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A DUD DEAL

LABOUR are restructuring the welfare system to benefit the bosses to an extent that the Tories could only dream about. The New Deal attacks the entire working class. Resistance is vital.

Under 25's unemployed for over 6 months are forced to attend the "Gateway" interviews. They aim to find/pressurise 40% into an unsubsidised job.

All others will be forced into:

1) A low paid temporary six month job. The employer (private or public) gets £60 per week subsidy, and after 6 months can replace the New Dealers with more subsidised workers.

2) Working for a Voluntary Organisation for 6 months, paid benefits plus £15 per week.

3) Working on an Environmental Task Force for 6 months, for benefits plus £15 per week..

1 day per week training in the above 3 options.

4) Full time education. Mainly for those lacking NVQ level 2. Paid existing benefits.

5) Self employment.

Claimants who won't participate, or leave early, face having their JSA benefit cut completely for 2 weeks (4 weeks for a 2nd 'offence')

The details for over 24's unemployed for over 2 years (starts in June), single parents, and disabled are not yet clear. Compulsion is probable for the unemployed. Labour deny compulsion will hit single parents, but increasing harassment is likely. Ominously, the new Green Paper aims to cut the

numbers on Incapacity Benefit.

WORKFARE

The New Deal

- brings the UK nearer to USA-type workfare - compulsory work for a boss for benefits for most unemployed and single parents and for many disabled people. New York City uses 75,000 workfare workers, intended to grow to over half its employees. They have cut over 20,000 unionised jobs.

- means more "casualisation" - 6 months temporary jobs undermining everyone's wages and conditions. Employers can use the temporary subsidised jobs to "filter out" activists

- aims to impose work discipline and state control. Instead of defying the bulldozers at road protests young unemployed people will be on the litter patrol in the Environmental Task force. They want to socialise people into the rat race - slaving for 50 years to pay for your funeral.

- furthers privatisation, with private companies like Reed

running the New Deal in Hackney, London.

RESISTANCE

Resistance is needed at all levels.

During the Gateway process claimants should take someone with them to all interviews.

Even if forced onto the new Deal, "New Dealers" can still resist. When the Employment Training scheme operated around 1988-90 several ET workers groups sprang up and some successful strikes were held (see CI 25 etc). From July - December 1996 New York workfare workers held over 30 demos demanding proper wages and work benefits.

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50 not out

OVER 13 years & Counter Info has staggered to issue 50.

Yet, for an initiative designed to implode with the end of the miners strike that isn't bad going. But then as the miners were being bludgeoned by the state & its law, first hand riot reports flooded in from Handsworth & Brixton, the Wapping dispute gave a new meaning to the term, news international. A momentum had grown, and a 'long march' through the minefield of struggles and autonomous action had commenced, peaking during the anti-poll tax movement.

CI, despite its welcome receipt of reports from all over the world, from claimants to tree-dwellers, has remained centred in central Scotland. The myth is that it has attracted a fabulous and dedicated team of 'cub' reporters, skilled in the arts of desktop publishing & incisive prose. Well, we don't want to dispel the mythology attached to CI, too much. Let's just say, we acquired the art of the 'pritt stick' just in time the new Mac era while still managing to cram over 4,000 words per issue.

In an age when politicians in Scotland and elsewhere have been pushing national self-determination, we remain sceptical, critical and internationalist. We hold to the 'big picture' of capitalism, but this is often illustrated by local struggles. As for another 50, maybe not, but we are committed to co-operating with likewise initiatives, globally.



ENERGY is growing for the 16 May global day of Reclaim the Streets parties. As the G8 world leaders meet in Birmingham that day, people world-wide will be banishing the car, dancing defiantly, transforming private space and creating a world wide web of festivals of resistance. *Reclaim the Streets, PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY. 0171 281 4621*

Why Work?

IN THE 1930's Nazis would have you believe work made you free. Religion praises the work ethic as akin to a cleansing of the soul, and present day bosses and politicians hype work as the salvation of the nation, bringing dignity and prosperity to the masses.

Work as we know it under capitalism is nothing short of repetitive, routine, disciplined long hours, low pay and is usually boring. There are clear cut times for workers to work, to play, and to rest. Work it appears is apart from our lives. It is something we do because we have to, not because we want to.

