

Dear comrades,

Up to now you have received nos!&2 of LIBCOMINT. From now on, the newsletter will be transformed into Struggle! (Libertarian Communist Newsletter) to cover developments in this country, and to help towards the appearance of a journal early this year. The newsletter will still cover international events.

SWITZERLAND The Organisation Socialiste Libertaire (OSL) has now been formed, with positions close to those of the UTCL. More details in forthcoming issues.

ITALY THE 4 libertarian communist organisations (see LIBCOMINT) met together in Modena in June, and in Cremona in July. The UCAT is in the process of fusing with the ORA, while the PAI and FCL are very close. The French UTCL attended the Modena meeting. The first meeting was called by the PAI, who expressed their conviction that unity was necessary for greater effectiveness in struggle (e.g. the peace movement) They thought there was no great difference between the organisations. FCL supported this move. ORA appreciated new openness of PAI, and proposed work in commissions on strategic and theoretical questions. This did not necessarily imply immediate unification. The UCAT felt that all the organisations must arrive at same theoretical level before any question of fusion, otherwise risk of compromise synthesis. ORA pointed out that it did not share this position, as there would always be differences that only practice and debate could solve.

At Cremona, UCAT again put forward this view, saying there were no precise terms yet known for unity. The PAI and FCL expressed disapproval at incorrect behaviour of UCAT. A proposition by the FCL then followed. (PAI shared these ideas but had criticisms of certain aspects of it) Coordination that regroups geographic branches of each organisation, with each organisation maintaining its own name at local levels. Joint secretariat - to organise debates and actions. Commissions - several being permanent (international, workplace) others being created for preparation of dayschools and liason meetings. Bulletin - for information and debate.

A joint public statement was issued declaring that a process of unity was now under way. Another meeting would take place at Genoa in September to work out a unitary structure at National level (more news later)

SPAIN The unification congress of the 'new' CNT and those unions expelled from the CNT-AIT took place as planned in Madrid, 29-30 June, 1st July, under slogan 'UNITY TO ADVANCE'. Foreign organisations attending were SAC (Swedish syndicalist union, 17,000 members) and UTCL.

600 delegates were present, representing 182 unions (about 85% of the whole CNT, ie. including CNT-AIT 'rump', according to bourgeois newspaper El Pais) The following day several unions and individual militants of

Workers Commissions (Communist-dominated union central) joined the CNT. Regions represented were Catalonia, Valencia, Andalusia, Castille, Galicia, Canaries, Euskadi (Basque country) Aragon. Unions represented were Banks, Postal, Metal, Health, Public Sector, Cinemas & Theatres, Textile, Foodstores, Hotels and Restaurants, Chemical.

A postal worker, March, was elected new national secretary, by a clear majority. This comrade has been a militant in the CNT-AIT.

The initials AIT or International Working Peoples Association were dropped from name, as this organisation was judged as phantom. Agreed to work with libertarian and anti-authoritarian militants in reformist union in other countries and to look to reconstruction of AIT with SAC.

The UTCL has produced a pamphlet on the Congress with resolutions on strategy, international, etc. Translations (by us) should appear in next SINEWS, an English newsheet with an open attitude towards the 'united' CNT. - from Mick Larkin, 49A South Terrace, Esh Winning, Co. Durham DH79PS, 25p. + plus post (mention us when writing) SINEWS contains a lot of info on the libertarian movement in Spain, including CNT-AIT 'rump'.

EIRE A new organisation, the Workers Solidarity Movement has appeared, with a monthly paper, Workers Solidarity. It is made up of libertarian marxists and class struggle anarchists. Its secretary will be familiar to AWA/ICG ex-members. It has members north and south of border.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

This year marked 50th anniversary of Spartacus, the French libertarian publishing house. Its founder, Rene Lefevre is now 83! Over the years Spartacus has published many important texts, Luxemburg, Victor Serge, Chomsky, Laval (on the Spanish collectives) our comrade Ida Mett on the Kronstadt Commune, A collection of Daniel Guerin's writings ('56-84) 'A La Recherche D'UN Communisme Libertaire (In Search of A Libertarian Communism) has appeared to mark the anniversary. It covers Guerin's militancy in the Mouvement Communiste Libertaire (MCL) the first and second Organisation Communiste Libertaire (OCL) and his present membership of the UTCL. Daniel was 80 last May. (so don't let's hear any excuses about how some of you are getting older, less time to think about libertarian communism, etc)

Also due out, second in series from Fil du Temps (UTCL publishing house) Manifesto of post-war French Federation Communiste Libertaire (FCL) with notes. First book on Friends of Durruti has already appeared..

Comrades! We would like to translate and publish all these texts. We would also like to bring out a magazine (duplicated) in February or March. But we need money. So please send as much as you can to us, in P.O.s or cheques made out to B. Van de Steeg. Write to N. Heath, Flat 11, 4 Granville Road, Broadstairs, Kent. (Don't mention STRUGGLE! on envelope. Alternatively, don't waste our time and yours if you no longer want the circular. Let us know if you don't want it, as we are stony and can't afford unnecessary mailings. Hoping to hear from you.