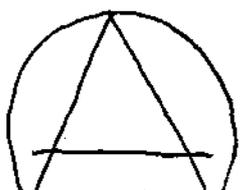
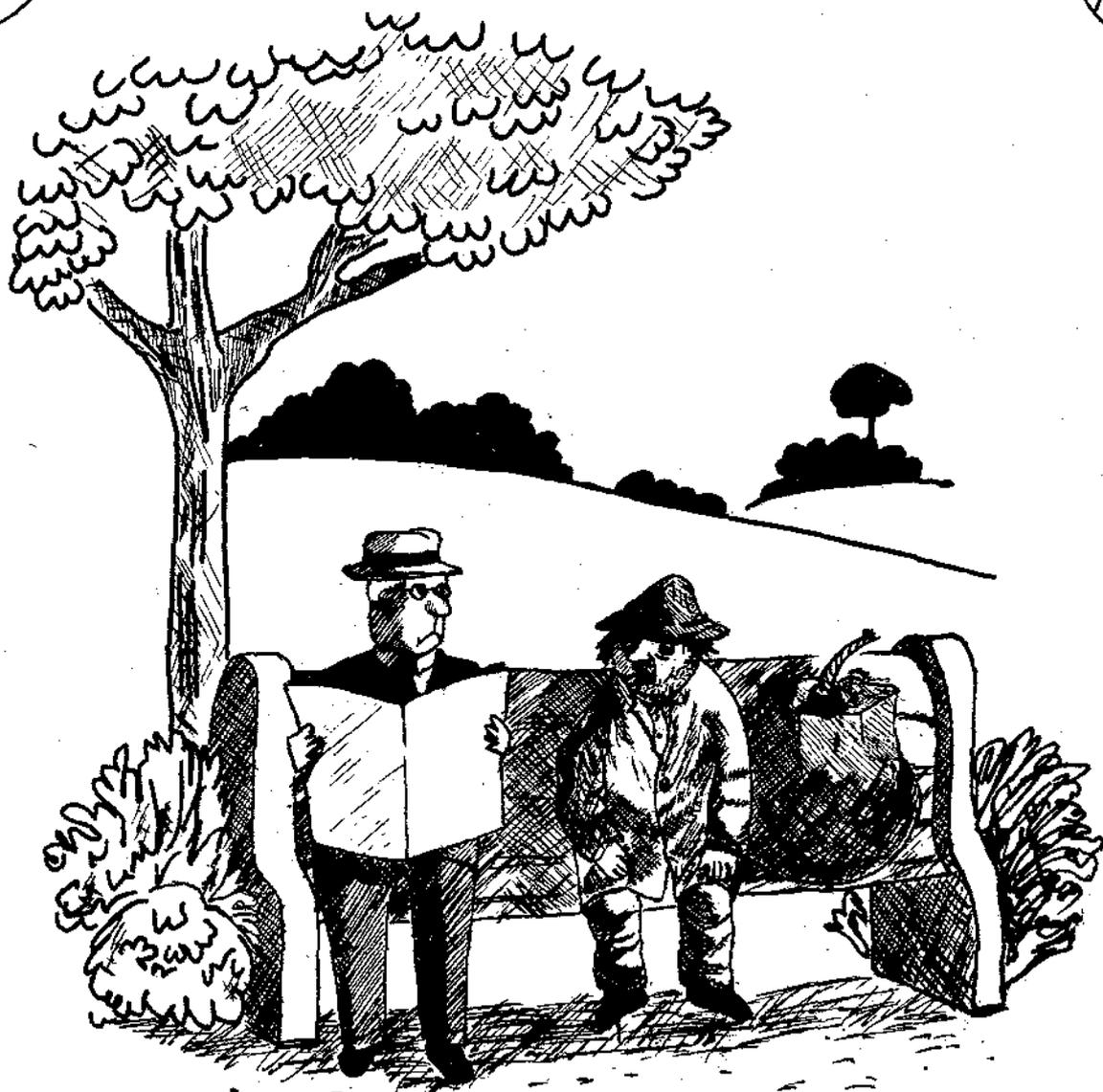
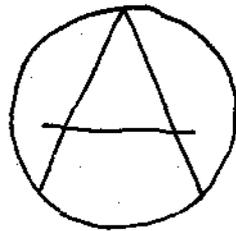
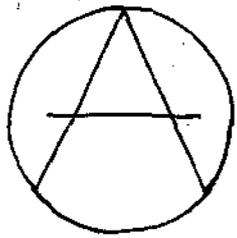


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GOTTA MATCH, PAL?



