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"An obscure mystery." This headline from l'Aurore of May 24th concisely sums up the affair of the kidnapping of Balthasar Suarez last month, and the events following his liberation, inasmuch as it is possible to piece together these events from the press and the police files.

Even though on the 22nd May everything seemed clear: both police and press were unanimous in declaring the nine arrested to be: "the kidnappers of Balthasar Suarez." Not a detail was missing; in fact "they were followed at every step by the police" (France Soir, May 24th). "A fine catch", crowed the Parisien Libre of May 23rd, and "public opinion" heaved a sigh of relief in gratitude to the police. The director of the judiciary police in Paris explained with evident self-satisfaction: "the kidnappers of Mr. Suarez were known to the police even before they struck" (France Soir, May 24th).

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Concluded the commentators: "The Spanish Anarchist Groups, infiltrated by the police, seem likely to break up" (France Soir, May 25th).

However, only two days later the 'commando of kidnappers' (France Soir, May 25th) had turned into mere "pathetic supernumeraries" (l'Aurore, 25-26th May). A police operation having covered half of France, began as we are told in April under the direction of commissioner Ottaviani, head of the Crime Squad, seems to have served more to fabricate big headlines in the papers rather than to establish any proofs. And as l'Aurore pointed out as early as May 24th (!) "if the police had in fact identified and located the kidnappers, would they have let C.M. Vadrot meet the banker with them?"

What are the accusations? Against five out of the nine (Octavio Alberola, Ariane Granac-Sadori, Jean Helen Weir arrested in Avignon; George Riviere and Annie Plazen, arrested in Toulouse), receiving a large sum of money; 2,500,000 francs (approx. £250,000) in cash found in Avignon, and 680,000 francs (approx. £68,000) at Peyriac (in the Aude region), in the house of Riviere's friends. The former five maintain that they didn't know what was in the bags they had been given. As for Riviere's friends, Pierre Guibert and Daniele Haas, they are apparently guilty of having allowed friends into their home.

But most important of all is the question where did those three million odd francs, 'the ransom recovered' (l'Humanite, May 23rd) come from? Thus we have seven people convicted of receiving money which has not been proved stolen or extorted from anyone at all. As if this were not enough, the same charges are leveled against Anne and Lucia Uturbia, arrested in Paris, in whose flat nothing suspicious has yet been found — only that 'they seem to be at the centre of this affair' (France Soir, May 24th).

All these contradictions are only reflections of a much deeper one: so as to stifle a political action, the authorities emphasise the "sordid" aspects, of "pure gangsterism" (France Soir, May 6th) of the affair. The family and colleagues of Suarez insist on his "apolitical" nature. The authorities pretend that the kidnappers didn't make known their "political" demands. "Nevertheless", remarked l'Humanite on May 6th, "the presence of Spanish police agents, specialists in political affairs, working side by side with the French agencies, seems to refute the theory of a mere act of stupid gangsterism".

Before Agence France Presse received the first communiqué from the International Groups of Revolutionary Action (GARI) claiming responsibility for the kidnapping, we had already been told, thanks to the attention of the Director-General of Security in Madrid, that it was an action of the anarchist groups called 'Primerode Mayo' (Journal de Dimanche, 5th May). And the press gave chase to Octavio Alberola, a "dangerous desperado" (France Soir, 25th May): a man who governments prefer to see on the other side of their frontiers, because they can always expect him to be hitching some bad plot or other." (Aurore, May 6th).

Arrested in France and expelled on the 19th April, Alberola had in fact returned without asking permission from the authorities, who had used him as an opportunity to make a goodwill gesture toward Franco's regime. Alberola knew Lucio Uturbia, a Spanish political refugee like himself. The Uturbias have been pictured as receivers and link-up connections. Chantel and Arnaud Chastel committed the crime of knowing the Uturbias, which made it possible to accuse them of having allowed Suarez to be sequestered in their flat; this on the strength of a telephone number and a grotesque statement by the banker himself, who claimed to recognise the flat by the "red" of the entrance ramp and . . . the sound of the street!

For the first seven people charged, contradictory proofs, for the other four, none at all. And no-one should be surprised at the attempts made to transform what is obviously a political affair into a simple crime: this avoids the risk of a mobilisation of the French Left — eternally and sentimentally anti-France — which would de-mark the ever more intimate collaboration that goes on between the French and Spanish authorities.

