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SIGNS OF WAR

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 mind totally suppressing the one side or selling out the other - it is solely the obduracy of the two sides that prevents them from the final solution.

They must clear up dissidence at home, and wage war upon rebels. This attitude has been seen in much 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 particularly 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 Statism builds itself 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 at 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' very 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 enthusiasms 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 military 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 representing 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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ANARCHIST CENTRE

Where can you meet Black Flaggers, The Freedom Group, London. So far we have had The Rising Free Collective, a good response from The Anarchy group and others anarchists throughout the of a similar ilk over a pint country and have been and discuss the merits and demerits of dialectical 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

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Renewal of a few hundred subs. will solve our problems!!!

This is No.1 of our new format. We have still in mind the possibility of going fortnightly when circumstances permit but a heavy cash imbalance prevents us at the moment. Last issue was January 1980 (Vol.5, No.13).

1. What did General Narvaez (who besieged Barcelona in 1843, massacring its citizens in the name of Queen Christina, after they had supported her in the dynastic civil war, because they wanted social reform) tell his confessor on his deathbed when asked if he forgave his enemies?

2. What was the dying reply of German poet and freethinker Heinrich Heine when told by a priest that God would forgive him?

3. What did nineteen year old Luddite John Booth tell parson Hammond Roberson who sat up all night at his deathbed urging him to obtain salvation by betraying his comrades?

4. What were King George V's dying words?

5. What was IWW organiser Joe Hill's last joke?

6. What are the two versions of Mata Hari's last actions before being shot as a spy in World War I?

7. What are we led by the Chinese Communist Party to suppose were Mao Tse Tung's last words?

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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 qualms 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 salient facts are these. The weapons used by the police could not be thoroughly checked because a large number of off-duty policemen came into Southall to help the police defend the National Front. Was it sympathy with the police, or with the Nazis? Many observers saw National Front symbols on police cars. These off-duty policemen dispersed afterwards.

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

ANARCHO-QUIZ

LAST WORDS

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Our political aim is to make anarchist ideas and literature more easily available. We hope that a centre will not only be a focal point for different anarchist groups but also for those who are not committed anarchists.

Our social aim is to provide a meeting place where people can get together and enjoy themselves among comrades.

If you are interested..... in making contact with us then you can either come along to our next meeting or write to 'Anarchist Centre', C/O Freedom Press, Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London, E1.

What are the aims of the centre?

The centre has two aims: a political one and a social one.

BODEUX

THE INFORMER

SOME NOTES ON THE SCHMUCKER CASE

On 27 July, Judge Fitzner, chairman of the Berlin court, pronounced sentence in the so-called "Schmucker case". Ulrich Schmucker, a former member of the June 2 Movement and informer for the State security services had been murdered in Berlin's Grunewald Park on 4 June 1974. As a result of statements he had made whilst in preventive detention in 1972, other June 2 members wound up in prison. A 'Black June' commando claimed responsibility for the killing and announced that "a traitor" had been liquidated.

The accused in the Berlin trial were the so-called 'Wolfsburg gang': on appeal, they were again found guilty of Schmucker's murder. Judge Fitzner sentenced the chief accused ("the instigator") Ilse Jandt, to life imprisonment whilst Wolfgang Wesslau ("the trigger man") got eight years and another three accused ("accessories") got four years apiece.

Absent from the court were: Gotz Tilgner who died in the summer of 1975 in circumstances still not clear, and, on this occasion, also the chief prosecution witness Jurgen Bodeux, like Schmucker, an employee of State security.

THE STORY OF THE 'WOLFSBURG GANG'

The accused belonging, up until their arrests in summer 1974 to a commune in Wolfsburg's Backerstrasse. Excepting Ilse Jandt (who was thirty-eight) they were all nineteen or twenty years old and had left their parental homes shortly before to try out new lifestyles. When Ilse Jandt joined the commune in the spring of 1974, the security services began to take an interest in the group for Jandt had only recently been released from prison. In 1971 she had been sentenced along with other youngsters from Wolfsburg to a jail term on a number of charges. After early release from prison in October 1973, she got in touch with other political prisoners, especially in the Hamburg area. Jurgen Bodeux turned up in the Backerstrasse for the first time along with Ilse Jandt. He had corresponded with her during her term in prison.

BODEUX - AN INFORMER AND PROVOCATEUR

Jurgen Bodeux was already known to leftwingers around Cologne and Bonn. Thus, in February 1974, he tried to talk Lothar Gend (who was, at the time, being sought by the police) into executing a "traitor". Bodeux claimed that this traitor had made statements leading to the imprisonment of several comrades. He also tried to

talk some members of the Bonn Red Aid into helping with his execution plan. As a witness in the Schmucker case, Lothar Gend was later to say of Bodeux: "I sensed that this fellow was a provocateur".

Judge Fitzner chose to disregard 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 an as yet unsolved robbery with murder, as a man connected with the State's Federal 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. However 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 on the basis of statements by him. The most famous of these was the charge preferred against the Hamburg lawyer, Reinhart. However in that case Bodeux failed the prosecutor. Bodeux's memory, so famous in other cases, continually failed him in the Reinhard case and, inevitably Reinhard was discharged. The statements Bodeux made in that trial are hard to reconcile with his role as chief witness in the Schmucker trial which was going on simultaneously. Thus, Bodeux had to back down in the one if he was to present himself as a trustworthy witness in the other.

STATEMENTS

For lack of evidence, Bodeux's statements were the prosecution's last card.

Bodeux's so-called "Christmas statement" is an exemplary instance of the way his statements exactly fit the prosecution's requirements. In this statement he "admits" that the 'Wolfsburg gang' had tried to assassinate Ulrich Schmucker

even before 4 June 1974. According to Bodeux, Schmucker was to have been killed in Cologne on 2 June 1974 by the accused, Wolfgang Wesslau, Sonke Loffler and Wolfgang Strukken. 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 could be 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 rescue the prosecutor from these straits.

But Bodeux's statement simply cannot be true. For Wolfgang Wesslau at least has an alibi for that day: on the days between Easter and



Pentecost, when Bodeux would have him in Cologne planning a murder, he was staying quietly in Wolfsburg with his parents.

The fact that Bodeux's statements served merely to implicate people the security service had long wanted to see in the dock, shows up very clearly in the following case. Bodeux implicated old friends who he said had supplied him with phoney papers in the name of 'Bernd Guth' 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 are, in any other case, a source of irrefutable evidence. The same goes for the Chomse couple, both of them magistrates in Berlin, who heard the shot at the same time the two policemen indicated.

"In 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 statements by Herr Natusch, head of the Berlin security services that Schmucker had approached his friends in the security service on the night he was killed. He was running scared and wanted a gun for his own defence. They refused him a gun.

Natusch said nothing as to who was scaring Schmucker. He was refused permission to make a statement about that.

According to the recent revelations by the 'Panorama' programme broadcast on 19 June, what follows probably took place on 4 June 1974. Instead of the gun he sought, Schmucker received from the security service a promise that they would look after him. Agents from the service wanted to observe Schmucker's meeting with his supposed leftwing contact. That encounter ended with Schmucker's death. Did the security service know of the plans to kill Schmucker? Indeed, were its agents present when Schmucker was shot?

Higher authorities successfully prevented clarification of these points. They forbade every official called by the defence to say anything, "on the grounds that what they may say may jeopardize the well being of Berlin". Everyone with a thorough knowledge of the subject cannot recall the authorities ever interfering on the same scale as they have in the Schmucker case. 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 his security agents to make statements. And his arguments left the lawyers dumbfounded 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. In so saying the senator for the interior usurped the function of judge.

- The (socialist-liberal) senator for Justice in Berlin, Herr Meyer refused the defence access to a complete dossier on Bodeux already in the possession of the prosecution.

- The Federal Minister for the Interior, Herr Baum (socialist-liberal) denied the head of the security service's undercover 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 when it suits their purposes. In the 50's prominent communists were "convicted" and in the early 70's the lawyer

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GERMANY

MUNICH

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 was not contemplated) West German political police moved into action against the Wehrsporthsgruppe 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' as they now say in Germany!) it would clearly have been disastrous if the arms they had been intending, in the words of the Minister, to turn Germany totalitarian by violence (the Minister is striving to do it peacefully), had fallen into the hands of the "real terrorists"!

GREECE

When I left Greece a few years ago there were only a few hundred people calling themselves anarchists. The dictatorship had just fallen and most of the young people, especially students were becoming members of communist groups. The main Communist Party of Greece, KKE, was in fashion in the universities and polytechnics. But as time passed the political parties' youth and student organisations, despite their opposition to each other, got together to oppose the anti-parliamentarian organisations - revolutionary Marxists and Anarchists alike.