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CURRENT OR
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST DRIBBLE?

Here we have an organisation with a tremendous array of publications and grand sounding words but what are they?

First of all they have a fixation with war. They see us headed towards more world wars. These being one of the tools of manipulation and oppression of the capitalist state. Personally I cannot see the likelihood of such an event, the war is being fought now, it is a war which forces boredom and passivity upon us and strangles our human potential to desire to imagine and to create.

Secondly, they believe that capitalism has been in decay since World War 1 with nothing to offer but cycles of war, crises and reconstructions. After the 2nd World War large areas of the problems of capitalism were solved by the introduction of Keynesian type economic policies and the pursuance of a commoditist, affluent and circus-like organisation of social life (social survival). We were plunged into a period where instead of naked force and oppression or their appearances we were dulled, duped and deluded by the glittering images and circuses of the new-style capitalist society. This is not a decaying society in their economic and out-dated use of the term. This society has achieved the position of being able to market a naive view of its decay e.g., in leftist politics, and to use that skill as a way of diverting the eventual rediscovery by the working class, of its creative potential. This society is the society of the cliché and can adequately

Thirdly, the ICC sees itself as the builder of the new party which will act as a focus for the working class in the sense that the party will intervene and participate in the struggles of the working class helping it to achieve its own revolutionary organs and consciousness. The idea is to create the international power of the workers councils. The idea that a party, any party being authoritarian by nature, being able to foster spontaneous action by the working classes is absurd. Such obviously anti-authoritarian assemblies as workers' councils can never be engendered by an authoritarian organisation. It is like saying good will come out of bad when you say the absence of manipulated power will come out of necessarily manipulated power.

I would largely agree with their analysis of left groups supporting oppressive and reformist parties such as the Labour Party in the coming elections. Also the fact that

necessarily betray, in the harshest possible manner, the working class if they are re-elected and so have to combat the economic crisis. It is the policy of the lesser evil as they say, to support the Labour Party as the anti-fascist party and a crude double-think to ignore the reactionary economic policies it must employ. The Labour Party can never be imagined as the representatives of the workers while it remains tied to subservience to the USA and its imperialism, and capitalism and its oppression.

No matter what Freedom said (July 22 - growing out of the need for Parliament rather than fighting it), anarchists will be opposed actively and vigorously, to both Parliament and its technique of survival, the election. We do not advocate Liberalism without the police but the victory of the working class over Capitalism by means of its own power, that is the power to organise itself, in other words Libertarian Workers Councils and not those legislated for by the ICC.

SEE WORLD REVOLUTION NO. 19.

THE PROBLEMS OF BRITISH ANARCHISM

Anarchism everywhere has its problems but Britain has certain problems peculiar to itself.

1. As everywhere the anarchists find foisted upon them certain individuals who are more of a hindrance than a help. These are the individuals who glory in the mystique of anarchism and anarchism, a mystique which is entirely false (it is usually created in the individuals head out of caricatures by the media). They are people who enjoy being either part of a small intimate 'club' or if they tend to be forceful in nature (i.e., authoritarian) they can enjoy being big fish in small pools. Then there are the followers on who remain on the fringes but can't be persuaded to do anything except waste the time of those well committed to anarchism.

2. We have no real anarchist/anarcho-syndicalist labour organisation here. By its very nature it must be a mass movement and its impetus would always be towards that sort of activity. However, because of the fragmented nature of British anarchism no congregation seems possible. It is a pity. There is the Syndicalist Workers Federation which is the British section of the IWA but this is now so small as to be insignificant (although it is very involved in the NWA).

3. The regional federations seem to be only half federations. Only a few people seem to come to conferences (except at the inception and early days). There is little common act

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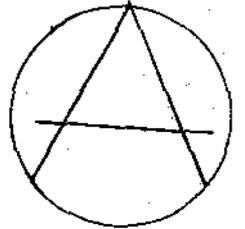
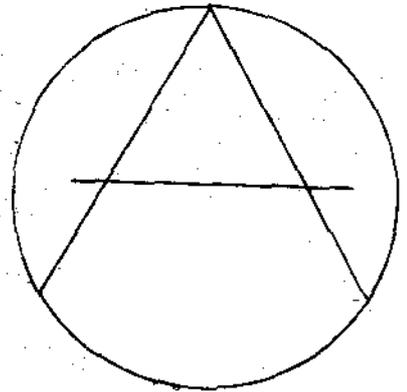
WHAT'S THAT HARRY, SINCE WE STARTED THIS 2. WORKER'S COUNCIL BUSINESS

YEAH, FRED SINCE WE GOT 3. RID OF ALL THE BOSSES I'VE FOUND LIFE IS REALLY EXCITING. I CAN DO THINGS GO PLACES.



