

THE USE OF torture by members of the Special Branch of the Royal Ulster Constabulary on internees belies the statements made by the British Army and the Unionist Government about the 'increased flow of information to the security forces'. If such is the case then why has it been necessary for both the Army and the RUC to use these methods to extract information? The documentation of the allegations of torture is backed up by signed statements from those affected. These go into considerable detail about the methods used to disorientate internees. Mr. Heath, with the agreement of Mr. Wilson for the Labour Party, has turned down demands that these allegations should be subject to a public inquiry. They will instead be referred to the existing tribunal under Sir Edmund Compton. Such hearings in private will only whitewash the Army and the RUC. Sir Edmund, a well-paid functionary of the State, is not going to bite the hand that feeds him, as was amply proved in his role of Ombudsman. The State does not want to wash its dirty linen in public and like the American Army in Vietnam and the French in Algeria, it will deny, make excuses and talk of the stresses and provocation suffered by the Army. Yet the fact remains that mistaken belief held by many, systematic torture has been used by the forces of occupation and will army of occupation would help the continue to be used in the future situation soon collapsed about their whenever the rule of an oppressive ears. The shootings by the Army,



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#### by its populace.

for a public inquiry, the 'liberal' Guardian gives comfort and support to Mr. Heath and the oppressive Unionist Government. The com- Specials. parisons with South Africa, Rhodesia and Greece are mistaken ones, says the editorial of the latter, and goes on to comment that this is 'because here the army is trying to protect the whole population, not just a privileged minority'.

#### **DELIBERATE USE OF** VIOLENCE

Any Catholic in Ulster would pour scorn on this lie. The welcome the Army first received from the Catholics was shortlived and the Bernadette Devlin included, that an

treatment of those arrested even be- IRA has deliberately widened the against Stormont.

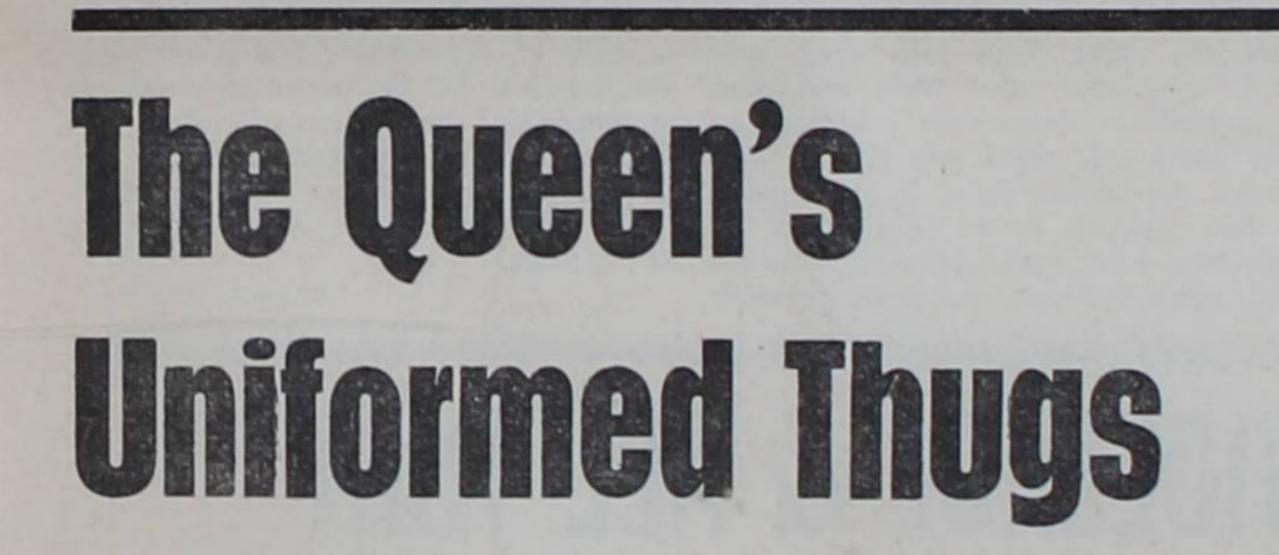
and tax concessions, only to move more violence. out of Ulster when the period for these concessions expires, neither SAME INTERESTS does it attack the discrimination in exploitation of religious differences. African Government.

While the Daily Mirror cries out fore internment, their deliberate use gap between Catholics and Pro- The campaign of civil disobedience of rubber bullets at short range and testants. The latter genuinely fear a holds a glimmer of hope, a chance their abuse of women has made union with the South, which under that once again people can forget them as hated as the old 'B' a Provisional regime would be very their religious differences and work authoritarian and right wing. It together against the exploitation The hired assassins of the ruling does not lack for arms or the that is common to all. Stormont's class are there to protect and defend means to get them and its success emergency legislation, enabling the interests of that class and to would mean yet another privileged authorities to deduct payments from enable that 'privileged minority' to minority taking over the reins of supplementary benefits and wages continue to exploit a divided work- power. The campaign of bombings of those supporting the campaign, ing class and source of cheap labour. and shootings forces the two com- shows how much it fears this civil The Faulkner Government says that munities apart, while the Ulster disobedience. Over half a million continued disruptions will damage Defence Regiment is being armed pounds are now outstanding and the economy. However it does not with high calibre self-loading rifles the Government has started evicattack the companies who have and Protestants are being recruited, tions and prosecutions. Civic sertaken advantage of the loans, grants Such a situation will only cause vices have completely broken down

employment against Catholics, be- paign tried to bring the two religious by ordinary people who have lost cause its power is based on the communities together, while the all faith in Stormont and the alter-People's Democracy attempted to native assembly of opposition MPs. Its hand-outs to the Protestants are dispel the mutual hatreds and fears The campaign of civil disobedionly marginally better than those to and to bring the workers to the ence illustrates what can be achieved Catholics. While the former have a realisation that their interests are by the people themselves. It can better chance of being less exploited the same, despite the teachings of prevent community violence, draw as a cheap source of labour, all are church and political leaders. The support away from the Provisional oppressed and exploited with low Unionist Government, the Paisley- IRA and bring the Catholics and wages, bad housing, unemployment ites, the Provisional IRA and the Protestants together. Ultimately it and extreme authoritarian laws two churches saw these efforts as a can, through solidarity and brotherwhich are the envy of the South threat to their power and influence hood, overthrow the whole apparafor the two communities were be- tus of exploitation by the State and The campaign of the Provisional ginning to make a joint effort the employing class.

in some areas and people have started their own do-it-yourself administration to remedy this. The moderate Civil Rights cam- Initiative and control is being taken

government or power is challenged the smashing of homes, their rough



OF COURSE THERE is brutality, thuggery and torture taking place in detention centres and security prisons in Northern Ireland today. Carried out and committed by the sons of the sneaks and the warders of the nineteen-twenties. By the so-called Security Forces in the name of the English Queen.

Has not the same thing happened the world over where British Imperialists have divided the people in order to rule? How about Egypt, Kenya, Cyprus and Aden to mention but a few?

