ANARCHIST NETWORK NEWSLETTER

october. 1989.

Union Street

Po box 150
Brunswick
East 3057.

DINNERS — last one raised $17. The SQUATTER'S UNION cooked for 50 and 10 turned up. Next one planned for Saturday the 4th of November The regular three monthly discussion on Union Steet will be at the December dinner.

WORKING BEE — last one didn't happen AGAIN!!! There has been a proposal that the next one isn't planned untill March 1990 Maybe the novelty will return to motivate people by then.

CABARET — has been cancelled, also because of lack of support.

EXPENCES — another account has been open for fundraising. An extra person to sign on this account would be good. You would need to be o.k'ed by the c.c and not be on the owing body. Rates are $280 this year.

WHO'S WHO — Daniel was the Secretary/treasurer untill the 10/10, Spider is the 'keys' delegate

AGREEMENTS — on booking conditions, key holders, membership of the C.C. where finalized at the last meeting.

TOGETHER AT CONFEST...

Well the alternative lifestyles conference /festival - Confest - is upon us again. At Walwa again with its beautiful river, trees and always something to do.

In the next newsletter it would be good if we could share info about what resources, needs and plans we have for the coming Confest : for example;

do you have
- a car with room for more people or gear?
- a large tent for workshops?
- large cooking gear or stove?
- Gear for communal use?

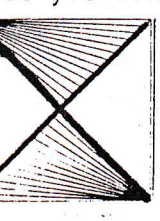
do you want
- a lift?
- shared meals?
- help with a workshop?

Can you be a contact connecting person for
- a car pool?
- (A) village supplies?
- a food kitty?
- setting up the site?

Ask your friends here and in Sydney what they have planned. Once there we could camp and eat together, & have sharings, networking, discussions, games, planning and workshopping. All theyneed is initiation to be the model of organisation we talk about.

To get info on this into the next newsletter ring Vivian 3864711 or Daniel 486 1242 or write to the ANN , before the deadline. The Confest is from Thurs 28/12 till Tues 2/1/90. Tickets $35 B4 9/12 from Down to Earth Co-op,247 Flinders Lane,3000.

Remember December's ANN is the last B4 Confest



Next Newsletter Deadline November 16th.

Direct Action Gets the Goods

DIRECT ACTION PAMPHLET

The Anarcho Syndicalist Federation is compiling a pamphlet Direct Action for community, education, environmental and labour movement activists to use; and for the 'amateur' new to protest and achieving immediate change. Examples of personal victory, historical examples, clearly written outlines of tactics well as illustrations be they photographs, drawings, diagrams, etc will all be considered. All those who submit material will have it then returned upon request if a stamped self addressed envelope is enclosed. If the contribution is used you get a free copy of the pamphlet.

It is planned to be published after the next ASF Congress ie in early 1990 so send those tales of pickets, occupations, computer viruses and hacking, Jokes on the boss/bureaucrat, scab busting, sabotage knowing that anonymity will be respected by us but not necessarily by those who spy on our mail:

ASF Melbourne North: PO Box 199, Brunswick East 3057
ASF Melbourne South: PO Box 1211, Windsor 3181
ASF Sydney: PO Box 92, Broadway 2007

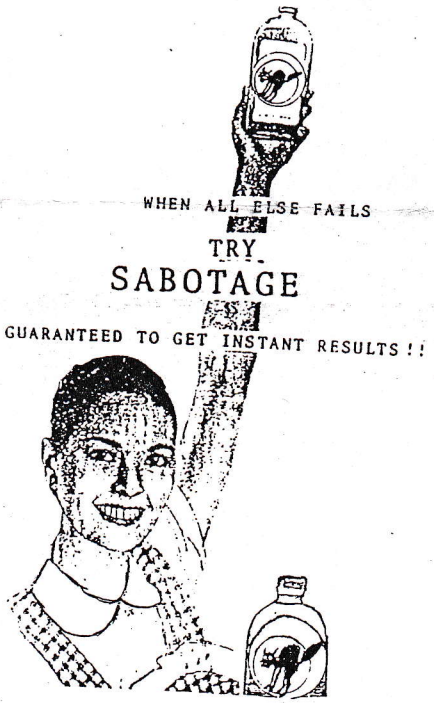
ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

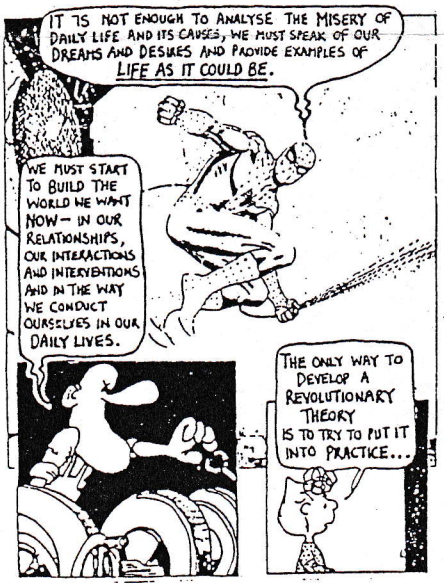
The ABC supports our people inside and anarchist resistance. After a quiet period due to the death of the former Secretary Steve Cockburn and the departure from Melbourne of other activists, we've been catching up on back correspondence and commenced new letters and publication exchanges with individuals and groups in our region and overseas.