Furthermore, it is evident that a regime based totally on the cult of Money, Law and Order, must repress with the same energy banditry, terrorism and subversion in all domains. To quote M. Lecassett, symbol of the 'new enlarged presidential majority', "a firm but humane justice; in particular, I will come down hard on anything concerning drugs, violence, kidnapping and the taking of hostages." (Le Monde, June 12th).

The fact of their being libertarian militants, or else Spanish refugees in France, has been the only pretext for the arrest of these people. Others have received strange 'visits', connected in fact with veritable secret perquisitions: the Suarez's 'suspicious flat' was not the only place visited by the Spanish Security Police.

It is time to denounce the repression of French libertarian circles by the Spanish and French police, to denounce the system which offers up Alberola and other imprisoned comrades as gifts of 'entente cordiale' to the regime which murdered Puig Antich and so many other militant workers; to demand the end of this masquerade of rigged justice and the liberation of our eleven comrades.

THE SITUATION AT PRESENT

The Juge d'Instruction has now gone on holiday, as have most of the lawyers, and no immediate developments are expected until after the summer break.

The British Black Cross have organised legal support for the arrested comrades and a legal adviser briefed by us and in conjunction with the French defence team will attend the trial. He will be particularly involved in the defence of Jean Weir but he will also act on behalf of the entire defence team. A Belgian lawyer will also be part of the defence team.

The British Black Cross urgently request that all Black Cross groups throughout Europe — and elsewhere — attempt to send a legal observer to the trial which is expected to begin in October.

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ANARCHO-QUIZ

1. What remains of the many ultra-Protestant sects that sprang up during the English Civil War - Tractites, Shakers, Ranter's, Dippers, Rehemonists etc., all revolutionary within the sight of the day? 2. The London Racholderh bankens made their original fortune with a couple of birds and an onion. How was this typical capitalist coup brought off? 3. What was (and remains of) the 'Berlin International'? 4. What did William Morris (in 'News from Nowhere') see as the prelude to the free socialist society? 5. What is (and remains of) the 'Berlin International'? 6. The 'Black Cross' group intend to provide space in the 'Black Cross' magazine for international group announcements and assistance. Answers on page 15.

INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE?

Reviewing the present position on the Continent observers are inclined to draw a rather pessimistic picture according to which the old traditional fragments of anarchist organisations have stagnated and a new vital movement is practically non-existent. If the vitality and strength of a movement is to be judged by meagaphone slogan shouting under dictators of an organising elite, backed by political legitimacy and the prestige of a slick publicity machine, then of course the anarchist may be counted out. But this sort of survey is superficial. There are several groups of young anarchists who have replaced the old seasoned comrades who are displaying a vigorous skill in coping with an entirely new economical and political situation.

The most important and seemingly overlooked phenomenon is that the phase of digesting the impression of the abortive student revolt has proved to be an incubation period, producing a new gumming and assessment, not only confined to students, but workers and bourgeois intellectuals as well.

As a result we may count the multitude of students who joined the revolt and after the setback drifted back into passivity, drug addiction or occultism. Face with grim reality romantic sentimentalism made way to matter of fact existentialism. The essential idea of the libertarian Spartacists to combine the efforts of social revolutionaries on common ground in mutual consent, is being put into working practice without loud proclamations.

The initiative has shifted from outspoken political groups to groups of the 'Black Cross' with no other programme but that of actions of solidarity with victims of class justice. Prison appears today, in the imagination of many people belonging to any of the different classes, as incarceration of the State. Police States imprint upon the minds of most people the objectionable picture of modern barbarism at work. In the charters and constitutions its democratic status and bodies such as the United Nations, it has been expressly proclaimed that no citizen should be deprived of the human right to personal freedom. Only the law, installed for the protection of the individual's freedom, was given power to take it away from him, if evidence was produced, that he interfered with the freedom of others. But people have learned by bitter experiences, that the "protective weapons of the law" can be turned at random against them.

Prisons today represent social systems stripped of sick moralisations for the denial of freedom. Wherever they become a symbol of power at the highest level of destructive potency directed against human beings, planning the use of modern technique and science to violate human dignity and break self-defensive resistance, people are forced to stand and identify themselves with the imprisoned and in proportion to the destructive power of the State, exercised in its laws a natural reaction of counter-destructiveness comes into being. The logical consequence in opposition to a law, that in the name of justice commits crime unlimited, can only be action aiming at total abolition. As the State will persistently ignore demands and - with pressure of demands - must apply repression, it becomes the moral responsibility for any desperate act of violence on the part of campaigners for liberation, such as the storming of prisons, dynamiting of law administration offices and kidnapping of VIP's taken as hostages.