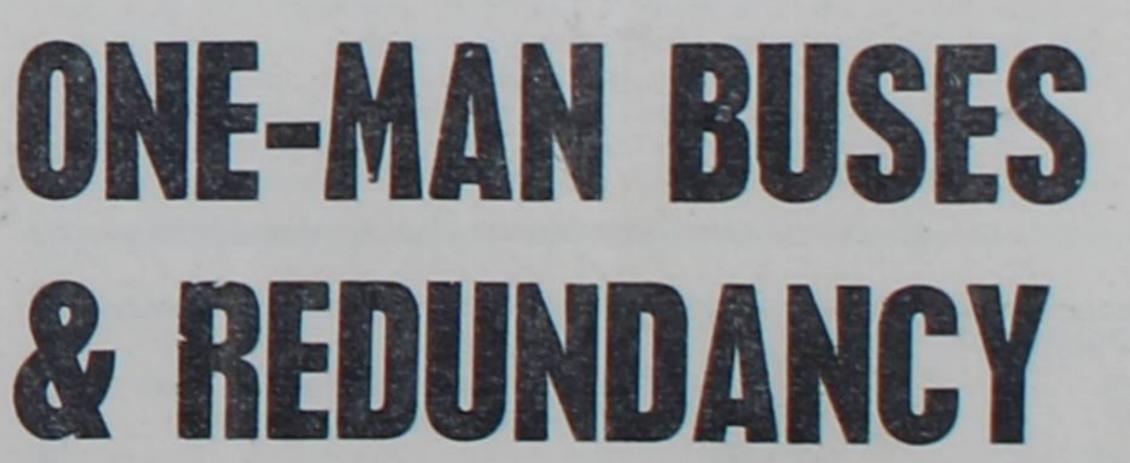
sort of thing British people appear blind, gullible and oft-times schizophrenic. inhumanities. They seem unable to believe that their men in the world act when they find themselves in some kind of uniform and carry titles of security forces and special branch security police, etc. It is difficult for most of them to accept that the 'good old British Tommy' can and does become a thug and a bully when thrust into a Northern Irelandtype situation. The only difference from German, French, Polish, Russian and American brutality is that the British are so damnably hypocritical about it. Recently I visited the refugee camp at Fermoy some seven miles north of the City of Cork. In there are approximately four hundred people, mostly Catholic families, who have fled Ulster in fear not only of being hurt or killed in the dread of being taken by the Security Forces if caught helping their own people.

length, with men of EOKA, FLOSY, PLF and more recently the IRA, and having lived with, and shared the same 'European' clubs as ex-officers of the Palestine, Hong Kong, Aden and Kenya police and military forces, it seems unlikely that the men in uniform in Northern Ireland today are not the successors of those who invented and employed the special torture techniques like the magneto electric shock applied to the genitals, sitting on a bottle whilst being pressed down at the shoulders, When it comes to facing up to this being made to taste human shit at the end of an officer's boot plus many other

I have witnessed British police officers own men (and women) can act as all in the Nigerian Police Force take away the driving licence of a Yoruba taxi driver, tear up and throw away the licence and then instruct the driver to report with it the following day. If any of them were ever foolish enough to report to dare ask for a licence renewal a couple of hefty Haussa NCOs were detailed off to take the driver out back and beat him into insensibility. The British really excelled in ferocious brutality in Kenya. Read in 'Sic Persecution' (Peter Benenson 1959-British and French atrocities in Algeria and Kenya) of the methods employed in that area of operations to extract information from prisoners. It was not always of the most sophisticated kind. Probably because their freedom fighter captives were urban fighting but also because of their black and therefore thought not worthy of the more 'refined treatment'. Many terrible and gruesome atrocities are being committed in Ulster. Some of The British Army and the RUC have them will be quite unimaginable to a mounted a campaign of terror in the large number of people in Britain and six counties designed, in a frantic they will continue until every single attempt, to frighten Irish men and British soldier and policeman is withwomen loyal to the cause of a united drawn to allow the free and unhindered

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THE DOPPELGANGER activities of the paid Brahmins who control the London Passenger Transport Board continues to amuse and bemuse me, the hired help of this dying industry. Each new public advertisement, each new public claim, is a sick joke that fails to amuse the horny-handed proletariat working for this self-destroying social service as we wait for our 'redundancy' notices while the thwarted passengers brood by the hour for buses that no longer appear to operate. Each public holiday the same tired old advertisement appears stating that extra buses will be on the road to carry London's millions on their round of merrymaking familywise or beerwise and each public holiday sees schedules posted in every garage



for they are the bureaucratic front men for whom Malthus wrote his manifesto and Thomas Hobbes gave authority to in his Leviathan Tory bible, that the role many long years I and others have spelt of the State should be no more than the out the facts and given our detailed with massive cuts in services and offers physical protection of private property account of how a major city's bus ser-

If in this matter I sound parochial it is because I write as one of the rank and file of London's bus service and for too vice should operate. We explained, all those long years ago, that every society is drifting into a moneyless economy The Tory Government, with their and that it should be anticipated and organised not as a managerial paternalist way of life but as the answer to the old socialist dream of from each according to his ability to each according to his need and that the foundation of an anarchist-socialist society could be laid faltering steps could be a moneyless public transport system. It simply means that one would use the public transport system without any payment of fares and the running costs, as with armies, libraries, parks and prisons. would come out of the public treasury. To many, inside and outside the anarchist movement, it was a lunatic fringe

Ireland into betraying anyone engaged unification of the whole of Ireland. in the struggle for freedom.

Having spoken in the past, and at

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by the LTB to grant unpaid leave to the surplus and unwanted bus crews of the day. Posters appear in every garage stating in the language of the confidential ingroup that 'we' must try to win back the lost millions of transport users while at the same time plans are made a year ahead for garages to be closed, services withdrawn and bus routes slashed on the principle that the less you have the less you will need.

It is this workhouse philosophy that is the basis of all contemporary social service administration when the final solution is a complete withdrawal of the service. Bus or children's milk must both conform to this political dogma. But there is no finality of death for the London millions for we exist in time as a permanent social group and we walk. yea, even we with the 'free' bus passes, little comrade, for no bus services means everyone. Every social service is shaped by the party in office and is the product of the class for whom it acts and their political directives are acted upon by the paid bureaucracy in charge. From My Lord Robens to Archibald Gilchrist of the Clyde shipyards is a roll call of industrial and social murder, and never at any time have the clerks in office refused to act out their political brief

and that the welfare of the individual, be it poverty or profit, is a matter of private practice and conscience.

usual vulgarity, chose as their new hatchet man for the slaughter of Britain's railways the political opportunist Richard Marsh and this creature, with the massmedia smile and the palest of pale pink backgrounds, has walked into the shadow left by Doctor Beeching to join that in- in our own lifetime and one of the first famous company who have crawled into the boardrooms across the unmarked graves of our revolutionary and evangelising dead. And their task? Destroy. One must surely ask why it is necessary for any political party to choose men like this for there must be a sufficiency of capable and intelligent men within each doomed industry to take full command and responsibility to make it a joke until the Tory-controlled GLC valid factor in the nation's life but each made it a matter of a long and public time a Hill, a Robens, a Shawcross, a examination and rejected it on political Beeching or a Marsh floats to the sur- grounds. We have explained how towns face like shit on stagnant water. And should be built up as small collective their actions are our hurt when the units and this was dismissed as another miner is forced to leave his ancient 'lunatic fringe' joke until the Drummond valley, the ship-worker sees his honoured Report arrived at the same conclusion yards closed, the small village is isolated with their 'honeycomb' town planning and you have to walk the long wet but it was now too late for all the vast streets in the early morning dark where and mindless working-class estates had once a bus service ran.

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## Political Art

(£1.40); THE ILLUSION (£2.50); THE conclusions. **OCCUPATION** (£2.00). (All André Deutsch.)

