

A CCORDING to the Stockholm aircraft and an aircraft-carrier. In arrived at an understanding with places, to see this war as arising armaments to the utter neglect of International Peace Research Institute in its study The Arms Trade with the Third World, India and Pakistan were among the leading customers of the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and France for armaments, orders on the sub-continent (India and Pakistan) increasing four and a half times between the first half of the fifties and the second half of the sixties. In 1954 Pakistan was persuaded by the United States to join the South East Asia Treaty Organization and the Baghdad Pact. This was accepted by Pakistan, not because she wished to defend South East Asia against Communism, but she wished to defend herself from her neighbour (on two sides), India. This was matched by British and French salesmen selling to India Hunters, Canberras and Ouragans to match Pakistan's Sabres and Canberras. Sales for AMX-13 tanks were good after Pakistan received M-41 Bulldogs from the US. SIPRI reports that up to 1962 India's purchases were more for prestige than for strategic operations. They included jet combat

1962 India was defeated in its war China, and the Indians an agree- from the need to 'Save Bangla with China but its 'neutralism' to- ment with Russia. China now de- Desh'. It is obvious that Bangla It could not even be claimed that wards the West failed to qualify it fends Pakistan at UNO whilst Desh is not the cause of the conquest of I by P (or of P by I) for US F104 Starfighters (known in West Germany as 'Widow-Makers'). In came the Soviet Union (who else?) to supply SAM missiles and MIGs (the latter also to be manufactured in India-under licence). Later India took Soviet frigates, submarines and ground attack fighters. Russia refused to operate an embargo during India's 1965 war with Pakistan. This war itself was occasioned by the relative 'preparedness' of both sides. After 1965 Pakistan, the loser, was 'Tom Tiddler's Ground' for arms salesmen. The US lifted its embargo, Pakistan signed an arms agreement with the Soviet Union in 1968, possibly (says SIPRI) as an exchange for closing the US base at Peshawar. To augment their stocking-up Pakistan acquired US supplies indirectly from Europe, Mirage jets, and submarines from France. Later they got six Starfighters (Indian rejects?), seven B-57 and 200 armoured personnel carriers from the US.

Russia, since at the time of writing India appears to be doing well, refuses to press for a cease-fire. Now the chickens (or the Sabres, Canberras, Starfighters, MIGs, and Mirages) have come home to roost or rather to lay their deadly eggs on their neighbour's nest.

Desh will benefit, or even survive the war. India's eyes are turned more towards Kashmir and her age-old feud with Pakistan. Pakistan, in the same way, is concerned at settling her feud with India. Both in pursuance of their It is possible, indeed it may be policies have contracted questionable alliances and built up their

their hideously impoverished peoples. war; it is unikely that Bangla could bring access to markets and raw materials since both nations are lacking in both. This is a war more pointless than most. Which way the Left in this country, and elsewhere, will fall in line is predictable. The only attitude for anarchists, is, as with every imperialist war: a plague on both their houses. JACK ROBINSON.

Since then the Pakistanis have

AND REAL THEY A LONG THE REAL PROPERTY.

compulsory and official in some



THE ROOT CAUSE of the communal be plenty of fuel for the racialists and themselves. The politicians have failed. social discontent generated by fifty years it seems to me that any solution to the Nationalist and Orange rantings for the of chronic unemployment and poverty, problems of Northern Ireland is bound and the failure of successive Governments up with an economic and social policy to remember Connolly's words: 'It matters to solve the economic problems which that faces root causes. afflict this province. Misery generates hatred — and Northern Ireland has had the unemployed rate in Northern Ireland was two-and-a-half times that of the rest 26.2% of the working population-and this despite massive emigration. Here, surely, is the basis of the strife. down everyone's wages and depress

strife in Northern Ireland is the the Powellites to stoke into flames. So

The Orange worker is held loyal to flies over the slum-it's still a slum." Unionism by the prospect of being cast her share of misery. Except for the war down to the level of people even more not be underestimated. Only yesterday years, the unemployment rate has stayed miserable than himself. But what on I had a good lady tell me that she wished around 10%. Transfer this to Britain earth has he to gain from all this dis- there were sanctuaries for humans as well and it would mean some two to three crimination against Catholic workers? as for wildlife. millions without work and living on the The privilege of working his balls off? The people in the streets fighting for dole and the NAB. Between the wars The feeling of being tuppence halfpenny their lives are fighting more against years looking down on tuppence? of Britain. In 1937, for example, it was us that all will be well with a United the IRA didn't aim their guns at the real Ireland. But if this were so why in the oppressors of the Irish people-like the South is there an unemployed rate as builders who employ men to slave their high as in the North but with even lower guts out, or the contractors who drive It affects the Protestant worker as insurance benefits? More than a million men like cattle. The bosses-both Green much as the Catholic worker since the Irish have emigrated from the South and Orange-are our enemies and it is pool of unemployed can be used to hold since the national solution was achieved. against them that we need to organise. working conditions. It makes the Orange if workers through no fault of their own man. An old man in Dublin heard that man jump to it when three men are are thrown on the scrap-heap they must the green flag had been run up on the waiting for his job. It would be very receive an equal share in the good things GPO building. He asked the rich man unwise indeed to imagine that this situ- of life. Of course, it is useless asking a what difference it would make. 'Ah,' ation is peculiar to Ireland. In Britain State for such a solution. People must said the rich man, 'it's all the same to today the suicide rate in the North West organise to enforce it. One means of you what flag rises. You will be breakhas gone up three times since mass un- doing that is to demand in the North of ing stones tomorrow just the same.' employment developed. If ever the situ- Ireland (and here) direct rule from below ation reaches the position it has already in the form of referenda-for all the FROM BELOW. reached in Northern Ireland there will problems to be discussed by the people

Of course, it is hard in the midst of sane to be heard, but we would do well little where the green or the orange flag

The wisdom of ordinary people should

## Rhodesid-Victory for Apartheid

A GAINST THE ODDS, agreement was reached in Salisbury between Ian Smith and Douglas-Home which has concluded the Tories' triple act of Rhodesian sell-out, arms for South Africa and the Immigration Act. The message, so clear and simple, is that the British Government does not like black people and that they have chosen sides in the forthcoming racial war-along with the vast majority of the white British. Chosen sides, to mince no words, with apartheid -that inhuman, irrational doctrine espoused by the Nazi sympathisers in South Africa.

Sold down the Zambesi, the Daily Mirror sang across the tube from me, and that's just what has happened to the African people of Zimbabwe, who have no excuse but to take up their own struggle with a determination which can earn them respect. Not so many years ago the African nationalist Joshua Nkomo said that the declaration of UDI was a declaration of war on the African people by the Smith regime. But wars are not fought only with words and the freedom fighters of Southern Africa have not even dented the armour of racialist oppression. This is not to advocate an armed insurrection in Zimbabwe that would lose the lives of many brave and innocent Africans, nor is it in this writer to cast brickbats at guerrillas in other lands who have demonstrated an individual courage that inspires many young people today. The African nationalists of Zimbabwe have, let us face it, an onerous task ahead of them; they have, in the past, spent the greater part of their passions in feuding between two rival groupings which has diverted attention from the real struggle with the Smith regime. To be quite clear, again, this is not the advocacy of authoritarian and imposed 'accord', it is rather an observation from a friendly-but not too friendly-sympathiser with the cause of

liberation in Africa.

