STATE TERROR GRIPS CHINA
RESISTANCE GOES UNDERGROUND

The purge of revolutionaries and dissidents across the country escalated with thousands disappearing or being openly executed. Secret Police or variation of the Peoples Liberation Army. According to "underground sources" the total now dead is far in excess of numbers quoted so far.

It all began as a "peaceful protest" by students against the "old guard" of the Chinese Communist Party and the perpetuation of the shameless corruption and nepotism that was a hallmark of the centuries-old Empire but which survived for seven decades. Suddenly the old guard received a jolt - a revolting of the shackled against a new system. Only by this time that Deng Xiaoping, a secret visit to the city of Wuhan in the south to visit the mayor's garden was the last straw.

The soldiers were reported removing the people down with their vehicles and with their automatic fire. As they move in, killing and shooting the people in their thousands in Tiananmen Square and blaming it to those who support them.

The demand for change mobilised upwards of one million people in Beijing alone. They came out to join the protest. "That's the people." Even the police and some soldiers threw in their lot by making themselves scarce. The demonstrations escalated into a near General Strike as workers left their jobs to join the "workers."

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ANTI-BLACKLISTERS DECLARE WAR

With the successful launch of League Watch, an anti-blacklisting research agency, enquiries have poured in from victims of blacklisting as well as unions and the more far-sighted number of those who pay more attention to the history of the movement. The market leader in the blacklisting business.

Supporting League Watch at its press conference Roger Lyons, the assistant general secretary of the MSF (Manufacturing, Science, Finance), stated that he hoped that all unions opposed to blacklisting would support this new initiative. Lyons told journalists from the major newspapers that a concerted campaign against blacklisting, and the Economic League in particular, is needed if it is to be beaten. Earlier on the day LBC radio broadcast an interview with Lyndon B. Johnson, former President of League Watch but were unable to get any comment from the Economic League. However group of researchers from League Watch later paid the blacklisters a visit at their head office and took photos of Economic League personal including their research officer, to whom they presented a "declaration of war".

Also attending the launch conference were victims of blacklisting by Ford, the Motor company, who have been forced to admit that they use the Economic League's services. One victim employed at Ford's Dagenham plant had been employed with the company for eight months and was summarily dismissed without any adequate explanation. Another was sacked after only three days because Ford discovered he had been involved in industrial action at Austin Rover. But management never state the real reasons for dismissal - union activity - and invariably come up with some minor technicality to get rid of the "troublemakers." On June 20 the London Transport District Council of the National Union of Railworkers held a meeting to examine a concerted attack by management on NUR members who have been identified as being opposed to management policy or who have a phone call from family in China who had told him that according to the resistance the death toll had increased to 50,000. Another student said he had been crying for three days, and now he had no more tears to cry with.

Soon it was accepted that the Tiananmen Square massacre alone had claimed more than 7,000 lives (in one incident alone a crowd of 3,000 had been moved down by automatic fire). The cover-up began as bodies were being filled. Those killed were incinerated by flame-throwers or their bodies carried away by helicopters. Outside of China there was most no condonation, or offers of sanctions, but little else. It is repulsive to think the hypocrisy of the Western governments who would commit precisely the same massacre if the police were no longer capable of containing the State repression. If in Britain thousands took occupation of Trafalgar Square, refusing to leave, inspiring thousands more to come in (illegal) strike action, then the Army would be brought in (as happened in similar situations before, and in Northern Ireland today) and if the resistance was too great the State would spare no mercy in the name of "democracy".

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merely criticised safety standards. Workers on the oil rigs in the North Sea are all checked via their National Insurance numbers, to see if they have any ‘political’ record or have been involved in any industrial dispute. Any worker who criticise safety on the oil rigs are particularly singled out. A representative from an NUR campaign to defend workers against political discrimination told League Watch that it is important that the full facts about the blacklisting business are revealed.

Since its launch League Watch has been interviewed by Radio Four, whose listeners are worried about entering the job market in mainland Britain, and approached for advice by a leading gay magazine, whose readers have been threatened with industrial blackmail by

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**UNOFFICIAL STRIKE MOVEMENT GATHERS PACE**

The UNOFFICIAL action by dockers is the latest in a series of moves to safeguard jobs and maintain standards. The dockers are determined to fight for the right to strike. The courts declared that the dockers have no such right and that any strike action, official or otherwise, will be illegal. But the miners, the printers, the seamen, the railway workers, they have fought long and bitterly to overcome humiliation as well as low wages. Secured union rights, the possibility to strike, have been taken away from these, and then one plan after another to return to the bad old days is forced upon them.

