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THE TRIAL GOES ON... AND ON

The latest news of the Trial is that it will in all probability finish before Christmas, and may be the longest Old Bailey trial of the century. It is estimated that HALF A MILLION POUNDS STERLING will be clocked up to the taxpayer. It will go to lawyers. The defendants, whatever the verdict, will have spent a year of their lives in jail, have lost their jobs, livelihood, homes, been confined and deprived while their enemies have had full unlimited public funds (not included in the half-million) to encompass their ruin.

As an example of the cost involved, beyond the half-million for the lawyers (and bear in mind this is with some of them defending themselves for free!) just take one highly-paid, senior SB sergeant who sits day by day in the public gallery... doing nothing but occasionally chat up a visitor... for six months. No wonder they like to keep it all secret.... At least twelve SB men are regularly in attendance. There is always a uniformed man and woman at the gallery door.

They sit there bored out of recognition. So do the defendants. But the others are getting paid for it and are not at risk. Everyone - bar the four male defendants - were reckoned to need three weeks holiday with the stress of it.

Meanwhile there is a greater number of political prisoners in the U.K. than there has ever been before (unless one includes the conscientious objectors of World War I) since the time of George III.

The numbers far exceed those of the Irish prisoners during all the various Irish troubles (indeed, the Northern Ireland jails hold more political prisoners than the entire number of Sinn Fein prisoners in Victoria's times).

In an unprecedented move, the Government has even granted an old Irish demand that political (Irish) prisoners be recognised as such - though it has not extended this out of the Northern Irish context. It is a decision the Irish will regret as such a recognition does no good for the political prisoner, isolates him from his fellow-sufferers and usually means (as in Spain, as in Nazi Germany) that he is treated deliberately worse. It also accepts the fact of his existence, something British governments have always tried to deny.

AN ANARCHIST BULLETIN PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF WORKING CLASS
REVOLUTION.....

Notes & News of the ANARCHIST
BLACK CROSS and a libertarian
commentary on the Class Struggle.

At the time of publication our editor STUART CHRISTIE is still
on trial. The prosecution has now concluded its case (June-Sept)

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THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL POLICE FORCE

HEADQUARTERS - SCOTLAND YARD.

We have repeated over and over again in this Bulletin the fact that, despite the Interpol charter which pretends to exclude political co-operation between the secret police forces of the world, Interpol has in fact in the struggle against libertarian revolution in general (and against us in particular) been acting as a unified political body.

The fact is that such revolutionaries as Sabater could not possibly have fallen to the Spanish Fascists had it not been for French police co-operation with the Spanish authorities, and this can be proved beyond doubt. The French Government dared not announce it too openly, for the French people as an overwhelming whole condemned Franco's Spain and had experienced Gestapo methods itself.

But now, with the activities of the I.R.A. and the Palestinian Nationalists, which strike at people rather than at power, and which are designed as a game of war not as a revolutionary struggle, and therefore are seen as madness by everyone (even those who accept 'legitimate' warfare) it is possible to come out into the open. The police dared not admit political co-operation in fighting against Spanish Anti-Fascism... They are now prepared to come clean, taking advantage of the 'terrorism' - that is to say, patriotic warfare in illegal circumstances - by the Irish and Arab Nationalists. It is stated that there will be (as in fact there has been all along) international co-operation, on a political level. And where? Centred in Scotland Yard... for Special Branch enjoys a high reputation among the world's secret police. Other nations have more brutal secret police. Others have more efficient secret police. Others have secret police with greater powers. None other nation is able to fool the people that it does not exist, and to allow a working under law that presents a smooth, and therefore politically acceptable, image.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE WORKING CLASS? It goes far beyond the

~~fact that now they can help track~~
down foreign revolutionaries or
Nationalists. Already this has
been done. Spanish Anti-Fascists
have suffered the most, but
British reputation for decency,
established over years of asylum,
dived into the shit when the
Moroccans were handed back to
their dictator-King to be killed.

What it means is that Special
Branch here - already a major
growing industry which has leaped
in strength to the size of a small
army (IT ALREADY EXCEEDS IN SIZE
THE PRE-WAR NAZI GESTAPO and may
soon come up to German war-time
standards) will seek powers that
are comparable to those of its
Spanish, French, German - and
Iron Curtain? - colleagues.

Already its impudence in
taking a frankly political stand
is staggering to liberals (and
the self-appointed 'scourge of
the Left' Commander Bond, the
most anti-libertarian cop on
the force, is mooted as head of
the Interpolitical Interpol).
It moves not only into political
matters but industrial. It is
taking part in political meetings
(the role of Party stewards has
been taken over by the police)
and in industrial action, on one
side of the fence.

BUT REMEMBER THIS. BRITAIN IS
BECOMING A POLICE STATE - that
is to say, a state in which the

police, as a section of the
community, are taking over
power. It is to be distinguished
from an Army State, or a
theocracy - though all States
use police. Without them,
authoritarianism is impossible
unless some other body (such as
the Army) acts in a police role.

BUT IT IS NOT A FASCIST STATE.
What is the difference? A Fascist
State is one in which the workers'
organisations have been abolished.
And a State in which they have
been abolished is not the same as one
where they have not. It may use
equal violence, equal external
aggression, equal internal
bullying, but it is not the same
thing. To say it is, is to
say workers' organisations have
no value. The reformists would
like to take all value from them.

But we have had two instances.
The busman jailed on a trivial
charge of 6p, released from jail
after an industrial stoppage. The
five dockers, whose arrests
brought industry to a standstill.
That is only the tip of the iceberg.
The major use of the police in
industrial matters is not going to
be tolerated. They can harass
the militants. But they are
powerless to halt social change.
To put up a barrier to that they
need full-blooded fascism. And
it will take more than Special
Branch to impose it.

