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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC-Where is that? One of the banana countries who have revolufighting, no matter they will probably die of malnutrition or disease anyway.

Protectors of I and order

Dominica has always been a happy stamping ground for dictators. Haiti was in occupation for 20 years or more, which was one of the most brutal and repressive periods in Dominica's tormented history. In 1916 America sent in the marines to restore law and order. They stayed eight years, created a national police force, which spewed up the dictator Trujillo. In 1930 he rigged the elections and stayed in office for 31 years. The 'Benefactor of the Fatherland' looked after his people with hospitals, roads and some education. Trujillo also looked after Trujillo to the tune of \$800 million at the expense of 1,000 political refugees whom he put to death in police cells. In 1937 he murdered 15,000 Haitian squatters. Funny no intervention then from US to restore law and order. The massacre of 15,000 people constitutes law and order. In 1961 Trujillo was assassinated and a seven man civilian Council of State was installed.

Bosch and sent him into exile. According to Wessin, Bosch was a Communist. Juan Bosch was elected tions every week. People die in the President in the December of 1962. His party, the Dominican Revolutionary Party, won 62 per cent of the vote in the first elections since 1920. From the very beginning Bosch fought a losing battle against the combined forces of the Church, the Press, the Army and entrenched land interests owned by Trujillo's that Caamano's government does thugs. Bosch's policy was one of not take office. Of course this liberal reform, obviously too liberal for Wessin and the forces of reaction. After Bosch was ousted, a civilian triumvirate took over led by Reid Calbral. This set-up was fully backed by Wessin, but not by the people of Dominica. On April 24, 1965, the uprising began in an effort to restore Bosch to the Presidency. Reid resigned and went into hiding, General Wessin took over as the counter-revolutionary leader of a pro-Wessin junta.

Law and Order

According to the Sunday Times (9.5.65), Henry Brandon reporting from Washington states: 'Some token withdrawal of American Marines will be ordered as soon as the first contingents of police or troops from other Latin American States arrive'.

Reading between the lines this could mean that a large force of American troops will stay to ensure cannot be counted as interference in the internal affairs of another country, just plain bloody aggres-SION. Where does the British Government stand? Lying quietly at Johnson's benevolent heel. Johnson has dispensed with the lead, the British Government is sufficiently obedient to 'come to heel'.

Tomorrow?

DURING the last year four elections in countries of Southern Africa have taken place, all of which must underline the futility of advocating the ballot-box as the salvation for the oppressed African people in the area.

Nearly a year ago now, Swaziland held a general election for the first time in the 61 years of British rule there. A pro-South African alliance of African 'traditionalists' and white farmers was elected to power. In the first meeting of the Swaziland Legislative Council the Paramount Chief's representative declared his desire for independence from Britain as soon as possible, whilst a motion was debated in which the pro-Government mover said Swaziland would not interfere with South Africa's domestic affairs.

Early this year the first general election under universal suffrage took place in Bechuanaland and Seretse Khama became the Prime Minister with a very large majority. His party stands for a 'good neighbour' policy towards South Africa. Dr. Verwoerd sent his personal congratulations to Seretse Khama and lifted a ban on him visiting South Africa. The Financial Times (5.3.65) saw this as an attempt to wean Bechuanaland away from British influence towards the Republic. If one casts one's mind back to 1950, when the Labour Government stopped Seretse Khama returning to join his white wife in Bechuanaland, it will be appreciated that Dr. Verwoerd has a task of some ease on his hands. In 1950 Seretse Khama said: 'I am not to go home for five years. I told Gordon Walker (then Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations) I thought I had been tricked. They invited me to come, and now they say I am excluded from the territory. I only thought those things were supposed to happen in Russia. I said it was a dirty trick.' (Doubtless the voters of Smethwick and Leyton had this skeleton in Gordon-Walker's cupboard well in mind when they voted against him in recent months!) The third election in a British protectorate was very recently in Basutoland, a country surrounded by South Africa. Here the country was practically equally divided between the pro-South African National Party of 'traditionalists' and the Pan Africanist Congress Party. . The National Party's overall majority is only one.

going relations with all the three high commission territories."

If we take an over-all look at Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland we will see that pro-South African parties are in power in all three countries as they head for independence. Only in Basutoland is the Pan-Africanist support strong. The question is whether political independence for these three territories means economic independence. Oliver Walker writing of the three countries in his book Kaffirs are Livelier remarks that: 'Except for Swaziland, each is utterly dependent on South Africa as a market for its labour and its cattle. Swaziland has mineral resources of asbestos and iron ore, now being developed, which could ensure a greater measure of detachment. But Basutoland is a barren rock in the heart of South Africa, accustomed to hiring its manpower to the Rand gold mines, to farmers and to secondary industry. And Bechuanaland is good only for ranching and game reserves. Any one of them could be occupied tomorrow without fuss by a battalion of parachute troops from South Africa. Britain is not going to allow them to become rallying points for an attack on South Africa.' It is little wonder that the editor of Die Burger, the main pro-Government paper in South Africa, can write (Sunday Times, 2.5.65): 'Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland are in effect British Bantustans, and Britain finds nothing incongruous about granting political independence to their underdeveloped Even Llewellyn Chanter peoples.' writing in the Daily Telegraph (21.4.65) admitted: 'One can only experience feelings of deepest shame when faced by the abysmal degree of illiteracy and ignorance prevalent in all three territories, notably in Bechuanaland and Swaziland. In the former 250 primary and secondary schools, all under-staffed, are trying to cope with 63,000 children, while another 10,000 a year are clamouring to get in. This is hardly a basis for independence.' The present writer has seen terrible poverty in the lovely country of Swaziland where illness is generally on the increase instead of being sensibly combated. One only had to glance at the misery and poverty in a Swaziland township, to appreciate the motive behind this treatment. Neither Britain nor South Africa, for financial reasons, want strong independent countries near to bank.