A straightforward outcome of this battle creates a wedge between them and the rest of the workers, for the time being at least, reducing how much the dockers have achieved, and suggesting this was due to the capitalist giving up, and seeking to inflame the economy’s quite basic role in the rate war. This makes it harder to get solidarity with each defeat. Yet if the dockers go down so does everyone else: this is not only a destruction of job security but of whole communities, as it was in the miners strike. The way of life is destroyed, and replaced by work themes parks and industrial museum, where once achieved are reduced to the power of society to the low-paid attendants of capitalism. In Spain it took a civil war to do it. Here it has come about through legal processes in the courts.

If the union vanguard say they condemn the strike they lose the respect of their membership. If they say it support they go to prison and the right seizes the union. So no support. To face the present conditions the Government is provoking a fight by the rearguard. The London underground rail strike, with their gang leaders and with their workers who for which no one takes responsibility, points a way for industrial action. But action on the part means that the police may make wholesale attacks like they did during the miners strike. The Government wants to outlaw unofficial action too, now that it has unions tied up. But the unofficial strikers—at whether they are dockers, underground workers, or whatever—are in a position to create a movement which the Government, despite the threats, does not risk to be handled in an industrial strike, in breaking. We are back to square one: by combining together without the deadweight of a bureaucracy that lends itself to state co-ordination, we can revive the workers movement.

**SKY IN THE PIE**

The ALMIGHTY plan of Sky TV with its glittering promises of satellite disk systems bringing the golden age of non-stop mass culture has proved a costly pie for Rupert Murdoch. Disney pushed out realising what the Murdoch empire is for—now Murdoch has joined forces with rival Maxwell to try to persuade the public to be bombarded with trash. To counter this “Almighty” persuasion, persuaded many students of the ‘60s and ‘70s that they were capable of leading the working class to revolution and socialism.

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**Poll Tax Councils in Chaos**

It has been revealed that local authorities are not allowed under the Data Protection Act to compile their Poll Tax registers using existing computerised databases; instead they can only refer to manual files, a labour-intensive process that effectively rules out real any checking thousands of people, where each authority is responsible for its own database. This means that in some areas you may not get the resources to check up on people and are predicting at least a 20% refusal rate.

B. No one has to pay already. All these people have not been highlighted. Apparently some local authorities have stated that students who default usually have their grants ‘arrested’. The Department of the Environment has confirmed that student’s grants cannot be touched under the Poll Tax, although they are worried that if students default, they may have their grants ‘arrested’, and excludes all those who were addressed as the ‘occupier’ (a case of ‘suspended sentence’). North of the border, however, for Poll Tax groups are doing a great job in getting the money for non-payment will enjoy. Contrary to the official impression given, non-payment is not a criminal offence and will not lead to imprisonment (at least in Scotland). Also penalties when they do not have the money to pay. If anyone could get deducts could make the pension be included. In all cases—and this affects everyone—savings and wages cannot be ‘suspended’ at the same time; nor, for some reason, are savings held in the National Savings Bank subject to arrestment. N. B. We hear that in one Scottish borough a ‘virus’ has been lodged on the Poll Tax database that is effectively deleting entries in every ten entries every few months.

**BLOODED & DISHONOURED**

At the same time as the Moderns-against-the-devil/Salman Rushdie march, Black Power was at its peak. A was Hyde Park not in defence of Rushdie (1) as the Guardian thought, but in connection with celebrations for the Brooklyn Three, for the counts for which Black Power were there to rally to pick up details of the Nato concert to be held by Skydriver (intended to be at Camden Town Hall but cancelled last minute by the council after discovering that the booking by First World Race Relations was a front)—budge well and truly clobebed and scattered by anti-fascist insurgency, some young Asians detached themselves from the march and joined in. No news yet as to whether the concert took place and was a financial flop through in venue being too secret. Also involved in financing Blood and Honour in Jewish collections, an art show of black music, which was recently exposed by the Jewish Chronicle. Benjamin runs a shop called Merc M in Rivington Street, N1, which sells memorabilia. It has also been alleged that he funded the blow-out gig at Camden.

