

Anarchism in Chicago

THE ENTIRE LEFT in Chicago participated in the international Days of Protest in the form of a huge (for Chicago) Parade for Peace on March 26 down State Street in the Loop. Close to 5,000 participated and thereby made this the largest peace demonstration Chicago witnessed since the late thirties. But not the numbers, nor the floats and puppets, contributed to the uniqueness of this parade as much as the fact that fifty anarchists marched behind the banner of The Anarchists, a group formed eight weeks ago. This Chicago group is only one of many anarchist groups that have been formed on campuses all across the country, from Duluth, Minn., to Austin, Texas, and in most large cities, in only the last few months. This phenomenon is more of an explosion than an attempt at visibility by a few anarchists scattered here and there. These groups generally contain at least six members and at larger campuses as many as twenty or more, plus sympathizers more than double that!

Established student organizations in the States also contain a large number of rank-and-file anarchist sympathizers

who are constantly responsible for the agitation over real issues in such groups. The Student for a Democratic Society, for example, contains not only 'anarchist' chapters, but almost whole regions with a definite libertarian bent.

Generally, in explanation of this explosion, one must take the view that the present generation here, as in England (and, an isolated American suspects, throughout Europe), is less gullible in accepting pat rationalizations of adults and are beginning to build a world of their own on their own values. They prize their freedom as it is manifest in their appearance, their music, and their willingness to take chances and confront dangers. If the destructive forces of this society can be staid, an unbelievably difficult task, for several years, the hopes and values of this generation may actually become an impelling force for the intrusion of desire with all of its marvellous aspects into a decadent and crusted society. One can only work towards this goal by developing with youth a sense of rage and urgency to unite the realms of dream and action fearlessly and with candour.

BERNARD MARZALEK.

Who is on the Lord's Side?

PRIVATE EYE'S fund raising show 'Rustle (Russell?) of Spring' has been postponed from May 1 to May 6, 9.30 p.m. 'at a West End theatre soon to be announced'. *Private Eye* carries a characteristic announcement that their show was 'cancelled by the Lord's Day Observance Society and the Lord Chamberlain. . . . We offer our apologies—situation beyond our control. . . .'

I telephoned *Private Eye's* office for more information. Mr. Tony Rushton, their business manager, said that to raise the swingeing damages which Lord Russell of Liverpool was awarded in the recent libel case they started a fund and also arranged a gala show with many well-known entertainers, with tickets at swingeing 'charity' prices. Bernard Delfont gave them the use of the Prince of Wales Theatre. Unfortunately they had not reckoned with the laws of the English Sabbath, which do not allow 'cross-patter, variety acts, playlets, dancing and make-up' at Sunday performances. Instructively, neither the police nor the Lord Chamberlain would have bothered to stop the show. Mr. Rushton compared this 'with the present attitude of the police to "homosexual acts in private"; evidently the police will now investigate only if they are forced to do so by informers. In this case the Lord's Day Observance Society took it upon themselves to inform the Lord Chamberlain who, having been notified,

had to act by warning the theatre's licensee that this show must not take place on Sunday.'

I then telephoned Mr. Sutton of the Lord's Day Observance Society to hear his side of the story. He said his Society was founded by a Bishop Daniel Wilson in 1830 with all denominational support, 'to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy'. They are a vigilant body with many members all over the country, one of whom noticed the announcement and asked the Society to bring it to the notice of the authorities. They did this and will do so at any time when anybody 'wishes to infringe the law of the English Sunday'. He said the 'Fourth Commandment applies to everybody'. He acted from both religious conviction and public duty. 'A big issue is pending in Parliament,' said Mr. Sutton, 'the Crathorne Report on the English Sunday will soon be debated. When Lord Willis brings this up in the Lords we shall strenuously oppose it. If it were passed it would throw open the Sunday to commercialism, secularism, sport and entertainment.'

When I telephoned the Lord Chamberlain's office, the story suddenly took a different shape to what appears above. Their Mr. Hill was rather perplexed by the whole thing. He said: 'All I can say is that I know nothing of their show, what entertainment *Private Eye* are prepared to offer or in fact what they are up to.'

This led me to the 'Maecenas' of the story, the good Bernard Delfont, who according to *Private Eye* offered them the theatre. I could not talk to him, but their Mr. Ingham assured me that he is still alive. Mr. Ingham said: 'There was no engagement at the Prince of Wales and never has been. We have a television booking there on the night.'

What conclusions can one draw from this confusing story? There is a conflict between what the Lord Chamberlain says and what the Lord's Day Observance Society claim. We hope that *Private Eye* will get out of this sorry mess and that all will go well on the night.

It is a pity that the proceeds are not going to a worthy cause than Lord Russell of Liverpool.

JOHN RETY.

After Guy Fawkes —What?

ONE of the charming anachronisms connected with the opening of the anachronism of Parliament, which took place this week is the ritual searching of the cellar for traces of a Guy Fawkes plot.

After two months of hectic anarchistic activity including heckling (indoor and out), sabotage (minor and major), skirmishes with the police, marches, meetings, conferences and balls, one almost expects the search to be for anarchists. However, despite the alleged patron saint, Guy Fawkes, Parliamentary ritual and anarchists have very little in common.

One might feel that with a new Government safely ensconced for five years, anarchists will find their occupation gone and will settle down to their lives of quiet desperation. However with Mr. Harold Wilson's pragmatic approach and promise of the firm smack of government there will be much to do.

