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HARDLY had the blood been cleaned off the neat paving of the play area and garaging of Rossville (High) Flats, Londonderry (or Derry if you prefer it), than Fleet Street resumed its supply of hot and cold running blood. Indeed Fleet Street's main function seems to be to supply the public's Draculalike needs. Alternately it supplies the hot blood of 'public' indignation and the cold blood of public analysis and judicial calm.

The most cold-blooded item of the week was a picture of a soldier observing one-minute's silence for the 13 dead in Londonderry. We think the headline in somebody else's Sun said 'Reverence Knows No Boundaries' but it was something just as cold-blooded. Bernadette Devlin, our least unfavourite politician, gave a display of justifiable hot-bloodedness; so did those who burnt down the British Embassy.

The week separated the men from the boys. If the IRA did not exist, the Paras would invent them. If the Paras did not exist the IRA would

return the compliment. Jeremy Thorpe and Edward Kennedy found reasons not to be in Newry on Sunday. Conor Cruise O'Brien changed his mind and decided that British troops were best out of Ireland. The Irish Press pictures Richard T. Daly, Mayor of Chicago, giving £10,000 to Derry relief, stained with the blood of Abby Hoffman?

Fleet Street made our blood cold with a story that the British uniforms (stolen from a dry-cleaners) would be used by the IRA in Newry. Somebody trying to plant an advance alibi or just squeezing out a story?

A one-man tribunal, L. C. J. Widgery, was appointed for the enquiry into the Londonderry massacre. Lord Balneil, the Minister of State for Defence, put the Government's excuses. The people of

the Bogside declined to give evidence before L. C. J. Widgery. Remembering the content of the Compton Report, one of the silent majority and succeeded in concurs.

Immediately, on announcement of the tribunal, Fleet Street darted into its favourite sub judice funk-hole. The posh Sundays vied with each other to be more sub judice than thou. We cannot omit a reference to Alastair Cooke, soured liberal, who in his BBC radio talk relayed from USA freely and frankly admitted that it was an outrage that pressure had been put upon internees to make them talk. Courageous Cooke, always one outrage behind!

This wasn't really the week for itbut Professor Telford Taylor, former chief United States' prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trial, described as absurd the conviction of Lt. William Calley in the My Lai massacre case. Telford Taylor said, It is unfitting and unprincipled to punish one man for the

crimes of many.'

The Observer did a spot-check survey polling almost 100% anti-Irish opinion. The Guardian had staff trouble with John O'Callaghan who resigned from the paper for its advocacy of a military solution in Ireland. The Guardian apparently forgot its story of January 25 that 'At least two British Army units in Belfast have made informal requests to brigade headquarters for the Parachute regiment to be kept out of their areas.

Senior officers in these units regard the paratroops' tactics as too rough, and on occasions brutal'.

A doctor reported that, from postmortem examination, a large number of the persons killed had been shot in the back whilst running away.

It was reported that a soldier had deserted from the Parachute regiment, it was claimed that he was only a cook and since the Irish Government are holding him on an arms charge it is not known whether it is a morally-inspired desertion.

Fleet Street tried to chill our blood with what was going to happen on Sunday at Newry. Not only was the story of the stolen uniforms given a build-up but a poster on Saturday read: 'IRA Sneak into Newry.' . . . The rotters!

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# No Political Solution in Ireland

THE LONDONDERRY massacre clear that the British voter is in- In Ireland, as elsewhere, all workers horror amongst at least some of the of troops. Lynch is breathless at the system which deprives them of all great British public have brought prospect of a 'united' Irish state initiative and responsibility, and one step nearer the day when the under his control. The Catholic Westminster politicians decide to Church looks forward to extending security and frustration. The Irish cut their economic losses and save its power. The IRA has more justitheir worthless political necks by fication for its own brand of murder, withdrawing from N. Ireland.

British Army developed over years worker. of 'defending' a crumbling empire: the increasing harassment of un- and the dead are buried, and the armed civilians inevitably leading to wheeling and dealing is over, the the killing of unarmed demonstra- Irish people will discover that everytors, whether accidentally or not.

vultures waiting to pick the corpses

and the consequent reaction of creasingly favouring the withdrawal have a common cause against a or 'armed struggle', or whatever you No one really believes any longer like to call it, depending on your that the British Army can score a stomach for such things. The stage military victory against the IRA in is set for what is euphemistically the present circumstances. The last described as a 'political solution' desperate trick is a speciality of the all at the expense of the Irish

When the shooting finally stops, thing has changed to stay the same. As always the politicians hover like They will, that is, unless they decide now that the only acceptable 'solufor political advantage. Wilson hypo-tion' is their own emancipation critically moves into a cautious posi- from economic exploitation and the tion of 'opposition' as it becomes authority of the Church and State.

brings nothing but economic inpeople must not allow the fruits of their suffering to be harvested by the politicians. The civil disobedience campaign has shown the possibilities of a people united against the State. That is just the beginning, a step towards the self-organisation of workers and the creation of a society based on voluntary co-operation and mutual aid: workers' control and a federation of free communities.