One particularly nauseating aspect of the Rhodesian settlement is the position adopted by the Labour Party, who-as with the Common Market-must be internally jealous of the Tory diplomacy but have, for the sake of appearances in a play which gets a smaller and smaller audience, to mouth the predictable noises about principles and selling out. Wilson on two occasions came close to a successful sellout in Rhodesia and it is the tired old word 'hypocrisy' that must be delivered into the guts of Wilson's gang.

In terms of humanity the Rhodesian settlement is a small step backwards, a further line drawn in the plan of battle. The African people would reject the settlement if they were allowed to vote on it-which is the reason they are not being allowed to! On the credit side we can recognise that the reality behind the facade of British diplomacy has now been recognised for what it is: racialism.

of economic slavery than for the right The IRA (provisionals and official) tell to live under a different flag. It's a pity The only solution, as I see it, is that Politicians are no friend to the working

Direct rule in Northern Ireland? Yes-

BRIAN BEHAN.



CONTRARY TO THE CURRENT of best means to protect their narrow influence will be quite a protection. Of are a member of a registered trade member. union you are protected and privileged. an industrial outlaw. glove with the State (i.e. registered) and adhered to the proper procedure. because it is of benefit to an employer through the correct procedure-no ballot, outlaw. (agency shop), in other words in one no notice to my employer (except perhaps instance where it is an act of social and the day before so he knew why I was political rebellion to refuse to join a absent), not even the courtesy of prelawed for doing so. fined limits, it gains most of the rights it to all and sundry, calling for sympa- I could give in forty years of teaching. which have become customary, and will thetic action. I would have broken rather certainly be backed by the State if it a large number of rules into the bargain. that's their affair, the anarchist movechooses to grow at the expense of other By comparison with the position of ment is going to be posed with problems unions which have not registered. In the the individual worker, then, the unions of mutual aid for those rebels who fall following years many blue-collar unions are privileged. Even if they don't register foul of the system. Have our much are likely to follow the white-collar -a protest which I feel will not last long vaunted trendy 'communards' got any unions in accepting registration as the -their size and potentially disruptive suggestions?

opinion among both Tory supporters bureaucratic interests. Even their right, course they won't necessarily protect inand their left-wing opposition (of all so little employed, to engage in strike dividual members who engage in unvarieties), the Industrial Relations Act is action will be guaranteed. This of course approved action and can disclaim responnot so much of a threat to trade unions does not apply to the non-registered sibility for their activities. So even in as it is to the individual worker. If you union, and above all not to the non-union the case of unregistered trade unions it is the bureaucracy who comes out on Since my union is registered and pretty awful anyhow; since it cannot in any sense represent me or my views or complaints; since like Mr. Polly and Mathieu Delarue I have been looking for jumping off point to begin my own brea for freedom; since I'm just downrigh bloody fed up, the buck starts here. have resigned from the union, the only has secured an agreement principally I of course would not have gone way open for me to become an industrial

FRANCIS DRAKE.

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If I, as a member of the teaching top. If you are not, you are at least potentially profession (FE), choose not to belong to the union which has sole bargaining Take the right not to belong to a rights for me (the ATTI, a registered union so beloved of the right wing. It union), yet still choose to go out on has an exception in the case of an agency strike when they do (since I could never shop agreement, however much that ex- cross a picket line) then I would be in ception is hedged around by qualifica- breach of contract, although the union tions. Where a trade union is hand in members would not be, providing they

Having just finished reading the Great Brain Robbery (Moss Side Press) it is a great consolation to me that this one act union or 'play the game', then one is out- senting my grievances to the employer. of rebellion, should it result in a clash Since, finally I would have issued my with the authorities, will be a far better If a union registers then, within de- personal strike manifesto and distributed education for the students who see it than

If others choose to follow suit, and MARTIN BASHFORTH.

# The Prescott-Purdie Trial—15 years—and more to come

to cause explosions (though not guilty The one completely inexplicable thing and they call it justice. of actually causing explosions) on in the trial was Prescott's appearance in November 30 and then sentenced to the witness-box on November 22 and 23, THE JUDGE frauds, to run concurrently).

### THE TRIAL

intended to.

(the one who had disappeared at the and back it with a strong political the jury's conclusions. time of the committal proceedings, be- defence. whose identities were disguised by being haps, but hardly a conspirator. There perience that is now lengthy. admitted that they were themselves in- agreement to cause any explosions, or he sentenced to a total of 142 years' imvolved in charges connected with dis- even that he knew about it. But Pres- prisonment only in 1969? Is he seriously THE PRESS honesty, theft, or both; they both in- cott's last-minute counsel showed himself suggesting that the Angry Brigade is The comments in the national press sisted that their stories were true and to be incompetent throughout the trial, worse than that-or worse than the con- have generally been as ignorant and unprompted by the police. However, failing to make most of the points which spiracy represented by the bench of irrelevant as could have been expected. they were presumably disbelieved by the could have been made against the prose- judges, for that matter? We assume that The Evening Standard printed in its later jury, since Prescott was acquitted of the cution case or the points which could 'evil' means no more than 'politically editions on December 1 a double-page Carr bombing charge.

evidence consisted mainly of extracts argued his case competently, and Purdie as a tool by people more sinister than Armed Forces), identifying the Angry from documents, the only ones impli- took the surely correct course of staying you are and, I suspect, more intelligent. Brigade with 'the anarchists' and then cating Prescott or Purdie being those out of the witness-box and resting on They are as yet unidentified, but I must describing Agitprop as 'the best place to actually written by them, and then only the traditional principle of English law equally face the fact that you know- try to understand the Angry Brigade'. indirectly. One of the relatively amus- that it is up to the prosecution to prove ingly embraced that conspiracy. referring to the 'urban guerrillas' who ing things in the trial was when a police guilt and not up to the defence to prove The only evidence about Prescott's part are 'the violent activists of a revolution suffer an exemplary penalty is therehandwriting expert agreed that neither innocence. For once the principle worked, in the conspiracy which was established comprising workers, students, teachers, fore questionable. His opinions (as Prescott nor Purdie had written any of and Purdie was acquitted and discharged; in court was that he did not in fact know trade unionists, homosexuals, unemployed the really incriminating documents found but he is still charged with cheque frauds, what the conspirators were up to when -- and women striving for liberation'. at the Amhurst Road commune on and on December 1 he was refused bail they asked him to address some envelopes stating that 'the basic philosophy, of August 20-though these were introduced on this minor charge, despite the fact for them, and that if he had he would the Angry Brigade is supported wholeas evidence all the same, just to confuse that the other people also on it are all naturally have disguised his handwriting; heartedly by the underground press', and age of six, and then grew into a life the issue and provide dramatic stories on bail-though, in view of Prescott's but one must face the fact that he was trying to knock down the women who of petty theft and drug addiction. for the press.

