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LABOUR'S TORY POLICY FOR ADEN

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by Mr. George Brown that the Government is to give another £10m. in military and civil aid to the South Arabian Federation, in addition to the earlier guarantee of £50m., must have been a very pleasant surprise to the Tories. Duncan Sandys even said that he thought he was listening to himself. Even in foreign policy, the Labour Government is proving more blue than the Tories themselves. The Labour Government of 1945-51 was no exception, but memories are notoriously short.

Mr. Brown also said that Britain was to leave the Aden colony and its associated protectorates of South Arabia on January 9 of next year. This military and civil aid, together with an external 'deterrent force' of V bombers and a Royal Navy aircraft carrier, is being given to bolster up a non-representative Federal Government. This Government, optimistically, is to prepare for a new constitution of full adult suffrage in time to hold free elections in 1971.

However, soon after these announcements were made at Westminster, Federal Government troops mutinied. Although the two are not linked, the mutineers could not have chosen a more embarrassing moment, for these are the troops who are to defend the Federation against attacks from nationalist organisations. If there is so much dissension, it seems highly unlikely that they will be able to maintain 'law and order' after the British troops have departed. Even now British troops have been forced out of the Crater area of Aden and the nationalist commandos are in control of the district. The armed Federal police in this area are co-operating with the nationalists.

Adeni members of the Federal

STUART CHRISTIE

WE HEAR THAT Stuart was hastily transferred to another prison. This could be in connection with the trial of the five Spanish anarchists or it could be the result of the new interest shown in Stuart's case by the press (articles lately appeared in the *Sunday Times*, *The Times*, *Daily Mail* and the *Scottish Press*).

Stuart's 21st birthday is on July 10 and letters should be sent to Stuart Christie, Talleres Penitenciales, de Alcala de Henares, Provincia de Madrid, Spain. Lewisham Anarchists are sending him a birthday cake.

His mother would like to visit Stuart as soon as possible. £80 is needed for the fare.

A deputation of MPs are to see the Foreign Minister about Stuart. A Scottish newspaper has reported (we have not seen the cutting—readers please oblige!) that the British Government is going to act at last.

M.H.

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THE RECENT TRIAL of two members of the Rolling Stones, a successful group of pop musicians, raises many problems for anarchists.

This is the bare out-line of the case.

On February 5, the *News of the World* began a series on 'Pop stars and drugs'. Mick Jagger (of the Rolling Stones) on the Monday served a writ on the newspaper for alleged libel.

The whole of the following week members and friends of the Rolling Stones were followed by private detectives. Keith Richard (of the Rolling Stones) held a party the following weekend at his home in West Sussex. Amongst his guests were two financiers' sons, a Chelsea layabout, Marianne Faithfull (the singer), and other members of the pop world plus a Moroccan servant.

There was also a David Sneiderman present. The defence at the trial said that he was 'planted' by the *News of the World*. This was denied by the newspaper which called it a 'monstrous suggestion'. Nevertheless they admit to 'shopping' the Rolling Stones; this was their public duty.

The trial was held at Chichester Quarter Sessions with Judge Block presiding. Keith Richard was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for permitting his home to be used for the smoking of cannabis resin, Mick Jagger was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for possessing four tablets of benzedrine, and Robert Hugh Fraser (one of the guests, an art dealer and son of Lionel Fraser, the banker) was sentenced to six months imprisonment for being in possession of 24 tablets of heroin.

This was a sensational trial. There was a woman present (Marianne Faithfull) who was in the nude! naked!—with only a bath towel to cover her lovely body! Nevertheless she had to be taken upstairs to be searched! (A glance would not suffice — or were they re-enacting the famous passage from *Candide*?).

There was the description by the police of the effect of hashish which they thought was easily observable: people who smoke look happy. Then there was the smell; it was similar to burning hay.

In other words the whole thing was a farce.

Public indignation was immense and instantaneous and it is not abated by the bailing of the two Rolling Stones at £7,000 each, pending an appeal. There is no bail for Fraser.

Fraser has been in prison since

Should we Defend the Stones?

June 30 (date of trial not in report).

Spontaneous demonstrations were held at the weekend in Piccadilly Circus and in Bouverie Street where the *News of the World* prints (FLE 3030).

Police were amazed by the sudden crowds of young people who emptied out of the jazz-clubs (UFO, Tiles and The Marquee) at midnight and made their way to Fleet Street. As usual many anarchists were present.

Telegrams of protest were sent to Roy Jenkins. The Who (another pop group) bought advertising space in the *Evening Standard* which said: 'SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. The Who consider Mick Jagger and Keith Richard have been treated as scapegoats for the drug problem.' They also announced that they are issuing Jagger/Richard songs until they are free to record themselves.

In other words public indignation is immense. This is of course a step in the right direction. It is good that the public's eye is opened to the judicial system, the role of the police and the double-standards of papers like the *News of the World*. Our instantaneous reaction was exactly the same as those young people's who protested against the sentences.

But before we lose our sense of proportion, we must discuss my opening question. Are we to defend the rights of millionaires, of financiers to live as they please, Moroccan servants and all?

Are we to defend their pop culture, their beautiful life, their intellectual freedom?

We must admit that in a world of capitalist money-grubbing and property-owning we do not begrudge a Chaplin his wealth—the Jagers are lovely people, rather than the putrid Monkees (another pop

group) or Cliff Richard (puke).

But it is not music like Miles Davies's. Perhaps we sympathise with the Jagers because we feel that they would fit in an anarchist society with or without money.

I don't know. But would you join me in a march for the release of Fraser, a financier's son with a Moroccan servant, who is nevertheless a 'libertarian'? Many people think that heroin is 'different' so this may confuse the issue.