Many years ago, 'Gowrie' in *Forward* published a cartoon of a newly-arrived MP at the House saying anxiously, 'I'm new here. What do I do with my election promises?' There is an answer to this question, and if we become cynical watching the promises discarded one by one, we may be forgiven.

However, it is no part of the anarchist case that Stan Orme (for example) is 'a hypocrite' as alleged at Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday. Stan Orme, for all one

knows, may be an excellent chap but he cannot 'buck the machine' and the political machine is not concerned with the vices or virtues of its particular cogs unless their vices become too obvious, or their virtues too obstreperous. Expulsions from the Labour Party are not unknown but never do they become so widespread and necessary as to bring down the Government.

There is a charming theory about the present Government that now, having obtained its necessary majority, the Government will move leftward. This theory, needless to say, comes from the Left of the Party and has nothing to sustain it, except the supposition that Mr. Wilson is a frustrated 'progressive', and free of all checks and spurs he will now proceed to his original objectives which were peace, prosperity and freedom.

The anarchists have never believed that any government could, by its very nature, reach these objectives.

Logically speaking all MPs should be objectionable to anarchists, therefore Mr. Orme need not feel himself especially picked upon.

Why, if Mr. Wilson has no need to bribe his Left into loyalty, should he make concessions to them? Why if he is interested in Britain as a world power and solvent in the world's market economy should he be interested in any one of the 57 varieties of Socialism which the Left offers?

In fact, Mr. Wilson's programme

of Socialist nationalization bears a distinct resemblance to the economic and social forms of National Socialism. This is not to say that Wilson, or any member of his Government is a 'Fascist'. The word, in fact has very little meaning these days, it has become a mere political swear-word. All that one can say is that the pragmatic 'playing it by ear' approach to a mixed economic structure with numerous boards and assistance to private firms has a resemblance to the corporate state of Fascist Italy. At the same time with the growth of nationalization and the need to control the unions, overall control of 'the commanding heights of the economy' must give the Government more and more control, necessary with economic planning to block loopholes in the 'national plan'.

The questions facing anarchists which will loom largest in the next few months are these: If Wilson pushes the Rhodesian situation to the point of open warfare can one support such a war? In the event of Wilson supplying token forces in Vietnam can we remain non-aligned in the Vietnam war? Do we support the Unions if they oppose likely anti-strike legislation? In the possible event of the introduction of conscription or more likely, selective service what is the anarchist attitude?

This Government seems likely to minimize the menace of poverty, thanks to Keynes and technology. It may involve us in wars through sheer idealism. Its ability to deal with inflation seems doubtful. But individual freedom remains a personal problem which no Government can or wants to solve.

JACK ROBINSON.

THE OBSCENITY TO END ALL OBSCENITY

This is the text of a law against obscenity introduced in the State of New Jersey. It is hardly surprising that the law itself was thought to be obscene and there was a rush in the libraries to read it.

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IT IS SUGGESTED by Michael Woollicroft (FREEDOM 16.4.66) that sport is wrong because it helps 'maintain aggression, aggression competitiveness and ultimately war'. He relies on the findings of psychologists to show that sport maintains aggression, but where is the proof that aggression leads to war? I suspect that psychology may today be as much an opiate of the people as was evangelical religion. Is it boxers and footballers who declare war? Is it even the despised sport-watchers who declare war? Or is it meek, mild, elderly men in striped pants, carrying umbrellas? Most military leaders of the Hitler type like to think of themselves in the same class as Olympic champions, but the truth is Hitler was much more like Chaplin's caricature than he was like the 666 of popular imagination (that is why he hated Chaplin so much). Hannah Arendt was struck with the banality of evil when she saw Eichmann in Jerusalem. He was no Cassius Clay.

The psychologists, or at least their popularisers, have too long identified national and abstract trends with individual characteristics. You cannot psycho-analyse 'Britannia' or 'John Bull'; the nation is made up of vastly differing individuals. The causes that lead to war have nothing whatever to do with individual aggressiveness. Indeed, the contrary applies: it is precisely the aggressive individual who does not make a good soldier. For years the old-fashioned liberal-pacifist sought to convince that by training children in farm-toys and not playing with forts, we would bring up non-aggressive types who would

Poetry Review

'28 POEMS', Peter Armstrong, View Publications, 15/17 St. Stephens Street, Bristol 1, 4/6d.

WITH the exception of recent books by Basil Bunting, Charles Tomlinson and Anselm Hollo, this beautifully printed collection is probably the best book of poems by a British writer to appear for several years. It will elicit few Hoorays from the Lit. Crit. set, for it breaks too many laws of Academic sacrilege, says too many forbidden things. Yet Peter Armstrong has something rare among non-Academy poets: a fine technique and economy, which he combines with an acute ear for the rhythmic qualities of the spoken word. He has learned much from Carlos Williams and Creeley, even from Donne, yet the poems are totally original.

Space prevents detailed analysis, but almost without exception they have a precision based firmly upon an uncompromising perception of a world which he sees as sometimes crazy, sometimes cruel, but never hopeless. Remarkably, without romanticism or pretension, he welds together the apparent opposites of nature and industrial society. The human condition is treated with no false solemnity, but is affirmed with an honesty which sometimes embarrasses because it is hard to be honest with ourselves. Peter Armstrong has the eye of a scientist, yet he can write: "Kathy laugh / always like that / throw your head back / and laugh. / You are not one / to unbutton your blouse / wearily or / without love / though I bet you do it / more often and easier / than most. / The worse for them / if they can't see what / makes your every gesture / an embrace."

