

'Build for Peace' March

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL CND asked Birmingham Anarchist Group to give support to the two-day industrial 'Build For Peace' March held on Sat./Sun., September 18/19. The CND were worried about a probable lack of support due to the unfortunate 'failure' of the National CND HQ to put details in either of the last two Newsletters and the refusal of London Regional CND to put a coach on unless West Midlands paid the cost. Also there had been murmurings about strong, banner carrying, turnouts from the local CP and YCL.

The Anarchist Group felt it was necessary to make clear to the worker the relevance of defence production, of whatever type, to the warfare state and future world peace, and the need to take action at the local level and at the shop floor to prevent war production and not to merely rely on Governments and trade union leadership. In order to make the anarchist position crystal clear, fifteen hundred copies of a special leaflet were produced. One section of this leaflet was specifically aimed at one firm, Rubery-Owens, which had recently threatened, through the works paper, 'Owen News' to sack anyone associating with an unspecified '... anti-British organisation ...', namely CND, or protesting about Apartheid (someone had dared to put CND signs and Anti-Apartheid slogans on crates for South Africa).

A general circular was sent around all the groups in the AFB and SWF and other 'known militants' in, or supporters of, the Committee and other libertarian groups. It brought donations of £2 2s. and one comrade from Manchester, so much about the crying need for an anarchist federation. Birmingham Group, and the newly formed—Stoke Libertarian Group went it alone.

On the first day, the demo was to march from Wolverhampton to Dudley via Walsall. The technique we adopted was to keep the bare minimum on the march, with the banner, changing these as often as convenient, while the rest went ahead of the march to each centre of urban population, well before the march, and staying there during, and after, the march passed. By this means we effectively leafleted and sold our papers, giving the march a greater impetus and overall effect than a mere march through would have done. We did this at Bilston, Darlestone Green, Walsall, Wednesbury, Tipton and Dudley (though the latter two had little effect due to the time of day). At Darlestone Green we made an especial effort, picketing the three main gates of the Rubery-Owens factory and leafletting the shift as it came off at 12 o'clock. The workers seemed pleased at our action and many even stopped their cars and lorries to receive copies of our leaflets, especially when we told them it was a reply to the obviously hated 'Owen News'.

On the second day, part of the group went direct to West Bromwich and the rest joined the march at Dudley. By

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WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD

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Don't blame the BBC!

NOBODY REALLY LIKES criticism, but most of us have to put up with it because there is nothing we can do about it. Governments are different; they have the power to suppress it. Democratic governments do it democratically—i.e., with kid gloves—totalitarian governments do it despotically—i.e., with the iron fist and no nonsense.

By and large, one can gauge the strength of a government by the amount of criticism it allows. The weak and fearful state allows no breath of criticism, hoping that its suppression will be mistaken for strength. The government broadly based on the acquiescence of the people will allow considerable amounts of opposition within the limits of ineffectiveness and according to the needs of the moment.

Just before the last election, the satirical TV programme TW3 was suspended because it was thought that its continuance right up to the election would be harmful particularly to the Conservatives who, as the Government, were naturally the target for most of the satire. Since the Labour Party has become the Government they have naturally replaced the Tories at the target position, but such is their slender majority that they have shown themselves particularly sensitive to any kind of criticism or ridicule.

This has now come to a head following TV coverage of the Labour Party Conference, and one can sense the weakness of the Government by the bleating that has gone up over what they are calling the 'slanting' of BBC interviews with various ministers and delegates to the Conference.

What in fact must have happened is that in some way the Conference must have gone sour on the Government. According to the voting, and the results on paper, Mr. Wilson should be feeling very pleased with

himself. The so-called 'controversial' issues before the Conference were all carried by the platform. The Government's policy on immigration, on wages-prices control, and its lack of policy on steel nationalisation—all of which raised some heat at Blackpool (but not enough to scorch the pants off any Minister)—were all weathered by the Executive with comfortable voting majorities.

And the bulk of the TV coverage was in fact straight reporting illustrated by news-reel shots of speakers at the microphone. It was not until the evening of each day (true, the peak watching time) that speakers were brought to the television studios for interviewing by the sharp boys, like Robin Day, for personal grilling before the cameras.

It was one such interview between Robin Day and George Brown, where the interviewer probed away at what were the powers Brown was seeking to back up his National Plan in the event of the 'voluntary' principle failing, that has upset the Government. Another point of complaint is that a 'Left-wing' critic of the incomes policy (Clive Jenkins) was allowed to air his opposition views before the cameras.

Now what in fact is the Government complaining about? The chief points from all the main speeches from the platform were televised direct. The Ministers put their cases not only to Conference but to the whole nation. Highlights of opposition speeches were also shown direct from the Conference hall. They can't complain about that, surely?

As far as studio interviews were

concerned—what did the Executive want? Did they want just another opportunity to present their case without question? Did they want to be accepted as right because they are Ministers and because they had the block vote victories of the Conference hall under their belts? What leaders of all parties must realise is that they have plenty of opportunities to present their cases without interruption or heckling in their party political broadcasts and in the general run of interviews. And they get so used to this feather-bedding that when they come down to having to face a hostile audience—even of their own infuriated supporters—and to have to argue their case before the public, they resent it if they do not get across as they would wish. But whose fault is that?

Now we may have all sorts of opinions about the sinister nature of television as a mass medium, as an advertising force, as a persuader, as a purveyor of tripe reducing us all to telly-jelly and all the rest of it. But there is one great public service that it does provide; it enables us to see for ourselves in close-up, just what our statesmen are like.

