FALKLAND CONNECTION?

On Friday 2nd April two things happened which, surprising as it may seem, were closely connected.

The Argentine Government invaded the Falkland Islands. Immediately the ‘Anti’ Terrorist Branch of Scotland Yard carried out anti-libertarian raids, seizing what they informed the ‘Daily Telegraph’ were ‘terror booklets’.

The reasons for the Argentine invasion of the Falklands was, as is pretty well known, to divert attention from the economic crisis at home, an old well tried dodge to utilise patriotism in the service of swindling the workers. This patriotism has been built up by fascist gangs seizing power, by a series of armed attacks on the working class, the sudden disappearance of hundreds of women and men never to be seen again or found in a state of absolute distress after torture. These fascist gangs have encountered resistance - labelled by the international press, under orders, as ‘terrorist’. It has always been known - to us, to the Argentine resistance, to the governments of both countries, to the world - that once the Argentine Republic could no longer contain the resistance because of mounting economic distress the mounting rebellion at the regime of terror, it would turn to an act such as the invasion of the Falklands.

Allied closley to the Argentine reign of terror have been the ‘traitors’ in the British Intelligence and secret political police. They have assisted the Argentine Republic in the assassinations and disappearances, they have helped fight the resistance, they have persecuted all who opposed the regime, knowing all the time that ultimately the regime would come into conflict with Britain. Immediately the fighting began - and their treacherous behaviour might be exposed - they began a new blitz - on the Anarchists, always good for a sensational attack in the fascist style.

The raids were on Little 6 printers, and on Freedom Bookshop - given in the leaflet as the address for trade copies to be distributed.

The raids have been ostensibly over a booklet just produced and not yet available dealing with the Brixton riots. The raids are described in the ‘Telegraph’ as ‘following stepped-up intelligence’ (Not hard to discover a booklet about to be published? Any bookseller can do as much) and anti-terrorist activities in advance of the visit of Britain of the Pope and President Reagan. What have the Pope and Reagan got to do with Brixton? Why give that as an excuse.

The real reason was in the Argentine. The ‘Anti’ Terrorist Squad has an excuse to divert attention from its activities against Argentine refugees and resistance fighters now that its policy in the Argentine can be spelled out as high treason.

If Russia seized part of a British possession, the press would be screaming for Communist ‘mole’ - and the police would probably be using it as an excuse to attack all revolutionary organisations however anti-SSSI they were. But, needless to say; nothing similar has happened when fascist Argentine seized British possessions: the ‘mole’ in Whitehall are unmonitored. Let us know who they are. If the Director of Public Prosecutions tries any monkey business on, there will be at least the opportunity of wakening in public the demand to ferret out the traitors in the secret bodies of power. Whether the ‘free press’ of Britain will pass the message on is another matter.

RESISTANCE & POLICE ANTICS IN FRANKFURT

WHO IS AFRAID OF THE ‘SCHWARZER BLOCK’?

After the Federal Public Prosecutor’s attack against the organisation ‘Schwarzer Block’ which was constituted by themselves, in Frankfurt/Main there were several actions showing solidarity with those affected. There were some meetings and for that time rather good discussions. (Note: the ‘Schwarzer Block’ is a name given to an informal alliance of anarchists and promoted to a major conspiracy by police with the help of one Walter Loos). When a short time ago some more disagreeable people were arrested for being helpers or members of the ‘Revolutionäre Zellen’ (Revolutionary Cells; sort of Angry Brigade in BRD) there was only one press conference. So bad’s the case for the affected that the No. 129a (Law Against Terrorist Organisation) has become a normal part of leftist life. For years there are activities against it but not the slightest sympathy of the ‘scene’. Probably only the police themselves have more precise information about the case of the prosecution. Therefore the ridiculous case of those people, obviously standing under the moral pressure of ‘success’ shall be described by examining magistrate Klein. For Klein the existence of the S.B. (‘Schwarzer Block’) is verified by the following things:

- a sticker with: 1st May — meeting point of the S.B.;
- two articles published in ‘Pflasterstrand’ (paper of Frankfurt spontaneists);
- a leaflet the 1st May: ‘The first time in the S.B. (.) Our life conditions that are getting more and more unworthy are only to be changed when we attack the system and smash the bourgeois state. A first step to this is our collective demonstration and action in the S.B. on the 1st of May: a called ‘performance calendar’ distributed at the old opera house (planned for millions and millions as a representation project for bourgeois culture, while in F., the broad cultural possibilities for the population are low; after widespread protests the ‘alternative scene’ was offered to take part in using the building.

The ‘Friends of Genfuegau’ Disaster Fund Disaster Fund which has been advertised to be drawn at the Autonomy Club on May 1st is now being drawn at the above Benefit.

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121 ANARCHIST CENTRE BENEFIT

with Rabella Ballet, Zounds, Anarchists of May 68, Conflict & Amsterdamed at Centro Itibero, 421a Harrow Road, W10 Wiesbourne Park underground 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd May £1
THE FUNERAL OF MIGUEL GARCIA

This photo was taken in North London when the body of our comrade Miguel Garcia (see last issue) was taken to the Illingham Crematorium. An impressive number of comrades from a dozen countries paid their last respects. The funeral was paid for by contributions from Direct Action Movement, Black Flag, Cenizo Betcio and members and comrades from overseas, leaving a healthy balance with which we are starting a Miguel Garcia Publications Fund. The funds will be used to publish Miguel Garcia’s story containing some autobiographical chapters (written from France’s Prisoner) and tributes with biographical notes. Anyone wanted to be associated with the tribute should write to the flag for the leaflet.

LISTEN CHRISTIAN!

I was hungry and you formed a humanities club and discussed my hunger.

Thank you...

I was imprisoned and you crept off quietly to your chapel in the cell and prayed for my release...

I was taken and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance...

I was sick and you knelt and thanked God for your health...

I was homeless and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the Love of God...

I still hunger and you left me alone to pray for me...

You seem so holy, so close to God

But I am still very hungry and lonely and cold...

Bob Rowland

From: Hoppo News

WIMMIN VS. NUKE

Dear Editor(s),

Women’s writings, lyrics and poetry wanted for an anthology on nuclear holocaust collected by a group of politically active women attempting to use words to inspire change and resistance.

Send materials to: R. Awas, Flat 3, 29 Honeywell Rd, London SW1

ANARCHY IN AFRICA?

In our last issue we gave some details of the rise of the Anarchist movement in Senegal (West Africa). But that is not the only place where Anarchism has taken root in the land. In East Africa, Anarchist ideas were introduced by - of all people - the Chinese and Cuban military socialists, whose intervention in African affairs leads them to make hardline Marxist-Leninist propaganda. Anarchism is, of course, the most unsound belief in the history of the world. But the more one looks into the history, the more it becomes apparent that the two sides have been fighting in the same war. The same old battles have been fought, the same old tricks have been played, the same old lies have been told, and the same old hatred has been spread. The only difference is that now the Anarchists have learned a little more about the nature of the enemy. The Anarchists have learned that the enemy is not just a country, but a system. The Anarchists have learned that the enemy is not just a government, but a society. The Anarchists have learned that the enemy is not just a man, but a man-made machine. The Anarchists have learned that the enemy is not just a war, but a war that can never end.