815 LAW

Last year the government (ultra-conservative, right wing) tried to cut down student freedom with the notorious 815 law. The majority of students opposed this law with stickers, demonstrations and occupations. These actions were opposed by the dominant organisations - KKE, PASOK ('socialist') and by the government, and they co-operated against the mass of students. Result: the Communists lost much of their power, at least amongst students. Those who gained were the anarchists.

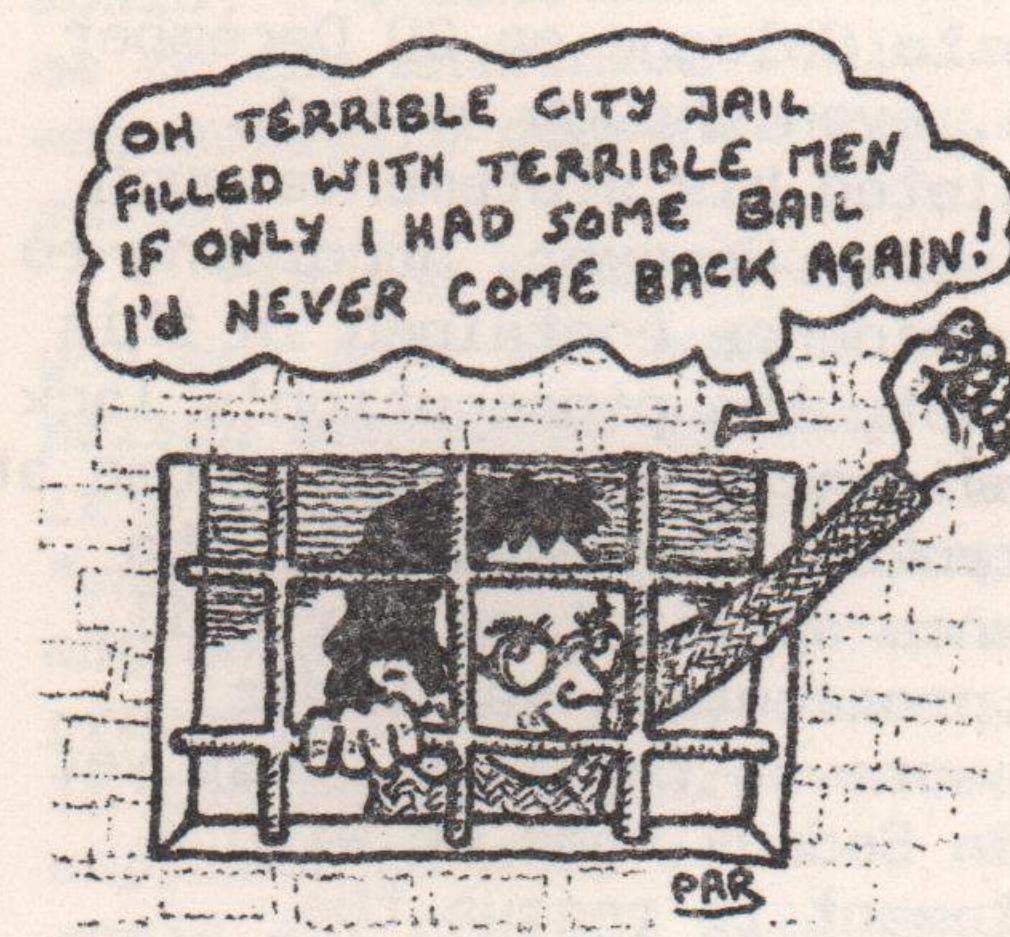
PHILIPOS KYRIAKIS

Another main event was that Philipos Kyriakis, who went on hunger strike for more than fifty days, and Sofia Kyriaki for more than forty days. They have more and more support. The anarchist magazine 'Ideadromio' is gaining

more and more readers. There are many other anarchist papers, mostly circulated illegally.

AGAINST ANARCHISM

The government is doing its utmost against Anarchism, with arrests, imprisonment without trial, and "disappearances" (read killings) and has in this respect the full support of the Communist Party (KKE) which acts in full Russian style. It is characteristic that the KNE (Communist youth organisation)



fought against occupation of the university and schools with more vigour than the government itself, on the basis of "everybody not members of KKE or KNE is an enemy".

This showed them in their true colours. Young people began to see the real face of political parties and KKE in particular. Result: greater numbers turning to anarchism. Now, on my last visit to Greece, I found that anarchism and anarcho-syndicalism is based, on the one hand in Universities with thousands of supporters, and with much influence among the people by reason of thousands of anarchists outside the universities. Everywhere in Athens and the major cities of Greece one can see Anarchist slogans on the walls, and find sympathisers. Some books are written by Greek Anarchists which are widely circulated.

From all this, and with my knowledge of Greece, my homeland, I venture to say that Greece will be the second country in Europe, after Spain, in which Anarchism will have a real base, and the next ten years will show much anarchist action in Greece.

Eleftheros Anthropos.

KYRITSIS

Comrades, we want to inform you that the Kyritsis' appeal against their sentence was rejected on the 10th December 1979. Philippas and Sophie Kyritsis are at present in such an appalling state physically that the tribunal's decision has not been communicated to them either by their lawyers or their parents. Philippas is at this moment starting the 48th day of his hunger strike to demand a transfer to the same prison as his wife and the right to meet which up till now has been denied them. Due to the hunger strike his physical state is particularly alarming.

As for Sophie, after her

protest against the conditions of her detention she is being administered massive daily doses of drugs, such that her physical and psychological state is seriously affected and her guards are threatening to transfer her to a psychiatric hospital. Now that their appeal has been rejected the only other chance they have of freedom is if the government authorities grant them a pardon. For this to happen we consider the following actions necessary:

- a very concentrated campaign within the country on the part of our comrades (this campaign is already under way).
- an equally active campaign in the other countries comprising: pamphlets, posters, articles, letters, telegrams of protest and above all approaches to diplomatic and consular services (including occupation of premises where possible). Note: Philippas and Sophie are not the only people not to have been freed. Many other comrades have been put inside recently. By way of information, we would point out to you the cases of Vassiliades (2½ years prison), Mires (5 years) and Tapoulas (3 years).

Athens Anarchosyndicalist Group.

U.S.A.

FREE KAMALLA MILLER

Kamalla Miller is a 26 year old mother, a feminist, pacifist, and anarchist. She is charged in California with kidnapping her own daughter, Valeena Mariska (Iska) Miller, and with two related charges. (See last issue).

PLEASE HELP: Write to Jerry Brown, Sacramento, Cal. to protest. Demand Kamalla be freed. Donate \$2, \$20, \$200, or any amount to help. The Support Committee is broke and there are printing, postage, and other bills to pay. Publicize the case in your area or network. Contact us for more info.

CONTACT: Kamalla Miller Support, Bayou LaRose, 2115 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, LA 70119. Cheques payable Flow Carlson or Bruce Baechler or Arthur Miller. All three names.

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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 is trying 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 a one hour visit 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 committee and opened a bank 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.Gaj and R.D.Stenson, account number 48034381, Bank of Ireland, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.

If you wish to send information and literature please send it only to R.D. Stenson, 15 St.Aiden Park Road, Fairview, Dublin 3.

BRITS OUT

New record from Ireland's 'People of No Property', 'Brits Out' containing, among others, the following gems: 'The Angry Brigade', 'Hull Jail Riot' and 'Bread and Roses'.

Other albums they have produced are: 'England's Vietnam' and 'Songs From the Barricades'.

If you can't get hold of them at the main Troops Out branches in England and Scotland you can order them direct from Resistance Records, C/O Box 21, Siopa an Phobail, Avoca Park, Belfast 11, N.I. (£3.50 plus 30p p&p).

CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE RECHERCHES SUR L'ANARCHISME

CLOSING THE DOORS?

The CIRA library at Geneva will be temporarily closed from February 15, 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 capable of assisting 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 Geneve 13, Suisse.

STOP THE TRANSFER OF CARL HARP

On July 8, 1979 in the Washington State Penitentiary's intensive security unit (a behaviour 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 racist and gang run prison in America, where prison guards murdered George Jackson. It became clear that the officials didn't send Carl there for protection, they sent him there to be killed for his legal and political work in prison and around human rights and justice in prison.

On November 13, 1979 Carl was returned to the Washington State penitentiary and placed 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 has forced the state to make changes. The prison officials still wish to transfer Carl back to San Quentin, at the first opportunity, for "protection". There is no reason except revenge and they want to silence Carl Harp for his work in prison for himself and all prisoners, and WE MUST STOP THIS TRANSFER.

A transfer is a death sentence for Carl Harp!