Work as we see it need not be separate from our lives but should be a part of it. It should not involve working long hours, day after day

at the same thing. It should involve learning, time to play, should not have limited goals. It should be expansive and of interest. Not all work is going to be enjoyable but unenjoyable work should not last a lifetime!

The world's resources belong to everyone. With a system of mutual aid and voluntary co-operation, with no bosses and no profit motive, work could become satisfying and maybe even enjoyable! Capitalism has stolen our humanity and individual self-worth, maybe it is time to steal it back.

No Hiding place for Multinationals

MID MAY is M.A.I. day for the multinational corporations. With the signing of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, the global economy will relegate 'national sovereignty to the dustbin of history.

Over the past 30 months, organised by the O.E.C.D.m the 29 wealthiest countries have drawn up new rules to penalise restrictions placed in the way of the huge multinational corporations. It will effectively "invalidate all international and domestic law regarding environmental, social and labour rights. Countries will not be able to opt out once it is signed,; for 20 years [Schnews* 31-10-97].

All the leftist and national liberation lobbying for 'regulation' by "their" Scots parliament or 'peoples' government will be rendered useless. Multinationals will gain the right to sue national governments for even debating issues which could harm their profit and investments. More favourable 'worker protection', public safety and environmental safeguard legislation will be abandoned. The alternative is to risk a flight of investment, as the multinationals gang up, and recession.

The trade agreement in North America has shown what will happen. The Canadian Government was sued by the Ethyl Corporation for \$367 million for banning the use of the pollutant gasoline additive, MMT [Schnews*]. What's more, president Clinton's recent trip to Africa underlined that in the new era of economic 'liberalisation', what aid that is dispensed will be tied to removing trade restrictions, with countries that are 'self sufficient' going the way of North Korea.

MOODY BLUES

Global resistance can undermine this 'real domination of capital'. On 1st February international action took place in Columbia, Mexico, Haiti, Spain, Ireland, Germany and South Korea. Schnews [6-2-98] reported that the grounds of the home of Moody- Stuart, Group Managing Director of Royal Dutch Shell in Hassocks, Sussex, was invaded. It illustrated that those with real power can be made 'visible' to protest. On Feb. 23rd activists linked to the People's Global Action met to coordinate resistance. Protests are planned at the House of Commons on May 13th and a global street party on Sat. 16th May is planned around a People's Summit in Birmingham against the G8 world leaders meeting [info 0121-632-6909].

Resistance, however, will be futile if it is based around demands for 'national sovereignty'. As the President of the 10 million strong peasant movement put it "MAI is the final consummation of collective colonialism.." - only an international outlook linking 'protest from below' can now challenge capitalism.

In your face - symbolically

THE PUBLICITY generated by John Prescott's 'icing' at the Brit awards courtesy of Chumbawamba's Danbert Nobocoon may have dried up, but companies such Polygram continue to pay £3 a hour for 12 hours packing their CDs.

Meanwhile, a spate of oven-baked 'terra-ism' has been reviving, with a certain John Peppar of Proctor & Gamble, getting spiced up with a pie in his face at another awards ceremony! In Brussels, Microsoft monopolist, Bill Gates went 'java' after his pieing by the 30 strong, international brigade - patisserie, who stated "we are commercial terrorists and the pie is symbolic. The victim is only injured in his self-esteem". Pie today, expropriation tomorrow!

STATE STITCH UP

GREAT NEWS! The Gandalf Three were freed on bail on 27 March, pending their appeal. The 3 editors of Green Anarchist magazine had been jailed in November for 3 years each. They

were found guilty of "conspiracy to incite persons unknown to commit criminal damage", because of articles in Green Anarchist.

Meanwhile, the trial on the same charges of Robin Webb, and



picture from: *Insumision total*, a pamphlet from People like Us at BM Box PLUP London WC1 3XX for £2 about anti-militarism in Spain and the Basque country.

SOCIAL INJUSTICE

AFTER 28 months of industrial action, the Liverpool Dockers have settled their dispute with Mersey Docks and Harbour Company (MDHC) due to the enormous odds stacked against them by the British Labour Government and the leaders of the Dockers' own union - the TGWU.