two girls who knew Prescott were called and Purdie may be heavily punished not erately refused to identify those who led the hunt. A stinging rejoinder came The only good thing about this wishyto give evidence for the prosecution. so much for the cheque frauds as for used him 'as a tool'. in Richard Neville's Evening Standard washy rubbish was that it prompted some One mentioned violent remarks in one of having the impertinence to get off the I bear in mind, as I have been asked column the next day, when he wrote the good letters, especially a devastating one Prescott's letters, but agreed with the conspiracy. to do, your unhappy background, best article on the case which has yet from a Borstal governor on December 4, defence cross-examination that in about The question remains why Purdie was which has undoubtedly contributed to appeared in the straight press. throwing doubt on the whole system of a hundred letters to her he had mentioned ever arrested and charged for conspiracy, the position in which you now find The other Beaverbrook paper, the official institutions to which he belongs! violence only once, and that he had let alone committed for trial. The answer yourself. If I did not also regard you Daily Express, printed on December 2 The Daily Telegraph, by contrast, never said anything about bombs or is no doubt that the authorities were so as a tool in the sense I have just said, a leading article called 'Society's Guard' which one would not have expected to explosives. The other also mentioned desperate to get someone for the Angry the sentence would have been a heavier which expressed the attitude of the idiot say anything worth reading, printed on extreme remarks in Prescott's letters, and Brigade bombings that in the absence of one. Right and, one fears, of many other December 2 a leading article of relatively added that she had suspected his friends anyone else for Prescott to conspire with Heavier than fifteen years? The maxi- people as well-'Stern but just. That will remarkable percipience: of being concerned in 'bombings and they had to try and frame Purdie. Let mum sentence for conspiracy to cause be the view of all reasonable people. . . Against tyrants and dictators of any things', but also agreed with the defence us be grateful to the jury for seeing explosions is twenty years. Would even The Prescott verdict should send shock- sort who cannot be lawfully or peacecross-examination that Prescott himself through (or taking no notice of) the someone with Melford Stevenson's much waves through the anarchist groups. . . had never said anything about bombs or trick-and also, in a way, to the police more sinister background have given such By emphasising the rule of law, Mr. or gun, however deplorable in partiexplosives.

prosecution and by the judge because they had all refused to give interviews as follows: to the police. The exercise of one's legal rights is apparently to be treated as a suspicious act nowadays; no doubt the law will soon be changed to make things easier for the authorities. However, the alibis were presumably believed-or at least not disbelieved-by the jury, since Prescott was acquitted of the Ministry of Employment bombing charge as well as the Carr bombing charge.

One of the strangest things in the trial was the Times report of November 24, which falsely suggested in two places that Prescott had implicated Purdie in his evidence. Purdie's counsel had to AFBIB-To all Groups. raise the matter in court, and the Times had to devote a third of its report on



There is no truth in the rumour that when Heath conducted the London Symphony Orchestra Jack Lynch flew over to play second fiddle.

convinced that there are only two valid justice.

have been made for the defence case. unacceptable'.

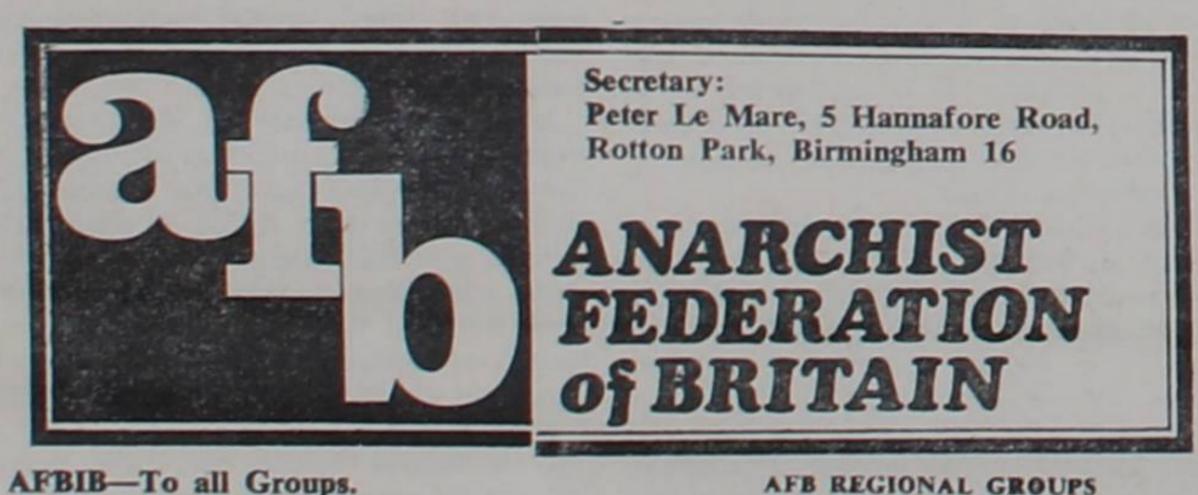
I have happened so far in the tragic ended by stating that 'The Times regrets with him after all? Or would they have do so at the forthcoming trial of the 25 bomb incidents and two machinesaga of the Angry Brigade took place at the two inaccuracies which were due to actually done him for conspiracy with a other people charged with this offence. the end of the three-week trial at the mishearings by our reporter'. It would person or persons unknown-or just kept One is also forced to another conclusion Old Bailey, when Ian Purdie was found be interesting to know exactly what hap- him inside until they could pick someone which our predecessors came to in a not guilty of conspiracy to cause explo- pened in Printing House Square to else up, as eventually they did? In the similar situation eighty years ago. sions on November 30, and when Jake lead a so-called newspaper of record meantime, Ian Purdie spent nine months At the beginning of 1892 there was the Prescott was found guilty of conspiracy to perpetrate such gross errors. inside for a crime he did not commit— Walsall Anarchist Case, when a group

fifteen years' imprisonment on Decem- which must have been the result either It is difficult to find words suitable to arrested for making bombs not to use ber 1 (and also to five years for cheque of misinformed legal advice or of mis- describe the judge, Melford Stevenson. in this country but to send to Russia. guided personal bravado, or both. All His summing up of the case was so were imprisoned, three for ten years and of his testimony was courageous, much biased and-as in the Cambridge Garden one for five. David Nicoll, the editor of of it was impressive (his account of his House trial last year-so political (while Commonweal, the most militant anarchist The trial opened on November 10 (as past), some of it was useful (the exclu- pretending to exclude politics), that Pres- paper at that time, wrote an article pubreported in FREEDOM on November 20), sion of Purdie from complicity), but part cott reasonably shouted 'Rubbish!' and lished on April 9, 1892, which described and continued much as it began. Police of it was disastrous (the admission of walked out of the dock. In adding to the actions of the police, the prosecution, evidence about the 27 shootings and addressing three envelopes for the Angry that verdict, we can only confirm it. and the judge, and concluded with the bombings of property over a period of Brigade Communiqué No. 4 after the When Melford Stevenson pronounced his question: 'Are these men fit to live?' For four years, of which Prescott and Purdie Carr bombing). While we appreciate completely obscene sentence on Prescott, this he in turn went to prison for eighteen were accused of being involved in only some of his remarks-such as 'If the he made a speech which must be taken months; but he was right.