David Caute: THE DEMONSTRATION novel which illustrate some of the essay's

mitted writer in particular is how to get and reality, jumping around in time, etc., written. refer to this, which will anyway have a probably aren't intended to: what they fort to a radical audience).

politics which tend to be neglected

certain contradictions in revolutionary a visiting English professor at an American university and his involvement on washing-dirty-linen-in-public grounds. with political history, student politics, They attack simplistic attitudes and try Black Power, publishing, women, etc. to examine the complexity of the posi- Caute's 'dialectic' method is sometimes a tion of the radical academic, the in- little more tiresome (self-conscious) than cipient fascism of some student politics, seems necessary but it is essential to his etc. Caute uses a 'dialectic' method of intentions and does not prevent the juxtaposing scenes and ideas, obscuring reader from following the narrative One of the problems facing a com- the border between illusion/imagination which is otherwise straightforwardly

THESE THREE BOOKS are, respec- ing into crude propaganda which, besides think for himself and make his own was recently broadcast on the radio) is the novel. tively, a play, an essay and a novel, usually being bad art, tends to be re- conclusions: there is no simple message basically when performed a physical and form together a trilogy called The jected on sight by the 'unconverted' and (this may explain the refusal of German demonstration of some aspects of the (and it is no footnote) is that both these Conjrontation. I have not yet read the to produce a righteous glow or an un- actors to perform The Demonstration as novel. It takes the professor and stu- works (especially the novel) are very essay The Illusion which deals with productive renewal of anger in the 'con- they considered it would offer comfort dents, transposes them to an English funny and very readable-which is not different techniques used by politically verted'. This play and novel probably to a bourgeois audience-which, even if university as a drama professor and his so common in political art, and should committed writers: therefore I shall not aren't going to radicalise anyone, and true, seems no worse than offering com- students, and concerns the performance encourage you, and others, to go out and of a political play written by the pro- enjoy them. smaller audience than the play and the do is to examine certain issues and The novel The Occupation centres on fessor and a replacement written by the



students involving the take-over of the university. As a partial retreatment (or pre-treatment) of themes in the novel, its primary importance is as a performed play, but there is enough new material his 'message' across clearly without fall- to oblige the reader or the audience to The play The Demonstration (which to make it worth reading in addition to

What I have so far failed to convey

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ness, studiousness and religious identity. Wilson, had said 'Love thy brother does Their languages, religions and customs not mean the white race, but people of put them in many ways further away all colours'. The North Wolverhampton from white society than does the culture Working Men's Club, by the unanimous consent of its members, barred coloured That slavery and exploitation have not people 'under any pretext, either as The author's views that racial preblack immigrants, are high'-these coincide with my own. World society will not tolerate this however. Someone's going to wake up soon and realise the world is not accepting the claptrap of racial bigotry any more. That modern industrial capitalism is free from racialism (anyone?) should grew from the enforcement of an inhuman slavery and exploitation is the As the New Statesman (1.3.68) put it lesson of the past. The message of the about the '68 Immigration Act: 'this is future is that the new emancipation the first incontestably racialist law to must destroy the exploitation of



of the West Indians.

simply affected the coloured peoples who members, visitors or visiting artists'. suffered but destroyed the humanity of And yet on its walls stood the following the owners and rulers is well portrayed motto: 'Honour All Men. Love the in this book. In terms of black liber- Brotherhood. Use Hospitality One To ation, as with women's liberation to my Another. Be Not Forgetful To Strangers'. mind, it is vital for the libertarian to remember that emancipation is in the judice is widespread in Britain, that the real self-interests of the exploiter. The official bourgeois race relations industry white male will be a happier fellow with is probably doing more harm than good black and white brothers and sisters- and that 'if past history is any guide, his soul is burdened with the shackles the chances of a future government and the oppression and freedom from yielding to popular pressure, howsoever the master/slave relationship is in the generated, and promoting repatriation of interests of all. Dilip Hiro depicts the sordid journey of recent post-war race relations in Britain with a healthy realism. Anyone with doubts about the Labour Party should read Black British White British. Anyone who believes the working class read Dilip Hiro. be placed on the statute books' from a capitalism. Government whose Prime Minister, Mr.

#### by Dilip Hiro (Eyre & Spottiswoode, It is not a matter of simply ruling class that 'in modern times "moderate" black £3.95).

I and well written book on the gues- coloured people in the world. tion of race relations in Britain today. He claims the aim of the book is 'to forgotten in the years since its legal create a better understanding of the control, the whip has borne very deep vital to black people. It is an attempt problem by highlighting the historical into the psyches of both black and white. to drum out what centuries of humiliperspective'.

three parts, with one section on the West in the slave system made the slave Indians, another on the Asians, and a dependent on the master. . . . The cruelty entity are well portrayed by the author. third on White Britons. He draws the of slavery bred into the slaves a deep To the libertarian there are aspects of historical lines together and reminds or hatred and distrust of the white man. Asian culture which are anathema, howreveals the vital need to always bear the But since open expression of dislike or ever it is as well to understand and past in mind when looking at the present. disobedience was summarily and bar- appreciate the length of historical con-

people in Britain from the West Indies subtle means of expressing their feelings. have three centuries of slavery as a ... In short, they developed repression many ways. They are possibly less unrecent heritage, that Asians suffered a of their feelings and "playing it cool" as like the British-yet the fact of colour similar fate as indentured labourers defence mechanisms against the system undeniably places the Asians and West transported to be a working force where . . . the white masters dubbed them as Indians against the whites. British legisthey were required by their overlords. "devious, shifty and habitual liars", the lation has seen to that. The most useful reminder is that white traits which are still today, to a certain I think the English reader should find Britons have therefore a recent heritage extent, associated with negroes by many much of value in Dilip Hiro's explaof being slave owners, inculcated with whites'. (A useful tip, as regards the nation of the Asians' communal cohesive-

The system of the slave society is well ation drummed into the black con-To do this he divides the book into analysed: 'The total helplessness implicit sciousness. The emphasis is on the fact that black barously punished, the slaves devised tinuity involved in the Asians' heritage.

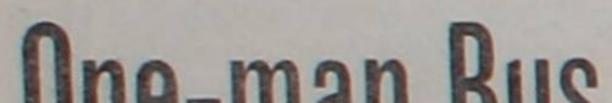
BLACK BRITISH WHITE BRITISH, the idea that black people are inferior. informers who report to the 'massa', is savagery around the globe, but eager leaders in America and Britain are acceptance throughout society of the known to be in the habit of briefing the DILIP HIRO has produced a useful stereotypes and caricatures of the white authorities on what they have seen or heard in the black districts, a service The consequences of slavery are not for which they are duly rewarded'.)

