

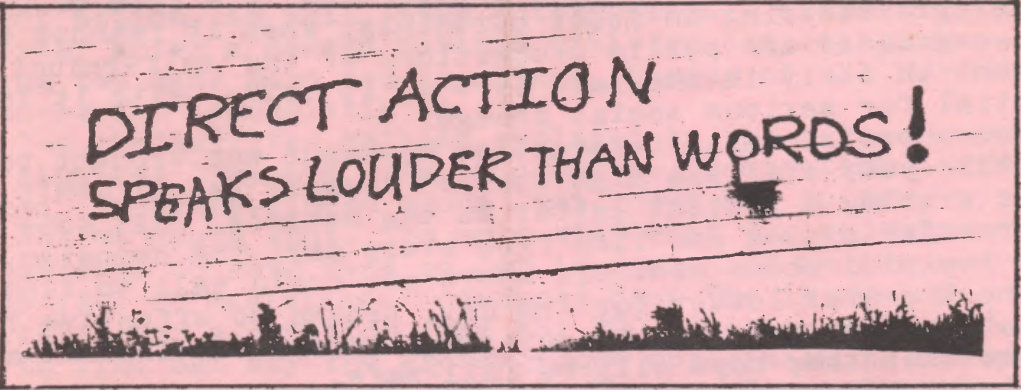
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If you would rather do it yourself; if you prefer to solve your own problems, rather than let Big Brother politicians, police, bureaucrats, courts, parents or bosses of any stripe do it; if you would rather do something than just talk about it - then Direct Action may be just the prescription for what ails you.

Direct Action was the label attached to the clandestine attack on Hydro's Cheekye-Dunsmuir substation, but despite what the police and the news media seem to think (see page two), nobody has the D.A. franchise in B.C. In fact, local folks have been acting directly since the good old days of anarcho-syndicalist labor militancy before the First World War.

More recently, people have solved their housing problems by squatting, rather than rely on the Rentalsman; women have confronted rapists right on the job, instead of appealing to the "justice" system; consumers have forced retailers to eliminate offensive practices (such as the sadism display at the Black Market Boutique on Granville Mall, and the porn flicks at the Van East Cinema - both in the past few weeks) →

by pouring glue in their locks and scaring away customers with picket lines, rather than beseech city council or implore the bylaw inspector; eco-activists have mounted their own blockade of the Trident monster, instead of asking Uncle Sam to be nice (anti-Trident info: 681-7841).

The occupation of the B.C. Tel empire took 15,000 workers, but Direct Action against oppressive workplace conditions is also being carried out by small groups, and even individuals, on a daily basis through slow-downs, work-to-rule, wildcats and other creative forms of resistance.

Some people say individual shoplifting is a form of D.A. against profiteering on food; certainly, when it reaches the mass, organized and public proportions of the "self-reduction" movement in Italy in the late 1970's, it brings with it the potential for serious social change.

Vancouver's own self-reduction movement was brought to bear this year over the high cost of transit fares; don't bother writing a protest letter to the Socreds, just dope out the transfer system and ride free every day. The campaign, which included phone centrals where you could call to find out the transfer letter for the day, proved so effective that the authorities have had to scrap the system and install a new one that they hope will be fail-safe.

Direct Action gives relief for some of the headaches of our times. To find out where it fits into the long-term process, why not give a read to: Direct Action and Liberal Democracy, by April Carter (Harper & Row); Anarchy In Action, by Colin Ward (Freedom Press, London); or any issue of Open Road newsjournal, available for a donation from Box 6135, Station G, Vancouver, B.C.



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## HYDRO HIJINKS

Three months and \$125,000 in reward money later, the investigation into the dynamite attack on B.C. Hydro's Cheekye-Dunsmuir substation on Vancouver Island seems to be at a standstill. Police admit they are stumped, the news media have dropped the story and Hydro is quietly attempting to unload the \$6 million worth of damaged goods (see ad to left).

