

Tories & Treason

THE SPECTACLE of police-loving, law abiding Tories like Lord Salisbury declaring their support for Ian Smith's illegal moves towards Rhodesian independence makes a false picture. These same people would have acts of rebellion and illegality severely punished if they were not committed by the white minority in Rhodesia. When the 'Spies for Peace' published the truth about the pathetic and secret plans for a post-nuclear war Britain, these same Tory voices cried 'Treason' in unison; when someone was heard booing the Queen at the time of the Greek royal visit a Tory minister nearly broke a blood vessel in anger. Yet, when the Rhodesian racists defy the Queen, they are called brave and honourable men.

We anarchists have no worry about words like treason, rebellion, illegality—the bourgeoisie use these words to defend their vested interests. When these interests are threatened then they—the bourgeoisie—will do anything to defend them. This is the case with Rhodesia—Smith and his henchmen wish to uphold white privilege and minority rule in Rhodesia (he calls it 'white civilization'). To do this he has now to act illegally but with 'a clear conscience' he assures one and all. The fact is that for him, and most white

Rhodesians, the moral law is that the white man shall be boss and the black man shall be his servant. This is how it should be. To defend this particular set-up, by whatever means, in the event of its being threatened, leaves a 'clear conscience', but it leaves inequality, racial discrimination and injustice as well.

The Africans of Rhodesia are already exploited, imprisoned and suppressed in order to maintain the status quo in that country. Smith and the white Rhodesians consider that only with independence can the Africans be kept in their place. Yet warnings—heeded it seems more by white South Africans and Portuguese than by white Rhodesians—of the likely results of UDI on the Africans in Southern and Central Africa, make no impression on the arrogant will of Smith and Co. to seek the imposition of white rule and privilege for all time.

Smith is forced by the greedy, small-minded white population of Rhodesia to risk a UDI in order to keep their privileges. One wonders whether at the crunch white Rhodesians will stick it. They are not used to hardship and those who will really oppose them know hardship as an every-day affair.

J.W.

TRUE TO FORM

A FAMILIAR SCENE. A British Colony providing a military base, nationalism starting to ferment for independence encouraged by rag, tag and bobtail climbing on the bandwagon. A policy imposed by Britain which no one wanted, more talks, more trouble. Suspended Constitution, troops to restore law and order, situation rapidly deteriorating, nothing important really damaged, only people partially and permanently, and petrol continues to flow. This is Aden 1965.

In January, 1963, Aden was merged with the Federation of South Arabia. The merger was opposed by the activists in the colony, they had no desire to come under the thumb of the autocratic tribal Sultans of the interior. The Federal Government is made up of 17 small Sheikdoms where freedom of any kind is unlawful. Sultans who opposed Federation are in exile. The idea of Federation was an abortion forced by Britain, under a Conservative Government. Along comes a Labour Govern-

ment with a 'do-it-yourself kit' and as was to be expected the situation has grown worse. If the Tories can't get their own policy to work, I'm sure Tony Greenwood, Labour's Secretary of State for the Colonies can't, he couldn't even get the parties to talks in London to work out the procedure for the transfer of power.

One fact that has emerged from the Aden situation is the strength of the Aden TUC. A 24-hour protest strike called by the Aden TUC brought all work to a standstill. As Clare Hollingworth reported in the *Guardian* (4.10.65), 'The efficiency of the strikers and demonstrators without a known local leader is disconcerting to the British authorities'. In other words, it's difficult to find 'heads to chop'.

One thing is certain, the days for Aden as a British military base are numbered. Mr. Wilson has said you can't have a base where there is local opposition but what he forgot to add was 'but you can have a bloody good try'. Aden's salvation can only be worked out by the Adenis themselves. When the base goes the economic gap for Aden will be considerable but not impossible, port facilities could be developed if the people themselves take charge, if they leave it to leaders they will wind up with the same masters in different uniforms.

B.C.

Regina vs. Golden Convolvulus

AT 10.15 Friday morning, October 8, in the oppressive, sunless, airless atmosphere of Blackburn Magistrates' Court, Mr. Keith Lawrence, representing the Director of Public Prosecutions, opened up the preliminary hearing of the *Golden Convolvulus* case. His initial point was that 'young persons at school studying English literature, including what was currently being written, might be as likely as anybody to send for this magazine at its price of only two shillings'. He went on to read a brief extract from the editorial introduction of the book, and inferred that this extract proved a deliberate intention, on the part of editor and publisher, to flout the 1959 Obscene Publications Act. This particular quote reads, 'The mind, the pen and the paper must never accept any form of restraint or coercion for therein lies the evil, for who would educate

the educators and advise the censors'.