Today, the concept of black pride is

The Asians as a separate cultural

Asians are unlike West Indians in

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minority rank and file spelt out the case for, slice it how you will, it means the against them and the old cries of sack and no hope of employment for 'commie', 'reds' and 'trouble makers' too many men and women. William Francis was sixty years of age. were bruited about by the vested interested. Yet everything that we stated He was not an employee of London is now an established fact. The OMO Transport, just one of their millions of buses do lose money, they are an inferior unremembered passengers. The firm that service and they have been responsible employed William Francis in the 1984 for a massive wave of job losses in the jargon of our age made this sixty-year-London area alone. There are 23,000 old worker 'redundant' after 25 years' weekly-paid bus staff employed by the service. Three days after getting his LTB and this month the LTB stated cards (the sack), William reported to the that 'the change to all one-man oper- Ponders End Labour Exchange and 'they ations by the end of the decade will asked him what he was doing, being out mean that there will be 10,000 fewer bus of a job, and told him he was simply be-In 1965, after years of union nego- jobs to be filled'. October 1971 and the ing lazy'. For two weeks William walked tiation, the LTB foisted the One-Man LTB's own statement. If you are a the streets looking for work sick in heart Operated Bus onto the Londoners. Its thirty-year-old man or woman then this and spirit and then in despair PLACED only reason for being produced was to and the 1,000,000 unemployed figure HIMSELF UNDER A LORRY. This reduce the crew-operated wage by pay- offers a grim hope for the future. With is not 1931, little comrades, but 1971, and his death is the black image for ing one man a small portion of another garage after garage closing down it is every worker streamlined onto the man's wage to do both jobs. We of the futile to talk of 'alternative employment' streets. The TGW union have always failed abysmally in dealing with the matter of garage closures, route-slashings and the operation of one-man buses. We stated all those long years ago that a moneyless transport system was a workable system and that as it operated from stop to stop a conductor or guard was a necessary factor in the public interest and that if the fare-collecting system was to be retained then a conductor working within the huge buses was the only way that it could be made commercially viable for the loss of fares and the time spent at each bus stop defeats not only the transport manage-U. of E.A., Wilberforce Road, Norwich, Norfolk. ment interest but, more important, the artificial creations as Nigeria and Paki-NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. Jim Hewson, 43 Henry community interest for to double the Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham. CAMBRIDGESHIRE. c/o AFBIB Birmingham. length of time spent on a journey to save creations of ambitious politicians, and SURREY. Lib. Grp., 81 Mytchett Road, Myt-chett, Camberley, Surrey. one man's wage is a poor return to a YORKSHIRE. Trevor Bavage, Flat 3, 35 Richcommunity who merely wish to be transmond Road, Leeds 6. ported from A to B in the quickest and SCOTTISH FED. Secretary: Mike Malet, 1 Lynnwood Place, Maryfield, Dundee. most comfortable way. GLASGOW. Jean Macleod, c/o Spalding, 50 Cranworth Street, Glasgow, W.2. But let the worker within any and every WALES. c/o AFBIB Birmingham. industry due for the political chop be N. IRELAND. c/o Freedom Press. honest in his claim to survive. The STUDENT FEDERATION, c/o R. Atkins, Vanbrugh College, Heslington, York. worker's claim to a job may be a matter LIB. TEACH. ASSN. Peter Ford, 36 Devonshire of fear for his physical survival and, Road, N.W.7. PLYMOUTH. John Northy, 16 Adelaide Street, with the Prime Minister, we do not Stonehouse, Plymouth. make the point that jobs should be **OXFORD.** Jeremy Brent, 1a Woodstock Road, Oxford. created and maintained as an end in SHEFFIELD, Tikka, 4 Havelock Square, Shefthemselves. No one, least of all a field 10. MANCHESTER, Jenny Honeyford, 33 Clyde coal miner, would wish a man to spend Road, West Didsbury, Manchester 20. the rest of his working life in the depths EIRE FEDERATION. c/o 20 College Lane, Dublin, Eire. of the earth digging for coal simply ABERYSTWYTH. Keith Fletcher, Rhyd Fach, because that had been the only regional Tal-y-bont, near Aberystwyth, Cards. way of earning a living when cleaner, ABROAD easier ways for creating fuel power were available. BELGIUM. Groupe du journal Le Libertaire, 220 rue Vivegnis, Liège. What we do argue, nay state, is that RADICAL LIBERTARIAN ALLIANCE. C/O LABS, 2487 GPO, New York, N.Y., 10001. no man should be displaced from his AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ANARCHISTS. region and social group without his P.O. Box 9885, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, consent and that a workman should USA. stay on the payroll of his parent hand mobilised almost 40,000 people. place of employment until fresh employ-Please notify us if entries in these columns need amending.

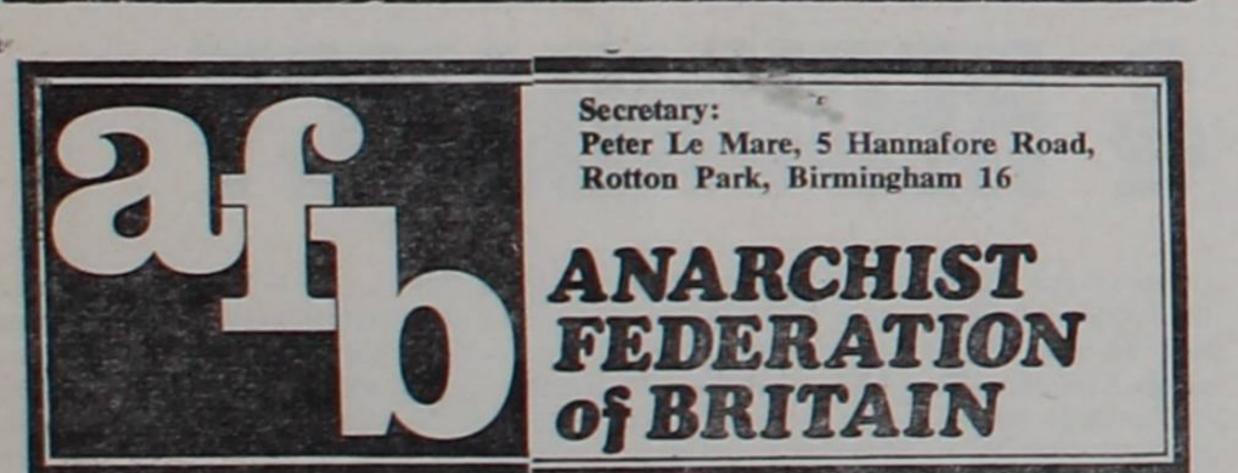
and this is what social democracy means. is at stake. No one will argue, among the working

comrades? The Dutch Social Democratic class, that men should be carried on Government did it and found that it a payroll at the expense of other men was acceptable to the rank and file and but when labour-saving methods of work they did not close a coal mine until become available they should lead to a new and better place and way of shorter hours of work and a phasing employment ABOVE GROUND had out of the old methods with the welfare been made ready for their miners. When of the workman involved as its major they closed a mine, the miners walked factor. That the conductor should form from the mine head into their new a crew of a passenger bus is not only employment that same week and even in the interest of the community as as apprentices those men continued to a whole in the matter of safety and draw their full adult pay rates. This comfort but his welfare and his job is what the Labour Party in government is the pattern of your own treatment, in this country never learned to do little comrade, when your own future

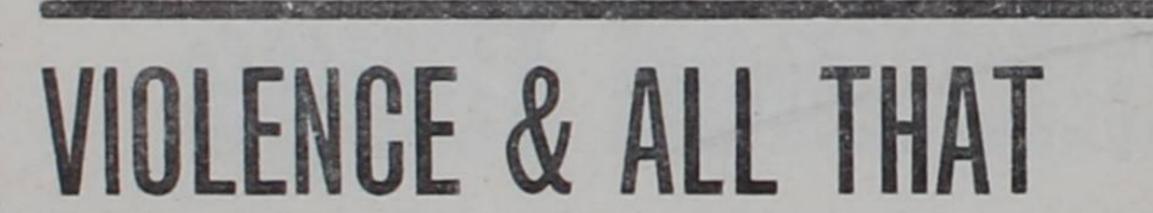
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now been built and all that the planners can do is to discuss the 'mistakes'. And we were always right for we argued from the standpoint of social service to a community that can accept the responsibility and administration of its own tools of living be it schools, housing or transport.

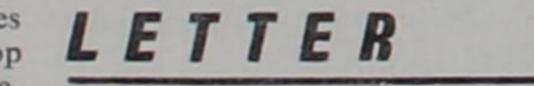


ARTHUR MOYSE.



#### Dear Comrades,

Quite possibly there are liberatory tendencies in the various nationalist and separatist movements all over the world, but to me they seem to be mainly authoritarian. They aim to set up new governments, although these are local governments. They are based on 'national identity', which is something of a myth anyway. The horrors of Biafra and Bangla Desh should not blind us to the fact that these countries are as much



were tyrannies, waged war upon each other. An example of progress and freedom?

I am not sure about economic causes being the origin of war. They are part of the picture, but I don't think that one can explain things so simply. The same applies to religion. Religions vary enormously. Peasant cultures are much the same in their economic structure all the world over, but they have thrown up the most amazing varieties of religious belief.\* What possible economic basis can there be for the Parsees' belief that bodies must be neither buried nor burned, as this would pollute the elements

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SUSSEX. Nick Heath, Flat 3, 26 Clifton Road, Brighton, Sussex.

EAST ANGLIA. John Sullivan, Students Union,

stan. All nations are the artificial of the masses who misguidedly believe that their interests are the same as those of the politicians. Latin America was once all one country, part of the Spanish empire, a tyranny but at least there was peace. When the empire broke up the various independent republics, which also of earth and fire, but that they must be exposed on 'towers of silence' to be

\*Practically all modern religions, however urbanised they have become, originated in pre-industrial, peasant societies. Perhaps foodgatherers and urban workers can manage without it. At least they lack the impulse to create new religions. Continued on page 4



MILAN IS NOT the 'capital of the protest of the silent majority' as Almirante affirms, and yesterday this was clearly proved. Only 5,000 'sympathisers' attended the fascist meeting, and many of those came from far away, chiefly Rome. The anti-fascist demonstration, organised by ANPI (National Association of Italian Partisans) on the other

A day of rioting was feared. The ment for him has been created for attack of three days ago by a fascist him. Lunatic-fringe stuff again, little squadron against four trade unionists

who were distributing literature in Piazza Cinque Giornati was a serious provocation, and Almirante's invitation on behalf of the central committee of MSI had the air of a challenge. Besides ANPI two other anti-fascist demonstrations were staged-Unione Studentesco and groups of the left. The exceptional number of 6,000 police armed with guns and clubs guarded the fascists. There were only two incidents.

