruction will only be achieved by a gale force storming the globe.

On September 26, the IMF and World Bank's scheming misers will meet in Prague to make their backroom deals. Our comrades around the world have seen through the flash bulbs and beyond the shimmering television images that tell brazen lies with pretty pictures. Many of these comrades will join Solidarita and other Czech revolutionaries to expose, confront and disrupt this capitalist elite. We, anarcho-communists of the American Northeast and Great Britain, proclaim solidarity with the International Red & Black Revolutionary Anti-Capitalist Bloc, for social revolution and against global capitalism. The writing was on the wall in Washington, DC: "*Out-law Bankers! Destroy All Boundaries!*"

Signed; Northeastern Federation of Anarcho-Communists (NEFAC), Anarchist Federation International Secretariat and others.

For more information on things happening in Prague this month check out the diary dates on the back page. ★

Workers fight back in Iran

The authorities in Iran suppressed workers demonstrations in Shatereh in late June and in Piranshahr on July 4th after very hot weather aggravating the access to water. On July 5th as temperatures reached 122 degrees in Abadan the mass of the population of this working class town demonstrated outside the offices of the government demanding access to drinking water. Riot police and the army were called in to attack the demonstrators. They were tear gassed and shots were fired in the air to disperse the demonstration. The only aggravated matters as a larger crowd gathered. Tyres were

set alight, banks and government offices were stoned. Two people were shot dead by state forces. Riots continued in Abadan next day and residents of neighbouring towns, Andimeshk, Ahvaz and Dezful also deprived of drinking water, joined the Abadan demonstrations.

Discontent is simmering among the oil workers in South Iran. Both the 'reformist' and 'reactionary' factions of the Iranian regime were determined to suppress the demonstrations. The Iranian working class can only rely on itself and international support. ★

Welsh resistance

Torfaen county borough councils illustrious leader Brian Smith recently stated in a letter to council employees: "Social Services got an extra £1 million last year and big increases this year as well. There are no cuts." If this is the case was the plan to scrap the meagre attendance allowance of the people who use the Adult Training Centre in Cwmbran and the plan to privatise the Home Care services for the elderly purely political decisions made out of sadistic spite?

No doubt Cheryl Downes who suffers from arthritis and a brittle bone disorder and spends most of her life in a wheel chair should now realise that the cut in her vital home care service has nothing to do with monetary considerations but with targeting 'the people with greatest needs'.

Perhaps the 400 angry care workers who brought a full council meeting to a halt in Pontypool because they were against the privatisation of the service were not appreciative of Brian Smiths divine guidance.

As the home care workers have shown the only way to stop this is take direct action

and confront the people responsible.

At the cinema

We were entertained to see how the British establishment reacted with outrage to the scenes of British soldiers killing women and children in the film 'The Patriot'. Though the film is wildly historically inaccurate, it doesn't alter the fact that over the years the British army has committed more atrocities than you can shake a stick at. A much better film is **The Butterfly's Tongue**, one of the few commercial films to portray anarchists favourably and well worth seeing if you can find it.

STOP PRESS

As we go to press we have received news that anarchist militant Michel Kapel was shot twice and killed in French Guyana by a penniless Brazilian who had no motive, and may have been hired. Michel was fighting against local corruption and the French presence there. Michel played an active role in the International of Anarchist Federations congress in '97 and spoke of the on-going struggles in his country.

Prisoners News

Anarchist prisoner Mark Barnsley has been moved to the Isle of White. Letters of support can be sent to Mark at: Mark Barnsley- WA2897, HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX, UK

This move latest move is clearly designed to punish him. He is calling for people to write letter and faxes protesting about this.

For more info contact:

Justice for Mark Barnsley -
c/o 145-9 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ.
Tel:07944 522001

E-mail: barnsleycampaign@hotmail.com



Satpal Ram again requests help urgently. Satpal said he felt sure that the Prison Officers (PO's) were once again increasing their harassment and was worried that he might disappear down the block without getting word to any one.

This afternoon Satpal was let out of the strip cell to make a phone call. He related the following.

