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anarchist quiz

1. What, according to "General" Booth of the Salvation Army, were the "three deadly parties" that the Salvation Army had to prevent at all costs?

2. Which American soap millionaire founded the Salvation Army with the object of fighting poverty and drunkenness in the slums of Chicago?

3. The death of Giuseppe Pinelli, a worker at a police station in Milan, has been compared with that of Thomas Wensley. What is he most famous for?

4. Three well-known anarchists - Auguste Blanqui, Peter Kropotkin and Buenaventura Durruti - each had a daughter. What happens to her?

5. Denouncing the idea of "workers' control" which German politician pointed to Barcelona as an instance of the inability of workers to manage without "management"?

Answers to quiz on page 15.

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A chemical engineer?

A musician?

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Tories Plan For Class War

Public funds are being used for Tory propaganda. In an advertisement appearing in the following appear over a picture of students:

'To some people they're just a bunch of long-haired, round-shouldered, anarchy-loving anarchists. But we see future Brigadiers and Generals among them.

The statement appears under the signature of serving officer Major K.S. Robson, 2, Northgate House, Liverpool, and it is true that the political description "anarchist" is substitution for "agitator," but the nature of the abuse of public funds becomes apparent.

Indeed, once you wonder why if any Tory generals stand up in political appearance to say Nestor Makhno or Buenaventura Durruti?

Robert Carr Prize for Bravery (split fourways)

Dennis Walters, Christopher Mayhew, Anthony Nutting and Geoffrey Furlonge, all politicians and diplomats, to the Times on March 5th to say that they (and not those whom they feel will be us if the going gets rough for them) are to be attacked, the vituperation they feel will be in equal proportion to the possibility of guerrilla action for a free world.

The degree of this vituperation can be told by the extent to which the British press and politicians are attacking the anarchists at present. This after the ruling class has been subjected only to the name of its alter-ego, "Belfast" is only a rehearsal for what they have in store for us if the going gets rough for them.

Robert Carr himself would endorse the song of world war I:

"Gawd's sake don't send me."

The 'Times on March 5th to say that Calvert put some of his theories regarding riot control into practice.

At a November 5th Our Fabian celery some years ago Calvert and some of his comrades decided to start a riot to see what the effects on a "mob" were. The leadership had withdrawn and the people were left to their own devices (i.e., without police control). The effects were devastating. Several cars were overturned and the face of the street was a sea of faces turned back, Calvert and coauthors, stood by...

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In Miguel Garcia's book 'FRANCO'S PRISONER' reference is made to a fellow-prisoner Goliardo. This is an account of that prisoner's long struggle against tyranny and the price he has had to pay. In his person he symbolises the victims of the unity between Franco's Spain and Fascist Italy (a union born in war that persists) as well as the unity between libertarians of both countries.

Goliardo Fiaschi was born in the marble quarrying town of Carrara, with its long tradition of militant anarchism, on August 21, 1930. At 13 years of age he joined the Gino Lucetti (anarchist) partisan group (Sept 9, 1943) and, because of his extreme youth, proved to be invaluable to the Resistance. The German troops would pay no attention to the slightly-built youngster pushing his vegetable handcart along the country roads. Under the vegetables were the badly needed supplies for the Resistance in the fields and hills round Carrara - ammunition and explosives.

On being informed by the regional military commander that men were needed, Goliardo made his way through the Nazi front lines to the HQ of the 3rd Cortignano Brigade (Modena Division) on Jan 1st, 1945. He remained with them until the war was over, the youngest in the brigade but highly considered by all who knew him. At the end of April 1945 the Cortignano partisans opened Modena to the Allies under Gen Alexander, and Goliardo could return home. In 1956 Goliardo was the secretary and organiser of the "Pietro Gori" anarchist group in Carrara. Here he came on one of the best-known and tenacious of the libertarian Resistance righteously, next to Sabate, a few weeks later, was told by his police interrogators every move made by Facerias since leaving Italy.

When he met Facerias and Vicente, they had with them newspapers from Italy which said that they, and he, were wanted for armed robbery of the "Casale Monferrate" bank in Genova. But it was the first Goliardo had known of it. He was involved but not he. He had been waiting in France, but it had been assumed that because he was a close friend of Facerias, he must have been an accomplice, and he was "missing".