> Translated from Stampa Sera by Stuart Maxwell.



**TT WOULD SEEM** that the interest in consumers' rights, stimulated by the activities of Mr. Ralph Nader, is a completely new phenomena. Not so. Where does the following quote come from?

'As turnover is the chief aim of the advertiser, a tremendous temptation is always present to adulterate goods, limit their service, ability, shorten their life, and bring the purchaser back the sooner for another sale.' It comes from a book called Your Money's Worth by Stuart Chase and F. T. Schlink in 1927 (subtitled 'A Study in the Waste of the Consumer's Dollar'). This preceded the setting-up of Consumers' Research in the United States and was followed by many other books such as 100,000,000 Guinea Pigs (1933), Counterfeit and Skin Deep.

terests, Ralph Nader, came into public prominence with the publication of Unsafe at Any Speed (1965), a critique of the motor-car. Criticism was directed to a great extent to General Motors Corvair model and Nader's criticisms were sufficiently damning to get the car withdrawn from the market. General Motors were unwise enough in retaliation to harass Nader by putting spies on to follow him. He brought suit and was awarded \$270,000 damages for 'invasion of privacy'.

At the moment the motor show is going on in London, so it is Nader's contribution in the field of motor-safety which is chiefly prominent but he has had notable victories in other fieldsair-pollution, the quality of food, pesticides, the medical profession, and the treatment of old people in nursing homes to name only a few. Voluminous reports have been issued by Nader on the motor-car. Recent reports have been issued on (among others) the Volvo, the Volkswagen Beetle; and Nader's criticism of British cars called down a strong criticism upon

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him from the Minister of Transport. Nader's retort that he thought the M of T was a servant of the people and not of the motor trade was well said and well deserved.

On the car in general Nader quotes an engineer's saying: 'Every car is a compromise with economic and stylistic factors.' Nader criticizes this as a meaningless statement, even if true and adds: 'Who authorizes what compromises of engineering safety?'

At a shareholders' meeting of General Motors it was said by the management that it would have been too difficult to recall the Corvairs in order that lifesaving stabilizing components could be installed. It was calculated by Nader that on an estimate of 750,000 cars having survived for recall it would cost \$25 million—equal to under half-a-day's gross sales and less than five days' net profits (after taxes). This was not done, despite the fact that General Motors knew of the fault in design having had a report of the instability of the Corvair from the head of research and development of the Chevrolet division of General Motors. It is revealed by Nader that the American postal authorities had a problem of children standing close by postal vehicles and being 'invisible' in the standard driving mirror to the van driver when starting off-consequently children were occasionally injured and killed. A postal worker solved the problem on his van by using a saucepan lid which gave the driver a full view of the entire front of his vehicle down to bumper-level. No mirror of this type was marketed since it could not be patented. The whole field of research into motor accidents was in danger of being abandoned for lack of financial support when the Army discovered that more soldiers were being killed and injured in motor accidents that were being killed and injured in Korea. This was under the technical guidance of the Armed Forces Epidemiological Board! The main findings of much of the research is that each motor accident is really two accidents:

car upon whatever it hits; and (b) the impact of the occupant of the car with the car's interior surface. Nader and the researchers' case is that by accidentproof designing the results of accidents could be considerably minimized-to the occupants of cars that is!

A Mr. Wilson, chairman of General Motors, went down into history by saying 'What's good for General Motors is good for the United States'. Mr. Peyton, the Minister of Transport, in his reaction to Nader's criticism of British cars for their lack of safety features, seemed to take up a similar stand. Nader described this in an interview with Adam Raphael in the Guardian as a 'kind of dignified idiocy' and suggested that Mr. Peyton should resign immediately.

The impression is often given that the motor-car trade is a sacred cow and the decision of the Ministry of Transport to omit publication of holiday accident figures and the institution of motor tests on the basis of age smack more of a concern for the motor trade rather than a concern for public safety.

(a) the effects of the impact of the Business Review that 'lying and cheating is institutionally functional, one couldn't have the system [American capitalism] operate any other way'.

> One is inclined to think the Harvard Business Review correct but nevertheless people like Nader, Consumer Research (US) and the Consumers' Association deserve support.

> > JACK ROBINSON.



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That thirty years later we should still have to agitate and ferret out the truth about the products we consume might give one to quote the cynical proverb, 'The dogs bark but the caravan passes on.

The latest watch-dog of consumer in-

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The newspapers too, in the interest Homage to Catalonia of their advertising income, are not above falsifying the implications of Nader's research. A collection of news-cuttings about Nader's reports on motor-car defects is an interesting sidelight. The New York Herald-Tribune (3.9.71) reports Nader as criticising the Chevrolet and General Motors (which manufactures the Chevrolet), the Sunday Times (12.9.71) and the Guardian (13.9.71) mentions Nader's criticism of the Volkswagen, and the Evening Standard (6.9.71) mentions his criticism of the Volvo. All of these were presumably referring to the same group of reports but all of them picked out different cars and not one picked out an English car which no doubt gained a mention. The New York Herald-Tribune may be thought to be lacking in patriotism but the issue seen was published in Paris. Patriotism begins at the advertising cash till.

It will be seen from this brief survey of some of Nader's work on the motorcar industry that he is a man to be reckoned with. Perhaps a closer survey of his ideas will reveal some limitations of his approach, beliefs and methods. For example Mr. Nader is a lawyer and quoted (with regret) from the Harvard

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# or Hypocrites?

#### Comrades,

I realise that we might be a bit short of ideas in the British Anarchist movement and that it is natural at times to grasp at the weakest of straws in order to encourage oneself that things are not quite so bad as they seem. But are we really so bankrupt and demoralised that we have to embrace the nonsensical demands being made by some people (who believe that a majority of the people who would bother to take part agree with them on some particular issue) for referenda? And even talk as though this would be a 'system of direct democracy'. These demands have been given incredible coverage in FREEDOM recently culminating in John Lawrence's plea for a referendum over the Common Market. This coverage contrasts sadly with the lack of informed news or comment about the situation in, say, Northern Ireland, an archetypal State v. the People situation in which the State encourages division between sections of the people in order to maintain power over all of them. I agree that we have not yet had an article in FREEDOM calling for a referendum in Northern Ireland as a 'system

of direct democracy', but, really, what sort of anarchist is it that can talk thus of working 'towards a system whereby ordinary people can run the country themselves'? How naive can you get? And anyway, what bloody country? Run it? All of us? What do we have in mind exactly? Suppose a referendum supported entry to the Common Market, say-or rejected it-so what? What about those who disagreed with the result? Surely

## A Reply :

A RTHUR HUMPHREY wants to abolish the State, not run it. I agree -but what is the State and how, practically, does one abolish it?

Can we accept that the State consists of all those institutions of coercion designed to take away from the people the right to manage their own affairs, ation with others is not 'running the State'-it is abolishing it.

anarchy is not about how to run the State but how to abolish it?

## LETTERS

Let's face it-we don't have much support for anarchist ideas or action despite the current trendy academic interest-we won't get (and certainly won't deserve) any more by the dishonest practice of taking up ideas because they seem to have some support (in the Labour Party??). That is the politician's way. Converts or Hypocrites?

Fraternally,

ARTH HUMPHREY.

right on all sorts of other things as well. And so they would-and that is why I support the idea.