At this time, apart from a few bored-looking newshawks and faceless authorities, the courtroom was empty was it not for the presence of Tina and an unidentified witness perched stoically on the hard wooden seats. Before the first witness appeared the unidentified witness had disappeared from the room.

The first witness was a hesitant and nervous type from the GPO sorting office, who mumbled to order at the counsel's prompting that he had stumbled on a copy of the *Golden Convolvulus* in the course of his routine opening of printed paper mail, and as any good citizen would, had promptly informed his superior. His superior turned out to be an older version who verified the accuracy of the first witness's evidence and went on to say that he had ordered

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WHAT man who was at all humane would not be moved by the sight of a tiny child in its father's arms, covered with burns that had been caused by a bomb, in fact, by war? What man would put petty interests and prestige before the lives of children? Well Lyndon Johnson would and so would Mao Tse Tung! Such humanity would not be in the interests of either of these men or of those who stand behind them. In fact it would be downright embarrassing if The National Liberation Front (Vietcong) decided that they had had enough and threw in the sponge by suing for peace (not that this is at all likely with the communists in control, ready to fight to the last peasant), after all the money that America has pumped in, and after the fiascos of Laos and Formosa!

Lyndon Johnson can't possibly afford to have his heart softened by seeing children suffer. He has the American electorate to think of. No going soft with the 'commies', because he must appear as a tough father figure who brooks no nonsense, or he'll be out. Mao on the other hand has no electorate to consider. He is so sure that his people are 100% for him that he can dispense with such formalities, but he is attempting to appear as the only strong man in Asia who stands up to the Americans, so 'face' is something he can't afford to lose.

AND THE VIETNAMESE?

The poor long suffering Vietnamese people, what do they think? No one knows, no one cares, after all they are merely grist to the mill of power politics. They are only there to be bombed, machine-gunned and burned so that democracy or anti-revisionism might live. The people of Vietnam are utterly helpless.

Those who are anti-American fight for Vietcong, those who are Catholic, or forced, or just hungry, fight for America. Yes, America, make no mistake about that. There is not going to be any self-determination after this war, the winners will be either American or Chinese puppets, so if anybody is foolish enough to hope for a Vietnamese victory because they believe in

A CHINESE PUZZLE

IN THE *NEW STATESMAN* of September 17 there appeared three articles on the Kashmir crisis. One of these was written by a Mr. Victor Anant who discussed the dispute from both the Pakistan and Indian angles. One comment stands out like a red nose: '... neither in Pakistan nor in India have I ever sensed such a compulsive urge to destroy each other.' This is no doubt very true and, of course, the feeling is automatically strengthened by the governments of both sides. One of the repulsive by-products of war. As a war progresses so the origins disappear and myths rise up which push the truth in the background. But the story which *Daily Telegraph* readers saw headlining the previous Monday's edition really let the cat out of the bag. It seemed that that slightly ridiculous organisation, that haven for would-be James Bonds, the CIA, had done it again.

For some time, apparently, the CIA had been stirring up trouble in Pakistan as Pakistan had refused to be beastly to China. However, this is not all. On Wednesday, a correspondent in the *Daily Telegraph* letter columns, a Mr. Gerald Sparrow who had recently returned from West and East Pakistan, said that: 'American involvement in the Pakistan-India dispute goes back over a year and stemmed from President Johnson's determination to get rid of President Ayub Khan.' Mr. Sparrow goes on: 'As has happened before, Central Intelligence Agency were misleading and President Johnson believed he could topple President Ayub Khan by encouraging India to extend the limited Kashmir war.'

Startling revelations indeed, certainly for those who believe that government means law and order and integrity; who believe in the rights of others to rule themselves without interference. But no surprise to anyone who believes that all government is evil. Anyway, the *New Statesman* (September 17) in its shocked leader ended up with a note from their Washington correspondent that the

No Room for Humanity in Vietnam

the right of people to choose their own government, forget it. An American TV correspondent once said that left to their own devices the people of Vietnam would probably choose 'no government' for governments have come and gone and through all of them—Japanese, French and now Saigon—runs poverty, slavery and war. Their crops have been ruined (Americans get their food out of tins), they have been rendered homeless, limbless, lifeless and libertyless, and for what? So that the world can be made safe for two lies: (1) that America is democratic and freedom-loving, (2) that China is communist and is a peoples' republic.

In both countries to support the adversary is a crime, so liberty is non-existent. Membership of the communist party in America has been punished by imprisonment. And capitalism in China? Well they call it communism, but certainly criticism of the regime would be very unhealthy, perhaps fatal.