four over a period of a few months, was ruling classes were removed either by as evidence of sheer insanity, not of him We would not put it quite like that. the main item in the prosecution case violence or by chasing them into the alone but of the body of judges and But, however strongly we may be and suitably mystified everyone, as such Thames with bananas, it would be a magistrates in general, of the whole opposed to terrorist action as a political evidence always does and is of course good thing for the people'-we remain system of organised vengeance called method, and however irrelevant we may find it to bomb government offices or The evidence actually against Prescott reasons for going into the witness-box Fortunately for you, the jury acquitted police departments or the homes of and Purdie was much less impressive. in a case like this: either to make a you of the second and third counts, government ministers and police officials. On November 18 there was the hearsay complete denial of everything, and back dealing with the bombings at St. James's we must say that if Commander Bond testimony of two prisoners Prescott it with a good convincing story; or to Square and at the home of Mr. Carr, and John Mathew, QC, and Melford shared a cell with in Brixton last January make a complete admission of everything, and I must, of course, loyally abide by Stevenson were bombed, even killed, we would find it difficult to feel the slightest Meaning that he disagreed with the jury twinge of regret after what they have Mr. Prescott convicted of the much cause he had jumped bail, reappeared to But even after such a damaging ad- but could not quite say so; not that it done to Jake Prescott and tried to do to give a story identical to the other), alleg- mission, which may have been part of mattered, since he could still do what he Ian Purdie. They are all playing straight ing that Prescott had boasted of taking a quixotic plan to get Purdie off, it is wanted with the first count. into the hands of the Angry Brigade, part in the bombing of Robert Carr's difficult to see just how Prescott was But they have convicted you of com- since it is now becoming true that we are house together with a man called Ian proved to be part of the Angry Brigade plicity in the most evil conspiracy I all angry and getting angrier, and are and two women. The two prisoners— —he was seen to be an accessory, per- have ever had to deal with in an ex- finding it more and more difficult to remain content with agitation and propacalled Mr. A and Mr. B in court— was no evidence that he took part in any Had he forgotten the Kray gang, whom ganda in the face of such events.

five-year sentence it can hardly be con- to be punished not because he knowingly have been involved with the accused and Society sometimes has itself to blame Other interesting things were when sidered to be all that minor any more, embraced anything but because he delib- to build up the policemen who have for the violence of its rebels.

for not doing the job more efficiently, as a sentence for an offence involving the Justice Melford Stevenson deserves the The evidence of six people who gave they might so easily have done if there addressing of some envelopes if Prescott gratitude of every democrat.' evidence for the defence, providing Pres- had been a Challenor or two around to hadn't lived in institutions from the age The Daily Mirror of December 2 had cott with alibis for the nights of the plant some convenient evidence. But of six and hadn't accumulated two con- a whole page on the case, describing Ministry of Employment bombing on what would have happened if no one victions a year from the age of eleven? Prescott as 'the tool of the anarchists', December 8 and the Carr bombing on else had later been arrested for Prescott One must face the fact that he would, and including a confused article by January 12, was discredited both by the to be tried with? Would he have got and that he or some other member of his Richard Stott called 'The Angry Brigade's



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of four men framed by the police (after Brigade. A group of anarchists (or being duped by an agent provocateur called Auguste Coulon), who had been

feature about 'The violent ones who say Apart from that, the prosecution On the other hand, Ian Purdie's counsel I do not doubt that you were chosen it with bombs' (forgetting Her Majesty's

Plan for Power', of which the core was

. . The Angry Brigade is part of a world-wide underground movement that was thrown up as a result of the hippie PRESS FUND culture and women's liberation movements of the late sixties. A band of November 17-December 1 inc. it was trying to provoke into rebellion D.A. 5p. have a deep-seated hatred of political violence. . . . The police feel they have not heard the last of the Angry Brigade. although the organisation is now fighting for survival. Fighting, ironically, against one of its own slogans-the Power of the People. . . .

The Guardian, which one might have hoped would say something sensible or at least liberal, and which did in fact have some good little pieces by Nicholas de Jongh and others, printed on December 2 a leading article of almost unbelievable confusion:

THE BEST and worst events which November 25 to a correction which off, or would Purdie have gone down gang may soon have the opportunity to It is a reasonable assumption that the gun attacks listed by the prosecution in the trial of Jack Prescott and Ian Purdie were the work of some form of anarchist organisation. They had a certain consistency about them and some were claimed by the Angry possibly more than one group) bitterly opposed to capitalist society turned to the bomb as a form of political argument. Anarchists will offer some show of intellectual justification for a resort to violence. It is not a philosophy that can ever be accepted in a democracy. Democracy is a preferable political system because reasonable argument is put to the test of the vote and is assumed to prevail. The anarchists may say that their bombs are directed only against property, but in practice they endanger life, and often the lives of entirely innocent bystanders. People could easily have been killed or maimed in the Angry Brigade bombings. Society has an absolute right to protect itself against terrorism.

> That much being said, the Prescott and Purdie trial has been an unsatisfactory affair. The main charge, that Mr. Prescott had taken part in the bombing of Mr. Robert Carr's home, failed. Mr. Purdie was acquitted and vaguer charge of being concerned in a conspiracy to cause explosions by a jury which seems to have been much puzzled and took five and a half hours to reach its verdicts. Mr. Prescott is to appeal. The situation is left even more obscure than it might have been by the decision of the prosecution to proceed later against six other persons who are also said to have been in the conspiracy. So the main responsibility for the Angry Brigade bombings is still unproven, and the right occasion for exemplary deterrent sentences (if the prosecution succeeds in establishing its case) has yet to come.

> Consequently the 15 years sentence on Mr. Prescott seems exceedingly severe. Mr. Justice Melford Stevenson said he was 'chosen as a tool by people more sinister. . . . They are as yet unidentified.' Whether he is the man to distinct from his actions) are the understandable product of a wretched life; he was born of a poor mining family, going into an orphanage at the

fully voted out, the use of the bomb



revolutionaries - intelligent, but mis- I.S. £3; Croydon: R.W. 11p; Horsham: guided. Their aim is appallingly W.G.G. 17p; Co. Neath, Eire: M.O'F. £1; simple. To overthrow the government. Wolverhampton: J.K.W. 10p; J.L. 40p; Their strategy is equally simple. Create Montevideo, Uruguay: H.T. 75p; Ilford: panic by terrorist acts. The authorities P.L. 25p; Hamburg, W. Germany: £5; then react with repressive policies, and London, S.E.18: F.Y. 50p; Chippenham: the workers rise in rebellion against H.C.J. £1.81; Anon 50p; Coventry: J.L. this repression. Simple-but doomed 20p; Wolverhampton: J.L. 40p; J.K.W. to failure. For the Angry Brigade 10p; Provincia di Bellino: V.d.M. 10p; could not understand that the people Minn., USA: M.G.A. £10; Chelmsford:

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one day. It is not always so.