THE HUE AND CRY OVER PORNOGRAPHY

Note one important point. Those who want to ban porn do not want
the odium of having a censor. They merely want the extension of the
present system. Publish what you like, 'it's a free country'... and
then be harassed or prosecuted. In vain the commercial porno cries
out for a censor so he knows where he stands. IT IS THE SAME POLIT-
ICALLY. 'It's a free country!' But the cops will arrest you for
a speech in Hyde Park... seize papers and pamphlets... harass the
people who are active politically yet do not belong to an 'accepted'
party. YET WHERE IS THE LAW THAT SAYS WHAT IS 'ACCEPTED' POLITICS
AND WHAT IS NOT? It does not exist.

INCOMPETENTS who should never have got their jobs.

Writing to the Daily Express (Aug 30) Mr. Peter Heald-Gledhill, describing himself as a grammar-school master, of Paignton, Devon, says he can "fairly claim not to be a racialist, anarchist or fascist. Yet..I detest England's immigration policy. Our country is now a dumping ground for unwanted coloured people."

Not only foolish Mr. Heald Hyphen Gledhill hearkens to the rantings of the Powellites, he cannot distinguish between anarchists and fascists. How would a schoolboy fare in his vital exams if he made such a howler? His pupils should seize every opportunity of teaching him elementary politics, even the occasional consulting of an Encyclopaedia Britannica to enlighten himself on philosophies such as Anarchism - or Fascism - or even the history of the Commonwealth.

----- Western papers, especially
Schools Action, please copy.

Mad General Ralph Haines, commander of the American Army in the USA says his commander-in-chief is Jesus. This man, in a position where he can cause absolute disaster to millions, hears voices and speaks in strange tongues due to (he believes) the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. A converted Pentecostalist, he not only swallows the Armageddon prophecies of this strange sect (in itself profoundly dangerous for a man with so much ability to destroy at his command), he says he is on 'a special wavelength up there', gets the Holy Spirit 'coming out of his ears and eyes and nose' and 'hears this voice in this strange language' which proves to be his own. Nutty Haines bullies his staff into prayer meetings at 6 a.m. Do they hear voices too? Is he driving them all bats? (Pentecostalists usually induce the strange tongues mania by getting high on the incense).

Air Vice Marshal Lord Dowding of the RAF was also round the bend. He met angels in the skies, spoke to fairies, ghosts and St George, and his wife held discussions with the mice in the house. One day we will get one too many. Those traitors like Lord Longford and Mary Whitehouse who denounce iniquitous swinging Britain may be inviting a mad religious general to wipe this island out.

A representative of the German Criminal Police appeared on German TV one Sunday evening in June, to explain the war his criminal department was taking against "Anarchists". HOW DO YOU RECOGNISE AN ANARCHIST? he asked. Here everybody could help. He gave some interesting hints. First, they were never more than 30 years old. Second, they never took a regular job. Third, and very important this, they parked their cars at a safe distance from the house. (Please, you dummkopf, I am Right Wing... there happens to be a yellow line outside my house...) Fourth, they had nothing to do with their neighbours. (Difficult to use this sure indication in London). Fifth, they took their lodgings with false references. And six, they expressed unorthodox opinions.

IF BRITAIN HAD FALLEN

Spain did, remember?

Once more a variation on an old game asks us - what if Britain had fallen in 1940?

One more generation is given the humbug that Britain 'stood alone', that 'one man saved us', that it was a war 'against fascism'. The young are reminded solemnly that had it not been for the now ageing 'they would have been brought up as Nazis'.

If Britain had gone on fighting to the last, and its leadership and armed forces been defeated, gone into exile and the war ended, what would then have happened? Exactly what happened in Spain. That was the position. The Fascist conqueror took over. There was a bloodbath. There were executions, mass shootings, imprisonments. (All this was implicitly supported and condoned by the pseudo 'anti-fascists' of wartime).

The bourgeoisie DID capitulate. Those not in exile (and many of those after a time) came to terms with the regime. They kept prudent silence on what they disliked or they joined the throng of Falangists. Some managed to steer clear of being too involved by stressing their religious connections.

The class struggle went on. The 'loyalists', some of them, became through a process of press denigration, first 'resistance', then 'guerrillas', then 'terrorists' and finally 'criminal terrorists'!! BUT THEY DID NOT RAISE THEIR KIDS TO BE FASCISTS. What about the children of the middle-class who were raised to be

Falangists or at the least, Right Wing Catholics? How they reacted shook the Universities. In an atmosphere of total repression and utter police brutality, they turned the campus into a battlefield to declare their solidarity with the workers' kids. The University - symbol of middle-class aspiration - had to be closed down.

GESTAPO. 'The Gestapo would have come here.... there was a list of 61 distinguished people to be shot...'

As a means of inducing terror in the people, Hitler might have shot 61 'distinguished' people. Those names would make news. But that would have been a propaganda gesture. The real people to be suppressed in a totalitarian take-over (fascist or state communist) would be the political activists. The dossier on them runs to more than 61,000 names and is in the possession of a highly sophisticated, totally untrustworthy (from the people's point of view) secret political police. It is now and it was then. When M. Chiappe in Paris handed over the documents of the 'Left' to the Gestapo, I personally headed a deputation to Scotland Yard to destroy their dossiers. They refused. Over the years I and others have repeated constantly that THEY NEEDED THESE RECORDS to establish their claims to be recognised as the secret political police by the conqueror. The Gestapo had only to extend their powers of reference. Special Branch was already there, and willing, to do the work. They had, pre-war, already co-operated with the Gestapo.

AND WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN THE QUISLING?

An interesting conjecture. The Press raises

several names, e.g. Sir Alexander Cadogan thinks it would have been Sir Samuel Hoare (after all, it was precisely because he was so fascist that they made him war-time Ambassador to Franco), though nobody mentions the one whom everyone thought of at the time, Lloyd George.