OUR DILEMMA

We here in Britain, what can we do? I'm afraid that the answer to that must be very little. From the time of 'The Cuban Crisis' it has been obvious to anyone who stopped to think for a moment, that 'Her Majesty's Government' has as much control over her allies across the water as she does over the movement of the planets. If they want to

drop the bomb, start wars, stop wars, or whatever, they will, without so much as a 'by your leave'.

We can protest, we must protest, at this government's connivance in this dreadful affair and we must bring to bear what pressure we can, but we must not kid ourselves (as we have so many times in the past) that we can really change the American government by putting pressure on our own.

That must be the job of the American people (and they don't seem very interested at the moment do they?). However, in the opinion of this writer, there is no possible chance of the war escalating into something that would engulf us all. The contestants are not going to let this happen. They are very much in control of the situation, it's made to measure for them, for they can strike belligerent poses and someone else gets the punch on the nose.

AID

To be constructive the best thing that we could do would be to send aid (lots of it) to the long suffering people of Vietnam; food, medical supplies, etc. It's not as romantic as trying to change the hearts of the power-drunk bastards in the Pentagon and Peking, but it's a bloody sight more realistic. To talk of sending delegations to Vietnam or influencing the Labour Party is sheer nonsense. Who are the delegations going to see? It's no good their seeing the politicians; they are not interested. It's no good seeing the people; they are many but they have no power. Perhaps China would pack up if she were offered a seat in UNO. Perhaps America would if she won. Either way things look very black for the people of Vietnam.

JACK STEVENSON.

As a postscript we quote the last paragraph of an article written when the French were still in Power. (FREEDOM, 24.4.54):

The Indo-Chinese war like the Korean war cannot be stopped just by wishing for it. Nor is the problem solved when the theatre of war changes from Korea to Indo-China or wherever it moves to after that. The problem is the world-wide one, that the present organization of production and distribution cannot be maintained without the economic stimulus that war provides. Opposition to this war, as to any other, can only be securely founded on opposition to the system of market economy itself.

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IN A MAN'S WORLD

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The US is just as bad as the Russians and Chinese in feeling they have a mission to 'civilise' the world. The US is a little different—her mission is 'divine'.
G.H.

BRISTOL DOCKS

BRISTOL DOCKERS have been out for 11 days and are as strong as ever in their demand for the reopening of discussions on the disputed cargo.

The dispute started over the rate to be paid to unload a cargo of timber. Evidently at the local joint council meeting, the unions and the employers agreed on an interim increase in the rate.

The employers and the T & GWU are making great play of this 'freely agreed by both sides, with a promise of further negotiations' type settlement. And the T & GWU attitude is the same as the employers, 'No further action can be taken until the men resume work'.

The employers claim that dockers can earn £4 a day on this cargo and have spent £270 on a full page advertisement in the *Bristol Evening Post* to publicly state their claim. The dockers deny that £4 a day is possible on these cargoes, but in any case unloading timber is bloody hard graft so even at £4 a day the port employers would be giving nothing away.

Obviously the men on the job know what it is worth, and union officials or no union officials, they are not prepared to work for less. It's all very fine making agreements in an office somewhere, but totally different if you are the poor bastard who has to do the humping.

On August 19 about 500 Tilbury dockers heard the 'liaison committee' attack Devlin's proposals on decasualisation. At the same meeting leaflets were distributed in support of the rebel National Union of Portworkers which has 3,500 members in Tilbury, London, Liverpool, Manchester and Hull.

The National Union of Portworkers was founded in November, 1962 and was registered in February, 1963 (Reg. No. 2270).

The founders have been amazed at the tremendous response that has been forthcoming from portworkers in all ports in Great Britain to the idea of a union which has as its objectives:

One big industrial union for all portworkers.

Contact Column

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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'.

Harlow Demo. For Peace and Disarmament. YCND Assemble 10.30 a.m. Epping Church. 11 a.m. March to Harlow. Re-assemble 2 p.m. Town Hall Square for Public Meeting. Date: Saturday, October 23.

FML Spanish Lessons commence Wednesday, October 13 at 6.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. at 159 Ledbury Road, W.11

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

To Aid Dave Cunliffe. Poetry Reading Saturday, October 16. Live poets. Free admission. Collection. 7 till 10.30 p.m. Basement of 75A Ladbroke Grove, W.11.

Cuddon's Cosmopolitan Review. September issue now out, 9d. The least-read literary review — stories, satire, poetry, etc. (Writers and artists might like to look at it and possibly contribute to making it less read).