These poems have a spirit easy to lose in the unrewarding grind of political activity. Peter Armstrong isn't an Anarchist in the engagé sense, but his poems reveal insights to which every anarchic spirit should assent. They are a refreshing change from the decadent beatness and second-hand images of most of the poetry underworld. Go straight to Betterbooks and buy them. L.V.

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SPORT, WAR & AGGRESSION

never become soldiers. The majority of these, together with the majority of all others, did not resist conscription. They did not jump into uniform screaming 'On to Berlin!'; they did not resist army discipline either. It was easy in England for someone with that 'non-aggressive' Quakerish background to have his conscientious objection legalised; some did. But let us face it, the majority who resisted conscription, either by objection or indiscipline, desertion or struggle within the forces, were the aggressive types. Or, as the psychologists might have it, the 'delinquents'.

We do not know how people will grow up in a free society; we do know that those who will achieve it will be those who are rebels in this one. It is not the aggressive individual who causes wars (to talk of 'aggressive nations' has nothing to do with individual psychology and is bound up with economics); it is, however, the aggressive individuals who do not take part in them. The tragedy of the present day is not the determination of people to throw atomic bombs all over the place; it is the conformistic, obedient, unthinking movement of indifference to the abstract and nameless

organisation that can ultimately drop the bomb. And in this light we can see what troubles another correspondent, Keith Nathan, in criticising the West Ham Anarchists. They have committed the unforgivable sin of treating politics like sport; of enjoying their opposition to the State; of aggressive disobedience. (He uses other words such as 'arrogance' and 'neurotic megalomania', by which he means exactly the same thing.) In 'expressing his disgust', he joins the ranks of the liberal-minded pacifist who might be a 'critical supporter of the ideals of freedom' but feels that freedom degenerates into a farce if you do too much about it.

I wonder if Michael Woollicroft knows how boxing, as we know it today, was introduced into England? It arose almost entirely out of Jewish immigration in the Regency period. Previously, the image of the Jews in England had been of rich merchants and bankers, some of aristocratic origin. Suddenly, a large lower-working-class and impoverished class of peddlers came in. All over London, Jewish peddlers were kicked and bullied (as they were in Germany). A number of Dutch Jews introduced the

art of self-defence, which had two effects: the anti-semitic agitation died down when Jews hit back (not out of fear but plainly out of respect); and the old English arts of self-defence were revolutionised. In Vienna, any number of middle-class Jews with goldrimmed spectacles proved the folly of anti-semitism, analysed its causes carefully, and revolutionised the world of psycho-analysis. Anti-semitism as it was known on the Continent disappeared in London. It flourished in Vienna as a popular movement (Hitler merely imitated Karl Lueger).

I am afraid it is true that in this competitive society people do not like the poor and unfortunate, and the poorer and more unfortunate they are the less they like them.

It is also well known that in the process of brain-washing, to surrender is to die. The State demands obedience, but the reward is often death. Keith Nathan thinks those West Ham Anarchists were grown in a bottle by the Home Office to 'discredit' the Anarchists; I have often thought of some carefully disciplined youngsters how they might have been grown in a bottle by the War Office to serve the State; I think I would settle for the former any day even if it were not West Ham Anarchists but West Ham United.

A. MELTZER.

LETTERS

of human liberty, and deeming it the absolute condition of all that we admire and respect in humanity, I reverse the phrase of Voltaire, and say that, if God really existed, it would be necessary to abolish him.

I wrote that before the present age of technical advance, of 'science', 'education' and comparative affluence for many. Have you learned anything since my day? Your paper is full of groups burgeoning here and there in England. I played at revolutionary groups in my youth and know how slender an anarchist group can be. Probably you have more self-styled anarchists in England today than ever before in history. But in what does your anarchism consist? Have you grasped that anarchism is more than socialism, more than the syndicalism of industrial organization? If you can declare yourselves anarchists surely you recognize that the question of the dignity of human reason is not an empty one.

You cannot be neutral on the question of religion. You can squirm and look embarrassed, and plead 'agnosticism', but your enemies do not share your confusion. They are out for the subjection of human reason to what they declare is the will of God, and they will go to any lengths—yes even to good works in the Puerto Rican community in a New York slum—to secure the subjection of the human reason to the 'Credo quod absurdum'. If they can write to you 'in Peace and Love'—(and actually expect you to turn out your pockets for them!)—then indeed you are the subjects of mockery. Surely all I did, talked and wrote was not in vain. London
'MICHAEL BAKUNIN.'

VOICE FROM THE GRAVE

Comrades,

Most of you know me, a few of you don't. My name is Michael Bakunin and I am 150 years old, or thereabouts, for I begin to lose count. Many people think that I am very much dead, but, suitably stirred, I can still show some signs of life. I am stirred by modern trends in anarchism.

In my more active years it was no novelty to see friars and nuns begging publicly for money. They begged in the streets and went to people's homes in a most brazen manner to demand money, intimidating the ignorant and superstitious into contributing. But what the devil is this—a letter in an anarchist paper begging for money for some Catholic project in America—is it a joke?

The letter purports to be from a young woman who first asks—'why didn't I stay in England and open a house'. At first I thought this must be a piece of flippant bawdry, but the theme was developed. She is in contact with a group of Catholics 'who have a special interest in children', and has the brazen cheek to ask anarchists to send 'English cash, cheques or postal orders . . . or use international money orders obtainable at any post office. Or transfer through direct from your bank to my account . . .'. The sheer effrontery of those working for bodies of the Catholic Church has always amazed me; the only non-Catholic who ever rivalled them was a man I once knew called Nechaev. He was like a Catholic in

many ways.