It is no bad thing to be naive (artless, disingenuous, frank) on this issue. think ordinary people (as opposed to vested interests and power groups) can and must decide for themselves. That, to me, is the essence of anarchism. Anyone who says that to believe in people is naive but still calls himself an anarchist, is, in my opinion, a cynic. in order that a small minority can main- hope A.H. is not a cynic. The questions tain its position of wealth and privilege? he raises are worthy of exhaustive study If so, it follows that the State will be and discussion. I hope he will write abolished only when the people regain further and in more detail, to tell us that right. That is what I mean by just how he believes we can get from 'people themselves running the country'. this hell of capitalism to the libertarian Managing your own affairs in co-oper- society. Unless anarchism is to become completely esoteric, it must act, get its feet wet, make mistakes and learn from them. Otherwise the field is left clear for the authoritarians.

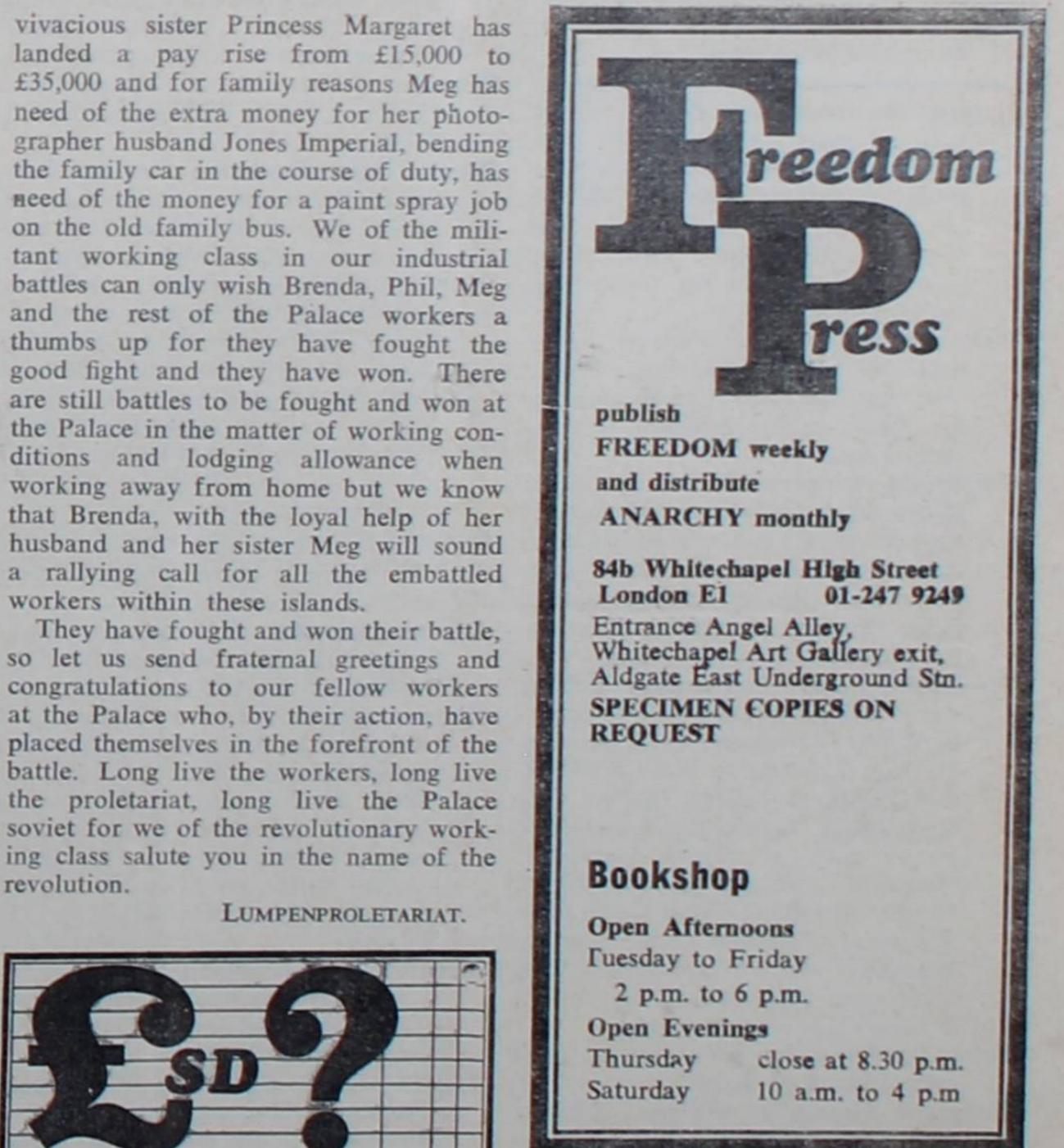


MILITANT WORKERS have reason to be proud of the victory of their comrades at Buckingham Palace. Despite the actions of the anti-working class Tory Government and despite the claims of various industrial employers that they will not pay the wage increases demanded by their workers the lads and the girls working at the Palace have won a massive wage increase that should be the red light for every militant shop stewards' group in this country.

There are those, and we can have little sympathy with them, who feel that our Palace comrades have won a wage award that the rest of us can never hope to attain but that is for us to test. Are we to sulk because a band of workers by their own efforts have broken the Tory percentage figure for wage increases when their action should be a flag to urge us on to greater efforts in the industrial battle.

Elizabeth Windsor has long been known as a tough fighter and negotiator and for her job as Queen she has upped the ante from a miserable £475,000 to £990,000. True that this is only a yearly wage and not a weekly take-home pay but Brenda, as we know her, has set the pattern for future wage claims on behalf of her fellow workers.

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I believe that if people have a right to decide questions directly by a referendum, that is a step towards the abolition of the State. Advocating a referendum exposes the basic assumption of all authoritarians-namely their conviction that ordinary people are incapable of managing their own affairs.

By 'education', propaganda and the mores of this society, people have come to believe that they are not fitted to do things for themselves, and that they need "strong men', 'educated men', to act as their 'leaders'. We shall never achieve an anarchist society until the myth of leadership is destroyed. I think the demand for a referendum helps to do this, and find it most significant that no politician or political group supports popular referenda. Enoch Powell, for example, condemns referenda because, in his own words, once give the people the right to decide on this issue of the Common Market and they will want that JOHN LAWRENCE.

#### VOLINE

#### The Unknown Revolution

(Kronstadt 1921 : Ukraine 1918-21)

We have had a great many enquiries for this title since it went out of print. We recently made the find of some of the sheets which we have completed and bound (hardcover, rexine).

#### A few pages have damp-stained margins.

This makes a very limited edition, and with a view to helping our own finances and making sure that people who have been asking for it get first chance, we are offering it at the price of £2.00 plus postage (inland 10p, abroad 15p), ONLY TO READERS OF 'FREEDOM' All profits from these sales will be put into the Press Fund.

Her husband Philip who works alternate shifts with Brenda takes his pay up from £40,000 to £65,000 while little Anne their working daughter pushes her rate up from £6,000 to an £11,000.

What we have to admire is the fact that the Palace workers kept the wage rates of the old workers in the forefront of their wage battle and Brenda's old mother found her pay packet weighed down with an extra £25,000 for no longer will this sweet and gentle old lady have to eke out a living on £70,000 a year for with her £95,000 she can live her last years in some small degree of comfort. Even the old Duke of Gloucester managed to get his small retainer bashed up from £35,000 to £55,000 and we all wish the old lad well for he has been a good and loyal worker and an honour to his class.

The working class can feel proud of the fact that Brenda's curvaceous and

ing class salute you in the name of the revolution.

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that Brenda, with the loyal help of her

a rallying call for all the embattled

so let us send fraternal greetings and

congratulations to our fellow workers

at the Palace who, by their action, have

placed themselves in the forefront of the

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the proletariat, long live the Palace

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# This Week in Ireland

WILL BEGIN by the one good and whites'. cheering heartening thing. As fast as the British troops crater the border roads so do the farmers from BOTH sides of the border bring out their tractors and working together in amity fill them in, or make new roads across the fields. They call the cratering 'Taylor's Folly'.