Firmer contacts with the movement in Tanzania and Kenya are being made.

Distribution

Have moved to the Freedom Press and Bookshop Building: 84b Whitechapel High Street E1. The new address is: OpenRoad, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1. This new office is the main point of contact for all inquiries. The Freedom Press and Bookshop will continue to be open from 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

RUMOURS OF OUR DEATH HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED. PLEASE INFORM ALL YOUR READERS AND FRIENDS THAT A NEW ISSUE OF OPENROAD IS OUT NOW! WE HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF CONTINUING TO COME OUT IN THE FUTURE WE ARE FACING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN SURVIVE THEM.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT OPENROAD IS VERY MUCH ALIVE BUT THAT WE NEED MORE SUPPORT - MONEY, ARTICLES, DISTRIBUTORS, ETC.

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.

The Open Road.
LETTERS

USE THEIR PRESS

Considering the power and circulation these newspapers have got it is somewhat surprising how many anarchists don't use it. The point is to smash the press monopoly on this country, but we've got fuck all chance of that at the moment. (though the real monopoly belonged to the Times). Although we've no chance of doing much damage to the present system we can at least try to spread some anarchist views. In the last year the South London Press has printed about 200 articles about anarchism and anarchist activity. This is not a start. This is a great forum for political debate, though most people are content to let it remain a boring "in 1980 a cup of tea costs 10p" sort of page. An example of imaginative letter writing was published recently where a local cinema was shutting down, so I wrote in a pensioner complaining about the planned trimming of some old film strips.

The letter was published and the word anarchist had been established. Next week I wrote in as the same pensioner having a go about the anarchist bookshop at 121 Bolling Road (full address printed). Because I'd written before about this bookshop the letter was censored, in fact a bloody advert for the bookshop. Of course if the bookshop doesn't have a right of reply, so I replied via a short piece on anarchism, (another ad for 121B) So in a space of three issues anarchism dominated the letters pages, another few weeks and the bookshop had closed down. (fancy being a priest? then write an anti-semitic letter to the press). Another trick is to react indignantly every time they misuse the word anarchism. Just to show the police that if I did have a quarter of a page to myself I had a quarter of a page to myself. The national dailies are more than keen to cover it, though local papers are easier and often better.

Another way is to get articles about Anarchists printed. Everywhere we produce some self-printed union rag we send copies to local journals with outraged Tory letters from faithful union members. The journalist then either (a) if some normally placid soul is moved enough to complain then its worth the space, or (b) if they slip up a bit in the article so you've got an excuse for a reply. This has been extremely useful in the letters pages.

This is a usual protest tactic and it works 9 times out of 10.

Joe Early (letters in the SLP half a dozen times).

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A novel-indeed novelistic way of raising money has occurred to an Irish group operating on the fringes of the libertarian movement. Styling itself the Second Rifle Home Guard P.P.A.S.U. it produces a chart magazine containing a press attack on a given individual for their "enemies" and not supporting their cause. The chart is represented as being the middle-class English can be. Then they have "until Friday" to prevent distribution, "only choruses for our £50 to save you". This is what violence leads to you presume? You're mistaken. It is the breaking up of an extreme pacifist group who went through Animal Liberation and finished up inflicting her preconceptions on the people without a grouping. But this goes in - even if we receive your £50.

Minnie Ha Ha

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PUTTING A FACE TO THE NAME

I recently took copies of Dario Fo's "Anarchic Death of an Anarchist" across a class of schoolchildren before I gave out the books I asked them what an Anarchist was, adding that an Anarchist is not a terrorist. Of twenty students not one could answer. Such is the popular image of the Anarchist.

Frequently in Black Flag we read justifiable criticisms of the image of the Anarchist created by Fleet Street hacks. With police press liaison an everyday occurrence it's important we use our press present the public with this vile image. Worse, it often results in Anarchists themselves being rendered impotent to assist their cause. In other words the police and press manage to scar Anarchists into anonymity. This is exactly what they want them to do.

Yet whenever anarchists are brought to trial it is the public then the ordinary woman and man standing up for their views, the spectre of the anarchist-terrorist quickly dissipates. Many people then feel sympathy to Anarchists. It seems to me that police-press persecution of all minorities in this country follows the same pattern: the persecuted minority (be it Blacks, Jews, the Labour Party, or Anarchists) must be shown to be dangerous, completely alien gangsters, somehow it is not due to sympathy and happiness of others. Anyone who belonged to persecuted minority must be shown to be a monster and a soulless human...

For all the press scaremongering about Trots in the Labour Party, most people are able to associate the Fleet Street inveighing against them with a particular group or style of politics. The same cannot be said of anarchists. This is not to say that the press attack are not usually able to get plenty of news space to air their views. Thus, Ken Livingstone, leader of the G.C.I., continually angers Tories by sounding "so reasonable" when they have accused him as a stalinist, Bolshevist, megalomaniac.

Although Livingstone and his comrades are not generally sympathetic to the Anarchist movement, I feel we have something to learn from them when it comes to propagating our views. For one thing, it is high time we made efforts to bring Anarchism to the notice of the people by more personal methods. Literature is fine for helping those who already so inclined to formulate their ideas, but it really is necessary to Anarchism.

It is necessary, once again, for Anarchists to take a more evangelical approach. I was myself introduced to Anarchism not by reading pamphlets, but by hearing John Rees at Speakers' Corner, and through the Anarchist Booklet Ball at Fulham Town Hall (after reading about it in the Daily Herald) I read the books and papers after being introduced to the subject and I believe that this is how most people are brought into the movement.

We must, then, look for new methods to introduce others to Anarchism. Considering the time most people spend listening to radio and television, it is clear that we are still stuck in the Nineteenth Century. Many people go towards publishing more books and leaflets. It is vital that we set up an Anarchist radio station, which could have a broad-based popular appeal. This has been attempted before, I know, but we must try again, and try to keep it going. (Surely Black Flag is a lesson for us?)

Another idea suggested recently is to organise another Anarchist Ball. We have contacts with well-known performers and with this help we can publicise the movement to people who are not necessarily friendly to it. They may be able to use us as a lure to get them interested in Anarchism and through this interest to wider contacts. But however we do it, we must resist police attempts to push us underground, and we can only do this by carrying on a constant, direct publicity campaign of our own.

