WE HAVE FED YOU ALL FOR A THOUSAND YEARS
by an unknown Proletarian

We have fed you all for a thousand years
And you hail us still unfed;
Though there's never a dollar of all your wealth
But man's the workers' dead.
We have yielded our best to give you rest
And you lie on crimson wool.
Then if blood be the price of all your wealth
Good God! We have paid it in full.

There is never a mine blows skyward now
But we're buried alive for you
There's never a wreck drifts shoreward now
But we are its ghastly crew.
Go reckon our dead by the forge's red
And the fact rics where we spin
If blood be the price of your cursed wealth
Good God! We have paid it in.

We have fed you all for a thousand years --
For that we our doom, you know.
From the days when you chained us in your fields
To the strike a week ago.
You have taken our lives, and our babies and wives.
And we're told it's your legal share
But if blood be the price of your lawful wealth
Good God! We have bought it fair.

I.W.W. Songbook

Anarchist Black Cross, 725 Fulham Road, London, S. W. 6.
England.
Editorial

THE BOMB PROTESTS AGAINST GEN. FRANCO

Over a period of a fortnight a number of bombs were exploded in Spanish banks and offices throughout Europe. These might have been seen by the general public to have been more significant had there not been a policy of silence on the part of the national press and the secret police forces of Western Europe, no doubt put pressure on the former. One can see from the scant coverage of these acts that it was desired to suppress their propaganda nature. But of course they were not merely for propaganda, but as a warning to the Franco authorities to discontinue their campaign of intimidation, imprisonment, torture and murder.

The "Evening Standard" admitted that there had been three "outrages" in Britain - two in London (news suppressed at the time) and one a week or so after in Liverpool. Most journalists think that the Special Branch believe that all this is the work of the First of May Group, which is the most militant of the revolutionary organisations in the Western Hemisphere, and they have expended a great deal of energy, time and money in their attempt to break the group. The complicity of Special Branch with the German, Spanish and French secret police is obvious after the arrest of our seven comrades in Valencia. In July 1967, two Spaniards were detained by the British Special Branch, while in England on business. The German police had warned that these two individuals were anarchists, and suspected associates of Octavi Alberola (bogeyman of M.I.5, DST and the C.I.A.!) They were virtually accused pointblank of having taken part in the machine-gunning of the American Embassy and Spanish diplomatic automobiles a few days earlier. THERE WAS NO SHRED OF EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM. They were released, but warned that they would be notified of any a tion the police would have to take. Less than a month later, the Directorate of Security in Madrid stated that seven anarchists were arrested in Valencia and had "admitted" participation in explosions, kidnapping, machine-gunning the Embassy, and (to crown it) planning to rob one of the major banks in Valencia. Needless to say, it was also claimed that Alberola had not only organised these activities but participated in them as well.

This was announced at a very convenient time for those who wanted to rid themselves of Alberola once and for all. An editorial in "ABC" on 4th Sept (the day before the news about the seven was released) stated that the Belgian Government were about to grant political asylum to Alberola, and criticised them for harbouring a terrorist and a-criminal. It can be seen that this was a well prepared plot to put pressure on the Belgian Govt. and to create an "international anarchist" scare on old familiar lines.

But should we criticise those (Continued on p.6)
To workers, democrats, progressive minded men and women inside and outside our country:

The prisoners of Soria Central Prison, fraternally united in struggle, call to public opinion to assist them. There are a large number of political and social prisoners in the Spanish State, mostly conscripted men who have been imprisoned, and often mistreated, for professing their political and social ideals; that is to say, they have been thrown into prison for reasons which no civilised country today imprisons people.

Since the end of the Civil War there have been political prisoners in Spain and during all these years they have called for an Amnesty - as recognised by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - or at least, recognition of their status as political prisoners. For all these years we have gone through every possible form of appeal and protest, only to find the continuation of a system based on lack of civil rights and systematic torture. Time and again the State has resorted to the pretext of "exceptional circumstances".