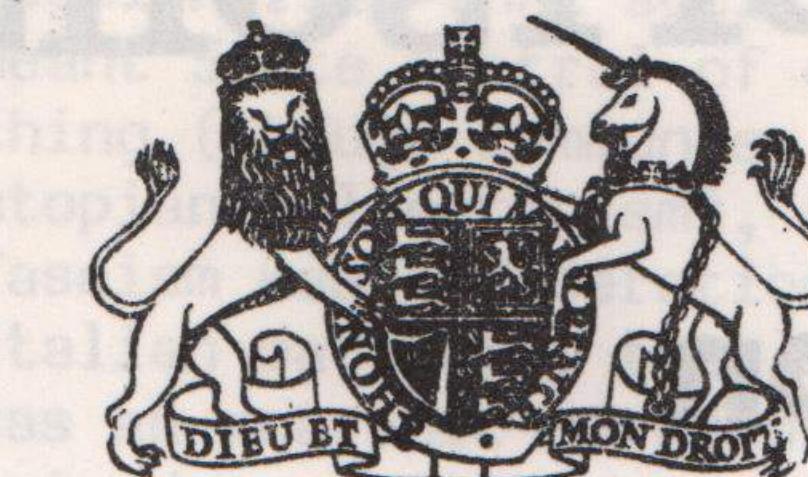
SEND LETTERS TO: Gov. Dixie Lee Ray, Gov. of Washington State, Olympia, Wa. 98504, USA.

Mr. Robert Tropp, Director of Corrections, Dept. of Social & Health Services, Olympia, Wa. 98504, USA.

Carl Harp, 126516, Box 520, Walla Walla, Washington, 99362, USA.

SPAIN

After two whole years in prison accused of complicity in 'The Scala Affair' - see previous issues - Maria Theresa Fabres has been released by the Spanish police without any charge having been made - and no recompense being paid either for her years of suffering. 'Maite' came out on the 19th January. The others equally unjustly charged, must surely follow.



Black Flag's Court Circular



This is the first in a series of articles concerned with the operation of the law courts and in particular with the tactics used by the police, prosecution and judiciary.

We would welcome news/articles from Black Flag readers everywhere giving details of trials, hearings and tribunals.

THE SYSTEM

The British legal system, we are often told, is second to none for fairness and equality. Richard Du Cann, a prominent barrister, goes so far as to say that Old Bailey prosecutors "bend over backwards to be fair to an accused person". (Perhaps he has never seen Michael Worsley of Persons Unknown trial fame in action!)

SUPERGRASSES

However Du Cann and other apologists of the legal system like to ignore some of the dirtier tricks often seen at the Old Bailey today. For example, the extensive use made of "supergrasses".

The police claim that the supergrass is their latest weapon in the fight against crime, especially since London juries have been acquitting in the face of police "verbals" and observations. What better, from the point of view of the prosecution, than to have as star witness in a major show trial an associate of the accused who has decided to go straight and spill the beans on his former friends. James Saunders, a solicitor who acts for many of the men named by supergrasses, says that it is not so much a case of supergrasses spilling the beans as inventing them.

Two of the supergrasses who invented some beans are David Smith and his brother-in-law, George Williams.

In November 1977 Smith was arrested following a robbery in the course of which a security guard, Hess, was coshed. Hess later died from the injuries he received. David Smith was the man who coshed him. When arrested Smith confessed to the Hess job among many others. In return for the promise of a light sentence Smith agreed to "put others into the frame" by naming them in his statements to the police.

In due course the men named in the statements were arrested. They included Alfie Berkeley, Danny Gowan, Pat Austin and Bernie Rees. They were charged with a series of armed robberies and remanded in custody to Brixton prison.

PUBLICITY

Detective Chief Inspector Lundy of Finchley Robbery Squad

was placed in charge of the case. From the beginning he did his utmost to maximise the publicity surrounding the case. Armed guards ringed the magistrates court where Lundy's prisoners appeared each week and stories were fed to the press of "underworld contracts" said to be out for informer David Smith. Lundy, a particularly vicious and corrupt cop, told the wife of Alfie Berkeley shortly after his arrest: "I had a licence to shoot Alfie dead, now I'm going to get him twenty years".

While the men named by Smith had charge upon charge heaped on them Smith's charges were mysteriously diminishing. The Hess murder was dropped and in fact only appeared as a TIC (something taken into consideration, which in reality means that it is ignored when it comes to sentencing). Another two murders in which he had taken part were dropped altogether. Presumably this was because of the DPP's practice not to give deals to convicted murderers.

Instead of being held at Brixton while waiting to give evidence Smith stayed at Finchley police station. There he was permitted visits from his wife and girlfriends - who included a WPC. He was allowed to have a television, as much drink as he wanted and was taken out by police officers on pub crawls.

In stark contrast Alfie, Danny and others spent the eighteen months between their arrests and trial in Brixton prison's top security wing - A secure.

Lundy was particularly eager to get those named by Smith convicted. It would mean a lot to his career to be able to say that he had been instrumental in smashing a well organised gang of professional robbers. There was also a high degree of personal animosity between him and the defendants - all of whom had done long periods of imprisonment.

When the case came to court in February 1979, Lundy scored an important victory. He managed to persuade a very willing Judge Argyle to post armed policemen in the homes of the jurors "for their own protection". It was quite clearly an attempt to prejudice the jury from the very start.

EVIDENCE

Smith duly gave evidence against the defendants. He was supported by brother in law, George Williams who had been given a similar deal by the DPP. The defendants strongly denied the allegations and maintained that Smith and Williams were lying in order to save themselves from massive prison sentences. They had to, it was argued, stick

up names so as to be able to bargain. Lundy the defendants accused of corruption and vindictiveness and that he had goaded the grasses into naming them.

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 murderers, 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?

NEXT TIME

In the next issue we will be looking at the circumstances surrounding the cases of John Twoomey 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 I THINK OF MYSELF AS BEING A SUBVERSIVE AND ANYWAY IF ANY OF MY FRIENDS EVER FIND ME OUT, I'D JUST SAY, WELL WHEN YOU'RE ALL ARRESTED AFTER DOING SOME GRAFFITI OR FOR POSSESSING WEEDKILLER, SOMEONE'S GOT TO STAY AND TAKE CHARGE.

a report on spanish prisons

today - Where Franco lives on

PART 1

DOCUMENT SMUGGLED OUT OF SEGOVIA PRISON.

The better to appreciate the problems of Spain's prisons and most particularly of her so-called "political" prisoners, we should perhaps go back as far as the death of Franco and subsequent developments in the prison scene.

With Franco dead and Admiral Carrero Blanco prematurely following him into the next world, democracy was the only way forward for capitalism. On the advice of their German counterparts and (we can only suppose) under pressure from the multinationals, the political parties turned their backs on a policy of a 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 their 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 shilly shallying which ensued, giving rise to the curious situation whereby it took no less than three "amnesties" to empty the prisons of almost all their political prisoners.

Alongside these, there was the matter 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 a time of injustice, they too had a right to their freedom. And so there began the campaign inside the prisons with its rioting and self-inflicted injuries.

But capital, and the left wing parties which are part and parcel of it cannot espouse 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 leftists did take up the call for their release, only to drop it after the elections had passed and to begin to prattle about a reform in the penal code which, they said, would mean a new amnesty.

This reform was never forthcoming, and the problem drags 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 threat this poses to society. They 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 the culmination of the whole campaign? Well, the constitution 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 effecting 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 Hadad and, after him, by Garcia Valdes.

That reform campaign bears all the hallmarks of capitalism and consists of accommodating the majority whilst singling 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 moving towards a police state with laws being devised to forbid the press to report allegations of torture and excesses of repression. Now, to cap it all comes a law about... "arousing the case for terrorism"

This is to say that now that the parties of the left have been recuperated and the stain of dictatorship has been removed in the eyes of capitalist Europe, they are returning to the same old methods as the dictatorship employed, 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 posturing is a farce. They adopt one of two attitudes. (1) Abstention, which is a cause of real concern to the bourgeoisie (2) on the other hand we have the resurgence of radical, revolutionary contestation and armed struggle. And, as accompaniment to all of this, there is the disintegration of classic parties

and organisations and the appearance of autonomous struggles damned by left and right alike as they escape their control. And there is the distrust of legal means of protest dismissed as ineffective.

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 exploited and obedient citizens on the other is to be harshly beaten down, made an example for those who 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 (after Franco's death) and amnestied in October 1977, re-arrested in a connection the authorship of which is uncertain, although there are suspicions (i.e. the La Scala fire and its aftermath), 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, released under an amnesty in October the same year, only to have this amnesty revoked in summer 1978. In May 1979, he was back in jail. These are but two examples out of the many in which people have been amnestied with a great fanfare of propaganda only to have this amnesty illegally revoked without a word from the politicians or any press coverage of the fact.