Review

From ballotts to bombs: the inside story of the National Front’s political soldiers (Searchlight 3)

This is a bit predictable, mostly the story told of the National Front’s political soldiers. Britain who are trying desperately for acceptance by the capitalist class that doesn’t now need them and try to push off as revolutionaries instead. Why should good industrialists waste money by work theme parks and industrial museums, where once achieved are reduced to the power of society to the low-paid attendants of capitalism. In Spain it took a civil war to do it. Here it has come about through legal processes in the courts.

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HUNGERSTRIKERS SUPPORTED BY OCCUPATION

THE ROLLING hunger strike by many Red Brigade members which has been postponed—no end as reported in the press—after an agreement that association would be held by some prisoners with movement controlled by the Social Democrats. Even though the prisoners did not all their demands met the results of the first stage of the hunger strike can still be seen as a victory. For the first time in their 18 year campaign, the association, associated as it is, has been granted. The hunger strike, which ultimately would have involved up to 50 prisoners, led to solidarity demonstrations outside prisons in West Germany and even to a one day sympathetic hunger strike by over 200 prisoners in North America. Major demonstrations, involving up to 10,000 people, took place in Bonn, Lebeck and Hamburg. In Belgium an, unreported, occupation, involving over 50 people from several countries, took part in support of the RAF prisoners and ended with the storming of the building by a special anti-terror force.

The occupation took place on May 11th at a Community headquarters building in Brussels. The protesters came from the hunger strikers as well as Action Directe prisoners held in France. The occupation took place in the early morning of the 100th day of the hunger strike and on the 72nd day of hungerstrike by prisoners Gudz Rollin and Rolf Hessler. When Action Directe prisoners were asked whether they authorized the Fact that the British authorities issued false statements to the Medias the German authorities had not yet reacted. The media was scaled off all approaches to the building as well as the neighbourhood generally. The FSB (Special Intervention Squad) took position and by mid afternoon decided to storm the building with force. After smashing down barricades they flooded into the building inside sitting down and chained to each other. Out of public view the protesters were then dragged through the broken glass of a smashed window and then taken in a cab to the airport to headquarter to be beaten up and interrogated. After 24 hours all but seven were released and deported. The remaining seven immediately went on hunger strike, were held for a week and then detained for a further period. Their comrades who came to visit them were threatened, beaten and arrested. Hardly any of the newspapers of the EEC reported the occupation, but it was greatly helped to increase pressure for a relatively early settlement to the hungerstrike.

The pressure against the occupation on behalf of RAF prisoners continues. Rolf Hessler's lawyer, for example, has been/already supporting an early hunger strike by not using persuasion to end it. The West German state has the power, under Sec. 129a, to ban lawyers from contact with their clients and this is being exercised with regard to many of the lawyers representing the RAF prisoners. During previous hungerstrikes—and the same tactic was used in this latest one—the authorities would use Statute 129a to stop the hungerstrikers, widening the 'commune phase', from having any contact with their lawyers in order that the hungerstrikers would receive no information or support. Harassment of non-RAF prisoners, who joined the protest in sympathy, was also aided. Under Sec. 129a, these prisoners have now been categorized as 'belonging to a terrorist group' for joining the hungerstrike, even though their original convictions were minor. News from Germany for Golden

DOCKERS UNDER FIRE (ITALY TOO)

The battlecry of criticism of British administration of dockers' rights is echoed in Italy too. The practices go back only to the end of the last war when British dockers finally overcame the years of casual labour, quitting strength from the war-time shortage of workers. In Italy the case of the handling of dockers in the resistance and forming partisan bands which ran co-operatives for the dockers.

Whereas here the National Dock Labour Board was a nationalised body, in Italy the dockers under the self-management system was finally embittered by successive governments as well.

Here the Tories led an attack on the dockers—in Italy the attack began by Socialists. The result was the same: dock labour is costing too much what it comes down to. But that it really a prime factor is high because dockers—costs three times more to clear in Genoa, Leghorn or Mestre as elsewhere in Europe.

Another cause that pushes costs up is the middle role of a myriad of transport companies running their own trains: these are falling because manufacturers are organizing their own companies.

The shipping companies too are financed by the State and are active in government circles to mould an anti-docker campaign to take away bargaining rights and safety standards. The dockers offer the only chance for the dockers co-operatives the way the State in this country wants to take away job security. Their bargaining power is all but undermining to the use of the shipping companies, incidentally cutting out the role of state intelligence in organizing their own state agencies.