I agree with the 'Who' that the Rolling Stones are used as a scapegoat for the drug problem by the Government which is acting out of 'moral' considerations relying on the Brain Committee's recommendations which, if implemented, will cause chaos, ill-treatment and tragedy on an unimaginable scale. The treatment centres that they are proposing need staff — where will they get them? As Hugo Young said in the *Sunday Times*:

'They will clearly need to be run by a large team of highly qualified experts. But no extra money is given and no social worker knows where the specialists are to be found. In fact, perhaps the most qualified collection of experts is the handful of unorthodox GPs which the Bill seeks to run out of business.'

Before it is too late, everybody concerned must read and discuss the criticism of the Brain Report (written by one of the unorthodox GPs) that appeared in *Anarchy* (No. 60).

We must join the immediate struggle but we must not abandon a sense of proportion.

We must wish all the defendants well in this particular fight without withdrawing a single criticism that we must make. They may join us at the barricades from time to time — whenever they do, they are welcome!

IT'S A DEAD LIBERTY!

ON FRIDAY, June 23, the National Secular Society held a public forum on 'Censorship' at Caxton Hall, London. It was all doubtless good stuff but one was left with a vague dissatisfaction. One or two things were said which seemed not quite anarchistic, in fact not even libertarian. One also came away from the Annual General Meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties with the same vague sense of disquiet. It is not only that these worthy bodies (the NSS and the NCCL) are part of that stage army of the good who devotedly tramp on to the scene to protest about religious persecution in

Andorra or detention of Lichtenstein subjects at Heathrow, but one feels they are not even playing their part rightly.

The National Secular Society has one phrase in its hand-out about censorship which highlights the contradiction. 'The Society (The NSS) is active in the campaigns for... freedom from unjustified censorship' (my italics). The resolutions which failed to get through at the National Council for Civil Liberties were those about Stuart Christie, drug-taking and the closed shop in trade unions. Playwrights have welcomed the news that a Royal Commission has suggested that the Lord Chamberlain should no longer have the power to censor plays: it should be left to the police! John Calder (who spoke at the NSS meeting) has been criticized by some (in *FREEDOM* too) for exercising a capitalistic 'censorship' in respect of American works for which he owns the British copyright. We can see here the self-styled defenders of liberty hedging, choosing their areas of liberty, settling for the lesser evil and denying liberty itself in some particular spheres.

We know, of course, that these people are not anarchists so one is not surprised when they do not carry many of their excellent ideas to their logical conclusion but one is surprised when one finds a reactionary idea in the midst of all the highflown rhetoric about freedom.

For example, NSS conference speakers endorsed laws against sedition, libel and the corruption of minors. One NSS speaker also had a good word to say for legislation against horror comics but he

confessed himself disappointed in the operation of the Race Relations Act. Approval was also expressed for the Public Order Act. This all ignores the obvious fact that hardly any act of Parliament of this nature is used for the purpose which the well-meaning and right-thinking progressives intended it. The reference by the NSS to 'unjustifiable' (and the Free Art Legal Fund to 'irresponsible') censorship, begs the question. In his own eyes the censor is highly justifiable and thoroughly responsible. Much censorship is, in fact, to protect us against sedition and libel and our dear young ones against corruption.

The NCCL had its reservations about Stuart Christie partly because they were a national not an international organization. On drug-takers and non-trade-unionists they were definitely lukewarm and there was at least one speech asking for limitations on immigration owing to rising unemployment.

The theatre managements who (like the publishers), are the ultimate censor, think the abolition of the Lord Chamberlain's office will mean trouble because they are quite liable to rehearse and mount a production and then find the police close it down after the first night. The censorship exercised by theatrical management will be more severe since they won't want to risk their capital on new risky productions.

John Calder at the NSS meeting betrayed a little confusion in saying that we live in a frivolous society but 'the Victorians were right to put some restraints upon their nature, for example, social legislation'. Unfortunately, he cannot help being a capitalist and his protestations for civil liberty do not

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CHINESE H-BOMB TEST

WAR AND WAR preparations are aspects of each other. The Chinese testing of an H-Bomb is one more step on the road to war. It puts the Chinese Government in the same moral (i.e. immoral) bracket as those Governments that have already tested their Bombs—the US, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France. None of them has any ground for complaint.

We condemn the Chinese tests in the same way as we have condemned all the others—from the point of view of people as distinct from their Governments. As usual people will suffer through the power-mania of their masters.

The Chinese Government believes that 'political power comes out of the barrel of a gun', and so do all other Governments. They camouflage it as 'defence'.

For our own part, we are against all Bombs. We have made this clear in countless actions in the past and intend to make it equally clear in future.

The new development in China raises the stakes in Vietnam. Vietnam remains the main issue. We remain to securing peace in Vietnam through the withdrawal of all foreign troops.

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ONE HAS ALWAYS chosen to believe that the supreme artist was the inspired workman, the master craftsman who gave to the common muted metal of the workshop the unique touch of personal inspiration. The Michelangelo working upon the dull marble, a Dürer working into the copper plate, a Cellini creating divine table ware for kings and coins for the moneychangers. And when kings and popes and moneychangers share the same common dust, and the works of the master craftsmen become their only claim for our attention in that they provided the base stones and metals for the hands of genius to transmute. But the economics of an affluent middle-class society has little use for art on an heroic scale and their demand for swift amusement produces an art form that can only reflect the sad souls of the entrepreneur society.

While the unfortunate Robert Fraser, of the Fraser Gallery, is now imprisoned as an object lesson by the very society to which he played host for its aesthetic needs, one of his star performers is now exhibiting at the Hanover Gallery at 32a George Street, W.1. Like the moral and intellectual values of those who write out the cheques for most of the rubbish that is daily hawked in the chromium mile of Bond Street, it is a secondhand art that owes less to the named performer than to the anonymous craftsman who, in true Carnaby Street style, turned the debris and trivia of another society into the worthless Grails for a middle class who profess to despise the values of the past, do not understand the present, and fear the future.