BOSCH FOUGHT A LOSING BATTLE

The Dominican military has always been the military and political power behind Dominica's 'Thrones'. The boss at the moment is General Wessin y Wessin. A devout Catholic with a pathological hatred of Communism (which means any shade of leftist thinking). In 1963 Wessin staged a bloodless coup against the elected President Juan

MARINES MOVE IN

Bitter fighting took place, and on Wednesday, April 28, 405 US marines landed in Dominica to protect American property and lives. On Saturday, May 8, the 82nd US Airborne went into action against the rebels, US forces lost two men, twelve wounded, so 2,000 more US troops were sent in bringing the total to 7,000 men to protect American property and lives.

7,000 men are a lot of troops to protect property even by American standards. In an attempt to justify

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

MARINES **NOT KILLERS**

IBERALS IN THE United States, these days, are in the unenviable position of apologizing for the most unpopular war in which this country was ever embroiled. Their humiliating predicament of course follows logically from their irrational belief that the State produces Order, Prosperity, and, most strangely of all the supposed state-born qualities, Morality. Liberals pathetically cling to the notion that the State somehow insures a higher level of public morality than that which would obtain without the State and its agencies of control. Many good-hearted and kind people persistently refuse to accept the fact that the State produces poverty and war. The subsequent by-product of both is violence and immorality. The womb of the State is perpetually pregnant with violence. Violence is all that the State can breed; its 'Order' is but the afterbirth of its violence. The latest large scale American adventure in South Vietnam offers proof of this anarchist principle every day. But the public is not often made aware of this as it was recently by an Associated Press release headed: 'Marine Makes His First Kill'. The Marine depicted in this story is a mere 19-year-old, who joined the Marines last year after graduating from high school. The story quotes the Marine as saying that he 'felt kind of sorry' for the lifeless body stretched out before him of an Caamano elected provisional presi- unarmed Vietnamese villager he had just shot in the back. A sergeant is also quoted in the same story as follows: 'This is a tough war, but don't think we are killers. We are Marines.'

Clyde Sanger writing in the Guardian (5.5.65) asserts: 'Now that the Pan Afri-

ANARCHIST FRINGE TO BATH FESTIVAL SUMMER CAMP PLANNED

A NARCHISTS IN BRISTOL and Bath have joined the committee for the first Bath Festival Fringe, the 'A' Group. The Festival, which is from June 9 to 20, is the West Country's cultural focus, and 'A' Group are determined to widen the range of activities presented. During the evenings there will be jazz, folksong, poetry, cabaret, and films, and it is hoped that nationally known artists will appear. There will be films in the Octogon. On June 13 at 3.30 p.m. Spanish comrades on June 13 at 3.30 p.m. Spanish comrades will be dancing flamenco at the Bandstand in Victoria Park. There will be an open-air exhibition of paintings throughout the Festival along the river In addition a Libertarian Summer Camp will be held from June 9-20 on a farm just outside Bath, to coincide with the Festival. It is hoped that as many comrades as possible will come down for the Camp, and support the fringe. Accommodation for the camp will be under canvas, but is strictly limited, so comrades intending to come should write immediately to Adam Nicholson, c/o 39 Freemantie Road, Redland, Bristol 6. Poets, singers, etc., will be welcome, and accommodation will be arranged where necessary. It is hoped to make this a genuinely spontaneous entertainment, and anyone with talent may perform. Artists wishing to enter paintings (for sale -25% commission to 'A' Group) should send them, plus 2/6d. handling fee, to 7 Saville Row, Bath, anywhen after May 20, with details of prices, whether negotiable, etc. Insurance must be by artists, and unsold paintings must be collected within two weeks of the Festival ending. Anyone wanting additional information on the Festival Fringe itself should write to the Bristol address. Further details will be published later. Film-makers can show their own (16 m.m.) films. Apply Marcel Steiner at above address.

her actions a meeting of the Organisation of American States was called. Usually OAS obey their American master, sometimes reluctantly, but eventually, after economic pressure, they do. This time the official representatives of twenty American States have condemned or deplored US action in Dominica. The US obtained a bare two-thirds majority but only on the agreement that the unilateral US presence in the Dominican Republic be replaced by an inter-American force under unified control.

President Johnson has now publicly admitted that the main reason for 21,800 troops in the Dominican Republic is the danger of a Communist take-over. Like Arbenz of Guatemala, the US engineered the overthrow. Like British Guiana, American influence helped overthrow Jagan by economic boycott.

As usual the saviours of western democracy have deliberately got 'their wires crossed'.

The situation in the Dominican Colonel Republic is critical. dent of the Dominica Legislature (Bosch supporter) will have nothing to do with the new Junta which includes two generals and three Caamano claims his civilians. Government is capable of controlling the country.

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The fourth election in Southern Africa, happily boycotted by the African people, in Rhodesia returned Mr. Smith's Rhodesian Front Party with a large majority. Writing editorially on the day the electors went to the polls in Rhodesia, the Daily Telegraph stated: 'It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that Mr. Smith's tactics are to manoeuvre the Rhodesian whites into a position where there seems to be no escape between defying Britain, the Commonwealth and most of the world, or surrendering to black anarchy tomorrow.'

It could be however that Mr. Smith has created a position where 'black anarchy' is the only cry that the African people of Rhodesia will listen to. It might surprise him if the African people did not only understand the word anarchy as a synonym of chaos. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the solution to the problems of South and Central Africa is not political independence, but economic independence. This, in turn, means ownership and control of the land and industry by the people who will rightfully inherit it. To the politically aware this is best described as black anarchy tomorrow.

J.W.

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AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

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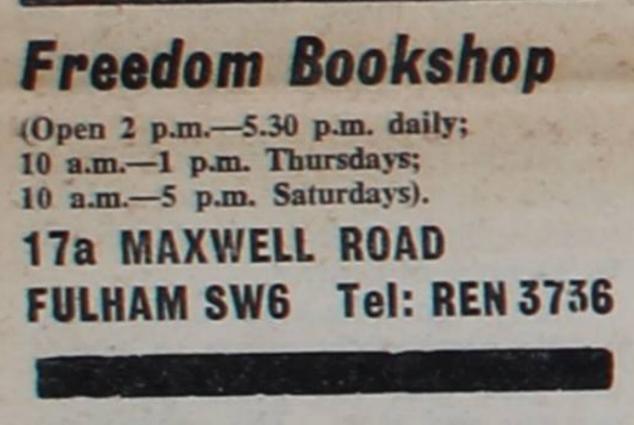
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Long Live Peggy Duff

anarchists though we hope that one day But now what are they to do?

