When there are problems in the economy, if there is a limit to the point where people are prepared to obey and to make sacrifices, all States make signs of war. This is nowadays complicated by the fact that every intelligent person knows that the next global war will be the last, and that wars too have to be limited, both sides having to understand they do not push the consequences too far.

The drawback is that States are not always ruled by intelligence but by the very emotion they generate to make the signs of war. The world may suddenly slip on a banana skin casually thrown away in the phoney war now being waged.

What are the signs of war? English Statists used to be advised that if they wanted to conquer France, they had to begin with Scotland. They have begun with Northern Ireland, the nearest equivalent today. Either pacification or a 'solution' to the Northern Irish problem must be found. They would not really side or selling out the other - it is solely the obduracy of the two sides that prevents them from finding a final solution.

They must clear up dissidence at home, and wage war upon rebels. This attitude has been seen in such legislation and several laws; it ranges from the Sus laws and the police patrolling of the ghettos, to the raids upon the politicised and trials such as the 'persons unknown' trial and in its way even the Thorpe trial, riddled with sinister police influences from outside this country.

Those who differ must be labelled as criminal. All must rally behind the leadership expressed in the mass media, turned for war purposes into mass propaganda.

ATTACK

Most significant is the attack against the working class seen in the current battle against strikers and pickets which it is now intended should be criminalised; in the closing down of factories and the winding up of whole parts of the economy thus paving the way for shifting people, re-locating industry on a war basis, and preparing for a war state.

Symptomatic of a war psychosis is the politicisation of sport, now important (since religion no longer politically matters in war propaganda), as a means of harnessing the collective efforts behind 'the nation'. The whole atmosphere of the Olympics has for years tended to be this way. Now, sport is dominated by politics in the USA and the UK as it was done long since in the USSR.

Secrecy and internal espionage is another feature of the Military State and is seen in jury-vetting, phone-tapping, control of information - but in these matters the British ruling class have learned how to do it long since. Only jury-vetting is exclusive to them because juries still exist. The secret police may not be as ruthless as in other countries but it is far more secret. In the authoritarian States they wear special uniforms; here they wear a virtual cloak of invisibility.

There must also be an 'awareness' of spies, a feeling of being surrounded by enemies, of traitors within the gates, for this is how Stalinism builds itself up. An aura of respectability, helps to array itself with the clothes of patriotism, tries to demonstrate how none of the dissent, none of the resentment of conditions, would exist without agitators, who are always equated with spies, and given the worst possible image. We have seen recently how lawyers, politicians and the media carefully try to equate libertarians or strikers with Stalinism and use the very libertarians' own arguments against them. It is no coincidence that the series of 'exposures' of the Blunt affair comes at the same time.

SPIES

Yet those readiest to talk about the Stalinist spies of the thirties are reluctant to admit a number of matters - that, for instance, the equivalent today would not be pro-Russian but pro-Chinese; that the pro-Russian enthusiasm of the Second World War are paralleled only by the pro-American sentiment of the present day, and that to find an equivalent to those who channelled information in the thirties one must look to those closely associated with the Americans or Chinese. These alone would be in the civil and militar- Establishment, where the spies are to be found. What would they be doing in the working class? Working for a living?

It is easy nowadays to 'justify' war by denouncing the enemy's failings, for who among the Great Powers cannot be so denounced? Only the lesser powers have lesser opportunities of represent the greater evil. The only forces that count towards a struggle for peace and survival are those which will give the powers a rough ride, and against which all powers are united whatever their differences: those are the 'perils of anarchy' against which the politicians warn us.

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**POLICE AND THE NAZIS**

In our last issue we mentioned that we knew the identity of the two policemen asked to resign from the force and go abroad to "let things blow over", following the murder of anti-Nazi demonstrator Blair Peach at Southall.

We had queries at publishing the names and preferred to let somebody else name them - it is not for us to "cry copper". But the police have so far made no moves to do anything else, notwithstanding an "inquiry" into what happened at Southall.

The two officers who fled abroad, after advice, were Philip Dyer and Mark Richards, described by other police as "good friends" and "part of the Rhodesia clique who got away with their crowd" (presumably the Persons Unknown defendants). This information has been in our hands since November 28th.

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**ANARCHIST CENTRE**

Where can you meet Black Flaggers, The Freedom Group, The Rising Free Collective, The Anarchist group and others of a similar ilk over a pint and discuss the merits and demerits of different forms of materialism or bourgeois recuperation?

Where can you spend an evening listening to some good music without getting ripped off by some profiteering promoter in the process?

Where can you hold meetings for your group without paying enormous rents?

Where can you meet people as a springboard for other campaigns?

Well, at the moment the answer is nowhere, but that situation could change very soon. A group has been formed whose aim is to set up an anarchist centre in London. So far we have had a good response from anarchists throughout the country and have been successful in raising some of the money which will be needed for the project.

In addition to this CRASS and POISON GIRLS, the punk rock bands, have recorded a single (Bloody Revolutions/Persons Unknown) which will be on sale shortly. The profits from this single will go towards the centre and will, we hope, go a long way in helping us realise the scheme.