Although the British Government is the main shareholder in MDHC they refused to intervene in the dispute and even local Labour MPs wouldn't discuss the issue. More damaging but just as predictable was the behaviour of the TGWU who undermined the entire dispute by their lack of support. This included their refusal to launch a national campaign challenging the dismissals and paying only £13 per week strike pay per Docker. The leader of the TGWU, Bill Morris, showed his true self when he said that the dockers' supporters 'with their message of false hope to the dockers and their families, did more than anyone to prolong the agony.'

The Dockers have pledged to fight on against Social Injustice, calling a national march in London for May 30th and are still publishing their paper. The lessons of this dispute could not be clearer - governments govern and unions act as a go between to balance the status quo of capitalism - and the needs of the working class are unimportant to either.. Dockers Charter c/o 19 Scorton St., Liverpool L6 4AS 0151 207 3388

possibly Paul Rogers, starts on 27 April at Portsmouth. A demo is scheduled for outside the court on the first day.

CI disagrees with Green Anarchist's tendency to dismiss class struggle. But it is vitally

FUKKK OFF

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, USA.(Oct97) A Ku Klux Klan rally was successfully attacked by anti-racists. The Klan were pelted with stones, bricks, and eggs. Local black youth "confiscated" and burned the Klan's confederate flags. Despite police and SWAT team protection the Klan had to retreat. They missed the opportunity to enjoy the Radical Fairies kiss-in and other acts of solidarity among the anti-racists.

SPECIFIC STRIKE

UNIONS AND community groups in Ontario, Canada called for a strike against public sector cuts in Windsor (Oct'97). Teamsters, teachers, car, construction, casino, postal and public transport workers brought the city to a virtual standstill.

FINNS DEFY POLICE

SUCCESSFUL DIRECT action and self organisation marked the "Green and Black Days" held in Tampere, Finland in January - despite a heavy police clampdown.

ANARCHY NOT MONARCHY

PEOPLE AGAINST the Monarchy has been formed to organise popular opposition to the Royal Family, particularly during the Queens official visit to Scotland at the end of June. P.A.M. not only oppose the rule of the Royals but want all rulers overthrown Info. PAM PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW.

BUILDING UP STEAM

RAILWAY WORKERS in Italy took strike action in Feb. against plans to privatise the state railway system. Grass roots Unions were due to strike again in March, in what could be a major struggle. Info Umanita Nova.

BALEARIC BEAT

IN SPAIN dozens of squatted centres continue to defy a state clamp-down which includes recent evictions of a Centre in Mallorca, and the violent eviction of a squatted village in the Pyrenees by 100 armed police.

CAMPSFIELD

• NINE WEST African asylum seekers go on trial in Oxford on 1 June facing riot charges arising from the revolt at Campsfield detention centre in August 1997. Maximum sentence is 10 years. Info 01865 726804/ 558145.



important to resist state censorship of the radical press. We urge our readers to support the growing solidarity movement by contacting London Gandalf Support Campaign, c/o London Greenpeace, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X OAP E mail lgp@envirolink.org



A WORLD TO WIN

KNOCK OUT?

JAN. 1998 in Usedom, Germany saw 15 Nazi Skinheads attack a group of black people in a local billiard hall, little knowing they were a visiting group of boxers from Cuba. Result- two knock outs for Cuba -without reply!

GLAD TO BE GREY

THE PENSIONERS Rights Campaign who campaign against discrimination on the grounds of age and for better pensions, recently (Dec 97) took over a TV studio, got air time, and also blockaded the Humber Bridge to highlight their campaign. A spokesperson said; "We don't want to go and stand in Hyde Park and talk... because direct action is the only way to get anywhere."

ZAPATA!!

MEXICO CITY, Mexico. Jan. 1998 saw protesters occupy two radio stations and blockade the stock exchange. They also threw red paint on the outside walls, and demanded that a Zapatista tape be played. This was followed by placing symbolic coffins in the street to highlight the recent deaths of 45 people murdered by death squads in the Chiapas region of Mexico. Mexican embassies in Canada, the USA, and several European countries were picketed in solidarity actions. In the Chiapas region itself 6000 marched in protest.