At 8.30 this am, PO's entered his cell and told him he was been moved to the segregation wing. Satpal offered no resistance to the move and gathered up his legal documents and a few other things which legally he is allowed to take with him. PO's would not let Satpal take these materials and at this point Satpal refused to leave the cell. The next thing Satpal knew the cell was invaded by PO's with riot shields and Satpal was taken down to the segregation wing and put in a strip cell, and his clothes forcibly removed. Then PO's tried to get Satpal to allow them to video him, Satpal refused. PO's forced him to the ground and started the video, all this with a female PO resent. Satpal said " there is no doubt in my mind they were just harassing and trying to humiliate me". "Please ask my supporters to fax a protest to David Roberts the Governor at HMP Full Sutton" "My regards to everyone, I will never knuckle down as long as theirs a breath left in my body"

Protest letters to:

David Roberts - Governor HMP Full Sutton
Fax: 01759-37-1206



Prisoner Ray Gilbert writes:

"On 5th June I was C&R from Durham CSC to the Seg. Charged under prison rules and adjourned pending inquiries. Subsequently I was transferred to Frankland under rule 46 of CSC rules authorised by P Atterlen of Close Supervision Centres Committee. It stipulated I would remain in Frankland Seg for "56" days, and depending on my behaviour would determine the level I would return to at Woodhill Since then I have been charged by outside police. Subject to criminal proceedings. Now the CSC have taken it on themselves to use the segregation level of Woodhill as a punishment which is against the policy in the operating standards.

Even a Miss D Luchford of high security prisons stated to my solicitor I will return to either "A or D" unit within the stipulated period. This has now been extended to another

"56" days on a flimsy excuse of keeping me in the North to do reports for a review not due until next year. I have also been moved from Frankland to Long Larkin after 23 days and 12 days later to Full Sutton.

In that period booked visits have been interfered with and mail deliberately withheld. My mother who suffers from a heart condition has been subject to abysmal treatment who tried to treat her bad as an attempt to provoke me into a reaction.

This has all been brought to the attention of MPs who are asking for it to be looked into."

Ray Gilbert, Number H10111, Seg Wing, HM Prison, Full Sutton, Yorks, YO41 1PS.



Australia - Monday, August 28, 2000.

Rioting asylum seekers burned down buildings at the Woomera detention centre following a weekend of trouble during which inmates were sprayed with tear gas after stoning staff. Protesting detainees began chanting and causing damage to the centre on Friday night, with the noise able to be heard at least five kilometres away.

Water-cannons and tear gas have been used against prisoners in the refugee internment camp at Woomera in Western Australia in an attempt to put down protests that began early in the morning.

Reports filtering out indicate that 80 rioters have so far destroyed four buildings including the recreation building, dining room, school and ablution block.

Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock, has said that stones were thrown at security staff. He added: "The fences have been breached, they have taken pickets from the fences and using them as weapons. They have been stoning the administration building."

A local said the protest has been building for a couple of days: "They've been building a secondary fence to keep them all in, and they've been pulling that down every time the workers have been putting it up"

On Saturday, August 26th, protests were held outside the Perth, Villawood (in Sydney) and Maribyrnong (in Melbourne) internment camps calling for the camps to be shut down and the internees to be released.

This follows a series of mass escapes from three remote internment camps (Woomera, Port Hedland and Curtin) in mid-June this year when over 700 internees escaped to make their way to town centres to stage protests in order to break out of their political and geographic isolation.



MayDay Prisoners needing support:

Paul Ravelle/Willis (17th July 2000 sent. 18 months) FR5599, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth SW18 3HS

Simone Sabeddu (18th August 2000 sent. 14 months) FB2520, HMYOI Feltham, Bedfont Road, Feltham, Middx, TW13 4ND

If possible please write to Simone in Italian.

NEWS OF THE WORLD



AUSTRIA

There was strike action by printers, railworkers, bus drivers, and other municipal workers. Actions also took place in the biggest post offices and the biggest hospital in . This was the first general strike action for 35 years. Hundreds of thousands of workers were involved. The simmering discontent has been channelled into a "day of action" by the unions. All the same this points towards the rising levels of militancy in the Austrian working class as they fight a "reform" of pensions which would force older workers to wait another 18 months before being able to collect their pension.

SOUTH KOREA

70,000 workers struck on 31st May to reduce the working week from 44 hours to 40 hours, to reduce the working week to 5 days, to stop the sell off of Daewoo motor company to a foreign buyer and to get legal protection for casualised workers. Metalworkers and nurses were at the forefront of the action

FRANCE

100,00 people joined the demonstration in Millau in the south of France to support 10 small farmers on trial for smashing up a building site where a McDonalds restaurant was about to open. Far from being a nationalist event screaming out vague anti-American slogans, internationalism was clearly stated at the demonstrations, and big business and its domination of the planet were clearly targeted. The verdict at the trial has been held over to this month (September) to avoid trouble!