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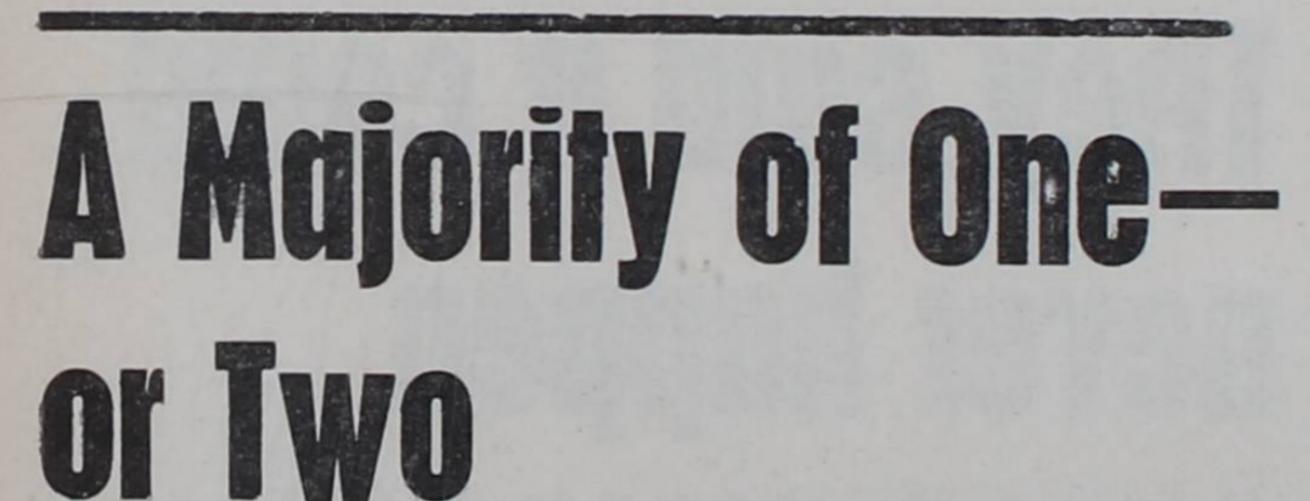
were printed. The Sunday papers on been under constant surveillance, and December 5, for some reason, made no that he has been frequently searched THE TRAGEDY comment at all. Nor has the Times, at and his flat frequently raided; and that, But this does not make any difference Liberation Workshop pamphlet Why Miss any time.

### THE NEXT TRIAL

the other people in the case—the four one would have thought.

already unstable. Looking back over Holloway.

arrested at the Amhurst Road commune Bond also made it clear that in (George Buchanan, Hilary Creek, James making a case against him, the prose-Greenfield, Anna Mendelson), and the cution was going to bring in every from week to week at Clerkenwell Magi- to twenty years' imprisonment not just strates Court, where the committal pro- for some vague complicity in some



The penalty imposed on each, by deci- panies, the Dutch census of 1939 which sion of the bench to make it the same, was later made the most horrible use of, totalled in the region of £20, Jack Robin- and people of certain nationality, race and son's fine being £10 and costs £10.46 and religion ended up in the gas chambers;

guilty' which deprived him of the oppor- local enumerators and census officers; tunity to question witnesses and none that most of the information was already were called. He made a brief statement in the hands of one government departin which he made plain his attitude to ment or another, and he had nothing to 'the never-ending audacity of elected hide. He has not got a Pakistani mother persons', his fear of man's being made or a West Indian father, and it is up to computer fodder and the dangers of in- those who have nothing to hide and formation in the hands of the central nothing to lose to stand up on behalf government-for example in situations of the very large number of people in such as occurred under Nazi occupation, this country to whom the collation of all would the registrar general, his civil this information could matter a great servants, or the local census officer refuse deal. Finally, he thought it ought to be to hand over? Asked for reasons why the part of the legal system of this he should be exempted from the laws of country to defend the liberty of the inthis country, he replied that with other dividual as well as the interests of the laws in this country which have directly State! affected the human personality, such as Jack Robinson told the magistrates he military service, vaccination, and some would not pay any fine, and Philip Sanothers, there was a conscience clause; no som afterwards told a reporter he would such provision was made in the Census not pay. So both expect the bailiffs a Act.

Philip Sansom's fine £15 and costs £4.30. that conditions of the census had been Jack Robinson pleaded 'technically departed from by the employment of

the turn of the year. M.C.

cular cases, is understandable. Where month. On two occasions attempts have explosives) to an interview he had with risk; that the often impressive Com- this stage only the crude point that democracy is imperfect, where the been made to get at least some of them a Times reporter a few hours before his muniqués (those up to No. 9, by the anyone who has been even remotely poor, for instance, or women or reli- out on bail, one of which was successful. arrest in August 1971-even including way, were conveniently reprinted in connected with the milieu of the Angry gious or racial groups are debarred On November 24 a strong assault was the People libel case, which concerned Agitprop's Red Notes in July) have fallen Brigade is all too well aware that there from voting, violence may appear the mounted on behalf of Stuart Christie by a story in Private Eye 155 (November 24, almost completely flat; that one person has been far too much loose talk and only way to extend the franchise. The an excellent non-political barrister. It 1967) and ended with Private Eye paying is now condemned to fifteen years in careless behaviour. When it was found activities of Prescott and the Angry failed, despite the offer of enormous sure- damages of £1,000 with costs: the point prison (less remission and parole, and necessary in the nuclear disarmament Brigade are one salutary reminder that ties from Vanessa Redgrave and Stuart's evi- whatever is gained on appeal), and nine movement ten years ago to engage in perfect democracy, in the sense of one Hood and some of our comrades, because dence was not accepted by the court others are faced with the prospect of certain clandestine activities, careful preman (or woman), one vote, does not the magistrate had already made his mind he must have perjured himself, which twenty years each; and that there is cautions were taken to avoid leaks of disarm all violent dissent; Ulster, of up; but in the course of the failure is somehow thought to be relevant to no way out of the mess except an important information and to eliminate course, is another. We tend to regard the barrister managed to elicit a re- the present case! So we may expect a ignominious retreat into more conven- physical evidence such as finger-prints, the will of the majority as the general vealing amount of information-of which veritable mountain of irrelevance when tional politics or else a hazardous advance documents, etc.; and that was in a will, the will of all; we expect more later. In the big trial eventually comes. In the big trial eventually comes. It is a non-violent campaign. A violent campaign of the big trial eventually comes.

in the hope of becoming majorities made on behalf of Pauline Conroy, tragedy-apart from Purdie's acquittal previous campaign of this kind and proper security, and whatever our views a polytechnic lecturer who was arrested last week-was the announcement, also which cannot easily be evaded. may be about the Angry Brigade we There are those who regard our on November 23, and this time it last week, that the National Council This is not the time, while there are must regret that so much incriminating democracy, however perfect, as a sham, worked, because she has a baby, a for Civil Liberties is taking civil pro- still nine people awaiting trial, to under- material has been connected with so a perfect sham if you like, hopelessly respectable job, and some rich relatives ceedings for damages against the police take a critical discussion of the principles many people. corrupted by the supposedly vicious -but on a total bail of £20,200 (her own on behalf of two of the seventy people and practice of urban guerrilla warfare But at least we can all be glad that which it operates. To such people its three from relatives and one from a hunt for the Angry Brigade earlier this Angry Brigade earlier this Angry Brigade earlier this Angry Brigade earlier the second traiter in an workings are purely arbitrary, its mild comrade of ours who has put up her year. The NCCL managed to get legal worth drawing attention to one attempt otherwise almost total tragedy. and deferential Ministers no more to be house as security), and on stringent aid because the people involved, who are to do so. This is David Widgery's Their eyes are fixed on a more perfect change of address, no passport, daily have no money; with this they got first (November 16). Readers of Widgery's democracy still-in practice, alas, most reporting to the police). counsel's then leading counsel's opinion, argument should know, however, that probably on a perfect tyranny. And But there are still eight people in both of which confirmed that the police his belief that the Angry Brigade marks there are others (Dostoievsky called custody, liable to spend up to five or six were good grounds for a test case. 'a return to an older anarchist tradition' them 'The Possessed') so deeply dis- months inside before they are committed had acted unlawfully and that there of 'propaganda of the deed' is a historical

