BOLIVIA - FASCIST COUP

TheExternalCoordinating
Secretariat of the COB, from its provisional base in Paris, has made an appeal to all trade union bodies, political parties and individuals with a left-wing conscience to support the new government headed by General Banzer. Despite the repression of the Bolivian people, they have not yet given up in their rejection and resistance to the Banzer dictatorship. This resistance is shown in the hunger strikes launched by 4 miners’ wives and taken up by over 1700 people right across the country.

The mobilization of the people tipped the balance in favour of the opening of the fragile “democratic process” which General Mazo’s coup d’etat now seeks to interrupt. This process was always jeopardised by the “poljista” tradition of the Bolivian army. Thus on 3 occasions the armed forces succeeded in having the results of general elections annulled. This latest coup has put an end of the “democratic process” which had allowed the candidate of the UDI, (People’s Democratic Union) to emerge victorious from the recent general elections on 29th June 1980.

ARCHITECT OF MODERN PERSIA

Oblivious Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi

The banquet he would have been to see your lifetime was dashing from his iron gate before your eyes. As you passed the palace, you heard the sound of breaking glass, and the occasional report of a gun, and saw the broken fragments scattered across the lawn, dispersed during the lolling, the smell of fake, and all of your burning likeness, your shining rich man’s shoes burning like a weather vane - first south, then east, then north, in the direction of all your crimes...

But have you died in comfort, perhaps surprised that you were not, after all, immortal? Your multitudinous crimes have not been made void. May God save you... but you are now dead and gone!

ARCHITECT OF MODERN POLAND

The wave of sit-ins by Polish workers is the most significant feature we have seen in the international revolutionary scene for a decade. As Clark points out, "industrial democracy will be increased... and the party could not tolerate any activities aimed at undercutting the Socialist system..." But the people can tolerate nothing less.

HAVERS - HAVERS

ATTORNEY-GENERAL LIED

In an amazing personal attack upon the four who stood trial in the "Persons Unknown" trial, Sir Michael Havers, MP, Conservative Attorney General, accused them of having a hit list of targets. This was never produced at the trial, nor even afterwards when the appeal judge King-Hamilton - as we now know at the instigation of the Attorney General - read a document inadmissible in evidence and un-produced during the trial when it would have been laughed out of court - in order to gain a political verdict in a now confessedly political trial. (Even the Attorney General now refers to the "Anarchists" trial - which King-Hamilton then denied it was). He got a political verdict of guilty, in the press, to weigh against a defeat and verdict of not guilty in the courts thanks to a vigilant jury.

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THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

It is clear the Tories go on about 'secret subsidies', 'where does the money come from?' and throwing in allegations about bank raids and foreign involvement. "Do they know their own stupid lies or not?" Indeed, how could they? Politicians may talk about private enterprise but when it comes to it they all depend upon their State wages and State subsidies, or call out for 5% interest. The way the market works, if enough people want something, and are prepared to pay sufficient, it will continue; if not, it’s not so much the purveyors who are in trouble but in those who are foolish enough to give them credit (Be warned, Little ...). Black Flag is as dependent on the free market as any capitalist enterprise, save for those who fork out to keep it going (see Donations list); our deficit may look alarming but it is taken care of, by private arrangement, by two eminent unsympathisers (Barclaycard and Access). According to our figures, between 1975 and 1980 the loans went from £345 to £2539 which is around £338 a year or 8p a week, carrying the whole postage of the Black Cross, the rent of the former club at Hove Hill and more recently the purchase of an electric typewriter to set the Flag, which isn’t too high to pay.

No salaries are paid (which is just as well as a fair reckoning on Union rates would be £3000 per copy) if things can go on as they are, the Flag could easily hold its own and maybe one day break even.

However the purpose of the Flag, among other things, is to sustain the Black Cross and it cannot do that while steadily though mildly losing. All we need is for subscriptions to be paid up; we rarely send reminders (one day we will) knowing that many people are supporting so many of the causes we urge. However, in rare cases except on request or notification that the person concerned died ten years before, or changed address five years ago without telling us and is telling us we are wasting their money any longer......Dear reader, even dear ex-reader, here is a chance to help political prisoners without the cost of a penny...tell us if you don’t want to receive the Flag any longer? Every penny we save on postage can go to our prisoners funds.

Meanwhile plenty paid up following the heartfelt cry last issue....thanking us.

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We regret to hear of the deaths of the following: ISABEL GARCIA GASCO, veteran of the Spanish Civil War, and ROLLIE STEINER, veteran of the Black Cross in pre-revolutionary Russia, fighter of Anarchism in the United States and Soviet Russia, who lived in London and Mexico City respectively.

Richard Cartoon Campbell whilst in custody of the Warders at Ashford Remand Centre.

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ANARCHO - QUIZ
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2. What outlawed revolutionary theory (still current, though in some quarters) was promoted by John Lyndall?
3. A ship turned up in Barcelona in 1949 to receive a rousing reception from the dock-workers and people at the quayside - to the embarrass-
ment of the authorities and the crew. What Flag was the vessel flying?
4. Why don't the conspirators in Edgar Wallace's "Four Just Men" etc (who are clearly caricatures of Anarchists) get anything like the unsympathetic treatment Anarchists get in similar fiction of the period and genre?
5. Pioneer socialist and first independent Labour MP Keir Hardie once literally ran away from a Glasgow society meeting on another occasion from an Anarchist meeting in East London for basically the same reason. What was it? And why did he apologise for the latter occasion, though not for the former?

Answers on Page 11
WHAT WAS IT ALL FOR?

Mixed feelings are unavoidable over the Rhodesian elections which produced Ian Smith's FONU padr

It was yet another shot in the eye for the political pundits, who over Rhodesian have got every prediction wrong at every stage. Time and again, as we saw through the orchestrated plastic propaganda served up for the opponents of Mugabe, it was even more shattering for the whites to experience the voice of African nationalism, as it was the voices of the armed forces acting outside the leadership of their own leaders. For the British, the knowledge of organizing the whole of the Mugabe's victory, whilst pulling all the stops in, to achieve more amenable ends, must leave a bitterness hard to swallow.

Indeed one can measure Mrs. Thatcher's limited ability when vividly portrayed her petty nature by not being prepared to utter Mugabe's name in such a symbolic rectification. Perhaps most satisfying of all is the knowledge that those who had so ineptly attempted to assassinate Robert Mugabe during the election has been totally discredited.

And yet even before the dust settles on the victory for Mugabe he is talking of obedience and everything staying the same. No threat to persons of people who upheld Smith. No danger to those who own private property. What does one say of a winner who turns round and follows the loser? What did you fight for? Why have Africans given their lives in the guerrilla war over fifteen years of desperate and agonizing struggle? Why have people been imprisoned, hung, massacred?