We demand equally the end of the "Exceptional" Tribunals (Public Order, Military etc) as instruments of repression of the workers movement and the movements of the peasants, students, anti-imperialists, Basques, Catalans, Galicians. Especially we demand the end of the law of "Banditry and Terrorism" another pretext at taking away our liberties. 1968, year of 'human rights' has come and gone; we are nearly 20 years away from the end of the Civil War, and Spain is still treated like a conquered nation, without amnesty for prisoners, without recognition of their status. We demand:

1. Recognition of our status as political and social prisoners.
2. Normal application of conditional liberty.
3. An amnesty for political prisoners with the restoration of minimal liberties of association, meetings and press.

We call to public opinion to help us in our struggle.

Soria, 23rd December 1968.

Signed in alphabetic order without distinction (Anarchists; ETA - Basques; Partido Comunista Espanol - Moscowline C.P.; Partido Comunista Marxista-Leninista - Pekingline CP; and the Comisiones Obreras):

Andodor Alonso Fernandez; Luis Andres Edo; Xavier Ayo Zulaica; Jesus Mario Bilbao Barrena; Marcelino Caracho Abad; Victor Diaz Cardial Gonzalez; Jose Luis Etzagurain Gasterrena; Alfredo Fernandez Antuna; Martin Fraga Teso; Antonio Gallardo Navarro; Jose Luis Gallardo Navarro; Jose Garcia Bayo; Manuel Garcia Gutierrez; Miguel Garcia Garcia; Paulino Garcia Mayo; Luis Antonio Gil Lopez; Vicente Gomez Chiriviel; Jose Celaltino Gonzalez Fernandez; Jose Maria Gutierrez de la Torre; Jose Maria Ibarra Cochocha; Lorenzo Juanas Gomez; Jose Luis Lopez de la Calle Arnauld; Antxko Lopez Enrique; Roberto Cotina Gartassen; Juan Naiquez Pellicer; Jesus Martinez Velezco; Jose Montenegro Alonso; Antonio Montoya Perez; Manuel Morales Macias; Luis Perez Lara; Jose Perez Miranda; Luis Prieto Gutierrez; Juan Quessanda Cruz; Continued.
"BREAKING UP TWO GROUPS OF ANARCHIST TENDENCY"

Under this headline the Franco Press announced the arrest in December of a group of young students and workers who had taken part in the disturbances in the capital recently, and in the workers' councils and street committees that had sprung up. Among the best known were the "Acratist Groups". It is two of those which have been the subject of police raids and arrests.

These young anarchists are said to have originally taken part in the student movement and gone on to participate in the activities of the revolutionary student movement and the First of May Group in particular.

Ten of them were arrested, nine boys and a girl:
Leopoldo RODRIGO, 19; Juan Carlos Tejero CONDE, 18, second year student at the Economic Science Institute; Angel AYALA EGIA, 18, law student; Fernando Sanchez PIETADC, 18, first year student in Philosophy and Letters; Jose-Luis IBANEZ SERRA, 25, third year Philosophy student; Dario Puertas RABANDEZ, 25, fifth year in Economics; Maria del Rosario TUNON PARON, 25, fifth year Philosophy; Javier Antonio DE SEBASTIAN PALOMARES, 21, first year student in Technical Engineering; Alfonso Gonzalez MALACIOS ROMERO, 26; Bernardo Torrelli LAMAL, 25, sixth year Pharmacy student.

They are accused of a long series of "subversive activities" and "acts of terrorism" in the University centre and in the capital itself. In addition to giving out propaganda of "extreme violent tendency" they are accused of having leaflets giving instruction in the use of incendiaries and explosives. Amongst other deeds attributed to them have been the fires that have broken out in the University which have destroyed almost all the buildings of the old University; various actions against army buses and American military trucks; fires in the central Post Office; throwing explosives and "Molotov cocktails" against the police during the demonstration of 29th November; displaying black and red flags upon public places and monuments, etc. etc.

They have all been taken to Carabanchel Prison awaiting trial.

The F.I.J.L. has launched an appeal for their defence. Protest in any way possible in order to defend these comrades. Yet one more proof of the lack of freedom in Franco's Spain is this new arrest, without any proof, of the ten students of Madrid.
From the Federation of Iberian-Libertarian Youth.