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day. It was humorously suggested in FREEDOM recently that Peggy should be T IS NOT Peggy Duff alone whom we given a cabinet seat with the job of must thank, for she has able supporters, controlling dissident elements. But, as but more than any other well-known Labour is in power, the dissident elefigure she is to be thanked for the part ments cannot be controlled as when the she is playing in the extension of the Tories were in the saddle. A year ago anarchist movement of this country. there was the cry that radical action Likewise, I would suggest that people I know that some other comrades will should be played down as it would harm who have the spirit, the sense, and the not share my enthusiasm for her. Jack the Labour Party's chances to oust the human worth to make spontaneous the point of protest, that protest shall be Stevenson, writing in Peace News, com- Tories. I am sure that many of the demonstrations will make a few hot- directed into constructive channels. But ments that the large number of people young people who now crowd behind headed and muddled mistakes in their we were all 'absolute beginners' once, and who have been projected into the arms anarchist banners were working in the time. of the anarchists, so to speak-'are not cause of the Labour Party last autumn. But let it not be suggested that they wait until they've done their homework

Stevenson knows what he is talking Church, is always there and is still the testa, etc., before they have a bash at about, but I would be chary of deciding most virulent menace on the Left; but civil riot and commotion! What nonthat anyone was not an anarchist solely somehow it has never quite recovered sense is this? We normally have a **Hairy Cretins**? damned fool on a certain occasion. As though those now of YCL age are too theorize about the nature of society I see it, we have a totally new phe- young to have known the worst at first after: we take our first girl behind a Dear Friend, nomenon appearing in this country, a hand. There are the handful of mori- hedge in feverish haste, and then we Having, like many, gone through CND phenomenon which would have utterly bund little political parties, each avid for learn all about the theory of sexual and pacifism to anarchism, I have reamazed the older anarchists of a few new membership, but they are mostly a freedom in learned books. All this I cently found myself reluctant to accept Jane Addams of Hull House 1860-1935, years ago, a thousand or so people bureaucracy without a rank and file, write in the full knowledge that riot and even this label. If I regard the individual Margaret Tims 5/-; Are Workers walking through the streets of London having nothing to offer new members commotion are not anarchism, and that as of supreme value I can identify myself Human?, Gordon Rattray Taylor 6/-; with anarchist banners, and publicly except the honour and glory of joining blowing raspberries at Peggy Duff does with no group as this means I cease to

The Peace Ballot: The Official History, Dame Adelaide Livingstone 4/6; Party Politics in the West Indies, C. L. R. James 5/-; Croce as Shakespearean Critic,

Industry, James J. Gillespie 4/-; The A and rightly so, to mock the yearly across its conquered wall space as a a beautiful portrait of a child of a dying Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, yet pathetic and futile gesture on the part of class with its evocation of Connolly's too much of the laughter is soured by the Royal Academy to prove that they thirties. James Neal's two small paintrejection and by the disappointment that are now part of the scene and all they Sir Charles Wheeler, KCVO, CBE, PRA, we are not among the strutting or blush- have succeeded in doing is to participate ings that catch in miniature the parochial ing daubers having their brief and mean- in providing a poster for the film 'The world within the fringe of an industrial ingless moment of public acclaim. 1,613 Greatest Story Ever Told', for each can township. Hepple's portrait of the Queen, works on public exhibition form a ratbag match the other in banality and bad churned out to the order of the Royal of talent and minor competence that taste. harm no one by its public exposure The Academy attempted to prove to and a lack of practiced grace that adds before they begin their swift crawl to the an indifferent public that the world of a touch of reality in this world of painted limbo of some private wall within some experimental art, of the avant garde and artifice. But within this painting circus private house. What demands and de- the off beat, would be accepted within there are two paintings that by their serves our mockery is the fact that this their walls and they threw open their very craftsmanship will outlive these tatty occasion is used as a reason for a public massive doors and no one came in. walls. display by the Art Establishment and There were no fires burning in the dis- Father Vincent McNab by the late the whole of the armament of these pea- tant hills, no rebels crouching wild eyed James Gunn is a painter's prayer to the cock feathered roosters is thrown into and ready to rush the turnstiles, no future that we did not fail the creative this battle from the public dinner, the genius pleading for admission while his world. press and TV coverage, the funny hats, sweating wife staggered along Cork Street Here is Gunn's justification for this the tail coats, the portrait of the Queen beneath the weight of a latter day whole shabby farce with his full length and the Picture of the Year. It is all Leonardo, only Bratby with his comic portrait of this old man bearing the here with Anderson's portrait of the strip trotting to the wall of honour while weight of his office and his cloth, both grey flag of surrender and the gutless Bratby as author, painter and public has added another character to people predetermined role of with-it wallpaper. required courage on the part of the within the stream of Chaucer's pilgrims, And the painting of the year is here with Academy to have rejected this work and strut the stage to mock Shakespeare's John Bratby's (ARA) 'Golgotha' or 'Eloi, this was the courage that they lacked for drolls or tread the streets of Dickens' Eloi, Lama Sabachthani'.

by talent, is Bratby's version of the Yet if one can admire the Academy it is and now back to the cellar. crucifixion. Like unto a monstrous not for hanging Sandra Blow's academic London Anarchist Group

"Lamb and Flag", Rose Street, Covent OF BRITAIN Streets: Leicester Square tube), 7.45 p.m. All welcome

SUNDAYS MAY 16 (prob) Martin Ennals **Civil Liberties.**

MAY 23 Digger Walsh **Report on 'That March'.**

MAY 30 Ira Klein

CARD (Campaign Against Racial Discrimination).

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month at above address.