And the result is acceptable for the settlers and to the capitalist interests. Why did the sanctions against have to take place? Why was Smith supported if the African nationalists challenge was so easily tamed? Just what have the white people been fighting about and dying for?

People can be argued that the collapse of the political structure in Zimbabwe could have resulted in panic, the withdrawal of capital followed by economic disaster; that Mugabe had no option but to yield to the pressure of ascendency - at least in the short run. But that is to use hierarchical models. Africanism...

And this is the glaring weakness of rationalism, whether it be African or Scottish or whatever. It is hierarchical. Mugabe is 'in power' because he had the image for the majority of the Africans, and Smith was a fearless leader who would stand up to the white boss. Here was a man who would really get to grips with land hunger, and take steps to end gross inequality. But no. That is not to be. For those who will now have to free the soil of Zimbabwe are not going to be African nationalists. Such nationalisms are everywhere in Africa serving European (East or West) interests rather than their own peoples. It will all take African people in the main who will liberate Rhodesia and give birth to Zimbabwe. And of that new age did not come with Mugabe's election victory. It can only come when there is realized amongst the guerrillas fighters that to achieve the wholesale redistribution of property from the elite to the people of Zimbabwe requires direct action and not political talk. Contra President - in itself a contradiction in terms - Robert Mugabe is hailing up the cause of freedom for Zimbabwe. It is still Rhodesia and many fine souls have perished in vain.

The Telegraph page three spread complete with photo of Stuart Christie did us proud, with him running off with all the credit on "the most influential figure in British Anarchist circles" (trans: the only one we know?) They spared us 'leader,' but "influential" in all a curious word to use. (perhaps the publications 'influence' people within the anarchist movement) Still, the denunciation was suitably sinister, "the crazed, converted period building over with books, pamphlets and posters, and it is doubtful advantage to his work that the island has no policeman." (a local body). But in the Telegraph ideal society, able to walk in and confine any books, pamphlets and posters not conforming to their principles."

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EVEN THE RANKS OF TUSCANY

Full of anarchist plots and conspiracies is the Daily Telegraph, yet such is the persuasive power of the anarcho-idealist, only a couple of days after the "exposure" of 'Anarchist Anarchist' being investigated by the police, came this piece in the 'Peterborough' paper: "Peterborough..."

"We have no reason to think that the people described by Gubbins has not do him any harm. But we're afraid there's already a law that it would make it illegal."

"Anarchists?"

"Yes, we're Anarchists."

"We have no political party."

"We're just a bunch of nons."
PYGMIES

As is especially shown in his correspondence with Engels, Marx was nothing if not a racist in his outlook - the reference to Lassalle as a "Jewish nigger" take some beating, even by the standards of the day. Still, present-day Marxists have to ignore their idol's feet of clay...though they don't always succeed. Some of the phrases beloved by Marx have become cherished in Lenin and Trotsky and thus standard language for the leader of their racial connotations. We see advertised in "News Line" a Trotsky journal called "Labour Review" and among the titles offered for our deletion: Marx and Political Economy", "Trade Unions and the Revolution", and so on, "an anti-Trotskyist pygmy". This may refer to a non-Marxist resident of the American jungle, rather suspect that "pygmy" is used offenders in a metaphorical sense to dis- credit one's political opponents, since pygmy's small stature is presumed to denote low intelligence and lack of morality as well. No pygmy ever descended to the level of even the best of dictators.

SIRIUS MYSTERY

Ever heard of the "Sirius Mystery"? This is "baffling". The star Sirius is totally invisible to the naked eye. It was first discovered in 1862 by an American astronomer and it was not possible to plot it until 1970. Yet pygmies in the Ituri Forest in Central Africa knew all about it; they have known for years, too, long before Westerners knew about Jupiter's satellite moon.

Incredible? Not half so incredible as the explanations. Spacemen in the distant past might have visited them, perhaps coming direct from Sirius itself. Superhuman beings in another "mysterious". But the simplest explanation of all - that the knowledge was passed down by their own astronomers, who at one time might have had scientific knowledge of the corpus of which has been eroded by time but the memory of which remains among the ancestors of the tribes - has never been considered. Pygmies? Too small, too black!

PRISON INDUSTRY

In Mathematics

Authoritarianism

The Home Office and the Prison Industry will leave no stone unturned in their never ending quest to refine "scientific" methods. In addition to the psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers etc., that have been employed by means of more abstract academic circles, for the last two years Professor Zeeva, a mathematician, working at the University of Warwick has been trying to see if his catastrophe theory, using complex mathematical models, can be used to predict prison riots. The prison authorities certainly interested enough to supply data for the experiment. How this theory became to be applied to prison riots is obvious, but from the point of view of the Authorised a workable model of this nature would be extremely useful, at the present in time they have no real idea how much violence, boredom, tension, alienation, bad food etc. will be tolerated by prisoners before they react in a violent way.

The theory was presented to the Open University programme and because of lack of data, Zeeva made do with a two-dimensional model plotting alienation against tension. (How and in what units alienation and tension were measured is very patchy, --can I have half a pound of alienation please?)

N.B.

THE CLOUD COCKBURN PRIZE

for High Tory Luminaries goes to Kenneth Hirst:

"There is a stage in the development of any country, of course, when democracy as we know it is an inappropriate form of regime. Countries develop towards democracy after a necessary period of dictatorship. But they do it successfully only if that dictatorship is seen not only to be successful but also benevolent."

- Typical Marxist - Leninist waffle? Kenneth Hirst is Editor of the pro-Tory Oldham Evening Chronicle.

INCIDENTAL DEATH OF A STATIST

A massive explosion blowing up Bologna proved up to the fascist "terrorists" - but Signor Cossiga, Italy's Prime Minister for the moment, said "in the fight against terrorism, there should be no distinction between Left or Right".

The attacks by the "Left" - equally ir-responsibly dubbed "terror- is - consist of attacks on guilty individuals, guilty of activities such as the massive attacks on trains. The attacks by the "Right" consist of mass indiscriminate attacks. But there should be no distinction between them.

After a previous attack by fascists on an agricultural bank, an Anarchist was murdered by the police - railwayman Giuseppe Pinelli. His death is still the subject for uproarious laughter by audiences at Wyndham's. It's almost as if the attack was by fascists - but Via Vaprio is still not far from its being cleared. Despite his being cleared and again. The fascists known to have been involved in the case have been proved to be guilty. But there should be no distinction!