We are sending you herewith a letter received from the comrades imprisoned in Seria (page 2). This was followed by a great hunger strike begun by these political prisoners to protest against repression and the Franco regime. Please give it utmost publicity.

We have also heard that the comrades arrested in Valencia will be tried shortly by the Military Tribunal. We hope that maximum attention can be given to their case abroad, as well as to the young comrades recently arrested in Madrid.

The repression in Spain has recently intensified again. We have to do everything we can to help them. Those who are acting in Spain are doing all they can. In spite of the brutality of the new measures, there is a new wave of libertarian feeling expressing itself, just as elsewhere in Europe, and the same student rebellion is taking place in Spain as elsewhere. It is important that this should not be patronized "canalised" into new methods of "conserva- tion"; it is necessary that we give the present generation of Spanish youth the assistance they ask for. If we can show them that there are other fighters in the same struggle, they will not fail us.

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OTHER SPANISH NEWS. Albacete has been moved from Ostend to French-speaking Belgium. He has to report to the police continually, but is no longer specifically in house arrest. International agitation has saved him from deportation. He now needs a house and a job.

Andre Destouet, of Toulouse, is awaiting trial in connection with recent attacks on Spanish-owned property. Between 50 and 200 young students and workers are awaiting trial on various charges of possessing, fabricating and throwing Molotov cocktails.

BE PREPARED TO ACT when news of the sentencing of the comrades in Valencia comes through. Demonstrations and other manifestations of public opinion may not seem much, but they are the only resource of those condemned by Franco.

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Historical Note

In 1907 the (Russian) enigres organized an Anarchist Red Cross to aid their imprisoned comreres. Headquarters were established in New York and London (the latter under the direction of Kropotkin, Cherkezov, Rudolf Reckers and Alexander Shapiro) with branches in the major cities of Western Europe and North America. At scores of lectures and banquets, the Anarchist Red Cross collected money and clothing to send to the prisoners in Russia, and circulated petitions to protest against the repressive policies of the Imperial government.


(Note: The Anarchist Red Cross, organised in particular by Beris Yelensky in the U.S.A. and in Russia, later became the Black Cross, to avoid confusion. In 1921 its headquarters were in Berlin, later it shifted to Chicago).
who have taken violent protests against Spanish authoritarianism, even "on our own doorstep"? Loss of life was specifically avoided. There was a symbolic protest against that vile regime which, thirty years after its victory, treats the nation still like a conquered country ... indeed, when one thinks of prosperous Germany twenty-five years after defeat, the condition of Spain is far lower than that of a defeated and occupied country. And one must reflect that the defeat was caused by regimes that have long since passed into the dustbin of history - cranks are buying swastika flags in the Portobello Road as relics, while the conquest of Spain goes on.... Is there nothing that should be done? Has anything be left undone, short of violence? Who can say that in the Spanish situation, any action is precipitate, provided it marks out the Franco Government as it should be, a pariah upon the face of the earth until it can be wiped out for good.  

s.c. & s.m.

THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS IN ITALY.

Comrades in MILAN have decided to bring out the BULLETIN OF THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS in Italian.

Correspondence to:-

BOLLETINO CROCE NERA
ANARCHICA
c/o Ponte della Ghisalba
P.le Lugano 3, MILAN, Italy.

Our comrade Amedeo Bertolo is responsible for the venture.

Letter from U.S.A.
"America the Free"

Dear Comrades,
Before the ridiculous little piece of engraved
(Continued on page 7)

THE ROLE OF THE POLICE

The police are getting very worried about their image. (We hope to bring out a POLICE SPECIAL some time to show why indeed they have cause to be).

Some months ago I heard the new Inspector for Hornsey give his views on the subject. To an immigrant he explained that there was no colour prejudice in the police. But, he pointed out, many immigrants came from countries where the police were much cruder than ours. They had a record of hostility to the police. They equated our police with those in countries where the police had low standards.

I was glad to learn from this that there was no 'colour' prejudice... word for word the excuse was the same as that given by the Tottenham Super to my grandfather 60 years ago; "there was no anti-semitism but immigrants came from countries where the police were little more than an organised criminal body" and consequently immigrants did not trust the police.