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**BODEUX**

**THE INFORMER**

**SOME NOTES ON THE SCHMUCKER CASE**

On 27 July, Judge Fitzzner, chairman of the Berlin court, promised to sentence the so-called "Schmucker case". Ulrich Schmucker, a former member of the Red Army, Movement for the State Security services, had been murdered in Berlin's Grunewald Park on 4 June 1974. A 'Black June' commando claimed responsibility for the killing. Judge Fitzzner sentenced the chief prosecution witness Jurgen Jandt, to life imprisonment for the State security services' participation in Schmucker's murder. Judge Jandt, to life imprisonment for the State security services. An article in the magazine 'Stern' claimed that Jandt was later to say of Bodeux: "I..." (Bodeux's so-called execution plan). As a witness in the Schmuker case, Lothar Gend was refused permission to make a statement about that. According to Bodeux, Schmucker was to be killed in Cologne on 2 June 1974 by the accused, Wolfgang Wesslau, Sonke Loffler and Wolfgang Struk. But Schmucker failed to turn up and the plan came to nothing. Bodeux also tried to disguise Lothar Gend's statement. Nevertheless there is proof of Bodeux's activities and his collaboration with the State security forces. An article in the magazine 'Stern' claimed that this could be "traced back as far as 1974".

Bodeux's name appears in the files of the Cologne judicial police in connection with as yet unsolved robbery with murder, as a man connected with the State security service. The prosecutor (striving to preserve the credibility of his chief witness) had tried to give Bodeux an understandable motive for being so ready to make statements. Thus, they had Bodeux explain, through a prepared statement, that he had turned his back on the concept of urban guerrilla activity. This "...profound ideological process" (as Bodeux's original statement has it) is hard to swallow. Not just because it took place during the four weeks between the time he was arrested and the signing of his earliest statements. His declaration of repentance also contained whole paragraphs which coincide word for word with a similar declaration made by another renowned "star witness", Muller. The Schmucker trial is the most important case in which Bodeux has appeared as chief witness, so far. At least twenty criminal cases have been brought against him on the basis of statements by Bodeux. The most famous of these was the charge preferred against Jurgen Bodeux, who he said had supplied him "with phoney names in the name of 'Bernd Goth' on 29 April 1974. When it became apparent that these papers had only been stolen on 5 May 1974, Bodeux admitted that he might have stolen them himself.

In any non-political trial the statements of Bodeux and the evidence would not have sufficed to cast any shadow upon the innocence of the accused and achieve conviction "beyond reasonable doubt". The Berlin court, however, ignored whatever statements by witnesses that happened to conflict with their plans for the trial. It ignored the evidence from policemen who, in any other case, is a source of irrefutable evidence. The same goes for the Chosse couple, both policemen in Berlin, who heard the shot at the same time the two policemen indicated when marking this trial. The quest for truth finished where clarification ought to have been beginning... So commented one journalist in Berlin on the outcome of the trial. As early as the first trial the court had learned from 4 June 1974 that Bodeux, Schmucker was to be killed in Cologne on 2 June 1974 by the accused, Wolfgang Wesslau, Sonke Loffler and Wolfgang Struk. But Schmucker failed to turn up and the plan came to nothing. Bodeux only remembered this trip to Cologne on 20 December 1974, even though he had completed his statements much earlier. However, according to the evidence contained in this snippet, the prosecution's lack of evidence would overcome at a stroke. On account of the defence application for bail, the prosecution was under pressure at the time. But yet again Bodeux came up with a statement to accuse the prosecution from these straits. But Bodeux's statement simply cannot be true. For Wolfgang Wesslau and Sonke Loffler are both dead. The Berlin court, however, ignored whatever statements by witnesses that happened to conflict with their plans for the trial.

Pentecost, when Bodeux would have him in Cologne planning a murder, he was staying quietly in Wolfsburg with his parents. For this reason, it has been dubbed, the "secret service" trial from the liberal-socialist coalition. The Berlin Senator for the Interior, Herr Ullrich forbade Bodeux's security agents to make statements. And his argument, albeit the security service's dub-founded and amazed. Herr Ullrich wrote to the judge presiding: that he would have given permission had the trial been likely to end in the sentencing of an innocent person. So saying, Judge Hesse usurped the function of judge.

- The Federal Minister for the Interior, Herr Baum (socialist-liberal) denied the head of the security service's underling agents permission to make any comment on the activities of Bodeux as a grass. Instead, the minister sent the court in Berlin a standard declaration that at "no time was Jurgen Bodeux secretly working with the two authorities" (i.e. the Federal Service of the Judicial Police and the State Security Service).

**AUTHORITIES**

The authorities have already shown several times that they can take quite a different line on statements from them at least by their purposes. In the 50's prominent communists were "convicted" and in the early 70's the lawyer...
GERMANY

FOllowing a tip off to the police that could not be ignored (it was said that there was to be an attack on government buildings, though this proved to be ungrounded) West German police moved into action against the Weatherportsgruppe Hoffman (Hoffman Military Sports Group) one of the Nazi groups in West Germany.

Bavarian police carried out house searches (mid-January) and seized an anti-aircraft gun, sub-machine guns and even a tank. The Federal Interior Minister said the group were trying by violence to "turn Germany into a totalitarian State". Emphasising the importance of the Minister's statement, a spokesman for the department later said, "Imagine if these arms had fallen into the hands of the Baader Meinhof gang or any terrorist group!" The Hoffman gang is Nazi (or 'neo-Nazi') through and through and will find no sympathy here.

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THE MURRAYS

Marie Murray is serving a life sentence in Limerick prison in the south of Ireland. Through the Irish and Strasbourg courts she has been fighting to win conjugal rights with her husband Noel Murray who is also serving a life sentence in the Curragh Military Prison.