It was alleged (so it turned out, apparently falsely) that there was an English connection - that one of the guilty fascists who had bombed the train had been in London. And he stayed in Victoria - almost opposite the Fascisti "European" bookshop. But there were no raids on fascists; no press campaign; no imprisonments; no dark visits; the sound of smashing doors did not herald a visit of the SGO, ATS or SBU Branch. It's been an allegation about Anarchists...but there has to be some distinction!


date: 22nd September

Another Irish joke! Unusually funny Daily Telegraph
GREECE

Following the movement of resistance which has arisen in Greece's prisons, especially in the Corinthalas prison in Piraeus in recent times and the wake of the harsh repression by warders in reply to this, one prisoner THOLDUS DIMANTOPULOS (29) has died. Savagely tortured by the prison warders on the island of Egine, he slashed his wrists with a splinter of glass. He died of his wounds, having been abandoned to his fate by the warders. Egine's prisoners launched a protest 20 metres from the beach where foreign tourists seriously sunbath. The facade of the prison has the same bright decor as the island's other tourist center.

Other prisoners have been driven to suicide or brazenly done to death by the warders of the prisons of "democratic" Greece. Among them are:

1. TEPHALONIUS shot by warders in Corinthalas. He was a criminal prisoner who posed a threat to the prison regime as a result of his having been politicised in prison through contact with political detainees.

2. BASILE GIRAS (42) committed suicide in Corinthalas on 6 December 1978.

3. On 5 January 1980, 6 young men, unable to bear the torture and the living conditions any longer, died in a suicide pact in Egine prison by drinking poison.

4. APOSTOLOS KATSOUAS (19), a native of the island of Ikaria killed himself on 20 January in Corinthalas.

5. GIANNIS (34) took his own life on 22 March in the psychiatric hospital in Corinthalas.

Meanwhile the hunger strike continues in Corinthalas prison taking part are:

1. Filippis Kyritis who is calling for an end to torture in the neo-democratic prisons of Karanamas, but he is in prison on the conditions of detention, the instant release of his wife Sophie on medical grounds (she has been subjected to uncalled-for psychiatric treatment at the hands of the psychiatric department.

2. Sophie Kyritis, in protest at the conditions in which all the prisoners (political and non-political) are held, and in protest at the use of torture.

3. Skandlis (far left Marxist activist) in protest at conditions conditions in prison and at the repressiveness of Greek prisons.

He is also protesting his innocence of charges of being a terrorist, charges on which he was sentenced (without the least evidence) to 5 years in prison.

4. Mpaoulides, who insists that he be released and insists upon his innocence. He is 28 days old, but a terrorist. The daily evidence of police torture against him is the thick of an oil lamp discovered in his cell. Her mother has charged police with having stolen the wick in the course of a search of her home.

As a result of their hunger strike both Mpaoulides & Kyritis have been transferred to the hospital.

The Athens Anarch-Syndicalist Group, along with other Greek libertarian groups and individuals will be organising a meeting in solidarity with the prisoners and to protest at the repression of workers generally in Greece, towards the end of September, in a centrally situated square in Athens.

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DIRECT ACTION

Police in Tours claim to have smashed a local section of Action Directe. This follows anarchist activities, the blowing up of the wing of the National Palace of Justice and the attempted arson of 2 churches on the occasion of the papal visit.

About a dozen local anarchists are said to have arrived in Tours, police said.

At least one is a member of the OGL. Police are looking for a 20-year-old sociology student Patrick Alberet who is believed to have been trying to flee to Mexico when arrested. Alberet has stated that 20 kilos of explosives were used against the Palace of Justice and noted (as police claimed). He has also admitted that he was living in the university and attempted arson at the Faculty of Sciences.

CUBA

TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA!

TO THE WORKERS OF CUBA!

AND TO ALL FELLOW REVOLUTIONARIES!

This is not just another battle against the dictatorship: no, this is the last, the definitive battle to secure the liberty of the Cuban people.

We will not summon our countrymen to arms, for we have not: but we do summon them to a bold and selfless struggle for our common cause.

CUBANS: Go, this very minute, and occupy every embassy and consulate in Havana and throughout the length and breadth of the Republic...those belonging to democratic nations in search of asylum and those of totalitarian ones (be they fascist or communist, it is all one) seize their buildings and regard diplomatic staff as your prisoners. In exchange for their release, insist upon the overthrow of the odious communist dictatorship.

CUBANS: Let us occupy churches, temples of every religion and in these houses of God demand the medieval right of sanctuary, for we Cubans, all of us, down to the regime's own civil servants are the victims of persecution.

CUBANS: Fear not that Cuba might become another Berlin, another Warsaw, a new Budapest or another Prague: in Cuba the Soviet troops cannot massacre the population for the democrats in the Americas would do all to prevent it. But here, should the Washington government default upon its duty and fail to help Cuba to free itself of dictatorship, then we, consistent with our revolutionary principles would demand of the leader of the "Free World" and the nation which proclaims itself the champion of democracy that they do their duty and prevent the massacre of the Cuban people in the course of their libertarian struggle.

CUBANS: THE TIME FOR WORD IS PASSED. THIS IS THE TIME FOR DEEDS.

CUBAN LIBERTARIAN MOVEMENT

MAY 1, 1980.

Continued from Front 1980.

ARMS OF THE COUP

Aside from the fact that the coup is part of an overall plan in which the preponderant role is played by the dictatorship of the Cono Sur (in this instance, most specifically Argentina), there can be no question but that the aim is to destroy the Bolivian labour movement headed by the COB (Bolivian Labour Congress) whose class and revolutionary fighting spirit has been and is viewed as a permanent threat to the power factions of the Bolivian oligarchy.

The COB (founded 17April 1952) embraces in a single group urban workers, miners and farm workers. And though every left-wing and revolutionary outlook is represented within it, the COB has been able jealously to guard its political and trade union autonomy and constantly reiterated its intention of transforming society.

In recent times, given the new wave of repression and the political and social conditions, the COB has been the only organisation truly representative of the popular aspirations.

For this reason the coup has been aimed against the COB and its militants.

OUR POSITION: Immediately news was received of the military coup, we of the CLA contacted a number of the External Committee of the COB, who were touring Europe to convey our readiness to lend all assistance to the struggle of the Bolivian people.

Convinced of the importance of that struggle, we invite all libertarian comrades and kindred organisations to join us in this solidarity campaign to obtain the release of all persons detained by the rebel military and especially of COB militants among them our colleague Liber Forti, a founder member.

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For this reason...
Jorge Luis Borges and the Argentinian Junta.

Argentinian writer Jorge Luis Borges has at last defined an "ethical problem" in continuing to support the Junta in his country. The man who once described the Junta as useless power in 1976 as "a government of gentlemen" has now (since 20,000 disappearances later) come to the view that ends do not justify means. Perhaps worried about the Borges reputation, he now wishes it known that he "cannot compromise" his methods against the Junta employing. Borges now speaks of ethics. Petty he did not inquire into the ethics of applauding the Junta's efforts to supply its resources to the countrymen. But then Borges is radically anti-Peronist and anti-communist and his beloved gentlemen were acting upon his own beliefs. And this is the man who for years has been contemptuously dismissing other writers' criticisms of the Junta as "politically motivated." It is whereas his support was of course perfectly ethical.