This of course is quite true. The police in many countries are little more than criminal bodies got up in a constitutional uniform - the Tsarist police, to which the Tottenham Super referred, or their predecessors for that matter. BUT HOW CAN THESE SAME PEOPLE whom the police admit the immigrants rightfully distrusted - BE AT THE SAME TIME "OUR COLLEAGUES" IN INTERPOL?

On the one hand we are told not to call the police 'Gestapo'... oh, dear, they are not the same. People write indignant letters to the press, from which we seem to gather that they would not mind the Gestapo, provided it rescued their tame cats when up a tree. Every time a policeman behaves in a human fashion, they say "Are these Fascist beasts?" ....but they seem to overlook that the Fascist police are "esteemed colleagues" in Interpol and (as shown in our editorial; and as experienced by our colleague Stuart Christie in his dollars case) work hand in glove with them.

(Continued on page 7)
Franco's police in Spain?
The Russian police torturing the
Czechs?
Do you object, you worthy liberals?
THOSE ARE THE ESTIMATED COLLEAGUES OF
YOUR OWN POLICE IN INTERPOL. If
the Yard wishes to improve its
image, it could leave the "Common
Market" of murderers and torturers.
Because they do not carry guns, and
because of the historic distrust of
the bourgeoisie no less than of the
workers, against an independent
police force, the Police in this
country are less obnoxious than in
most. Any form of association with
any other country can only make them
more authoritarian.
INTERPOL TRANSCENDS BOUNDARIES AND
POLITICAL BELIEFS. COMMUNISTS,
FASCISTS AND SO-CALLED DEMOCRATS
WORK TOGETHER IN ORDER TO DEPORT,
HARRASS AND IMPRISON REVOLUTIONARIES.
If we reject the POLICE STATE we
must get the British Police out of
INTERPOL.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir,
May I draw your attention
to the fact that much inconvenience
is caused to the police by persons
who, for vanity or whatever reason,
fail to give their correct age and
date of birth?
* It is not out of idle curiosity
that the police invariably ask for
the date of birth. Records are
based upon this fact (which it is
assumed few people will lie about)
rather than on names; and those
arrested in demonstrations etc. may
cause much unnecessary trouble to
the police by giving the wrong
information. In fact, it may be
that by doing so, the course of
justice may be deflected, as it may
be assumed they have no previous
convictions if the file cannot be
found.
I am sure that your readers
will not wish to add to the burdens
of the police in this respect
(notwithstanding the fact that
it is no offence not to remember
one's birthday); and will particu-
larly remember - especially if they
have previous convictions - how
vital this information is.

J. FEATHERBRAIN.

Continued from P.6.

(badly done!) paper which I
am enclosing (23.00) becomes
completely worthless either
through the Revolution, or
what is more immediately
likely, inflation, please
send me the following
pamphlets...... Please not
promptly, as every moment is
precious. I could get busted
any day, and I've calculated
I could be sentenced to
17½ years in jail.

Make Revolution!

Gerard Smith.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

INFORMATION WANTED: News
of political prisoners in
all countries, with a view
to putting them in touch
with corredos able to send
food parcels etc. where
permitted. Write to the
Secretary, Black Cross,
731 Fulham Rd. London,S.W.6

NESTÖA MAXI-NOW Posters &
Calendars (well) for 1969.
Still available.

Remember the Prisoners of
SUGOS:- In particular,
Miguel Garcia Garcia, who
has now spent 19 years in
jail (now transferred to
Soria); and Juan Bosquet,
imprisoned since the age
of 17.
Remember CANARIAME and
SOARIA, where political
prisoners spend their lives.

ASK THE TUCUSTANT OFFICE FOR A
GUIDE TO SUNNY SORIA.
this issue with a round of apologies. Since the first two Bulletins came out (and we under-estimated the demand for both; not a single one left of either issue, though we increased the second from 50 to 200) we have been buried under an avalanche of correspondence. We have tried to answer as many letters as possible; to those who have not heard from us, sorry, we are getting round to it. Those who are awaiting their first copy, please accept this issue instead!