turbed as to rejoice in death and for trial, and up to a year before they are It is expected that the police may well misconception (quite apart from all the destruction for their own sake; others actually tried. There isn't much we offer a settlement out of court, which minor mistakes and misprints)-'propaagain so embittered by their own in- can do for them, but we can get in will be accepted; but then the extremely ganda by deed' meant something much adequacies and impotence that no touch with the groups organising visits forthright leading counsel's opinion would wider than mere terrorism, and the anarconceivable society could claim their and letters, and we can at least send them be publicised, and the NCCL would chist terrorrists from the 1880s to the allegiance. And there are those who Christmas cards or something-the men make it quite clear that in any future 1930s were part of a much longer use drugs further to derange minds are in Brixton, and the women in cases of this kind of police behaviour tradition which began before them and there will be no hesitation in going continued after them and is not in the Prescott trial evidence, we can see The information about the case against to court to protect the legal rights and fact specifically anarchist at all (see all these attitudes and aberrations Stuart Christie emerged from his barri- civil liberties of people who have not Ireland a hundred years ago; and today) mixed up and represented. They are ster's questioning of Commander Bond been charged with any criminal offence. -and that his conclusion that the not all that uncommon. We had best about the reasons why the police opposed The only trouble is that the authorities solution is a revolutionary vanguard bail. Bond agreed that, during the may all too easily decide to change the party is the most simplistic kind of This, on the other hand, prompted no four years since Stuart returned to this law, giving the police the right of Leninist-Trotskyist dogma now on the letters at all, or at least none that country from prison in Spain, he had detention and interrogation before arrest. market. But Widgery has at least dis-

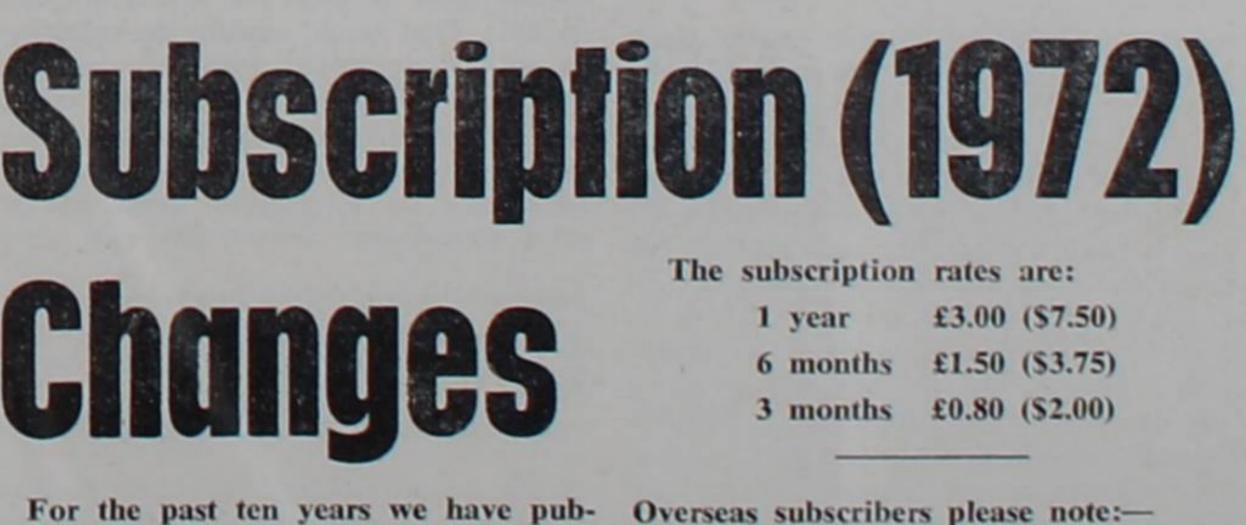
although no scrap of evidence linking to the tragedy of the Angry Brigade World? which follows an earlier critique him with the Angry Brigade has been saga, which is that there has been no of the Biba bomb of May 1 in the produced, he is regarded as 'the prime political gain of any kind, despite an Women's Newspaper. Meanwhile the authorities have been mover' in the conspiracy. Not much enormous expense of time, energy, We hope to return to the subject warming up for the really big trial of of a compliment to our gallant police, money, trust, hope, and-above all- after the trial of the nine, raising at



ceedings are expected to begin next vague conspiracy but for actually carrying THE ROPE AND THE ROD. The of themselves, believing it impossible Englishman's two traditional loves. for social order to survive if the gallows He has been weaned (permanently?) from and corporal punishment were abolished the rope, and now the rod is beginning in their country. Foreigners could give to go. It is an encouraging sign in this up these forms of punishment, '... but intensely reactionary, viciously reaction- conditions are different here', they would ary period. Now at last the Inner say, which could only mean that English-London Education Authority has banned men are more vicious than Poles or it in primary schools.

arms. Stripped of their deterrent, their that we need these penalties to keep us ultimate weapon, they must feel naked in order, whereas Continental peoples as they enter the classroom. But they who can do without them are a bunch of also say they rarely use it, and there softies,' was what English people who are so many other ways of ill-treating defended the death penalty, flogging and children in order to subdue them that I caning, really meant, but dared not say. think they will get by without the help Put baldly like that it would sound too of the stick.

WHEN THE EXCITEMENT of the Philip Sansom, in view of the brevity I have always, like all good men and other people in the world, being lawcampaign is over, and the elation of that hearing, pleaded 'technically not women I trust, loathed and detested the abiding and timid. of standing together in comradeship with guilty'. It made little difference as the National Association of Schoolmasters. STOPP, the Society of Teachers hundreds, or thousands, has subsided. Clerk kept on ruling all questions and This body can always be relied to come Opposed to Physical Punishment, is to you stand alone before the judges and statements not designed to establish out with some reactionary statement, and celebrate the decision with a party for then the only reason for having done it whether or not he was a person required this time their general secretary has East End children. The society hopes is because you had to, and would have to fill in the form, and whether or not called the abolition of the cane at this that other education authorities will done if you had been the only one. he had done so, irrelevant. He did, how- juncture a 'monumental piece of mis- follow the example of the ILEA, and that Jack Robinson and Philip Sansom ever, cover a lot of ground, running timing'. This is mild for the NAS. this enlightenment will spread to the both appeared before Sudbury magis- through the attack on personal freedom Mistimed or not, it appears that the secondary schools as well. trates on November 30 to answer for and invasion of privacy if his private Poles gave up the rod as long ago as And so say all of us! having refused to fill in the census form. life was sold to market research com- 1790. The English have a low opinion JOHN BRENT.



