# RESIST NUCLEAR POWER

The government claims that we need nuclear power because there is a serious energy crisis coming, perhapes within the next decade or two.

The energy crisis is real. Without power we would have no li lighting, heating, television and little comfort. There is only enough oil and turf to last for 30 years and coal for 250 years. So Dessie O'Malley and company say that we cannot get by without the introduction of nuclear power.

Nukes are dangerous, unhealthy and uneconomic. Radiation causes cancer and damage to the unborn. Not only workers in nuclear plants but also those who live nearby suffer from radiation leaks. Near one reprocessing plant in France the incidence of leukaemia has icreased sixfold.

### ACCIDENTS

As the near disaster at the Three Mile Island plant in the USA showed, there is a serious danger of a major accident. If the proposed station at Carnsore was to suffer significant damage it could release as much radiation as 200 Hiroshima bombs.

### WASTE

Nuclear stations produce highly radioactive waste which remains in a dangerous state for literally thousands of years. No safe method of storage has so far been invented and leaks have occured in a number of countries. Is such unhealthy waste what we wish to leave as a legacy to the generations yet to come.

#### WEAPONS

Production of atomic bombs from plutonium is fairly easy. That is why countries like South Africa want to go nuclear, we can be sure it is not to provide energy for the Black townships!

### TRADE UNION RIGHTS

Naturally in such a dangerous industry workers will have their trade union rights curtaled, they will not be allowed to go on strike or 'work to rule'. This sets a very bad precedent for the rest of us. In Britain information on the dangerous nature of the working conditions is often denied to safety representatives on 'security' grounds. So atomic workers may not even know of the risks that their work involves. There is no reason to suppose that this would not also be the case here, As in other countries the security aspect will also involve letter opening, phone tapping and the creation of a special armed police force.

#### ECONOMICS

Nuclear power makes no economic sense with uranium supplies being controlled by large multinationals who have already increased the price by 500% since I973. Supply will be on their terms, as is the case with oil at the moment. The£800m Which the Carnsore station will cost to set up will provide, after construction, jobs for only a handfull of technicians. Having a life of only 20 years the station will cost at least another £800m to decommision.

#### Elitism

We also oppose nuclear power because we reject the idea that such a dangerous industry should be in the hands of a few technicians. Elitists who will give us little or no real information. Nukes have absolutly nothing but danger to offer us, the only ones who stand to gain are the multinationals, the state and the 'security' industry.

### MORE GROWTH

While we oppose any attempt to bring nuclear power into Ireland (or anywhere else for that matter) we distance ourselves from those who say that we don't need nukes because there should be no increase in energy usage. Zero growth would mean more poverty, unemployment and lack of facilities. We need more energy to create socially usefull jobs, more facilities for leisure and entertainment and better living conditions.

### ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

There are enough alternatives to nuclear power to maintain and increase energy production - wind and wave power, bio-gas plants, solar power- the gas off Kinsale, bio-mass. Not to mention conservation by a proper programme of house insulation.

#### OPPOSITION

Trade unionists should raise these issues on their jobs, in section and branch meetings and at annual conferences. Those in the ESB and building unions should call for the blacking of all work on Carnsore. Nuclear power poses a serious threat to us all and to our children.

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE NUCLEAR STATE.

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### BLACK THE NUKES



There are many leaflets and pamphlets going around the festival about the dangers of nuclear power. This is not one of them. In this leaflet we are putting forward some of our ideas which we hope the anti-nuclear movement will discuss and take up.

Over the past I8 months the anti-nuclear activists have made nukes a national issue. What we need to do now is to decide on our attitudes to the public inquiry, to the calls for a referendum, to trade union action and to the question of direct action.

We have no illusions about the public inquiry. An inquiry by the very people who want to bring in N-power, the state. And anyway why should we want to trust a few senior civil servents to make the decision for all of us. Have those who support the inquiry not learnt the lessons of the Windscale inquiry in England. There are none so blind as those who will not see!

Others are calling for a referendum. We believe that a referendum would be very democratic. But will the government give the same oppertunity to the anti-nukes to explain our case through the media as it will give the ESB technicians. A referendum is a great idea.... if enough time and facilities are given to put over the case against nuclear power. But without these conditions it would be only a farce.

We believe that the main area of activity must be among the organised working class, especially in the ESB and building unions. Raising the call for blacking of all work on Carnsore. Raising the issue on the job, in section and branch meetings and at annual conferences. Not only this but also getting support for the idea of mass pickets to stop the work being done and direct action against any attempt at scabbing, whether by unorganised labour or by the state forces.