In all seriousness, are any comrades taken in by this line of talk? The money is of course 'to help the poor'. The Catholics have been bleating this for centuries, yet we all know what their influence has been to keep the poor not only poor but in abject ignorance, and to use their wealth and power to buttress the State in every country. This 'Catholic Worker' line is different you may say, they have a real regard for the poor, they go among them, they cherish their children, they write to us 'in Peace and Love'. This is nothing new; Catholics have always gone among the poor, indeed they may be said to thrive upon poverty and cherish it. We anarchists hate poverty; it is our role not to wallow in it as in a sweet slush, dispensing charity, but to rouse men and women not to tolerate it, but to rise against it as a harsh and beastly evil. We have no words of sweet comfort to give, that there will be compensations beyond the bright blue sky: that is a cursed lie which makes the poor tolerate their ugly lot, and breed up more and more children in the acceptance of poverty.

But if material poverty is a harsh and degrading state in which to live, spiritual poverty is as brutish. A long time ago I wrote: 'The idea of God implies the abdication of human reason and justice; it is the most decisive negation of human liberty, and necessarily ends in the enslavement of mankind, both in theory and practice . . . a jealous lover

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED?

Editors,

Your weekly is not half so interesting as it might be with a little improvement. Do you mind my giving you some suggestions?

In the first place I think most readers would appreciate the introduction of pictures illustrating the text. One good picture tells you more than a thousand words. A photo of, say, a Vietnamese family in the horrors of war has a far stronger emotional appeal than anything else. Demonstrators beaten up by the police should be photographed or else they have suffered in vain: nobody

cares. The gulf between privileged people and those dwelling in slum quarters might be effectively illustrated by means of pictures. A Swedish radical weekly of the new left recently had a photo of a Royal princess in gala attire, a lackey carrying the train. Under the photo one single sentence: Is this compatible with democracy?

Not only photos but also drawings would make the weekly more readable, and so would a better layout. More empty spaces between the articles would increase the surveyability. Then there should be more feature material, for instance informative articles about Indonesia, Ghana, and other countries in the centre of public interest, interviews, etc.

A weekly of this size should not con-

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BELFAST, IRELAND. Contact Peter Stringer, 7 Duffy Street, Belfast, 13.

ABROAD

NEW ZEALAND. Auckland Anarchist Group. Public Meetings every Sunday in Myers Park at 2 p.m.

USA, ALBANY, NEW YORK. Contact E. Strauss, 230 Washington Avenue, Albany. Discussion group meets about twice a month.

POINT COUNTER-POINT

IN BOTH *Tribune* and *Peace News*, the anarchists came in for considerable criticism for their actions on this year's Easter march. Yet neither of these papers mention the leaflet issued by the Conference of the Anarchist Federation of Britain, in which we explained our attitude to CND and to having a Labour MP speaking in Trafalgar Square. The leaflet said: 'You, the marchers will be expected to stand silently in awe to hear a speech made by a Member of Parliament, who pays lip service to Nuclear Disarmament while supporting with his vote a government dedicated to militarism.' Both Anthony Arblaster in *Tribune* and Bob Overy in *Peace News* chose to ignore the leaflet. In fact the decision was made to heckle the MP at the Birmingham conference and we anarchists do abide by conference decisions.

We felt, and this feeling was shared by other groups in the Peace Movement, that having an MP to speak from the platform was an insult to the marchers. It would have been different if Stan Orme had put his belief in Nuclear Disarmament first and had voted against the Government's defence estimates or his party's support of the war in Vietnam, but he has done neither.

At a preliminary meeting with CND, members of our editorial group expressed agreement to an MP speaker if he or she had voted against the Government on these major issues. Perhaps we should be grateful that we were not dished up with more MPs who put the Party before their beliefs. We, for our part, felt we were entitled to a speaker of our own. The editors in fact wrote to CND offering a speaker, but we are still waiting for a reply.

Also in a *Sanity* announcement it was emphasized that the anarchists were not all non-violent and they were opposed to all parties.

Bob Overy says that considerable attempts have been made this year to reason with, and even control, the unruly groups. There was no attempt made to control any groups. What the groups tried to do was the limited action of trying to show our opposition to Stan Orme. In this, we feel we had some measure of success, although perhaps we should have gone further and cut the cable to the microphone.

The anarchists have been accused of using 'petty violence'. Yet surely one of the reasons for this is that our groups are usually accompanied by an extra large contingent of police. On Easter Monday, they made a huge gap between us and those in front and behind. Not content with dividing us from the rest of the march, we were followed closely by a coach load of police. Perhaps this is CND's idea of co-operation, but it is hardly the thing to lead to good relations between the anarchists and CND or the police, for that matter.

Surely the reason why Olive Gibbs 'capitulated' as Bob Overy calls it, is because we obviously had a strong case for a speaker. She knew of our offer and the discourtesy of herself and the rest of the CND executive in not replying.

As we wrote in last week's *FREEDOM*, some of the 'heckling continued at highly inappropriate times', but again in answer to Bob Overy's accusation of petty violence, we would repeat: 'At one point during the meeting the police suddenly made a violent attack on the crowd. Our comrades resisted and although some anarchist banners were 'snatched', the anarchists pushed the police back to their starting point.' Petty violence if you like, but if that is your opinion, we can only conclude that you have not taken part in any demonstration, taking a very detached and uninvolved view.

We have read in one paper that there was a scuffle with the police in Whitehall. As the anarchist groups made

their way straight to Trafalgar Square from Hyde Park, at least we cannot be blamed for this 'petty violence'. We must surely apologise for 'distracting attention from a silent vigil outside Downing Street', as Bob Overy puts it, by a handful of Committee of 100 members.