This will mean a long drawn out fight with the dockers, who have already instances of the type of strikes in England in 1964. The moves of the dockers are in Ravenna, without 'outdated restrictive practices' and the government's methods died after being blocked in a ships hold.

Initiatives need to be taken all over the world against the growing power of making contact affecting terrorism in Italy. Sources: Lotta al Classee, paper of the syndicalist USL, Genoa DM

IN BRIEF

Anarchists participated in a coalition of over one hundred groups to oppose the arms trade in a protest on May 22 against Canada's largest exhibition of military weapons to date. In March, they joined in a discussion of a British fascist and war-time revisionist historian David Irving.

This summer, protests are to be made by the Innsbruck Lobos of Labrador against low-level flight training by NATO countries over their land. The Innsbruck Lobos plan to stage a sit-in on the runway and get arrested.

A prominent liberal in Denmark boasted that he 'saw in the event an internationally renowned leader of a neo-nazi movement after a successful disruption to a television broadcast by anti-fascist demonstrators. Paul Henrik Riis Knudsen, head of WUNS (World Union of National Socialists), was due to take part in a chat show on Denmark's TV2 when around 200 demonstrators, mainly anarchists, interrupted the proceedings with chants of 'Death to Fascism'.

Paul Henrik Riis Knudsen

Immediately the lights went off and the programme cut. Later a representative from the People's Movement Against Nazism who also took part in the programme to discuss issues with Knudsen, told a press conference that he had helped the neo-Nazi fisher to escape from the protesters.

ANOTHER POLICE MOVE

The European Community is to have yet another special police command "aiming to help combat international terrorism, drug trafficking and organised crime. As all of these are run by one government or the others, it might be cut out competition from unlicensed operators, but at the EEC meeting was held in Madrid it could well be drawn on Spanish police expertise of using non-statutory crime to suppress anti-statist resistance.

The drugs industry is controlled by Spanish and some other police forces; organised crime predominates in the Italian police, the use of terrorism is common to all of them.

POWER STRAINS THE GREENS

GREEN SLOGANS abound these days; by having built themselves up on anarchistic-sounding slogans, by castles with smoke-wagons and windows as far as the eye could see, and by putting the word "anarchist" in the overall mix. Politicians have used the Greens to stir up a new generation of anti-authoritarianism and, in many cases, have found an easy answer to political problems. The Greens have had a high electoral support due to the fact that they were a new force in the political scene. They have been a help to the traditional parties, and this has resulted in a change of the political landscape in Germany. The Greens have been able to attract a large number of supporters who are interested in environmental issues. Their core values include respect for nature, minority rights and promoting a sustainable society. They have also been able to mobilize support for anti-war and anti-nuclear campaigns. The Greens have been particularly successful in winning over young voters who are disillusioned with traditional parties. Their policies focus on issues such as renewable energy, social justice, and sustainable development. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about the environment. Their campaigns have been highly effective in raising awareness about the dangers of climate change and the need for action to address it. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about the economy. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting a green economy, promoting fair trade, and supporting small and medium-sized enterprises. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about social justice. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting equal opportunities, promoting affordable housing, and improving access to healthcare. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about immigration. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting integration, promoting multiculturalism, and promoting a welcoming society. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about education. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting access to quality education, promoting equal opportunities, and promoting the importance of lifelong learning. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about health. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting access to quality healthcare, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and promoting preventive healthcare. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about culture. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting cultural diversity, promoting the arts, and promoting the importance of education. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about sport. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting physical activity, promoting fair play, and promoting the importance of sport. The Greens have also been successful in winning over voters who are concerned about the environment. Their policies focus on issues such as promoting a sustainable society, promoting the importance of sustainability, and promoting the importance of protecting the environment.

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Mike Hughes: To recopy "The Blake Escape"—the recopy drifts into "The Blake Escape" of the Wormwood Scrubs, second, filming him and smuggling him out of the country. Four role in the story, the role of the Blake Escape does Mike Blake. Yes. The basic plan for getting Blake out of Wormwood Scrubs was clearly a bad idea. Sometimes Blake and Blake himself, helped by one or two others, made a number of suggestions, including the idea that Sean should take a trip to Ireland and give the impression that he had set down somewhere in Dublin. But our contribution to the escape plan itself was marginal.

MH: Bourke handled this part of the operation extraordinarily well.