Pamela Sladek

Dear Comrades,

Although I have been a member of Black Flag seems to be getting it together. After too long a succession of poorly produced and written editions V No 6 10 Jan 1992 got at me. It will be circulated among the Mutant Self-Management Commune members of Deyred, Frasenally, T.A.

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PERSONS UNKNOWN in USA

UPDATE:

The Nanyak operation was carried out by the Revolutionary Armed Task Force - most members of which are now either dead or incarcerated. Perhaps some of Black Flags readers would like to send a letter of solidarity to those now gagged because of that failed expropriation:

Judith Clark No. 08672-054; Unit 5 Sth.
Kathy Boudin No. 08628-054; Unit 5 Sth.
Fulani Sunni Ali Unit No. 5 Sth.
Jasmine Fuls Unit No. 5 Sth.
Eve Rosenthal No. 08634-054; Unit 5 Sth.
Metropolitan Correctional Centre, 1737 11th Ave.
New York, N.Y. U.S. 10007
David Gilbert No. 03854-054
Samuel Brown No. 03855-054
F.C.L. - O'suall F. Box 1000
Orielly, New York, USA.

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Comrades, We are a small collective of anarchists experienced in the last decades struggles for the recognition of the revolutionary and reconstructive anarchist movement in Greece. We had previously participated in two of the most recent anarchist reviews in Athens until they were closed down during the 1977-78 purges against anarchists (when ..... and Libertarians Commune were closed down after the editor, D.Balis had been jailed). We recently founded a publishing cooperation with the title: Alkomia. Our first publication, the review Black Sun, a Public Utility Anarchist Review will be trimestrial.

Some of the contents: an introduction explaining the reasons for publishing this review and the problems anarchists are faced with in modern Greece; Politics of Liberation, by Jo Clark. Open Letter to the Ecological Movement, by M.Boochain; a detailed presentation of the Anarchist Programs by the Italian G.A.F.; Anarchism and Organisation, three essays on the subject; On Affinity Groups, by M.Lescure and Vidal; The Problem of Organisation, an essay presenting the history of the problem in the context of the anarchist movement since 1919, in the context of the anarchist movement since 1982; Anarchist Program, by E.Malatenta; J.M. Ray- nauds Report to the International Conference on Revolution in the World organised earlier this year by the Inters. Com. of the Anarchist Federations; a collection of Greek anti-war and anti-patriotic manifestos; leaflets by anarchists from other cities of Greece.

With this letter we are letting you know of our existence as an organised anarchist presence in Greece.

N.Balis Athens Greece

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

A comrade in prison in Spain would like to correspond (in Spanish or French) he regresses his English isn't up to correspondence. if he would like to hear from comrades in this country).

Alain Droguet Cader, d'Iette 27007, 3rd Galerie, Madrid 25, Spain
SALVADOR

Ander Martorell, sociologist wrote in the
Portuguese anarchist-syndicalist paper
A Batalha on the outbreak of 'atypical
peasantry' in Spain, normally attributed to
the cooking oil. He noted that the arrival
of the new disease was first officially
announced in Torrelles de Andulvar (a Madrid
suburb). It was first described as harmless,
and not contagious, within 3 months hospit-
als had received 300-350 cases a day and
the death-toll stood at 80.

The original announcement in May 1981
promised US spokesman a denial that
any bacteriological weapons had ever
been deployed or experimented with in
any of their bases (or in Torrelles de
Andulvar), General Marzo Aramburi, in
charge of liaison with the US base at
Torrelles de Andulvar, publicly suicides in
his office soon after the existence of this
new plague was announced formally that May.

He reminded in a team of US scien-
tists came to Madrid to help analyse and
treat the disease. Might the spread of the
disease from Torrelles, the 500 miles of Ara-
mandiri, etc. not connected with the death
195 years ago of 2 US soldiers in Torrelles
who were the same symptoms? Some back traces of this bacteriological leak occur? Why have
the US authorities persistently refused to answer any inquiry team to their Torrelles base?

Guillermo Palleia Ferrer, CNT, member
a revolutionary anarchist, has been in
the model Prison in Barcelona for some
weeks on a charge of homicide. He was
twice imprisoned under Franco, 195 years
ago, spent some time in Italy in "special-
ed" prison units as a result of claims made
by the "repentent" Paghera. (an informer) The
liberation in his novel, is not to their liking and they regularly
picked fights with his members and attempted
to have him expelled. In a confrontation with
a provocateur, Guillermo inflicted the
wound which led to the death of the latter.
His body was watched by the Private
Army's Aid Commission. Anyone wishing
to write to him can do so at:

Guillermo Palleia Ferrer
Apartado Oficial de Correos No. 20
Barcelona.

UNITED STATES

Police inspect blown-out prison wall after escape of Red Brigades women inmates

Some seven years ago, 3 blacks were
charged with first degree murder and
sentenced to spend the rest of their
lives in prison. They are: Abdullah
Habib Sabree, Efrii Brown, Mr.
Clinchaklas.

They were charged and sentenced for
having been present near the apart-
mament when Hakeim Jemal, president of
the 'Malcolm X Foundation' was accident-
ally killed at home.

The irony of this is that, in a subse-
quent trial, one Isaac Mitchell was charg-
ed with manslaughter, and is now serving
15-20 years in Norfolk for Hakeim's
killing.

The Mitchell admit he was the
man who pulled the trigger on Hakeem
in self-defense. Yet he was sentenced for
manslaughter whereas Sabree, Brown and
Clinchaklas, mere onlookers, were charg-
ed with murder.

All three were Vietnam veterans who
won their release from the military by
returning to their community (Boston)
and taking on the black community.

What is to be done now? Two reasons:
there is a lack of funds and a lack of
training.

One is that during the trial the Mitchell
was the only defendant who had a lawyer
and of the others: whereas, to which
he came to meet with his lawyer, Griffin,
Joseph had enjoyed complete privacy.

A short time later Griffin was releas-
ed from jail, only to turn up again
as a member of the jury in the case
against his former cell-mates.

Meanwhile a witness, whom the
three accused had alleged had been
outside the apartment whenever a detail
from the self-defence organization went there to protect Hakeim after he had
received a series of death threats, was
found dead... in the street outside the
prison.

Later, in July 1973, two other witness-
ss were murdered.

In August 1973 the jury found the
three accused not guilty, but the judge in
dismissal the jury was embroiled in a
noisy argument with them in the corridors of the court-house, wherein
they were brought back into court,
to change their verdict (quite illegally)
1 to one of 'guilty'. Then the judge passed
sentence of death on them, whereas
in the earlier trial Mitchell had already
admitted responsibility for the killing
of Hakeim in self-defense.

The three men successfully appealed
and have since been trying for a warrant
of habeus corpus and requesting a re-
trial because of the emergence of new
evidence showing — quite simply — that
they were condemned for a crime which
the courts had already concluded had
not taken place.