The factories and workshops are yours of right, my Irish brothers. Take them, hold them and build a truly free Ireland without capitalists, politicians and priests. That would be a worthwhile memorial to Ireland's martyrs.

TERRY PHILLIPS.

# Tory Totalitarians

by which these Pakistanis, like any other This might be the beginning of the gradual expulsion from Britain of Comeconomically unjustified'. He added a to the policy which he advocates. curious Powellian phrase, 'even if this indigenous labour'.

the deportation of white people, born in England, is advocated by somebody. Once you can class human beings as 'surplus' in this way anything is possible. Even as far back as the years immediately before the First World War the proposal was mooted to deport the unemployed to Canada and Australia. Nowadays the Common Market offers a possibility of a concealed form of deportation. 'There's nothing for you in Manchester, I'm afraid, but there is in Brussels, or Turin, and you'd better take it. There will be no unemployment benefit if you stay here.'

Mr. Powell is capable of statements that make one want to vomit. He goes on to say, 'The process, if carried out as it should be, would involve no dislocation in this country and would confer substantial benefits upon Pakistan anad Bangladesh. Nothing could be of more value to those countries than the controlled and progressive return of their citizens, who have acquired experience and skill in industry in Britain.'

Mr. Powell poses as the plain, blunt Englishman, and has been welcomed

TAKING ADVANTAGE of Pakistan by many other John Bulls as someone leaving the Commonwealth, Mr. who has had the courage to say what Enoch Powell demands that the British they have thought but dared not utter. Government 'withdraw, with due notice However the mass moving about of and on a planned basis, the permission people is a characteristic of despotic states. If Mr. Powell was generally foreign workers, reside in this country'. concerned to preserve the traditions of Britain he would not advocate such things. One would have to go back to monwelath workers from Africa, Asia the expulsion of the Jews from England and the West Indies whose presence 'was in the Middle Ages to find a parallel

When he made this speech he was country today did not have tragic surplus speaking at a dinner in Banbury, organised by the Oxford University Con-One wonders how long it will be before servative Club and the Monday Clubs of the university and the county of Oxfordshire. The Conservatives have always had sympathy for Fascism and Nazism, because they are not in fact conservatives at all. They are right-wing totalitarians. The John Bull exterior is a fraud. The concern for 'free enterprise', 'individual freedom' and so forth is a facade. They are totalitarian in the same sense that Stalin was a totalitarian, the 'grand old warrior chief', as Churchill called him. Exactly. This is their style.

Hitherto they have been opposed by a strong body of opinion, which, however muddled and inconsistent it may be, has always been against the high-handed kind of policies which Mr. Powell puts forward. The murder of thirteen Irishmen and fourteen Rhodesians has aroused indignation, but some observers think that it has not aroused as much as it would have a century ago. Once this sort of thing fails to arouse people there is no doubt that Mr. Powell, or those who think like him, will be able to put their schemes into operation.

ARTHUR W. ULOTH.

### THE MINERS' STRIKE

Matthews, was killed by an articulated lorry while he was picketing Keadley power station, near Scunthorpe. This tragic death has brought to the surface much of the bitterness felt by the miners and this has shown itself in the increased number of arrests of pickets on the day following his death. Even the long and

IN THE SAME WEEK that the coal- bitter lock-out of 1926 did not bring this miners' strike was really beginning to kind of tragedy and it is ironic that take effect, one of their number, Freddie while miners practically stare death in the face all their working lives, one should have been killed during this

His death comes at a time when the coal-burning power stations, which are being picketed for 24 hours a day, are getting desperate for supplies of oil and sulphuric acid, used for generating pur-

poses. The Central Electricity Generating Board have started to make voltage reductions of 3% over the whole country. In some areas further reductions have been made and near black-out was only just avoided.