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Politics!
34d. each plus postage. Orders to Bill Sticker, c/o 17a Maxwell Road, London, S.W.6.

Youth Against War in Vietnam. Glasgow YCND March, Saturday, October 16. Contact Alan Sinclair, Flat 3a, 39 Mallaig Road, Glasgow, S.W.1. GOV 3995.

New Zealand Federation of Anarchists. First Annual Congress, December 26 to January 6. Enquiries Box 5455, Auckland C.I. NZ.

If you wish to make contact let us know.

Rank & File in Charge

An industrial union which is thoroughly democratic in its constitution and day to day working.

A union whose officials are democratically elected and subject to recall by the membership if they fail to carry out the wishes of the members.

The industrial union is not to be affiliated to any political party.

The unity of all portworkers in all struggles.

The union is now no longer just an idea. It is in being, is registered as a bona fide union, with a rapidly growing membership.

They invite all portworkers, no matter what section of the industry they may work in, to unite in one big powerful industrial union which will, by its militancy and unity, fight for and protect the interests of all portworkers. A union whose policy on all major questions facing portworkers will be decided by the full membership and not by a coterie of full-time or lay officials.

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On October 7, the Australian Senate passed the Stevedoring In-

dustry Bill after applying the guillotine to prevent filibustering by the Opposition Labour Party.

Under the Bill the Australian dockers union, the Waterside Workers' Federation, will lose the right to recruit men for work on the waterfront and power to recruit dockers will be vested wholly in the Australian Stevedoring Authority.

William McMahon (Labour Minister), explained that the Bill provided for the deregistration of the Federation if it is found guilty of offences under the Arbitration Act or interference with overseas or interstate trade. It will be remembered that the Aussie dockers forced stoppages on the issues of S. African goods, and arms to the Dutch in Indonesia, and were heavily fined for their trouble.

On the question of deregistration, the Government under the slightest pretext could deregister and encourage the formation of a new hand-picked union which to all intents and purposes would be as good as a 'company union'. Such a situation would not be impossible in Britain with the proposals of 'legalised trade union membership' in the offing.

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

TURRIFF'S: 'A VICTORY FOR TRADE UNIONISTS'

I EXPECT THAT by the time this article appears in print, the Turriff lock-out on the Barbican scheme will have been settled. At the present time, the management are right down on their knees and there seems nothing to bar the way to a complete victory for these 380 men. Let us hope this is how it works out, for it has been a hard struggle, but they are not home and dry yet, for the dispute is still on. Nothing is a foregone conclusion.

During the past week, this dispute has at long last been made official. I do not say this with any pleasure or satisfaction, because considering the nature of the thing, the unions did not really have any other choice. The Transport and General Workers' Union, which has the most members involved, was the first to give its sanction, followed by the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, who then turned down the National Commission arranged for Tuesday. Soon after the blessing of the Federation, came the support of the other two unions involved, the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers and the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers.

JOB AT STANDSTILL

The vast majority of those in dispute wanted official backing from the start. It has now been given, but is acting mainly as a rubber stamp on what has been achieved by unofficial means. I say mainly, because Turriff had managed to get some work done on their site. Lorries bringing in materials were certainly turned away by the unofficial pickets, but the scabs still did something. Following recognition, union officials went onto the site and after two attempts brought out the scabs, so that Turriff came to a complete standstill. When the scabs walked out, the police rushed in reinforcements to clear the picket. Perhaps the police thought this action might provoke an incident, but they were unlucky, for the locked-out men only cheered and were glad to see the scabs off the job without seeking any revenge.

Turriff had managed to recruit other labour to make up their work force. Men came down from Scotland, being told that carpenters would get £6 per day and bricklayers 14/6 per hour with free dinners, but on finding a picket line, they told Turriff where to put their job and refused to cross it. With no scabs, the management decided to seek a meeting with the unions and this news greeted the workers from the main

London sites when they packed the Conway Hall for the Joint Sites Committee meeting last Friday. In fact the atmosphere was one of a noisy celebration.

Union officials had been invited but only Jack Orwell came along. He took the full brunt of the criticism of the unions and their failure to act earlier. He took great pains to point out that these things have to go through the procedure machinery which all takes time, but this sort of answer did not cut much ice and there were a number of catcalls and jeers. One speaker from the floor pointed out that the unions had no other choice but to make it official, for they were forced to by the fact that 1,500 men had come out on strike for one day in support of their locked-out brothers.

AN ATTACK ON THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

The Contract of Employment Act was also criticised very strongly. It was agreed that every effort should be made to repeal that section which makes strikes a breach of contract for it is an outright attack on the workers' right to strike. The 'Labour-only' sub-contractors also came in for some criticism for they were one of the reasons for the dispute. These



Coach to take out scabs turned away by pickets.