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they will become so'. Possibly Jack The Communist Party, like the Catholic on Godwin, Bakunin, Kropotkin, Malaside the initiated few.

pool of shadows, for here is the counter there is work here that is worthy of A ND AS I was saying, it is fashionable, comic greeting card his painting splays your attention in Claude Harrison's Toby, Marines, shows Liz with a humanity

Queen in a second rate Annigoni style hastily unrolled the red carpet. It took with a practiced ease and humility. From of magazine art. Inshaw's 74976 pop art no courage on the part of the Hanging the twisted boots and up through the canvas hanging above the line like a Committee to accept this work, for heavy cloak to the sly clerk's face, Gunn abstract stillborn within the Kasmin personality, has long ago seeped into the stage of our artificial memories. Here Bond Street Gallery still fulfilling their the public imagery, but it would have is an old man who can take his place these drear little men could no more fly grotesques, a three-dimensional man Bratby has now dived, feet first, into in the face of public pressure by reject- within this two-dimensional world of the the acceptance world and loving every ing a Bratby than they would have had arts, and there above the line is Jan minute and here is his card of acceptance. the courage to reject five of the six Eversen's 'Bread', lifeless in itself yet a Dominating by painted area, though not Churchill paintings that waste wall space. magnificent work within this mausoleum

ARTHUR MOYSE.

operation so that when the Peggy Duffs of this world outrage common sense to street is an activity which has my full, unqualified support. More power to their elbows! TONY GIBSON.

A Preface to Morals. Walter Lippmann reviling figures of the semi-pacifist the bureaucracy. And what have the not constitute a reasoned exposé of the identify myself or concern myself with 3/-; The Life and Letters of Robert Labour Party like Peggy Duff! Let us anarchists to offer? fallacy of Labour Party politics. I know those individuals outside the group as Ingersoll, 10/-; Thomas Paine's Political not minimise the importance of such an 'We are opposed to spontaneous too, that as movements grow in breadth much as I do with those within. Out of Writings (a selection), 5/-; The Reforma- historical event in Britain. demonstrations by people who don't have they can become shallower in depth, but concern with truthfulness I can ally mytion, Archibald Robertson 7/6; Housing Having said, 'Long live Peggy Duff', let the background of anarchist theory and not as futile, I suggest, as those tiny self to no -ism. And while I reject and the State 1919-1944, Marian Bowley me hastily dissociate myself from the rational thinking to make a success of organizations which mean nothing out- authority I realise the existence of the state reflects the attitude of many, and Homer Lane, W. David Wills 15/-; The called 'provocatism'. I do not welcome This from J. Stevenson and P. Turner If I criticise Stevenson and Turner for so to think one can cast it down, or con-Red Spider Web, Bernard Newman 4/-; oppression so that its antithesis will in Peace News! All people who write, their attitude in this matter, I do so fully vince governments to act morally as they Man of Terror-Dzherzhynski, Bernard result from it. But Peggy Duff is an all write a deal of nonsense at one time or acknowledging the validity of their are governed principally by expediency, Bromage 5/-; Kings, Lords and Gentle- too real living phenomenon, and her another, and I suggest this be credited general concern that there shall be a by marching, sitting or shoving under redmen, Karl Heinz Abshagen 6/-; Seven public antics are a real education for to the peck of dirt which these two movement of discussion, education and and-black banners, though rather roman-Women Against the World, Margaret the uncommitted young people of to- writers must swallow before they die. organization in anarchism, actively in tic is a bit potty. However, this Easter Monday my reluctance was greatly increased by those on the CND march who Collage but for accepting Elizabeth did accept the label by marching with Lablache's bleak and foreboding cruci- the anarchist contingent. I know it's a fixion darkly flowering within a fluid great thrill to play at being dead revolutionary by mucking the coppers about, point to Bratby's shallow rubbish. Yet and a mass of blue probably makes me see black-and-red as much as anyone else. But what, for Christ's sake, do the clots who start marching backwards, push through police cordons and burn Union Jacks want to achieve by this? Does this action have any point at all? At the Committee of 100 demonstration at Great Smith Street last Easter, and that at Downing Street this year, a load of frenzied twits shouted and pushed, and said, 'Let's go to the Houses of Parliament!' To blow it up? And as if power resided there, and not in Whitehall where we were this year. The whole thing just seemed like some sort of anarchoid game. The participants looked in the main like professional revolutionaries who probably couldn't actually live anarchistically.

This Easter Monday Peter Cadogan, after making a speech of far more impact and interest than the ones at Trafalgar Square, which, apart from references to Vietnam, were identical to those at all the Easter rallies I've been to, passed round a loud-hailer for people to put their points of view on possible courses of action. We even had an Irish Communist and a Metropolitan Police Officer speaking. Only, most of the times the latter opened his mouth-to inform us we were in contravention of the Commissioner's instructions (yet only ten were arrested and charged)-he was drowned in a hail of boos. So much for anarchist respect for freedom of speech. and the stand and an and the stand of the st

STUART CHRISTIE STILL HAS 1,005 WEEKS TO DO. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

GLASGOW ANARCHIST GROUP. Correspondence: Joe Embleton, top Left, 11 Baliol Street, Glasgow.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m. meetings held. For information contact Burghley Avenue, Boreham Wood. Alan Barlow, 25a Duffield Road, Irlam THANET. For information contact o' the Heights, Salford, 6.

OFF-CENTRE DISCUSSION GROUP.

Cheshire

six weeks at Greenways, Knockholt. Arlesey, Beds.

Oxford.

Pursefield Place, Roath, Cardiff.

Sutton, Surrey. Both meetings 7.30 p.m. Sunderland, Co. Durham.