COLOMBIA

In early August 700,000 workers struck against the austerity measures and record unemployment imposed by the Colombian government. Street battles with police broke out. Cops attacked workers in 4 cities, firing water cannon and tear gas. 15,000 workers marched through the capital Bogota. This has been the sixth mass strike against government attacks on the working class.

Protests against Clintons visit last month to seal Plan Colombia (\$1.3b of military "aid") are also continuing

UK

Thousands of workers at the Peugeot workers struck at the Ryton plant, Coventry at the end of July, to the horror of both management and unions. They were angry about constant speed-ups on the assembly line and shift-changes.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Send us details of your event for inclusion in **resistance**

For the latest news visit our website: www.afed.org.uk

'Take precautions' when going on demonstrations and don't take cameras

SEPTEMBER: 3rd: No Borders meeting at the Lido, London Fields, E8 6pm
NOBORDER@eGroups.com

4th-10th Landmine Action Week 020 7820 0222

9th Justice for Mark Barnsley, Sheffield Info stall starts 11.30am Fargate. Public meeting 6.30pm Broomspring Centre, Broomspring Lane, Broomfield. Help needed call 07944-522001.

11th-18th National Speakout week! "If you want to help tackle homelessness and poverty by putting people with first-hand experience of it the centre, get involved." Contact Groundswell, 5-15 Cromer St., London, WC1H 8LS Tel 020 7713 2880 www.oneworld.org/groundswell/events

15th- The Civil Rights Caravan in solidarity with asylum seekers and victims of racism will be visiting various parts of Britain in the coming weeks. Contact CARF, 020-7837-1450, BM BOX 8784, London WC1N 3XX info@carf.demon.co.uk

15th-17th Barbed Wire Europe: Conference Against Immigration Detention Ruskin College, Oxford, UK Organised by the Campaign to Close Campsfield Tel 01865 558145 <http://users.ox.ac.uk/~asylum>

16th Benefit night for Czech anarchist prisoners. 8pm, Arsenal Tavern, Blackstock Rd, London. Contact London Anarchist Federation or NEL SolFed for more info.

16th Norwich Street Party meet outside city hall 1.30 pm.

17th Glasgow-Prague benefit night at the 13th Note Club, Clyde St, Glasgow. Line up to be confirmed globalactionsScotland@egroups.com

23rd National day of action against nuclear trains, at train stations along their route. Contact CND 020 7700 2393

26th IMF/World Bank Day of Action. The International Monetary Fund and World Bank are meeting in Prague this September. Send a blank e-mail to september26collective-subscribe@egroups.com. For a fortnightly bulletin, contact michael_bakunin@hotmail.com or 07941 355 508. www.s26.org

27th Picket outside the Czech Embassy in support of Anarchist Prisoners. Wednesday 27th September, 3pm

OCTOBER: 12th Annual day of solidarity with McDonald's workers. McLibel Support campaign, 5 Caledonian Road, London, N1 9DX, UK. www.mcspotlight.org

14th Anarchist Bookfair 10 am-6pm Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London (nearest tube Holborn) <http://freeserve.virgin.net/anarchist.bookfair>. Don't forget to visit the Anarchist Federation stall and stock up on anarcho-communist goodies.

MUMIA MUST LIVE! Radical American journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal is still on death row and faces imminent execution. **Next meeting in London Sept 7th, 7.30pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square.** For more information contact: **Mumia Must Live!**, BM Haven, London, WC1N 3XX or email: mumia@callnetuk.com

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Black Flag Legendary anarchist mag. £1.50 issue/£6 a sub. BM Hurricane, London, WC1N 3XX

Counter Information Free anarchist news-sheet reporting on struggles from around the world. Transmission, 28 King St, Glasgow, Scotland, G1 5QP

Direct Action If revolutionary unionism is your thing read the paper of the Solidarity Federation (Anarcho-Syndicalists). £1.50 issue/£5 sub. PO Box 29, SW PDO, M15 5HW.

SchNEWS Weekly direct action news-sheet. Send stamps to: PO Box 2600, Brighton, BN2 2DX

Class War Anarchist tabloid - the name says it all. Subs from PO Box 467, London, E8 3QX

Earth First! Action Update £5 for 12 issue sub. PO Box 1TA, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE99 1TA

Freedom Bookshop: 84b, Whitechapel High St (in Angel Alley), London, E1 7QX

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Who are we?

We are an organisation of *class struggle* anarchists aiming 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.

Join the resistance

The Anarchist Federation have members up and down Britain fighting for the kind of world outlined above. We take part in everyday struggles which affect us all, such as industrial disputes, strikes and supporting prisoners. We are active in environmental struggles, anti-racism and against government attacks on our community.

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