Apologies, too, to many readers for the remark in our last issue that "a journal such as this is of internal interest only to the Anarchist movement". We are reproved by J.S. (Manchester) and M.P. (London) - "since when have genuine revolutionary socialists not been interested in the fate of anarchist political prisoners?" asks J.S. "How about the Chicago Martyrs, Sacco & Vanzetti, the Malatesta deportation case, etc.?" Are we saying "that non-anarchists would not be interested in the fate of Hugo Blanco?" asks M.P. (Or of course in the letter in this issue from the prisoners of Carabanchel, Anarchists, Basque left-nationalists, Maoists & C.P.)

A comrade from Taunton has suggested (and begun) the despatch direct to Spanish Prisoners of food parcels, letters, etc. adopting them as in the practice of Amnesty. Other comrades are doing the same. It saves considerable overhead expense if local groups and individuals undertake this work themselves. WRITE TO US FOR AN ADDRESS and we will send you one in Spain, which will in all probability (sometimes parcels are refused by the authorities) get through. A list of suitable foodstuffs and drugs useful for prisoners will also be sent you. As our prisoners are associated with one another in a commune, any parcels sent in this way get shared out with the other politicals. We pass on the suggestion to International Socialists, Maoists, Trotskyists and others, to organise the sending of parcels; in this context the prisoners are united, and parcels to one are parcels to all.

H.K. (Kensington) one of our regular supporters, in sending another £1, asks us to suggest ways in which the Black Cross can be helped, from an organising point of view. We are wondering how this can be done; it would be of great assistance if some of the weight were taken off the shoulders of the present group, all involved in other activity also, and suggestions would be welcome. We suggest calling a meeting of a working group ... anyone in the London area interested, please write.

CALENDARS & POSTERS Oddly enough we have had no reply from our posters which do not seem an effective form of advertisement; but they sell like mad. We offered them free to anyone who wanted to flypost them, 2/6d each as souvenir posters - calendars 5/- (the white ones are nearly all sold out; still a few red ones).

SALES REPORT

Freedom Press £17.
Copse Press £12.
Other bkshps &
direct Black X. £33.
Cost of printing 4.10.0. (it was a gift at that price)
IN HAND 28.10.0.

ALSO IN HAND FROM DONATIONS, SUES &c. 6. 0.0.

To our amazement, therefore, the Black X is solvent. PLEASE NOTE: We are not a charity and do not wish to become one. We wish to remain free to help emigrés and other groups engaged in fighting their home dictatorships, to the best of our ability, without confining ourselves to aid to political prisoners, important as this is. WE DIFFER FROM AMNESTY. Basically, Amnesty tries to help the INNOCENT VICTIMS OF DICTATORSHIP.
We do not wish to dispute for one moment that this is urgently necessary. Though it must also be admitted that there is a flavour of middle-class professionalism about the type of victim admitted by Amnesty to be deserving. It is the professor, lawyer, politician, who is usually discriminated against for his thoughts. Amnesty specifically excludes those convicted of violence, for instance... they are the guilty... but in this matter, is it not, "the guilty" who will overthrow dictatorship? What is wrong with being guilty? Even if sometimes it is not expedient to admit it? if one is accused of fighting tyranny? The Black Cross is trying to under-take "red cross work" for those who fall in the struggle against tyranny, but it does not wish to be a non-combatant unit. (We do urge pacifists who feel strongly on the subject to take up the non-combatant aspects of our work). We hope to be able to respond to all demands made upon us, at any rate by organisations such as the FIIJL now prominent in the anti-Franco struggle. The old Black Cross of the twenties collapsed because of the pressure on it, demands from fascist and Stalinist ruled countries, American reaction etc. -- we do not want to bite off more than we can chew, but we hope to make a fairly good bite given the support of our readers.

Donations are therefore welcomed: we are also running a stall at the Anarchist Ball in London on May 2nd - at Shoreditch Town Hall, 8 p.m. (tickets 12/6d; £1 for two, from Freedom Press).

Letters have been received from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, U.S.A., Ireland, Sweden & Germany... may we urge on all comrades the simplicity with which parcels can be sent to Spanish jails.

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PAMPHLETS

Coptic Press

now in exile at 735 Fulham Road
London S.W.6.