At present they have only one visit each every three or four months. There are conjugal rights of a certain degree in South American and Scandinavian countries. If Marie Murray's legal case is successful it would change the existing situation for all prisoners in this state.

COSTS

The costs involved in taking a case of this nature to Strasbourg are very substantial and will cost thousands of pounds (£1,000-£7,000). As it is impossible for any prisoner to obtain legal aid for a civil action to procure this type of money on their own we have set up a campaign to raise an account where money can be sent.

SUPPORT

If you wish to support this legal action more information can be obtained from the address below. If you could send any information about conjugal rights in your own country it would help us with our case.

Crossed cheques to W.Caj and R.Johnson, account number 49034381, Bank of Ireland, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.

Any publications are begged to return them for inventory and support.

CARRIERS HAVE produced are: 'England's Vietman' and 'Songs From the Barricades'.

You can't get hold of them at the main Troops Out branches in England and Scotland but you can order them direct from Resistance Records, C/O Box 21, Siopa and Arm, 15 Sl. Aiden Park Road, Fairview, Dublin 3.

CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE RECHERCHES SUR L'ANARCHISME

CLOSING THE DOORS?

The CIRA library at Geneva will be temporarily closed from February 13th 1980, due to management problems. We can use all your co-operation and support.

Those who have borrowed publications are begged to return them for inventory purposes. No Inquiries will be answered except to indicate other specialised centres available to interested researchers.

We thank our readers for their understanding and all publishers for their contributions.

The reopening of CIRA will be announced in due course.

CIRA, Case postale 51, CH-1211 Geneva 13, Suisse.
On July 8, 1979, in the Washington State Penitentiary's intensive security unit (a behavior modification unit) Carl Harp stood up and demanded that guards cease beating five other prisoners who were handcuffed to their cell bars. For this Carl was brutally beaten by the guards himself, and raped with their riot batons.

After Carl spent a week in an outside hospital and passed a lie detector test, the prison officials claimed his life was in danger from the guards' brutality he exposed by showing the world what happened in the prison. On July 21, 1979 he was transferred to the California state prison (San Quentin), the most isolation and maximum prison in America, where prison guards murdered Gen. 

On November 13, 1979 Carl was returned to the Washington State Penitentiary and put back in the intensive security unit, pending a number of legal actions in state and federal courts. The danger from guards at the prison has passed because many of the guards involved in the July 1979 brutality incident were fired, and much attention on the prison was taken by the death of Michael Worsley of London.

The trial ended in June 1979. All the defendants were convicted of all the charges against them. Argyle sentenced Alfie and Danny to twenty-five years each, Pat to twenty years, and Bernie to fifteen. Lundy got his commendation. David Smith and George Williams, both supervisors, were sentenced to five years each.

As he left the court after being sentenced, Alfie shouted to his wife "I should have gone out and shot someone!"

The law clearly states that a statement cannot be admitted as evidence against an accused person if it was obtained by threats or if inducements were offered. In the light of this case (and many others of a similar nature) the question must now be posed: does the dropping of three murder charges constitute an inducement?

The last issue we will be looking at contains the cases of John Williams and Patrick Carpenter who were released from custody last year after the prosecution at their trial acknowledged that there had been a massive fabrication of evidence by the police.

**GREAT ANARCHO-BORES NO 4**

**ANARCHO-EXECUTIVE**

I'M AN ANARCHO-EXECUTIVE BECAUSE THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS BEING A SUBVERSIVE AND ANYWAY IF ANY OF MY FRIENDS EVER FIND ME OUT, I'D SAY, WELL WHEN YOU'RE ALL ARRESTED AFTER DOING SOME GRAFFITI OR FOR POSSESSION OF A NECK KILLER, SOMEONE'S Gotta STAY AND TAKE CHARGE.
a report on spanish prisons

today - Where Franco lives on

PART I

DOCUMENT SMUGGLED OUT OF SEGOVIA PRISON.

The better to appreciate the problems of Spain's prisons and most parties of particular importance labelled 'political' prisons, should perhaps go back as far as the death of Franco and subsequent developments in the prison scene.

With Franco's Death, Adolfo Suarez Carrero Blanco prematurely followed him into the next world, democracy was the only way forward for capitalism. On the advice of their German counterparts and believing only pressure from the multinationals, the political parties turned their backs on a policy of violent, democratic breach with the past, preferring instead to prepare their campaigns in the confidence that they could control the masses by adopting some of their objectives and thus present themselves as the highest expression of the anti-Francoist if not the anti-capitalist education provided by the dictatorship years.

One such logical aim was a political amnesty which all of the political parties made one part of their electoral platforms for a very simple reason, because the vast majority regarded the dictatorship years as an era of injustice and as the mass of political detainees were a product of that regime, then these prisoners simply had to be given the freedom.

The Right and the capitalists had just one misgiving, with regard to the Nationalist prisoners (since they knew that Nationalists were not about to conform to a democracy which denies their demand for independence) and those anarchist or autonomous prisoners (who would carry on with their struggle against capitalism). Hence the shockingly ambivalent approach, giving rise to the reasonable situation whereby it took no less than three "amnesties" to empty the prisons of almost all their political prisoners.

The two categories are the one of the so-called "social" detainees. Following the same rationale, as was used with respect to political prisoners, these took the view that, since they also were the products of the same system, they too had a right to their freedom. And so there began the battle to keep the handful of prisoners with its rioting and self-inflicted injuries.