At the present time, the so-called "political" prisoners number several hundreds and there are three prisons set aside just for them. ETA prisoners wind up in Soria, GRAPO prisoners go to Zamora, whilst anarchists, autonomists and members of FRAP are consigned to Segovia. What these three establishments have in common are special anti-escape precautions, a harsher regime with tighter controls and the constant threat of the repression corps (or FOP) being called in on the slightest pretext. In fact, the FOP are continually present in some cases. In addition to this and to avert riots, there are several prisons to which prisoners are transferred for severe beatings... prisons like Barcelona, Oviedo, Burgos, Puerto de Santa Maria, Herrera de la Mancha, etc. A number of prisoners have died in

the course of these beatings. And the murdering warders responsible are still at large.

Take the example of comrade Agustin Garcia Coronado, a SEAT worker, a married man with six young children who began a hunger strike to demand a transfer to Barcelona where his family lives. After thirty days without food he was taken to the hospital and thence to Barcelona, where, as soon as he arrived, he was given a severe beating which left visible bruises on his body (as I myself saw when I passed through Barcelona). Subsequently he received death threats from the warders and was shipped back to Segovia whence 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 bans.

There have been several cases of letters sent inmates by their family and friends being lost. The authorities explain this by saying they must have gone astray in the post.

We are entitled to two visits a week, of twenty minutes duration. Prisoners are in every case separated by a grille from families who have often travelled from home towns which in most instances are in excess of 1,000 kilometres away.

We are also entitled to a one hour long, face to face visit from our immediate families each month. In the event that one is living with a common-law wife only it takes a whole rigmarole from the Director General of Prisons or a letter from a priest confirming that we were living together. And even then permission to meet is not guaranteed.

There is one doctor who visits the prison several times a week but in the event of a prisoner needing to visit an outside hospital, it takes a judge's authorisation which takes a long time to obtain. There have been cases where several prisoners' need for special attention has been ignored.

It takes only a complaint by one of the officers and a prisoner is up before the board in the prison itself (a board composed of the governor, the administrator, the chief warden, the priest, the doctor, and the secretary) without any means of defending himself. And it takes several months before an appeal is heard. During the interval one has to serve out the punishment.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of all this and the present situation, we can foresee an escalation of repression in the prisons and of a hardening 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 repressive legislation and repressive methods. Which will increase the numbers detained for social or political reasons, totally isolating prisoners from society.

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ROON 'N' ABOOT

LOOK IT UP

The dictionary is not an impartial instrument. It is written as a means of persuasion, and reflects as it must the prejudices of its compilers. Who knows that better than Anarchists? Judge King-Hamilton, in the recent case concerning anarchists, stated firmly that "anarchy" meant "lawlessness" and "crime" giving as his authority the Oxford Concise Dictionary. (He was confuted by the Encyclopaedia Britannica cited by the defence - but then that was written by Kropotkin).

POLICE ON US

Former training officer for the Manchester Police, Kenneth Sloan wrote a book on 'Public Order and the police'. Chapter 15 is on Anarchism. Is this a police matter? Evidently so; we have a self-confessed political police, yet there is an odd abashed silence on the part of the State when it comes to admitting we have political trials or political prisoners.

Mr. Sloan's conceptions of Anarchism are somewhat bizarre. It seems it started in Russia, the left wing led by Bakunin and the right wing by Kropotkin! The difference was that Kropotkin's "right wing" rejected the use of violence. (The only time Kropotkin ever fell out with the anarchist movement was in 1914 when he accepted the use of violence - but this was legal).

The differences between Anarchism and Marxism? Anarchism "sees the revolution as being a single act; while Marxism visualises a protracted bitter class struggle". (I love that "single act" touch!). "Despite the central theme of anarchism" they don't all subscribe to a single doctrine: there are "utopian anarchists, anarcho-syndicalists, anarcho-pacifists, 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.

"Students and academics tend to approach anarchism in a more intellectual utopian manner, while industrial workers favour the syndicalist creed". (Where do the "conspiratorial anarchists" come from?) Yet the Anarchist Black Cross 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 propagation of direct action and its involvement in street demonstrations".

The number of students who

It is not only anarchy, of course. I have read in dictionaries that socialism meant State control of everything (though communism meant utopian collectivism), that fascism was a federation of Italian patriots, that bolshevism was an anarchic movement which seized power in Russia. A German comrade saved his life in a concentration camp by replying to a pedantic commandant strict on keeping political prisoners apart from the others that "anarchism" was not political, and that if he referred to the dictionary he would find it meant "bandit". As a result he was transferred 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 usurers and swindlers. Mr. Marcus Shloimovitz 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 word "Scotsman" and "Irishman"). Nothing stops them doing this, but the dictionary does not have to echo them. It should be factual and true. If there are morons who think all Jews and Scots are mean, they can do so and look up how to spell the words in a dictionary, without having the compilers specifically echo their sentiments.

Mr. Shloimovitz has won a minor victory in getting some dictionaries to take his point. It is true 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 Makhno - invariably described as a White, anti-Semitic, or pogromist on the authority of the notorious book by Stalinist Yaroslavsky (who later perished in a purge as a Trotskyist).

Oddly enough, after the report of Mr. Shloimovitz's victory appeared in the 'Guardian' there was a letter from an Arthur Freeman of 84b Whitechapel High Street, London, querulously wanting to know why the Jews should be so favoured and 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', whose address this is.

Was it a hoax, or what?

support the Black Cross (taken over six countries where no separate organisation exists) amounts - according to our most accurate assessment - to twenty. The romantic elements within the student body can't be very large! Actually the Black Cross, as such never has taken part in more than a couple of street demonstrations though individual members do so; this may be based on two demonstrations, which were organised by students, which gives you a clue as to how the police build their statistics. We apparently publish two journals, one called "Anarchist Black Cross", the other 'Black Flag'.

Other anarchist organisations listed are the now defunct A.W.A. (which is preparing "the working class for insurrection") and equally defunct A.S.A. which has (in contradiction to what was said before) "like most syndicalist organisations, more appeal to students and academics than it has to the manual worker".

In the section on Fascism the last paragraph deals with the 'National Association For Freedom' but this has been blacked out with sticky plaster. Why have they done it? Possibly because they mention Ross McWhirter who has become a Conservative hero since his assassination.

NUCLEAR TERROR

"The possibility of terrorists blowing up one of the cargoes of deadly 'spent' nuclear fuel regularly transported by rail through Hackney has brought a mixed response from British Rail and the Central Electricity Generating Board," states the Hackney Gazette (Feb. 5).

A spokesman for the C.E.G.B., which is responsible for loading containers with spent fuel, said this week that the terrorist threat was "not taken as credible" by the authority.

But a spokesman for British Rail, the authority responsible for transporting spent nuclear

EDUCATION

An acquaintance told me of her teenage daughter, set a "project in modern history" consisting of a series of essays, one of which was on "the anarchist movement". The girl did a reasonably informative, if slightly marxist-biased, essay on just that. The teacher looked at the essay bewildered.

That was not what he had wanted at all. "I didn't want an essay on some obscure

fuel through the borough by rail, admitted a terrorist attack was "not impossible" and that it "could happen anywhere and at any time".

It is ironic that they speak of "terrorists". Who is bringing terror to Hackney but the people ordering dangerous nuclear waste to be driven through its streets (and the people doing it, for that matter).

'Some estimates calculate that if all the radioactive material in one of the flasks were released during an incident, wide-scale contamination of the surrounding area would result.

BUNKUM

But the C.E.G.B. dismissed these claims this week as "bunkum".

A spokesman commented: "We do not accept that all the radioactive material could escape and, even if a substantial amount of it did, we would find it necessary to evacuate an area within only a 300-yard radius of the accident."

The C.E.G.B. spokesman added that the authority did not accept the possibility of a terrorist attack on one of the flasks as "credible".

BIG BOMB

"If this were to happen then society would be on the point of collapse and we simply do not accept this as a possibility. It would have to be a hell of a big bomb to blow up one of these things," the spokesman said.

But wouldn't it be the first thing to happen in war? And not necessarily the final 'big one' but any localised war?

socialistic sect," he explained. He outlined what he wanted. The IRA, the Palestinian nationalists, drug-taking deviancy, links with the Comintern and so on.

"I haven't the faintest idea of what you're on about," he assured the student. How fortunate she was to get a guru like him who could be relied on to churn out aspiring journalists. Such are academic standards, 1980.