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The intolerance—a form of authoritarian- others that make possible the present municated became more trivial. ism, surely-of these so-called anarchists society. And let's not kid ourselves either was pretty depressing. Someone, who, that there's any short cut to anarchy. If after abortive attempts to speak through we can't change people's attitudes, or a concern about communism in the the loud-hailer found his own voice-box to if we can't somehow make it possible Western hemisphere: Mr. Shastri halted be louder and more efficient, said that we for them to develop freely and respon- fighting against Pakistan without a ceasehad no quarrel with the police as such, sibly then we've got to admit that we've fire, and George Brown made his intenand that underneath their helmets they had it as far as society is concerned. I'm tions clear on steel to Woodrow Wyatt, were no different from us. They were, sorry, friends, but if people don't want without communicating to the rest of the after all, people. At this point in the responsibility, if they bring violence to Labour Party. Some success seems to proceedings, opposition cries of incredu- every situation they can't deal with any have been achieved by 'inertia selling'. lity: 'Like Franco?' (Ah! The old other way, if they dress in blue and that is, by firms sending goods and hobby-horse!) 'Like Hitler!' 'People form cordons or if they try and break don't join the Police Force.' Yes, after through them to see Mr. Wilson in the all, all coppers are bastards. It stands to Scilly Isles, then anarchy is a dream, If reason — they're all like Franco and it is a dream it doesn't mean we have to Hitler, neither of whom are human. We 'join 'em' and that we have to cease must hate them. Like the Nigs. Like trying to behave anarchistically, simply the Yids. Like the Reds. So much for that we have to recognise it as such. Most the different attitude of anarchists. Why anarchists, I'm afraid, go in for short because men rather taller than the aver- cuts because it means that being an age support the status quo because they anarchist is more fun; making oneself a haven't thought about it in the way that potential citizen of utopia and trying to makes one an anarchist, and are doing as encourage responsibility and indepenthey're told in a job that supports the dence in others isn't half as exciting as status quo, should they cease to be people having fun and games with the cops. and our concern? If they aren't people If readers will excuse the insult, when FOR THE FIRST TIME an advertising knowledge Hitler was convinced by the society, the kind of thoughts we want to then of course soldiers aren't; nor politi- I came across the bunch of hairy cretins agency was convicted of fraudulently Oxford resolution on 'the refusal to fight elicit are the kind necessary for anyone cians; nor armaments workers; nor civil in the anarchist contingent and at Down- promoting worthless goods (viz. slimming for King and Country' that Britain would to create society,' said one of the memservants; nor taxpayers. Hooray for us ing Street this year-I apologise to the pills) in the United States Federal Court. not fight, an additional factor, says Herr bers of the company. 'Before the civil anarchists-the only real people! So the many who were neither cretinous nor The agency claimed it had been misled von Richthofen, was the peace pledge, rights movement, society in the South wheel has come full circle: many anar- particularly hairy-I marvelled greatly by models who led it to believe they had which, we were told had been signed 'by was manipulated from one side. It was chists, it seems, have the same intolerance, and bethought me, 'Are these the people lost weight through taking the pills when more than 11 million people'. A Miss feudal and futile. . . This theatre is attitudes of group-thinking and desire to who are going to run society on anarchist they had actually been dieting. The US Sybil Morrison (chairman of the Peace turning back within the Negro comsolve difficult problems by violence as lines?' If you can judge by appearances Supreme Court agreed seven to two that Herr Richthofen was confusing the munity to help develop (these) patterns those they oppose. Just imagine it: the and behaviour, most of the people under a television commercial must really do Peace Ballot of 1934 with the Peace of thought. . . We want somehow to Anarchist Millenium with the Stirnerites the red-and-black banners and at Down- what it claims to be doing. The Federal Pledge. The former was a series of provide an atmosphere in which people shooting it out with the Bakuninites, ing Street gave the impression that their Trade Commission had accused the questions by the League of Nations can speak for themselves. What we want Last year at Great Smith Street someone anarchism amounted to little more than, Colgate-Palmolive Co. and their adver- Union which voted by six to two million, to do is different from the propagandists, suggested taking a vote. So much for 'I march backwards and set fire to Union tising agency of hoodwinking the public for example, for enforcement of collec- from the Negro playwright who is not anarchy. Inconsistencies this Easter Jacks when I fucking well like!' Monday were equally evident. One man who had the loud-hailer launched into a Stanmore MARSHALL COLMAN. not-very-interesting or original sermon on anarchism and individualism, but what this rugged individualist was doing in a crowd of 300-odd, and 20,000 (BBC news mass, like the first person who plonked himself very definitely down in front of the police cordon, and the one who an open air meeting organised by stration would set off at noon. Speeches that our little demonstration must be announced his intention of going through the cordon to see Harold Wilson. (He and the others who demanded to see Wilson would have been in for a long walk as the Rt. Hon. Gent. was in the Scilly Isles at the time.) Then with great acclaim people started pushing the crowd FAST AT PORTON forward to go through the cordon. When -who piously protested against the Com- Market Square from 12-3 p.m. At the off. missioner's regulations that this was a meeting further plans of the campaign As is usual on such occasions, little Way. Leaflets distributed to shoppers democracy.

and the fact that most people who spoke June 5, at Porton. such, it was probably pretty high-per- (phone Archway 1239). take-someone even said, 'I think we and to help in planning the demonstration left us. should do something, but I don't know on September 11. what'-and those that did, didn't really

strike me as having decided on a particularly meaningful course. If anyone car justify action for action's sake or protest for protest's sake, I'd like to hear them

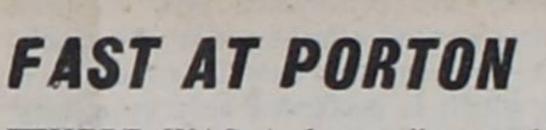
Yours sincerely,

' Dimbleby Had Six-Fold Echo'-Daily Telegraph

do so. For God's sake, let's not deceive AS TECHNICAL ABILITY to communicate, Cream. The 'sand-paper' was a mixture THE PROPOSAL merely to debate the ourselves that by making our feet sore via space satellite, improved, the utter of Plexiglas and sand. It was just that notorious Oxford resolution again, this or by getting piles we're one jot nearer failure of mankind to communicate be- sand-paper was unphotogenic. The time 'that this house would not fight for changing those attitudes in ourselves and came more obvious, and the items com- Supreme Court held that it was fair to Queen and country' led to a spate of PRESIDENT JOHNSON altered his concern about American citizens in Dominica to assuming failure to communicate as proof of a sale, it is not known if this can be adapted to capturing foreign markets.... A CAR DEALER in Connecticut who advertised a car for sale for 1,395 bananas has agreed, to avoid a charge of false advertising, to exchange the car for fruit (instead of dollars for which 'bananas' is a slang term). The bananas are being given by the United Fruit Co. to the housewife who has threatened to bring the charge, the car dealer is passing them on to an orphanage. . . .

by showing imitation sand-paper being tive security by military means. Only running a workshop in Harlem. Negroes 'shaved' with the aid of the 'super- 11 million out of a population of 48 don't read James Baldwin, whites do. moisturizing power' of Rapid Shave million voted at all.