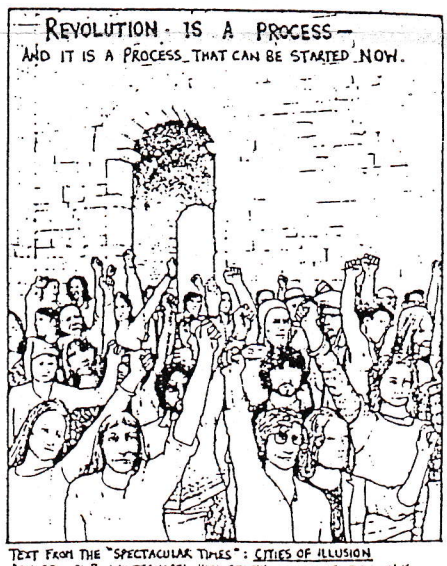
The Campaign to Expose the Frame Up of Tim Anderson has been our main local focus. Members of London ABC will be in Sydney and Melbourne in November/December after visiting ABC groups and contacts along the way including Russia. Black Flag readers who want to meet up with Albert Meltzer should watch this space, listen to the airwaves and support the ABC. Help with translation, postage, literature most welcome.

Postcards (particularly wildlife ones) would be appreciated either directly by those inside or donated please contact:

ABC PO Box 1257 Collingwood 3066







TEXT FROM THE "SPECTACULAR TIMES": CITIES OF ILLUSION
BOX 99, 84B, WHITECHAPEL HIGH STREET, LONDON E1 7QX U.K.

Letters !!!

October 11th 1989

Dear Daniel, Greg, Gary...

An Ecomedia collective and service is long overdue. To increase the flow of information: communication around Melbourne, Australia and overseas will be beneficial to those new to anarchist ideas too.

With the Lib Workers show every fortnite and the weekly Squatters/Unemployed show every Friday morning at 11am this news can be put to air too to improve those shows. A whats on style calendar or column needs to be sorted out each month for the forthcoming months etc. Details confirmation, can be put across on the radio too and with experience CARTS/adverts for our activities made that other 3CR shows could play.

SKA TV, Scream, Squat It, @ Age, Rebel Worker can all use and contribute to the Ecomedia 'alternative' news service. Besides reporting news, there is reprinting good cartoons/new graphics, contact list of campaign groups such as the victims of police frame-ups (Tim Anderson, Croatian 6, Kerry Browning, Koories etc) and support inside ie Prisoners Action Group which the recent Rabelais student newspaper of La Trobe University did well. I'd recommend this issue be passed around where you live, work, school, play, send it interstate, overseas as a good educational production.

To open up Union Street, an answering machine whose number can be made public should be installed. The number given in each Ecomedia bulletin, at the end of each radio programme or SKA TV production, listed in the various publications can operate in two ways:

a) Have a recorded message -updated weekly- telling what is on this week, any new publication published available, plug radio show, meeting, etc.

b) Have space after pre-recorded message and pip etc for callers to leave news or enquiries of their own.

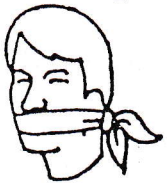
If the Ecomedia collective can get at least four members then duties would be rotated ie change the message on phone number once every four weeks, meet at Union Street to layout the Bulletin monthly, collect newsclippings, update on events put in the calendar ie. what happened. List contacts of a campaign ie all the anti-Freeway, groups, those organising against Olympic speculation etc

Individuals should subscribe to the Ecomedia bulletin, groups affilate and exchange publications (leaflets, magazines, pamphlets, posters, stickers). The cost of postage around Melbourne, interstate let alone air overseas will have to mean money up front or no Bulletin unless a benefit/benefactor comes through. The onus should be on those receiving the Bulletin to copy rather than the Ecomedia Collective produce hundreds or thousands at some cost to themselves initially. So photocopy style A3 newssheet to the subscribers, exchangers would only grow in size as subs/xchanges do, keeping costs lower instead of large numbers of offset printed issues sitting about; anyone wanting back copies just pays for photocopy of previous issues.