Please send letters to:
Governor Edmond J. King, State House,
Boston, Boston Mass., 02133, USA.

The accused may be contacted at:
Efrii Brown Jr. 39536
P.O. Box 1000, Lewiston, Penn.
17637, USA.

and
Abdullah K. Sabree and John Clinch-
kel's, Box 700, South Palisade, N.J.
07071, USA.

Money quantity needed for legal and
postal expenses. Contributions can be
sent to:
The Legal Defense (c/o) Lea Johnson,
Box 477, Roxbury, Massachusetts
02119, USA.

FRANCE

RIGHTWING ATTACKS ON BOOKSHOP
CINEMAS, etc.

It is not only Britain that has bookshops
the target of right-wing attacks. On 25
November a group of around 15 beliger-
ted some men burst into the premises of Eudes
et Documentation Internationals in Paris and
smashed up the shop with iron bars,
before setting the premises and hundreds
of books on fire. On 19 December It was
the turn of the 'Imaginaire' bookshop set up
by the Emma Goldman group and run by
a 30 strong collective, to be burned by
people unknown. There was massive dam-
age. These attacks should be seen in the
context of a 3 - 4 year campaign against
left-wing bookshops and meeting places.
As some of the 'Imaginaire' Collective have put it...
"Even today it is the order of things for a
left-wing bookshop to draw attacks just
as it is for an immigrant to attract harrass-
ment or a hitch hiker is asking to be raped!"

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A VISIT TO NICARAGUA

When ever they come to speak of the chief problems of the revolution in Nicaragua the representatives of the FSLN (Sandinista) frequently tell of the threat of a Somoza backlash and also to what they describe as a 'shortage of cadres'. This 'shortage of cadres' translates as lack of thrust in the ordinary population.

Port Limon, a town on the Atlantic coastal strip and capital of the province of Zelaya. The population comprises Indians (the Mixticos) and negroes but all positions of leadership, all representative functions in the Sandinista revolution are in the hands of whites. The militiamen and post-holders in the CSS (Sandinista Workers' Central) are selected from the Indian and negro region. The view is widely shared by the people of Bluefields that the Sandinista revolution is planned and organised in offices in the capital, Managua, by a 'Junta' that was never elected by the militiamen, nor by the guerrilla fighters of 1978, let alone by the workers and peasants.

It would appear that the Sandinista leadership does not know the real problems facing the people of the Atlantic coastline. That is only to be expected. It is a very different matter when they do not trust the people there to make their revolution for themselves.

After two years of the Sandinista experiment, no one dares venture into the streets of Bluefields to tell 'Revolución', the FSLN's daily paper.

This lack of trust is not confined to the province of Zelaya. In their statements, propaganda booklets and lectures the Sandinista leaders bemoan the之乡 of a "grassroots democracy". They organise CSS (Sandinista Defence Committees) to take over the running of cities and barrios. We spoke with CSS members from Managua and Bluefields, etc. They all came away certain that, in point of fact, their powers do not go beyond the organisation of literary classes and street cleaning. And this is not because of any shortage of cadres it can be put down to the whole concept of Sandinista revolution.

A lot changed when Somoza went, but much remains to be changed too. There is still food shortage, illiteracy, unemployment and poverty—none of these are only the fault of the FSLN. But the bureaucracy which has grown up in Managua, and the absence of self-determination can be blamed on the FSLN.

The Sandinista revolution is a people's revolution let alone a worker's revolution. Some factors were taken over, not by the workers but by the State; this is also true of the great quotas where the representatives of the ATC (the Association of Rural Workers) are at loggerheads with the INRA (Nicaraguan Agrarian Reform Institute). The bosses may have changed, but not the working conditions. A large part of the coffee and cotton workers have not yet been gathered in. In the end it was the workers who did so.

DEATHS QUADE Slaughterhouse Machinery

Workers at Quality Meats of Comal, Texas, inspects the Quality Meat's slaughterhouse machinery at the company's Chicago slaughterhouse. During the month of August some 600 cattle were found in the slaughterhouse. In the region around the capital, San Salvador, Guatamala, where it was executed, the bodies were found without value. Heavily armed guards at the entrance to the slaughterhouse, but in the outskirts of the city, the bodies were found in the toys of the slaughterhouse.

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In the beginning of January, inside the S.S. there was a discussion about the presence of the American industries a ticket could be bought to take part in this meeting, at least I can remember.

"Recently asked concerned the aims of the Sandinista of the 'Schwarzer Block'. I declare that after the 1st May 1980 leading roles inside the FSLN have been taken by a Kersten COHRS. Since Kersten personally the interests of the RPF have been represented. Whereas up to this time the S.S. had only demonstrated, now they became much more active.

Interrigations by Jesusica LKA on 23-9-80

"He participated when a year ago, in a protest march, which was violently put down. Furthermore in this action participated... Kersten COHRS... Intervigations by Jesusica LKA on 23-9-80

"I can remember that amongst the working class there was a political movement which had belonged to Kersten. That is Kersten COHRS, who lives or lived Helvetia..."

Interrigations by Generalausse undnah (Federal Attorney General) on 6-6-80:

"Kersten did the contacts between the groups in Sachsenhausen and Rosbach..."

"Already in autumn 1980 it was discussed that Kersten will do a speech in the Courthouse. The decision that the speech would be done was made at a meeting, where apart from myself...Kersten and I took part. Kersten, presumably, the Generalausse undnah's Political Officer was accepted."

After the speech against the Courthouse, Kersten was arrested. The court decided to do another speech against a courthouse in the nearer surroundings of Frankfurt..."

"About 2 or 3 months later (after the 1st of May 1980 there was a split inside the S.S....At this time there was a meeting with about 30 people in Sachsenhausen, where mainy the behaviour of the demonstrators on the 1.5.80 against the police was discussed..."

"...we had the opinion that this behaviour was too big and Kersten was mainly Kersten, stood for riots..."

"...inside this radical group there were always many people..."

"At these meetings called pamphlets, which included instructions on how to build Incendiary Compositions and demolition bombs, were distributed..."

"...again there was talk about...strokes...in some periods...Kersten...and I were present at these meetings..."

"The above persons took part in meetings of this group, whereby it is known that a circle of persons took part in the direct planning and performance of crimes. Following persons belonged to them: Kersten....Kersten..."

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Interrogez-vous sur la phrase suivante : "The allotment to Coriolis makes this point: there is a new government in power now. But instead of nuances, let's look at the facts."
AUSTRALIA

A Visit to Cherbourg

October 1982 is when the Commonwealth Games are to be held in Queensland, Brisbane. Aboriginal people from Queensland are calling for a boycott by athletes and spectators and plan demonstrations. Demonstrations are banned and the state’s ‘Mental Health Act’ has been changed for police use to isolate ‘disturbed’ troublemakers. Some New Zealand Maoris and anti-Springbok tourists among the Aborigines will be supporting the resistance.