MR: He did indeed. For instance the instructions he gave to Blake over the two-way radio about what time the police car would be gotta way... MH: You have every reason to believe that, prior to his escape, MR, MS, or Special Branch (or probably the Thames Police) knew what was going on. MR: None whatsoever. The reason Sean came to see me was to ask me if I could raise some money for the operation. He had no funds himself and we managed to raise small savings accumulated during his period in prison. The information I had was from a sister who had already told him they could not help. I had a feeling that the real decision had been made by someone in Wormwood Scrubs in 1962-63. I knew from my own experience that it was not feasible to smuggle someone out of Wormwood Scrubs. So I was absolutely correct in my attitude to Blake's situation. Then Sean's explanation about the smuggling idea being convincing was only surprising so far as the story goes and I am convinced by the story that any of the far-fetched theories about the intelligence services being involved in the escape are very far-fetched. The idea was never, no, there is no reason to suspect it.

MH: First of all, did British Intelligence set up the whole operation? Do you explicitly reject it?

MR: Did not. Britain's role in the escape was to get Blake out of the country and to make sure he was not arrested. To this end, they did set up a whole operation. It is certainly not true that British Intelligence set up the whole operation. It is also not true that they were involved in it.

Before they were impressed and imitated, not a few had been outraged at the savage treatment Blake received after a secret trial. They both had experience of the sort of grain regime that Blake had to look forward to for at least 28 years. Although, as pacifists and libertarians, they were inclined strongly against censorship. And yet, it is not possible for a revolutionary movement to be serious about revolutionary change and yet to be able to identify and encourage Soviet military personnel to stay on behalf of the whole collective.

If the government decides to prosecute them they will plead not guilty and use the trial to expose the inherent and hypertrophy of the 42 year sentence on Blake. If a trial goes ahead it will be extremely embarrassing for the intelligence services. Yet if it does not there remains the possibility of a private prosecution by Mr. Whittaker-Wilson who invariably works closely with the Intelligence services of all at least two foreign powers (the USA and South Africa).

On March 19th, 1969 I interviewed Michael Randle about the Blake escape for Black Flag. I was particularly concerned by his reaction to a number of theories that British Intelligence were aware of, or were involved in, Blake's escape. Of course they are not the sort of theories that are easily disproved and, since they actually work in the Intelligence community's esteem much too good.

Mike Hughes.
The SECULAR SYNOD OF BRITISH INTELLIGENCE

It may seem odd that Col. H. Montgomery Hyde be a retired Conservative Unionist MP and champion of Protestant ascendancy should become the honorary chairman of the Rationalist Press Association, whose previous honourable and honorary associates included Bertrand Russell, H.G. Wells and Arnold Bennett (to name but a few). The RPA is an offspring of C.A. Watts & Co., founded during the boom period of atheist activity by Charles Watts, which published the Thinkers Library—a series of popular books on freethought with great working class appeal. Some years ago the entire stock was remaindered, literally for pennies. The RPA was revived not only by professionalism but also by latitudinarianism, to use a word first coined in the 17th century for a group of non-conformist non-jurors. The Thinkers Library has published a series of pamphlets on freethought in recent years, but it has not been able to reach the mass market.

But the story of the RPA is not complete without mentioning its founder, Col. H. Montgomery Hyde. I met him recently in London and he was very enthusiastic about his new venture. He told me that he had always been interested in freethought and that he had written a book on the subject some years ago. He said that he had been approached by several publishers about publishing the book, but that he had decided to publish it himself because he wanted to ensure that it was not watered down. He said that he had been advised by his lawyer that self-publishing was the best way to do this, and that he had been able to do so because he had a large personal fortune.

Col. Hyde is a man of many talents. He is also a poet, a painter and a musician. He has written several books on poetry and music, and has also written a number of plays. He has also been involved in the arts, and has served on the boards of several cultural organizations. He is a man of the left, and has been a strong supporter of the Labour Party. He is also a strong supporter of the European Union, and has been a vocal opponent of Brexit. He is a man of many talents, and I was very impressed by his knowledge and insight.

But back to the RPA. The organization is now thriving, and is gaining more and more supporters. It is not just a religious group, but also a political one, and it has been working hard to promote freethought in the UK. It has been successful in this, and has gained a lot of support. It has published several books, and has also been involved in the arts. It is a group that is growing, and I am sure that it will continue to do so.