estimate) in Trafalgar Square he didn't make clear. There were people who acted alone and independently of the Nav Day In Liverpool



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Liverpool Trades Council, in order to were made by revolutionary members of viewed. participate in the customary May Day the Labour Party tentatively suggesting that perhaps our Harold was not the Socialist we had all thought him to be. But everyone agreed what a grand Party was the Labour Party. The police were **ELSTREE DEMO** rather belligerent in general and rather offensive in particular to Comrade ON SATURDAY, May 8 about 15 they were stopped and one man was THERE WAS A four mile march, of Vincent. Rumours casting doubts on the Comrades marched through the shopinvited to step through a gangway that about fifty people, on Salisbury from demonstration had been circulating. But ping centre of Elstree, Herts., to a large we made for him he just looked sheepish. Porton on Sunday, May 9. This was it was cold and at 12 noon we lined up, and mysterious installation officially His reluctance to act alone may be at- preceded by a picket at Porton and fol- Anarchist banner to the fore. Support "marked 'US Navy Garage' (where the tributed to the fact that it was he-I think lowed by a public meeting in Salisbury seemed good, all seemed well, we started Hertfordshire Battle Fleet is parked?), at

men with megaphones were marshalling explained that it was a food store for What proportion of the demonstrators Over Whitsun there will be a 48-hour us all. Pausing behind a bus, it was those selected to survive a nuclear war. were anarchists one can't be sure, but fast to call attention to the necessity of seen that the police had selected one of Those present included a man who judging from the abundance of anarchist converting Porton Research Establish- these and were fiercely intimidating him. claimed to be from Independent Televibanners-and anarchist badges even! ment entirely to peaceful purposes. You He was told that if he did not stop the sion News, who took photos of demon-Wow, let's have an Anarchist Party! — are invited to join in from 12 noon, march he would have to answer to the strators and asked a suspicious number of police. Meanwhile at the front of the questions. Since a subsequent call to the to the crowd announced themselves as There will be transport from London demonstration attempts were being made local ITN office disclosed that the Duty to pull down the posters and to obstruct Officer knew nothing of this man, it haps 80%. So on similar evidence was On September 11, 1965, there will be those demonstrating. The ratio of them seems that at any rate we had rattled the it at Great Smith Street last year. But a large-scale demonstration at Porton. to us was, however, 20:1 in our favour so Special Branch. of those anarchists calling madly for Groups and individuals all over the we continued to the fervent shout of Further activities are planned in the action-and taking no action alone-few country are asked to join in the publicity 'Freedom to march'. By this time the Middlesex and outer West London area. suggested what form this action should campaign throughout the coming months YCL and Labour YS had, of course, If interested, write to Roger Sandell, 58

> J.R. ing, vociferously, unmolested for some Elstree, Herts. time, when we were again stopped. In some disorder, we were persuaded down a minor road. We soon realised that this was not where we wished to go. The demonstrators turned in an effort to regain our former route. At this juncture the police turned nasty. Violent attempts **PRESS FUND** were made to halt the leaders. The police wrestled with those carrying FINANCIAL STATEMENT posters. Two of them then seized the WEEK 18, MAY 8, 1965: luckless marshal mentioned earlier, a Expenses: 18 weeks at £70: £1,260 member of a break-away YS group, later Income: Sales and Subs.: £1,201 charging him. All was of no avail; risking arrest, the demonstrators did turn, did succeed in gaining the main road. But here the impetus was lost. We Dercham: J.B. 17/-; Oxford: Anon* 10/stopped. We turned. After various sug- Cheltenham: L.G.W.* 10/-; Belfast: W.G. gestions of re-forming as a poster parade 5/-; Pcterborough: F.W. 5/6; Berkeley: or whatever, we broke up uncere- I.R. 13/6; Wolverhampton: J.K.W.* 2/-; moniously.

Possibly the demonstration did not S.E.23: K.B. 1/6; Austin: H.B. £1 9s. 5d.; inspire the onlookers; it may well have Red Deer: R.G. 14/-; Lincoln: A.B. 5/-* had an adverse effect on our image. London, N.4: A.S. 1/5; Hyde Park: Important points, however, did emerge. Anon 3/-This was the first occasion in a very long time that 'revolutionaries' in Liverpool had experienced police brutality in Liverpool. Solidarity with the young man arrested was sincerely expressed when the demonstrators carried on in support of his action. The Anarchists made their position clear; so too did the young communists. And our Direct Action met with a considerable degree

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brighter advertising image. . .

Abraham Lincoln reading the Bible to Eskimos and Hottentots.' his son Tad. A correspondent wrote to of the Wehrmacht serving on the General society. 'In regard to what people have Staff in 1934 said that from personal to learn to function in a democratic

interested spectators-Direct Action had liberty'. proved decisive. It is, therefore, with these more positive outcomes in mind

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show 'happy actors delightedly eating abuse and a trickle of resignations. Abuse ice-cream that is in fact mashed potatoes'. from the Ku Klux Klan and from Sir The FTC has now issued an order charg- David Lindsay Keir, Master of Balliol ing that General Motors and Libbey- College and an Oxford Union Trustee Owens-Ford in some joint advertisements who said: 'I also disapprove most showed a happy motorist looking through strongly. This is a most unhappy and distortion-free glass when actually there disgraceful episode in the Union's was no glass in the windscreen. Three history. . . I have served my country, new advertising agencies are to be set up and I object to being told what to do by in Russia-with the aim of producing someone who comes from a country catchier slogans, more neon lights, and a which has no allegiance to the Crown.' (The President of the Union is a Pakistani.) 'If we allow it (the resolution) to NEWSWEEK DESCRIBED A PAINTING of pass we might have to take advice from

OUT OF THIS WORLD

point out that 100 years ago Abraham JOHN O'NEAL of the Free Southern Lincoln had said, 'this picture was a Theatre, playing 'Lucky' in Waiting for species of false pretence' since he was Godot in New York was arrested by the not showing his son the Bible, but a FBI for failure to respond to a call-up large clasped photograph album. A for the draft. He is a Negro, and the Herr Erich von Richthofen from Newton theatre was founded to give the Negroes Abbot, Devon wrote to the Daily Tele- the words and concepts to create their graph pointing out that as an ex-officer own language and through that their own We want to help Negroes strive to join society.' . . .