FOOD AND BOMBS

VIOLENT RIOTS followed recent price increases in food in Zimbabwe. Poor families living in Harare, Gweru, and Masingo continue to riot despite troops being told to shoot to kill. Government greed and corruption is being blamed for the price increases. The Government is blaming white farmers and the International Monetary Fund.

SOLIDARITY.

OVER 17,000 workers voted to unionise in New York, USA. (Jan.98) They have been put on compulsory Work Fare Schemes and the City authorities fail to recognise them as workers. Typically working 20 hrs a week for welfare benefits and do not have any work place protection.

NO NUKES-GOOD NEWS

ANTI-NUCLEAR movement protesters and residents of Ahaus, Germany mobilise 5,000 people against a train laden with nuclear material. (2 Mar 98) The train was held up for over 13 hrs despite the presence of 30,000 police, riot squads, border guards, and anti-terrorist units. Many clashes took place with police cars smashed up and 700 arrested. The 21 March saw a rally in Munster, near Ahaus, protest against the nuclear shipment and police violence.

Magnet Boss turns chicken !



18 MONTHS INTO their dispute, the strikers from Magnet Kitchens in Darlington have taken industrial action to new heights, by opening up a chicken farm near the £1.5m Cambridgeshire mansion of Alan Bowkett, chief executive of Magnet's parent company Berisford. Aided by redundant Derbyshire miners, the Magnet strikers are now able to hold demonstrations near Bowkett's palatial home while evading threats of legal action for unlawful secondary picketing. The farm has been re-named 'Camp Bowkett', after the fat cat who last year received a £124,000 pay rise. The Magnet dispute began in September 1996 when 350 workers seeking a 3% pay increase after 3 years of pay freezes, were sacked, many after 30 and 40 years' service. Management at Magnet refuse to negotiate a settlement.

The Magnet strikers are calling on activists to organise demonstrations and boycotts of over 130 companies owned by Berisford. As well as Magnet Kitchen showrooms in a large number of British cities, the company also owns Welbilt Holdings based in the USA and throughout Europe. Details of Welbilt in the US, can be found on the company web pages <http://www.welbilt.com>. For more information on the campaign, contact Ian Crammond, 109 Jedburgh Drive, Darlington DL3

THE DIE WAS CAST

SINCE THE end of the miners strike in 1985, 140 deep pits have closed and 90% of the workforce has been made redundant. Opencast coal production has tripled over this period, now accounting for a third of production, and coal imports have grown dramatically.

Secure, skilled jobs have been replaced with low pay, casual employment and the dole queue; sacrificing health and safety for cheap coal and quick profits.

DEVASTATED

In opencast mining, whole landscapes are dug out, sometimes to a depth of hundreds feet. Entire ecosystems are decimated, water polluted and local people subjected to unbearable levels of noise, traffic and air pollution. A study of children in West Glamorgan, Wales, has concluded that there is a link between opencast mining and childhood asthma.

Many of the opencast mining companies have been criticised over health and safety standards on their sites and are hostile to trade unions. The circumstances which lead to the death of one worker and 16 others being injured at the Scottish Dalquhandy pit in February 1998 are typical of other sites.

DOE HILL ACTION

In opposition, New Labour pretended to be critical of open cast, but their review of open cast mining policy published in October 1997 was described by environmental organisations as "weak and insubstantial". No surprises there then! Publication of the report coincided with a day of action by Earth First! and No Opencast who organised the occupation of Doe Hill House opencast mine in Derbyshire, when the earth destroying equipment and machinery was

THE CORRUPT WEB

BRAZIL IS a country with a feudal division of wealth and land. Today less than 3% of the population owns almost two thirds of Brazilian farmland. 60% of that lies unused. Despite president Cardoso's electoral promises little has changed since the 1980's. A corrupt web of the interlinked interests of big business, big landowners, the military and police combat attempts at social reform.

In 1985 a small group of desperate peasants squatted unused plantation land and fended off armed attacks by police and hired gunmen for two years. The government then granted the land for use as farm co-op. This year the co-op is expected to make \$12 million for its 1,432 workers.

Since then a massive movement of landless peasants and workers has swelled into existence. In 1997 60,000 marched over 1000km for two months arriving in Brasilia (the capital) to demand land reform and mark the anniversary of the massacre of El Dorado dos Carajas where 19 people occupying a hacienda were killed by the military police. In the last ten years over 960 peasants and supporters have been killed in land disputes.