Anthony Arblaster, writing in *Tribune*, thought our attitude towards Stan Orme 'was completely wrong since the presence of MPs saves both the Labour Party and parliamentary democracy from complete discredit among the marchers.' The presence of MPs on the march does not do anything of the sort, as our leaflet pointed out. It only shows what hypocrites they are. They march for one thing and vote for the opposite and that, quite rightly, is why they are discredited. As for those new MPs who joined the march, will they vote against the Government over Vietnam or the Defence Estimates when the time comes?

What is this parliamentary democracy? Did not Attlee say that the decision to make Britain's atomic bomb was made outside Parliament? So much for our elected representatives! We should like to echo Ron Bailey's words, uttered before he was pulled away from the microphone with a certain amount of petty violence on the part of the police. 'He has no right to speak here; he has not spoken in the House against nuclear weapons during the last 18 months.'

We have sent a copy of this editorial to both *Tribune* and *Peace News*.

EDS.

Sheer Bloodymindedness

Dear Friends,

I would like to comment on some of the events during the CND rally in Trafalgar Square on Easter Monday.

While I think it only fair that the organisers should have allowed an anarchist speaker, the behaviour of some of the anarchist contingent was utterly negative and ridiculous. Disregarding the advice of some of us to 'save it for Orme', many comrades decided out of sheer bloodymindedness to heckle every speaker on the platform, and even the folk singers. (I'm surprised they didn't try to heckle the puppet Wilson!) This continued even after the demands for an anarchist speaker were met. However much one may oppose the hypocrisy of the church, to cheer when Guy Carawan mentioned the burning of American negro churches implies approval of the incineration of children—something the demonstration was supposed to be against—and is the act of a cretin.

Regarding those awful but relevant words 'public image', the behaviour in the Square can only have aroused the hostility of all non-anarchists present, and given the impression of a lot of irresponsible children to the general public.

Although I acted in support of those who were attacked by the police (I don't like seeing comrades beaten up, even when they ask for it), I really don't see that anything great is achieved by provoking them with screaming, chanting and waving banners in their faces. Just a mention of Challenor can achieve the same effect without the expenditure of energy.

One old cliché worth repeating is that any fool can start a fists-and-feet fight with the British police who are among the most restrained in the world. It takes a bloody sight more courage to face tear gas, clubs, machine guns and possible death which militants in most countries have to contend with. Continued provocation such as some anarchists are indulging in strengthens the hands of those reactionaries who want

'Vietnam Crisis Stops Bombs'—Daily Mail

A MOVE TO UNSEAT pigeons at the Houses of Parliament began, a jelly-like bird repellent was applied to the Victoria Tower and the Sovereign's Entrance. A plague of rats was reported on the Welsh border. The Queen opened the new Parliament. . . .

IT HAS BEEN DISCLOSED from a Buddhist nunnery in Formosa that a man has been living there for the last sixteen years. Nuns near Bournemouth have been provided with a high wire fence to protect them from golf balls flying over the local links. Twenty Vietnamese nuns and 60 Buddhist monks have offered to burn themselves to death if it would help overthrow Air Vice-Marshal Ky. . . .

A FORMER SOVIET BORDER GUARD died after setting fire to himself outside the Lubyanka prison. He was depressed because he had repeatedly been refused permission to go to Vietnam and fight with the NLF. An American was prevented by police from setting fire to himself in protest against the war in Vietnam, in front of the White House. . . .

AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT of shortage of bombs in Vietnam the US Defense Department discovered that they were buying back bombs sold in West Germany as scrap at 12s., the US was now paying £7 10s. for the bombs which had been bought for the nitrate to use as fertilizers. The Pentagon admitted on Monday that 'a temporary problem of distribution of bombs within the country

had developed'. On Wednesday the American Air Force claimed that an attack by B52 bombers on a mountain pass in Vietnam was the most powerful since the second atomic bomb was dropped at Nagasaki in 1945. Nearly 1,400,000 lbs. of high explosive was dropped. . . .

THE AMERICANS made a nuclear test. The US Department of Agriculture announced that in case of dangerous nuclear fallout strontium 90 could be washed out of wheat with a very weak acid solution, the wheat is then rinsed, drained, centrifuged and dried. . . .

1,750 TONS of contaminated earth were removed in drums from Palomares, Spain, to be buried in the United States. The US Department of Agriculture insisted on increasing the depth of burial owing to the risk of the presence of Spanish insects. . . .

THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER is reported to be visiting Britain to discuss Gibraltar. The *Telegraph* reports that Stuart Christie now serving a 16-year sentence in Spain has been given permission to take General Certificate of Education examinations in his Madrid prison. . . .

SIX CND MARCHERS were remanded in custody on charges arising from a demonstration outside the American Embassy on Easter Monday after they had sung 'We Shall Overcome' in the dock. They were also refused cell visitors. A university lecturer who was in

the dock denied having sung and was allowed bail. A male nurse appearing on charges connected with Trafalgar Square incidents was granted summonses against two police officers. . . .

IN AMERICA the draft boards are said to be introducing an intelligence test for student-draftees, only the 'less promising' students will be taken. A text-book giving a crash course has been published. The selective service system favours, says the *Evening Standard*, 'the clever, the rich and the lucky'. 'The number of conscientious objectors is not yet embarrassing but it may be soon.' The *Guardian* headlines an article on the same subject. 'Draft-dodging in US Now Socially Acceptable.' . . .