The crafty sideways glance, the lip-licking nervousness, the evasive answer, the pompous cliché, the rigid neck, the stiff upper lip, the rotten teeth, the ambition, the ruthlessness, the dead eyes, the ill-concealed dishonesty, the hunger for power and the smug determination to hang on to it—all, all are there, plain to see in our own homes.

Who could trust Wilson or Brown, Gunter or Bacon, after their performances last week? We will not go so far as to say that the camera cannot lie, but if our Government has come over as a bunch of shoddy tricksters then they should not blame the BBC, for this time the image is exactly right. P.S.

THE LEADER DOES IT AGAIN!

HE'S DONE IT AGAIN! It doesn't matter much who he is for he changes every so often: Ramsey Mac., Clem Attlee, Hugh Gaitskell, and now Harold (once the darling boy of the left). A little taste of power (usually just becoming leader of the party is enough) has shown him to be responsible and in fact to be the darling boy of the capitalists.

But then it's so easy with the Labour Party. You just turn up to face your left wing enemies (who were once your friends) who have charges against you of racialism, warmongering, strike-breaking and even of behaving like a dictator; you make a speech where you threaten all and sundry, talk about 'them' (meaning the Tories), say that one Labour reserve is worth two front bench members of any other party; point to the bad old days under farmer Jones (no wonder they hate George Orwell) and the silly bastards will rise to give you a hearty cheer, completely forgetting that you represent everything that they've spent their whole lives fighting against; that you are in fact, more 'tory' than the Tories.

VIETNAM DAY

THERE APPEARED in FREEDOM a request from the Berkeley students for us to take part in two days of international protest against the war in Vietnam. (FREEDOM, 14.8.65.) This request has gone round the world and support for this demonstration of solidarity has been received from Canada, France and Japan. Now there is news, that the London Committee of 100 is to make a major effort on October 16-17. Their plans are very ambitious and could make all the difference to the state of the peace movement. Details are as follows: Trafalgar Square Rally (October 16, 4.30 p.m.), then, at sunset, procession to US Embassy where there will be a 36-hour vigil. On Sunday, at 6 p.m., there will be a public assembly in Grosvenor Square. Further details will be announced in FREEDOM next week.

PETER NEVILLE.

OVER AND OVER AGAIN

It happens at every single Labour Party conference, and if something should go wrong (like the decision against nuclear weapons) you just ignore it and wait till next time, when this or that clown can get up and wave a piece of paper saying that he represents so many million workers, and change it back again.

One feels very sad at this constant repetition and wonders why the 'socialists' will stay in the Labour Party. I know they stay to 'bore from within', but they never convert the leadership and if they become leaders themselves are reduced to impotency as George Lansbury was.

WHY IS THIS?

The answer to it all lies in the fact that you cannot change things from the top. It has to be done from the bottom. When the people want 'Socialism' we shall have it, but not before.

I for one certainly think that socialism (by this I mean a society where all the means of production and distribution are held in common, under the direct control of the people through producers

and consumers co-operatives so that the wealth of that society is shared by all men) is a thing that is worthwhile achieving, but how many people are in the Labour Party to achieve this?

This writer thinks that the answer to that one must be very few. Certainly not the right wing types; the Wyatts and Co., with their dining with duchesses and hobnobbing with hoo-rays; certainly not the SLL with its dreams of the gutters running with Wilson's blood when 'the masses' rise in revolt, comrade (no doubt under the leadership of Mr. Gerald Healy). These good folk see the people as 'masses' and therefore don't see them at all. They are not behind the times, indeed they have never been with the times for they believe that we must find a strong 'socialist leadership'. This idea compared with anarchism is wildly utopian, and the reason? Human nature, friends, the 'historical process' that one sees over and over, is that he who was left, becomes right. Scientific fact is based on experiment, if you get the same result again and again it becomes fact, but these scientific socialists will not see this, or perhaps cannot see it. They prefer to go on and on and on, endlessly attempting to seduce the rank and file, hoping that one day a miracle will happen.

NATIONALISATION

What of the others, however, who are in the party to make the world a better place? One woman at the conference this year said that: 'They all agreed that nationalisation by itself was not socialism. One of the objectives was to see workers participating in management.' But she warned it was important to recognise that this was not easy.

It is certainly not easy, especially when one remembers that Herbert Morrison was one who talked the workers in the transport industry out of trying to get a share of management.

The left wing of the party sees nationalisation as a 'holy cow'; they will never surrender on this issue in spite of the fact that it has nothing whatever to do with the achievement of a socialist society. After all the tobacco industry

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THE MAGISTRATE was a balding man, a father figure in a business suit. While we waited for our comrades to appear we sat on wooden benches and listened to the unfolding of one boring petty 'crime' after another. Drunks, prostitutes, a man who urinated in Villiers Street, an office burglar, a woman from the Ministry of Defence who took a meat-pie from the supermarket; two fine soldiers who stood erect with fists clenched while bail was being arranged. The pretty police-woman who blushed giving her evidence, the well-shod, honey-tongued lawyer pleading for a young playboy to be given another chance. All this was punctuated by the ringing of the court's cash register. The magistrate looked satisfied with his morning's work and was pleased with the sound of his voice. He had a word of good advice for everybody. A man who found an useless watch and kept it was told: 'Finding is not keeping—that's a children's myth'. The shoplifter was told: 'Virtue has its own reward'.

When our comrades appeared they put a stop to this mute acquiescence to Platitudes masquerading as Justice. For a change it was the magistrate who had a 'trying' time.