THE DESIRE TO LIVE IS A POLITICAL DECISION. WE DO NOT WANT A WORLD IN WHICH THE GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL NOT DIE OF STARVATION IS BOUGHT BY ACCEPTING THE RISK OF DYING OF BOREDOM.



SECRET BALLOT

Why does the trade union movement object to the secret ballot? "I have never heard a reasonable explanation," states a radio talk-in ayatollah. The suggestion is that members of unions are "moderates" and "conservatives", cowed down by vicious agitators waiting to bash them down if they speak up.

But the secret ballot was introduced into polling because intimidation was coming from employers and landlords. It was a Chartist demand.

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IRAN

A reader from California asks if the people holding the hostages in Iran can really be anarchists. A reasonable inquiry since the Los Angeles 'Herald Examiner' (December 12th) carries a letter and a reply as follows:

THOSE IRANIAN STUDENTS: CALL 'EM WHAT THEY ARE

Your headlines in last night's paper said, "Students will not give up hostages." You know that those occupying the embassy are not students, they know that they are not students, and I cannot understand why you call them students, which could confuse your readership. Other newspapers call them what they are - militant revolutionaries, who are not controlled by the Ayatollah Khomeini. These anarchists have ignored all international law. Call them what they are.

Frank Gard Jameson (Glendale)

Editor's note: Right on! This is why, on our editorial page, we put them down as "students" - never without the quote marks. In our news headlines, however,

we have to take a more measured approach - but we think our readers are quite capable of reading between the lines - or the quote marks.

Our reader asks "Does anybody know?"

If they are should not your readers be told. I've read that part of why the Spanish Revolution failed is no-one outside Spain knew it was. Also, if it is, should not steps be taken to lift the longshoremen's union embargo on goods to Iran and other efforts to strangle that revolution? In late November or early December of this year radio station KPFK called the American Embassy in Tehran. The person who answered the phone said he was a Marxist.

I know the writer of the letter probably confused Anarchy and Chaos; however, knowing very little about the political parties in Iran, I am asking questions.

H.G. Johnson (California)

The American journalists, like the British, deliberately confuse words - using anarchist for nationalist or vice versa, not distinguishing between anarchists and marxists - deliberately in order to misrepresent the situation. We have shown before, quoting actual editorial rule-books, how this type of confusion arises (and why). But here Mr. Jameson is not a journalist though confused enough in his political thinking to qualify for one. The Ayatollah is presumably in breach of international law (whatever that myth is) in holding the hostages. His faithful, loyal followers are obedient to him. The Marxist-eninists amongst the students follow the same line, though at some points they deviate. There are indeed Anarchists in Iran - and some were active in the demonstration against the re-imposition of Moslem tyranny upon women - but to be an Anarchist is a capital offence. There are non publicly holding hostages!

DISCIPLINARY HEARING

"What is your number?"

"My number is 624515, sir."

"What are you good for

624515?"

"Manual Labor is my classification, sir."

"What are you worth when chemically broken down 624515?"

"98.4 cents, sir."

"And once chemically broken down what are you used for 624515?"

"Fertilizer, sir."

"What is the punishment for failure to work 624515?"

"A prisoner is chemically broken down and once chemically broken down he is transported to the fertilizer bins, sir."

"Let this be a warning then 624515, you may go now."

"Yes sir, thank you sir."

"Your welcome 624515."

Carl L. Harp
Wn. State Penitentiary

DOWN SOUTH

Has the profession of anarchism been made illegal? we asked. Many local police acting on their own initiative, think that this is indeed the case. We give an example from Plymouth. There they had a mini-persons-known trial, less dramatic but based upon the same assumptions.

SELLING

Two comrades were selling Black Flag and other anarchist literature, when a lady 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.

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

IN COURT

The prosecution mentioned they were "selling anarchist literature" but to make it plain that this was not to prejudice the court in any way he said, "Of course, I only mention this because the constable will tell you so in his report, it has no relevance to the case". But in fact the constable had clearly been warned not to mention it in his report lest he be accused of prejudice.

The magistrates had no option but to dismiss the case, at least saying "we find it not proved" (perhaps thinking they

were in Scotland). On the way out the prosecutor said "I hope you have free speech in your kind of society". Having just brought a case to limit it, this was surely the height of hypocrisy... or perhaps, as with Judge King-Hamilton who made similar remarks, he was deliberately trying to confuse anarchism with stalinism - though stalinism (Chinese version) is in high favour with the Conservative Party these days.

PLYMOUTH - Central Library Thursday 27th March, 7 p.m. (Scott Lecture Theatre). Albert Meltzer speaks on ANARCHISM TODAY.

VIDEO GROUP

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 far more effective in 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 contribute to the video group in

any way, for example ideas for programmes, help in making them and of course money to help finance the project.

We would also appreciate it if groups would write now to let us know if they would be interested in showing our programmes.

.....and regarding the video film made of the Madrid Congress of the CNT, Belfast Anarchist Books would appreciate help in translating some of the interviews.

For those interested they will send you a half-hour cassette of Spanish plus a new cassette for the English, or if you prefer you could write down a translation.

Write to: B.A.C.
C/O 'Just Books', 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast. N.I.



REALLY?

The King-Hamilton Appreciation Society will no doubt be pleased to read this gem from Terence Shaw (Daily Telegraph February 7): "It would be wrong to paint Lord Denning as a quaint judicial anarchist".

From U.F.O'S To...

Dear Black Flag,

Whilst I am sure a sceptical approach is called for in considering claims as regards UFO sightings there seems little justification for the unscientific garbage from Peter Priestly (Black Flag, Jan.80).

It is precarious to use Reich's concept of the emotional plague (poorly understood) to deal with flying saucers - since Reich himself not only ended up by claiming to have sighted UFO's but described how he supposedly drove them away with an orgone 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 Priestly does not claim cameras are hysterical or sexually repressed when taking photographs of UFO's - although I would hope we would all consider fake photos as a strong possibility.

Priestly writes: "Ufologists whisper about government cover-ups and blackouts of information". They don't whisper, they provide evidence to support this contention. He says "fear and anxiety provide a powerful stimulant for the imagination, over-riding any attempt to be rational" - which may explain his own problems but does not explain the accounts of individuals who show no sign of fear and anxiety in their descriptions of UFO's they claim to have seen.

CRASS

Dear Black Flag,

Just sat down to read a back issue of your paper (vol. 5, no.9), and quickly came to odds with the article: an interview with CRASS.

Apart from my immediate disagreements with the authors unshakeable belief in anarcho-syndicalism, I must take strong objections to his/her stand against people willingly going on the dole.

S/he was quite right for lambasting "anarchists" (or anyone for that matter), who believe that collecting unemployment monies from the state is a "revolutionary" act, but 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 was getting on the dole, is money that is rightfully - for a lack of a better word, theirs.

It is definitely silly to think that everyone would decide to go on the dole and that that would be one way of bringing about the collapse of capitalist society, but it is not unrealistic to assume that if everyone, office clerk to factory worker, continues to submit to the time-clock and industrial system that capital will continue to rule along (and over us) whether it be in times of "crisis" or "times of Plenty". It is everyone's refusal to take part in commodity production, to shout

I have not personally got much time for Von Daniken or Adamski - the former has been demolished by Jerry Palmer in any case but the cranks who circulate in the esoteric regions of the occult do not mean we should push all evidence of strange phenomena into the category of paranoia and hysteria.

Surely an anarchist is aware how minority opinions are distorted and is required to provide evidence not conjecture in dealing with contentious issues. Priestly's starting point is that UFO's cannot exist, therefore all claims that they do must be false. He is the mirror image of all he thinks he is opposing. Yrs,

J.W.

NO to the discipline of the factory, the work place that will mark the beginning of a new revolution.

I personally go on the dole whenever I can. I don't think it's "revolutionary", but at least it allows me to take back some of that eight hours a day of life that I would otherwise have given to capital, and attempt to do something with it on a more human scale.

I urge everyone who can do so to say "fuck you" to the boss and the time-clock and go on the dole - at least! It's your money and more than that, it's your life.

Workers of the world, RELAX!
Inia Teotihuacan
(Detroit)

EDUCATION

Dear Black Flag,

I have mixed reactions to the article written by Andy Lawson on Education. I agree with much of what he says particularly regarding qualifications. I agree with his views regarding subject matter, History meaning lessons on individuals, normally rulers such as Napoleon. This is of course hardly a fair reflection on peoples and conditions of the past. But what is A.L.'s alternative. It is an Anarchist/Libertarian History of past revolutions and famous figures such as Bakunin, Lenin, Goldman, etc. This strikes me as being

just as unrepresentative as learning about Napoleon (who had far more effect on History than the likes of Goldman). I say this despite the fact that I find Makhno, Goldman, etc., more interesting than Crompton's mule. Does A.L. plan to ban the name Napoleon in case people get ideas? This would be little better than the present system.