Sir Oswald Mosley denies he would have taken the job. I think so too. He would not have been offered it anyway. His name stank too much and would have done so all the more in the event of defeat. At the same time he had a sort of political honesty in that he invariably walked out of parties when nearing success (he could have gone a long way in the Tory Party, or the Labour Party. He could never have been Prime Minister, as his apologists suggest - certainly he could have never out-maneuvred Morrison in the Labour Party, as Attlee did).

What were the qualities needed? A man who could 'mix with kings and have the common touch', say rise from private to Brigadier General on the staff. A man with no political honesty, who could betray his party and stay in it. Someone capable of enervating and encouraging the Right Wing by his frankness in saying what they thought and so passing off as a bold and original thinker, yet at the same time being able to rally the phoney Left with demagogery and the ability to utilise their half-baked ideas (which is all the 'socialism' in Hitler's National Socialism amounted to).

Such a man as Enoch Powell. In these circumstances, it was most instructive to listen on TV to what he had to say. As usual, he was absolutely

7. clear and concise in his viewpoint. What would he do if Britain had fallen? Well, what do you mean by fallen? "What has happened? Where is the King, for instance?"

The King, it is assumed, is in exile in Canada. Very well, then, says Enoch, we fight to the last and go on fighting. We have got a legitimate government. So long as we have a legitimate government we fight on. But if the King has abdicated and the government surrendered, we are no longer 'legitimate'. We have passed from being legitimate guerrillas of a legal army to becoming 'insurrectionary criminals' - his very words - at this point he, Mr. Powell, would commit suicide. (There would be mounds of corpses, including the Mosleys... it's an ill wind....)

But would these good folk REALLY commit suicide? Some might. But would Mr. Powell just hive off and leave perhaps a wife and kids to face the music... or would he murder his entire family? Did Ossie Mossie mean to slaughter the progeny of two marriages? Would all these bourgeoisie have wiped out their parents, wives, children... or left them to it? More likely, they would have stuck it out... if Hitler had accommodated them, they would have accommodated him. That is what happened in Spain. And they would have found their rightful place in the Nazi administration.

For as they all say, and Mr. Powell says too, even if the island were occupied and life went on and the war went on, there must be some degree of co-operation with the occupation authorities (short of 'insurrectionary criminality' which we all deplore...)

MANY OF US IN 1940 KNEW
THIS. WE EXPECTED IT.
WE THOUGHT THERE WOULD

BE NO OTHER WAY, AND WE DID NOT OPPOSE THE WAR BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THERE COULD BE 'PEACE'.

We assumed there would be a dictatorship; that this would be imposed in any case; and that at a certain point rather than face revolution, the bourgeoisie would do a deal with Hitler and we would be driven to 'insurrectionary criminality'.

For that reason we were storing arms in the forties. That is why democracy is a failure. What do you do when totalitarianism comes, by 'legal' means (conquest would have been no less 'legal' than the ballot... witness Franco once more). It was not a war against fascism. The enemy happened to be fascist just as at one time it happened to be monarchist, but WWI was not a war against monarchy. Nor WWII against fascism. It COULD have come...

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A NORMAL INCIDENT IN LONDON

Two young Anarchists have some copies of 'Red & Black Outlook' in their possession. They are wearing ASA badges. Near Angel Alley, in White-chapel (by FreedomPress office) they are stopped by Po Lice. Usual excuse for harassment: We are going to search you under the Drugs Act - usually people agree to be searched in the open street rather than go to the station, where they can point out (for what it is worth) that there are

no grounds for this stoppage (they still get searched).

Po Lice complain of their having 'Outlook'. "But it's perfectly legal..." "DON'T BE NAIVE" retorts the louse. He then turns to a piece therein by Stuart Christie. "The Angry Brigade aren't too popular these days".

Illegality: Gross contempt of court by Po Lice for remark (the guy should have got his number... he would still deny it). He not only did not apologise for an unjustified search, he expressed political opinions, contrary to Moriarty's Police Code, in an endeavour to get the civilian to change his viewpoint.

Naive? Well, no doubt we're being so. But go ahead and tell the lice in such circumstances and see if they will challenge your statements in court. They will, however - this is where the 'naive' bit comes in - deny they said anything of the sort, and their search will produce not only cannabis but jolly.

"To simply condemn the man who has committed an act of political violence, in order to save my skin, would be as unpardonable as it would be on the part of the physician, who is called to diagnose a case, to condemn the patient because he has tuberculosis... The honest earnest physician does not only prescribe medicine, he tried to find out the cause of the disease... And that is precisely my position in regard to social violence... It is organised violence on top which creates individual violence at the bottom."

EMMA GOLDMAN

Read BLACK & RED OUTLOOK 4p
No. 7 - now out. , . . . A.S.A.

1. Where in London can you find a statue to an Anarchist's mother-in-law?

2. Which wealthy dilettante, momentarily attracted to more or less anarchistic ideas as a student, wrote a book wittily attacking the institution of marriage - to find to his embarrassment it was re-issued by the publishers when, thirty years later, he became Prime Minister, with no reference to the change of views or passing of years?

3. How did Mohandas Gandhi's pacifist and nationalist views stand the test of World War I?

4. Some 50,000 trade unionists recently marched from Tower Hill to Pentonville Prison to demand (successfully) the release of the five dockers. In the steps of which historic demonstration were they treading as they surged down Caledonian Road?

5. The Printers' Anti-Fascist trade union committee raised large sums for the Spanish Republic during the civil war, but none went to printers or their families. Curious? But why?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12.

ACID ASIDES

Bearing the blows of our enemies we find it difficult to support the inanity of our friends sometimes. In a bulletin of the Stoke Newington Eight Defence Committee some nit makes a gleeful comment on the downfall caused by male chauvinist piggery. Not to help the accused, but to make a telling point on Women's Lib, of which she has some notion,

THE TRIAL GOES ON

The conspiracy of silence in the Press on the trial of the Stoke Newington Eight was mentioned by Dr Alex Comfort in a letter to the Guardian. Since that date the Guardian has resumed reporting. The facts emerging from this reporting - cross-examination of the political police - are indicative of why the press was silent, and with the exception of the Guardian, still is.