The cases, which arose from the recent demonstration outside the Spanish and Portuguese embassies for the release of political prisoners, were heard

Around the Galleries

AN HONEST MAN should never fear to brutalise the truth in the interest of friendship, for truth is but vanity, and lies the child of fear, so with my hand on the nearest female heart I swear that the paintings by Brockschaw at the Upper Grosvenor Galleries, at 19 Upper Grosvenor Street, W.1, are the work of a strong hand and a mature mind.

Competently handled 'Brock' adds to his technical ability the brush of the poet. It is with his *Mother and Child* that one finds the full flower of this artist's work, for in its grouping and realization he has caught and recorded a brief and passing passion, dying yet recurring with each new generation. Yet in my heart... It is with his water-colours that Brock reveals himself, for these fragile wash drawings have released the artist from the limitations of training, tradition and material, and allowed him to give free play to his narrow talents. Cast in the popular contemporary mode of Collet, Chinese stallions and chicks, boneless and pretty, form within these tinted puddles. Yet whether they be painted by the 65-year-old Chang Dai-Chien the leading traditional Chinese painter of our time, by the Japanese woman painter Taka Kimura, or by the European Brock, they share a common fault in that they lack depth in their execution and a social belonging in their conception. Like the *haiku*, they rely on their very triviality for strength, and a single tear would destroy them all. When Takahama Kyoshi writes *On the stolen Scarecrow's hat Sudden shower and Autumn wind: Everything I see is haiku*, he is but writing the commentary for Chang Dai-Chien's limp and repetitive brush games, wherein Austrian lake scenery and a Chinese village become but one

Virtue and its Rewards

separately. To start with Chris Broad remained seated in the dock. When told to rise he asked why he should. Because, the clerk suggested, he was in front of the magistrate. Ah, he said, that is interesting and remained seated. Dragged to his feet, was then told to sit down. The nature of his offence? Lying in front of the Black Maria to prevent it being driven away with the prisoners. Fined £5.

Then Doug Kepper. He complained of police brutality. He merely asked a police officer who was being detained and on what charge. £5.

John Clarke produced a witness to prove that he was not cautioned before his arrest. The magistrate said: 'You should know that it is your responsibility to help the police in the execution of their duty' (Evidently to the point of cautioning oneself). He was told: 'My responsibility on that afternoon was to take part in a demonstration for the release of political prisoners in fascist regimes'. £5.

David Long was next. He was arrested while standing still on the pavement. P.C. 798 who lied on oath in the witness box was such a bad liar that the magistrate had to dismiss the case. Said the magistrate, however: 'You are old enough to know better'. (David is 17.) Said David: 'It is time that you and everybody else in this court grew up'. Incidentally, when he was offered choice of Bibles and asked for his belief he answered: 'Communist'.

Then came Mike Hall. When asked for his plea he replied: 'It is really your problem, not mine'.

In his submission he said: 'This seems to me a complete break-down in communications. I haven't given it much thought but I think if you hold that my protest for the release of political prisoners ought to be punished, and I believe that it was the only decent thing for me to do, then I can only conclude that one of us must be insane'. Fined £5. Parting shot from magistrate: 'Try to learn to live with other people'.

JOHN RETY.

Paul Pavlovski who was also arrested at the same time has written a harrowing account of his experience in Brixton Prison where he was deprived of his clothes and kept in a cell naked for nine days. A full account will appear in next week's FREEDOM.

class types for Brigadier Terence Clark's hairy old males sitting on each other's knees and liking it, or the sad and haunted faces of the Homosexual Law Reform Society, for this assembly had the refined and subdued boisterousness of a suburban Tory Party night out. Jean herself is a contralto who can, when demanded, range from a pleasant male baritone to an edgy soprano, and her material covers familiar ground with Gounod's *Ah, je veux vivre*, Monckton's *Pipes of Pan*, Debussy's *Clair De Lune*, to Le Clerc's *Nobody loves a Fairy when She's forty*. Fredericks is a tall bull-necked man, wearing the dowager drag with a casual and a practised ease, yet one felt that here was a man who, if given the necessity, could go the distance with Iron Man Logan at the Lime Grove Baths without bringing shame to the Kings Road. It was only when we stood in the wings that one became aware of the sweat upon the bull neck, the blue shaven chin, and the crude and garish make up. Yet this was their night, and in a country where 165 youths were imprisoned in one year for homosexual offences, who can fault these people for pretending that they do not exist. The quiet lesbians, the bitchy queens quarrelling at the bar and the pathetic moneyless clerks paid their ten shillings and spent one legal evening in each other's company. They applauded the reference to the three starred lavatory in the Chelsea high street, they applauded the singing of *Delia*, they applauded Rob Dorman, the folk singer discovered that same morning singing in the London Underground, and they applauded the bouquet of flowers handed to Jean at the end of the recital and meanwhile outside the world waited.

ARTHUR MOYSE.

*Paintings by 'Brock' now showing at American Embassy, Grosvenor Square, W.1. Leave posters and banners behind!

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Rhodesian Brinkmanship

THOSE WHO have followed the long story of the Rhodesian threat of a Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) know that, through the years since 1963, there have been several false alarms about the actions of the Rhodesian Government.

When Ian Smith replaced Winston Field as Rhodesian Prime Minister it was said that UDI was near at hand, again I remember the late *Daily News* (Rhodesia putting August 6, 1963 (Hiroshima Day), as the date settled for UDI. Then early this year the Chief of the Rhodesian Army was removed and people felt that the Rhodesian Government was going to take the plunge.