Furthermore, I learn that "40% of teachers are maladjusted" (that bit's official).

"Unofficially that figure should be about 20% higher. They are a bunch of violent, sadistic, goons, wielding sticks". Bollocks! They are part of the same system as us. They conform to an institutional minimum, or they get the boot. No doubt some are sadistic but 60%! He is too much influenced by his own prejudices. Most teachers conform because they have mortgages, etc. and can't afford to step too much out of line - like most others in this society. As A.L. points out - here they accept everything - some without even a sigh.

Using A.L.'s comment on developments in the next twenty years or less, I would like to give my opinions on the subject of Anarchism and its future. He is sure that "something is going to happen in the next twenty years or less" and he is going to be there to prove the bastard wrong. I am quite sure plenty of things will happen in the next twenty years but, if things stay as they are, they certainly won't be Anarchist developments. 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 sexual revolution, 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 dreadfull. While there is such infighting - there are plenty of examples, there is no chance of anything constructive taking place. What is needed is organisation. After all, when it comes to an Anarchist society organisation is the crux of the biscuit. A

LETTERS

PUNK

Dear Black Flag,

The Sex Pistols' 'Anarchy in the U.K.' in my view has little to do with Anarchism. J.Rotten used the word anarchy to mean chaos and dis-order. He, in the song, did not want to see Anarchy or have anarchy, he wanted to be anarchy, in its abstract sense, destructive and in a state of chaos. One line of the song goes "don't know what I want, but I know how to get it, I want to destroy the passer by".

On hearing that there was an actual anarchist movement, I was partially shocked, amused and confused. Who are these loonies, I thought. Apparently there were eighteen of them, they all wore black and marched through London

and discharged fire arms into the air. A garbled account of what I later recognised as 'persons unknown' trial reached me as well as some anarchists with loads of weedkiller that they said was for gardening. The philosophy was that everybody should do exactly what they wanted.

Luckily I saw a copy of 'Freedom' quite soon after that and realised it wasn't a philosophy of throwing bombs.

One anarchist from the bondaged-trousered ranks. I am always giving copies of Black Flag and 'Freedom' to punk friends but that literature is a bit heavy. Punk and politics don't really mix anyway, when I go to a punk concert I go to get pissed, have a laugh and pogo.

Punk and anarchy,
R.P. Clark(Worthing)

group of loose federations will get nowhere. Individualists, some of whom seem to have taken this concept to a lunatic level, are also a hindrance (I have actually met some of these 'anarchists'). For any society to work people must work together to produce what the society needs. It is presumably because of their complete frustration with such environments, as the present anarchist one, that led the likes of Trotsky to turn to the idea of 'The Party' i.e. 'United we stand - Divided we fall'. I personally cannot accept this type of organisation as I am anti-authoritarian but the CNT have proved that a mass movement can be formed without a dictatorial leadership. An organisation of this type must be formed or anarchism will continue in the present rut. I suspect that a lot of support is lost to Marxist groups purely because Anarchism is seen to be floating in the wilderness.

For any revolution - organisation is necessary. Another essential for a successful revolution is that the majority of the people want it. Writing emotive stuff such as

"I despise the majority of academics, intellectuals and students...they're condescending, stagnant...Utter scum" will achieve - nothing. Any neutral sympathizer picking up a paper and reading that will think - God - how boring, stagnant and dogmatic, however justified the comment. Examples of bad propaganda are countless - "Sod all politicians" and "The Anti-Terrorist Squad is the Terrorist Squad" (thanks to the Anarchy Collective) are two such examples. They are enough to put any non-committed person off and believe that the media interpretation of Anarchism meaning chaos is true. We are trying to turn people's heads in our direction not make them reflect on how mindless the people who churned out poster x or y are.

I was in blank amazement to see consecutive issues of the Flag were full of letters debating whether the Cienfuegos poster of Thatcher was sexist. (That poster along with the Callaghan poster is a blemish on an otherwise fine record from Cienfuegos). I am not even going to give my opinion on the poster - it may have some importance but not at the time given to it - I consider it irrelevant to the real question and tasks involved in attempting to change society from the Capitalist to the Anarchist.

Peter Wraith.

NOTE: ANDY LAWSON'S ARTICLE WAS, AFTER ALL, WRITTEN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF SOMEONE STILL AT SCHOOL.

More Letters

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FEMINISM DEBATE

Dear Black Flag,

After Khaki McTigue's letter in defence of feminism (January issue), you printed a piece from G.T. which claimed to be an "alternative point of view". But it didn't try to answer any of the questions asked in the letter. Instead, it turned out to be a first-rate example of prejudice and false logic G.T. said he (or was it she?) was all against. It was trivial and garbled. It was an excuse to attack feminism. Pure and simple.

"Most people are pissed off with the 'guilty' male feminist who exaggerates 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 'he', though I couldn't care less if G.T.'s a man or a woman). He says the discovery that women are put down as such - and that this goes beyond class boundaries - "is a healthy one". ("Healthy". It makes me puke).

"It affects middle-class women more than the working class, because the professional woman 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 middle class women suffer more from sexual oppression than working class women?

GINSENG

Dear Black Flag,

One of Karl Marx's most valuable insights was his observation that nineteenth century religion constituted an anaesthetic as far as the working people were concerned - "religion is the opium of the masses".

Religion may still perform that function, but the secularisation of society has dulled its keenness.

In that case, industrial tycoons must be rubbing their hands with glee at recent reports 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 Ebbw Vale to turn the root into tablets.

At £3.39 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 of a day have to be spent tranquilised to make them bearable?

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

When the work-process is reduced in scale and man produces for man rather than for an elephantine market, then we shall be able to stuff Hamilton Cooper's tablets up his nose.

Yours,

Andy Dobson.

G.T. is sure that anarchist (or anarcha-, or anarcho-) feminists "go wrong in three ways". Firstly, some of them are anti-violence. Well? Many libertarians are anti-violence. Are they "nonviolent" or "non-violent"? (!!) Are they anarchist or liberals? Are they really pacifists? What's it got to do with feminism in particular? Some see sexism as including "everything from calling a woman 'madam' to dragging her behind a bush and raping her". Ignoring G.T.'s obvious pleasure in his sordid little joke, (!!) I'd say it did. Sexism - unlike snobbery - 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 denounces rape as sexist.

"In the anarcha-feminists you get some who want...greater prison sentences against rape." It's stupid to think you can "enforce prevention" of rape, any more than you can "enforce prevention" of wage-slavery. In the meantime, are women supposed to stay indoors and avoid all contact with men? No anarcha-feminist I know has ever said "we must have longer sentences" and left it at that, as G.T. implies they do.

The present 'women's movement' seems divided between the militant Tories on the one side and the militant Marxist-Leninists on the other". If G.T. knew the first thing about 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 anyone having to write a long or considered reply. What really bothers me is the way 'Black Flag' used it. First: the way you stuck the article at the end of Khaki McTigue's letter. If wasn't an editorial footnote, was it? Someone in the collective, or associated with it, simply used their prerogative to go ahead and pre-empt the letter under the pretence of "continuing the debate on feminism". They couldn't even wait until the next issue to do it. That's a tactic worthy of 'Solidarity', some of whose members are foaming so badly at the mouth in their frantic

attempts to smear the women's movement that they'll use any sly editorial trick to do it. It's as bad as anything I've seen in 'Socialist Worker' or the 'Guardian' and I don't think you should do it again.

Secondly: I think R.Miles and G.T. should both keep their mouths shut until they've thought it out a bit better. And I don't think you should print stuff which is at best confused nonsense and at worst likely to do to 'Black Flag' what it's done to 'Solidarity'. Forget all this crap about a free and open debate - it's far too serious.

I'm an anarchist. I'M not a feminist. I don't defend liberal elements in the W.L.M. any more than I'd defend liberal libertarians. Just in case anyone tries to say so.

'Black Flag' no.13 was otherwise an excellent issue.

S.W. (London)

At the risk of meeting 'Solidarity's' fate - whatever it is - we passed the letter to G.T. for reply.

S.W.'s sordid little letter takes it for granted I am a man - why? Aren't women supposed to be able to write? For S.W.'s information I have been in the women's movement in various ways since 1924, and an anarchist since 1940. That includes the women's co-op, WI and many other women's movements. Working class women had their own organisations long before the present conceptions of feminism came to this country, when students in this country still blacklegged and in USA still waved 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 liberation from the middle class. For years "feminist" was a dirty word to us because it meant do-gooders like Eleanor Rathbone; Sylvia Pankhurst never called herself a feminist, nor did Rose Witcop (who first introduced me to radical ideas).