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cussed the problems interestingly-though less impressively than the recent Women's

### five people arrested subsequently (Chris Bott, Stuart Christie, Angela Weir, Chris Allen, and Pauline Conroy). They are currently being remanded in custody from wask to wask at Clarkenwell Mari

Danes. Possibly there was a perverted Needless to say the teachers are up in pride in it. 'We are such wild tribesmen absurd, most English people, like most

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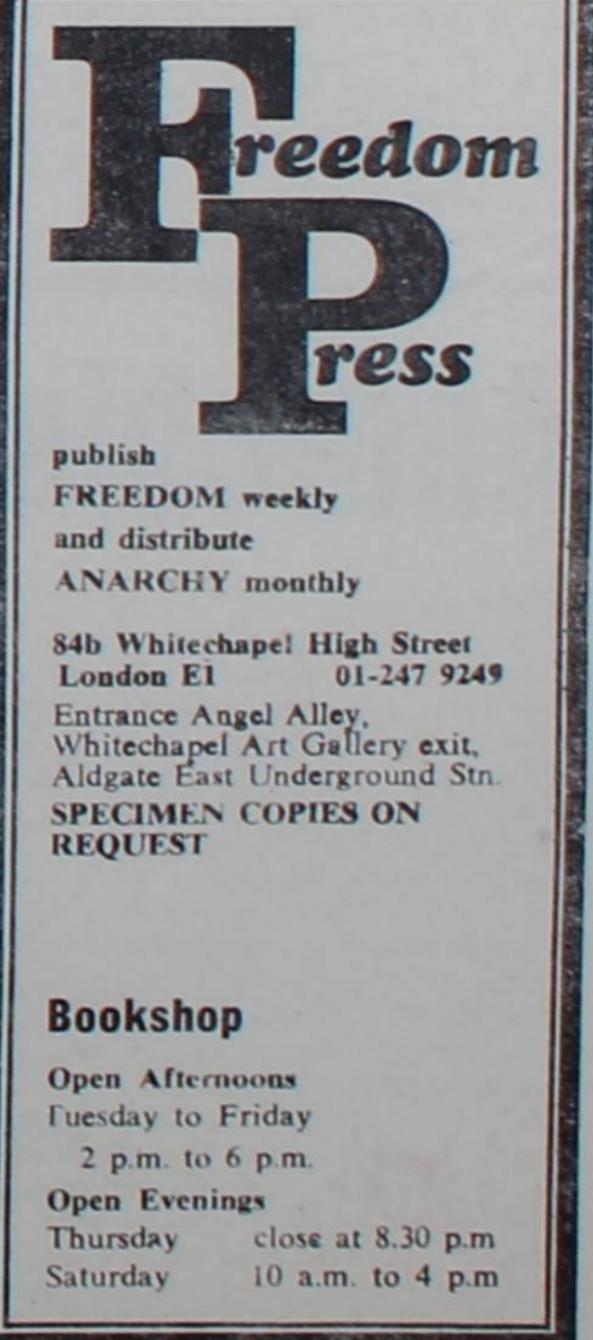
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minorities peacefully to bid their time, On December 1 a similar effort was The one gleam of light in the whole dilemma which has always faced every paign surely has much more need of

social and economic framework within surety of £200, and four of £5,000 each, detained at various times during the as exemplified in this country by the no one has been seriously injured, and



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### ROMANTIC ASSASSINS

in the gift wrappings of the faithful, for the week, for Constantini has produced the death of innocence for unworthy there are only 500 copies of the signed a magnificent and limited edition of ends. As works of art these silk screens first edition of Oorlog en Vrede in Grafiek. An artist of great social awareness, his in thirteen colours they are truly a of the talent of the artist, but never work is in the tradition of the German expressionists in the use of broad flat of the drawing but for the use that the and claim that it is done in the name masses of black and white. Munch was the Nordic master of this art, and lettering, for it is a magnificent example the dead and bleeding humanity. This it is a style peculiar to those countries, as Herwarth Walden made plain in pography into a drawing, without throwhis Der Sturn in the 1920s, when it ing the drawing off balance. The subject became fashionable to catalogue the art styles. Michels has exhibited in many in the aisles for it concerns the acts countries, and his first major exhibition and the executions of a small group was in 1963 in Amsterdam. The art of anarchists. They range from Giovanni of the wood cut and the lino cut is Passanante who stabbed King Umberto important, when it is a poor man's in the arm, to Ravachol who was art, in that it is a cheap form of repro-strangely mixed up in his murders, and evil act? Not in our lifetime, duction, but when it is unnecessary between private gain and the public then the carved block and cut lino is cause. From grave robbing to blowing itself the work of art. In this, the up five inoffensive people, and a death English artists with their fine and well- on the scaffold, gives Ravachol three controlled line are the supreme masters, silk screens, while Emile Henry, who but the German artists have used it tossed a home-made bomb into a to good effect, as Jan Michels does with crowded café gets two. We can aphis large book, to give the feel of a corrupt and doom-infested society. The books are on sale within Freedom Bookshop, and they are worthy of your time and money, for they offer a dark facet into our age that never knew the against their will or desire, to make a elegance of Hogarth's mocking brush. screen prints of Flavio Constantini, on taken, but to applaud some witless youth

AN MICHELS' volume of lino cuts show at the Prudhoe Gallery at 79 Duke for a stupid act of killing, simply because at £1 a copy should find a place Street, W.1, that is the greatest find of he parrots a particular slogan, is to use silk screens at only £20 each. Run off are worthy to grace any wall by virtue collectors' item, not only for the brilliance let us romanticise violence at a distance, artist has made of the café and street of humanity, for in the wreckage lies of the difficult art of incorporating tymatter should have the faithful leaping plaud a man such as Nestor Makhno, the anarchist guerrilla, for here is a man forced by his time to take a stand in an area of violence. In areas of physical repression men are called upon, stand, and we can admire or despise It is the limited edition of the silk the stand that they or we might have

day 16 men, women and children lay dead in an Irish public house, and all arms of romantic militant violence hasten to publicly wash their hands of this mass murder. One killing is romantic, sixteen is carnage, and who draws the line, little comrade? When will some flagwaving nationalist Irish artist pick up his pencil to romanticise this bloody little comrade.

Here is Flavio Constantini's mixed bag of anarchists, and those who claimed Southern Anarchist Groups Conference, the movement's protection for their own simple-minded acts of violence. Accept it as art, for this it truly is, but have the courage to reject its morality, not only in the romantic past, but on this day in 1971 when sixteen people were slaughtered, men, women and children, by a nameless fool for a cause that cannot reject his actions quick enough for the news media of the day.



Help Fold and Despatch 'Freedom', Thursdays from 2 p.m.

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Anarchist and Nihilist Group is being formed in Derby and anyone interested should contact: Gavin P. Lawrence, 63 Uttoxeter New Road, Derby, DE3 3NP.

### Centre International de Recherches sur

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**Bangla Desh** — Operation Omega. On October '11 two members of Operation Omega, the non-violent action mission, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment for taking relief supplies to the people inside Bangla Desh. Eleven Omega workers have been arrested since August. Four other missions have been carried out in areas threatened by starvation, but not controlled by the Pakistan army. Food, medicines and clothing were successfully distributed to people from a hundred villages and hamlets. We need more volunteers and money to carry on. Operation Omega, 3 Caledonian Road,

Purifanical Union Leaders

now'. Such a statement is meaningless and is typical of the sort of remarks one expects from trade union leaders. To suggest this to workers, aged between 17 present high level of unemployment at strut around making speeches which bear Precious little in fact! surplus was achieved all would be well, sharing out what there is to do. or so we were told.

THE ADVICE given to young workers believed it, but in so doing, they did evenly around the 14 workshops and for by the TUC Assistant General Secre- nothing to prevent growing unemploy- as many as possible of the lost jobs to tary, Mr. Len Murray, at a recent ment during the Labour Party's term of be achieved by natural wastage, early Industrial Society conference in London, office. That government strengthened the retirement and voluntary redundancy. was that they should go back to their capitalist system and tried, through its This is no answer for young unemployed bosses and demand that 'one, two or own Industrial Relations Bill, to further workers, because these solutions only three young people should be taken on weaken the resolve of the trade union lessen the number of jobs available. It movement to fight.