A third category which are part and parcel of it cannot expose the call for release of those who have violated the sacrosanct rights of private property. However, as this was a sensitive issue with the man in the street, the tenants did take up the call for their release, only to drop it after the elections had passed and to begin to prattle about a reformed in the penal code which, they said, would mean a new amnesty.

This forthright, the problem drog on. But all the while campaigns of coercion are mounted for the people's benefit, with nonsense being talked about the rising rates of crime and the need to defeat these threats to society. Thus asked for and got an increase in the police establishment and laws that grant the police unlimited powers. All culminating in the "special" prisons where rebellious prisoners are ground down...prisoners who are not inclined to accept deprivation of liberty in exchange for phoney reforms which do not go beyond a change in the colour of their cells. And where a mass of prisoners, whole catering system reflects that by proscribing future amnesties or pardons.

Once this was achieved and the existence of political prisoners denied, and once a monopoly of control over the means of exercising struggles (i.e. legality) had been achieved, so as to prevent revolutionary organisations or individuals from persisting and in order to dispose of the prison issue once and for all, there began the prison reform campaign implemented first by Hudad and, after him, by Garcia Valdes. That reform campaign bears all the hallmarks of capitalism and consists of accommodating the minority while stripping out and crushing the minority still active in the prisons and on the streets. They build special prisons and whittle away at street support, employing the usual fascist methods to put down any contestation of the repression, so that we are rapidly advancing towards a police state with laws being devised to forbid the press to report all violations of torture and other abuses of excesses of repression. Now, to cap it all comes a law about..."suing the case for terrorism"

This is to say that now that the parties of the Left have been repressed and the stain of dictatorship has been removed in the eyes of capitalist forces, they are returning to the same old fascist methods as the dictatorship used to employ, although this time with a democratic veneer, which is just that and nothing more.

CHANGE IN SPAIN

As the years pass one detects a change in the Spanish people: the people are coming to appreciate that this democratic period is in one sense, as much of a threat to us as the old one was. The people have learnt that at least one of two attitudes. (1) Abstention, which is a cause of real concern, for the bourgeoisie (2) on the other hand we have the resurgence of radical, revolution-and pacifist and struggle. And, as accompaniment to all of this, there is the disintegration of classic parties

and organisations and the appearance of autonomous struggles drowned by left and right like as if to assert their control. And there is the distrust of legal means of protest dismissed as useless.

Capitalism's response assumes the usual forms of repression and vandalism as it strips off the mask and exposes its true face. Anyone who refuses to accept the formula of exploiters and powerholders on the one hand, lording it over them, and of a hardening of the minority still to be harshly beaten down, made an example for the rest to still entertain any doubts.

POLITICAL PRISONERS AGAIN

So, with this general introduction behind us, let us get down to specific examples: take the case of Jose Cuevas Casado, arrested at a meeting in January 1977 (Jose in Franco's death) and annedied in October 1977, re-arrested in a connection the suppression of which is uncertain, although there are suspicions (i.e. the La Paz fire in Madrid, figure in the law), had his amnesty revoked in summer 1978 and having undergone maltreatment in the prisons on a number of occasions has been tortured at police headquarters and seen the insides of punishment cells and compounds. Or the case of Alfonso Garcia, arrested in Barcelona in February 1977, re-arrested under an amnesty in October the same year, only to have this amnesty revoked in summer 1978, was taken to the hospital and thence to Barcelona, where, as a result of the violence of his maltreatment, he was shipped back to Segovia where he had come, after he had spent over a month in the punishment cells in Barcelona.

THE FACES OF PRISON

Whereas the law states that any publication legally available may be supplied to inmates, all publications are censored and it is forbidden for some to enter the prisons. There is no right to contest any such ban. But even the most secret cases of letters sent inmates by their family and friends being withheld. The authorities explain this by saying they must have gone astray in the post.

Take the example of a lawyer who visited his client twice a week for two years, only to have this amnesty illegally revoked. Prisoners are processed through a system set up by a hire from families who have often travelled from home towns which are an excess of 1,000 kilometres away.

We are also entitled to a case concerning a woman who was found dead in the prison and whose body was used as a pretext. In fact, the FOP are accused of being responsible for this and many other cases of deaths in the prisons and of a hardening of the minority still to be harshly beaten down, made an example for the rest to entertain any doubts.

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It takes only a complaint by one of the officers and a prisoner is in up in the prison itself (a board comprising the administrator, the chief warden, the priest, the doctor, and the secretary) without any means of defence for himself is taken away for several months before an appeal is heard. During the interval one is to be harshly beaten down, made an example for the rest to entertain any doubts.

CONCLUSIONS

No matter how all this and the present situation, we can foresee an escalation of repression in these prisons. They have been training a certain attitude which can already be detected in some prison staff. Furthermore, the political and social situation on the outside leads us to anticipate an increase in repression through law and legislation and repressive methods. Which will increase the number of trade or political reasons, totally isolating prisoners from society.

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It is not only anarchy, of course, and the dictionary that socialists mean State control of everything - no communication (utopian collectivism), that fascism was a federation of Italian states, that there was a common character. The student body with its support for the Black Cross (taken over by students), its separate organisation exists amounts - according to our most accurate assessment (and the romantic elements within the student body can't be very large! Actually, in Russia, on such a project, the law of concentration camp by replying to a pedantic commandant strict on keeping political prisoners apart from the others who meant "anarchism" (anarchist), and the term "bandit". As a result he was arrested to the criminal wing and managed to get released when war broke out.