Nicaragua

Jorge L., a Costa Rican eyewitness to the recent fashionable Nicaragua's speech (in A. Rivista Anarquischia, January 1980) of growing Sandinista bureaucratic action, via the Sandinista Democratic Committees and of strikes and factories. The question of increased production demands are "anti-Sandinist" and "anti-Sandinist," say the FNL. The National Guard has been moved by a Sandinista Police. The FSNL, in addition to Sandinist guerrillas has now the resistance of the MILPAS (Anti-Sandinista People's Militia), Mosquitoes who fought alongside the FSNL.

Also, the paper El Pueblo has been shut down by the FSNL, and its editor Melvin Wallace and another jailed. Meanwhile there has also been the fate of numbers of the Mosquito Workers' Front and the Trotskyist Revolutionary Marxists League who have been critical of FSNL collaboration with the middle classes.

In the face of growing disillusionment and economic problems the Indians of the southern area area have begun an armed resistance with sticks, machetes, burning pieces and makeshift weapons.

Military forces in El Salvador, trying to get control of a lucrative region, tortured people in their cells, raped, burned homes and searching for armed people without cards are now to be shot.

BRAZIL

Brazil Death Squad

Up to 3 June 1980 the Death Squad had claimed 248 murders; 7 in a single day in a single suburb of Rio de Janeiro. Of the most terrifying aspects of their activity is their psychological war. They know they are policemen settling scores they were believed to be invulnerable. Until recently. And the person responsible for this change was a most unlikely candidate in a white dominated, macho colonized society. He is Marli, a black maid and mother of 4 from one of Rio's shanty towns. In October 1979 she saw her 18 year old brother Paulo Pereira Soares in the local 13 times by men shown to be police. Swearing vengeance she approached the 20th Regiment of the Military Police demanding a line up so that she could pick out the guilty ones. She was demagogated as a 'whore' and told that 4 people had already confessed to the massacre and persisted in a sympathetic magistrate backed her up. The man of the 20th Regiment fired past her. She picked out the guilty men. Married to an squad had shoot a man, in effect, the police without respect to the law. Even though its mutation go, on it can never be quite the same again.

P.L.O. vs. W. GERMANY

The Palestinian Liberation Organisation is collaborating with the West German police in the "anti-terrorist struggle" against the German daily "Die Welt," confirmed by other police in the country, dismissed by the newspapers, and searching for armed people without cards are now to be shot.

The arrest of five German 'terrorists' in a Paris hotel would have been possible without the course of the PLO in Beirut and the Federal German Criminal Brigade, "it was stated, adding that, without the aid of the PLO and the help of an Arab country," it was possible to arrest "with German support," several members of the German police, "and that they will fight on." The police and military of Germany and other countries are fighting for an undeciphered national war. They have no connection with the revolution. All come from a middle-class side, all subscribe to a military mentality that makes them counterparts - even when military necessity makes them enemies of the police and military else where, even in Israel.

The collaboration of the PLO with Bonn, at getting political concessions out of West Berlin. Berlin has not in the past masters at this art. These too have one of the most proliferating police and military intelligence systems in the world, rivaling the Russians and Americans. They have penetrated the Arab nationalist organisation and revolutionaries and not only given them over to their own or rival organisations, but also their friends.

Authorities are sending thousands of political prisoners from different but alike sources. In Iran, Morocco and Spain. The latter is also a government of policemen. In the former, it is the introduction of old-style drama - the change of role: by the help of two student women in the police, by the help of two women, all acting as if they were dealing with a danger. The secrecy and the hypochondric rule of the authorities has been brought about by the police's inactivity in social behaviour and by the police's inactivity in social behaviour.

Women in Iran & Spain

News of violent attacks on political prisoners comes from two different but alike sources. In Iran, Morocco and Spain. The latter is also a government of policemen. In the former, it is the introduction of old-style drama - the change of role: by the help of two student women in the police, by the help of two women, all acting as if they were dealing with a danger. The secrecy and the hypochondric rule of the authorities has been brought about by the police's inactivity in social behaviour and by the police's inactivity in social behaviour.
ANGLA

BRITISH MERCENARIES MAY BE RELEASED
(Exclusive to Black Flag)

The seven British mercenaries held in Angola could be released, we are reliably informed by a correspondent. They were sentenced to terms of up to thirty years for their part in right-wing backed invasion of Angola, led astray by financial considerations and manipulated by right-wing politicians. The families are naturally desperately concerned about them and have constantly complained that the British Embassy in Luanda does not send them sufficient information.

This news will therefore come as a total surprise to them. The Angolan authorities would consider releasing the men if they expressed their regret and repentence (which is probable they would do); in their trial they all claim they were only doing it for money and if similar releases were made by the British.

This is, of course, an obvious snag. The British have no comparable record in the liberation of the Angolans. The families of the mercenaries will want their relatives out; they need to persuade the Foreign Office to act - or the exchange can be done.

In the meantime, persuading Washington, that the Angolan government is inclined to blame for the adventure anyway.

There are several obvious candidates in the U.S.A. for release. First among them is Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, probably the last to be held as a "criminal" for the recent war - a sick joke when one recalls the crimes as seen, today, by people. The film "Apocalypse Now"...of all those barbaric criminals the one named "war criminal" is someone who protested against the war.

There are several black prisoners in the U.S.A. who are serving sentences for political "crimes", when the Angolan Government wants the prestige of having gained their release from "a relentless and racist oppressor".

Can NOT the Americans bear to release them - in order to help the British mercenaries aries at least? The quality of mercy is not strained. Conviction in acts of mercy is no bad thing. They could offer Twenty or forty prisoners their freedom, in exchange for an act of clemency by Luanda. But they would have to offer something.

If the American authorities are prepared to act on this, we feel the Angolan will act expeditiously. It is understood that Lord Brockwell will be accepted as an intermediary by the Angolans administration.

SPAN

ANARCHIST ARCHIVES

The problem about the return of the CNT archives from Amsterdam still continues. Huge deposits of the files and records were made after the civil war was concluded. A special commission was appointed by the social historical archives in Amsterdam - which has the "Kokkedijk archives" and a vast array of historical material about the libertarian movement. It was hoped that this being under the protection of the Dutch government, would preserve the material from the Nazis. This seems to have been the case, but now they can't get them back again and the cases remain unopened for over forty years.

Scholars are itching to get their hands on them, but the Dutch library authorities seem to be insisting on the need to complete the work for the release of the documents as handed in. in so far as keeping and most of the people concerned have died off, moreover, the matter seems to have become up with the demand that the Spanish government return the property of the CNT. (This is a huge printing press, daily newspapers, halls, etc - even the whole collectivized industry forcibly taken, the property of the UGT, again excepting collectivism.