Witnesses to Goliardo's presence in France have made statements to this effect. But the Italian courts have preferred statements made later by "witnesses" who confessed under torture to the Spanish police, rather than these independent witnesses on French soil.

Owing to organisational problems, the group could not cross the Pyrenees until August 15, 1957. Interpol informed the Spanish political police that Facerias and his group had left France and were heading for Barcelona. Fortunately, the partisans managed to evade the Guardia Civil patrols around the border, and got to their destination on the morning of August 30.

But their luck was short-lived. The Spanish Security Services, realising their quarry had slipped through the net, set ambushes round the houses and flats of sympathisers of the Resistance.

They could do this because of information received from the French Security Services. (Later Sabate, arrested in France a few weeks later, was told by his police interrogators every move made by Facerias since leaving Italy).

Goliardo and Luis fell into an ambush on the morning of the 30th but escaped from them on arrival in the city, arranging to meet the following day at a pre-arranged address. They were taken completely by surprise by their capture and did not have even time to draw their guns to defend themselves.

Facerias had arranged a special rendezvous for that afternoon with another comrade in front of the main entrance to the San Andrews mental hospital. He went to this meeting unaware of the morning's events and with his hands cuffed, he hailed a taxi and drove past a couple of times to make sure. But this time the police were losing no opportunity of revenge on the man who had so often made them look ridiculous.

There appeared to be nothing afoot. There was no one to be seen lurking in doorways or street corners. No suspicious characters, lorries were parked in the vicinity. But behind every window overlooking the Paseo de Verdun where the meeting was to take place there was a soldier, Guardia Civil or policeman with gun trained. The moment Facerias got out of the taxi and was identified by them, everyone opened fire on the unsuspecting man.

The quality of marksmanship was not high and Facerias was wounded in the ankle but not killed. He dragged himself somehow in the direction of the shots. Then he took out a hand grenade from his pockets to blow himself, his attackers, up (no dynamic is known). Before he could draw the safety pin he was ripped apart in a hail of bullets by the police now surrounding the sanctuary.

The "success" of the operation was described next day in a Press communiqué from Barcelona Security HQ.

It described the events in terms evocative of a major wartime operation. The police action had involved a number of soldiers from the Barcelona Barracks seconded to the Political Branch under Juan Estevez and Police Commissioner Peo Polo Bunge. Also present was a detachment of Guardia Civil under the command of General Juan Luque Arenas, a man considered by his victims and by his superiors as a master in repression. He became Secretary General of Security in 1955.
Goliardo and Luis were both tried by a special Council of War in Barcelona on August 12 1958 and sentenced to 20 years and one day penal servitude. Before this court-martial, Goliardo had been removed from Barcelona's Model Prison, where he was being held, by Spanish political police officers claiming to be acting under the pretext of the authorities' order to return to Security Police. There he was tortured until he eventually signed a confession stating that he had been involved in the robbery of the Italian bank in 1956.

After eight years in Franco's dungeons, Goliardo was collected from Burgos Prison on August 12 1965 and escorted, under close arrest, to the airport. Only then did he learn that he was being extradited to Italy to serve another sentence, of 13 years and 7 months. Seven years before, he was told, he had been tried in his absence by the High Court in Florence for the "Casale Monferrato" bank robbery.

The Court had heard evidence extracted by torture, the "confession" he had signed to save his life. He had been given no opportunity to defend himself.

Goliardo has now been shut up for over fifteen years in more than 27 different prisons in two countries.

If, he, his comrades, do not manage to raise enough international support for him and his solicitor to convince the Italian Appeal Court to re-open the case against him, Goliardo Piaschi will spend at least another six years behind bars.

**WHAT WE CAN DO**

Write to his solicitor thanking him for the ordnars working clue pvm of 11 the present situation. REMEMBER: GOLIARDO HAS SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS BEHIND BARS FOR HIS ANTI-FASCIST CONVICTIONS. A terra to his solicitor on the bomb. The Black Cross is raising the matter at many levels, and we should you! If we his comrades do not manage to raise enough international support for him, and his solicitor to convince the Italian Appeal Court to re-open the case against him, Goliardo Piaschi will spend at least another six years behind bars.