A 12-YEAR-OLD BOY in Utah wrote to a Senator: 'Would you please send me some pornography so that I can see what everyone is talking about?' . . .

SUB-HEADING FOR the *People's* feature 'The World of Crime' is 'a regular feature spotlighting the social problem that is, after famine, the most serious facing civilization today'. £2,500 has been spent on Chester Castle Civil Court for the hearing of the 'Bodies on the Moor' case next week. The undersheriff claims that they would have to make the improvements 'in due course' anyway. . . .

DOCTORS AT LONDON HOSPITAL claim to have discovered documents proving that Jack the Ripper was not a practised surgeon. JON QUIXOTE.

Letters

Back to Serious Business

Dear Comrades,

Just a few points to add to *FREEDOM's* Easter reports.

A very successful small scale action took place on Ealing Common. A YCND meeting was being held. Speakers had been invited from 'Young Guard' and 'Keep Left' although neither of these 'Trotskyist' groups were present in anything like the numbers of the anarchists. Since no anarchists had been invited Mervyn Rice (YCND chairman) was approached. When he turned down our request for a speaker the anarchists occupied the speaking area and held an impromptu meeting at which we told a large crowd what we were marching for.

Generally the anarchist meetings at Southall Park, Ealing Common and Hyde Park were very encouraging. After the stupid attempt by a small group to lead the march, the democratic and reasonable conduct of these meetings was a welcome indication of the commonsense of most of the anarchist contingent.

Another refreshing sign is that anarchist banners appeared to be far less

to increase the power of the police. Present encroachments upon civil liberties are bad enough without their becoming regular national policy, and the libertarian left is in no position just now to combat any increasingly totalitarian steps.

Finally, if comrades were fed up with the Aldermaston-type ritual, they could have taken the trouble to go north to the Scottish march which, for all its faults, was a slightly more imaginative Easter project. This would have been more constructive than trying to break up the London one. I suppose it is asking a bit too much of some people to think beyond London and the Midlands in the scope of their activities. The true freedom which is Anarchism rests essentially upon the self-discipline of the individual (let's face it, we're not perfect and some discipline is necessary in running our lives) instead of that imposed by the State, and there has been precious little of it this Easter.

Yours fraternally,
Aylesbury, Bucks. FORBES BROWNE.

REPORT ON PROVO

ENGLAND FIRST HEARD of 'Provo' at the Royal Wedding in Amsterdam when extensive press and television coverage was given to the demonstrations against the unpopular marriage of Princess Beatrix and an ex-Nazi. As we already know these demonstrations were the same as the 'Frederika demonstrations' in England plus smoke bombs, but with even more police brutality. This demonstration was carried out by an organisation of young people called Provo.

In England the majority of people who knew anything at all thought of Provo as a Dutch anarchist group along with De Vreje; I, too, thought somewhere along these lines until I came to Holland. Now, what do I think? I don't know, how can I when Provo themselves don't know. What I have done is to gather facts and put them together to try to form an opinion of Provo.

Provo is an organisation of beatniks and students who are deliberately setting themselves out to provoke the State and the people. Unlike the 'Scots against War' who use direct action as a means of bringing about an end, provocation and sabotage is the end for the Provo. There is no organisation in Great Britain that could be compared with Provo, but they could be defined as 'political Mods and Rockers'. Although some call themselves anarchists, they know nothing about anarchy and have certainly never heard of Bakunin or Malatesta. Provo also has leaders who no self-respecting anarchist would tolerate. I interviewed Provo members from Holland, Belgium and France and received different ideas of what Provo was from each one. Although there are a small minority who are genuine pacifists and anarchists, the majority are simply

troublemakers (the word Provo is an abbreviation of Provocateur), but even after this criticism they must not be condemned.

These young people live in a narrow-minded, Calvinistic nation. Their upbringing is extremely sheltered and on top of this they live in a police state which makes English police seem gentle in comparison. Can we blame them for breaking away?

Police brutality is rampant, they use guns, sticks, and steel-edged whips. Since the Royal Wedding, *Habeas Corpus* has been dropped and you can be imprisoned for three days without reason. Last year at a sit-down protest at a military base the police sadistically kicked the demonstrators and stacked them four deep in lorries. A pregnant woman was kicked in the stomach and Fascist youths were allowed by the police to participate against the protesters with knuckledusters. When the Easter march in Holland reached Amsterdam they intended to hold a rally but it was suppressed by an army of policemen equipped with every type of small conventional weapon available. Did the Allies get rid of the Nazis in Europe for Holland to appoint its own? Can you blame these youths for being frustrated, for resorting to vandalism, violence and hooliganism against such a Fascist state. If Provo realise it is demonstrating in the wrong way it will one day become a first-class organisation with a genuine case.

I would like to point out, in order to avoid confusion, that these Provos are not to be connected with the Dutch magazine *Provo* and its small group of followers who are genuine anarchists.

Holland

RONALD GEAVES.

prominent at this year's stupid stunt at the US Embassy than they were at last year's stupid stunt at Downing Street. It seems that some comrades are realising that the job of anarchists is to talk to the people and not to compete with kiddy Stalinists in shouting slogans at deserted buildings, unseen by the public.

Finally a couple of notes on the rôle of the bureaucracy. Monday's *Evening Standard* reported that the anarchists attempted to bar the way of the march. Since this statement is, of course, absolute rot it would be interesting to know if Duff & Co. fed this line to the press as they did in 1963.

Secondly, the part played by Tony McCarthy is worthy of record. Long-known in YCND as front man for the Duff-Sanity' clique, he excelled himself this Easter. After co-operating with the police in the arrest of Del Foley, when CND had allowed an anarchist speaker, McCarthy followed our comrade by saying 'back to serious business' (i.e. giving a platform to MPs).