I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. BACK 4. IN THE OLD DAYS HAVING TO TAKE ORDERS FROM ALL AND SUNDAY WITH ONLY THE TELLY, THE PUB AND THE TWO-WEEKS-ABROAD TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU WERE FLESH AND BLOOD. IT WAS A GREAT IDEA.

5. THE REVOLUTION? IT WAS WASN'T IT.



4. There is a general lack of self-discipline in the movement as a whole. People do not bother to attend meetings and a related feature is the lack of theoretical discussion. I am not promoting theoretical discussion as the be-all and end-all of the anarchist movement but it does not appear that people are willing to discuss this society in relation to anarchism, and in particular their own anarchism with any depth or clarity.

LA ANARKISTO ESPERANTISTA

Some time before this century began, an anarchist congress in Europe passed a recommendation in the form of a resolution, urging anarchists to do all they could to learn and to help spread the use of Esperanto as an auxiliary language. It has always surprised me that anarchists haven't generally been more involved in the dissemination of Esperanto, since this man-made and entirely neutral language so perfectly harmonises with the internationalist ideals in which we all believe.

Invented by a Polish eye-specialist, and first published in 1887, the purpose behind the creation of Esperanto was entirely worthy and laudible since Dr. L.L. Zamenhof hoped that it would reduce inter-social and racist strife between various ethnic groups in that particular part of Europe where he was living. From the very start the neutrality of Esperanto was seen to be of the utmost importance if the idea was to gain any widespread credence and widespread support, and Zamenhof knew that his language would have to be one that was fairly easy to learn, and which would not unfairly disadvantage the native speaker of any other language.

To this day the international Esperanto movement maintains and upholds the language's neutrality, and whilst it allows the formation of special interest sub-groups if those interests are of a nature which anybody can, if they so wish, freely elect to adopt or pursue, it discourages any which are exclusive on grounds which include characteristics over which people have no control. Thus there is a group of vegetarian Esperantists, whilst some years ago the proposal to form a group for black Esperantists in New York was turned down, since such a group infringed the neutrality rule by seeking to restrict membership to those who qualified to belong through unalterable characteristics of birth alone,

Although there are some who maintain that the upholding of the neutrality rule amounts to a fetish, I feel sure that it has had far reaching benefits for the internationalism of Esperanto, and has done much to ensure its survival, particularly at times when various governments have swept their citizens up in murderous pursuits. By anticipating potential areas of future friction they could thus become diffused before they became actual infringements of neutrality.

Being a man-made language, Esperanto has many advantages over the quirks and irregularities or native languages which make the learning of another tongue so difficult. Nor does it have the lunacy of gender to confuse us, (although sexual differences are easy to form), and by the clever use of prefixes and suffixes, it is possible to render shades of meaning in one root word, which in another language would require the stringing together of several words in order to get the same meaning. Let me give some

examples. The Esperanto word for 'a dog' is hundo; hund- being the root and -o being the indication of a noun. Adjectives are formed by taking the root word and adding -a to it. Thus hunda would be 'dog-like'. Suffixes denote various things and can be added to the root word in order to change its meaning; -id means 'offspring', -in denotes 'female sex', -et means 'small', and -eg means 'large'. These can be added and inter-mixed as you wish, and below I give some of the permutations which can be rendered:

hundo	dog
hundino	bitch
hundido	dog puppy
hundidino	bitch puppy
hundeto	toy breed dog
hundetino	toy breed bitch
hundego	large breed dog
hundegino	large breed bitch
hundideto	toy breed dog puppy
hundidetino	toy breed bitch puppy
hundidego	large breed dog puppy
hundideginio	large breed bitch puppy

and so on.....

These suffixes are quite numerous in Esperanto and become so entirely familiar with use that they can sometimes provide amusement. After all, what other language has such rich potential to deflate male chauvinism with its simple ability to refer to the male sex organ as either peniso or penisto? (Yes, I'll allow that they can counter with a bragging penisego.....but neutrality is all important!) Of course Esperanto can be criticised, but much criticism often evaporates when the more knowledgeable reveal that there are often sound linguistic reasons for things which may at first puzzle you.