Now, with Ian Smith on his way to a final showdown with the British Government, the political commentators work the news-worthy item of UDI (with all its emotional content of treason, rebellion and our 'kith and kin') into yet another climax. It is said that Mr. Smith, should he fail to get his way this time, will either resign or declare independence.

If this happens your correspondent will be interested to learn from the pattern of events that ensue. In the past, with fluctuations, I have hoped for UDI as I considered that it was the most likely way of toppling the Rhodesian Front and the white settlers from power in Rhodesia—after some six months of sustained and at times violent action. Lately one feels no certainty in the likely actions of the Labour Government. As the *Guardian* put it the other day: 'After our own White Paper (on immigration) Britain is in a poor position to offer advice to Rhodesia' (30.9.65). The Labour Government is not at present attuned to a particularly liberal line in its racial attitude to politics. One even suspects that Colin Jordan did not gatecrash the 'Socialist' congress recently but mistook it for his own party congress simply awaiting him as its leader.

It seems that various slimy individuals in Britain and Rhodesia are settled on their course of action, apropos the Labour Government, if Smith declares independence illegally in Rhodesia. One doubts whether Wilson has the guts (or the power) to deal with these people. It is now perhaps on the cards that UDI could herald in another 'South Africa' in Southern Africa with apartheid being enforced with all the fanatic zeal of the Rhodesian racists.

One cannot, in words, convey the horror of apartheid today in South Africa. The grim truth is known about the tortures that help to maintain white rule there. If comrades doubt the veracity of stories concerning torture in South Africa I can assure them that they need not. The worst has not been told, but it will be when the time is ripe and the authors of the revelations will surprise more than a few.

To contemplate the creation of another similar state is too unpleasant to bear with. We cannot be sure that the British Government or anyone else in power will effectively combat UDI. But there are those who can and will.

J.W.

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ANARCHISM IN SWEDEN

THREE OR FOUR YEARS ago the anarchist movement in Sweden was almost dead; all the members were very old and there was not much left of the anarchist journal, *Brand*. Then some young people began to join the local group in Gothenburg and in the beginning of 1964 a special congress was held in Stockholm. It was decided that the federation (*Anarkistiska Propagandaförbundet*) and *Brand* should be moved to Gothenburg. In April 1964 the first issue of *Brand* edited in Gothenburg was published and that marked the beginning of a new era for the Swedish anarchist movement.

The number of members is increasing steadily. There are groups in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö and several 'individual members' in places all over the country where there are as yet no groups. The group in Gothenburg is incomparably the largest; it now has over forty members and is expanding the fastest, but there are signs of a renaissance even in Stockholm and Malmö.

In June this year a two-day congress was held outside Gothenburg, the first since the federation was moved from Stockholm. About fifty people attended, most of them young, including representatives of the syndicalist trade union (SAC), the syndicalist group movement and the Italian anarchists. The name of the federation was changed from the old *Anarkistiska Propagandaförbundet*

to the more suitable *Anarkistiska Federationen* and a new, more up-to-date, programme was accepted in place of the old one, which dated back to the 1920s.

The anarchists have plenty to do now. One of our main aims is to improve *Brand* in content and frequency: at present we can only afford about five issues a year and we have very few good writers, though if we have not got enough good material for an issue there are always valuable articles in *ANARCHY* to translate.

One of the ways in which we work is to play a more active part and influence in the campaign against nuclear weapons and the peace movement, as our English comrades have done, and to try to put across our collectivistic and communistic ideas to the public more effectively by means of actions like the 'bicycle plan' of the provo-group in Amsterdam. Besides that we always have, through discussions, to define our position on different social and political questions. Swedish anarchists have always had a great interest in the syndicalist trade union and enough of them are still active in SAC and the syndicalist group movement to ensure that the anarcho-syndicalist spirit is not dead.

We also try to keep up our valuable and stimulating international contacts. Our international secretary would be very glad to receive letters. His address is: **Ralp Rådlund, Barytongatan 6, V. Frölunda, Sweden.**

The group in Gothenburg plays a large part in various demonstrations. On May 1 every year there is a demonstration arranged by the local organisation of SAC, the syndicalist working group in Gothenburg and the anarchists. In May this year we took part in a great demonstration for peace in Vietnam arranged by the campaign against nuclear weapons, and this autumn we are co-arranging a meeting against neo-nazism and racialism.

The most successful demonstration we have held for a long time was against the Franco dictatorship, which was held on August 17, the second anniversary of the garrotting of the two young Spanish anarchists Granados and Delgado, in a big place in the centre of Gothenburg. The demonstration was preceded by a lot of work; hundreds of posters calling for the meeting were put up all over town. At a press conference for all the local daily papers the day before the demonstration, an exact replica of a garotte, borrowed from Stockholm, was shown, and on the day of the demonstration there were big photos of it and detailed information about the protest meeting in all the papers. In the evening 700-800 people gathered for a great and serious protest. The demonstrators carried banners and placards manufactured and distributed by the anarchists with the text **FRANCO THE MURDERER**, and the garotte was put on the platform, having been carried around town the whole afternoon. The meeting had hardly begun when a policeman came towards the platform and tried to take down the placards but of course the demonstrators resisted and the cry of protest was so loud and threatening that he gave it up and the meeting continued without further interruption. Three brilliant speakers spoke on the Civil War, FAI and CNT, the situation in Spain today, the political prisoners and against holidays in Spain. The meeting agreed to deliver a resolution addressed to the Spanish government to the Consulate, and when the meeting finished hundreds of demonstrators set off with banners and placards for a spontaneous march to the Consulate. By now a large crowd of cops had been mobilised and they tried to tear down the placards. A fight broke out and some people were arrested, but some demonstrators managed to reach the Consulate with their placards. The police finally managed to destroy all the banners and placards but the resolution was delivered to the Consulate and the mission was accomplished. Till the next time. . . .