WAKEFIELD TRADE COUNCIL held a debate with members of the town debating of success. We did march and we did society in the local prison. The subject, march a fair way through town. To the chosen by the prisoners, was, 'that the demonstrators and, to some extent, those closed shop is an affront to personal

JON QUIXOTE.

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Ford Workers Want Hours Cut

PRODUCTION at the Ford Motor plant at Halewood, near Liverpool, came to a halt this week, when 500 press-shop men came out on unofficial strike. The men want their half-hour lunch break to be counted as part of the normal work shift. This would mean a 30 minutes cut in the working day, making it 71 hours.

other workers at the plant had to be laid off and a company spokesman said that 1,000 cars a day were being lost which were worth about £500,000.

UNION AGREEMENT AT **REDUCED RATES**

Unlike Ford's plant at Dagenham, where the employees are split up

management-union carve-up. In the meantime the TGWU had got a foot in the door.

What becomes of the national level meeting remains to be seen. In the meantime the men are returning to work, but if this cut in hours could be gained it would represent quite a substantial improvement for them. It is not a matter of a 'few bob' which would The 17 militants sacked two years disappear within a very short time in the price increases, but will give the men more time to themselves. A cut in hours cannot be swallowed up but remains permanent.

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under way, and they would also seek union support. Surely, from previous experience, this is the last thing that the Ford workers want.

For Workers' Control

and organise accordingly. Even if no improvement is gained this time by rank and file action, at least the initiative and control rests with the people involved, instead of with those whose interest essentially lies with the management. For too long, union leaders and the Ford management have combined to smash militancy and shop floor organisation. Maybe a start can be made at Halewood on a different track, which will by-pass the union officials, building and relying instead on rank and file organisation. P.T.

This claim has been before the management for some months. It is not something that has been sprung on them, but has gone through the joint Procedure Agreement. The 'Procedure' has now, at long last reached 'national level' and next week district officials will attend the meeting of the three unions involved, the Transport and General Workers Union, the Amalgamated Engineering Union and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers.

Of course the dispute meant that

into 22 unions, there are only three at Halewood. In fact, before the plant opened up the AEU and NUGMW had already made an agreement with Fords for the sole rights to membership. This was not just another race in the membership stakes, for with it came an agreement to employ members at wage rates below those at other Ford plants. The factory opened with these rates in operation, but it wasn't long before the men decided they were not having it, so they banned overtime and defeated the

LEARN FROM THE '17'

Although this show of militancy is a welcome sign that shop floor organisation is again on the mend, I feel we must nevertheless criticise certain aspects of it. When the men decided to return to work, they said they would come out again the next week if negotiations had not got

ago at Dagenham are enough to show that this line of approach leads nowhere.

Since the war the unions have not even got as far as supporting strikes, let alone gaining anything by such action. If this dispute is to be won, it will be won by the men themselves. Let us hope that the stewards and the men realise this,

ANARCHO-SYNDICALISM THE WORKERS' 11

THE PATTERN OF SYNDICALISM

CO far I have said little about the actual structure of Syndicalism. I have deliberately left this until now in order that all the basic ideas and attitudes could be presented first. When these are clear, it is possible to discuss further without being misunderstood.

Although Anarcho-Syndicalism aims at the organisation of all the workers in industry, it does not do so in terms of the mass to the exclusion of the individual. The socialist, totalitarian. conception of the collectivity being more important than the individuals composing it, of the majority having the right to override the minority, have nothing in common with the Anarchist concept of voluntary co-operation.

workers and of society can be met. To-day, when workers go on strike, they form a strike committee, which is functional and temporary. When the function-of organising the strike-is completed, the strike committee dissolves, perhaps to re-form, with different individuals, when next the need arises. This gives experience to the widest possible number of workers and prevents too much influence passing into the hands of a few. As the functions the workers take over increase, however, more permanent committees may become necessary, but the federalist nature of the Syndicates, and the care that must be taken to ensure control from the bottom up all the time prevent any kind of leadership developing. This form of organisation may be thought to be complicated, but in fact it is not. The honeycomb is not more complicated a design that the spider's web, but in the first all the cells are of equal importance and fit into each other, in the second control is maintained from the centre. Capitalism and governments have created complications where they need not exist because both are artificial complications themselves. Where common interest lies in the fulfilment of common need, co-ordination can be a simple matter. The creation of industrial syndicates rather than craft unions, would itself be a simplifying measure, as I have already pointed out, but since it is presumptuous to forecast exactly how workers will organise when they once begin creating syndicates, I will not do more than indicate how I think they would form. The most basic industry of all is agriculture. Without food we cannot live. The Syndicate of Agricultural Workers, allied to the Syndicates of Food, Drink and Tobacco Workers, would, therefore, come together with all their diverse occupations to ensure an adequate food supply, and to make each region as nearly self-supporting as possible. Through the local communes, which I shall discuss in the next chapter, the syndicate would know what the food requirements actually are. Knowing its own capacity, it would know whether it could keep up supplies from local, regional or national sources. Or, through the national committee, it might arrange for the import of produce from abroad.

NIGHT SHIFT POLICY DEFEATED

IN JULY, engineering workers switch to a 40-hour week instead of the present 42 hours. The magical 40 hours has at last been reached even though it has been the official policy of the Amalgamated Engineering Union since before the First World War.

The long struggle for the 8-hour day, five days a week, is over, but since those far-off days, when this was but a dream which was expected to come true much earlier, shift working has been introduced to a great extent. Nowadays costly new machines are introduced only if they can be operated almost round the clock. Night work, at the best of times, is a thing which is preferred only by a very few. This was shown at a meeting last week of the national committee of the AEU in Blackpool. The official policy of the union has been one of an 8-hour day or shift, but the majority of speakers said that with a 40-hour week, men would prefer a fournight week of 10 hours a night. This would leave a long week-end. The AEU national committee wants the night shift to be four nights of 8 hours and the fifth one of 4 hours. (Night shift, in actual fact, work less hours because of this type of shift.)

day night shift is a short one. However, at many factories, workers have preferred to go to bed instead of working and in fact there has been organised absenteeism in some factories on the Friday night shift in an attempt to force the management to change the arrangement of hours.