In late May this year I visited Cherbourg Aboriginal Reserve about 250km north of Brisbane. Two friends, children and myself travelled to the reserve with 2 Aboriginal friends we know through their involvement with Aboriginal support groups, their four children and two additional Aboriginal friends. Cherbourg reserve was established in 1964 and has a population of about 3,000.

One of our friends had lived at Cherbourg until the age of 16, and, even though we were going to visit his mother, he was required to ring the reserve to obtain permission before we could enter. Cherbourg, like all Aboriginal reserves in Queensland is governed by the Queensland Aboriginal Act 1971. Under this act the Aborigines are completely controlled by a white manager appointed by the State Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs. An Aboriginal person living on the reserve is in effect a property owner. The Aborigines are in effect a property owner. The Aboriginal people have the privilege to choose their manager from the list of those wishing to enter the reserve must have permission.

The day we arrived it was raining heavily. The house we were visiting was a completely unlined weatherboard shack. There were two families living in 3 rooms, with no glass windows, no ceiling, the interior dividing walls went only 2/3rds of the way to the roof, there were 2 gaps in the walls and the roof leaked badly. The kids had only a smoky old wood stove. The open laundry, toilet and shower were separate from the house; there was no hot water. Dinter for everyone in the house on our first night there was a piece of toast and an orange.

These conditions are typical for people living on the reserves. All housing is controlled by the manager. People can be told to move to a different house or thrown out altogether with no notice, this often means whole families are forced to move in together and share the one house.

The people on the reserve have virtually no access to employment. There are a few jobs in the local store which is owned by the manager; the police employ a couple of people; and occasionally contractors visit the reserve and take people to work at ringbarking for below award wages. Killing trees is soul-destroying work for Aborigines with respect and feeling for the land.

ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS DEMONSTRATION BRISBANE AUSTRALIA IN LATE 1981

Cherbourg is actually the showpiece of Queensland. There is a “Dignitaries and tourists” route of 4 streets arranged in a square around the reserve. On this route is the only store, a petrol pump, the white manager’s office, teachers and nurses, the hospital, school and some new Aboriginal housing. These are the only paved streets in the reserve. This cynical Hollywood type facade has been carried out to such an extent that there are actually houses, similar to the one we stayed in facing onto these streets, which have been given a new front, with glass windows and verandahs, and no other changes inside or out the back at all.

The money for food runs out long before the next cheque arrives. Meals are cooked and served from the youngsters; if there is not enough to go around then the adults miss out. All fruit is kept for the children. When other food runs out, meals are reduced to bread and golden syrup and finally to damper made from the sack of white flour kept for the occasion. Most adults with children live on damper and black most of the time.

Every time people leave the Reserves to Brisbane that is the situation. While I was in Brisbane before visiting the Reserve, I visited Aboriginal people in Manly which has always been a traditional meeting place for them. The situation here was no better. Obliteration by alcohol is their Under the Queensland Aborigines Act 1971 decisions can be held to an Aboriginal council or the white manager can appoint this council; the second option is what usually happens. There is 1 white policeman at Cherbourg and 2 or 3 Aborigines have been recruited. The incentive of slightly better housing and some wages is used to try and divide the community. Any Aboriginal who makes an attempt to speak out about the conditions, or tries to help organize people, is very likely to be moved, is moved to the worst housing, harasse

by the police, or thrown off the Reserve completely. There is a special jail compound within the Reserve where people can be locked up under special legal proceedings in the Qld Act. There are plans for abolition of the Queensland Aboriginal Act, yet it will be replaced by a new one which means that there will no longer be a Reserve on this land and the work of business ventures will be able to lease the land. Also whites will be able to settle in this area and the Aboriginal people will be pushed out.

Right now at Cherbourg people are literally starving. Diseases caused by malnutrition and exposure to the weather are often fatal. Suicide and alcoholism are common. This is not South Africa, not India, nor South America but Australia. I am convinced that the resources to provide adequate living conditions for the people of the Reserve would cost next to nothing for this country.

The hidden, oppressive and hopeless nature of a people’s lives is caused by corporate neglect and a desire to destroy Aborigines as a strong and identifiable group of people. The Aborigines must take action to free themselves from the list. The only way to break the cycle of despair in which they now live is to try to make them whole and to give compensation for the years of brutality. Also support for the building up of communities under Aboriginal control. Australia’s first people deserve the means for a life with a future; not the slow but deliberate genocide that continues under the white occupation.

Andrew

MOZAMBIQUE

The bureaucratic elites in control of Mozambique have decided that workers should again ‘participate in decision making’. FRELIMO initially sought to build ‘People’s Power’ through workers committees and ‘mass meetings’ while maintaining its hold through ‘democratic centralism’—power from the top. But to participate is not to control. Capitalism has also introduced similar ‘participation’ schemes.

In 1979 President Samora Machel declared that a more ‘rigid hierarchy’ should be imposed to make production more efficient. As in the Algerian Revolution, the skilled workers and peasants (many illiterate) had kept the factories and farms running after the Portuguese technocrats and managers left. They wanted a more egalitarian system to break down the separation between manual and intellectual labour, but in 1979 Machel said the ‘principle of absolute egalitarianism’ should go. Those in authority should not have to wait in food lines, doctors should be addressed as ‘Senhor Doctor’ or ‘Senhor Nurse’. On the other hand, the porters insisted that other workers should also be able to talk to the manager and make decisions.

In a flip-flop, Machel now says, in 1981, a managerial decision ‘making’, without consulting the workers, has not worked and workers are again to be consulted before decisions are made. With the increased centralisation the managers retreated to their offices and made decisions in isolation. But the fundamental issue class in power and no amount of reforms can cover up the fact that political independence has led to bureaucratic control. In spite of the increased pressure from Swaziland, the workers cannot relax their demands for ‘Self-Management’.

From Yard Roots Sept 1981

THE CARIBBEAN

Greetings from the Gulf planet

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The factory, which began operating in 1971 with 7 workers and 4 machines, pays only $37 per week wages. With the surplus from the workers’ sweat, Smith expanded to 26 workers and 26 machines; but by the highest paid worker is making only $53 per week. While the workers want to continue as a co-operative, they universally allow the exploitation as long as the new material to be removed by the police and stuffs — to become the property of a Big Co which claims the sole assets in line of outstanding loans.

Throughout the occupation the workers were supported by the 650 people who were provided with food and refreshments. In effect the workers have indicated that they would have to play against the factory and on farms and on the streets— but at the point of production. They have placed direct action on the agenda for social liberation. We are reminded of the February, five days, ‘occupation’ of the British Columbia Mining and Smelting Company (Canada) operators who kept the service running; ‘TWU directory assistance-under work stoppage’ "NO MANAGEMENT ALLOWED", were their watchword.