200,000 landless families have successfully taken back 7 million hectares of land. More than 50,000 families are currently camped around empty land. MST (Movement of Landless Workers) has inspired urban homeless to begin occupations of unused buildings. MST spokespeople speaking on their national pirate radio emphasise that "the poor can't hope for government action but have to organise themselves."

LOCKING ON

Faslane peace Camp are committed to resist the eviction from Argyll & Bute Council. Since 28th July '97 they have been classed as squatters. Send support/donations via 01436 820901. Also get their "nuke-just don't do it" T.Shirt for £6!

wrecked. They later occupied the offices of mining company H J Banks who operate the site, when there were 47 arrests.

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FORMIDABLE!!!

A MASSIVE wave of direct action by unemployed people demanding increases in benefits has swept France.

Since Marseille benefit offices were occupied in December, over 200 Job Centres, Town Halls, Electricity Company offices, police stations!, Chambers of Commerce, banks, Socialist Party offices, and other buildings have been taken over by unemployed demonstrators.

Some occupations have lasted several days. On 17 January alone there were 20 new occupations, including Town Halls in Grenoble, Brest, Guingamp, a Socialist Party office in Mulhouse, EDF electricity offices in Paris and Clermont-Ferrand, plus occupations in Nancy and Lyon. On 10 February protestors occupied the Police HQ at av Daumesnil, Paris.

Large groups enter supermarkets and collectively take food and other goods without paying, to distribute free. Anti-bailiff actions, blockading roads and railways, mass free use of public transport, invading posh restaurants and demanding free food, opening toll gates on pay motorways are among other activities.

The government has conceded some benefit increases,

but has not met the main demands, eg extending benefits to 19-25 year olds. Police have evicted many occupations. 4 demonstrators arrested at British-owned Cash Converters in Paris on 11 Feb. were jailed for 2 weeks while awaiting trial.

Some urge the struggle go beyond the reformist limits imposed by the Unemployed Associations like AC! and groups linked to the Communist Party

Trade Union, the CGT.

"We have no reason to stop the struggle....It's up to us to take back the resources that those who hold political, financial and media power have stolen from us : let's take back everything!"-TCP.

Since 19 January such activists have initiated daily general assemblies in Paris, attracting around 100 people, to bring together all involved in the struggle, and plan weekly actions.

Info Travailleurs/euses, Chomeurs/euses, Precaires en colere (TCP), 21ter, rue Voltaire, 75011 Paris. Fax 01 43 72 15 77 & CNT-AIT, 33 rue des Vignoles, 75020 Paris. Tel 01 43 72 09 54 <http://www.altern.com/cnt/> E mail cnt@altern.org.

YOU'RE OUT!

STAFF in High Riggs Job Centre in Edinburgh were astounded when 20 people looking exactly like their colleague Marianne MacDonald stormed into the office on 11 February. Perhaps the Employment Service were emulating the cloning of Dolly the Sheep?

But why were the 20 versions of the notorious bullying Restart interviewer waving placards proclaiming 3 STRIKES CONTINUES, NO BENEFIT CUTS FOR SINGLE PARENTS, and THE NEW DEAL IS A DIRTY DEAL?

Elementary. It was an Edinburgh Claimants 3rd strike demo against MacDonald and her manager Mr Laird. Despite 2 warnings she had continued abusing claimants. So now her photo was adorning the demonstrators' masks and hundreds of leaflets.

This action defied a legal clampdown. That morning in Edinburgh a claimant had been sentenced to 150 hours community service for delivering a 3 Strikes warning letter. "We won't be intimidated" say Edinburgh Claimants. Ring 0131 557 6242

Demonstrators wearing masks



with photos of dole bully MacDonald about to invade an Edinburgh benefit office on 11 February

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Independent claimants groups, run by and for claimants and based on solidarity and direct action, can spark opposition to the New Deal. The Groundswell Network is a good start which needs to grow much bigger.