One has a right to feel bitter when viewing the screen prints that bear Eduardo Paolozzi's name. Paolozzi's sole claim for signing these excellent screen prints rests on the shallow claim that in the beginning he assembled the collages from which the craftsman worked. Taken as collages they would hardly stir an eyebrow in any small-time amateur exhibition, for they are but a neat and prissy lay-out of cuttings from comics and mass circulation magazines. In the highly-priced and commercially printed catalogue, Paolozzi may try to pull a Colin Wilson by grabbing at the shirt tails of the illustrious dead of Wittgenstein and company and he may inform the limited readership of the catalogue that the artist is now moving into the role of producer, but I will hold that when people buy one of these screen prints they will, at that future date, buy it in the honest belief that it is a screen print run off by Eduardo Paolozzi—and to justify their belief is the simple fact that each screen carries Paolozzi's signature when in actual fact, so the Gallery informs me, each screen print was the work of an unknown workman using Paolozzi's slight collages as a basis for his work. If any name should be on these prints it is the name of the workman who made the prints, but if that had been so, then the economic value of these prints would be but a fraction of the prices that they now sell for, for the value of this well-produced trivia lies in the unfortunate use of Paolozzi's name.

Across the road at the Piccadilly Gallery at 16a Cork Street, W.1, are a collection of prints from the hands of Lewin Bassingthwaite and here we have a true marriage of artist and workman in the harsh and sour beauty of these works, and I would hold that it do Mr. Paolozzi and the staff of

ROUND THE GALLERIES

the Hanover Gallery well to take a brief and well-needed lesson in the art and craft of personal reproduction.

Any footwear fetishist with a loose hour to kill can find a rewarding viewing at the Tooth Gallery of 31 Bruton Street, W.1, where Allen Jones is showing his latest excursion into the small world of pop art. Against a background of flat ice-cream wagon colours, Jones has painted a series of lower legs whose unknown owners are forced to stand tip toe in those shoes whose high heels were once confined to small notice boards in Old Compton Street.

If that's your kick, then enjoy a gay half hour, but never sneer at the comic postcards that fill the shops at seaside resorts. What these Bond Street pop paintings and the coach party comic

postcards have in common is the same use of flat bright colours, the same use of sexual subject matter, and the same disregard for the third dimension. Where they differ is that the comic postcard is cheap, small and sexually honest, while Jones's paintings are large, highly priced, sexually sour and, like Paolozzi's collages, the excuse for a farrago of tinkle toe technological crap and mindless philosophical high talk, while the basic third rateness of the original work is deliberately ignored. Take them as high-priced Bond Street comic postcards and the matter is at an end but quote me Wittgenstein and the uses of cybernetics once more and they earn their lumpenproletarian raspberry.

At a time when so many people are under attack by the State, one would have

held that the natural fratricidal attitude that we all love to indulge in should, if not for mercy's sake, then for sheer survival's sake, be allowed to lie dormant for a brief while. By all means let us hate each other publicly and loudly, but when any man or group is forced by the State to stand in the public dock to defend those principles that we love to discuss, then for pity's sake let us put away our long knives and form a united front for we can always brawl after the inquest. On July 19, Gustav Metzger and John Sharkey must stand in the dock at the Old Bailey for arranging an indecent exhibition. The following have formed the defence committee if required: Amaya, Brooks, Carroll, Cornford, Fryer, Hamilton, Kasmin, Lasky, Logue, Penrose, Read, Russell, Townsend, Tynan and Waddington. The treasurer is Lucie-Smith, c/o The Institute of Contemporary Arts, 17 Dover Street, W.1. Remember this address; for your help is needed.

ARTHUR MOYSE.

ANGRY ARTS

TO PROTEST AGAINST American policy in Vietnam and the British Government's support for this policy, an Angry Arts week was held in London at the Round House. This was organised in a matter of weeks by an admirably active group of American residents in London. Although their aim is too limited from an anarchist point of view, their methods of organisation are libertarian.

These American boys and girls have an amazing drive, ability to co-operate and self-reliance. Within days they have transformed Arnold Wesker's pig-sty into a reasonably clean place, they wired up the place, brightened it with paint, built a stage and attended to the many details of organisation that such a vast enterprise involved. Here was anarchist action put into action—and none of them is an anarchist! They all chipped in and had a lot to lose—Wesker's cut was £750 (!) and the advertising bill was also crippling. But by Friday they broke even

and now they have the money to continue their campaign and to establish a permanent office.

It was a week of many artistic delights. I was most moved by Dennie Abse's poem about the birth of a child. (A pity we never print poems—this would be a must!) Also memorable was George Melly's own protest, a limited one but heartfelt, about the sentencing to prison of the Rolling Stones.

Peter Watkins made a very disturbing speech about intellectuals' unconcern for the real problems and predicted a nuclear war within the next 15 years. He looked ill and isolated.

James Cameron showed his film *Eye Witness in Vietnam* and talked about the abrupt orders he received at six in the morning to leave N. Vietnam when the night before he was sumptuously entertained by Pham Van Dong, the N. Vietnam Premier and Ho Chi Minh. Does this mean they are not the real rulers? R.

Be-in Success

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17 we decided to stage a repeat of the be-in held on June 3, with two ideas in mind—through the fun and games, to draw more young people into our anarchist task of building a free and happy alternative to the alienation and unhappiness of the present authoritarian society, and initiate a campaign for the provision of adequate play space for the local children. Banners and placards were set up, sweets, biscuits, Oxfam and Vietnam leaflets were distributed, copies of FREEDOM sold. The children enjoyed themselves, and we discussed with their parents and passers-by. A policeman went into a nearby shop but did not address us.

