

Diary...

Bunker mentality in Genoa

G8 MEETINGS — who'd have 'em?

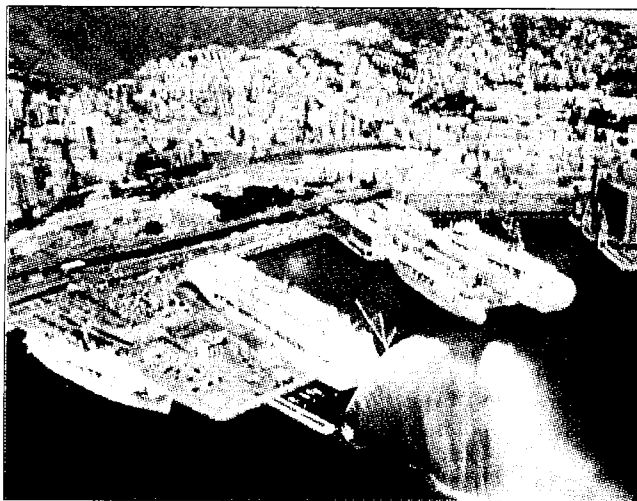
Your city resembles part ghost town, part no-go ghetto; your citizens are replaced by a massive police and security presence; hordes not

seen since the invasion of the Goths more than two millennia ago are expected to protest against globalisation on your streets; your port is all but closed down; and the harbour resembles a used ferry-cruiseship lot.

Still, those fans of passenger vessels should be in sev-

enth heaven at the sight of what may be the biggest collection of them ever.

But not, perhaps, the organisation representing hotels in the province of Genoa, which claimed that while all the rooms available had been held available on government's orders, less than half of them had been actually filled in with people attending the G8.



Genoa: city under siege.