Source: Yard Roots — Caribbean Media and Community Resources, 314 17th Street, Oakland CA 94607.
Black Flag's Court Circular

Lawyers tread a dangerous and slippery slope when they get notions that special help is needed to apply to particular citizens on account of their political or religious opinions.

It is perfectly clear at the present time, with all its potential disastrous consequences, that Fascists and those following nationalist-rightist-radical prejudicially are exercising the law to the extent of preparing a campaign of murder, physical assault and arson. One has only to look at the national Front's numbers to see the "unsolved" cases which arise from the incitement made at the time of police marches which contain a kernel of admitted fascists and are well known euphemistically as National Front Front demonstrations.

It is thought by those permitting and encouraging this type of 'campaign' and perpetuating the perpetrators of the subsequent outrages from prosecution (an accident of the law in the case of the vast majority), that they are diverting and offsetting judicial reaction to the effects of acts of unemployment and, but the Fascist leaders who so menacingly represent this at this moment, they would have to; Hitler is a prime example; Franco's ingratitude towards Hitler in turn comes to mind.

Many judges and magistrates, often the very ones who have joined the fascist front, are not only complicit in the encouragement of fascist rhetoric and the prosecution, police or even the judiciary will hurl accusations - taken from fabricated, unproven, and - unbelievable, as is well known by the national press, ignorant of its origin - at anarchists in general, as if they were criminals.

The type of Shock Horror Indigination Terrorism! (S.H.I.T.) tactics tried in London and laughed out of court by judicial jumps in the dark, as they are in the states; whereas police rely heavily on the superannuated prejudices of judges and especially magistrates.

The SHF tactics are based.

The recent case of Simon Los of Nottingham. We have been utterly defeated even in trying to make contact in this case. It is a triumph of the Accurate Blackswoodmen, a mockery of any type of justice.

Simon Los seems to have adopted anarchist ideas without any contact with anarchist groups. If there was no such overt and covert suppression of this anarchistic case he would have linked up with a group of anarchists before he went ahead and tried to propagate his own.

The Gloucester Case

Looking at Gloucester, a different pattern emerges. Gary Warriner (B) has been sent down to prison after admitting burning a milk bottle containing petrol in front of a moving police car. Commented the judge: ‘You apparently have some views about anarchy. You are perfectly entitled to hold whatever views you like! – this was one in the eye for Nottingham, where the judge clearly held opposites, and totally unconstitutional, ideas about views people could hold. But, added the judge, “You are not allowed to take the law into your own hands or to disregard the laws of the land.”

Well, that is undoubtedly true under the law. Further, the judge accused Gary Warriner, who had no intention of injuring anyone or damaging property, “That puts the case into a much lesser category than the riots”. A David come to judgement.

But what, in this case, is the use of sending Gary Warriner to BORSTAL? BORSTAL is intended for adults and not for punishment. Again and again and always we are told it is not a prison. Is Gary to be reformed - etc. or is it some Convention? To become a professional burglar? Oh, both.

The prosecution made it clear Gary Warriner was in the anarchist movement – he had been associated with an organisation which he would have made a more legitimate start if he had to stand trial with a gang of other anarchists.

He discovered our contemporary Xtra like his editorial director Burns (who, to be fair, had been sentenced because of pleading guilty, for the offense of having a lawyer who did not understand the case, the crime was sentenced by the Anarchist movement and thus not being able to meet a strong defence, and finally for the palpably wicked "crime" of Anarchism (and there we have it), at least as invented by Nazi protocols and filtered through to the popular press and so to the police.

FOOTNOTE

Simon Los (B) a chemistry student, at Nottingham Crown Court, photographed 200 copies of the XTRA! editorial, Mr. Justice Mars-Jones said “Los’s action could have had far greater ramifications than any one man involved in a riot...advocated more and bigger riots and they were calculated to inflame passions and start up what the police had just calmed down!” Mr. Peter Walsmley, defending, said “when police went to Los’s home they found anarchist books.”

(Daily Telegraph, 21.10.81. A truly sinister remark pointing to the politics of the Prosecution)

MurraysRipped-off of!

In a financial trick, the Dublin District Court - passed judgement once again on the Black Cross. The judge recalled that when the Murrays were arrested, and Marie was charged with the murder of a child, they were convicted by a jury, less court on evidence admitted to be obtained under torture. For this reason a third person, too heavily dealt with to be able to attend court was acquitted. The Murrays sentenced to death and only saved by an international campaign on their behalf; they are both serving life sentences in separate jails.

The question now before the court was: whose was the money found in a blue saucer case when their home was raided?

Noel and Marie had both been working for the cause of political prisoners everywhere. They had collected a certain amount of money - that was not denied. The question was, how much of the money was their own, what was collected for the Anarchist Black Cross - which had already been well supported by them - and which was Bank money?

Ariel Murray was convicted for the disposal of £7,557 (seven years after Supt. Hubert Reynolds said that there was £6,000 in the notes, and passed them on to their mark.

“Mrs Murray had told Supt Finlay she would tell us later when the new ones came from,” he said. She was reluctant to involve the doctors. Subsequently, she state new marks were made under pressure. None of it added up: for instance, the superintendent claimed there were 285 dollars in the suitcase whereas only 25 dollars was missing from the Bank of Kilkester.

At Her Majesty’s PLEASURE?

On 12 January, three days before his release from British prison, Paul Warriner was found dead in his cell renouncing his life-long suffering of depression. On 17 September, he was sent down to Brixton Prison for attacking his cell mate, and was shortly afterwards released. On 24 December, he was arrested on suspicion of a psychiatric offense and was transferred to Holloway Prison. As he was in a bad condition and was then moved to a mental hospital. On 12 December, the doctor pronounced him fit for a trial on 18 December.

As he was in a bad condition and was then moved to a mental hospital, as there was not a bed immediately available, he was discharged to his own home on 22 December. He was then released on 18 December as no psychiatric offense was proved.

Two questions which the Warriner would like to answer: is this how Britain has ever treated his friend Paul Warriner and then Paul Warriner came back to the same... no, Paul Warriner has done no crime in England. As he was in a bad condition and was then moved to a mental hospital, as there was not a bed immediately available, he was discharged to his own home on 22 December. He was then released on 18 December as no psychiatric offense was proved.

Vetting'

Mr Patrick Kenanagh, Metropolitan Deputy Commissioner of Police, said: “Defendants like the Black Cross are ‘voting’ for ‘so that criminals had a better chance of being caught’.

He was referring to the possibility that if they were vetted, the police would have better chances of catching criminals.

Certainly none of the money may have been obtained directly from the police fund. There was £1,000 personal savings, £700 from the sale of a motorbike which they were getting £25.6 weeks earlier from the Weekly News. Finally, there was the money he had collected to send to the Irish Black Cross. The issues in this particular process are clear: as admitted by the Court, that all the ways that her husband was not stolen from banks. All that she had, was however, taken by the police. Now - seven years after - what should go to whom?