ADDRESS:

Goliardo Piaschi, Villa Bobo, No. 1 73100 Lecce, Italy.

**Letters**

*You frequently use such phrases as "the insane Nationalist terrorists of the Provo IRA whose tactics are directed against the Northern Ireland Police,"* we have had to use the word "Fascists" in this context. In most cases an Irishman is a fascist.

*For Spanish political prisoners imprisoned because they have used violence against the repressive State, it is very fine - and necessary - but a one-hour plane trip away from "England Lies Britain's own concentration camps with 300 internees and 400 political prisoners - recognised as such by the State after heroic protest and self-sacrifice. Some of these men may be "Fascists" (I assume in this context you mean authoritarian thugs) but the majority that I know are far from it. What is true is that they are ordinary working class people, of all ages, who have reacted against the mugs, tanks, bombs and gas of the British Army because by taking up arms no longer are they prepared to see their homes, streets, schools wrecked by black-clad thugs. More than 100 have been violently, but it ill becomes Black Flag to protest against that. So most of the soldiers shot are working class. So are the Spanish Guardia Civil and the right-wing soldiers and sailors. The bombs have hit at the bosses. The big factories, big business investors, the bosses who have been tragically mistaken, and also totally unjustified atrocities, but remember, the bosses left without warning in rubs, and the sectarian assassinations have been primarily the work of Stuart's "Orange friends."*

*This is not to give unequivocal support to either wing of the IRA which is actually lacking in imagination or political sense. None the less there exist a large number of individual volunteers who are decent left inclined socialists and who are either interned, jailed or out on the streets fighting in the armed struggle. The revolution is still a long way off, yet we don't claim either wing for our hearts, but neither do we slander courageous fighters (albeit at times misguided) who in most cases are very far from being bigots. Nor should you!*

**The above letter, though anonymous, comes from Belfast and is obviously from a non-nationalist Political Prisoner. He makes allowance for exceptions to his objection to the term "Irish Fascists" by saying that "Fascism is not a synonym for Orangeism and disassociating himself from the IRA to the point where he says his support is only that of a few. When I say IRA, the objection he makes to our requests is that he will never give them. But his exceptions, unfortunately, are only to the extent of saying that, and not for "Orangeism" though a large number of the civil rights movement is "Protestant." Does this mean that we are to ask what we mean by "Fascism"? Possibly not.

Since the war the word "Fascism" has had an entirely new context based on the war-time conspiracy to use the word, so that when one uses it accurately it comes with a different meaning. Fascism is not a synonym for Orangeism - that is a libel: the word Fascism since liberals have no criteria to condemn it other than for its use of violence on its (not invariable) racism.

Fascism is basically an area of revolutionist method of challenging existing rule, which seeks to arrest or divert the class struggle, and so ultimately becomes authoritarian. It is therefore both "law and order" and is a backlash against revolution.

*On this definition Enoch Powell is the typical "Fascist." He uses the immigration issue as a populist challenge to the working men's movement of his thinking is entirely conservative.*

The IRA equally diverts the class struggle (and note the letter from Sean in which someone clearly a civil rights fighter himself, has come to the point where he takes it for granted the IRA is a start. I am not saying that we mean, "What is the point where he takes it for granted the IRA is Fascist?"

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It is true that a vast number of Irish political prisoners and of those who resist, are freedom fighters. But there are too many who are not. The British Government's frequent assertions that they are freedom fighters is a lie. The fact that they are freedom fighters is because it is double-edged. One must always be deplored by Nationalists, and with which it can live. Soldiers paid for. What strikes terror in the mouths when he sneaks about the Army. And the struggle itself becomes a vicious one. Sean mac n uts words in our mouths when he sneaks about the Army. A fight against the Army is something that we are not afraid of, and with which we can live. Soldiers are expendable. It is what they are paid for. What strikes terror in the hearts of the Establishment is when selective targets are chosen, namely, themselves. Bodies whose corpses must be longed by Nationalists because it is double-edged. One must also bear in mind that the relatively few that we infiltrated every Irish organisation and prevented the struggle taking a turn against the ruling class.