Nuclear power means radiation, leukaemia, the danger of accidents, denial of trade union rights, new 'security' measures, pollution and a host of other equally undesirable things. It is a serious matter and it requires a serious fightback against the states plans.

We are fighting not only for ourselves but for our childrens future.

Nobody is going to stop the nuclear madness for us, it is up to ordinary people like ourselves to do it. We can't trust any politician or technician. It is only what we can do in our workplaces, unions, communities and organisations that will force the government to back down.

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# -public meeting-

# 'ANARCHISM' what it really means

Are bosses good and necessary? What about politicians and governments? What have the anarchists got to say about workers control, the trade unions, personal freedom and sex? What else have they got to say!

THURSDAY MAY 8th.

8 pm

ATGWU HALL, 112 MARLBORO STREET, DUBLIN 1.

(opposite the Abbey Theatre)



Organised by the Dublin group of the Anarchist Workers Alliance 49a Leinster Road, Dublin 6.

# MORE DIRECT ACTION LESS MARCHING

Here we are back on the streets again - on a Sunday. The fact that the march has been organised for a Sunday must show us that the union bosses are working hand in hand with the country's leaders to ensure that the march is a nice Sunday outing causing the least amount of inconvienence. Such an attitude never achieves results. That has happened since the last march on May Day - nothing and nothing will happen after this one.

We the Irish working people must be prepared to take more drastic and militant action if we hope to achieve anything.

That we need is a concerted and intensive campaign throughout the country. A nationwide stoppage every month. Selective go slows every week. Reliance on letters to T.D.'s is a waste of time. Reliance on the union leaders is an illusion. Direct action by the overhurdened P.A.Y.E. sector is the only solution. We will get nothing by begging, we must fight for our demands.

### We should be demanding :

- I. A more equitable tax system
- 2. That all professionals such as doctors, dentists, legal profession, auctioneers, etc be brought into the tax net.
- 3. That farmers be made to contribute on an equal basis with P.AYE workers.
- 4. That profots be taxed to the hilt.
- 5. That old age pensioners be exempt from paying taxes.
- 6. That social security and other benefits not be taxed.
- 7. An end to the super tax on parried women.

A complete overhaul of the tax system is much needed. But calling for a 'fairer' tax system is not enough. We are oblidged to question what is being done with our money. We, as the major contributors to the central fund, have the right to decide the priorities of social spending.

Giving people a decent place to live is surely more important than building up the army and other forces which are used for scabbing and repression. Do we need the army? Providing a living income

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for old people, single-parent families, the disables, etc is a hell of a lot more socially usefull than building yet more prisons. The new house up in the park for Haughey will cost at least £8 million, could this money not be better spent on education?

It is time to say stop and question what are the priorities. Where is our money most needed? We need to decide the areas that we want our money put into. However to do this we must be prepared to fight - nobody is going to do it for us.

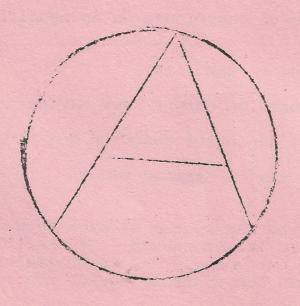
TAX HELL OUT OF THE RICH BUT DON'T LET THEM USE IT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OWN SYSTEM.

Loughran House is one case where spending should be cut back. It costs £24,000 to keep one boy locked up for one year. If that sort of money was used for job creation and decent facilities in the inner city would there be any "need" for a childrens prison?

"THE GRAND OLD DUKE OF YORK,
HE HAD 250,000 men (and women),
HE MARCHED THEM UP TO THE DAIL
AND HE MARCHED THEM DOWN AGAIN"

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# CORPO: 5,800

US: NIL

We all know that there is a housing crisis. 5,800 families on the waiting list, thousands of others in overcrowded houses and flats, poor maintainence, high rents and bad conditions in the private sector, squatters coninually faced with the threat of eviction, and so it goes on.

The City Council have declared another housing emergency, yes another one. They have done it before and little changed. After all words are cheap. Like everything else in 'our' capitalist society housing is subject to the dictates of profit. Local authority housing comes a poor second to private housing. If you are loaded with money you can have every luxery, if you are in an ordinary job or unemployed you are supposed to take whatever is given to you. The state claims that it doesn't have enough money to build houses for everyone but there is never any shortage of cash (our tax money) for the army (who spend most of their time scabbing on the binmem, bus workers, ESB workers), for more Gardai, more prisons, wage rises for politicans and other such crap. The money is there, it is simply a question of who gets it - the bosses and their state or us.

Private houses lie empty for years but try to use one to house yourself and you will find yourself up in court under the Forcible Entry Act. Squatting is illegal but homelessness is alright! After all we must not get any ideas about our living needs being more imprtant than the "rights of property".