The investigation has followed two principal routes:

\* Traditional gumshoe techniques, i.e., trying to track down the source of

the explosives - in a province that records dozens of unsolved dynamite thefts a year.

\* Political intelligence, meaning going around to all the known Cheekye-Dunsmuir activists, liberal and radical environmentalists and even politicians up and down the coast, showing them crowd shots from demos and asking them to identify the faces. Need a laugh? The police have even tried to check out possible local links to the French urban guerilla group Direct Action, and have also paid a call on UBC student journalists after they printed a special edition entitled Direct Action. As well, they interrogated a press gallery reporter after a Socred cabinet minister complained he was asking too many hard eco-questions (Shades of the War Measures Act denunciations).

The kindergarten methods employed by the police underline how clueless they are when it comes to penetrating a disciplined, security-minded group that knows how to keep its collective mouth shut. The only statement the perpetrators are alleged to have made so far is reprinted in the current issue (#4) of Resistance: Documents From The Illegal Front, available for a donation from Box 790, Station A, Vancouver. And to find out why the above-ground opposition to the power line has been so intense, contact Cheekye-Dunsmuir Alliance, Box 8, R.R. 2, Craig Rd., Powell River, B.C.

## WORKING STUFF

Now that Labor Day is over for this year, why not prepare for Mayday (the unofficial, therefore real, workers' holiday) by boning up on workplace survival and organizing techniques at the Labor Studies Program, an independent (i.e., not CLC-dominated) resource for rank-and-file union militants.

Courses, starting this month in various locations around the Lower Mainland, include: issues in occupational health and safety; women and power in trade unions; arbitration procedures; reproductive hazards in the workplace; costing-out contract proposals and settlements; and parliamentary procedures for trade unionists (a must to prevent the old guard from railroading meetings).

Emphasis in the courses is on practical ways of democratizing workplace organizations, and how to encourage militancy among workmates. Details on courses from LSP, Capilano College, 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, B.C. (986-1911).

## WHAT'S ON

Fri., Sept. 10

Radical therapy weekend workshop; Women and men. 437-0767.

Mon., Sept. 13

Feminist singer Cris Williamson, 8 pm, Van East Cultural Centre, 1896 Venable. Tickets (\$10); 254-9578.

Seminar on the drug industry by the Women's Health Coll. 7:30 pm, First United Church, 320 E. Hastings (736-6696).

Pornography: A Women's Issue, videotape, 7:30 pm, Vancouver Cable 10 (Also Fri. Sept. 17, 3:30 pm).

Tues., Sept. 14

Union Sisters, dinner for women trade unionists, with TWU, BCGEU, HEU, plus equal pay skit (\$10.50). 685-6581.

Weds., Sept. 15

Jews Against Zionism public meeting on anti-semitism and zionism; 7:30 pm, First United, 320 E. Hastings. 255-2534.

Thurs., Sept. 16

Equal Pay Info Committee meet to fight female-male wage gap; 7:30 pm, Britannia, 1661 Napier. Info: 987-9956.

People's Law School course on how the gov't can apprehend kids; 7:30 pm. Register: 734-1126.

Women's health drop-in starts (and every Thurs. thereafter); 2:30-4 pm, 1501 W. Broadway (736-6696).

Poetry reading with Gerry Gilbert, 8 pm, Octopus Books East. 1146 Commercial, 253-0913.

Sat., Sept. 18

Skill-sharing day at the Van. Women's Health collective, 1501 W. Broadway, 736-6696. Starts 1 pm.

Sun., Sept. 19

Discussion on govt funding for women's groups; 7:30 pm, Britannia, 1661 Napier (736-0935). Women only.

Party: Domestic Workers Union, 6-10 pm, 400A W. 5th Ave., admission free.

Thurs., Sept. 23

Right Out Of History; film on Judy Chicago's Dinner Party, 5:30, 7:30, 9 pm, Robson Square (thru Sept. 26). Tickets (\$5) from Ariel, Octopus, Duthie Books.

Women and Computer Technology; seminar led by feminist computer scientist Maggie Benston; 12:30 pm, Langara.

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