UP TO THE BLOKES ON THE JOB

One speaker at the conference at

This begins with the individual worker, at his place of work, coming together with his fellows to organise the job in hand. And the smaller the unit of co-operation can be, the greater will be the control the workers have over it. Remember we are not concerned with building coffin clubs or any organisation divorced from the work concerned, but with an organisation through which production can be administered.

The first unit of organisation, then, should be the works council. (When I write 'works', incidentally, I use it as a general term. In various industries the words mine, depot, yard, shop, station, farm, mill, ship, dock, factory, etc., may be the exact term.) This council would consist of delegates chosen by the workers to do whatever organisational work is necessary for the smooth running of the works. If the productive unit is large and several processes are involved, each workshop, designing office or laboratory could send its delegate to the works council, instructed to carry out the wishes of the rank-and-file.

This council must never be allowed to assume managerial powers. The good Syndicalist principle of no permanent officials will guard against that, and the fact that the council is composed of delegates, not representatives, means that all major issues must be decided by all the workers before the council puts them into practical shape.

The works council federates itself in two directions. First, 'vertically' it links itself in a syndicate of all the works councils in the country from the same industry. Beginning on works level, then regional level, then national, finally international level, exchange of information, technical knowledge and mutual help, keeps all the industry in touch. The workers in a factory form their works council, all the works of that industry in a certain region send delegates to a regional council, then the regional councils send delegates to the national council, who federate with the syndicate in other countries.

To do all this, close collaboration with the Transport Workers' Syndicate could be maintained. The elimination of profit-seeking middlemen could enable produce to go straight to distributive centres, where the Syndicate of Distributive Workers could present it directly to the public. And the same principle would apply to all industry. Syndicates would form, for example, in mining and quarrying, power (gas, electricity, atomic power), textiles and clothing, building, wood-working, chemicals, iron and steel (closely linked with engineering and shipbuilding), paper and printing, glass and pottery, metal manufacture, entertainment and catering, all linked together by the Syndicates of Road, Rail, Air and Sea Transport. But such a list can only be speculative. As the workers begin organising they will come up against all sorts of overlapping and borderline cases. What is important to suggest is that Syndicates should be broad rather than narrow and should strive all the time to minimise division among workers. To which syndicate workers belong is not so important as that all the workers in any given productive unit belong to the same syndicate. I believe that on this sort of basis can be built the only industrial pattern which will prove workable in the modern world. The satisfaction the creative worker gets from his work depends most of all on the degree of responsibility he achieves, and the worth of his product to society. The abolition of money and the profit motive, the establishment of workers' control and the decentralisation of power would bring a dignity and efficiency quite unknown under capitalism.

Under the present agreement, the Fri-

Blackpool said that men did not think it was worth travelling 30 miles, as some did, just for a few hours. Apparently Sir William Carron, the president of the AEU, said after the vote went against them, 'God help us!'

Night work, in my opinion, should be done only when it is really necessary. Every effort should be made to cut the hours on night shift. As to how these hours should be worked, can one lay down any hard and fast rules? Control by the men concerned should be the aim. They can thrash it out amongst themselves at shop floor level, then putting it to the management. Autonomy is needed for the workers' organisation in the engineering factories, so that they can work out what is best for themselves, instead of having to accept what Carron and the employers think is best.





THE STEEL DEBATE on May 6 Fords threw down the gauntlet on that

was better than expected. The occasion and it was not picked up, now performance was superb. It would be they call the tune. You can't play wrong to pick out any of the actors for friends and neighbours with Fords. 'When will we ever learn?'

Secondly, 'horizontally', the works council federates with all the industries in its area, in the creation of a confederation, a federation of federations, beginning with local councils of labour, sending delegates to regional councils, sending delegates to a national council which maintains contact internationally.

This pattern of organisation is equally capable of fulfilling both the functions of Syndicalism:-the present-day job of waging the struggle against the owners and of organising for the expropriation of industry, and the task that follows the take-over, the running of industry in the free society.

Being decentralised, this form of organisation remains flexible and sensitive. No sooner have the men on the job taken a decision than it can be put into action. No permission has to be sought from an executive miles away, but each works council, knowing its own position best, is responsible only to the workers whose wishes it carries out.

During the time of preparation, it may be possible to go for long periods without any formal organisation at all. Anarcho-Syndicalists do not seek organisation for its own sake, but simply to act as the means through which the needs of the

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special mention, they all warranted the highest praise. There is only one slight criticism. I don't think the director had bargained for the ad lib. I too think that type of thing unfair, especially when they are all comrades in the same club.

Now of course, every one is wondering about the original plot, has it really been altered? The small part actors believe they are entitled to know. After all, there will be future charades and if the script is going to be ignored anything can happen, even to the dissolving of the company. The blue company which held the stage for thirteen years is highly delighted with the post mortem of the pale pinks. A few more ad libs like this and the national audience will want a change, for better or worse, it is hard to tell.

FORDS TIGHTEN THE SCREW

At the AEU conference the executive was instructed to investigate in 'ineffective' working of the Ford National Joint Negotiating Committee. Shop stewards at Fords are experiencing difficulty. They have to get written permission to leave the job to carry out their union duties. Since the dismissal of the '17 shop stewards' Fords have really tightened up. This is not unexpected.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

The Institute of Directors is urging an overhaul of unions' structure in order to abandon restrictive practices. Britain's economic difficulties they believe is due to the relationship between workers and management. There must be a more rational use of manpower to lower costs. Union structure must be thoroughly overhauled and modernised. In other words go modern, class division exists no more. Ford shop stewards-please note!

THE LODGER IS UNHAPPY

According to the Duke of Edinburgh industry should 'pull its finger out'. Can we ask the Duke to take his nose out. Polo and Yachting he may know something about, work never.

POWER CLERKS HAD ENOUGH

NALGO is to ballot its members in the electrical supply industry on strike action. An overtime ban since April 26 has not had the desired effect. NALGO has always been the more statesmanlike of the TU movement. Statesmen turn into rebels if pushed hard enough. If strike is decided, and the manual workers give active support, the clerks can't lose. B.C.

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