S.W. knows quite well that the "guilty" male feminist abound, one could name dozens, and had she

not read 'Zero' (or attended its abortive Essex conference)? Also S.W. knows quite well that it is not a joke that so-called feminists use the word "sexist" to mean one extreme or the other, they use it for rapists, they equate so many with it that it becomes meaningless, just a part of U.S. campus jargon. It doesn't help us. S.W. even uses it to describe women who disagree!

S.W. perhaps wants to say that the only women's movement is the one she belongs to; but I belong to a great many and I can assure you that the Marxist-Leninists abound, calling themselves feminists, and also the Thatcherites, particularly in the WI and even in the co-ops.

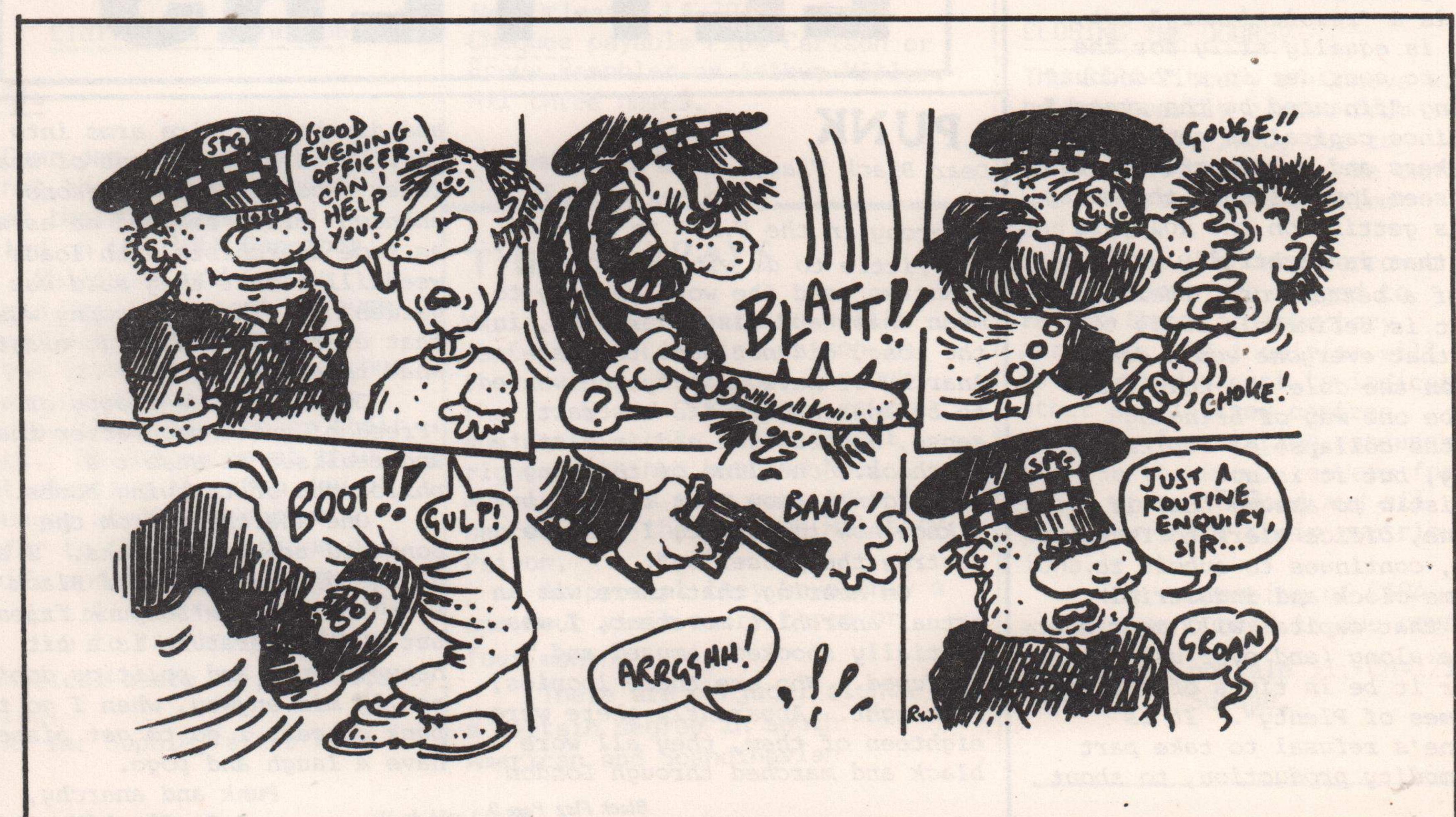
Finally S.W. hasn't read my letter at all so why answer? I said nothing about feminists being anti-violence, certainly it is preposterous to call the Marxists and Thatcherites such. I was comparing the position of so-called anarchist feminists in relation to anarchism with so-called non-violent anarchists in relation to anarchism, the relationship of those who came from CND and were basically liberals, and those who now (separately) call themselves feminists, to anarchism.

It may be that S.W. is sincere, but has adopted so much of the intolerance I found in the Communist Party, either you accept -ed the authorised orthodoxy, or you were a "trotskyite"; similarly with the S.W.s, either you accept the authorised orthodoxy, or you are a male chauvinist and a vicious one at that. I can assure S.W. that this is one field where I always freely admit men excel but given time some women will catch up!

Gladys Tomlinson.

Note: When we get letters not indicating they are for publication, and they 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 TO 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 (pro-prisoner, propagandistic). It more or less purports to be anarchistic, but is not so, being 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.

The police have labelled all German resistance "anarchist" and "Baader Meinhof". Thus some Marxists think they are anarchists, and vice versa. Moreover, in all countries, but these where they are in power, the Maoists are 'ringers' for anarchism. (A 'ringer' is the horseracing term for a horse made to look like another horse, but much faster or slower, thus deceiving the betting fraternity on its form). In Germany, as in Spain, the Maoists pretend to be more anarchistic than the anarchists. 'Black Aid' was introduced to England by Dafydd Ladd and had a dozen or so adherents.

The Black Cross could not object to the Black Aid starting (how?). But we never trusted the Maoist connections. All these

Maoist fringe groups have Palestinian, Arab, Irish etc. nationalist connections and are penetrated by the police as nationalist organisations must be. They give rise to the 'conspiracy' theories beloved by the media.

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 then arrested Dafydd for 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, though not anarchist, Stewart Carr, on a "contact" basis.

At the committal hearings the police vigorously opposed bail, saying the people planned to "overthrow society", that they were preparing to blow up power stations, cause immediate rebellion and the rest of it. No such explosions or rebellions had taken place. Bail was refused on these charges (which subsequently vanished into thin air). 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 Vince and Trevor, by a member of Black Aid, an Austrian, 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 insistence of the judge in giving his notorious "post-verdict", admon-

We asked in a previous issue if anarchism - which is to say, the expression of anarchist views, and anarchist activity within the present system - had been made illegal, as suggested by the media? ("Alleged" and "self-confessed" anarchists; one legal moron writing to the "Times" - actually against King-Hamilton - thought the defendants had been tried for "anarchy" and acquitted of being anarchists!) The media, without exception, seem to have agreed that this was so, going on



ishing the jury for not bringing in a guilty verdict (and insisting on them being silent) so that the defendants were deprived of their clear "not guilty" verdicts by a homily delivered from the coward's castle of the bench, after the case was over. This gave a political verdict of guilty 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.

King-Hamilton's abuse of his position. But there is an important rider. They did not carry this jury with them, they may not carry another. Perhaps the political police have learned an important lesson. Frame-ups relying on political prejudice will not work when there are intelligent jurors. German methods will not work. If they want to crush the anarchist movement they will have to formulate into law other charges which will never be denied - failure to love the State, dangerous thoughts, "deviationist ideology" and the like - precisely as is done elsewhere.

FILMS

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 anarchism, films made by avowed anarchists, and films espousing anarchist views.

A number of obvious films titles (Joe Hill, Rebellion in Patagonia, La Cecilia, the films of Jean Vigo and those of Luis Bunuel, and the new film, The Wobblies) are easy to find. What I am particularly interested in is any suggestions you or your readers may have about feature films that have had characters (even minor characters) in them who are "considered" Anarchists. Films like Hitchcock's Saboteur (where a media-stereotyped anarchist bomb-thrower is featured) would fall into this category.

Even if people don't remember titles, I would be interested in anything they may remember about such films that I could use as clues to help track them down.

This project will include a rather extensive annotated evaluative filmography, extensive indexes of varying sorts, and (hopefully) a source guide indicating which films can be rented from whom for what price. I hope that it will become something that would be of use to community organizations, political

groups, study groups, etc.