The conspiracy of silence is not necessarily intended to convict those who are accused. It is to hide from the British public the fact that the secret political police exists here, too. The liberals hope that if we pretend it isn't there, it will go away. The Tories find it embarrassing.

THE TRIAL BEGAN ON MAY 30th.

THOSE SENTENCED HAVE BEEN IN POLICE HANDS SINCE AUGUST 1971.

The four men have been under constant arrest all that time. For over a year they have been confined to cells. Two of the women have been in prison most of the time. Two have had bail.

REPORTING: The only worthwhile reporting of the case has been in 'Time Out' and we refer specially to a table of events in issue Sept 8/14.

this berk points out that where the male dominates the female, and she's not sharing his ideas, she can turn nasty and give evidence, out of hostility or ignorance, as in this case.

What stupid cow wrote this is hard to say. FACT: she is referring to an allegation by a barmaid that one of the accused walked in her bar and tried to make love to her, and 'confessed all', the day after the Mirror offered £10,000 reward.

THE ROBERT CARR PRIZE
FOR BRAVERY

A true and worthy disciple of Home Secretary Carr - Carr the Coward (whose latest exploit is to rebuke the Governor of Holloway because the Press was criticising him because she let a long-term prisoner have a guarded walk in the park) - is Cape Town magistrate Mr. A. van Zyl Cilliers. He had before him (carefully guarded by burly policemen) a 20 year old student Robert Dirk Kemp, who had been "at the centre of a police baton charge against demonstrators" as the 'Times' politely put it ('he repeatedly banged his head against my baton').

Said Coward van Zyl Cilliers: 'Mr. Kemp, you are I are alone in the arena. You are at a disadvantage because you cannot talk back but I promise you I will behave according to the Queensberry rules. But I think I should say a few words....'

He went on to say them (ill-advised, ill-conceived, not part of our South African way of life, impudent, no roots in our soil, meddled in affairs which did not concern you, State's displeasure) to show how brave he was, in the coward's castle of the magistrates box, surrounded by armed police, to speak what he imagined was his mind but proved to be the State's gramophone record.

Ah, Mr. Cilliers, those are not the Queensberry Rules. Confess, like Oscar Wilde, you don't know what they are. But the Wilde rules, he told Lord Queensberry, were to shoot at sight.

THE NORTHCLIFFE PRIZE
FOR PRESS PARANOIA

Trotskyites hold summer camp!!! Local people have, says the Daily Mail the 'fright of their lives' when they find 1000 Trotskyites are camped in their midst. In the next paragraph he quotes a parish councillor to say 'it is a little frightening' to find they could arrive in Southminster 'so secretly'. A little fright is no doubt the fright of your life down in Essex. But the secrecy is easy to understand. The Socialist Labour League has been in existence some years, issues a daily paper, and has distributed hundreds of leaflets.... its annual youth camp is still secret but that is due to the press, surely?

The 'Telegraph' whipped up the scare. People with bludgeons were seen dressed in Nazi-type uniform (ultimately they proved to be actors in a play about fascism). The place was well-regimented, quiet, disciplined, organised... How sinister, screamed the Mail, Mirror, Sun, Telegraph... But when the Anarchist camp was held it was anything but regimented, noisy, had no discipline and the organisation fell to pieces... How sinister, screamed - guess who? Anarchists were meeting in Cornwall! They were indisciplined! Now Trotskyites were meeting in Essex! They were disciplined! Where is it all coming to? How clearly subversive that organisations which every informed persons knows exist, and of which only highly-paid Fleet Street journalists are ignorant, should hold an occasional summer camp! Should

an occasional summer camp! 11. Should they, then, not exist at all?. Or is it holding the summer camp that is so dangerous? Should there be no political dissent...or should it not be 'secret'? But in that case, you must help publicise it, gentlemen of the press. Or is the problem that political dissent must never take a holiday... disciplined or indisciplined?

PARDON ME, YOUR SLIP IS
SHOWING.....

In the last issue, Homer nodded. We referred to the Celtic football fans running riot in Barcelona. It was, of course, their bitterest foes, the Rangers fans. We were not (though not averse to being) bribed by the Orange Order.

Only some Scottish comrades noticed it... even Freedom, so quick to seize on such matters, did not spot it... though there was a comment on the misspelling of Ulrike Meinhof's name (apologies to Olga Mainhoff, who got mixed up in my subconscious). It was nearest the Non-Violent got to expressing sympathy with Ulrike, arrested in an emaciated state after a long hunt by the State Police.

THE NON-VIOLENT TAKEOVER
FRACTION & MISREPRESENTATION.

'Freedom' under its new takeover ownership has launched on a personal campaign against myself. Whenever I reply to these campaigns, I hear that I should refrain from personalities. But I try to keep to the points made. If I wanted to expose the backgrounds of the people concerned it would be only too easy. In one issue,

an article reviewing a book which apparently contains some reference to me, calls me Professor Meltzer and complains of the dullness of this section with which I have nothing whatever to do. Sure as clockwork, in the next issue is another article from a different source denouncing me as frustrated, middle class man who 'only writes books!' (Well, a professor... The first reference could be sarcastic. The second picks it up and elaborates).

Time and again the Non Violent write that there is no class struggle and no such thing as classes. But in writing personal attacks they pick on (failing any other weapon) 'middle class'. Needless to say, no occupation ever follows such a description. The person writing it saw me once, for five minutes, after I came off a nine-hour Sunday shift...and worked out I must be 'middle class'...