Neither Noel nor Marie were given notice there was any time limit for the solicitor, so no way he could discuss with her or with him, so the Black Cross was concerned, the whole thing was kept from them and no reply has been given to correspondents. The police refused to write to Noel or Marie. Major attempts have been made to keep them from corresponding with friends.

In reply to the question “what should go to whom”, the District Justice stated “in the absence of hesitation” in saying that £6,720 and 25 dollars should go to the Bank of Ireland, and the balance, amounting to £1,279 to the Murrays.

As Irish, it makes people automatically bankrupt if convicted for a criminal offence, and unfamiliar solicitors are unknown in Dublin and their bills are tremendous, it is not likely that much will remain to the solicitors. Even if the court order was changed to get the money withheld as the sum needed to take their case for revision of constitutional rights to Strasbourg, Certain courts have indicated that the Black Cross which had the intention of paying the money collected aside for the Strasbourg case. The Murrays robbed a few banks. That is what they are defending themselves against. Had they been authoritarian criminals like the Dublin District Court, they would have robbed those whom they held in captivity.
DO YOU SUBSCRIBE TO BLACK FLAG?

For Stephen Callcott, the use of black and white bulletins of the North of England published

TAXHETH, LONDON, 6 JULY 1981, Members of the Special Police Tactical Unit with, from left, an image-illustrator telescope, a pump action shot gun and a riot gun (enlarged on right, arrowed). In Taxeth both types of guns were used to fire CS gas. In the North of Ireland the riot gun is mainly used for firing plastic bullets. Photo: John Storrock/Network.

SPEEY BEES
The Socialist Party of Great Britain is a small federation of groups into a type of social Calvinism which they describe as socialism. They reject Leninism (good) but try to justify Marxism (thus to be the casual observer excusing Lenin, whom they regard as a capitalist). They insist on their pet facelift of the education of the workers to their level (1) rejecting all action bar propaganda ('making socialists'). There is a certain type of dishonesty built in the SPGB campaign. To live itself up, it invites speakers to come to 'address the branch': this is then advertised as a public meeting. The result, as we saw the other week when Senators meant SPGB invited Black Flag to debate was that instead of the usual two dozen they get 10 in, and collect a staggering £42 instead of their normal £1. £1 for 'rent of the room' (about £1) in answer to a question they said he went under 'democratic control' - by the Party! But financial matters are trivial: the real enemy is that they do not debate at all. In a loud, haranguing voice they shout out the evils of capitalism backed up by facts and figures - evils most know, if every one does not trouble to study the figures - one knows they are oppressed without trouble to find what happens 'to fifty per cent of brick production...' and complain bitterly if laughed at.

In no way do they try to answer the Anarchist case. They merely toss in one or two irrelevantities - 'You cannot vote for you! - I know that. don't being said but some anarchists certainly try to.' - and stick to their brief which is an ego trip hare-wanged on the Hyde Park model. This ego boosting trip leads them entirely to abandon the Socialist Party case, and to enter Parliament by the back echelons of Labour Party politics.

TROT SPOTTING
At the same meeting we encountered the usual couple of trots 'trolling in their ten cents worth'. One can always recognise a trot: the same traits run through the 57 varieties. One, from the ICC - 'claiming to be an IWW' - brought up the usual story about the Anarchists in the Spanish Government ("their Stalinist tendencies"). His entire knowledge of the Spanish war coming not from wobbly writers like Sam Dolgoff, of whom he'd never heard, but newspaper, say, from Felix Morrow. (the nowadays) trot line on the Spanish war is directly opposed to the Stalinists and Maoists who [then] at least were; whereas all others say the Anarchists were irresponsible, according to the Government and to the Trotskyists say the opposite. There is no need to apologise for Spanish Anarchism (when one looks at the years of resistance before, during and after the civil war). But this is something we have spoken of many times in Black Flag.

Do you report on the resistance of Deir el Baher, and discuss the potential implications of this resistance? What do you do when you have built up a decentralised movement entirely controlled by its members and the impact this might have on the wider scene? We have criticised where criticism is due so many times that this facile criticism irritates...

The 'IWW' calling himself a 'syndicalist' - how the ICC loves to pretend disciplined tactically true colours when he referred to young anarch... it struck me when I was going home how slow I was not to spot it right away. Moreover, he pointed out that in the 1930s, when he hadn't been shot he would have been a trot: the Stalinists, Catalanists and I suppose we're a new Romanian too. The Trot would have converted every which way but stay where he was: well, he died in battle, they used to write, able to econically him when he was robbing banks for the movement. ... Aldred once, in the hectic years of the 1930s, spoke in favour of Trotsky returning to Russia, but many important, the God spoke favourably of him in return. Aldred never became a trot, and no doubt he thought The Maru was idealised... but the Word of the Lord was had been written, and Aldred must be allowed an experience some four decades ago.

Anarchists' who once saw the Light, albeit - no doubt because of their 'meant originality..."

DIRECT ACTION
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THE BEST POLICY

NO COLLECTION OF FARES

At an emergency meeting London Transport staff have decided unanimously to refuse to collect fares from passengers until a new ‘fair fares’ policy has been implemented. Your cooperation in not paying fares would be appreciated.

LONDON TRANSPORT STAFF

I WILL REMAIN

JIMMY SANTIAGO BACA

I don’t want to leave anywhere or get transferred to another prison because this one is too tough.

I am after a path you cannot find by looking at green fields, smilling high mountain air that is cold, sure.

Outsider as you fall in love again and again and again.

I am looking for a path that cracks through rock and swims through despair with fire of wisdom.

A path to see me through this nightmare, not by running from it, by staying to blow for blew.

I will take the strength I need from me, not fields or new friends. With my old friends fighting.

Forcing! Calling me crazy! And never getting the respect I desire, fighting for each inch of it. Of...

I am not one of those beautiful people, but one of the old ones, a commoner of the world.

You can find in tavern, serenades carrying bamboo baskets with fish, drinking coffee in a donut shop, weeping in the dark.

In a two-for-five remache hotel room, dreaming and walking along city streets at dawn.

To move about more freely, to meet and talk with new people, to have silence once a while, to live in peace.

Without her or it or any cops pulling you in as a suspect, there are very beautiful thoughts.

But I will remain where the air is cold and heavy, where life is slow.

Full of hate at times, where opportunities are rare, annoying and frustrating.

Here in this welded place I must wish to leave I will remain.

I stay because I believe I will find something, something beautiful and astounding awaits my pleasure.

Something in the air I breathe, that will make my terror and pains seem raindrops.

On a rose in summer, its head fringe as I do mine.

PHOTO: anti-war marcher London by Sherry’s Wharf.