One may question these actions on the grounds that they were inopportune or ill designed and carried out, or object to any organised action and express the view, that only spontaneous actions of the people in general revolt are justified, that is beside the point, as it does not in the least minimise the moral responsibility of the State, since any action to the abuse of justice produces a backlash of equally violent rejection. The social revolutionary regards the endearment of humanitarian to ease the lot of prisoners as an auxiliary drive, aiming merely at revolution. The true revolutionary aims at the undermining of authority of any set of people restricting the liberty of others and the destruction of States maintaining jails.

He does not fall in with the cry for exclusive liberation of political prisoners, but insists that all prisoners are political prisoners, because the political system, due to its unjust social structure, produces privileged classes and subsequently a class of underprivileged, whom it must force into line by means of deterrent and corrective laws and jails.

'Black Cross' groups have mushroomed in almost every country. The need to improve contact between the groups for mutual assistance has been felt generally and the benefit from free association is being realised. The setting up of a vehicle for distributing information has been suggested, whereby every group puts out mailings to all other participating groups. If one locality is in urgent need of assistance they could issue a call for co-ordination demonstrations, fund raising etc. At these calls would be directives from a centralised body, but an appeal to comrades involved in the common struggle against the same class enemy, much of the duplicating, mailing work and expenses would be reduced by instituting a Syndicate for the purpose of circulating information and appeals submitted for worldwide distribution, thereby promoting communication and assistance on common projects.

The "Black Flag" group, London welcomes this suggestion coming from the "Anarchist Black Cross", Chicago, and is in favour of a conference of continental "Black Cross" groups extending the invitation to the various Anarchist and anti-authoritarian groups in Europe.

Steps have been taken by the London "Black Flag" group to build up an archive of international propaganda output, (magazines, leaflets, etc) accessible to comrades from abroad visiting London. A German language centre operates next to the Centro Iberico, establishing closer contact with Anarchists abroad. Increased exchange of information and news is developing.

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workers clubs

Despite generation after generation of working class militancy and revolutionary propaganda, few could say what, in the event of a revolutionary situation in the British Isles, they would actually personally do. The authoritarian socialists believe they have an answer — by dreaming themselves to be in the role of Lenin’s Bolsheviks, with one simple difference, that they think they would actually have the address on the red address in the Final Station (Liverpool Street) to the dissolution of the Constituent Assembly. But as Lenin’s programme was based on the notion of one party representing the working class that not only took power by a consent not likely to be repeated, but took away everybody else’s right to speak, it could hardly come around second time with 57 varieties of the party going strong.

The libertarian socialists fall back upon the theory of spontaneity because there is precious little else he can fall back on. But how does this seem to the Spanish Revolution? The libertarians used to be a victory for the Social Democrats and add to their reputation for ‘toughness’. In the fight in Red Lion Square Kevin Gately stood out, not because he was particularly radical (he apparently was not at all) but because of his height. He was an obvious target for a trenchon attack. He died.

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It can scarcely be believed that in Freedom the hoary old myth is still being touted that "the question of whether freedom of speech should be allowed to those who do not believe in freedom of speech is a complex one" (Jack Robinson, June 22nd) and that Peter Cadogan's "liberal views" are respected in this matter -- while S.E. Parker argues (same issue) from this, logically enough, why only fascist meetings? "I have yet to see any correspondent suggest the disruption of (marxist) meetings" they too equally do not believe in freedom of speech. Are they, he asks, "not so naive fashion, "so possessed by the leftist nlylh freedom of speech. Are they, he asks in psucdo-difference betweenthe "outfits". To gain power they must be ever vigilant and fight oppressiveregimes. They may in due time become oppressive themselves but while still outor fight oppressiveregimes. They may in due time beget a strikebreaker. If the fascistsorganise to gain power, break up strikes, help evict squatters,write the history of how they would (in turn) grant even a little freedom of speech or not. But it is typical of idealised and encapsulated in a little moral cliches. Everyone knows that their residenceto a comfortable oneelsewhere. Traven fled the vicious Clericalreactionaries of the Nazis; or they lived in hungerand poverty, only a fewを持つed by the development of classpolarisation. Indeed, the threat of a generalstrike and the possibility of atrevo-...
In prisons of various countries the findings of psychiatric research are being utilised to perfect methods that will undermine the moral of political prisoners to such an extent that they will yield to the demands of their captors. In Portuguese colonies political prisoners have been kept for years in dungeons or cells, below water level, which are soundproof. After two years of complete isolation they are no longer in a fit state of mind to react to authority with aggressive resistance.