This is a rare benefit. Other definitions in the dictionary make homosexuals all pederasts and equate Jews with zyupans and swindlers. Marcus Sholpoivkii of Manchester has campaigned for years against the last-named definition. True, some people do use the term "Jew" in a derogatory sense (so they do the "Soviet-Semite" and "Irishman"). Nothing stops them doing this, but the dictionary definition have to echo this and should be factual and true. If there are morons who think all Jews and Scots mean, they can do so and look up how to spell the words in a dictionary, without having the concepts specifically echo their sentiments.

Sholpoivkii has won a minor victory in getting some dictionaries to take his point. The reason they have done so only in regard to the word "Jew".

One could launch a similar campaign on the word "Anarchist". Indeed, I have scored minor victories with some encyclopaedias persuading them to alter their entries in regard to Nestor Mahno - invariably described as a White, anti-Semite, or pogromist on the authority of the notorious book by Stalin. (Jewish socialists, later purged in a purge as a Trotskyist.)

Oddly, though, after the report of Mr. Sholpoivkii's victory appeared in the 'Guardian', there was a letter from an Arthur Freeman of B&B Whiteheads in High Street, London, querulously, wanting to know why the Jews should be so favourite. Why anyone should want to tamper with dictionaries, always factual and reflecting actual use. "Arthur Freeman" is a fictional name sometimes given as one of the editors of 'Freedom'. Address this is - Is it a hoax, or what?

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**POLICE ON US**

Former training officer for the Police Force, Professor McNeth Sloan wrote a book on 'Public Order and the police'. Chapter 15 is on Anarchism. Is this a police contribution? Evidently not. We have a self-confessed political police, yet there is an odd admission that Anarchism existed in the State when it comes to admitting we have political trials or political prisoners.

Mr. Sloan's conceptions of Anarchism are somewhat bizarre. It was his statement that Russia, the left wing led by Hakkin and the right wing by Kropotkii. The difference was that Kropotkii's "was confused by the left tradition of using violence. (The only time Kropotkii ever fell out with the anarchist movement was in 1914 when he accepted the use of violence - but this was legal)."

The differences between Anarchist and Marxism? Anarchism "sees the revolution as being a single act", while Marxist sees it as a protracted bitter class struggle". (I love that conspiratorial" touch!). 

"While the central theme of anarchism" they don't all subscribe to a single doctrine: there are "utopian anarchists, anarcho-syndicalists, anarcho-specificists, conspiratorial-anarchists and anarchist-communists"... the "conspiratorial-anarchists" are what they turn out to be when up for grabs! "Conspiracy" is a real police touch.

Socialist and academics tend to approach anarckism in a more intellectual utopian manner, while industrial workers favour the syndicalist creed". (Where do the "conspiratorial anarchists" come from? Yet the anarchist movement is "a syndicalist organisation" and a "number of their members have engaged in terrorist activities" yet for all that it has "little support among industrial workers", but it appeals to the romantic elements within the student body with its propaganda of direct action and its involvement in street demonstrations".

A number of students who support the Black Cross (taken over by students and now a separate organisation) exists amounts - according to our most accurate assessment (and the romantic elements within the student body can't be very large! Actually, in Russia, on such a project, the law of concentration camp by replying to a pedantic commandant strict on keeping political prisoners apart from the others who meant "anarchism" (anarchist), and the term "bandit". As a result he was arrested to the criminal wing and managed to get released when war broke out.

This is a rare benefit. Other definitions in the dictionary make homosexuals all pederasts and equate Jews with zyupans and swindlers. Marcus Sholpoivkii of Manchester has campaigned for years against the last-named definition. True, some people do use the term "Jew" in a derogatory sense (so they do the "Soviet-Semite" and "Irishman"). Nothing stops them doing this, but the dictionary definition have to echo this and should be factual and true. If there are morons who think all Jews and Scots mean, they can do so and look up how to spell the words in a dictionary, without having the concepts specifically echo their sentiments.

Sholpoivkii has won a minor victory in getting some dictionaries to take his point. The reason they have done so only in regard to the word "Jew".

One could launch a similar campaign on the word "Anarchist". Indeed, I have scored minor victories with some encyclopaedias persuading them to alter their entries in regard to Nestor Mahno - invariably described as a White, anti-Semite, or pogromist on the authority of the notorious book by Stalin. (Jewish socialists, later purged in a purge as a Trotskyist.)

Oddly, though, after the report of Mr. Sholpoivkii's victory appeared in the 'Guardian', there was a letter from an Arthur Freeman of B&B Whiteheads in High Street, London, querulously, wanting to know why the Jews should be so favourite. Why anyone should want to tamper with dictionaries, always factual and reflecting actual use. "Arthur Freeman" is a fictional name sometimes given as one of the editors of 'Freedom'. Address this is - Is it a hoax, or what?
The people holding the hostages... A reader from California asks:...

In Iran we have to take a more... American journalists, in Iran can really be anarchists."

"What is your number?" A reasonable inquiry since the lines... between the words."

(December 12th) carries a letter... our reader asks...

1936, on the verge of taking over... church, since it had no...

anarchist movement being strong... but it's nice to dream.

And once chemically broken down... the imprisoned Moslem tyranny... women — but to be an... are - militant revolutionaries, in Tahran, The former... would stand up and express their... of view."