The matter hasn't been helped, of course, by the split, and that two groups claim to be the authentic CNT.

Meanwhile a centre of historical-social documents has been established in Barcelona. It is a vast complex (a former school) which needs considerable refurbishment, but taking place, but which has very little material (it all went under the years of fascism). They are seeking historical material from all over the world and particularly short of material in English.

Anarchist, syndicalist and wobbly material would be very welcome, especially bound volumes or old documentation. It is not yet open to the public but will be by next year.

Address: Centro de documentación historico-social de anarquismo y sindicalismo, at Montalegre 5, Barcelona 1 apdo. 22272. (Catalonia, Spain).
 Saturday August 9th, was a beautiful summer's day and perfect for Cirschgic's Press and Free-Winged Eagle's Anarchist Bookstall at the Orkney Agricultural Society's Annual County Show. This event to the major day in Orkney's calendar, dating back to the old Lumen Fairs and matriarchal fire festivals held in pagan times.

The day went very well, both groups involved making just about enough to cover their costs. We were delighted at the numbers of children who were having a good laugh at our anti-Thatcher posters, and the many teenagers enquiring about our selection of anarchic badges and Cliché records. One apprentice housepainter spent nearly £25 on books, records and badges - surely nearly a whole week's wages! Lots of older members of the community were also interested in our books and magazines, but many could only walk away shaking their heads in utter disbelief. We had a series of free leaflets printed but these were not too successful. Some people appreciated them, but I think the majority objected to having 'catchphrase' leaflets thrust under their very noses.

By the highly dubious means of asking them straight out, we were able to borrow a large tent from the Territorial Army. (I think they thought we were a charity like Oxfam) This put us to very social use and by using to house a friends of Cirschgic's cheese and wine party. (Building the new a society inside the frame of the old, eh?)

All in all, it was a very useful day, we found some new friends and sympathisers, and the kids got spilt and rotten!

Ross MacGillchrist.

"Those who advise you to be silent to your friends mean to betray you without witnesses."

The truth of this saying was never more clearly expressed than in the hue and cry over TOWARDS A CIVILIZING MILITIA: from Rump to Police State work, £1.25. There is nothing remarkable in the book that it takes seriously the possibility of people defending themselves against aggression and outlines methods of resistance.

Indeed, one might ingenuously think that it would accord with current Tory monetarist thinking, in dispensing with the need for an expensive Government-controlled Army and showing how one can, without cost to the generality "Do it yourself". That thinking's all right for Education or Health, not for the sacred cow of Defence!

In a review, THE LEVELLER missed the point completely in saying the book was "a repetition of the Home Guard book."

The sudden collapse of the State organized armies in the Second World War meant that the Government had to fall back on the people, in the event of defeat. It set about creating a Home Guard based on the principles of revolutionary and popular struggle, modelling itself on the Spanish militia before it was militarized. In France, a similar Resistance movement was set up spontaneously, after the event of invasion had occurred. The Allied Governments set about the easy task as far as France was concerned (by the circumstances) of seeing that they could then control these movements and that they did not get out of hand. To describe a book such as this, therefore, as if it were merely calling for a Home Guard, is putting the cart before the horse.

STRANGE CONFUSION

In a predictable pacifistic review (with the inevitable disclaimer that it wasn't the "place for a violence versus non-violence debate") FREEDOM denounced the book as "a strange confusion" and shows the depth of its knowledge of anarchism. With the WP in saying that "the International Revolutionary Solidarity Movement - First of May Group" sounds "Protokoll". (Trotzky's role in the revolutionary solidarity movement in the Chicago Agreement, and in libertarian post-war struggles are well known to Freemasonry pacifists, who are experts on strange confusion).

It concludes by citing a heavy anti-gypsy joke in Kurt Sven's book (not under review but strangely confused): an even heavier anti-gay joke may incidentally be found in Tolstoy's REBUTTAL, nothing of the breed of press attacks that are potently against Anarchism as such; and if FREEDOM is really intended to be read by anarchists these might be commented on, or even rebutted. What upsets the enemy can't be that bad.

TORY MP

In the material original and exciting? Maybe so from the reaction of the Tory Members of Parliament and their disreputable Labour colleagues; though one critic sniffed to me he could send everything in it in the Swines HOME GUARD manual. Less well read than he and admiring the omniscience of one who could offer photogypsies of it for me at the drop of a hat. It seemed to me to be a useful introduction to what still has to be done sooner than we think. The honourable Members' reaction proves it: they DO NOT WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW HOW TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. They do not mean the resistance will never remain necessary; they shrink to the heavens, that is CRIMINAL OF ITSELF.

They dare not say that there will never be military aggression from outside or within. What they do say is that opposition to such aggression is CRIMINAL OF ITSELF.

They do not necessarily rule out opposition to such aggression provided it is done in such a way that it is legal, and approved of by then; under their control and glorify their own interests. But in the event of such aggression being successful, therefore legalised by itself, it follows as the night does the day to them that resistance must be illegal of itself; There they are right, of course. But they betray clearly where they intend to be when the calamity comes for the rest of us - still the Vicars of Bray, not to use a more apposite term, Quakers.

As Stuart Christie remarked on TV, a good topical example in the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, but it could be a cabal of Right Wing Officers. It happened in Chile it could happen here.

Oh brother! Union clashes over 'anarchist' magazine

LAMBETH COUNCIL workers are on strike in the struggle for a wage settlement and better working conditions. The workers, who are taking part in a general strike, are demanding a 25% increase in their wages and better working conditions. The workers' demands include an increase in their wages and better working conditions.

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Dear Black Flag,

As a result of the direct action taken against the nuclear program at Shannon on July 9th, 7 people spent several days in prison and were later fined a total of £250.

The authorities hoped by putting us in prison to scare us into two things—
1. stop us taking further action
2. to intimidate other groups and therefore stop them taking any direct action against the base.

It seems as though they succeeded. There was only 5 London's Blockade of the A.I.A.'s office in the Haymarket, in which 5 people were arrested—minus the rest of the country, apparently, it slept.

Direct action as a definite possibility should not be overlooked. Groups should start training now so that next time they will be ready to respond. The days of the low profile (as far as nuclear power is concerned) are over.

For want to avoid going to prison again we need to raise £500 within the next 3 months. Badges, posters and a film we made of the event from beginning to end, will soon be available. Please support us. Send donations to: Sharpness Defence Fund, The Valley, Butter Hill, STRoud, Solidarity, Kevin

Dear Flag,

Just a few disagreements on the article about 'Anarchist Connection' in Spiritu Santo which appeared in the last edition of Black Flag.