### ARTHUR MOYSE.

workshops. BR plan to sack 5,500 men at rolling-stock workshops and want to completely close down three of them, at Barassie, near Glasgow, Swindon, Wilts. and Ashford, Kent. These three workshops, involving 2,300 men, are scheduled to close next year, while the rest of the sackings will be at the remaining workshops over the next five years.

### SLAUGHTER OF AN INDUSTRY

In-reply to this, the men's union, the National Union of Railwaymen, have asked for the sackings to be spread more is no good Len Murray telling them to demand that their employers take on more young workers when Mr. Sidney Green, General Secretary of the NUR Even with a Tory government, we have and another TUC leader, has done very asking what have the trade unionists, to unemployment from the leaderships jobs for his members through sackings Certainly railway services, both passenall age levels throughout industry. no relation to what is happening in in- ger and freight, should be expanded, but Mr. Green and the Executive of the NUR to ban incompetent governments which increased growth. They always want have assisted the government of the day caused unemployment, but he forgets more workers to do more work, to create in slaughtering an industry, men's jobs when Harold Wilson was in power. It what it is as long as people are employed. There is a world of difference between was that government which started the There seems to be a puritanical streak useful work and useless toil. Today many reorganisation of industry, pushed plans running through trade unions which says men are employed in soul-destroying for rationalising production methods and that their members must work or rather tedious work and yet the only answer of 'shook our surplus labour requirements'. be employed for at least forty hours a the trade union leaders is to ask for more Our memories are not that short that we week. There is no suggestion of blowing of this, not considering why we have to cannot remember the emphasis that was the hooter after only four hours each make more of what is mostly useless A CCORDING TO THE Evening News be done until the earthquakes spread placed on the balance of payments crisis. day as the IWW did in America in order junk. Isn't it about time that we, the To Wilson and his economic advisers, to achieve an eight-hour day. Trade producers, said that we want less work nothing else mattered. Once a healthy union leaders want more work instead of and that we want to produce what is necessary and useful, instead of what is

- Reading, December 11 & 12. Main topic for agenda: Community Action. Further suggestions and details contact Reading Group, 9 London Road, Reading, Berks.
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- London, N.1. Phone 01-837 3860 or 01-837 9794.
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- Anyone interested in forming a Cambridge Anarchist Group contact John Jenkins, 75 York Street, Cambridge. Croydon Group meets first Tuesday of each month, 7.30 p.m. December 7. Speaker: Keith Nathan at Jacquetta Benjamin's, Top Flat, 4 Warminster Road, South Norwood, S.E.25 (near Norwood Junction Station and 68 and 12 buses). Leaflets: The Tolpuddle Martyrs, Six Men of Dorset. 15p a 100, plus postage, from Freedom Press. Old Leaflet but still relevant.

### MORE OF THIS AND THAT

and 22, is an insult. They should be witnessed a pitiful display of opposition little to stop the loss of thousands of like Len Murray, done to prevent the of the trade unions. The TUC leaders and natural wastage. dustry. They visit Mr. Heath and call over the years, from Beeching to Marsh, Len Murray also said that it was time for a £1,000m. boost to the economy and that he supported such a government more of this and more of that, no matter and a public service.

Len Murray should have given his profitable. Perhaps Len Murray and his ilk really advice to young workers at British Rail

- comed by Drug Dependence Care Group at above address.
- P. D. Roberts. Ghost writer required for libertarian assessment of anarchist possibilities in the Falklands. Contact: 112A Clifton Road, E16 4PS.



weapon on November 6.'

publicity, even in the Left-wing press. San Francisco in particular. As Dr. Fu So blasé have people become to the Manchu used to say, 'The world shall anarchistes devant la Police Correction- threat that nuclear weapons pose that hear from me again.' I do not think we nelle et le Cour d'Appel de Lyon, a they can no longer be stirred to any are finished with the Amchitka bomb.

occurred today near the east coast of remote and unreal to most people, except Amchitka in the Aleutian Islands. It of course to those who live there. But is the third since the United States wait a bit. The earthquake zone extends detonated a massive nuclear underground all the way down the western seaboard of the American continent, which in-These earthquakes have received little cludes some big cities, Los Angeles and



pamphlet published in Lyon in 1883- serious protest. I suppose nothing will which mentions the attribution of the article to Kropotkin, but then comments in a footnote: 'This article was by citizen Carlo Cafiero, and not Kropotkin' (p. 132). That would explain the reference to an Italian writer, Pisacane, and the advocacy of extreme methods which were traditional in the Italian republican movement but which have always seemed surprising in Kropotkin even at his most passionate. Presumably he never

publicly denied writing the article because

he did not want to cause trouble for

Cafiero (1846-1892)-an Italian revolu-

tionary who became an anarchist under

the influence of Bakunin in 1871, later

took a leading part in practising pro-

formulating anarchist communism with

### Dear Comrades.

Kropotkin's Memoirs of a Revolutionist FREEDOM published an article called 'Kro-(November 27), Arthur Uloth quotes a potkin on Action', a translation I had passage from my introduction about made of 'L'Action', which I attributed Kropotkin's violent and conspiratorial to Kropotkin, following many writers on tendencies, but in the process a line the subject, especially Jean Maitron in seems to have got lost. The sentence in his Histoire du mouvement anarchiste en question should read:

article calling for propaganda by deed, dagger, gun and dynamite".'

The former article was 'La propagande expelled from Switzerland in 1881 and par la fait', written with Paul Brousse again when he was imprisoned in France and published in James Guillaume's Bulletin de la Fédération Jurassienne on seems to be a conclusive argument August 5, 1877; and the latter was that he did not write the article after 'L'Action', written by Carlo Cafiero and all. published in Kropotkin's Le Révolté on December 25, 1880.

correct a mistake I made more than In reviewing the Dover edition of four years ago. On July 29, 1967, France, 1880-1914. Since then, however, '. . . in 1877 he helped to write an I have read more of the relevant literature. For a time I was more firmly and in 1880 he published an article convinced of Kropotkin's authorship becalling for action not only "by speech, cause I found that the accusation that by writing" and so on, but also "by he had written the article was part of the case against him when he was in 1883. But then I came across what

This is in the most important con- Kropotkin, but abandoned anarchism in temporary anarchist account of the Lyon 1882; he became a social democrat, but This gives me a good opportunity to trial of January 1883-Le procès des then went mad, and died in a lunatic



### asylum.

P.T.

The attribution of this article to Kropotkin was an important point in the campaign against him during the 1880s, and has been an important point in studies of his thought and of anarchism in general ever since. He certainly published it, but it seems clear from the testimony of people who must have known the truth that he did not write it, and the false attribution should be challenged whenever it is repeated. NICOLAS WALTER.

### BURDENS **TO SOCIETY**

### Dear Friends. paganda by deed with Malatesta and in

Concerning the article 'Burdens to Society', the sentiments we do agree with, the booklet itself we have had for

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some time. It has been plugged and pushed by the author to all the Claimants' Unions. We in Birmingham are of the opinion that it is a simpering, pathetic excuse by one of its more liberal lackeys or ex-lackeys for a system which deliberately starves and freezes and causes misery to thousands of people every year. Also the lists of the Claimants' Unions in Birmingham which are listed in the back of that pamphlet are out of date and we would be grateful if you could publish the correct addresses for us. They are:

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