SQUATTERS AT SHERRY’S WHARF

I am not trying to sell Olaf’s Meat, Irate all were the tenants’ urinals, And con-men Square Libera freed!

SHERRY’S WHARF

Twee Hackney, and the lorry slickes did plot to sell of Olaf’s Meat, Irate all were the tenants’ urinals, And con-men Square Libera freed!

OSLO

The Anarchist federation in Norway is planning to open a new address: Postboks 117 Ankerortega, Oslo 1. It publishes the magazine Folkebladet from this address. Commemorations going through Norway are welcome to contact them.

ANARCHIST VIDEO / FILM ARCHIVE

Information, donations and enquiries still coming in and more welcome.

Communiqueing Direct Action taken by Squatters at Sherry’s Wharf, Hackney, LIBERATION SQUARE

Twas KIngdom, and the tory slickes did plot to sell of Olaf’s Meat, Irate all were the tenants’ urinals, And con-men Square Libera freed!

I thank you for the fishy news, And the loc-pop’s hanured a tree!

Rilla S. Hillman

ITALY: Monica Giorgi.

From 11 May to 13 July 1981, the Italian national tennis champion, Monica Giorgi, stood trial with about a dozen others, accused, on the evidence of a "pentito" (confessed and repentant prisoner) of subversive association, and of an armed gang in involvement in acts claimed by, attributed to, or committed by, the group Arione Rivoluzionaria.

The Procurator on that occasion demanded a sentence of 126 months for all of the accusations that stood against Monica. In the end some of charges were not upheld but a 126 month sentence was passed on her. 2 of those were discounted and Monica was banned from EVER holding public office.

FALLACIES OF STATISM

1. That if you fought in the World War you must be an anti-fascist.

This is a myth peddled consistently since the end of the war. Since fascist theories became unpopular and anti-fascists suspect, disciplinarian and rightists like to give this as their alibi.

The war was fought by the true, against the Powers which had adopted the fascist ideology. It was not an ally, and none of those people like to say that this of itself make them pro-communist. It’s like they fought in the war or, for that matter, that support of the first world war made one anti-fascist or antimilitarist.

In the first World War, patriotic opinion was wearing a thin skin and reinforced itself with liberal arguments that it was a war against German Imperialism or German Monarchism—but most did not go so far as to pretend that they were thereby anti-Imperialist and anti-Monarchist. (One or two well known propagandists did; and got laughed at for their pains.)

Wells who coined the slogan ‘A war to end war’ in the Second World War most actively rejected the idea at the time that the war was against Fascism as such.

In the British Armed Forces, the Fascist tendencies of the majority of officers went far beyond that of thephoon fascist outflanking the war and surviving during the war.
ANARCHISM
Arguments
For and Against
by Albert Meltzer
(Cambridge Press, 50p., 1979)

So many books have been written explaining what anarchism is all about that there may not appear to be much need for any more to be produced. The best, like Alexander Berkman's WHAT IS ANARCHIST COMMUNISM?, first published in 1929 (part of which is better known as the ABC OF ANARCHISM), retain their relevance to modern readers as "classics" of what anarchists believe. But until the FLORIDGATEZ OF ANARCHY by Stuart Christie and Albert Meltzer was published during the "Angry Brigade" trials in 1979, there was no contemporary account of what revolutionary anarchists active in the class struggle actually believed, as distinct from the twin distortions of anarchism fostered by the politically illiterate "popular press" and university academics who seek to criminalise anarchists, or write off the anarchist movement as "long dead." Now Albert Meltzer has added another title to the list to demonstrate that if we are dead we sure won't lie down.

ANARCHISM: ARGUMENTS FOR & AGAINST is more than a simple re-statement of anarchistic ideas; it is a straight answer to the difficult questions posed not only by the critics of a libertarian society but also those who sincerely wish to make it work: a practical exposition of what anarchists want and how they propose to get it.

Parts of the pamphlet previously appeared as a series of articles tackling the OBJECTIONS TO ANARCHISM in the Black Flag. To those there has been added a brilliantly concise and refreshingly historical introduction (Albert is original and much under-rated as a political historian), an analysis of collectivist and individualist anarchism as well as much new material, and the sections on 'THE CLASS STRUGGLE', 'ORGANISATION AND ANARCHISM', and 'THE ROLE OF ANARCHIST IN AN AUTHORITARIAN SOCIETY' which for me are the most fascinating and useful. peppered with delightful Meltzerite banter - "Anarchists can of course, size power" quite as much as strict testeezalists can get blind drunk. Nothing prevents them from doing so, but they would require another name afterwards: - they bring anarchism to light as a revolutionary method of transforming society along libertarian lines. They show that anarchism is not just an abstract ideal of some Utopia in the long distant future, but a down to earth revolutionary approach to life.

Anarchists have to meet three criteria: they must want an anarchist society; they must believe it is possible, and they must work towards bringing it about.

It is this which distinguishes the revolutionary anarchist from the militant liberal. This pamphlet is an instructive and practical tool for revolutionary anarchist propaganda and education.

It is bound to become a popular classic that will be difficult to better.

-Henry Black

SPANISH PRISONER

So that you may get some idea of who and what I am, let me say that I am sprung from the ranks of the "Common criminal" and that during a term of 3 years (served from 1973 to 1976) I got to know anarchist ideals through some people who were imprisoned for those very beliefs. When I was released from prison in 1976 I had already come to the conclusion that if there was any cause worth the bother of struggling to advance that cause was Anarchism; consequently, upon my return to the city where I had lived (Santander, in Northern Spain) I got in touch with a group of comrades who were trying to rebuild the CNT, and joined them, because it is my belief that anarchosyndicalism is an effective midwife to the social revolution. In October 1977, I fled from Santander when a warrant was issued for my arrest due to the activation of a suspended sentence passed on me by the Barcelona High Court, I moved to Valladolid, joining an anarchist action group with which I carried out so some incursions of banks as well as planting explosive devices and other minor activities. On 1 May 1978 I was arrested and, after (almost 6 years now) I have been in prison; I was sentenced to a total of 34 years and five days imprisonment (or at the Judges put it "robberies") the planting of a bomb in the Palace of Justice in Valladolid and possession of weapons and explosives. As you can see the prospects are more than good, for I am 51 years old now and if things go on at the present rate, and my luck does not change I will be an old man by the time I get out. However, for all that my spirits are high.

What I should like and the favour I ask of you is that you that you should put me in touch with comrades from all over the globe so that I may correspond with them. When it comes to writing I can only write in Spanish or in Esperanto, but I can make arrangements to have anything in English, French, Italian and Forteuese read to me. I give you carte blanche to put me in touch with comrades worldwide whether through announcements in the anarchist press or any other method you deem suitable.

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Note: Only publication in prison should be given the lie to those who say they should not give me the lie to those who say they should not give me any support.