For the Phoenix Foundation to claim that anarchism is compatible with private property rights in ok up to a point—1 like to own my own furniture, household goods etc. But if I can steal, cheat or convince yours away from you, does this also then make them mine?

It is also said that the Americans want it for tax havens. The writer describes this as "a small price to pay for a haven from government." I do not think so. A tax haven for capitalists to operate from while they steal labour from people all over the world?

Then goes on to say that suspicion of this foundation in circumstances like this isn't justified. I am not, then, of course where the money came from for PACIFIC STATION and Transport

The very fact that an organisation based in Britain has a stake in this dispute—to the tune of thousands of dollars by the sounds of it—means it is very suspicious indeed.

Yours,
P.D. Bartholomew

VIEW POINT

On writing this letter out of complete desperation and frustration. For most of my life I've been involved in some way of politics, I've been through just about every political ideology that can be imagined, and I'm no nearer reaching any conclusions than when I started.

For a brief period I was a member of the Tory Party, but six months of elitism and social bigotry soon secured my removal from that bastion of the middle class prejudice.

Next I found myself going along to Young Socialist meetings. The YS opposed all the beliefs of the Thunderer and 'Capitalism', but instead substituted for them their own regressive, divisive beliefs. The hours that I subjected myself to all that verbal bullshit of the 'Socialist Programmes' and the constant harping back to 'Nationalisation of the 200 biggest monopolies etc... etc... are these people robots or human beings?'

After this I actually joined a political party: the Liberal Party. I even became Secretary of the local Young Liberal Branch. For a while I really did believe that I'd found my cause... NOT... it was not too long before I realised that I was surrounded with yet another bunch of careerists and anarcho radicals.

Then, after all these cases Anarchists...curiously, it does not at last I found something to believe in, something free of bullshit, something interesting in one simple thing: Freedom. I can't say that, simply because it just isn't true. Anarchists in Britain have no time to take any opportunity they can to argue and disagree, to form new factions and new groups. A few weeks ago I received a letter from the Anarchist Communist Association, the letter was out to discredit all other Anarchista groups and to put itself forth as the true exponent of libertarian theory. This was totally sickening... Why can't they join up with the Direct Action Movement? And why can't IAN join up with other Anarchistic- syndicalist groups for fuck's sake, we've got few enough members as it is without all this pointless feuding? Why can't Black Flag and Freedom work together more? You're all supposed to believe in the same things, so why all this farting around?

With the LEFT in this country in such a sorry state the time should be ripe for anarchists to take the initiative, but it seems precious little is actually being achieved.

The majority of the reactionary Governments of the century, lots of people are looking for an alternative, so lets see them being offered a libertarian alternative. It would be a start if such papers as Xtra Black Flag or Freedom started producing some leaflets or posters, whether they like it or not they are the focal point for the anarchist movement (if you can call it that). At least the Ecology Party can offer a programme (not a million miles from anarchism) that is backed up by organisation, a programme that is based on massive decentralisation, which is radical, and without being divisive.

CHRIS OF WORLING & INSIDE VIEW, Aven

REPLY: This sums up the position of those who immediately think that I "am an anarchist sti peoviet", consisting of whoever chooses to think of themselves as anarchists irrespective of their beliefs. If one turns the media sometimes does, the word"ANARCHIST" to imply everyone who happens to be against the State—and therefore range from (actual examples)

Fairly far the Italian fascists—a few the anarchist movement and some mixed bunch! Our correspondent does not go so far, the Whitworth, a local group calling itself a "middle class is only a Labourite in very little political clothing—argue to you.

The Direct Action Movement was set up with other Anarchists—syndicalist but if there are some not in it, I am sure that they would be pleased to have them. Contrary to the view held in the writer to V.I.P.O.R.D., last issue the more organisations the more possibility of action, it is in reality a term from the mass of "spontaneous" organisation which does not flow in coming into being, but by trying to build them. Even at least start.

So far as Black Flag and Freedom are concerned, some of us in the former spent years in what we later realised with so many others was a cul de sac, and parted company for good after the pacifists had gained such a hold that the whole paper actually suggested getting up a collection for the cause, as they were injured in a demonstration. Wherever there is a major breakthrough in the media for Anarchists, it disturbs the equilibrium of those who now run Freedom—even at a distance. Not that they are pacifists, they merely 'disapprove of violence' and want to preserve standards (and we don't want a witch hunting against pacifists, do we?) So we always find them denounced others as 'violent', not out of sectarianism but out of caution, and even publish (as in the last issue we have a letter of these lines from the reprehensible stooge who calls himself "Devon Barbarians" whom unable to write attacks (usually on Freedom itself) on behalf of, without comment, the small group called A.A.A.

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MERSYSEIDE LETTER

Dear Black Flag,

This letter is to offer congratulations on producing a paper that provokes valuable debate on anarchist ideas and action. I feel this is essential in a society where there is so much distortion, and paper tiger radicalism, passed off as real, to distinguish between a libertarian or anarchist base. The women's movement and gay liberation have both contributed to the expansion of anarchist thought, but they have also been attacked as if they related to the powerlessness of the working class, and an attack on authoritarian social structure. Maybe this is because so much of the membership of women's groups, or middle-class and reflect its isolation, but there is a move away from central anarchist concerns to personal therapies and group therapy which lump that in essence are exclusive middle-class search for normalization and alienation.

What is such a bad joke is that these kind of radical groupings are trying to establish elitist politics ("the personal is political") and yet in terms of their own lifestyle, clone-like conformity, and hardline rejection of any criticism that threatens their anachronism, they present the very picture of the authoritarian society they are committed to overthrow? Do all radical subcultures become victims of the alienation they are out to destroy? So much of the libertarian left in this country has become a radical ingrowing tomaill, and preserves anarchobourgeois, who have no real concern to links between some of the resources they have, and the working class community.

The bookshop and East End radical of this radical gottlouder, on a Sunday night, you can attend a Liberty Hall, wearing your uniform of shorts hair, ear ring and overalls (nicely tailored to never get greasy on your whiskers, and food, and nothing you don't attempt to store, and store criticism, because you will be housed, or entrained into all the prejudices of radical clone.

Again, like any bookshop, provides an excellent range of anarchist/socialist literature, and yet when you go home, self-righteous and with a book in hand, you are in the middle of rationalizing the process of radical clone.

I have tried to fight the violence imposed on the people by the molecular role of the young person, to resist the imposition of crime, labelling, and in most cases, a lifetime of incorporation. I have probably been the most economically damaged in the counter-culture and law breaking that is rocketing as a reaction to delirious almoni, unemployment, a city that has been attacked by planned urban genocide. I run a karate group for young styx, and in groups there have been some interesting distinctions between what is crime and what isn't, but the bureaucratic pressure imposed by the state is a direct help you can provide, and I am on my way out. But what is disturbing, in that is the whole socialist-anarchist propaganda does not touch the lives of the young styx because of its precarious segregation. Unfortunately racist / Nazi propaganda does not when it gets along with economic and political conditions that feed it. There is a lot of silence in libertarian/socialist thinking that lassoures criminality, and you can get your life that the people define as such, are middle class graduates who have never smelled the inside of a police cell, B.C. or Bristol. 