In conclusion, I would like to say that the RPA is a group that is doing good work, and that it is one that we should all support. It is a group that is working hard to promote freethought, and it is one that we should all be proud of. I urge everyone to support the RPA, and to help it to continue its good work.
BOOK REVIEW

The Wilson Plot by David Leigh, Who Frameds Cameron Wallace by Paul Foot.

David Leigh provides a wealth of documentation on the role of British Intelligence in the political scene during the Harold Wilson era. He presents the main Intelligence organizations at work during the Cold War, highlighting the crossroads nature of MIS, particularly in relation to the kuntal and espionage activities during the Cold War. With 1962, culminating in the coup plot during the late 60's that eventually led to Wilson's resignation in 1970.

The book, although not all the detail, of the plot has been covered. But, the author's pieces of the jigsaw illustrate just what a central part Peter Wright, the former MIS assistant director, played in the plot. Wright has acquired in some circles a sort of hero status for 'coming clean', but his own exposés were a neat slight of hand. In many ways he was much more 'economical with the truth' than the British Government's representation of the events.

Court hearings in Australia, Wright entombed a paranoid, Cold War tendency in MIS that saw itself as the guardians of the State interests and of a sort of loyalty only to 'the Crown' a get-out that allowed them to extend to act with impunity. Leigh's book helped to clarify many aspects of the conspiracy that up until now seemed properly. But it was some of the document's 'oils' of the questions and the evidence that he found in London...for example, those of his in 1960's and 40's something a little too glib and a little too glib and a little too glib and a little too glib...but, the author's pieces of the jigsaw illustrate just what a central part Peter Wright, the former MIS assistant director, played in the plot. Wright has acquired in some circles a sort of hero status for 'coming clean', but his own exposés were a neat slight of hand. In many ways he was much more 'economical with the truth' than the British Government's representation of the events.

In the book, Leigh discussed in detail the relationship between the FAB (the Financial Action Board) and the British Intelligence, noting the close ties between the two organizations. He also highlighted the role of the FAB in the development of the illegal arms trade with Iran.

The plot against the Wilson government is perhaps best known as a result of the 1989 Leveson Inquiry. However, it is important to note that the plot against the Wilson government was not the only one that took place during this time. Another plot, the 1973-74 Paddy Ashdown Plot, was uncovered by Peter Wright in his book The Story of the Secret War.

The book also covers the activities of the British Intelligence in the Middle East, particularly in the 1960's and 70's. Leigh discusses the role of the British Intelligence in the Gulf War and the role of the British Intelligence in the overthrow of the Shah of Iran.

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BELOW: Colin Wallace after his release in 1968.
ARCHANCY: BACK IN THE USSR!

DEMANDING the abolition of the Soviet Union, anarchists in Russia and the Ukraine have coalesced into an informal organisation in a mass demonstration in Moscow. Their black and red flag was clearly visible in the forefront of the demonstration, which was relayed on television news programmes and the presence of the anarchists even commented upon in the Western media. The operation of the State in the Soviet Union of anarchists is in itself an historical event, not since the early days of Lenin have anarchists been able to raise their flag and demand that power be returned to the Soviets.

The anarchists who took part in the demonstration included some 400,000 people, many of the Confederation of Anarchist-Syndicalists (KAS). The KAS was formed earlier this year when two of the major Russian syndicalist organisations, the Alliance of Socialists, a group founded in 1917, and the Anarchist-Syndicalist Union of Russia, which was formed in the 1970s, merged. Although still a relatively small organisation they can now boost members in cities as far apart as Leningrad, Irkutsk, Kazan, Kiyvshyp, Ryazan and Kharkov as well as Moscow itself. They hope to organise politically and economically, but are not yet politically active, or conscript to the Revolution (which is also small but longer established). KAS has members in various industries, particularly in the educational sector.

The KAS has made links with anarchist-syndicalist organisations in the West and anarchist syndicalists have been in contact with them, attending their conferences. The KAS has already been invited to other countries, notably Spain, and this Russian anarchist-syndicalist movement. KAS also hopes to organise the public celebrations of the anniversary of the birth of Nestor Makhno, the Ukrainian anarchist insurrectionist, who gave his name to a group of anarchists, and was an active member of the world-wide anarcho-syndicalist movement. They have published a widely-circulated magazine, "Literaturnye Gazety", which contains a lengthy and favourable article on Makhno. They have also obtained a copy of this article, translated into English, extracts from which will be published in our next issue. However, in this issue we publish, inside, extracts from an article on the Russian anarchist, Peter Kropotkin, which was originally published in Sekretnaya Kultura, also with a wide circulation.