The New Deal is not just a "claimants issue". Workers in jobs must get involved in opposition. The Liverpool dockers and postal workers for example have fought fierce battles recently over casualisation. Workers could insist that all New Deal jobs pay the going rate, and be permanent (not for 6 months). While this would be something, it still leaves intact the imposition of a compulsory scheme. Enforcing a boycott of all New Deal options should be the aim, difficult though workplace opposition will be - the Trade Union hierarchy completely back the scheme. The need for independent workers organisation is greater than ever.

Claimants groups, and Workers and volunteers in voluntary organisations, need to encourage/pressurise voluntary organisations to boycott the New Deal, stressing that participation in a compulsory forced labour scheme contradicts avowed voluntary sector values.

DEAD TOAD HITS BACK

Recent resistance to the compulsory slave labour scheme Project Work (PW) should inspire opposition to the New Deal

Bristol Claimants report that anti PW action late last year included • Musicians playing inside the Job Centre. • Job Centre and Job Club windows smashed 3 times • Deer fence and dry stone wall built by PW slave labour both destroyed • PW provider Instant Muscle suffering - an invasion by a Welsh choir - a boss covered with red dye - a dead toad in their mail. • Stencilled slogans on windows of charity shops using PW - THIS CHARITY USES SLAVE LABOUR.

In Brighton active opposition from led to 6 organisations withdrawing from PW. On 6 Feb. 30 antiPW protesters pushed past police into David Lepper MP's surgery in the Brighthelm Centre, a PW exploiter. This so worried Brighthelm that they pulled out of Project Work.

Groundswell c/o Claimants Action., E.Oxford Community Centre, Princes St., Oxford. 01865 723750. Groups in Bristol, Oxford, Brighton, London, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester area, Blackburn, Edinburgh, etc.. Next conference 13-14 June, Oxford.

GET INVOLVED !

• Scottish anarchist network contacts: **Solidarity** news-sheet [send SAE] to c/o Box A, Fahrenheit 451 bookshop, Virginia Galleries, Virginia St., Glasgow G1. anarcho@geocities.com or to **The Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh / Edinburgh Claimants**, 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA 0131-557-6242 ace@punk.org.uk <http://wkweb4.cableinet.co.uk/bunnyace/ace/> [Dundee/Dunfermline/Aberdeen @s via ACE] • **5th May group POB 1681 London N8 7LE**; • **Anarchist Black Cross**, c/o 121 Railton Rd., London SE24 (prisoner solidarity) • **Anarchist Communist Federation**, 84b Whitechapel High St., London E1 7QX • **Angry People**, PO Box 108, St. Peters, NSW 2044 Australia • **Collective Action Notes**, PO Box 22962, Balto., MD 21203, USA • **Contraflow**, 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17 "contraflow-london@omega.berlin-net.de" <http://www.gn.apc.org/gridlock> • **Education Worker Network**, PO Box 1681, London, N8 7LE • **E. Anglia Anarchist Network**, PO Box 87, Ipswich IP4 4JQ • **Federation Anarchiste**, 145 Rue Amelot, 75011 Paris, France • **Frontline Collective and Organise** both at: PO Box 505, Belfast BT11 9EE, Ireland • **Haringey Solidarity Group**, Box 2474, London N8. 0181 802 9804 • **Industrial Workers of the World**, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB • **Kate Sharpley Library**, BM Hurricane, London WC1 3XX • **Kommunist Kranti**, Majdoor Library, Autopin Jhuggi, Faridabad-121001, India • **London Anarchist Forum** meet every Friday 8pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq, Holborn; **London Greenpeace**, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1 • **Norwich Solidarity Centre/Solidarity Fed.**: Solidarity Centre, Room 13, Muspole Workshops, Norwich NR3 1QD • **SehNEWS**, PO Box 2600, Brighton BN2 2DX; tel/fax: 01273-685913 schnews@brighton.co.uk <http://www.cbuzz.co.uk> (weekly news-sheet) • **Sheffield Anarchist Group**, PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY • **Solidarity Fed - IWA**, PO Box 493, St. Albans, AL1 5TW • **S.Bristol Anarchists**, PO Box 1076, Bristol BS99 1WF **Books/Pamphlets**: • **Active Distro**, BM Active, London WC1N 3XX • **AK Distro**, PO Box 12766, Edinburgh, EH8 9YE **MAYDAY98 CONFERENCE** Bradford 1-4 May - **POBox HH57, Leeds LS8 5XG**

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