Meanwhile the toll of torture at the hands of the brutalised British Redcaps and the RUC Special Branch rises. Mr. Shannon was missing for nine days and his whereabouts were only told to his wife after the Opposition had made a great fuss. She then went to see him in Crumlin Gaol. He was still disorientated. and Surgeon Lane who has seen him is willing to testify he has been tortured. This surgeon served many years with the British Army in Colonial places, but has Presently a girl student noticed that given back his medals, etc., as a token troops were surrounding Queen's and of his disgust with Army tactics in the soldiers had let the air out of Mr. Macsix counties. to say on the BBC last Sunday there had been no ill-treatment of internees, yet interested people have compiled dossiers inside and barricaded themselves in and of sworn statements. The Compton rang Mr. Callaghan. He in his turn got Inquiry is just whitewashing tripe. Does Faulkner really expect any Catholic internee to have faith in a man paid £6,000 a year by Stormont? Especially as Stormont insists the Inquiry must be held in private and the internees who complain may not call witnesses. Is Heath quite blind and mad as well? Ireland is so sick that major surgery is necessary if she is ever to recover. The Catholics in the six counties are the 'white niggers' and their equivalent Protestants the 'poor

Yesterday a young man who had never belonged to any political party, and who had lain bleeding to death on the floor of a house while the Army refused to let anyone leave their house to phone for ambulance or doctor, was buried. Paisleyite women turned out to spit and jeer at the funeral courtege. One almost believes in diabolic possession. Incidentally when (after he was dead) an Army ambulance took him to an Army hospital they took his brother too and kept him 24 hours and beat his up and tortured him.

The President of Sinn Fein went by invitation to speak at Queen's on the EEC as did Michael Sweetman, TD, the former being against it, the latter for it. Giolla's tyres. When he went out a Faulkner actually had the utter idiocy plainclothes man manhandled him and tried to arrest him. This some 200 students prevented. They took him back in touch with Mr. Maudling. Troops withdrew, but the students thought it unwise for Tomas to leave unless they had a written guarantee of safe conduct to the border. A high-ranking officer had given a verbal one. However about 10 next morning Tomas slipped out and accompanied by a posse of students got safely across the border at Newry though he was tailed all the way. Paisley is furious, stating it is another give-in to

long to the IRA. He is a gentle somewhat timid and diffident man) and he should have been arrested under section 10 of the Special Powers Act.

We have had the boxes of arms found at Cobh first thought to have come off the Q.E.II, but now there is an air of mystery about the whole affair.

forthright than heretofore, but the Opposition are scarifying him. The Ireland had need of them. If they debate continues today.

Our students have come out in protest about the raised fees, and the instant dismissal for political reasons of two art teachers.

On the Saturday before last ar writer spoke in the border ..... of Monaghan. She thought her speech, which dealt with Gandhi's philosophy of satyagraha and swadishi, very moderate. Truly, she said at the end, was it not time that the Unionists became Irish? The Dail reconvened early yesterday Those of Norman, Danish and Huguenot to discuss the six-county situation, and descent were proud of it but considered Mr. Lynch has threatened to go to the themselves Irish and did not look to UN himself if British troops again cross Normandy or Denmark or France and the border as they continually do. To gave their loyalty to Ireland not the

me Mr. Lynch seemed stronger and more countries of their distant forebears. Was it not time the Unionists did the same? couldn't do this and insisted on being 'British', well, as de Gaulle had said to those who refused to integrate in Algeria, There is the ship back home forenenst yez'. She had to leave then as buses are like time and tide, but some 'kind' person sent her down the Northern papers. She is surprised to learn she is a vicious war-maker. She thinks she will keep out of the six counties for a wee while!!!

> I could tell you horror story after horror story, but what is the use? The abscess that is Ireland MUST burst some time soon or the whole limb will have to be amputated or the whole 32 counties will die of septicemia.

> > H.



most sinister form of rape. Parents, and husbands in the role of finding a wife-pacifier while drinking with the boys, find in this monstrous intruder an easy but treacherous way to peace. No doubt television may be watched with discernment and discrimination. By a very tiny minority in practice. No intelligent lifelover would instal television in the sitting room or whatever room is used for social intercourse as the idiot box would certainly greatly diminish or eliminate the latter.

Appeal Heard

A ID FOR THE Stoke Newington six got a boost in the Marquis of Granby last Sunday (anarchists meet there every week from 7.30 p.m.-location Cambridge Circus) when it was decided to raise funds there on a regular basis. The first collection returned six pounds fifty-a good yield for a spontaneous whip-around.

#### **Bureaucracy v. Humanity**

For seven hours on Wednesday another brother and myself-the law required the police or the prison warders.

This dissatisfaction finds a perverted relief in the superiority which somehow the bureaucrat acquires in his attitude to the public. As it happened I was down in the Social Services department the next day where in one room fifty applications for aid were attended to by one sour-faced bitch who then referred Bangla Desh-Operation Omega. Con- each person-average waiting time to that stage was an hour and a quarterkind. We need nurses, doctors, to another interviewer involving another mechanics, office workers, sponsors long wait in another queue. The govern-(individuals or groups), medicines, ment service is not exactly short-staffed vaccine guns, high-protein foods, in- (for any person of easy conscience I motors, spare parts. Send details of relatively high income, excellent sick help you can give, or goods you can leave and precious little to do in most

positions-a recommendation based on personal experience) but applicants for aid may be excused if they arrived at the conclusion it was.

The sad conclusions of our investigations probably would be that the bureaucracy is a terrible enemy of society-another monster which man has found foisted on him in the name of progress, law and order, efficiency and impartiality. So much for pious intentions.

#### Schoolboy revolt

Oakbank Grammar School in Yorktwo sureties-languished in police sta- shire was recently thrown into turmoil tion, magistrate's court and Pentonville -gaining widespread newspaper pub-Prison in a vain attempt to secure the licity thereby-when the prefects asked release of Paul Pawlowski. While the to be relieved of their duties as one of indifference and smug self-satisfaction of their number had been punched by clerks in the public service is notorious, fourth formers. No doubt conventionalthe actual experience of it leads one to thinking people were aghast at this disthe conclusion that, at least at work, play of insubordination and indiscipline. these vermin have entirely lost their Prefects are part of the authoritarian humanity. Strangely, perhaps, the collar structure of modern schools and, in and tie clerks of the court seemed to be effect, are serving an apprenticeship in more degraded and inhumane than either leadership. Tradition-carefully nurtured by the Establishment-dictates that this Objectively, we should investigate the is how things should be. Anarchists nature of the work and the conditions seek not merely to overthrow such tradi-(not overlooking the security which tions but to indicate alternative methods chist group in Gateshead, Co. Dur- supports the smugness) under which of organisation such as co-operation and bureaucracy is maintained. Clerical participation in decision-making by all work is almost invariably boring and those affected. The disturbances-often Eco-Action Group being formed in S.W. causes intense dissatisfaction to those violent and unpleasant-which arise London. Contact R. Alexander, Flat engaged in it except for those who from unilateral and dictatorial decisionmanage to become utter morons and are making will be seen by us as inevitable consequently insensitive to life itself. and while we may not always assent to such acts we will always sympathise with those who seek justice and a more equitable society and try to counsel them where this can be done to some effect.

#### Some evidence

The notorious Police Constable Pulley, giving evidence in the Mangrove case, described this famous restaurant as 'a haunt for criminals, prostitutes, ponces and the like. Anyone going there is likely to be corrupted if not corrupted already'. In a letter to The Times some months ago Colin MacInnes, the famous author, remarked on the wholesome pleasure he derived from frequent visits there, the open hospitality and atmosphere of goodwill. Having been there a number of times myself since then, I can support the latter's testimony. The evidence of Pulley is obviously based on his antipathy to black people. No doubt men of his Powellite mind regard all black people as criminals, etc.