The resurgence in anarchism in the Soviet Union heralds an exciting time, with new possibilities. Links are being formed and we are optimistic that it will not be long before once again the traditional challenge to state power, that was so much a characteristic of the Russian Revolution before the Bolsheviks took over, will resurface itself. For our part we will make whatever contacts are necessary, pass on information and news, and provide support in every possible way.

GLADIO AND KROPOTKIN

AS REPORTED in the last Black Flag, an article on the Russian anarchist, Peter Kropotkin, has been published in the Soviet journal Kultura. For the first time in many decades the Kropotkinist tradition that was so much an essential part of the revolutionary process which led to the overthrow of Tsarist tyranny. An extract from the article, discussing the anarchist tradition, is reproduced below. An English version of the article as a whole can be found in Pravda Internationale.

For some reason many Soviet politicians seem to have forgotten, or rather choosing to forget, about Kropotkin's influence on the revolution. So far from being just a few scoundrels, Kropotkin and his followers were the absolute majority of the myriads of the fractions that made up the collapsing Tsarist State. They were the real leaders of the revolution, and are the example for all the anarchists and libertarians who have appeared since them. The advantage of Kropotkin's legacy, when we look at the current political climate in the Soviet Union, should be more than clear to anyone with a few years of political experience. All of us can learn from the direct experience of Kropotkin's writings, which are still available in their original Russian. It is more than likely that the Kropotkinists of today, if they choose to become a political force, will be able to bring into power in the way that the Kropotkinists of yesterday brought about the downfall of the Tsarist State and the destruction of the old order.

ELITE WILL SURVIVE

The Government has announced that their troops will be mustered in Hong Kong. This is the first formal statement that Hong Kong will not be a safe haven for any of the leading citizens. At the same time a new government has been established in the territory. These new appointments are being made by the Executive Council, which has been expanded to include the new posts of Deputy Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary. The Chief Secretary, Mrs Thatcher, has been made a member of the Executive Council, and is the first woman to hold such a position in Hong Kong.

The new government has been established in response to the need to maintain law and order in the territory. The government has also announced that it will take all necessary steps to ensure the safety of all those who wish to remain in Hong Kong. The government has also stated that it will do everything possible to ensure that the interests of Hong Kong are protected.

BONNANO/STASI

AFFREDO BONNANO and Giovanni Stasi were arrested in Bergamo, Italy, on February 20th, while staging a raid on a jewellery shop. They were arrested after a brief chase, during which they were shot by police officers who were responding to a manhunt. The robbery was planned as a distraction to draw attention away from a 100,000-lira robbery in the same city the previous week. The robbers managed to escape the scene, but were later caught by police officers who were hot on their trail.

The Italian government has declared a state of emergency in response to the situation, and has ordered the police to intensify their efforts in the hunt for BONNANO and STASI. The government has also announced that it will increase the police budget by 50% in order to better equip the police force.

LLEE HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The House is still recovering from the two-day fire earlier this week. The fire started on Saturday afternoon and quickly spread throughout the building. The fire was put out by fire crews who arrived at the scene within minutes of the fire breaking out.

The fire caused extensive damage to the building, and a number of residents were left homeless. The community centre has been closed until further notice, and the fire service have said that it will take some time for the building to be declared safe for occupancy.

For now, the community is relying on the kindness of others to provide food and shelter for those affected by the fire. The council has offered to help with the rebuilding efforts, and a number of local businesses have already offered to help with the recovery process.

The community centre has been a hub of activity for many years, providing a range of services for the local community. It offers a range of activities for all ages, including a youth club, a senior citizens club, and a range of community events.

The community centre has been a source of comfort and support for many people in the area, and the community is determined to come together to ensure that the centre is able to continue to provide a vital service to the local community.

The council has committed to providing temporary shelter and support for those affected by the fire, and is working to ensure that the community centre can be reopened as soon as possible.

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LOBSTER—SPECIAL ISSUE
Subtitle: A Who’s Who of the British Secret Service. This special issue of 111 pages is a reference item containing a list of people, and their biographical profiles, involved in the Intelligence services. It is meticulously researched and essential reading. £5 from 214 Westbourne Avenue, Hall 105 32B.