However, a bit later, four more of the same appeared, together with a 'request' to move on—there had been complaints, there was an illegal gathering.

They would not say who had complained, and muttered about the desirability of a few arrests; they were told that no one was in charge. On being told that we needed permission from the Chief Inspector, we said we would go and get the permission right away; but came back the reply, the Chief Inspector would not see anyone, and anyway permission should be applied for in writing.

When they told one of the kids to go and blow his bubbles elsewhere, we asked whether this was illegal, and some went down to the police station to enquire; the man behind the counter said it was nothing to do with him. The rest sang a mixture of 'Bandera Rosa' and 'Yellow Submarine', and offered sweets and biscuits to the police; they refused the food and didn't join in the singing.

LEE ANARCHISTS.

IT'S A DEAD LIBERTY!

Continued from page 1 square with the iron law of profits which entails the forbidding of the importation of, say, books 'X' or 'Y' which we have at Freedom Bookshop in stock.

We live in a society which has a built-in tendency to neutrality and conformity. Peter Watkins at the NSS pointed this out with special reference to television. It could be stated that television is one of the methods of imposing neutrality and conformity. The hippies are a reaction to this. Some might feel it is an over-reaction.

It is not my function in this article to investigate the "drug caper"—others will do that, but this is a symptom of a progressive decline in liberty. The patient has so many symptoms that he should be dead! The shifty evasions of the Government and the Opposition on the Homosexuality Bill and the Abortion Bill; the acceptance by the press of the necessity of 'D' notices only to quarrel about how they should be imposed; a commonsense suggestion that a Birmingham municipal brothel should be founded; the absence of search warrants in police searches; the invasions of privacy; the closed TV circuit for shoplifters; the acquisition of the police of gas-guns for non-use against mobs; all these items picked out in a week's newspapers show the sickness of our society which is the calm acceptance of the necessity for the slow deterioration of liberty.

The basic facts are, that the more populated the areas, the more crime there is. The more property, the more crime (the motor-car is the major factor in a majority of crimes). The more laws, the more crimes. The more police, the more crime.

We are in a vicious circle constructed by the State and private property. We can only break through that circle by seeing that the liberty of the few is also the liberty of the many. 'Liberty,' as Rosa Luxemburg said, 'is the liberty of those who think differently.' It is those we must guard.

JACK ROBINSON.

WE GO TO PRESS ON MONDAY. LATEST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF MSS., LETTERS, MEETING NOTICES IS THE MONDAY IN EACH WEEK OF PUBLICATION.

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Comrades Need Help

IN FREEDOM (8.4.67) appeared the story of five anarchists who, on the morning of March 28, were, following an incident in Cressingham Road, Lewisham, arrested on completely false charges of assaulting the police and using insulting words. They were of course convicted* but two of them, Dave Biggs (two assaults and (insulting word) appeared from sentences of £7 10s. and £3 respectively. These appeals were hindered at every turn by the Woolwich Court, which refused legal aid—case said to be not serious enough, apply to the higher court—and this aid was refused without reason by the higher court. One rather odd incident illustrates this: Dave went down five times to the court to get a transcript of the hearing, which he had been told in court he would be able to get; told to find 10/- for it, he did so, went down, was asked for the money, said he would give it for a receipt, and was then told that the station had no receipts!

At the London Quarter Sessions on June 21, one McLeay dismissed their appeal. Dave was given three months in a detention centre plus 10 gns. costs, Terry 25 gns. costs, both in addition to their previous sentences. These centres, and the treatment meted out in them, have been exposed by *Solidarity*. Their aim is to crush the mental and physical resistance of those unfortunate enough to be forcibly removed there; beatings are common, the places being little more than conscripted military camps, and could easily cause a nervous breakdown (Dave had had a nervous breakdown

not long before his arrest).

At 18, Dave has been active in the peace movement for three years, was a founder member of the Lewisham Anarchist Group, and is active on the site where he works as a carpenter. He will almost certainly lose his job and his room, and will see very few of his friends for the next three months, precious little even of his girl friend.

We were deeply shocked and upset at the sentence, although as anarchists we should have expected it. We intend to fight back; we are following up slim chances of getting him out, and are trying to safeguard the few rights still left him; we have plans to help for when he comes out. More generally, we are going to start a campaign in the local press and the national left wing press, and have discussed some demonstration plans. Terry cannot afford to pay, and donations towards his fine and costs, and Dave's also, would be much appreciated. To this end we have set up an Aid Fund, c/o Lewisham Group address. Messages of solidarity would also be welcome.

This case is not exceptional, 'errors' occur in the courts every day, but it does serve to remind us that in a sick authoritarian state there is no place for the freedom of individuals. Dave and Terry are individuals and comrades. That is why we ask for your help.

LEWISHAM ANARCHISTS.

*On uncorroborated police evidence.

Zionism

I DON'T DOUBT that there are fanatics who would like Israel to swallow up the whole of the Middle East. There are always a few lunatics associated with every political and social movement. Is it fair though for Anne-Marie Fearon to denounce Zionism as such, as imperialist and fascist? A. J. Balfour's statement is of course monstrous, but is it a bad thing in itself for Jewish or any other minority to want a place of their own?

The tragedy of the Israel situation is that there are two wronged peoples involved, the Jews persecuted and harried in Western Europe for long centuries, and the Palestinian Arabs, who have been driven from their homeland in order to provide a refuge for the Jews.

However, the present Israelis have shown that it is possible to cultivate the desert, and if people were only prepared to act rationally it should be possible to develop Israel so that it could support both Jews and Arabs. Even from a purely power-political point of view, a combination of Jews and Arabs surely makes sense. Israel, as she is, is a small country, dependent to some degree on the United States, while the Arabs are used by either the Russians, or the West, to further their respective ambitions.