Let us deal with this chap further. His criterion being (needless to say) 'violence' he says I am not an anarchist because he 'met' me (for five minutes) and 'believe' in violence. (If that is what he means by anarchist, what does he mean by pacifist?) He came up nattering to me about his stupid article in Freedom when I was coming to sweep up after a meeting, after finishing work, and I was short and sharp, if not positively 'violent'. On these grounds, 'Freedom' thinks it is entitled to print a denunciation of me as 'only believing in violence'!

A. M.

The gossip in Fleet Street is that the Conspiracy of Silence over the 'Stoke Newington Eight' trial was due to a directive by the then Home Secretary, Mr Maudling, who did not want the political police discussed by the evidence being reported. IRONY OF LIFE: As a result they have laid off this trial.. and dealt with loving care on the Poulson case - which is wrecking Maudling's career.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ (page 9)

1. Monument to Suffrage leader Emmeline Pankhurst just behind the Houses of Parliament. Her daughter Sylvia (originally a Suffragist, later an Anti-Parliamentary Communist) became the common-law wife of an Italian Anarchist, Corio.
2. Leon Blum, Socialist Prime Minister of France.
3. He recruited Indians into the Imperial Army, in South Africa, but insisted they be used in a non-combatant capacity. (Later the Mahatma used to get very annoyed when criticisms were made of this).
4. The famous March of the Trade Unionists in protest against the deportation of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, culminating in the Copenhagen Fields demonstration. (Copenhagen Fields, remembered in the name Copenhagen Street, later disappeared in the back streets of Kings Cross). Date: April 21 1834.
5. It was under the control of Communist Richard Briginshaw (now NATSOPA boss) and in accordance with C.P. bodies at the time, nothing was to go to a CNT union, or its members. There was a printers union affiliated to the UGT but it was too small for such massive relief, which went either to dependants of other unions, or to the CP itself.

 THE RIGHTS OF COLPORTAGE.

Referring to our article pointing out the legal rights of colportage, i.e. selling DISSENTING literature on any street corner without 'causing

obstruction' by the mere fact of being there, we said that this could be confirmed merely by asking the City of Westminster for a licence to do so. They would answer that it is not necessary.

Our comrade Martin Page followed this up. He was told by the Town Clerk in a letter dated July 19th that the 'principal Act which governs street trading in London is the L.C.C. (General Powers) Act 1947 and by Section 30 of the Act

' persons selling or offering for sale newspapers or periodicals in a street are NOT REQUIRED to have a licence provided they do not use a receptacle which occupies a stationary position in the street. In this event, care should be taken, however, not to cause obstruction which would be dealt with by the police nor to contravene a byelaw which forbids shouting'.

PIGS WHO CLAIM THAT JUST BY STANDING THERE AND CAUSING SELLING A VENDOR IS COMMITTING OBSTRUCTION ARE NOT OBSERVING THE LAW. Magistrates who condone these police offences are in violation of the law too.

The law of 1947 did not repeal the rights of colportage but recognised its new, wider significance, that ALL newspapers (not just dissenting ones) could be sold without hindrance. The pig interpretation that dissenting newspapers must be hindered if sold and seized after purchase in a raid is in violation of the law. Those of the Police who have taken copies of this paper and others during a house raid for a different purpose altogether, and yet neither offered nor suggested any charges against the publication, acted as thieves.

FLOODGATES OF ANARCHY 35p PAPERBACK
 from SPHERE BOOKS should be on sale
 everywhere. Demand a copy from your
 local bookshop. Why hasn't it appeared
 on their shelves?

STATE TERROR
 in the WORLD

On July 22 there were mass executions held publicly in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. 50,000 people watched, in spite of a heavy downpour of rain, in an excited festive atmosphere, as fourteen "bandits" were executed.

Including a Nigerian Army Lieutenant, a Moslem leader, two policemen, a Biafran Army Major, and a number of traders (says the Nigerian 'Graphic', July 24) it would appear they were some form of political resistance. As they were waiting to be hung they chanted 'God delivered Daniel, why can't you deliver me?' amid the jeers and boos of the crowd. They urged their executioners to hurry up with the shooting, because, being lunch-time, they did not want to miss their lunch in heaven'. The fact of the crowd, the naive prayers, and the fact of death by shooting rather than hanging, suggests that it was a political manoeuvre rather than dealing with a crime wave, as the Government has suggested.

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 'Stealing' Factories

Once again the Chinese press has embarked on its periodical diatribe against Anarchy, a campaign the 'Reds' of Peking have in common with the Tories of London. The entire press carried long articles during September denouncing "anarchism, stealing of factories and military adventurism."

Ireland - It's all for NOTHING

Nobody in Ulster seemed to notice that both Ulster, as part of the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland, slipped into the Common Market together. To all extents and purposes, there was a United Ireland. This was all the Nationalists, of all shades, were demanding. From all the programmes, all traces and hints of workers' power has vanished. All that is wanted are the sentimentalities of the Nation State - not even the practicalities which are contained within the Common Market.

Is it just to wave a few flags that ordinary people are being murdered daily in Belfast and Derry?

The struggle has passed into the control of the reactionary IRA (both brands) which seeks to perpetuate its power by rivalry in terror with each other section.

THE NEXT MOVE. The only move to peace, through workers' power, will have to come from the shipyard and industrial workers, the 'Orange' men who have the ability to take power and know that the British Government has betrayed them in the past and will in the future. It is they who are the progressive class in the country.

It was the association of students (from 'Protestant' families) with 'Catholic' workers in the civil rights movement that began the fight for freedom. The fascist Right of the Protestants hit back at that alarming combination. The Catholic workers thought they were hitting back at them in an old-style pogrom, and let in the IRA to defend them (in the absence of any other defence). That is what the trouble is about. The only move to stability is by revolution.

THE CASE OF THE UGANDAN ASIANS

It is inevitable that as soon as there are mass revolts against the capitalist system, a racial issue comes up. With a predictable certainty, the moment that there are large-scale strikes, unrest turning (as we are constantly assured by the Non-Violent Establishment) to 'violence' and revolution, it will be found that there are foreigners at the root of it or exaggerating the troubles.