ABC
Plymouth Anarchist ran a sponsored bike ride for John Peart yesterday. Apparently enthusiasts and they’d like to hear from sponsors who had funded. Thanks to those who’ve already sent in the cash.

Press Gang Cross need support and funds. All interested should contact them at PO Box 172, Press Gang.

In Brief
We skipped an issue, due both to our rather rocky financial position and loads of other things our editorial collective was engaged on relative to our in-house generally. Hopefully loads of overdue subs will be forthcoming from those thinking themselves stricken from the record? (Prisoners free; those not working, postage only)

Suggestions have been made that we change the lay-out to magazine format; how do readers feel? The ultimate decision will be governed by expense factor to know our friends think about it.

POLL TAX E.P.
"Punk Aid! Smash The Poll Tax", the EP, is out now. Features many groups, including Chaos, New York’s Mixed Breed, American ID, Parade, Feed Your Head, Oil Polloi, and Anti-Women. All proceeds go to Community Resistance Against Poll Tax.

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PLEA INTERCEPTED
"Two fascists and 27 anti-fascists were arrested at Rochdale. Most of them were bound over for £100 in a case when the demos was interrupted. (Conspiracy to breach the peace?)"

Charges were dropped against three anarchists, but another was found with a plain clothes cop who just happened up to be approaching his friend at the time. Four others faced offensive weapons charges, one of which has now been heard (100 fine). Two anti-fascists face trial today.

Two have had deportation orders served on them already. Most of the defendants were anarchists, the remaining being millin young Asian.

Support to Rochdale Community against racism and fascism, c/o Rochdale CRC, Charnwood, Hall, Drake Street, Rochdale, OL16 1PB (tel: 636-352741)

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OBITUARY—FERNANDO DEL GROSSO
Yet another memory of the war-time Anarchist resistance was recalled with the death of Fernando Del Grosso (who died in November) in the Abruzzi, "hometown" of Italian Anarchists.

Fernando, 32, as a young man in 1943 Fernando Del Grosso fought Nazi-fascism in the mountains with the partisan unit of republicans and anarchists, the Guerras Liberas. They tried to liberate the villages from Italian occupation. Two of Fernando's brothers and other partisans were captured by the Nazis, tortured and hung with wire on trees in the high street. Fernando cut down the bodies of his brothers and buried them when a second wave of partisans was successful, after being disguised as a priest following the command of Antonio Verona who entered the building and killed the marshal who had tortured his brothers.

Though he escaped, he was captured by the SS and forced to sign the concentration camp in Germany. He escaped and rejoined his partisan unit (re-named the Del Grosso Brothers Unit) and fought on to 1945.

After the war Fernando's brothers were awarded medals, but he refused one because of his submission to the invasion of his country. With the revival of fascism in the Piazza Fontana outrage and the police murder of Pinelli, Fernando was the fore in protests and demonstrations; he was involved with factory and neighbourhood struggles and was arrested many times. In the struggle against the Allies in the early seventies, Fernando was arrested, but the case never came to trial because the judge would not proceed against him once his record came to light.

To the Pinelli, an active member of the Anarchist Black Cross, he concerned himself with political prisoners right up to his death in November, at 68. His last fight was in Paris in defence of Alfredo Gaspari, a car worker, Salvatore Gnecco, a result of which Fernando limited in jail and lost his faith! To write an article on Rashid and not attack reaction, to accuse Muslims of feeding in racial equality with racist equality, makes BF lose all credibility of being an anti-racist paper.

Denise Robinson (for London Anarchist Workers Group)

COMMENT: We must admit to not reading the Sun and so do not have the "only racist" aspect of the article from 'The Race' (Rashid) follows the fact that anyone can be an egalitarian (and even commit the dreadful sin of apostasy from Islam) and not be noticed, except, seemingly, someone of a particular ethnic group.

Obviously not all Muslims are mad or mullahs—any more than all Catholics are lazy or all trade unionists are subject to globo. In the case of most religious other than Islam, years of struggle have succeeded in getting a measure of liberation from them: no religions freely give up.

Deepest respect for those who maintain and practice their faith and this you are certainly doing. Steve (Crews)

Thanks for giving a sense of solidarity these comments when the letterbox slams open. Roy (Baldie)

I hope Black Flag keeps alive. It certainly keeps me alive. Esther.

Can you stand the thought of future generations having it as good as this?

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GOOD! — let's form a cooperative

NO!