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The comrades here who have read BLACK FLAG are very impressed by it. The 'separatism' is what appeals to all of us, and much of the so-called mass-anarchist literature.

We are waiting anxiously for a reply from Grosvenor we just want to be certain the guy is getting the money. The 'response among our friends is great. Can you think of any reason why we would not receive a reply? G.W. (W.Australia)

We are getting concerned about you - had no trouble with this again. We hope to overcome our irregular habits soon. (USA) (NOTE: We hope to overcome our irregular habits soon.)

The police of Turkey are now I think equivalent to all in Fascist Spain or in Germany under the Nazis. Even to be young is to be a criminal. We have the black-victory-flag which we place upon the ruins of our capitalist society. Even now the government makes war upon the masses. The black-victory-flags is a terrorist. They will not manage to kill the idea of freedom. I enclose you a letter that you may see where we stand. (Turkey)

J.S.

(Note: The letter was in English but we have been unable yet to translate the enclosure).

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FRANCO'S PRISONS cont.

Ploreal, caught easily as he came down, was blamed for the escape. Had the Guardia Civil not got into the cockpit they might certainly have killed him. The prison officers beat him up badly. So severe was his treatment that he had to be admitted into the psychiatric hospital.

He was 55 days in the punishment cells, then sent to punitive prison Cartagena before going into the notorious psychiatric hospital from which few come out alive.

Nothing can excuse the viciousness of the treatment which Ploreal received. Only international notice of his treatment can help him.

Julio Millan Hernandez has now been 59 years in the preventative prison of Madrid's Provincial Prison. On 31st January he finally came before the Military Tribunal, which sentenced him to 30 years and consequently the second time in 10 months he has received this sentence: on the previous occasion, the Captain-General did not confirm it. It now remains to be seen what he will do this time.

On the first occasion, four former Labor lawyers (including Stephen Selley MP) took part as observers. Their findings have been published by the Anarchist Black Cross. On the second occasion, a Belgian lawyer came from the League of the Rights of Man and also they found no case to answer. They have now closed the case.

But although the Spanish police must by now be convinced that the allegations directed to Hernandez are false, and the sole evidence they have produced was obtained by torture, their real objection is that he is undoubtedly a member of the libertarian movement (which the CNT is still looked on by Franco's police as Public Enemy No. 1). After the civil war, it was only necessary to have a membership card of the CNT or the FAI to be condemned to death.

Germany

Criminal proceedings are being taken against the Cologne Anarchist-Syndicalist paper "Reclaim" - Ralph Aurand, Hans Kronenberg and Bernd Dederichs of Cologne, and Willi Hupperts of Mülheim, are charged with incitement.

Ralph and Willy were arrested and their homes searched a year ago, when the funds of the Anarchist Black Cross were seized under the ridiculous charge of "insulting hatred against a minority" but all proceedings were then dropped and the money returned.

Willy is an ex-prisoner of the Nazis and a veteran of the workers' council movement of the Ruhr. - 1st prs.

Financial aid to fight the case would be welcome: Send to Luzie Hupperts, 453 Mülheim Ruhr, Wilnauserweg 64 (W. Germany).

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in amnestiy watching as thequiet streets of Oxford turned into an urban battleground.

Brig. Calvert's only souvenir of this incident is a rather nasty tie in his right eyepocket, as might be expected, acted a long prison sentence on charges of incitement and conspiracy!

Sister groups and papers:

Bivista Anarchica "REBELLION"
E/o postale n. 3/30777, c/o Republikanischer Club
della A. Milano.

ANSWERS

1. Drukenness, crime and anarchy. The solution: emigration.

2. Joseph P.

3. Andreas Saldon, an Anarchist type who was thrown from a window 15 stories high in Park Row, New York, while they were questioning him by the police.

4. Miss Marklow married a Communist and returned to Russia (for this reason, her daughter left the copyright of his book to the CNT, in case the Soviet authorities seized it): Miss Marklow who is a type of Princess and died in the USA a year ago, two of his made his wife is alive and well, and still a libertarian.

5. Karl Marx ("Do and run one of the Barcelona factories without direction (that is to say without authority)") Letter to Engels, 30th December 1871.