It is perhaps understandable that the Esperanto movement constantly stresses the ease with which the language can be learnt, but I'm inclined to think that this can be a shade counter-productive. Compared to any native tongue Esperanto is easy to learn, but it is not simple that it doesn't require a bit of time and effort to achieve reasonable fluency. Because this fact is often glossed over in Esperanto literature, I think beginners sometimes get discouraged enough early in the learning process to abandon it altogether. This is a pity, because the internationalist ideals of Esperanto entirely parallel anarchist ideals, and I personally would very much like to see a world-wide anarchist publication printed entirely in Esperanto. Summer camps would become much easier to participate in, and certainly all international gatherings would benefit enormously if those present knew Esperanto as an auxiliary language in which to communicate with one another.

Because it was invented in Poland, many countries in the Eastern power bloc teach Esperanto in schools, so it therefore has great potential as a tool by which we can spread and encourage libertarian and anti-authoritarian ideas in a part of the world where not only is there a pressing need for them, but where at present we have little contact or communication precisely because of the language barrier.

Language is an immensely authoritarian weapon. Governments and rulers easily surmount this barrier by employing professional translators but ordinary people are effectively divided and kept apart by language and remain strange to one another on an intimate level. Could anything be more at variance with the anarchist ideal and its basic principles?

Should any readers be further interested in learning more about Esperanto, perhaps we could get together and form classes in the Sheffield area. See contact address.



GRASS : HASH : MARIJUANA

September 28th sees the Golden Jubilee of cannabis prohibition in the UK. It was on this disastrous day in 1928 that the 1925 Dangerous Drugs Act came into effect which first made cannabis illegal. Cannabis is the most widely used illegal drug in the UK today. It is estimated that five million people have committed a criminal offence trying it. Five million that's over ten times the population of Sheffield or approximately 8% of Britain's Population, surely that makes it one of the largest minority bodies around.

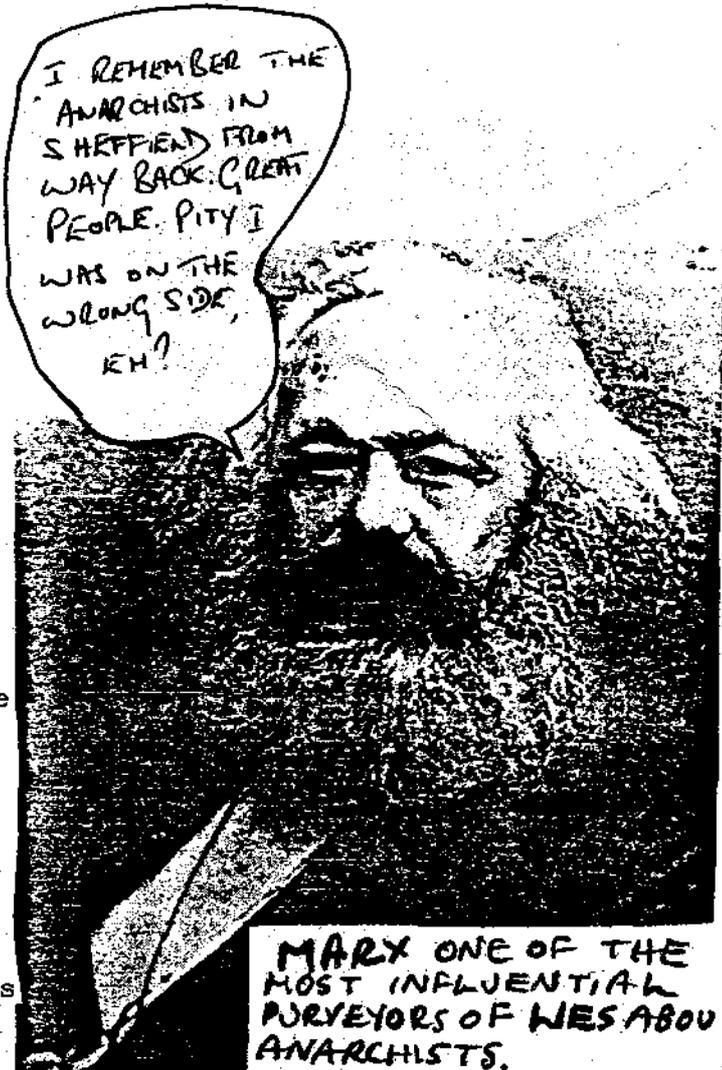
Millions of pounds worth of research has failed to prove that cannabis is a source of harm either to the consumer or to the rest of society. In Britain today anyone found in possession of cannabis faces a maximum penalty of five years of imprisonment and/or unlimited fine. Cultivation, supply, import and export of cannabis all carry maximum penalties of 14 years imprisonment and/or unlimited fine.