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All Printworkers must unite!

THE NATIONAL UNION of Printing Bookbinders and Paperworkers have handed in a formal strike notice to take effect from October 24. The National Society of Operatives, Printers and Assistants fully supports the paperworkers in their claim for '25% night over day' and has instructed its members to terminate their engagements on October 29.

'Twenty five per cent night over day' is a hardy annual and has been listed in printworkers demands for many years. The mere mention of this demand to the employers, the Newspaper Proprietors' Association (NPA) was, and still is, like holding a red rag to a bull.

The NPA claim that newspaper production is basically a night-work industry and therefore special compensation for night-work would be out of order. Their main argument in opposing the demand is that night-workers already earn between 18% and 20% more than day-shift printworkers because night-workers are on a 35 hour basic week as opposed to 40

hour basic for day workers.

This argument is completely false, and apart from anything else is used in the hope of dividing night and day workers. The times for printing at night suit the employers, they don't want to start printing too early in the evening, because the news has been covered by the *Evening News* and the *Evening Standard* and on the other hand they don't want to finish printing too late in the morning otherwise they miss the public travelling to work in the morning.

From a social point of view night-work is not natural, life is geared so that the majority of people sleep at night and therefore night-workers social life is completely disrupted. One is forced to accept the fact that night-work is a necessary evil in which case night-workers should be amply compensated.

Printworkers should ignore the '35 hour as opposed to 40 hour' dividing tactic and support 100% the '25% night over day' claim.

sub-contractors sign an agreement with the main contractor to provide and pay men. They do not supply plant or equipment and are not parties to trade union agreements. In fact some of them do not even pay holiday credits or buy insurance stamps. They often offer big bonuses while the main contractors pay their workers less bonus for doing the same work. This brings about a lot of bad feeling from which only the employers benefit. Many speakers felt that firms like this, such as Peter Craven, shuttering sub-contractors, and Ivor Dowty, civil engineering and demolition sub-contractors, should be closed up.

The meeting ended with a very good collection for the men, which added more to the £300 that had already been received from the sites that day, for although these locked out men will get money from their unions, it will not be very much. The ASW pays £3 per week and that will be difficult to live on unless supplemented.

On last Friday, a curious article appeared in the *Financial Times* on this dispute, which started, 'It is difficult to discuss the strike of building workers at London's £31m. Barbican project without being accused of national and racial prejudice. The majority of the workers involved are either Irish or West Indian. . . . For the most part, the Irish do the talking and the West Indians the listening. It seemed quite in character when two men began their speeches to an afternoon strike meeting by apologising for having drunk too much at lunch-time.'

The reporter tells how he was talking to the coppers who have been on duty at the site, 'with two white horses and two Black Marias—a poetic touch'. These coppers said 'four of the seven arrested and fined after last Friday's Battle of the Barbican between strikers and non-strikers (meaning scabs) had Irish names.' Well here is a bit more information for this reporter to add to his story, two of the other three arrested were Scotsmen.

Perhaps if the dispute had been going well for Turriff this rubbish would not have appeared in the *Financial Times*, but it seems that this paper has gone down to the level of the *Daily Mirror*. As for the bit about the copper being 'indignant' about hearing from one of the men on the picket line 'that a building worker can earn as much in one week as a policeman earns in three', it just is not true and if the copper thinks he will be better off in the building industry, the answer is, have a go, it's a far more useful job. As for

there being any 'national and racial prejudice' during the dispute, I for one didn't see or hear of any. It would be a nice weapon to use against these workers but it won't work. All colours and nationalities have stood together united against the Turriff management. A NFBTO PURGE?

Even if the dispute is won, it seems as if a further struggle will have to take place, this time against our own officials of the NFBTO. Although Mr. Weaver, the General Secretary, has said, 'There is no question of the unions agreeing to wrap up the dispute by leaving the stewards outside', Turriff's are expected to try to get some disciplining of them and it is also on the cards that Weaver will try to do this anyway. He didn't like the sympathy action taken by other sites in London. What has got to be recognised is that work would have still been going on at the Turriff site if it had not been for the stewards on other sites and the rank and file support. A speaker at Conway Hall summed it up when he said, 'This will be a victory for trade unionists and not for the trade unions'.

Any attempts by the NFBTO or the union executives to discipline or remove stewards, Federation or otherwise, from their elected positions must be resisted and defeated by the rank and file who elected them. We owe this to ourselves and our steward P.T.

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