Israeli agricultural and technological know-how, and Arab wealth, from oil, should surely make an unbeatable combination. Neither Judaism nor Islam are as intolerant in religious matters as Christianity was in its heyday. Until quite recent times Jews lived quite safely in Moslem countries, and Judaism has not been a persecuting faith since Old Testament times.

And for what it's worth, Jews and Arabs are both Semites, or more or less.

With regard to Jeff Robinson's article, there is one point I should like to make. The Arab leaders' aim probably was not the physical extermination of every Israeli, but surely there can be little doubt that, had the Arabs over-run Israel, there would have been a considerable slaughter, not only of combatants but of civilians. This might not have meant the total extermination of the people of Israel, but it would have meant another pogrom of the Jews. Naturally the Israelis did not want this to happen. With the wisdom of hindsight we can now see that there was little danger of this, but I personally was surprised that the Arabs put up such a 'poor show', since they had the campaigns of 1948 and 1956 to learn from. I thought it was going to be a long struggle, going on for years, which Israel might quite possibly lose.

The big powers, USA, Britain and Russia, are simply exploiting Jews and Arabs alike, and have been doing so for some time. The only way to stop this is a union of all the Middle Eastern peoples to develop their own region of the world for their own interests.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR W. ULOTH.

Letters

IT Defended

Dear Editors,

What a pity to read Jack Robinson descending from his usual objectivity to take a facetious jibe at *IT* whose former editor, John Hopkins, is in the hands of the police.

IT and the 'in-crowd of happy hoorahs' don't pretend to expound a sophisticated philosophy of personal/social freedom. They operate on a different level from politically-minded agitators — who can say which in reality is more libertarian?

What I don't like about Jack's article however was its 'holier (more revolutionary?) than you' attitude.

GRAHAM LEIGH.

SUNDAY Meetings

Dear Editors,

At the last business meeting of the London Federation of Anarchists it was agreed that I should take over the arrangement and organisation of the Sunday night meetings at the 'Lamb and Flag'. I propose that the meetings should revert for the time being to the traditional form of talks followed by discussion (and it ought to be pointed out that the disorganisation of meetings in the last few months has brought the licensee, who is in general very sympathetic, to the brink of breaking off relations with the anarchists).

I should be grateful for any volunteers to give talks, or any suggestions as to subjects for future meetings, or alternative forms of meeting. Please write c/o Wooden Shoe Bookshop, New Compton Street, W.C.1.

SEBASTIAN SCRAGG.

DEMOS

GENOCIDE SQUARE

AT THE RECHRISTENING ceremony of Grosvenor Square last Sunday, when it was planned to substitute the far more appropriate name of Genocide Square, the police, who seemed to take objection to the proceedings, arrested 17 men and one woman who appeared at Marlborough Street on Monday, charged with minor offences.

Terry Liddell refused to co-operate with 'due legal process' and was remanded on bail of £100.

Lenny Paine pleaded not guilty and was remanded on bail.

All of the accused were either dealt with summarily or released on bail, including Tommy Farr, who is looking for witnesses to the undeniable fact that he was assaulted by a constable.

Melvyn Estrin and two others were each fined £3.

P.F.

'Britain Leads the World in Cremation'—Guardian

COUNTRIES OF THE EASTERN BLOC boycotted *Our World* TV global hook-up covering five continents. Britain's contribution was by the Beatles.

MEETING SITE between Johnson and Kosygin was mathematically worked out half-way between the two. Nobody's feelings were hurt and it was either so important that no one can be told what was decided, or so unimportant that nothing was decided. However, Kosygin went on to visit his old buddy Castro and to re-visit his new buddy, General De Gaulle. Meanwhile the Chinese Head of State is reported to have been removed. The Chinese Prime Minister announced that China conducted nuclear tests finally to eliminate nuclear weapons.

TROUBLE FLARED UP in Aden and the Sinai Desert again.

THE MORNING STAR (naturally) denies reports of party resignations but it is reported that Jean-Paul Sartre has been in trouble with the French CP. Roger Protz, in a letter in *Tribune*, explains the whole situation, 'Arab nationalism is not just progressive *vis-a-vis* the sheiks; it is progressive *vis-a-vis* imperialism. That is why all international Socialists must give unconditional support to Arab nationalism (while remaining critical of the anti-Socialist policies of Nasser) when it is threatened by a *colon*

Zionist state created and financed by imperialism.' On the other hand, a letter from Haifa in the *Jewish Observer and Middle East Review* reads, 'Letters pour into Israel from friends and relatives asking "What do you most need?" The answer is so simple: Jews.'

READERS OF THE *Sun* newspaper voted by 9,500 votes to 2,300 that God exists. 120 confessed that they didn't know.

IT WAS RELIABLY REPORTED in the *Daily Telegraph* that the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, was placed in a most embarrassing position by Mr. Johnson, President of the United States. Mr. Holt went bathing at Camp David in trunks loaned by Mr. Johnson. They were (like the war in Vietnam) too big for him and they slipped. 'He,' to quote the *Telegraph*, 'a good swimmer, a diplomat, and a gentleman, remembered there were women sitting at the side of the pool and stayed under water until he managed to pull the trunks back in place.'

MOHAMMED ALI, formerly Cassius Clay, was found guilty by an all-white jury and sentenced to five years' imprisonment for refusing call-up. Two soldiers were court-martialled for conspiring to cut off one man's trigger finger to secure his discharge from the Army. It is reported that Jean-Pierre Schweitzer, notorious individualist anarchist, has

returned to France to complete a sentence for evading military service. Whilst not approving of many of Jean-Pierre's opinions and actions, one can but wish him the best possible luck under the circumstances.