There are at the present time three organisations calling for changes in the laws concerning cannabis. The oldest is Release who have, among other things, provided expert advice and assistance for individuals arrested on cannabis - related offences. Next is the 'Smokey Bears' who have been trying, very successfully to make the law harder to enforce by large scale 'smoke ins' in Hyde Park. The third group which has the support of Release and runs parallel to the 'Smokey Bears' is the recently formed 'Legalise Cannabis Campaign' which was inaugurated at a public meeting at the Central Hall Westminster on June 3rd. The meeting was chaired by Maureen Colquhoun MP, and had an impressive list of speakers:- Solicitor David Offenbach, Don Aitken drug abuse research and information consultant, Reverend Bill Deane from the American organisation NORML (The National Organisation for the Reform of Marijuana Laws), Tim Malyon and Bob Nightingale from the Campaign itself. The Legalise Cannabis Campaign can be contacted at 29, Old Bond Street, London W1X 3AB/01 - 289 3881, and desperately needs members.

During the past 80 years there have been 13 major national and international reports and commissions of inquiry on cannabis. Each report has reached broadly the same conclusions that the dangers of cannabis have been greatly exaggerated, that moderate use is not harmful, that excessive use is rare and even then does not lead to any disability.

The most recent British appraisal of cannabis has been published by Professor J.D.P. Graham, Professor of Pharmacology in Cardiff and a member of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs in his book 'Cannabis Now' (1977). He comments: 'It is fortunate for those who advocate the more ready dissemination of cannabis that it is singularly harmless'. After reviewing all available evidence he concludes that people should not be prosecuted for possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis and that after a due period more widespread changes might well be appropriate. 'It may be found that all the argument has been devoted to the non-drug of the century.'

J.H.W. AND J.P.L. (members of the Legalise Cannabis Campaign in Sheffield).



REMEMBER —
IF YOU DON'T HIT
IT, IT WON'T
FALL!



THERE IS SO MUCH THAT I
MUST HAVE TO BE A REAL
WOMAN. I NEED A MAN TO
MAKE ME FEEL



SAFE, CLOTHES
TO MAKE ME
BEAUTIFUL

THE
GENESIS
OF
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I NEED A HOVEY HOUSE
SO THAT I CAN FEEL
COMFORTABLE. SO MUCH
IF ONLY THERE WAS A
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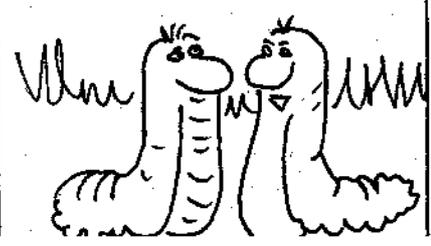
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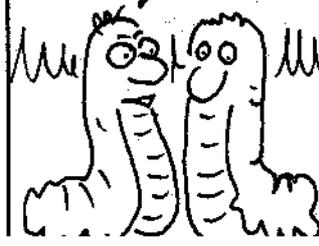
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I SHALL TAKE! WOMEN ARM
YOURSELVES AGAINST ALL
PASSIVITY. **CREATE. DESIRE.**
REVOLT!!!

SO THATS THE PLAN! WE HIT
THE APPLE ORCHARD TONIGHT, AND...



WAIT! COOL IT...



...FUZZ!



SHEFFIELD OUTRAGES

The following are extracts from a pamphlet, "The Sheffield Outrages", shortly to be published by the John Creaghe Memorial Society, which is a reprint of the original pamphlet produced by "The Anarchist" in the late 19th century.

The use of dynamite by Continental Anarchists has provoked much indignation in the capitalist press. What has led to the outrages, the tyranny of Continental governments and their police is quite forgotten, and the Anarchists are pictured as incarnate fiends delighting in slaughter and massacre for its own sake. There is no word expresses the opinions of ... the capitalist Press as the word "UnEnglish".