In Greece political prisoners have been in jail for about a week insufficiently fed in so-called "white rooms". In Israel they are questioned in similar rooms fitted with loudspeakers, microphones and TV, screens and exposed to unbearable sounds of war noises. In Northern Ireland they are forced to support themselves with the tips of their fingers against the wall, while loudspeakers produce a high sound which affects their brains. During this ordeal black hoods are pulled over their faces.

This method of imposed visual blackout has also been adopted in West Germany. Trade Unionist editor Heinz Brandt, who experienced isolation cell punishment in Nazi Germany, states that the modern application in the West German prisons was a permanent tormenting factor. Having himself experienced such isolation from 1961-1964, he speaks from experience. According to his account, today's methods are used in the DDR, but have not yet reached the stage perfected in the D.B.R.

News has reached us from Australia that brain surgery has been performed on over 200 Australians in the last 7 years.

Over 200,000 people are being held in 2400 prison hospitals in Germany. Psychiatrists Witter allowed visitors, the conversation was covered by microphones, to register on tape, any utterance the prisoner said. The German police felt frustrated when their indiscipline was suppressed by methods dictated by law, his superiors - as a rule - will have been unaware of the liberties he took. The basic philosophy of the political prisons is to undermine any reform of the law aimed at democrtisation.

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Once upon a time Uruguay was a half feudal country with undeveloped industry. At the beginning of this century it was considered to be a socialist state in South America under President Platero, with a high standard of living and generous social services.

During the Second World War the people of Uruguay were strongly opposed to the Axis but were compelled by the state in the country by constraining U.S. Air Force bases, but the arch-imperialists had the full support of the Communist Party since the Second World War ended in "arms".

After the war Platero's proclaimed ideals of Social justice; Social security, National dignity suffered a set back giving further setback to the people of Uruguay under President Batlle, with a high standard of living. The government agents from Washington and began having members of the military police, called in FBI and CIA to maker a reform. They were met by public reaction of the press. They were denounced as criminals. The German Anarchist publishers Karin Verlag, Berlin, have together with the people, who received plenty of warning.

Before the 1968 election the Com '1; '11 on the Workers (FOR) was in contrast to the CP and other movements. The FOR declared an International Health Service organized in the struggle. Three important organisations sprang up: the FOR (Federation of Revolutionary Workers), the FER (Federation of Revolutionary Students), and the ROE (Workers and Students Resistance). The FOR found his voice with the workers since a revolutionary alternative was offered to the triggering policy of the Communist Party, and trade unions. One third of the workers workers, take part in the FOR activities, including workers, Kaszthub industry export workers, labourers workers, Fish industry workers and Health Servicecraftsmen.

The press has repeatedly denounced the for being european in their policies. So have the FOR and the ROE — in contrast to the CP and SANTO (Protection of Constitution) of the South American countries and trade unions. In addition, Sweden will obtain from Interpol any assistance required for tracing undesirable. Interpol has become notorious for its open collaboration with the police of fascist states and will be delighted to offer "free delivery" to the social democratic country of the world. The law will give the Swedish police official sanction to conduct house searches, book searches, mail and telephones tapped. It will empower the authorities to direct foreign labour and registration of foreigners with the police. Above all it will put the Swedish international in the position to order deportation at its own discretion.

It is of vital importance to trace and expose the intensified fascist development in every country. It should be possible to put to everyone that all countries are supplied up the same routine which indicates for anyone to see — international government. The law, before and after the First and Second World Wars, declared that every state, no matter whether bolshevik, conservative-capitalist or social-democratic, carried within its structure the seeds of fascism, which if fertilised and come into its own as soon as the people endeavour to take the matter of liberation in their own hands.

The departure of liberation should not be confined to one revolutionary group and country. It is high time for the cry, with which the spirit of revolt first manifested itself, to be raised also in other countries. The international conspiracy of fascism must be met with the international solidarity of all sincere social and revolutionary groups. The Anarchists call upon the revolutionary aspirations of the oppressed everywhere, and to make every effort to strengthen the international solidarity in order to show the world and to prove that no people are capable of fighting with the people. Sweden boasts much about her democracy. But to judge her the facts after the events of the weeks of violence in Sweden. In consequence any political rights for foreigners may be granted in Sweden can be reduced at will by bureaucratic fiat.