The library at Union Street will be a great resource as exchanged papers etc come in which will be of benefit to all libertarian media when laying out their own publications, compiling graphics, contact lists etc.

Go for it. PETER

Don't suffer in silence anymore!



SPEAK OUT!

Air your opinions

CONTRIBUTE TO THIS MAG.

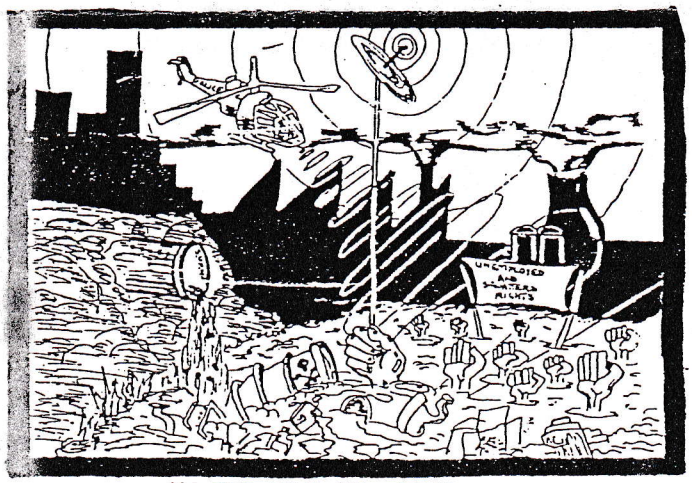
...tell the world what you think

COMMUNITY RADIO

S.U.U.W.A.

THE SQUATTERS UNION AND UNEMPLOYED WORKERS AIRWAVES

FRIDAYS 11AM-12 3CR 855 A.M.



ALL THE NEWS AND VIEWS

DIRECT FROM THE UNEMPLOYED AND SQUATTERS

EVERYBODY LISTENS

Dear Whoever,

Regarding suggestions put forward last newsletter about the public/private use of Union St, I think the house is pretty well accessable to the anarchist community as is, and that for both our sanity and security it is valuable to have a shared space that isn't so easily accessible to pigs and other idiots. Public profile might be better suited to a different venue, such as the fire station, which is already well known. I think this partly because, as a result of my own public profile, and my tendency to consort with black musicians, I have received letters full of rascist bile which I guess are from national action. I guess the same mob sent the health department round to my joint looking for rats (ha ha). I think we have reason to be careful, it certainly wouldn't hurt. I'm also interested to know if anyone out there has experienced this kind of harrassment, or any ideas what to do about it.

Cheers, Zel.

BE WARNED!
THE NATURE OF YOUR OPPRESSION IS THE AESTHETIC OF OUR ANGER

vagabond raphaelite dancers storm presidential enema conference

with a flurry of rags the furious hags
flung their dirt blood and sweat encrusted
moods limb thrashing berating hexing flailing
flummoxing o a terrifying presidential enema conference.
all unholy rail unto he-he-HE whose bowels do not move.
laughter that potent pestilence screams -OW- down the walls
who like the other inanimate organs of the palace,(donotmove)
HA HA HA HA HA most profound nonsense rivets
anima's deep-ground-nose stance
hilarity entwined a flagrant dance
of cognition- witch wind knocks hard blows?
well and good a topic apt to fit she says , for
everybody knows the president is full of shit.....

The loathsome mask has fallen, the man remains
Sceptreless, free, uncircumscribed, but man
Equal, unclassed, tribeless, and nationless,
Exempt from awe, worship, degree, the king
Over himself; just, gentle, wise, but man
Passionless? – no, yet free from guilt or pain,
Which were, for his will made or suffered them,
Nor yet exempt, though ruling them like slaves,
From chance, and death, and mutability,
The clogs of that which else might oversoar
The loftiest star of unascended heaven
Pinnacled deep in the intense inane.

Percy Bysshe Shelley

THE STATE IS YOUR ENEMY

A new constellation

We go intertwined, him and you
and me, her and him, you and her,
each the center of our own circle
of attraction and compulsion and gravity.
What a constellation we make: I call it
the Matrix. I call it the dancing
family. I call it wheels inside wheels.
Ezekiel did not know he was seeing
the pattern for enduring relationship
in the late twentieth century.

All the rings shine gold as wedding bands
but they are the hoops magicians use
that seem solid and unbroken, yet can slip
into chains of other rings and out.
They are strong enough to hang houses on,
strong enough to serve as cranes, yet
they are open. We fall through each other,
we catch each other, we cling, we flip on.

No one is at the center, but each
is her own center, no one controls
the jangling swing and bounce and merry-
go-round lurching intertangle of this mobile.
We pass through each other trembling

Marge Piercy: The moon is always female