But as the ruling-class brought in large-scale immigration to help solve their labour problems - problems deliberately created by them in both the countries

of immigration and those of emigration - and has only recently established a plan for re-absorbing liberal students in the ruling-class, in the Race Relations Act for disposing of unwanted sociologists in schemes for racial harmony - it could hardly stir up trouble against the immigrant population here. In any case, the backing for it is small except in the case of coloured immigration.

By a coincidence - but a coincidence that always appears on these occasions - President Amin decided to expel his entire middle-class, consisting as it did of Asians (chiefly Sikhs, but Sikhs are Sikhs when the Imperial Army wants them and Asians when it doesn't). The British Government said, reluctantly, maybe they will have to come here.

NOTE THE IMPLICATIONS. Immediately, the Right Wing thinks it has the 'Left Wing', in its own conception of that term, on the run. They want international solidarity, do they, the buggers? How about thousands of Asian immigrants, then? How about that? We are immediately regaled by the Press with horror stories of what will happen if so many come - for the greatest disaster in the capitalist world is PEOPLE....

not famine nor disaster but People. Sure they want them in war-time (remember that once the loud-mouthed Right Wingers stood at the quayside and cheered as Jamaicans and Sikhs landed... but that was war).. and those who can exploit them want them in peace time.. but those who do not exploit view them as competition in the stakes to be exploited... jobs, homes - the very means by which we are exploited - are regarded as in peril.

BUT ASK THE POWELLITES THIS. WHY DO WE NEVER GET ANY BENEFITS FROM EMIGRATION If immigration means less jobs and less homes, why does not a loss of 80,000 a week (total of the Ugandan Asians) never mean MORE jobs and MORE homes? And if it is colour they worry about, why have they never the guts to oppose this emigration of white workers? (The Russians oppose emigration as a logic of their opposition to immigration: they want to keep exploiting the Russian workers).

The truth is what the Right Wing want is.....to exploit. They need a whipping boy, they need cheap labour, they need division between workers. See how cheeky the National Front becomes as soon as it gets its chance! The 'British Campaign to Stop Immigration' has eight aims: to support Enoch Powell, to OPPOSE ANARCHY, to maintain the British way of life, whatever that is, to

support repatriation of illegal immigrants, to revoke the Race Relations Act and to (joke) 'speak for the majority of the British people'. What, you might ask, is the opposition to anarchy (something which the Government does not exactly frown upon) doing in that Irish stew? It is the marrow.

Threatening opposition, organisation leader Jim Merrick of Bradford says he will see to it that his followers 'do not turn the other cheek' and in London Natfront leaders have equally said they will attack their opponents, in equally diplomatic language. If at this juncture the working class movement sits down it is allowing these monkeys to dance all over it.

Yet at this juncture the chance of the fascists in industry comes, though it need not be exaggerated. For years to come, academics will talk of how the Smithfield meat-porters and the dockers 'supported Powell', 'opposed immigration' etc. There is one hard-line fascist supporter in Smithfield meat market. (He is also a paid organiser). Often he must keep quiet. But he uses every opportunity to put its case (THAT IS WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING, YOU SUPPORTERS OF WORKERS' CONTROL!!). On this occasion, and similar Press-induced times of hysteria, he can get forty out on a march. That isn't much out of Smithfield, but there isn't much opposition either. The 'left' is caught with its pants down: it must admit publicly it believes in helping people in trouble and things like that, which invites hoots of derision. So, too often, it tells untruths such as that the sudden influx

of that dreaded disease of People will cause no problems at all, or that nothing is happening about which anyone need be perturbed. What it should shout from the rooftops is HOW CAN SUCH A SITUATION BE USED TO ADVANCE THE CLASS STRUGGLE?

For everyone accepts that People is not a disease when it brings benefits. We can bring 'em along in Jumbo Jet loads so long as they're well heeled and help to advance the tourist trade profits.. we can't get ships enough for them in wartime.. our most fervent Natfront hotel porters bow and scrape before the duskiest of Maharajahs and Sultans as ever handed out pound-note tips.... On the other hand when the most liberal of us have to share a house with a calypso party going on overhead at 3 a.m. when you start work at 7 a.m. one does see the problem of different cultures.

Yet let us never be bemused enough to follow the Right-Wing whooping up of joy at their momentary popularity as they bash whatever's down. We do not need to answer their claims as to whether immigration should be controlled or not, for it IS controlled by capitalism and the State and the degree to which it is permitted suits the convenience of the ruling-class. What WE need to do is to absorb immigrants into the class struggle. Our aim is to make the ruling class into political exiles. In that emigrant status they may in time re-absorb themselves into a useful way of life.

I cannot recall violence,, on the scale we see today...the General Strike was not a bloodthirsty brawl but a spontaneous expression of sympathy with the miners.. After all, I had fought side by side with a

number of these men in the trenches in the First World War," writes a newspaper correspondent. "But there was never any question of violence." We knew about poppies growing in Flanders fields, but never realised that was what they chucked at each other.

One wonders if he even heard the songs the soldiers sang in World War I ("we won't come back, we'll be buried over there"). But there was no question of violence. It was for God, King and Country. Force, yes. Violence is what the Huns used.

THE ANARCHISTS IN RUSSIA

Recently the Union of Former Zionist Prisoners (a Russian Jewish organisation in Israel) met in Habimah (Tel Aviv) for its annual convention. It was addressed by Absorption Minister Natan Peled, who called for economic attacks upon the USSR (something which does not move their policies: he obviously does not understand the State Socialism of Russia has, after all, dispensed internally with many capitalist myths, even though replacing them with new ones). Secretary of the Union, Mr Yehiel Pelerovitch, called for a 'permanent petition' of free peoples - a typical liberal gesture.