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'The Pope is Not Pontifical'—New York Times Magazine

MR. HAROLD WILSON at the Labour Party conference at Blackpool quoted Nikolai Gogol (in Russian too!) 'Don't blame the mirror if the mug is ugly.' Mr. Dorian Wilson's conference placidly reflected (with the aid of block votes) the mirror image of Mr. Harold Gray. . . .

The Daily Mirror showed its ugly mug by insisting that opposition to colour discrimination and support of the Government's Commonwealth Immigrants Bill are perfectly consistent, in fact the *Mirror* claimed that opposition to discrimination entitled it to support the Government. A Stationery Office report based on figures from 1961 census states that housing conditions for non-white Commonwealth immigrants in Britain are worse than the national average. Immigrants living in the main centres of population constituted 1.5% of the total resident population of those areas. 94% of them were at work. Regardless of statistics Colin Jordan gate-crashed two functions. . . .

THE COLOURED CHAIRMAN of Handsworth (Birmingham) Labour Party has resigned the chairmanship as a protest against the Government's White Paper. He was the only coloured chairman of a Labour Party branch. A Mr. Well-beloved was chosen as Labour Party candidate for Erith and Crayford. . . . AMERICAN SOLDIERS in Vietnam have been issued with cards telling them how to behave. No. 1 rule is 'Remember we are guests here. We make no demands and seek no special treatment'. Two American airmen were executed in reprisal for the execution of three South Vietnamese for demonstrating in Saigon. American officials admitted that their planes had accidentally bombed the demilitarized zone. . . .

SIR DONALD STOKES, recently appointed as Government adviser on the promotion of export of defence equipment, went to Washington to discuss what can be done to set up a more effective arms sales organization in America. Britain has asked America to let her have an aircraft carrier. A Democratic Senator has asked Congress to watch the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency saying, 'The CIA has gradually taken on the character of an invisible Government, answerable only to itself.' . . .

ACCORDING TO *Newsweek*, Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn, the new director of the CIA has closed the Agency's public relations ('public affairs') office. . . .

COMFORTING THOUGHT from the Earl of Arran's intelligence agency on the Indo-Pakistani cease-fire war, 'A situation in which the two greatest world powers are on the same side cannot be really dangerous.' Joined in deep thinking by John Grigg in the *Guardian*: 'We should also recognise the unfashionable truth that war will lose its utility and charm only when all the nations of the earth have nuclear weapons.' . . .

REPORTED IN *Evening Standard* 23.9.65, men's spectacles for sale in New York fitted with rear view mirrors and advertised as 'Chick spotters'. What are presumably the same type of spectacles are featured in the *New York News* (Sunday Colored Magazine) 12.9.65, as protecting girls from the unwelcome attentions of 'wolves'. . . .

IN A REVIEW OF *The History of the Russian Revolution* in the *Daily Worker*, R. Palme Dutt used the dirty word 'Trotsky', in describing the author. The dirty words 'production for profit in the

Soviet Union' appeared tucked away in another issue of the *Worker* but the description of Douglas Kepper in the *Worker* as an 'editor' arrested at the Spanish Embassy demonstration, left out the rude words 'of the Socialist Leader'. But Bob Wynne in the *Daily Worker* (October 1) puts a good word in edgewise for the Catholic Church, 'Heated arguments about contraception tend to obscure even more important aspects of the turmoil going on within the Holy Church. One encouraging trend is the increasing co-operation between Communists and Catholics in Spain to replace the fascist regime with a democratic Government.' Comrade (or Cardinal?) Wynne goes on to quote a Catholic Italian professor's views on property and work ('He who does not work shall not eat') and goes on, 'Professor Alergeria's views are perhaps not surprising in a country where millions of Catholics vote Communist and in working-class homes images of Christ often stand between pictures of Marx and Togliatti', and he concludes, 'If Catholics, no matter however painfully, are moving in that (Christian Socialist) too, then the struggle against the brutalities of oppressive capitalism will be immeasurably strengthened.' . . .

SPEAKERS at the joint conference of the Federation of British Cremation Authorities and the Institute of Burial and Administrative Cremation protested about the 'indecent haste' in which clergymen conducted services of burials and cremations. Stoke-on-Trent's parks and cemeteries committee had recently increased the fees 'in the hope they would get a little more reverence'. . . .

JON QUIXOTE.

The Leader Wins

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as well as the railways is nationalised in Spain, but surely no one is going to suggest that Franco is a socialist?

UNROMANTIC

The way to bring socialism is not as romantic as some (especially the young) would like it to be. First of all the main objection to it is that it couldn't work. Therefore you must break this down by behaving like socialists. Not by saying one thing and doing another but by your actions. Socialism is to do with being social not making your life as well as everybody else's miserable by basing it on hating the 'capitalists' or other members of your own party. One would have certainly thought that the Trotskyists had replaced the devil with Hugh Gaitskell for a time. They said that he was responsible for everything that went wrong, 'Hate Hate Hate', shades of Orwell again.