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The departure of liberation should not be confined to one revolutionary group and country. It is high time for the cry, with which the spirit of revolt first manifested itself, to be raised also in other countries. The international conspiracy of fascism must be met with the international solidarity of all sincere social and revolutionary groups. The Anarchists call upon the revolutionary aspirations of the oppressed everywhere, and to make every effort to strengthen the international solidarity in order to show the world and to prove that no people are capable of fighting with the people. Sweden boasts much about her democracy. But to judge her the facts after the events of the weeks of violence in Sweden. In consequence any political rights for foreigners may be granted in Sweden can be reduced at will by bureaucratic fiat.

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ITALY

From our correspondent in Rome.

On 29th May the trial against Giovanni Marini, Anarchist imprisoned since 7th July on a charge of killing fascist squad man Faletti in the Piazza d'Armi, was to have begun in Salerno in February but was stopped after a few days, because of the disorder in court following police aggression against the spectators. The book 'The Case of Salvador Puig' was transferred to the Court of Madrid. Meanwhile Marini has been indicted between fifteen different prisons to avoid demonstrations!

Marini had gone to the rescue of a comrade who was being attacked. A Milanese policeman who was the background of the fight a fascist was killed. Military solidarity has been shown with Marini all over Italy though it was hoped to isolate his case: even his lawyer was in the Seine raising a banner "for the freedom of Marini" (see photo).

The book recently appeared in Italy on the Marini case: "Se scoppi ai fascisti di pensare" - which means "if you get away from the Fascist the State will think of you". Machine translated: "Se pensi che il fascismo è morto" - which means "If you think the Fascism is dead".

The case shows very clearly that it not the neo-Fascist Youth in Italy that is the menace: it is people disaffected by other parties but have places of responsibility such as prison governors, policemen, magistrates, judges, Ministers and for whom the Mussolini period represented the "good old days of law and order". Interviews, press cuttings and legal statements relative to the case, with photographs, and it tells a fascinating story of a struggle which is taking place not only in Italy but in other countries. There is also the record of the Communist Party, jealous of the young militant's class activity, which has attracted his right of self-defence against the Fascist state and expressed "deep sorrow for the young life lost".

In prison Marini - like Sostre - maintains his militancy and stands against humiliation and ill-treatment.

VAlPREDA VALPREDA

In our last issue we stated wrongly that Pietro Valpreda has been cleared of all charges. We apologise to all concerned - in fact, the Italian Supreme Court has declared a mistrial and a new trial may start in November. This time there will be an innovation: Pietro and other comrades will stand in the dock alongside the neo-Fascists for the first time. This means: trials will be conducted in pairs and the fascist state will expose just how the State has been complicitly responsible for shielding the killers. The State has been afraid all along to bring Pietro Valpreda to trial because the trial would expose just how the State has been complicitly responsible for shielding those who are really guilty, who really committed the crime.

Now the State can try Pietro and his comrades in pairs to put Anarchist and fascist side by side in the dock and so repeat what the press said a few days after the bombings of December 1969: that the murders were planned and carried out by Anarchists and fascists alike.

Once more the State employs the dirty tactic of the "copropaganda" in order to destroy the Anarchist comrades: a Stalinist policy in the true sense.

All anarchist movements must react forcefully and react against this enormous, dirty provocation against our comrades. All that the fascist State can do is to continue the attacks on the Anarchist comrades who have been murdered by the police in connection with the case - all need justice. But justice will not come from a bourgeois trial - it will come from a revolutionary trial against the State.

Meanwhile Valpreda's comrades are condemned yet to wait again. STOP PRESS.

We have just learned that Giovanni Marini

Marini has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

On the night of April 15/16th 1973, in Rome, the house of Mattel, secretary of the M.S.I. (Italian Social Movement: the neo-fascist party) was set on fire. In the blaze, which occurred in the pro-stalinist district of Primaudella, two of M.S.I.'s members have been killed.

The police immediately began an attack upon Left-Wing groups. But first one must examine the background of the affair: in Milan, the fascists had killed a policeman during an M.S.I. demonstration. They needed to retrieve their reputation. The death of Mattel was "in the interest of class" for which the police swooped on anti-fascist activities, repeating the 1969 action against Valpreda.