A DETECTIVE-SERGEANT at Colchester, Essex, was fined £50 for assaulting a man whom he had arrested on suspicion of offences under the Drugs Act. On the way to the police station, after arresting the man on suspicion of possessing dangerous drugs, the detective said, 'We've got you by the short and curls, you might as well tell us all about it.' The man laughed and the detective slapped him across the face. At the police station the detective struck him again, grabbed him by the hair, hit him in the stomach, and banged his head on the wall and floor. The man became unconscious and had to be taken to hospital. The defence counsel said that although the detective had pleaded guilty, he admitted striking the man only once. The other injuries were due to tripping and hitting his head against a sink while being sick.

SCOTLAND YARD is to experiment with tear-gas guns for use against armed criminals. It was emphasised by a spokesman that it was not intended to use the guns for any other purpose, such as crowd control. The Government intend to give the police powers to search without warrant anyone they suspect of unlawfully possessing drugs. Lord Stoneham, Under-Secretary at the Home Office, said he hoped an amendment to the Dangerous Drugs Bill to this effect would have full support. 'We mean to stop the pushers and pedlars of drugs by all means in our power, and we look confidently for support in the measures which we will introduce to do this.'

THE AMERICAN reports that Bertrand Russell tried to adopt Ralph Schoenman as his son, but this failed as British law prohibits the adoption of an adult. *The American* further reports discrimination in Portland, Oregon, where a band of gypsies complained that they were not allowed to carry out an annual memorial day custom of drinking with departed kinsmen at the cemetery. The manager said he posted a sign prohibiting alcoholic beverage in the cemetery, discrimination had nothing to do with it. He said the gypsy ceremony was disturbing to other persons who come to honour loved ones.

JON QUIXOTE.

Through the Anarchist Press

ONE MORE AND ONE LESS

THIS WAS all we could think of saying when they told us that our old friend Jesus del Rio, ex-fighter of the Spanish Republic, ex-libertarian militant was in Cuba, living in comfort and in all safety under the wing of the totalitarian dictatorship, along with his wife and children, amongst them the chief of the Castro-communist guerrillas in Venezuela, known under the nom de guerre of Maximo Canales.

We say 'one less' because his defection leaves a gap in our ranks, and 'one more' because he fills a gap in those of our sworn enemies, the communists who, whatever present day confusion-mongers may say, are our mortal enemies, as they showed in Moscow, the Ukraine, Kronstadt and Spain, to satiety.

But this affair induces more concrete and bitter reflections for us militants of the Cuban Libertarian Movement in Exile.

Since we left Cuba some years ago we have been crying in the desert for the international libertarian movement to start an intensive liberation campaign for those comrades who, over there in Cuba, are serving long and barbarous sentences of penal servitude for the crime of having remained faithful to their principles, refusing to co-operate with the Castro-communist totalitarian regime.

Nevertheless, despite the insistence and perseverance we have put into this theme, apart from a few exceptions it has not aroused even the faintest echo in the libertarian press of the majority of countries, and even less in Spanish groups and organizations.

But when the Venezuelan authorities detained del Rio's family, and deprived them of Venezuelan citizenship and ordered their deportation, on the grounds of Castro-communist subversive activities, these same papers, which did nothing for the Cuban libertarian comrades,

launched an intensive campaign, asking the international movement to save del Rio's family, and calling him by all the eulogistic adjectives that we usually use for our best militants.

Now we have received news that, while ex-Comrade Jesus del Rio is enjoying economic comfort and political security in Havana, Comrade José Aceña has died in the Prison of Isla de Pinos, where he was serving a long sentence, and Comrade Suria Linsuain, daughter of the Spanish militant Domingo Germinal, is gravely ill in the Women's Prison at Guanajay, where she was sent for having refused to collaborate with the dictatorship.

BARCELONA

The police have detained 27 workers' delegates who had taken part in a clandestine meeting, because there is no possibility of a free public meeting in Spain.

DIRECTOR FINED

The director of the weekly *Destino* has been fined 30,000 pesetas because he published an article on the students' homage to Picasso. According to the Ministry of Information, this constitutes a breach of the law defining the principles of the 'Movement'.

MORE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS

Canary Islands. In Las Palmas three journalists are going to be tried because they have abused and slandered the Army, by publishing in the *Diario de Las Palmas*, a pacifist poem by Don Pedro Lezcano Montalva, winner of the National Poetry Prize.

DETAINED

The following have been detained on charges of communism and separatism: Santiago Ramirez Jimenez, draughtsman in the firm of Baltogar Ltd., Herminio Perez Galdos, boilerman at Baltogar Ltd., Ricardo Perez Sastre, boilerman at General Electrica Espanola, Faustino Carracedo Moran, fitter at the Sociedad Espanola de Construccion Naval, and Guzman Jimenez Marcos, private chauffeur.

BILBAO

A priest whose name is not given has been condemned to six months in prison and 5,000 pesetas fine for lack of respect to the Civil Governor.

MADRID

There are at present about 1,200 American students in the University of Madrid. Some of these students took part, at the end of April, in a protest demonstration in the University district against USA intervention in Vietnam. During this demonstration several American flags were burnt. The police intervened with their usual systematic brutality and three young American girl-students sent a letter of protest to the American paper in Paris—*Herald Tribune* and *Post*, which published it, with their signatures, on April 28. The following Tuesday the three girls were arrested in Madrid and expelled. (*San Francisco Chronicle*, May 4.)

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A Stand Made Too Late!

THE TWO MAIN issues involved in the strike by railwaymen at the Stratford International Terminal are the safeguarding of jobs and prevention of further encroachment by private companies into a nationalised industry.