YOU must set the example. You cannot change everything by yourself but you can put your effort into places where it could be used to better advantage. By all means struggle against the bureaucrats in the unions, but don't for Christ's sake replace them with others! Encourage the spread of responsibility among working men, by bullying them into running their own affairs. Put your ideas among the people, not on a sterile pamphlet but with actions, remember that actions speak louder than words. And the Party? Screw the Party. In order to achieve a socialist society each man must be his own organiser, his own leader, his own representative. He must speak up for himself at the union meeting, at the tenants' meeting, at the co-op meeting and at all other meetings. Remember that you are 'the people' and you can get things done. Think of the people as 'the masses' and you might as well watch telly.

LETTERS

Can we equal the Amish?

Friends,

There are frequent discussions in these pages about the proper content of anarchism. I think that it is time there was a return to the principle of 'deeds, not words'.

It is quite stimulating to subscribe to *FREEDOM* and to put alarming ideas to staid acquaintances. This is rather like sleeping in the open once a month and claiming to be living rough. In both cases we operate from the comfort and security of our regular salaries and our affluent homes. It is thought that this sad lapse is adequately compensated for by an odd demonstration and a donation to a worthy libertarian cause (five bob to the *FREEDOM* Press Fund?).

Is it not time there were some concrete examples of anarchist societies, or at least damn good attempts? I try to persuade myself that I do my bit inculcating libertarian ideas in my sixth-

formers, but when one of them asks 'When has it ever worked?' I feel rather futile talking about Catalonia 1936-9 and the Ukraine 1917-21. The Amish religious sect preserve their own communities in the most materialistic and conformist society on earth. What have anarchists to show? It is time that we did something or shut up.

The Amish settled in selected areas, gradually buying up property until they predominated there. They have become something of tourist attractions but exploit this little. I am sure there is an indication here for an anarchist community. There are empty valleys and declining villages all over the hill areas of Britain. An influx of like-minded people into such an area would gain strength from proximity and could live its anarchism. It could develop its own economic and social system within the limits of the state's bounds, and even these could be bent by constant pressure. If it was on a tourist track this would provide a two-fold outlet for craft-work and ideas.

I am, however, dealing once more in words instead of deeds, but at least the words are concerned with a course of action that is possible now. Who is to be the first real revolutionary and *DO* something?

Yours fraternally,

Doncaster JOHN R. ROBINSON.
23.9.65

A Libertarian Training College

Dear Comrades,

Most colleges throughout the country are authoritarian establishments. Pupils of the governing university and dedicated to perpetuating the dictatorial type of school regime which exists in most schools today.

Chorley Day Training College, situated in the middle of Lancashire, is an exception. Luther Kenworthy, the principal, and all the Tutors are dedicated supporters of the type of education found only in A. S. Neil's Summerhill School and maybe a handful of others. In the college which caters mainly for mature students (!), everyone—catering staff, Tutors and students—are on an equal basis. There are positively no orders and all attendances to lectures are voluntary. They would do away with formal examinations if it were possible but unfortunately exams are a condition of the college's existence. But even the examinations are not approached with the usual formal educationalist's ideas of cramming knowledge into empty skulls. Lecturing is kept to a minimum and free discussion of ideas is encouraged as a substitute with the Tutor acting in the role of a psychiatrist directing the conversation into the most useful channels and enlarging the most important points. He marks and criticizes any essays which the student may wish to write.

The college is quite exceptional and is as free and informal as it possibly can be, whilst still remaining within the State's educational system. This is necessary if the college is to get the vital cash and produce certificated teachers.

The aim is to produce the type of teacher who will in time revolutionise the present system of education and give our children the freedom that they need in schools; teachers who understand what a free education means in practice as well as theory, and who understand how mentally crippling our present schools are.

I am a first year student and chose this college at random knowing nothing about it. What a revelation and relief to find an enlightened and free atmosphere with no authoritarian institutions to spend unnecessary time and energy kicking against.

I hope these first impression observations are borne out over the next three years. There is no reason to suppose they won't.

Chorley, Lancs. ALISTAIR RATTRAY.

THE GOLDEN CONVULVULUS
We have just heard that a summons has been issued against Dave Cunliffe at Blackburn and is to be heard on Friday next, October 8.

The Organiser

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return to work, defeated, but hardened for the next battle.

One incident and character sticks out with a lesson for today. A Sicilian worker refuses to join the strike, like immigrant workers everywhere he is an object of suspicion and prejudice. The strike committee discover that he is living in the most abject poverty far worse than that of their own. The committee give him permission to report for work but when he goes in and tells the boss the committee has given him permission to work, the boss refuses to start him. Enraged at this he draws (or attempts to draw) a knife and he is taken off by the police. The strikers make a collection and give it to his wife.

This is an excellent film and is free of the sentimentalism and grotesque propaganda which disfigure Soviet attempts at similar themes. You may be able to persuade your local cinema to show it. It is distributed by Connoisseur Films Ltd. and is showing in London at the Jacey Film Theatre, Marble Arch, W.1.

JACK ROBINSON.

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Turriff's Lock-out must be defeated

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Hand in Hand

THE BIGGEST DISPUTE in the building industry, since the one at the Shell Centre on the South Bank, is now taking place in London on the Barbican Development Centre and involves the basic rights of all trade unionists, the right to strike and to organise.

Ever since this huge development scheme started, trade unionists have met with considerable opposition from the managements in their efforts to organise the site and Turriffs have been no exception to this. The present dispute was a result of some carpenters being unable to produce tickets at a number of TU ticket inspections. These 'nons' work for small 'labour only' sub-contractors and the rest of the 'chippies' decided that they would not work with them until they joined the union and so came out on strike. Turriffs sacked these strikers the same day and rest of the 380 unionists on the job came out in sympathy. These in turn were sacked by the management and so a general lock-out of organised trade unionists began.