The Origins of the Anarchist
Movement in China (2/6d)

The Origins of the Movement for
Workers Control in Germany 1918/35
(2/6d)

The Origins of the Revolutionary
Movement in Spain, now only left
(2/6d)

The Truth about the Bonnart Gang
(2/6d)

A Criticism of State Socialism,
M.A.Bakunin, for only left (1/6d)

Anarchism: its aims & principles,
few only left (no covers), a definition of the revolutionary
position (2/-)

(Note change of address from
7 Coptic Street).

Freedom, weekly, available from
84B Whitechapel High Street,
London, E.1. (6d)

We had not realised, when we issued Bulletin No. 2, that the ambulances organised by the students for the 'October Demonstration' would be under the symbol of the Black Cross. These were spontaneously organised (and therefore all the more welcome). To correspondents who enquired before the demonstration, we regret misleading them by saying there would not be any to our knowledge; fortunately they were not as needed as might have been the case.

What is the Black Cross? So many letters have come in asking this that we trust we may be forgiven by repeating what we have said in both previous Bulletins. We have revivied the task of the old Anarchist Red Cross (later Black X to avoid confusion) in work for Political Prisoners, and in particular for those in Spain (as a beginning). We also aim to provide the basis of a militant movement that can join in the struggle against tyranny in a more positive way. (Our example being the way in which the Russian Anarchists transformed their movement from a self-defence unit into one of workers' militias). We have found that some correspondents
got a whit confused between the various organisations sharing our address (now at Fulham). The Black Cross has the specific function described in this Bulletin. It is not, specifically, a propaganda group in the manner of most of those in the Anarchist Federation. The "Black Flag" group, on the contrary, is a loose grouping of revolutionary anarchists who intend, ultimately, to organise on militant lines, bring out a paper etc. Coptic Press is a publishing concern (we do other publications than anarchist ones, in order to subsidise the latter). The personnel are fairly evenly mixed up between them.

Hope this has sorted the problem out for several correspondents, to avoid writing the same thing in various letters.

----- Miss A.B. (Nottingham) writes: I like the sound of your group, particularly since you do not seem to think that Anarchists should aim at anarchy! I was with the F.A.I. in Catalonia during the Summer of 1936 and saw how well Anarchists can organise things when they are in power. All this loose talk about anarchy makes me see red and feel black!

(We seem to differ on semantics - surely "anarchy" is what anarchists want - i.e. no government. Whether this means chaos or not depends on whether one thinks government is necessary or not).

FROM COLCHESTER: Some of us at the university have formed a group with the idea of setting up actions to deal with, and alleviate, cases of political, religious etc. imprisonment, legal and penal restrictions placed on people etc. (probably abroad). Some of the group are also advocating joining Amnesty International. Could you please send us any relevant information of groups working along similar lines. It would probably be a help to know your views of Amnesty. Also if you know of any possible cases it would be good (perhaps cases untouched or forgotten).

(A) All Franco's prisoners are 'forgotten' in this sense. Amnesty does not touch them because they are convicted of crimes against the regime - often they are correctly labelled "terrorists" - though there is no other way the working class can fight Franco.

We do not want to detract from Amnesty any more than from Oxfam. We could not tackle the latter's job ourselves. We try to tackle a more specific field, which we bring to the attention of our readers: namely, those GUILTY AND PROUD OF IT in fighting fascism. That others defend the Innocent is not to be decried.

Will we, by our attitude, help to encourage them to "commit their crimes again" when they get out? We will actively do so.

Do we regard acts of clemency as favours? No, they are human rights. It is not good telling me how merciful you are if, having left me bleedin' in the gutter, you do not finally put me to death. This does not mean I am not glad you have refrained from doing so.

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LONDON MAY DAY COMMITTEE. Preparations are under way to make the biggest possible demonstration on Thursday MAY FIRST. We shall hold a rally and meeting at TOWER HILL, as last year, and then march with banners and slogans to some large open space, probably Victoria Park. Music, dancing, sports - come and do your thing. Contact: John Lawrence, 29 Love Walk, London, S.E.5 (01-701-0817). The organisers ask for a day of enjoyment, not violence. (But be prepared for National Front provocation and let any Fascists of the '30s know we remember Victoria Park 1937).