They were selling the papers in a spot where Young Tories, editors of all description and religious organisations sell, or try to sell. Whatever crowd might have collected, no valid obstruction could have been used unless someone wanted to walk through a line or the wall. In fact, no crowd, panicking heavily trying to buy anarchist literature... they could, existed.

Two comrades were selling Black Flag and other anarchist literature, when a lady, who came and spoke to them, and then went to the police. The policeman stated he had "received a complaint" about the nature of the literature (thinking of the porn procedure) and took them to the police station where they were detained for a couple of hours — pretty obviously, while the police were trying to find out what to charge them with. Ultimately, they were charged with the good old stand-by, obstruction.

members of the Black Flag group have decided to set up a video group. The idea is that we will make feature programmes which we will then send to groups who ask for them. All the groups will have to do is hire a video recorder and borrow a television to be able to show our programmes.

We feel that the medium for disseminating news and ideas should not be restricted to the printed word. Visual images are often more effective at getting the message across, which is why we will be setting up a video group.

We expect to purchase the equipment within the next few weeks and to be making programmes shortly afterwards.

We would like to hear from any readers who would like to get in touch with the video group in any way, for example ideas for programmes, help in making them and of course money to help finance the project.

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The King-Hamilton Appreciation Society will no doubt be pleased to read this gem from Terence Shaw (Daily Telegraph, Thursday 27th March, 7 p.m.). "Scott Lasser is the real corruptor, not Mr. Denning as a quiant judicial anarchist."
From U.F.O.'s To...

Dear Black Flag,

While I am sure a sceptical approach is called for in considering claims as regards UFO sightings there seems little justification for the comment about Jean-Pierre Peter Frietly (Black Flag, Jan. 80). It is precarious to use Reich's concept of the emotional plaque (poorly understood) to dismiss flying saucers - since Reich himself not only ended up by clapping his hands down on them but described how he supposedly drove them away with an army gun.

The sexual imagery conveyed by those who describe seeing UFO's has been commented on long ago by Jung, but it does not deal with all the shapes of objects people have described nor, by itself, is it an adequate explanation. Seemingly everything does relate to his/her imaging, and the only real question is whether or not this is significant, and a sign of fear and anxiety in their descriptions. The emphasis on their 'claiming to have seen' is quite misleading.

CRASS

Dear Black Flag,

Just sat down to read a back issue of your paper (very good), and I must come to odds with the article: an interview with CRASS. Apart from immediate disagreements with the authors unshakeable belief in anarchist-syndicalism, I was left with a feeling of frustration against his/her stand against people willingly going on the dole.

I was quite right for lambasting "anarchists" (for anyone that matters), who believe that collecting unemployment monies from the state is a "revolutionary" act, and it is equally silly for the author to consider it a "handout" or being "financed by the state." Since capital is generated by workers and only workers, it would seem logical that the money one does not spend on oneself is money that is rightfully - for a lack of a better word, theirs. The basis of anarchism is to think that everyone would decide to go on the dole and that would be one's individual, personal, and at the same time a collective, political and economic act.

I agree with much of what he says particularly regarding qualifications. I agree with his views regarding subject matter, history meaning lessons on individual men, mystically rules such as Napoleon. This is of course hardly a fair reflection on people who have attempted to get more things to stay as they are, they certainly won't be anarchists developing development. The anarchist movement, if it can be called that, is going nowhere. There are umpteen groups each with their own "hobby horse," be it feminism, the importance of a nuclear power, etc. They attacked the A.C.A. because it had the audacity to introduce what was explained to me as a "recruiting campaign" - how dreadful. While there is no chance of anything constructive taking place. What is needed is organisation. After all, it comes to an anarchist and organisation in the same of the Anarchist. A worker, continues to submit to the dole. It is in fact the only way of bringing in capital that capital will continue in the present rut. I continue in the present rut. I believe that collecting unemployment monies from the state is a "revolutionary" act, in its abstract version. Priestly writes: "Ufologists..."

Surely an anarchist is aware of weird things, into the future, but that literature is a bit "The Sex Pistols"..."

PUNK

Dear Black Flag,

I've mixed reactions to the article written by Andy Lawson on Eduardu London. I agree with much of what he says regarding qualifications. I agree with his views regarding subject matter, history meaning lessons on individual men, mystically rules such as Napoleon. This is of course hardly a fair reflection on people who have attempted to get more things to stay as they are, they certainly won't be anarchists developing development. The anarchist movement, if it can be called that, is going nowhere. There are umpteen groups each with their own "hobby horse," be it feminism, the importance of a nuclear power, etc. They attacked the A.C.A. because it had the audacity to introduce what was explained to me as a "recruiting campaign" - how dreadful. While there is no chance of anything constructive taking place. What is needed is organisation. After all, it comes to an anarchist and organisation in the same of the Anarchist. A worker, continues to submit to the dole. It is in fact the only way of bringing in capital that capital will continue in the present rut. I believe that collecting unemployment monies from the state is a "revolutionary" act, in its abstract version. Priestly writes: "Ufologists..."
FEMINISM DEBATE
Dear Black Flag,

After Khaki McTigue’s letter on the ‘movement of feminism’ (January issue), you printed a piece from G.T. which claimed to be an ‘attack on the very point of view’. But it didn’t try to answer any of the questions asked—indeed it turned out to be a first-rate example of prejudice and false logic. Khaki McTigue said ‘it was all against it. It was trivial and garbled. It was an excuse to attack feminism. Pure and simple.’