Turriffs, in claiming that the strikers were in breach of agreement under the Contracts of Employment Act, have used this Act, which was supposed to bring benefits to employees, in order to smash their organisation. The management obviously used this Act as a means to sack men who take unofficial action. They are also using older methods, for they have said that they will only take men back 'selectively' on condition that they signed a document stating that they will not take part in any unofficial disputes.

SYMPATHY ACTION

Since the lock-out started, Turriffs have recruited 'scab' labour, which has been smuggled in and out of the site every day. The size of the site makes it difficult for pickets to prevent these 'scabs' from getting in and so workers from other sites have assisted on the picket lines. The management claims that they have a labour force of 124 men who get in with police assistance by all manner of ways, from being driven in by coach to crossing the railway line and crawling up over the embankment. On the same centre, Laings sacked 64 men who had taken time off to help on the picket, but after the rest of the men came out in sympathy, the management climbed down and reinstated the men.

Last Tuesday, September 28, the dispute went before a commission, which stated that there should be 'unconditional reinstatement of all workers'. Turriffs turned this down and another commission was arranged for last Friday. A huge demonstration of solidarity had been organised to co-incide with this by the stewards of the jobs. A number of other sites decided to strike for the day in support and many men from these came to help on the picket lines.

I am afraid that this major effort did not manage to keep the 'scabs' out, but they got a hell of a shake-up. Some came up to the main gate in a coach to be met by a six deep picket line and only one copper to help them through. The coach turned round and went out again, but the 'scabs' got in over a wall that was not so well manned. They opened the gates and tried to charge the picket, armed with acrows, stones and crowbars, but they soon went back and stones started to fly back and forth over the fence.

Men were continually arriving to give their support and following a meeting near the gate, well over a thousand of us marched to the offices of the Association of Master Builders where a Regional Disputes Tribunal was meeting to discuss the dispute. When we got there, the police tried to hurry us by but they were outnumbered and some of us planted ourselves on the steps. The police had a tough time getting us off.

POLICE ASSIST 'SCABS'

The tribunal was a complete waste of time again, for the management refused to take back all of the sacked men as they already had 124 men on the site, while the union officials and the Federation steward were insisting that all should be taken back. Later on this deadlock was reported back to the lads at a meeting outside the entrance gates of the site. Some union organisers gave their support saying that the pickets were official, whatever that means, but that so far the executives had not made any decision. One speaker said that they did not need the officials as action, such as had occurred that day, would win the dispute.

After the meeting, the police cleared the area, leaving just a few

pickets at the gate. As 'knocking-off' time approached, the tension mounted and more police arrived to assist the 'scabs' off the job. A coach had been hired for this purpose, but on arriving, the driver was won over and said that he would not cross any picket line. The 'scabs' finally came out in a cement mixer, a closed wagon and a lorry. As they came out into the road, the police held us back while the 'scabs' threw bricks at us. Some of them, I am glad to say, found their way back.

The police then started arresting people. Two brothers from my own job were arrested by plain-clothes men. One of these was trying to plant bits of asphalt on one of the brothers. Later he was only charged with 'obstruction and using insulting words and behaviour', for they must have realised that they could not make an 'offensive weapons' charge stick in view of the fact that there had been so many witnesses.

This was one of the largest demonstrations of solidarity that London has seen for years and proved that there could be a link up between sites at rank and file level. This was no spontaneous thing, for the stewards have been working to this end for some time now after they realised the necessity for it during the months prior to the national strike in 1963. It has been a long, hard job, but at least it is paying off.

GAIN MORE SUPPORT

A further tribunal is to meet on Tuesday, but it is this type of action that is effective where the employers are concerned and is therefore going to win disputes. Turriffs must not be allowed to get away with this denial of the right to strike, for other employers on the Barbican scheme, which will not be finished for at least seven years, will be quick to follow their example. We must not be satisfied with our present efforts alone, but should work towards gaining further support, both in and outside of the industry. Financial and moral backing has already come from other industrial workers, but this Act can be used against anyone and we are all in it together.

A leaflet, brought out by the Lock-Out Committee, says that 'A lock-out has been imposed as an attack on the right to strike and organise. Mass victimisation is being attempted and non-union labour forced onto the site.' Surely under these circumstances the union executives should have made the dispute official straight away. Whether they will when they get back from the Labour Conference remains to be seen. Many lads look to official recognition and their payment of lock-out money, but so far the executives have not given a damn. Perhaps official blessing may be forthcoming when the men have been forced to find other jobs and there are only a few holding out. The pay out will be a lot smaller then, or they will do a deal with Turriffs to take back only sufficient to make the 'scab' labour force to a full complement.

So far the dispute has been fought by the rank and file and this is how it will be won. The leaflet says, 'job support, financial backing and solidarity action will be decisive. Rally round the Turriff's locked out men.' The rank and file, by their own efforts, can bring this dispute to a successful conclusion, with all of the 380 men back.

Readers can give assistance by getting support at their own place of work, or by sending any spare cash to T. McAuliffe, 13 Carleton Road, N.7. Receipts will be sent out after the end of the dispute.

P.T.

Contact Column

Meetings. 13 Prince of Wales Terrace, Kensington, W.8, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, October 14: 'Sexual Freedom for the Young'. Thursday, October 21: 'Community Living in London'. Friday, October 29: 'Forming "intentional" families'.