Squatting is happening in local authority housing. People who are not prepared to wait years, have more children, get sick, attempt suicide, etc in order to get more points. Some feel that squatters are jumping the queue for housing. This implies that there must always be a shortage and everyone must wait their turn. Whatever happened to the demand "decent housing for all". Squatters are the main direct pressure on the Corpo. Petitions, letters, delegations and other forms of begging from politicans will get us little in the way of real change. The authorities don't do things out of the goodness of their hearts - they do whatever they feel forced to do. Who wants a 'fairer' points system, who wants any form of rationing? We need direct action to force the state to build more houses, we want decent housing for everyone - families and single people.

The sort of things needed include :

- I. Opposition to all evictions. Don't let the Corpo add to the thousands already homeless. Evictions can be stopped. A good example was in 1976 when Gardai, baliffs and hired heavies tried on three ocasions to evict the Williams family who were squatting in Dolphin House. Over 400 local tenants and squatters turned out and physically stopped the eviction, and forced the Corpo to to give the family a flat.
- 2. A united campagn of tenants, squatters and trade unionists to get the repeal of the Forcible Entry Act and so open up the masses of empty private houses owned by property speculators for squatting.
- Establish links with the trade unionists in the Corpo and fight to reverse the cuts in maintenance. Campaign for a direct labour force to engage on a massive programme of house building.
- 4. Continue and escalate the direct action to halt the plans to empty the inner-city. Tenants and squatters to decide on the plans for the area.

### THE SQUATTERS SONG

(TUNE: HOKEY COKEY)

You put the rich people in and the poor people out, The rich people in and the poor people out, You put the rich people in and the poor people out You do the Corporation shuffle and you turn around And thats what its all about.

### Chorus:

Oh, the Corporation shuffle, Oh the Corporation shuffle, Oh the Corporation shuffle and that's what its all about.

You put the office blocks in and the houses out, The office blocks in and the houses out, You put the office blocks in and the houses out You do the Corporation shuffle and you turn around And thats what its all about.

### Repeat chorus

You put the car parks in and the playgrounds out, The car parks in and the playgrounds out, You put the car parks in and the playgrounds out You do the Corporation shuffle and you turn around And thats what its all about.

### Repeat chorus

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# DON'T TAKE THIS TOO SERIOUSLY

### HELLFIRE AND DAMNATION

Nobody could be unaware of the papal visit. Flags and bunting everywhere. Special masses and preparations in all the areas. And nothing else but the Pope on RTE.

With all this going on it's a good time to take a look at what the Catholic church gets up to. The seperation of church and state is still an illusion as was clearly demonstrated by the farce of the Family Planning Act. The repressive influence of the church is to be seen in all aspects of everyday life, especially in education and family law.

EDUCATION The church controls most of education and what they don't control they have a large influence on.

Not only does the educational system fill young childrens heads with superstitious drivel about hell, god and other repressive fantasies; it also implants sexist attitudes and capitalist values. The dominant values taught are cometition not co-operation, women as passive and men as aggressive, and so on.

The church will do a lot to retain its power over education. Get your ideas into childrens heads when they are far too young to make a reasoned decision and they will probably hold those ideas for life. The dispute over the signing of the deeds of trust for Community schools is because of the insistance of the church that they remain the major power in education. Any parent looking for a secular education for their children will be able to tell you of the realities of clerical control.

FAMILY LAW Why is it that much of the Catholic dogma on the family, sex and marriage is written into the constitution and laws of the country? There is a constitutional ban on divorce. Contraception is restricted in an attempt to deny us the right to dtermine our own sex lives. Why is homosexuality treated as a crime/illness? Is it all because the church regards sex as purely being for procreation, not

## DANGER! PRIESTS AT WORK!

example of how the church reacts when it's control over education is challenged is the experience of the Knocknaheeny Parents Education Action Group in Cork. A group of working-class parents formed an education action group, carried out a survey of educational need and parents wishes in the area and published the findings in July 1979. The survey showed, among other things, tha 65% of the parents in the community wanted a co-educational primar school for their children. In line with church thinking though, the primary schools planned for their comminity were segregated. group of parents continued to campaign for their right to mixed schooling. An appeal against planning permission for the segregat schools was lodged and publicity sought for the dispute. The cler reacted by denouncing the parents off the pulpit to such an extent that solicitors letters had to be sent to them to stop them. The dispute continues with the clergy resorting to putting pressur on parents individually and attempting to divide them from their neighbours. Even in 1979 it takes a brave person to stand up for rights against the vested interests of the catholic church.

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