Most people are pissed off with the ‘guilty’ and ‘male feminist’ who equates as wonderful everything female. I’d love to meet this guy some time. Or is he just a rhetorical device?

G.T. claimed that feminism is a trendy American import. In an effort not to sound biased, though, he grants it an ‘undoubted truth’. by the way, I’m calling it that since I can’t care less if G.T. ‘s a man or a woman). He says the discovery that women are less honest and that this goes beyond class boundaries — ‘is a healthy one’. ‘Healthy’ It is perhaps confusing.

It affects middle-class women. It means that the working class, because the profession of feminism has always suffered more by reason of her gender. But — the working class woman has suffered from sex oppression in other ways (e.g. wife-battering). So to the middle class suffer more from sexual oppression than working class women?

GINSEG
Dear Black Flag,

One of Karl Marx’s most valuable insights was his observation that nineteenth century religion constituted an emancipation as far as the working people were concerned — religion is the opium of the masses. Religion will perform that function, but the secularisation of society has dulled its keenness.

In that case, industrial tycoons must be rubbing their hands at the thought of a new ‘happy pill’ — ginseng. The Guardian newspaper (January 10) reports ginseng’s British promoter, a Mr. Hamilton Cooper, as claiming, ‘It is of the greatest help to people who are under pressure or who have monotonous jobs’.

Ginseng is a white root which takes seven years to grow to a length of eight inches, and Mr. Hamilton Cooper’s English grain firm employs forty people in Ebb Vale to turn the root into tablets.

It is for a 35-day supply happiness in the Brave New World comes cheap.

And what kind of a world is it when eight or more hours a day have to be spent tranquilized to be then bearable?

Work is natural to man, and man is natural to work — unless that work is systematically perverted into meaningless drudgery.

Then the work-process is reduced in scale and man produces for man rather than for anMarler market, we shall be able to stuff Hamilton Cooper’s tablets up his nose.

Yours,

Andy Dobson.

G.T. is sure that anarchist (or anti-feminist) — or ‘male’ feminists go wrong in three ways. Firstly, some of them are anti-libertarian. Second, anarchists are anti-violence. Are they non-violent or non-violence? If G.T. implies that they real pacifists? What’s it got to do with feminism? Secondly, some see sexism as including ‘everything from calling a woman “nursery” to dragging her behind a bush and raping her’. Ignoring G.T. ‘s obvious pleasure in his world’s little joke, (I’ll say it did. Sexism — unless smobbery — isn’t merely an ‘attitude’. G.T. clearly doesn’t know anything about rape. And again, I’d like him to introduce me to the anarchist feminist who actually denounced rape as sexist.

“In the anarcho-feminists you get some who want… greater prison sentences against rape.” It’s stupid to think you can enforce prevention of wage-slavery. In the meantime, von the woman who supposed to stay in doors and avoid all contact with men? No anarchist-feminist ever (as G.T. claims) ‘we must have longer sentences’ and left it at that. If G.T. implies that I belong to the W.L.M. he could not say something as preposterous as that.

I’m not too bothered about G.T. I hope that most of what he writes will come across as stupid and vicious without any one having to write a long or considered reply. What really bores me is the way ‘Black Flag’ used it. First: the way you stuck the article on the end of McTigue’s letter. Wasn’t it an editorial footnote, was it? Someone in the collective, the unassociated with C.P., simply used their perspicacity to go ahead and pre-empt the letter under the ‘Feminists’ and the authorised orthodoxy, or in USA still wave the flag. You should not have put my name in initial form.

I did not ‘reply’ to Khaki McTigue, I had not read her letter, in many ways I agree with her except for her assumption that the anarchist movement, or the working class movement generally, had to take ideas of women’s progress and liberty from the middle class. For years ‘feminist’ was a dirty word to us because it meant do-gooders like Eleanor Rathbone. S.B. even uses it to describe herself a feminist, nor did Rose S. claim that writers are ‘guilty’. One should do it again.

S.W. (London)

At the risk of meeting “Solidarity’s” fate — whatever it is — we passed the letter to C.O.R. for reply.

S.W.’s world little letter takes it for granted I am a man — why? Aren’t women supposed to be able to write? For S.W. I’m a member of the W.L.M. In the W.L.M. women’s movement in various ways since 1924, and an anarchist since 1946. It’s far too serious. It’s stupid and vicious without any one trying to say so.

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Note: When we get letters not indicating they are for publication, we look interesting to print, we put the name as initials. When names are given with letters clearly for publication, we give them. SW gave only initials.

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THE BACKGROUND OF THE TRIAL

BLACK AID AND 'THE RINGER'

Some explanation of the background of the recent trial - now universally dubbed 'The Anarchist Trial' by the media - to our readers.

In addition to the Anarchist Black Cross, there exists in Germany an organisation called Black Aid, subsequent but similar (anarchist) to ours, but more or less Maoist though with anarchist leanings. This curious melange is due to the lack of ideological understanding in Germany, with its long gap in historical continuity.

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POLICE RAIDS

'Freedom' gave instant publicity to Black Aid, perhaps not understanding its background. Suddenly police raided Iris and Ronan saying there was a "bomb factory" in their flat. (They had sugar, flour and weed-killer - all since returned, the "bomb factory" which so scared the press lives again?) They produced no other reason than that his fingerprints were in the flat, and in a general witch hunt against anarchists, took in Trevor Dawson and Vincent Stevenson, and also a long-time prisoner, although not anarchist, Stewart Carr, on a "contact" basis.