From the floor, however, Mrs Tevye Weinberger made an attack on such policies and called for direct action inside Russia, which was denounced from the platform as provocative. Mrs Weinberger said that "the anarchist prisoners in Russia stick together and fight for what they think. They will never get what they want but we are only asking to get out...we can succeed."

Asked later by a reporter whether in fact there were any

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dissidents in Russia, Mrs Weinberger said, "Trotskyists, socialists, anarchists, you find them all in the prison camps. I mentioned the anarchists because I was in there with a group of anarchist women. There are students, there are grandmothers... they have been there since before Stalin."

It is not clear if Mrs Weinberger meant to say that there are some individual prisoners still in prison from before Stalin, which is possible though it seems hardly credible (nearly fifty years) or if she just meant, what is a fact, that anarchists were in Russian jails under the Tsar and under Lenin. It is interesting to note, however, that the Russian Anarchists, long cut off from contact with the outside world, still survive and fight ("there are students..."), and that Mrs Weinberger approved of their direct actionist methods, though exactly what they were did not come over in the report in the Israel papers, understandable in the present climate of opinion there.

1. "'When the Communists get power you won't be short of a job!' I shouted at the director (of the prison). 'But we want to abolish prisons altogether. When nobody wants to be a warder or a policeman or a soldier or a hangman then we'll be able to call ourselves civilised!'"

p. 120 FRANCO'S PRISONER.

2. "Working class judges and Army officers replacing the present personnel is a smashing of the bourgeois State. A representative of the working class as chief constable with his main colleagues coming from the same class, even if they occupy the original Scotland Yard building, is a smashing of the State." BERT RAMELSON Communist Party National Industrial Organiser, Sunday Times, 15th Oct 72

The dream of creating a civilisation within capitalism (an alternative society) is not revolutionary by its very premises: it is liberal. Liberalism is a means of adapting oneself within the framework of the State; an endeavour to get as much freedom as the real rulers will grant. It is only permanent protest.

When someone imagines that by taking their money out of Barclay's Bank and putting it into Lloyd's they are somewhere along the line striking oppression in South Africa they are liberals, who have no understanding of the capitalism system.

Recently in America someone has suggested taking money out of all the banks, so as to stop financing the Vietnam War. Fine, says someone (a comrade; libertarians never do their economics homework), but what do we do now with our spare cash... start a libertarian bank so as to put it somewhere?

The State which prints the dollars would not be affected if you put the notes under the bed, papered the wall with them, spent it on riotous-living or put the lot in a church collection box. What finances the Vietnam War is not the actual dollar notes they print. There are (we are sure; we have only seen the Royal Mint and Waterlow's) good adequate printing presses and coin processors in all countries.

The operation of saving money is not spending in consumer goods or services the amount that the System has

allowances you out with. One may prefer it to go into a co-operative bank rather than a capitalist one. But it comes to the same thing within the capitalist system.

TH Y'RE STILL ON ABOUT JACK THE RIPPER

Why the sudden flood of speculation as to the identity of Jack the Ripper? After all, this Conservative assassin committed his dastardly Whitechapel murders 85 years ago, in an excess of Christian moralising over drunken prostitutes who were, nevertheless, entitled to live.

The reason: Suspicions, long hinted at, came out that the responsible person was the then future King of England, the son of the Prince of Wales (Edward VII) the Duke of Clarence. Immediately the suggestion has been put forward that the clues relate, not to him, but to his tutor and former (gay) lover. Now come the other identities which includes solicitors and barristers and surgeons - all middle-class Tories, as Jack the Ripper undoubtedly was. That is the important part, always glossed over. Would this aspect have been glossed over had any murderer been a radical - an anarchist, for instance? But the Whitechapel murders are inseparable from Tory and Established Church thinking.

SIDE-THOUGHT: Soon after that time Joseph Conrad wrote a piece of mickey-taking about the Anarchists "The Secret Agent". The whole story has come true, but not about Anarchists - actors concerned are Palestinian Nationalists with an identical outlook to Conrad's own Polish Nationalism. Theme of the story: the Anarchists wanted to blow up Greenwich Observatory because the world worshipped **Science**; such

~~a blow at Science and Progress~~ would stagger the world. Theme of the recent story: Palestinian Nationalists murder an entire Olympics team, because the whole world worships Sport, science gone the way of religion, and a blow at Sport would stagger the world.... But, staggered, it goes about its business. Only the Israelis (who regard it as bad taste to recall that they too, once, tolerated terrorism in their cause) protest against terrorism and call for the International Political Police Force to be openly recognised... as it was in the days when there was one big European Gestapo and you knew where you stood with terrorism.....

The Anti-Anarchist

Witch Hunt

In pursuance of the Establishment anti-anarchist campaign (which has such wide connotations and whose repercussions are as diverse as the 'Festival of Light' and the Trial of the Stoke Newington Eight) the Press avidly sought to establish a connection between the Arab Nationalists and the Anarchists. (Note that no witch-hunts occur of the respectable pro-Arabists of the Glubb Pasha variety). With this brief Peter Gladstone Smith of the Daily Telegraph went to Amsterdam to 'prove' a link-up between the Arab Nats and the Anarchists, since the letter bombs to Israeli diplomats were sent from Amsterdam and 'everyone' knows how anarchistic Amsterdam is ("Well, Kabouters and that sort of thing, old boy"....)

His story established one fact. There were 'anti-Israel'

publications in 'all the anarchist bookshops' in Amsterdam. (NOTE: There are two). 'Anti-Israel' propaganda is also obtainable from the Conservative Bookshop in Westminster.

From Peter Simple of the DT: Usual cackling hysterical laughter at Tom Jackson's protest against using Post Office workers as 'transmission agents' for letter bombs. "Apparently it would be all right if they weren't unionists," is more or less the gist of his remarks... NEWS FOR THE NEWSMEN: Francisco Sabater was given the recipe for letter bombs, to send to high-ranking Spanish executioners of the people. Not to names picked off a diplomatic list, but people guilty of specific crimes of mass murder and torture. At considerable risk to himself, he contacted Post Office workers in Barcelona to see what their view would be. They objected, in the same terms as union chief Tom Jackson, that it would put P.O. workers at risk. He never used them. That was 25 years ago.