#### A fine body of men

Violence of every description, corruption and gross privilege have for so long been part and parcel of life in New York that it scarcely comes as a surprise to learn-as discovered by the Knapp Commission currently investigating the police-that every plainclothes cop theretakes bribes. When I lived in Sydney, Australia, it was widely accepted that this was so there also but the smug bourgeois citizens connived as they concluded police corruption was limited to the criminal classes. Which is largely the case in New York also. The Knapp-Commission is now coming to the conclusion that their police force will have to be rebuilt from scratch. In the meantime we are all being reminded by people killed on the screen by the time he various politicians all over the world is fourteen, will have seen 350,000 com- what a fine body of men the police are.



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the IRA (Mr. MacGiolla does not be-

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- Carlmobile Summer 72. A group of idiots going to Ireland. If there is anyone idiotic enough to want to come and who knows about carthorse and donkey hiring, contact Julia Darling, 'Arundale', Burnington Road, Letchworth, Herts.
- Weekend School. Independent Labour Party at Keir Hardie Hall, Cumberland Road, Plaistow, E.13, November 6 & 7. Saturday Morning (10.30 a.m.-12.45 p.m.)-Terry Liddle: 'Why Socialism?'. Saturday Afternoon (2 p.m.-5 p.m.) — David Alexander:

Nurses, Social Workers and Medical Students in London area wishing to form discussion and action group write: Thomas Layden, 37 Grand Avenue, Muswell Hill, London, N.10. Proposed Group: Celia & Laurens Otter, 13 Albert Road, Wellington Telford, Salop.

tributions needed in cash, help or offer, or cash to Operation Omega, 3 Caledonian Road, London, N.1 o phone London 837 3860 or 485 1103 or Manchester 881 1788.

Proposed Group-Exeter Area. John and Jill Driver, 21 Dukes Orchard, Bradninch, Exeter, EX5 4RA.

Anyone interested in forming a Cam- don't they have the same religion? bridge Anarchist Group contact John Jenkins, 75 York Street, Cambridge. Phase'. ring Oxford 62955. Nurses and 'Patients', School Kids of others as well as their own. Particuand Teachers, Student Psychologists, larly in the present authoritarian and Social Workers and everyone in industry. Articles, ideas and help and SAE to 'Politics of Psychology', c/o Three Mills (Psychology), Abbey Lane, London, E.15. Leaflets: The Tolpuddle Martyrs, Six Men of Dorset. 15p a 100, plus postage, from Freedom Press. Old Leaflet but still relevant. Help! Stoke Newington 6 Fund. Com- National Secular Society Lectures. The Clarence, Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (Trafalgar Square end). Friday, November 5, 8 p.m., Avro Manhatten: Religious Treason and Plot, Past and Present. Friday, November 19, 8 p.m., Richard Handyside: The Little Red Schoolbook and Related Issues.

### VIOLENCE

#### **Continued from page 2**

people. If economics is the basis why

I am all for people, young or old, long-haired or short, readers or pro-Croydon Group meets first Tuesday of ducers of Oz, or workers on the Clyde, each month, 7.30 p.m., at Jacquetta who are for sexual freedom and creative Benjamin's, Top Flat, 4 Warminster work. So long as they do not muck up Road, South Norwood, S.E.25 (near other people's freedom and creativity. Un-Norwood Junction Station and 68 fortunately it often happens that people hostile environment. and 12 buses). Tuesday, November who are accustomed to an authoritarian 2: Bill Millis on 'Towards the In- structure around them behave wildly surrectionary Intellectual - First when they have succeeded in breaking free from it, or when it has been Afternoon-The Social Service Cuts Wanted: second-hand pottery wheel and/or removed. It's probably inevitable and kiln. Please contact: Terri, 36 Lati- cannot be helped. However I don't think mer Road, Headington, Oxford, or one should say, 'Oh well, they'll get over it.' And leave it at that. One should Politics of Psychology Conference, point out that even the smallest organi-November 26-27, London School of sation can only be run if those involved Economics. Of interest to Mental act responsibly and consider the interests

#### The Idiot Box

At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Paediatrics last week it was disclosed that the young child, on average, spent 64% of his waking time watching television, will have seen 18,000 flatable boats, generators, outboard would recommend it for short hours, mercials by the end of his secondary As if the New York police were really schooling, will have spent 10 years with all that different. the box by the time he has died. A

> masses. The Ulster Catholics and Proready to organise themselves efficiently, so that they will have a chance of

BILL DWYER.

repressive atmosphere it is desirable that violent tactic against the employers or those who rebel or drop out should be the State. Non-violence does not mean eaten by vultures? I think religion just talking, it can be a form of comhas more to do with human fantasy pulsion that does not involve physical than economics, though of course the violence. Of course a strike may become clergy have never failed to profit from violent, but most strikes are not, and the appeal of these fantasies to the many, if not the majority, are successful. Violence is the trend today, as nontestants are both poor, working-class violence was ten years ago. At the time I was writing this letter I came across an interesting article in Peace surviving in an increasingly harsh and News (8.10.71) by Jean van Lierde, 'The

Pacifist's Duty to Violent Revolutionaries'. The author says, 'I expressed my solidarity with the Algerians struggling against France, by collecting signatures for the Manifesto of the 121, providing identification papers for men in hiding. buying cars to aid the escape of Algerians on the run from the French or Belgian police, and in similar ways. It was well understood when I agreed to organise the clandestine network with my friend Francis Jeanson, that I was a conscientious objector, and that we were bound from the beginning by a moral contract, namely that the traffic of arms or the paying off of scores between the FLN and the MNA (Algerian National Movement) would never be linked with our political resistance to the Algerian war.' He adds sadly that Algeria is now under the rule of colonels, while the Congo, another country he helped nonviolently, is now a victim of neocolonialism, and he is again forbidden to go there. This tends to suggest that these violent struggles were less effective than they were expected to be. However this does show that the fact that one believes in non-violence does not mean one has to stand aside and leave people to struggle unhelped. A.W.U.

'Socialism and the Labour Party'. Sunday Morning-Brian Dean: 'The Industrial Relations Act'. Sunday and How to Fight Them'. Admission: 2 days-25p; One day-15p.

Brian Shuttleworth. Please get in touch with Liverpool Friends.

Proposed Group in Oldham. Contact Bob Lees, 6 Coniston Avenue, Werneth, Oldham, Lancs.

American Readers: The following talks have been organised by Libertarian Analysis: 'Education in a Free Society', Friday, November 5; 'The New Anarchism', by Sam Dolgoff, Friday, November 12. All held at 7 p.m. at 1155 Boardway (south of 27th Street). Further information Box 210, Village Station, New York. 10014.

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## STUART CHRISTIE

D FREEDOM-unasked-to say would anything would be better than having anyone wanting to visit Stuart Christie that again. Modern people seem to go in Brixton phone you for co-ordination. raving mad as soon as fighting starts, DON'T ASK THEM TO VISIT HIM. in Algeria, where torture was gleefully We have already co-ordinated all practised by both sides). visits. If anyone else calls it will mess have come from as far as Scotland or such things, but I think they might be Paris.

This was well meant by Bill Dwyer but very embarrassing.

As far as violence is concerned all I can say is that I cannot see how anarchists can expect it to bring about the sort of society that they want. Hatred, cruelty and destruction can surely only bring about more of the same. These things are inseparable from violence and warfare. Bakunin, Malatesta . . . well they were men of the nineteenth century, when wars in Europe were relatively brief and small-scale affairs. The twentieth century is an odd period. Along with the increase in social welfare and the rising standard of living, and greater humanitarianism and permissiveness in time of peace, has gone an increasing remorselessness in time of war. The Russian Revolution and Civil War was a period of extermination and tyranny, DILL DWYER has put a note in ending in the Stalinist state. Almost IF ANYONE PHONES PLEASE and pride themselves on their cruelty (as

Most anarchists are kind people who up arrangements from people who may don't believe that they would ever do carried away.

> Persuasion or threats . . . well when workers strike they are using a non-

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