Essentially the notion to the law is a healthy rebellion against the system that keeps them in the developed environment. But without publicisation and radical support, and given time and institutionalisation, it is even more the brutality and greed of a failed Thatcher, or power addict of the underclass.

As the traditional links of working class solidarity have been broken, and less housing policies, unemployment, and increasing dependency to the consumerism, so has criminal activity taken a mindless, barbaric course. Taking cars and hit and run driving with a neighbour as the victim is not uncommon. In the Toxteth area, neighbours are no longer neighbours, doors cannot be left as, as a result, mugging is rarely left on the line because it is soon stolen. Nobody class kids in the houses of their own kind, and kidnap mugging is rife.

Heavily has handed the redundancies in the last 5 years, and Heavens closing recently with more to come, the future of Liverpool is certainly grim, and I would think it is a prototype for what the State has in store for areas with a tradition of industrial militancy, that it doesn't need to perpetuate its rule of class and capital.

As far as the youngsters who are victims of black and red flak are concerned, Right wing ideology becomes an essential part of their philosophy as the internalisation of the oppression of the various institutions that the State is to tune the social role, until after the Black Flag. London Centre and Detention Centre, the young person, and the infamous in illegal crime, labelling, and in most cases, a lifetime of incorporation. Liverpool is probably the most economically damaged in the counter-culture and law breaking that is rocketing as a reaction to delirious almoni, unemployment, a city that has been attacked by planned urban genocide.

To that effect, with the growth of authoritarian / racist ideology in areas like Merseyside, we should all start waking but quietly if we went to identify with the growth of anarchism tomorrow, it's too damn late, we are to have any more tomorrow. What ever happened to the traditional socialist ideals of freedom and responsibility being based on natural morality, for example? The anarchoclone culture of today seems to have replaced that with conformity and apathy based on the segregated politics of a blind alley.

I hope not to sound as if a way can be found out, but not the ones, will go out for all of us.

Sincerely,
Mark Needs.

EDITORIAL NOTE:
The "anarchoclone" Mark refers too are hardly clones of the so-called "bourgeois liberal" trying to ape libertarian ideas. The identifying of anarchoclone as a revolutionary working class philosophy - with pacifism, by freedom and autonomy usually Pearl, just has cause this: it has nothing to do with "violence v. non-violence", it seems to do with trying to pose a homeless idea in the fairly empty house of another.

THE ANARCHIST SONGBOOK

THE BOOKSHOP WILL HOPPELY BE PRINTED BEFORE TOO LONG. HERE IS A SONG FROM IT IN THE MEANTIME:

**THE BLACK FLAG**
(Tune: Tannenbaum)
The people's flag is deepest black Red flak are just about to put The workers' state is just a way To let the revolution fade away.

CHORUS:
Lose our blackest banners high The people live, only leaders die The working class will smash the state 'We'll shout the vanguard while we wait.' Let's smash US imperialism Let's fight all thugs and monsters too Leftist leaders would rather see A good slogan than a real victory.

CHORUS:
Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Beny Forgive us if we're feeling ill The working class won't kiss your ass

CHORUS:
People's army, people's war People's police and people's laws You'll protect the worker's state Till our enemies are all agitated.

CHORUS:
Who are the people you talk about Power to yourselves we have no doubt You just ride on the workers' gains But we want more than a chance of chains.
Ronald Simpson

On 23rd October 1976 there was a robbery at the home of a posh merchant - a Mr Melbourne. Mr Melbourne was at home that evening with his daughter and son; his wife was out. Their descriptions of the robbery are as follows: A man, dressed as a policeman, knocked at the door and the daughter answered. When she went to get her father the man rushed in behind her and knocked her to the floor. When the father appeared the man hit him with a metal bar and he was dragged bleeding into the front room.

Some other men came in after the first - the victims say there were 3, at the most 5, men in all - and they had guns; one was a sawn-off shot gun and the other a pistol. The men were held in one room the daughter in another. The house was ransacked by the robbers in their search for a large amount of money they believed to be hidden there.

The father was beaten and threatened in an attempt to make him reveal where the money was hidden. His daughter was brought in, she had been told to strip to her underclothes, and the man impersonating a policeman threatened her with rape if the father would not give them the money. Although he would not tell them anything, in their search the men found about £200 in cash and 3 valuable gold bracelets; they took all this and left.

The police had no clues until over a year later in late 1977, when a man, William Amis, arrested in May of that year, confessed to being the Eleventh and made statements alleging that certain other people were on the robbery with him. One of these others about whom he makes allegations is a man called Mick Morris, who is now serving a 14-year sentence for his alleged part in that robbery, though he denies any part in it.

In the same way, in statements 1 year earlier, his memory improved so that he could remember who had a gun - Mickey, of course - what cars were used etc.

David Smith, in a statement to the police police (No. 7777) remembered a night when Mickey Morris and Amis came into a pub together wearing identical gold chunky bracelets. He put the date as "sometime after Christmas 1976". In a statement 2 years later (July 1979) his memory had improved that not only did he remember that it was "in late October 1976" he actually recollected it was the night of the robbery. Under cross examination he explained that he remembered it so well as his birthday is in October and he had just left his wife some days previously.

Unfortunately Smith's statement contradicted Amis, who had said that at the robbery he and Mickey had gone to a friend's house to plot the robbery. In Amis's re-mention of the late night visit to the pub.

Ronald Simpson was placed in Brixton prison by the police so that he could later claim that Mickey had made additions to his story. Simpson spent 5 days in all in Brixton. He claimed that on the day after he was placed on the same wing as Mick Morris, Mickey came to his cell and made certain admissions to him, confessing that he was on the robbery, two things undermine the validity of this testimony. The day Mickey supposedly went into Simpson's cell he was in fact at the magistrates court at a remand hearing and further he was called by the defence to give evidence. He said that the day Simpson was placed on the wing was a complaint to him about Simpson, saying that Simpson was a grass and that he (Morrison) wanted nothing to do with him. The prison officer went on to say that he never saw anyone go into Simpson's cell and that Simpson never left his cell. The next day Simpson was transferred to another wing and a few days later was given bail.

Based on this "evidence" the jury found Mickey guilty (by a 10 to 2 majority) and he is now serving a 15 years sentence. The men who2. 4. 5. 6.