Any suggestions should be sent to me at the above address. Of course I would also be interested in any comments about the individual films themselves or my project as a whole.

Yours in struggle,

Howard Besser
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94720.

Note: Okay, but will friends sending in similar requests regarding projects (or anything else for that matter) please not send identical letters to us and other mags; different or exclusive, please.

FROM: INITIATIVGRUPPE PETER-PAUL ZAHL, C/O VERLAG NEUE KRITIK, MYLIUSSTRASSE 58, 6000 FRANKFURT/MAIN 1.

APPLICATION FOR THE REOPENING OF PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PETER-PAUL ZAHL.

Dear Friends,
On 26th January Peter-Paul Zahl was made the recipient of a literary award given by the City of Bremen.
We, the Peter-Paul Zahl Defence Group and Zahl's lawyers, Lutz Eisel in Bochum and Heinrich

Hannover 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 foreword by Sebastian Cobler, a summary of the inconsistencies in the 1976 judgement, a description of the background to the case, and also an article by Rudi Dutschke, 'Schusse und Schusse - woher, wohin, weswegen?'.

This pamphlet can be obtained by sending DM 5 - to the Initiativgruppe, Peter-Paul Zahl, Postcheckkonto Eva Michel, PSchA Frankfurt/Main, 517714-607.

In the meantime we would like to point out that neither the campaign against the sentence on Peter-Paul Zahl, nor the attempt to have it revoked, are concerned solely and exclusively with the individual case of Peter-Paul Zahl. On the contrary, his 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 help to 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 our work by our own 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 from the 'Daily Telegraph': Joe Martucci, secretary of the Police Federation, has recommended that "Marches and demonstrations which are potentially violent should be banned by the Home Secretary". He commented that "Demonstrators whose sole intention was to cause violence were 'no different from criminals we put in our prisons, no worse than drunken drivers.'" And more... "He warned that if the present tendency to violent demonstrations continued, Britain would go down the road towards a military-style police state, where freedom of speech was restricted."

POLISH MEGALOMANIAC GOES BESERK IN VATICAN



THROWS BOY OUT OF WINDOW,



STRANGLES OLD LADY,



BEFORE SURRENDERING PEACEFULLY.

YOU MAY BELIEVE ALL YOU READ ABOUT THE POPE, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ANARCHISM DON'T BE A DUMMY, READ THE CIENFUEGOS PRESS ANARCHIST REVIEW AND DISCOVER NEWS, VIEWS, AND ENTERTAINMENT NEVER SEEN ELSEWHERE.

Future issues could contain: Kropotkin on collective graves; Has Sir Michael Edwardes undescended left testicle affected the streamlining of British Leyland? Is Mother Nature fascist? Why are some recalcitrant bees still monarchists, or are they sleepers? How long can neutrons remain neutral? Is the undiscoverable anarchist particle to be christened a Charm, Quark, Quango, Dodo, or can it only be expressed in a language we haven't learned yet? How nuclear waste fades your genes. Are UFO's the discarded diaphragms of nuns on their way to heaven? The Ayatollah Khomeini on card tricks and snake handling. All this dazzling and amazing information might be read within, above, between, beneath, and through the lines of future issues of THE CIENFUEGOS PRESS ANARCHIST REVIEW.

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 Matese Gang; letters, reviews, humour, comics, obituaries, and the amazing anarcho-sarco adverts section.

P.S.: The last issue was so hot the entire edition went up in flames, so make sure of your copy (and all CP books, booklets and maybe even a few video cassettes once we get the new technology installed!) by sending £12.00 (\$30.00) to Cienfuegos Press, Anarcho-Hyperborean publishers, Over the Water, Sanday, Orkney, KW17 2BL, U.K.

Anarcho-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 metier").

3. Booth called the clergyman over and asked if he could keep a secret. "Yes, yes!" the parson said eagerly. "So can I", said Booth before dying.

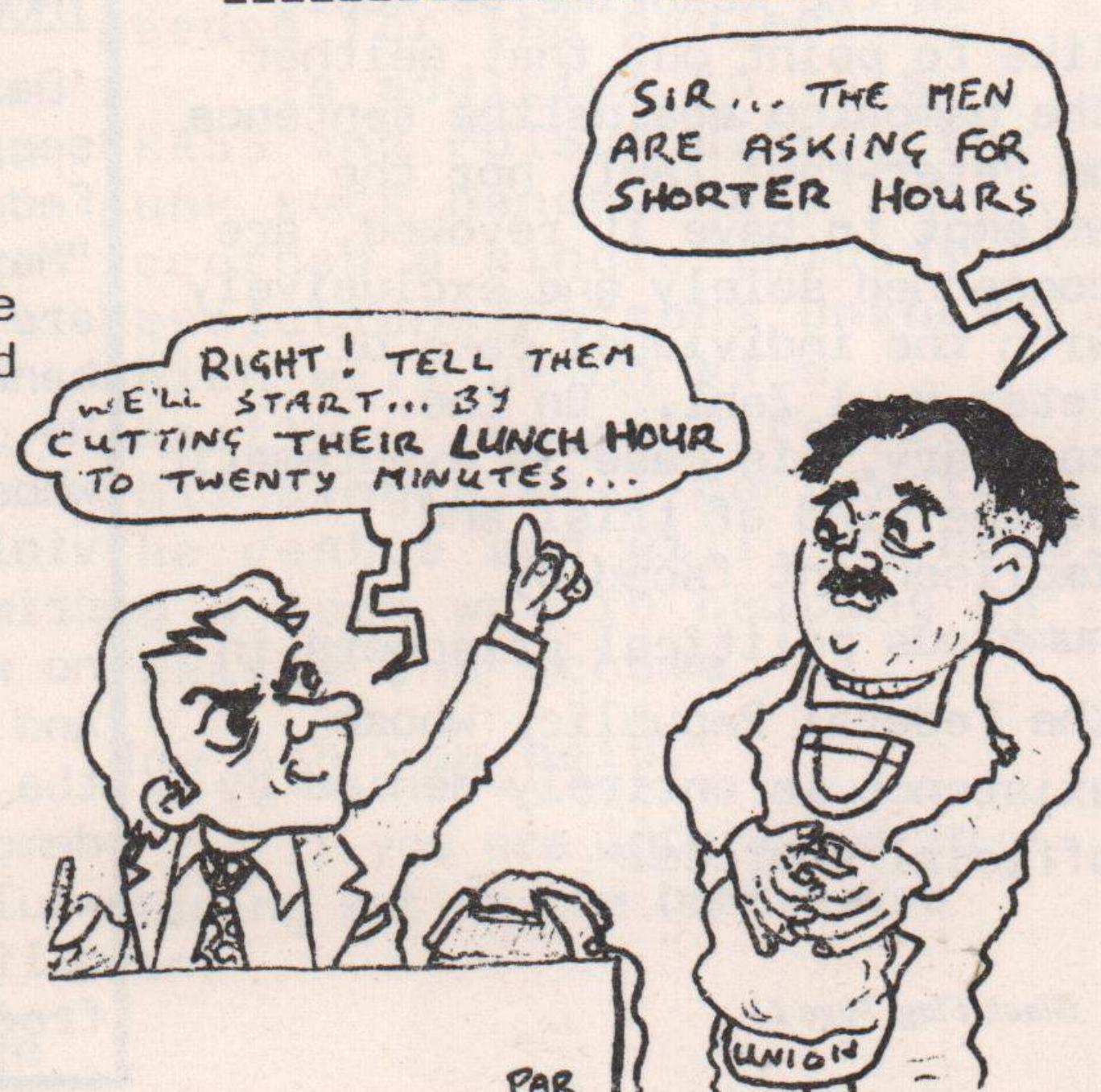
4. "How is it with the Empire?" However, Queen Mary is then supposed to have assured him he would soon be well and recovering in his beloved Bognor - and his actual last words were "Bugger Bognor".

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 up all night while he was dying playing cards and listening to jazz music, his last words might have been "Turn off that damn radio".



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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.

(FROM 'BLATT' NO. 154)

(TRANSLATED BY P. SHARKLEY)

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at large, giving rise to the sort of alienation and conditions necessary to a stepping up of revolutionary struggles in such a way that this can lead only to the revolution long yearned for by the working class or to a police state which is totally fascist, every whit as murderous as it ever was.

Only an international solidarity campaign in reply to the internationalisation of repression can avert a state of affairs which is already being felt by the entire population with restrictive laws hitting everyone and not just what they dub terrorists. They tell us that we are terrorists and the armed wing of revolution, but we say that the army and police are the armed wing of capitalist reaction, with this difference between us...they make us pay for it with our labour and our liberty.