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Federation Mujeres Libres Lecture. 'Energy and Human Progress.' Juan P. Fabregas. Sunday, October 10, 3.30 p.m. Royal Hotel, Woburn Place, W.C.1 (in Spanish).

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Chris Holmes, London. Birmingham Group would like to hear from you. Write Geoff Charlton, 9 Pembroke Road, Birmingham, 12.

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If you wish to make contact let us know.

Car manufacturers and union leaders have just managed to come to an agreement concerning their problem of 'wildcat strikes'. The big white chief, Mr. Wilson, set them a time limit to put their house in order. With the assistance of Ray Gunter they have put forward their solution, which is an independent chairman who will be able to step in to examine disputes which 'threaten unemployment and interfere with production'. He will have all the powers of a chairman of an industrial court of inquiry to call evidence and examine witnesses.

Sir William Carron, President of the AEU, promised full co-operation along with his partner Lord Rootes. It is possible to see a fantastic situation developing whereby in fact, workers will be encouraged to go on unofficial strike to get their problems dealt with quickly without going through all the usual rigmarole. On the other hand, of course, when this bod investigates the dispute the classic statement will be issued, 'Get back to work lads whilst I sort this lot out'.

Some of the car manufacturers have climbed on the band-wagon regarding the suggestion of compulsory union membership, though they insist upon calling it 'Closed shop'. The payment for this service required from the trade unions is far more discipline of their members to the extent of expulsion from the union if the members don't toe the line. For the moment anyway, the union leadership is not prepared to pay this price and, fair warning if they do, they will have more trouble than enough.

WHEN IS 'OFFICIAL' 'UNOFFICIAL'?

An official unofficial movement is reported to be challenging the Port Liaison Committee. To quote the national press, namely the *Financial Times* of 1.10.65, three dockers acting on their own initiative (but with the sponsorship of the T & GWU) organised a meeting to tell their colleagues that the time had come to stop knocking down every construc-

DANGER—LONDON TRANSPORT AT WORK

Last month the London Transport Board introduced new timetables on bus routes in Ealing, Southall and Greenford. Why have these new schedules brought strike action from your local busmen? What do these new timetables mean?

For passengers: The new timetables mean fewer buses on already uninfrequent routes such as 232. They mean more delays and longer queues. Therefore every passenger should be supporting the busmen's fight to change these timetables by strike and go-slow.

For busmen: The new timetables mean increased work for the same pay. This will mean that London Transport will find it more difficult to recruit drivers and the service will become worse still.

What you can do. Don't be fooled into blaming the busmen. Their strike is a strike for better services for you. Blame London Transport.

The solution to an inadequate service is more buses. The solution to staff shortage is staff recruitment. The only possible basis for effective staff recruitment is better pay and much improved conditions. For a start £20 per week, basic for a 40 hour week. The only people who can get this is the busmen themselves, looking to leaders is like praying to the Sun God with the same results.

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

FILM REVIEW

THE ORGANISER

THE LABOUR MOVEMENT'S history is full of small men. Jimmie Higginses, the small men 'scorned of men' who Sacco and Vanzetti would have been if they had not been trapped, the men who Lenin said (and as he once was) must 'go hungry, work illegally and be anonymous.' These are the men who work on at their task, whether it be paper-selling, chalking walls, bill-sticking, sticking on stamps, organizing a strike, or going on the picket-line. Hunger, illegality and anonymity were neither in the air of Brighton or Blackpool but it is salutary to be reminded that such men exist and have existed even if only at the cinema.

The Organizer with Marcello Mastroianni had a rather checkered background. Mastroianni, the star, is chiefly known for play-boy parts (although one of them, I do remember, had an improbable anarchist father) and this role is a new departure for him. The film was made by a French-Italian company with a French-Italian cast, acknowledgment is made of Yugoslav assistance (perhaps they gave the idea of workers' control which crops up?).

Not since the Russian film *Strike* has the atmosphere of a factory been so adequately and evocatively portrayed. The factory workers in a textile mill want a reduction of hours from fourteen, to the Utopian thirteen. They make an abortive plan for one of their number to sound the hooter one hour before the usual time and they will stop work. The casual appearance of a boss when the hooter blows is sufficient for them to

lose heart and carry on working. This, and his penalization, so infuriates the workman (Folco Lulli) who had volunteered to sound the hooter, that he accuses them of cowardice and a running snow-fight takes place.

In the midst of this a freight train draws up at the level crossing and after due precautions, such as ascertaining the name of the suburb, Mastroianni in tramp-like garb descends.

He makes his way to a class-room where a teacher is struggling to teach adult-workers how to read. Mastroianni shows a letter of introduction to the teacher, it appears he is wanted by the police, and he is given a bed in the back of the schoolroom. He is awakened from his sleep by a rowdy meeting of the mill-workers. They have elected a new chairman, who is ejected from the position by Folco Lulli, who has decided to come back. The feeling of the meeting is for strike action. But 'The Professor' (Mastroianni) makes a dramatic intervention and points out that if they are really going on strike they had better lay in stocks of fuel and provisions on credit for they will get no credit once they are on strike.

The rest of the film is the history of the (unsuccessful) strike. The hardships of the men, and 'the organizer'; the solidarity of the railway goods-workers in letting them steal coal; the solidarity of (wonder of wonders!) the soldiers—at the beginning; the episode of the prostitute; the march on the factory; the firing by the soldiers, and the eventual

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