In early 1978, after he had made numerous statements that charge was dropped to manslaughter. Along with that dropped charge for 30 robberies 'taken into consideration' he received, he received a 5-year sentence for robbery. After his release he was noted for his standard sentence for grasses, 5 years.

With Ronald Simpson likewise, for a lengthy list of charges stretching back many years received only 5 years. See March Black Flag No. 1 for details to Smith.

Next Month

Court Circular next month reveals the fate of five ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY MEMBERS in Belfast's judicial system charged with "terrorist" offences.

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Answers to Anarchist Quiz

1. Simon Newcomb, the master mathematician of the era, predicted that a flying machine with passengers was an impossibility; and the Wright Brothers made their pioneer flight in the same year.

2. John Tyndall, in 1883, disproved the current theories offered in explanation of the Ice Age showing the earth cooling as the sun failing to give heat, by proving that heat was needed as much as cold to make glaciers or ice cover. (In case you were misled, the physicist had no relation to the present British Nazi.)

3. The Star of David - adopted by the Black Flag. The Barcelona dockers associated it with anti-Jewishness and the French demonstration - anti-Catholic overtones - was studiously ignored by the creole who knew that, in Levant, was cultivating a pro-Frances policy (though Franco a pro-Arab one).

4. Wallace, as a young reporter, covered an English princess's marriage to the King of Spain (when there was a botched attempt against him) and he stayed to cover the events that were a hunt followed, which left him seemingly half-mad and worked in his later, novel-writing career.

5. In the socialist mental ward (in his puritanical horror) encountered women drinking in the room, who he assumed it was a brothel! He was certain of this in the room, was a pub, not a pub, but the ladies were actually SMOKING! He apologized later because he had not realised that "they were Russian ladies who were accustomed to cigarette".
The A.G. said the latest document "could be a hit list of targets" - knowing full well the Press would take it up as an actual hit list. It contained the names of the vetted jurors, of Malcolm Muggeridge and Lord Mountbatten. This was stated as an "explanation" of why he, the unvetted Assistant Mr David Myddleton, was barred by the police, and intended as a sop to him. The gentleman was indignating at being branded an "anarchist" ("I am not a Pan-Africanist or anyone he protested - evidently not having had time to note that neither, perhaps, were the defendants)."

LOST MANNA

Several points spring to the mind when hearing this extraordinary statement by Sir Michael Havers. Why was the document never produced? In the lack of any evidence in the trial, and the manna from Heaven for the prosecution. Why is it not produced now?

It is suggested - since Lord Mountbatten is mentioned - that he was not killed by the IRA - but by the Anarchists? - And that the police knew in advance and did nothing? Directly, the Anarchist targets this century have been Hitler, Mussolini, Lenin, Franco...and Mr Myddleton, the charterer accountant. He is probably in the same league somewhere. In regard to Mr Muggeridge, his conversion to Christian- ity has irritated many of the Marxist left, but what of Black Flag Group's good reason to know that he is sincere, that he twice gave good time to Anarchists on television and that he acted when occasion demanded with characteristic generosity and selflessness. Indeed, a strange hit list!

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VETTED JUROR

Then why was Mr Myddleton vetted? The answer is very simple - and their briefing by the A.G. could not be faulted in this instance. Mr Myddleton has explained his political views which he thinks of Anarchism but are in reality those which we described in our last issue (on "The Anarchist Connection" in Espritu Santo) as the so-called "right wing anarchist" of "anarchist capitalism." He has possibly never come across the American Libertarian Party and might think all anarchists are socialists! He has demonstrated at the Bank of England against the Socialists economic policies and regards all the Parties as identical in economics - he has written extensively on capitalism with national socialism - all familiar stuff to anarchists, but his corollary is that this "libertarianism" is compatible with socialism. Perhaps views of the American Right, but not the British Right which unites monetarists with fascist "law and order" tendencies, not libertarianism.

The police could hardly be blamed for thinking him an anarchist (if you run off with someone's clothes, don't blame someone else for mistaking your identity). Sir Michael, however, felt sorry for the poor man who only tried to put a gloss on capitalism - and got associated with crime and banditry! He could hardly be expected to worry about the accused facing charge after charge following their acquittal, none of which could stand up in a court of law and can only be repeated in the Coward's Castle of Parliamentary privilege.

The entire press media bayed at Jeff Rooker MP for complaining of bribery in a capitalist firm and being unable to substantiate his allegations. If he misused his position, how much so cowardly Michael Havers? Yet the press is silent, even when the matter is brought to their attention. It is a crime Michael Havers to whitewash and at the same time to give him a seat in Parliament, so he can go to the law courts to show the government how much he is for the people."

REPLY TO VIEWPOINT CONT.

'Conferences' - nothing could be more ridiculous than 'conferences' called now and then by little groups of students in no contact with anything but 'freedom' because it would be nice to have one. Nothing can be expected. More conferences hardly decide there should be no disparageable stages outside in the open.

But in a Marx's world things? An anarchist is someone who believes anarchism to be desirable - and possibly they do; who works towards it - less certainly; and who thinks it possible - and they never do (they are more into practical anarchism which in practice turns out to be social work, and that is not exactly the same thing!)

As proved by the Manchester group originally launching the Direct Action Movement which has now grown, a lot can be done by local groups in pamphlet form without a paper. Local papers can be produced (though "Free Press and Lib- erty" is an instance of a fine one) and they are full of the 'main' papers constituting a hub, network, but they, by distinguishing between what is socialist and what is not; otherwise one in going to assume there is such a lot of differences. The problem with not having a Party is that one cannot clearly define them with whom one is associated and with whom not. That is the price one pays for avoiding the Party structure.

The Ecologi Party in a different kettle of fish...more of that next time!

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C.N.T. Split

Reply to 'Blackwings' (both held over from this issue)

A Visit to Cuba

Anarchist Theory: new series

No.2 of Libertarian Biographies, series

SOCIALIST BOOK FAIR

Nov 28/29: Camden Town Hall, Euston, London. We'll be there! Black Flag/Glenfuegos Press stall (third year, bigger than ever)

ANARCHIST CLUB in London. Action against the Primes being considered...

AS TIMES SEE US

Sunday Times 14.2.80

SOUTH LONDON REPORT

From the "wrong" side of the Thames - well, at least we've got it between us and the Houses of Parliament - comes news of an anarchist bookshop planned for Brixton. It'll be a contact place for anarchists in South London, a place to buy and read books, and magazines and a contact address for the Brixton Prisoners Support Group. At the moment, we're negotiating for a local shop, and hope that it'll be sort-out soon. A report on the Prisoner's Book Scheme in the next issue.

From the depths of Lambeth Labour Council's socialist wonderland comes: "If you haven't got enough copies use The Xerox Machine. That's where it's at."

First issue of National Association Trade Union anarchists and tried group paper.

ALBERT MILTENER