"These outrages could only be committed by benighted foreigners or Irishmen," say these gentlemen. "Englishmen are incapable of these diabolical deeds. They are abhorrent to the frank, honest English nature. English workmen can settle all their differences with their employers by peaceful combination, a more excellent way than by explosions of dynamite, or by the knife and bullet of the assassin."

But peaceful combination is not always possible, when strikes are crushed by charges of cavalry, as in Spain, or when strike funds are seized and strike committees arrested, as they are in France. We will not say, as many writers suppose, that Sheffield ... was the only town where the decrees of the Union were enforced by the blowing up of factories or shooting capitalists. ... Like rick burning, or machine smashing, they were an inheritance of the evil days of oppression and coercion.

.... All the efforts of the authorities to capture the perpetrators of these deeds were fruitless, though they were not too scrupulous as to the means they employed. Mr. Tyzack, a master who employed blacklegs and boys, had his works blown up in '56. A man, named Needham, received four years penal servitude for this offence. And Tyzack, who wanted some information, was admitted into Derby jail, dressed as a

convict and placed in the same cell as Needham to get it. He was quite unknown to Needham, who confided in him, how he had been offered £10 by Thompson, the Secretary of the Scythe Grinders' Union to blow Tyzack up. We have always been told that these tricks were not played in English jails, and that it is contrary to English law, that men should thus be entrapped into confessions implicating themselves and others, but there can be no doubt that this was done.

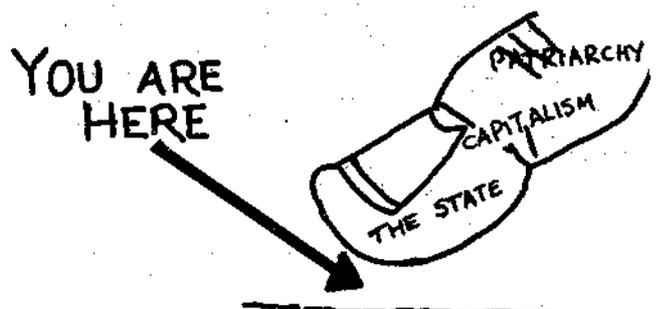
.... But now a word as to the cause of the outrages. If the Saw Grinders' Union had small respect for life and the property of their masters, who had taught them a better lesson?

Not the law surely, by which Trade Unions, which acted "in restraint of trade" were "criminal" ... Trade Unions that called men out on strike were therefore "illegal" ...

.... Save for the Acorn Street Outrage, for which Broadhead was not responsible, there was no senseless ferocity in Sheffield. Broadhead, and his ministers of vengeance, did not strike at the lives of the innocent.

To spread terror among the enemies of the Union by the cool and scientific use of violence was the aim ... Years of persecution and oppression had bred men who met terror with terror. ... How many Trade Union leaders nowadays would risk penal servitude or death for the cause of labour? And surely the capitalists who commit wholesale murder by their devilish greed in factory and mine ... have no right to cast stones at the Secretary of the Saw Grinders' Union.

Let us be just. Oppression reaps a deadly harvest. The can of powder of English Trade Unionists denied the right of combination by cruel laws has now evolved into the dynamite bomb of the Continental Anarchist who groans beneath a more terrible oppression.



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Kristokolev Yordanov, born 24th April 1911. Editor of the journal 'La Pensee Ouvriere', militant of the Anarchist - Communist Federation of Bulgaria has now totalled 45 years in detention.

Alexandre Nakov, for clandestine activity in defense of his ideas, has suffered repeated detention.

Others include Athanas Artakov, Luten Djevuiakov, Athanas Kirov.

International public opinion is indifferent to repression in Bulgaria. The silence of the bourgeois press can only help to create this lack of opinion, with the complicity of the State and its parties this will continue. The militants of the French Anarchist Federation, adherents to the International Federation of Anarchists, recommends that all men and woman of all persuasions to mobilise in a campaign in favour of our five comrades, the Bulgarian Anarchists

Liberty for the Bulgarian Anarchists
Down with dictatorship

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WE'RE LUCKY.
WE'RE GOING TO DO
MOST OF OUR TRAINING
WITH THE RAF IN GERMANY.
THEY'RE A GREAT BUNCH
AND WE'LL HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

**ROT
ALL
RULERS**



'Can any pleasure we are allowed to taste be compared with the indescribable joy of casting aside every form of restraint and breaking every conceivable law?'