The introduction of the freight-liner trains and the new terminals is part of the organisational changes that have taken place in the industry during the last five years. In this period, railwaymen's jobs have been cut by nearly a third, and freight depots from over 5,000 to less than 1,500. Railwaymen have accepted the rationalisation of their industry, with their union, the National Union of Railwaymen, giving in all the way. Last March, the NUR, after three years of negotiation, agreed that private hauliers could come into the terminals. It is only now, at this late stage, that a stand is being made on who should do the loading and unloading.

The Railways Board claims that the efficiency of the freight-liner terminals depends upon the private hauliers bringing in and handling the goods themselves. They also claim, erroneously, that because of the strike, business is being lost forever to road hauliers and so jeopardising the jobs of the railwaymen. This rubbish has also been repeated by Mrs. Barbara Castle,

the Minister of Transport.

THE FACTS

If one looks at the facts, it is obvious that the statements of both the Railways Board and the Minister were only made in order to frighten the railwaymen into giving up their struggle. The facts are that the railways, by using freight-liner containers, can move goods quicker and cheaper by rail than by road. The British Transport Docks Board confirms this in its report, 'British Rail can undercut road transport by as much as 75% on distances over 100 miles using its new container freight-liner trains. Once the railways have straightened out their labour problems these new services should start a major shift from road to rail. British Rail should also wipe the floor with nearly all roll-off ferry competition when it starts its new all container services between Felixstowe and the Continent next year.'

What both the Tory and the Labour Governments have done is to invest public money in the modernisation of the railways, but many of the facilities and benefits that result from this are being turned over to private companies to reap the benefit of higher profits. Back in 1953, the same Mrs. Barbara Castle attacked the Tories for giving back road transport to private enterprise. Now she is doing the same with the railways. As Ted Bower, a NUR branch official at Stratford, said: 'Railwaymen can't win. They face massive redundancy in the declining sectors, but neither do they get the jobs in the new developing sectors.'

We have often pointed out in FREEDOM the role of the State in the system of 'mixed economy'. Under this system, industries are not rationalised to serve the community and to be run by the workers in that industry. They are nationalised to serve the interests of the capitalist system as a whole. Capitalism needs the container transporters to move its goods quickly and cheaply and it also wants the profits from handling them at the terminals.

A PRINCIPLED STAND

While I carry no brief for nationalisation as such, I do think

that the railwaymen's struggle is a just and principled stand. Why should they be transferred around as each depot has been closed, only to be faced with possible redundancy at this new terminal? Why shouldn't the Railways Board employ these men to load and unload at the terminals? If the Board gets its way, union organisation will be broken up and the nationally agreed conditions and rights of negotiation will be taken away. With private companies at the terminals, workers' interests could be divided.

The NUR executive should never have given way to the private hauliers entering the terminals. The rank and file members must now prevent any further encroachment. They have shown, by the support given at other depots, that they stand full square behind the Stratford men. This solidarity throughout the London area not only took the Railways Board by surprise, but also the NUR leadership. The latter rubber-stamped the action of the men as official, in order to control it, but NUR branches are demanding that the strike should be extended nationally.

I think this would defeat the Government and the Railways Board and would win the demands of the railwaymen. Whether or not this extension takes place will be decided at the week's NUR conference. Judging from past experience, the NUR leadership will have to be pushed very hard before it will call a national strike. Rank and file railwaymen in London depots were quick to spread the strike and it might be necessary for others to follow this example.

What good has it done the railwaymen to have a 'left-wing' Minister of Transport? Barbara Castle has carried out Mr. Wilson's work just as well as any 'right-winger' and where have all the NUR-sponsored MPs been all this time? The real struggle is taking place outside Parliament and will not be won by MPs, but by the railwaymen themselves.

P.T.

STOP PRESS

Since writing the above, the NUR Conference has called off the official strike.

Background to L.I.F.T.

CONTINENTAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC used to be handled at Bishopsgate by 1,100 railwaymen. But in December 1964 the depot was gutted by fire. So the work was moved to York Way (Kings Cross) and to Chobham Farm (Stratford).

In the transferring of the depot, 400 railmen left the service of BRB. It is also important to note that more than a third of the men were removed from the job (declared redundant). But even with this cut in men the Freight traffic increased.

Stratford itself was staffed by railwaymen even though there were six Forwarding Agents. Taking also into account the very old and temporary premises, the Freight traffic still rose, proving the

loyalty and devotion to their work by the railwaymen. No wonder that these men (many with 40 years or more service) should feel sore. For the work they have done and the hard hours which they have put in has got them NOWHERE.

Before the BRB decided to build this Terminal, to the tune of £1½ million they should have realised that the railwaymen weren't going to see their brothers stabbed in the back without doing something.

The BRB seem to have forgotten that at Stratford 80% of the work was done by railwaymen and only 20% done by the Forwarding Agents. But at Stratford there are 10 handling sheds, nine were for the Forwarding Agents and only one for the railwaymen, which just about holds two goods wagons.

P.J.G.

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THINGS TO COME

IT APPEARS that the new pay agreement covering over 3,000 journalists on national newspapers is likely to be 'slung out' by the TUC wage vetting committee. Whilst the TUC 'hatchet committee' does not meet until July 9, George Woodcock has written to Jim Bradley, General Secretary of the NUJ, implying that a £3 10s. increase on basic rates is 'a bit much'.

The settlement is an endeavour to push up the wages of journalists who are earning less than the increased minimum which will get up to £30 a week for London journalists and £29 for those in Manchester.

On the face of it NUJ basic rates appear fabulously high but the NUJ believe that a £30 Fleet Street journalist would regard himself as being 'low paid' compared with professional workers in similar jobs.