Yours fraternally,
Southall, Middx. ROGER SANDELL.

New Federation

Dear Comrades,

Wandsworth Libertarian Youth and South-East London Anarchists feel that there is a necessity for better co-ordination between the Libertarian grouping and individuals in South London, and we propose, firstly, a federation of South and South-East London Libertarians, and secondly, the publication of a bulletin called 'CATALYST'.

We hope all comrades will co-operate with us in this. So could all comrades send any ideas to the address below.

Yours fraternally,
CHRISTINE HUTTON,
(on behalf of WLY and
SE London Anarchists)

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Ford's Honeymoon is Over

FORD'S MANAGEMENT have developed a new method of attack against their workers, it is a new attack because they are attempting to contact them, not with the union but despite it.

Ford's managing director has sent letters to 48,000 hourly paid workers explaining why the firm wants to change its wages structure. Discussions between management and unions have broken down on this issue after many lengthy sessions.

The Ford plan is to invite independent consultants to prepare a completely different wage structure. The present set-up is four grades of workers: skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled and women. I suppose women come under the category of 'No coloured or dogs need apply'.

Some of the unions are opposed to the Ford proposals on principle probably because they doubt the word 'independent'. Others want the 3d. an hour differential recently paid out to some sections, paid to all, then start talking about a new wages structure. A further point was made that all increases resulting from the enquiry should be retrospective to which Ford's were opposed.

As a result of the length of the negotiations with no progress, industrial action is again creeping up on the Ford management. It has

been their proud boast, that since that *Black Day* in 1962 when 17 militants were sacked, industrial relations have improved 100%. For four years Ford workers have more or less buckled under to the Ford management because, let's face it, a kick in the guts that they took in '62 needs four years to effect a recovery.

In the last four years the management at Ford's have strengthened their front-line defence, they have laid special emphasis on improving the quality of their shop floor supervisors. In other words they have reinforced their 'right to manage'. This, the unions welcome as it relieves them of the responsibility of discipline. Only when the 'right to manage' is challenged by the workers in any way no matter how insignificant, will any real progress be made.

LITTLE SWEDEN

ON LOOKING at the proposed procedural agreement for Fairfields I thought for a moment that this shipyard had been transferred to Sweden.

Thirteen unions are involved at Fairfields, why thirteen or in fact why any has me puzzled. The management to all intents and purposes intends to keep a paternal eye on the workers, even to the extent of collecting their union dues, this ensures that the union coffers are up to strength. I will admit it is a terrible responsibility having to pay one's union dues every week.

Promotion to foreman or higher supervisory rank will be the management's prerogative, but it is prepared to consult the unions if they feel it is necessary—Big Deal.

The management has also decided to take an important part in the training of shop stewards, including paying their wages and expenses while they attend courses or even seven-day schools. Shop stewards will also be given a room of their own and will be allowed to leave their work to deal with union matters.

A new central joint council is to be formed with one executive-level

member from each union, three representatives from the management and a chairman nominated by the management. There will also be a standing sub-committee of the joint council which will consider any dispute involving two or more members within a maximum time of ten days. The sub-committee's main function will be to deal with demarcation disputes.

Fairfields management have agreed to closed shop union membership for all newly recruited labour. The price to be paid for this set-up is the guaranteeing by the unions that production will not be stopped or hindered in any way until the procedures laid down have been exhausted. I do not know the full procedure, but will hazard a guess that it has many twists and turns, so that an official stoppage in practice is virtually impossible. It probably looks all very democratic and proper on paper.

The general secretary of the boilermakers section of the Boilermakers Society describes the agreement as 'revolutionary'. I suppose it is but the 'selling of souls' is gradually becoming the fashion, in the printing industry it has become the high priest of fashion.

of sympathy outside the industry. Hundreds are still on strike hoping to force the smaller growers to fall in.

The AFL-CIO took part in the discussions between IFWA and Schenley and they would like IFWA to affiliate to their farming section. Affiliation would mean strength in numbers, but the price to be paid would be enormous.

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

FREEDOM IN THE CITY

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING BUSYHAM—KEEP LEFT—B1127143 BUSYHAM WEST—NO THROUGH ROAD.

As our car crawls into Busyham the traffic-lights turn red. Our guide had warned us of these hypnotic signals. The natives are either scared of them or worship them or both. They are quick to obey them in any case.

KEEP LEFT—ONE WAY STREET. But that's the opposite way to which we have to go! Watch out for that man blowing a whistle! What's that sign say? NO WAITING FROM 9 a.m. TILL 6 p.m.

Well, we can't stop to ask directions. Our car crawls on into the metal and concrete jungle.

3d. OFF. BUY SOME TODAY!

Whatever for? We can't stop the car anyhow. Hey! There's a turning to the right. POSITIVELY NO ENTRY.

Oh! Our car ploughs onward. There's a parking space! Quick, stop the car! PUT TWO SHILLINGS IN SLOT.

Maybe it'll give us a map or something?

Nothing. Must be out of order. Hey, look at this! Two shillings entitles us to so much parking time! Big deal!

I say! Can you tell us how to get to... oh, it's only a statue.

FREEDOM

For Workers' Control

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Nationalisation and Workers' Control

DURING RECENT YEARS there has been a revival and a renewed discussion of workers' control. From our point of view, as Anarchists, I feel this is a welcome development, but at the same time, one must view this discussion with a great deal of scepticism and suspicion, for the ideas being put forward are different from the Anarchist interpretation of workers' control.