This was written before the news of the arrests of two police officers. Visitors at the trial had to undergo bodily searches and give detailed information about themselves. The establishment of closer co-operation is to be wholeheartedly welcomed.

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The case of the MIL martyr Salvador Puig continues to stir Spain. Everywhere there have been demonstrations and armed attacks. The anarchist movement recalls "el Quico mateix, el nou el Quico" (i.e. Sabate) in Puig. Meanwhile the politicians try to go to the roots of the reference to Puig (Informacion Espanola, Brussels) as a hero designed for the public to see against the Fascist state, as many noted.

"FACT" What we are told by the same source is that "puig is seriously wounded in the attack and is in deep shock. He was recognised, attacked, and - drawing a gun - was wounded in the leg and the stomach".

One of the sources said on this latest information that "the charges against these FROP members be made known to the press".

Three members of the Anarchist group Primaudella are being searched for their alleged to have attempted to free prisoners.

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SPECIAL COURT JAILS COMRADES IN DUBLIN
Three comrades, members of the Dublin anarchist group, were given harsh prison sentences for their supposed part in a letter-bomb campaign in Dublin last March, armed robbery, possession of arms and explosives, causing ex-
plodions and setting fire to property. Bob Cullen (24) - 7 year sentence. Noel Murray (23) - 2 year sentence. Marie Murray (25) - 2 year sentence.

Bob Cullen was convicted of possession of arms and explosives causing an explosion in an attempt to locate him. We are pleased to announce that so far they have banded together.

The Gardai have made a number of raids throughout the Republic in an attempt to locate him. We are pleased to announce that so far they have banded together.

All the comrades are in prison and we ask our friends to pass on their thanks and fraternal greetings to the many comrades from all over the world who have written to them. Books and letters are eagerly looked forward to.

We do not know how soon they will be transferred from the Curragh but we are assured that in the meantime letters will be forwarded to them.

Curragh Military Detention Centre, Dublin, Eire.

EIGHT FREED "ANARCHISTS" TO STAY IN JAIL

The headline, taken from the London Evening Standard, of May 30th is an admitted lie.

In fact none of the '22nd October' group went to prison, and when magistrate Mario Sossi was arrested, the Marxist Red Brigade asked for the release of eight. The eight were Marxists-Leinists, members of the Anarchist. In the article in the Standard, when the demand for the release of the eight was made (issue of May 26th) the Foreign News Desk called the Red Brigade a Marxist underground group. Yet in this second article, which did not conceal the fact that the Red Brigade wanted the eight "expelled to Cuba, North Korea or Algeria" or given "asylum in the Cuban Embassy", they became "Anarchists".

Did Michael Dobbs or the News Desk not know the difference between Marxist and Anarchists? Or was he obeying the directive (for which we expose the Evening News) that the two be deliberately confused at all times, and the one referred to as the other? We have the word of the Editor of the Evening Standard, Mr. Charles Wintour, that as the article emanated from Reuters he had not checked it. But Mr. Wintour obtained Reuters from the "Explanations".

"A check with Rome shows that the earlier description of the group as 'Marxist-Leinist' was incorrect and that the term 'anarchist' could be applied to them only in a sense 'looser than we would consider acceptable', referring to the Maoists as 'anarchists' (Times May 24th), and that the Red Brigade had agreed to separate in Spain with anarchists and vice versa.

Mr. Wintour's letter casts great doubts on his own persona. Is this the way to treat a journalist? Bob Cullen, who did (Dec. 24th) asking who ARE THE TERRORISTS BOMBING LONDON? specifically asked if it were the IRA or home-bred anarchist groups - referring to the letter bomb campaign now universally accepted as IRA.

He stated that British anarchists often supported the IRA. Has he any proof that those opposing nationalism and racism would support Colonial Nationalism of the IRA? or was this article also "looser than normal" use of a phrase or was it designed deliberately to confuse? The answers conclude, referring to the bombers "Are they merely trying to confuse and so intensify the terror? Was he thinking of himself and his colleagues at the time?"

LETTERS

Dear Comrades,

The students have been on holiday now for two weeks and already I've been called a sexist, racist and a reactionary by the libertarians and a counter-revolutionary romantic by a Marxist and a misguided idealist by a liberal - I'll be glad when they go back.

G.S.

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