The pay dispute, affecting 150,000 workers in general printing and provincial newspapers, is no nearer solution. The printing unions are claiming a 10s. per week increase purely on the basis of the rise in the cost of living, the employers want to include productivity. The employers have also stated that they will not entertain cost of living sliding scale arrangement in their next long term contract.

In October the Newspaper Proprietors Association (NPA) agreement terminates, which involves printworkers in Fleet Street. One can imagine the type of offer the NPA will make, particularly when they know they will have the backing of the TUC and the Government.

If printworkers want to advance at all they will have to fight, their attitude at the moment is one of criminal indifference, the employers are politely but firmly using them to get out of their own self created economic difficulties. Closures are taking place as regular as clockwork, the question that is posed is 'Who will be next?'

THINGS TO COME (continued)

MICHAEL STEWART, Minister of Economic Affairs, hinted at 'things to come' when he spoke at a West Midlands Labour Party conference. He talked about extensions of public ownership, men and women having a greater measure of control over the conditions of their lives. The Government going into part ownership to get the structure of industry right, and then the National Plan. Government, management, and unions to fix each year a minimum increase based on growth prospects for

all ranges of work in industry. Lower-paid workers should have special claim for further increases.

Surely this is where we came in, I thought the idea of an Incomes Policy was to assist lower-paid workers unless I misread the White Paper and it said lower-paid employers. They seem to be the only section who have benefited from an Incomes Policy.

IN IT TOGETHER

NO more package deals between ship-owners and employers. This was the decision of a mass meeting of dockers at the Royal Group. Fred Olsen Shipping Line have reached an agreement whereby dockers working for them are guaranteed weekly earnings of £28 per week for accepting mechanical aids to speed cargo handling.

Last year it was union policy 'that no further terminal agreements would be reached'. Obviously the policy has shifted. Local package deals benefit the dockers who are employed by a particular employer who is prepared to pay, to the detriment of a docker who is employed by a company who has no intention of paying. Therefore dockers are demanding and rightly so, that any further package deals should apply to all dockers giving them an equal share of the work and pay.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

AT THEIR UNION conference the bakers' president, Mr. E. Haynes, said that Britain's bakers will strike if necessary to win the fight for equal pay for women. The last wage agreement had widened the gap between men and women even though women constituted more than half the union's membership. 'Girls, it's up to you.' Seemingly you are the union. What about a breakthrough for all the other industrial cinderellas.

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

Libertarian Camp

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMP of Libertarian Youth will be held this year from July 3 to September 1 and is on the banks of Lake Como, in the region known as 'Boschetto Rosselli (Piano di Spagna) Comune di Sorico (Como)'. The daily cost will be 200 lire (subject to alteration).

Bookings to: The Camping Committee, c/o Circolo Sacco-Vanzetti, Viale Murillo N1, Milan, Italy.

Tokyo Anarchists Resist Vietnam War

We have received from a correspondent this report of the prosecution of ten anarchists in Japan, but we have no information on the outcome of the case.

AS A RESULT of anti-Vietnam war activity, ten anarchists have appeared before a Tokyo court.

Last autumn some anarchist groups set up the Direct Action Committee against the War in Vietnam. Its object was, before all else, to combat Japan's collaboration in this war.

Officially, the Japanese Government does not actively collaborate with the American forces in Vietnam. However, one of the causes of the prosperity of the Japanese economy is without doubt the Vietnam war. Japan, the 'factory of Asia', is in reality a vast American supply base. Japanese industry manufactures not only uniforms and vehicles for the American forces, but also arms.

On the one hand the majority of the people of Japan want the war to end; on the other hand they appreciate the com-

forts of prosperity, no matter on what base this rests. Simultaneously with proclaiming against the war they supply war materials to the murderers of Vietnam, and this fact has lain strangely quiet, even among pacifists. The Direct Action Committee took aim at this Achilles' heel. Last October and November the Direct Action Committee forcibly entered two large armaments factories, one near to Tokyo and one near Nagoya. They distributed leaflets and called on the workers to stop producing arms.

The police reacted with alacrity, since this action was a sharp rap against the Japanese authorities. Ten anarchists were arrested.

Widespread publicity was given to the affair over the radio and through the mass circulation newspapers.

From the point of view of the anarchist movement, the affair has demonstrated its lively existence in the face of authority, and has excited some interest in anarchism.

Contact Column

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Holiday for Children. Weekend holiday offered for children in Kent. Deprived or hard-up, gardenless children welcome. Small contribution. 8 Montacute Gardens, Tunbridge Wells.

Flats and Houses Cleaned. Simple redecoration and gardening jobs wanted. A. W. Uloth, 75 Templars Avenue, London, N.W.11.

Ealing Anarchist Group. (a) Thank Mr. McAteer, Melbourne, for gift of *The Sane Society*. (b) Ask the Hammersmith enquirer to write again as the letter has been lost.

Accommodation—London. Any kind of accommodation wanted from Aug./Sept./Oct. for anarchist-inclined student (male). No petty restrictions. Apply Paul Kidney, 1 West Hill Way, Totteridge, London, N.20.

Accommodation—London. Argentinian comrade (60, male) requires room with a family (some board if possible) and opportunity to learn English. Will pay £4 p.w. (approx.). Box 61.

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Summer School. Committee of 100. Aylesmore Farm, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwicks. July 29-August 9. Details from John and April Majoram, 47 St. Alban's Road, Leicester.

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Former Junkie. Wants job and accommodation in London. Box 54.

Accommodation. Anarchist seeks accommodation in Camden Town or Islington. Box 50.

Musicians. Required for a South-East London Anarchist Social on September 23. Enquiries and quotes to Lewisham Anarchists address.

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Hitch-hiker. Girl companion wanted for ambitious hitch for three months starting early July, 7 Mansell Road, Greenford, Middlesex.

If you wish to make contact let us know.