'Left Wing' publications such as *The Voice*, *The Week*, and *Newsletter* are all peddling the same tune of nationalisation under workers' control. Another group with their paper *Labour Worker* calls for 'public ownership under full workers' control'. To Anarchists, this term workers' control, means a replacement of the capitalist industrial system and the abolition of the State, the latter being paramount to Anarchists.

NATIONALISATION A FAILURE

This is not the first time that Socialists have used this term to try to patch up or conceal the total failure of nationalisation. In fact the Bolsheviks did the same thing and this only turned out as State control of industry. The contradiction that Socialists fail to see is that the State, by its very nature, cannot legislate for workers' control. The very term itself is self-explanatory.

The Voice group have drawn up a policy for the docks. They say that the industry should be brought under the ownership of a single national port authority, which would have the power to operate the docks. With this nationalisation, the 50% of the seats now occupied by private employers on the National Dock Labour Board would disappear. A structure of workers' councils, elected by the trade unions, would take over the functions and power of the NDLB. Further to their policy, they say, 'That the NPA and the trade unions (would) be responsible for negotiating wages and conditions in the industry. That the workers' councils, in addition to their direct and complete self-management powers in the area previously occupied by the NDLB should be given complete access to all delibera-

tions, decisions and accounts to the NPA with powers and duties to report back to the port workers, and with power of appeal to Parliament against decisions of the NPA.'

The thing that stands out like a sore thumb in all this is the power of the NPA. Who will make up this authority, are they to be elected and will there be any right of recall? Nothing is mentioned about this. The workers' councils might be able to have 'complete access to all deliberations', etc., but even after all this has failed, we are back to Parliament again.

This scheme will not achieve workers' control, only a certain amount of job control. But as with all forms of nationalisation, whether under 'workers' control' or not, power is concentrated and wielded by one strong employer, namely the State. Some advocates of nationalisation say this is a step towards workers' control and that it brings certain benefits, such as a proper set of safety regulations in the coal mines. Fair enough, but strong union organisation could bring the same thing. Nationalisation can never lead to workers' control because no State machine is going to give up its power just like that. The State does not wither away, it has to be overthrown and abolished.

NOT JUST AN IDEAL

The aim of workers must surely be to work towards a society where they run and control the industries they work in. This is not just an ideal or something in the far, distant future, but something to work towards now. No political party or trade union leadership can bring it about. It has to be done by workers themselves at their jobs, for here is the place to build up strong union organisation, which does not rely on officials and procedure but is based on the rank and file and the shop stewards.

It is up to these rank-and-file-based organisations to gain as much job control as possible; for more control over the actual work processes brings not only better conditions, but also a whole change in relationships. There should be a co-operative instead of a competitive motive, which, given hard work and propaganda, could lead to a movement among workers which sees not only the benefits of job control, but also wants workers' control and no boss.

Workers in fact run industry and society at the present time. If the productive worker was to disappear tomorrow, then society would soon grind to a halt. But workers and the means of production and distribution are controlled by a minority. Further nationalisation of certain industries, such as the docks, will only serve to strengthen this ruling class, for it only concentrates monopolistic power and furthers capitalism. A Labour Government would not want to nationalise the giant monopoly of ICI, but it would certainly consider doing it in the docks, with its multitude of employers. Although the Devlin Committee did not recommend nationalisation, that being outside their terms of reference, they did recommend a drastic reduction in the number of employers.

Nationalisation and monopoly industries only unite and strengthen the ruling class, as I have said previously. The alternative is a movement to achieve workers' control. I feel there is an unconscious desire for this, which is expressed in the very large number of disputes which involve issues of job control. It is our job, as anarchists, to change this to a conscious desire for workers' control. P.T.

MARTIN DACE.

Contact Column

Job/Girl/Country. 16-year-old comrade (working-girl, not student) with problem parent (widow) seeks permanent job in country. Preferably near some Peace/Political Activity evenings and weekends. Anything considered. Contact through Peter Neville, 12 South Grove, Erdington, Birmingham, 23, urgently.

May-Day outing. Spanish comrades taking coach to Woburn Abbey. Telephone S. Portales. WIL 1076.

Anarchist Badges. Red and Black Nuclear Disarmament badges 9d. each, 12 for 5/-, 50 for £1. all post free from Birmingham Anarchist Group. Gordon Causar, 27 Upper Gungate, Tamworth, Staffs.

North West. Regional Conference and May Day Demonstration in Manchester, April 30 and May 1. Social on Saturday night. Accommodation available. All interested, please write for full details. Ian Smith, 20 Nora Street, Salford, 7, Lancs.

Underground Poets. Jim Burns, David Chaloner, Dave Cunliffe, and Tina Morris reading 8 p.m. Monday, May 2, Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester.

Accommodation Offered. To responsible person in return for taking child to school some days and a (very) little housework. Write 15 Pennine Mansions, Pennine Drive, Golders Green, N.W.11 or phone MEA 1872.

Money? Still needed to pay for AFB march leaflet 'Where Are All the Young Ones Gone?' Money to Peter Turner, c/o Freedom Press.

Accommodation. Young couple seeking accommodation in West or NW London with view to communal flat. Not too expensive. Grateful for any type of reply. Box 27.

West End Central. Would anyone who has been charged at WEC Police-station or heard at Marlborough Street, write Box 26 giving details of (a) Prosecuting officer, (b) nature and circumstances of offence, (c) dates, (d) name of Magistrate, (e) plea, (f) findings. Thank you.

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