At the committal hearings the police vigorously expanded the definition, saying the people planned "overthrow society", that they were preparing to blow up power stations, cause immediate rebellion and the rest of it. No evidence of operations or rebellions had taken place. Bail was refused on these charges (which subsequently vanished into the clouds). However, Carr agreed with almost everything the police put to him. Had his statement come to court, it would have been torn to bits as absurd. The only substantive bit of evidence was a suitcase deposited at the house occupied by Vincent and Trevor, by a member of Black Aid, an anarchist, who subsequently disappeared. The suitcase contained evidence suitable to link all the accused.

The progress of the trial is well known to our readers. It is possible that German police agents were under the impression they were implicating the whole anarchist movement - which is borne out by the insinuation of the Judge in giving his notorious "post-verdict", admonishing the jury for not bringing in a guilty verdict (and insisting on being silent) so that the defendants were deprived of their clear "not guilty" verdicts by a political decision, and that the court was the castle of the bench, after the case was over. This gave a political verdict of guilt, against the anarchist movement, which was really in no way implicated, and may have been required by the agents of authoritarianism with which Judge King-Hamilton had clearly identified himself through the trial.

Hanover in Bremen, are taking the opportunity offered by this award to draw attention yet again to the sentence of imprisonment passed on him. In connection with the recently lodged petition for a retrial, we have published a pamphlet on the case.

This pamphlet contains the entire text of the petition, a summary of the inconsistencies in the 1980 judgment, a description of the background to the case, and also an article by Rudi Dutachko, 'Schafe und Würmer, wohin, wessen?'.

This pamphlet can be obtained by sending DM 5 to the Initiativegruppe Peter-Paul Zahl, Postcheckkonto Eva Michel, 5000 Wuppertal 16. In the meantime we would like to point out that neither the campaign against the sentence on Peter-Paul Zahl, nor the attempts to have it revoked, are concerned solely and exclusively with the individual case of Peter-Paul Zahl. On the contrary, this case is symptomatic of the kind of trial and imprisonment faced by numerous political prisoners in the Federal Republic, whose existence is entirely denied by official sources.

We have two requests to make: first, that you support the petition for a retrial by adding your signature to it, and second, that you finance the campaign by buying the pamphlet and/or sending us a donation.

It is probably superfluous to emphasize that a campaign of this nature involves a considerable financial outlay. Until now we have been able to finance the efforts - notably by sales of the pamphlet 'Am Beispiel Peter-Paul Zahl'. At the present moment, however, we find ourselves liable for expenses (particularly legal, printing, telephone, and postal charges) which we are no longer able to meet. So please don't let payments slip your mind.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We asked in a previous issue if anarchism - which is to say, the expression of anarchistic views, and anarchist activity within the present system - had made a return ("Alleged"") and "self-confessed" anarchists; one legal case, and the "Times", actually against King-Hamilton - thought the defendants had been tried for "anarchy" and acquitted of being "black aided". While, without exception, seem to have agreed that this was so, going on


dear comrades,

i am working on a filmography of anarchist films. for this i am doing research to find as many films as possible containing images (both positive and negative) of anarchists and anarchist views. i

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Anarchist-quiz answers from page 2.

1. That he had none to forgive, he had shot them all.

2. Of course he will, that's his profession. ("Naturellement, c'est son métier").

3. Booth called the clergyman said eagerly. "So can I", said Booth before dying.

4. A "How is it with the Empire?" version, she appeared soberly dressed and broke down crying, "Pardon, I do not wish to die". The second version was no doubt to prevent her being regarded too sympathetically; the first, though more consistent with her character, might be a sexist put-down.

5. Doomed to die by a Salt Lake City firing squad, Joe Hill asked for his ashes to be sent to Chicago "as I wouldn't be found dead in Utah"; later, refusing the bandage, he quipped (in the words of a popular song) "I'm afraid to go home in the dark."

6. According to the general version, she threw off her fur coat and revealed herself naked, throwing kisses at the firing squad; according to an official version, she appeared soberly dressed and broke down crying saying, "Pardon, I do not wish to die". The second version was no doubt to prevent her being regarded too sympathetically; the first, though more consistent with her character, might be a sexist put-down.

7. As official versions of his death stated that Madame Mao sat crying, "I'm afraid to go home in the dark."

In the meantime, however, the next issue, No. 5, is due out in April (£1.95, INC. P&P) and will include the following: Occult authoritarians; Anarchists in fiction; Thoughts on Organisation; Syndicalism and anarchism; Bulgaria today; Malatesta - Life and Ideas; Anarchists in the Mexican Revolution; Build your own anarchist radio station; The Malatesta Gang: letters, reviews, humour, comics, obituaries, and the amazing anarcho-sarco adverts section.

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Horst Mahler was likewise "convicted" with help from the agents of the security services. They are prepared to expose their own men if it will help them run an important quarry to ground.

At no time during the trial did the judge object to the massive interference by the authorities in the trial. In his summing up, Fitzner stated that there had been no manipulation and that the authorities had "adhered strictly to the law". This being so, citizens who abide by the laws simply fail to understand any doubts about the veracity of statements by the authorities to the effect that Bodeux is not "secretly working" with the security service.

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