ANGIE DAVIS

The acquittal of Angela Davis on charges of conspiracy, murder &c was said by "New Society" to be an example "of a deliberate attempt - usually through the police and so far remarkably successful - to render the Panthers and allied groups politically inactive by forcing them to expend their energies in concentrating on legal defences for charges that in the end don't stick. Though it is a contemptible policy, the important point is its 'success'". (8.6.72)

The usual charge against the English in Europe is their alleged hypocrisy. Americans reading the above analysis in a sociological journal - which refers solely to the U.S. police - may reach this conclusion too.

THE LATEST MILITARY TRIAL IN BARCELONA

by Miguel Garcia Garcia

Carlos Garcia Soler (van driver) and Ramon Llorca Lopez (weaver) go for trial as we print this. They come before a Military Tribunal which is demanding 205 years accumulated penalties on the various charges for each, or the death penalty. In the latter case, they would be strangled by the garrotte.

Soler already has a twisted spine and fractured kidneys as the result of police

'interrogation'. The two young anti-Francoists are accused of bombing a Government building. They belonged to the Resistance movement in Catalonia.

Seven others were also arrested in the course of police raids which resulted in these two going for trial. They are accused of various attacks on institutions. But the seven are Catalan Nationalists and at least one of the attacks (on the Opus Dei-run daily La Vanguardia) has been openly claimed by dissident Falangists. Another was claimed by the libertarians.

SAMIZDAT

Russian novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn told Observer writer Hedrick Smith how he was persecuted. Among other things he said Westerners might find it hard to understand how "People expend their labour, their free time. They sit up nights doing work for which the most they can get is persecution - and that happens to be true in my case." In ours, too. Solzhenitsyn said 'I may be wrong, (but) it is customary in the West to get paid for any kind of work.' Mr Smith, used only to trendy rads, did not contradict.

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After three years.....

Valpreda is still in jail without trial, in the 'democratic' Italian State. The press outside Italy has become more caustic.. "the handling of the case, both by police and the judiciary, has been a succession of blunders at times so blatant that the course of justice has seemed hemmed in by considerations which have little to do with proving the guilt of these men," says the London 'Times' (18.9.72). Two of the Fascist group are already on trial accused of the bombings for which Valpreda and others were framed. But the case cannot go forward or be settled because the police are still trying to cover up the fact that police chief Calabrese murdered Pinelli after trying to frame him. Calabrese has been killed but the 'department' carries on.

Meanwhile, as the 'Times' says, Valpreda is 'a political prisoner being subjected to a cruel caricature of democratic justice. The alarming aspect is less the injustice done to him than the apparent acceptance of his fate by the bulk of public opinion. The absence of justice is taken for granted.'

(From previous column)

'samizdat' in Russia with its problems not unlike ours, the Russian author said, imaging it to be quite an un-Western state of affairs and which again Mr Smith did not contradict, that someone leaving his house 'will be closely followed as if he were a State criminal..they will investigate his background..listen to telephone calls"

The growing prison population of Britain has taken a world lead in the floating of a union for prisoners. It is the scandal of the entire world how men and women lie rotting in jail, forgotten and dependent on the whims of uniformed lackeys who can't get a productive job.

The world is prejudiced against them because they include many anti-social elements. So does the rest of society. The proportion is not much different. They also include a vast number of the victims of society, of those ground down and oppressed by the State and of the under-privileged of the world. Prisons are not the same as police stations, however. People can be beaten up and bullied in police stations, they can be framed and tortured because they are a helpless individual here and there. But prison warders have to live with their charges. They are dependent upon good will and co-operation. Unless a prison is a death camp, and often even then, it needs the prisoners, who must always outnumber the guards, to be pliant, to be coerced by the show of force but also by persuasion and, ultimately, to give their assent to being ruled.

Now that there are more politically-conscious prisoners in Britain than ever before, the prisoners can give a lead that will break down the barriers of tyranny all over the world.

"It was the threat from the Anarchists, International Socialists, rent-a-mob boys who wished to bring down the whole nation, no matter which government was in power, which worried everyone" (M.P. TINNE, Liverpool) -

The alliance between anarchists and I.S. even worried us. And where, and to whom, do you rent a mob?

Retired madam Mrs Sally Pretjohn, of Taunton, went on to refer to the preoccupation with "murderers and anarchists". It was a 'national obsession'. (Our circulation: 600). Perhaps with her personal background she could hardly attack pornography, which was a good wicket for other speakers.

ANARCHISM IN GREECE & TURKEY.

Four West German students arrested in Athens and sentenced of terms from six months to two years, had tried to help a German woman married to a Greek to flee political persecution. The Crown prosecutor (Maj Nikolodimos) said 'the group represented the first organised effort by the international anarchist movement to come in support of Greek anti-regime organisations' (Times, Oct 20).

He was lying. The effort was made certainly during August and September by international anarchist bodies to release political prisoners (possibly, but probably not, including Mrs Economou since her place of imprisonment was not known to those concerned). These four students had no connection whatever with the attempt, made in conjunction with Turkish Anarchists, none of whom was German-speaking.

THE MONDAY CLUB: TERRORIST BODY - Mr Harold Soref announced a Bill to curb subversive organisations, sponsored by the Right-Wing Monday Club. It would seek to destroy Left-Wing bodies which might only be accused of fomenting violence. Then it said it would infiltrate Universities and denounce 'anarchist groups' to Special Branch (on whose co-operation it appeared to be assured). Why? To prevent violence. Then Mr Craig spoke at the House of Commons Monday Club. His theme: KILL BRITISH SOLDIERS. What (if anything) will happen to Mr Soref?