The CEGB have issued statements about their power stations being 'under siege'. The North East Region has gone even further and complained that 'extremists, apparently in defiance of official instructions from the National Union of Mineworkers, have prevented, frequently with a great deal of intimidation, the delivery of supplies of hydrogen, chemicals and other commodities essential for safe operation'. The CEGB goes on to deplore the picketing of power stations and has started to use the plight of pensioners who might suffer in any blackouts. No doubt if cuts take place we will have a repeat of the hysterical stories in the newspapers as we did during the work-to-rule of the power workers 13 months ago. In fact by the time this is printed, power workers could have banned overtime to secure their wage claims.

### STATE OF EMERGENCY

tories are beginning to close and lay off arrests have occurred.

workers. This has already started in the not ended.

effect in economic terms. The Govern- subsequent profits for the Coal Board. ment has, I think, underestimated the determination of the miners to win. watched their industry being run down Theirs has not been a passive action but and co-operated in its destruction withan active participation of members, out even the satisfaction of seeing the many of whom have never bothered Coal Board and the Government pay about union affairs before. Now the dearly for it. It is small wonder that pickets are spreading and they are mak- miners do not seem to worry whether ing sure that it is not only coal that is there is a pit to go back to or not. The being held up, but also other supplies increased productivity and efficiency has necessary for generating electricity. In not brought any benefits to the miner, many places the pickets have had to only to the Coal Board and those excontend with the police, who, with their owners who are still receiving compenusual strike-breaking manner, assisted sation under the nationalisation acts. those who wanted to work or held back pickets who waited to stop lorries. In the leaders of the NUM and the TUC such situations the true role of the want a settlement. Formulae are being It is likely that the Government will police, as a repressive force and pro- tossed around about the miners being a declare a State of Emergency if the tector of wealth, is shown. The bitterness special case and that they should receive power workers' wage talks break down of the past and the reaction to the death an above-the-norm award. However and they operate their ban. Even without of Freddie Matthews has made pickets there is talk of some form of guarantee this added threat the strike is beginning even more determined to stop supplies from the TUC so that other unions will to bite. Not only are more power stations and an increasing number of clashes be- not demand the same as the miners' going to be out of commission, but fac- tween miners and police, resulting in special case settlement.

In money terms, the Coal Board has steel industry and paper mill workers are offered the miners about 8%. Since their also affected. Cotton mills have been last award, the cost of living has gone closed and engineering factories in the up by 10% and so in fact they are being Nottingham area are expected to close offered a wage cut. Many have had this within the next fortnight if the strike is before, when the power loading agreement cut earnings by as much as £5 a The strike is beginning to take an week. In fact this meant a wage cut and

Over the last thirteen years they have

The Coal Board, the Government and

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# EOOLS' FESTIVAL

WHEN ANY SOCIETY loses its dynamic, it seeks an outlet for its sterile creative urges by regurgitating its own past glories. History becomes myth, morality a matter of public debate, and political action a frenetic war of words over a parliamentary clause. Battle honours are won on the cinema screens, political idealisms are but the entertainment of the hour used to separate television commercials and the poetry hacks vie with the swinging tits and the tinted pubic hairs for the mob's applause, for without a great and mighty cause to move us into action all affluent societies vegetate in a stinking garden fertilised by its own shit. Every society should have, nay must have, a common objecthe unity of a total war or the black destroy that they might live.

empty gesture, we have no Pontine marshes to drain and in the world's of the year. power structure we are now the colonials queuing for our handout from Washing- I will accept, for in the monied and ton and in this historic vacuum our in- monastic calm of that Bond Street gallery dustrial rich negotiate our labour for the even an empty chair can be an object Continental sweat pool, our middle class of mild interest. Bernard Meadow's parade in their tailored military drag as globular masses like bronze ruptures they fan their well-shaved jowls with the can always find an interested buyer at latest property share reports, and the the Redfern Gallery, while Eduardo children of the working class scramble Paolozzi's limitations are always worthy for a desk in the first college of instant of a condescending glance from the from a single term book, then the love face one must ask the pertinent question

for learning as an end in itself and the dedication of the skilled craftsman glorifying in his gifted hands gives way to an English babu with an 'A' Level certificate, no trade, no skill and only a State handout and an indoctrinated contempt for manual work, be it making a chair, planting a potato or building a

The Royal Academy of Arts in Piccadilly have given over their large and stately galleries for an exhibition of British Sculptors '72 and twenty-four claimants for the honour have supervised an assembly of industrial junk that, bolt together how they may, cannot but fail to depress the spectator. If this sad array of scrap iron, tubing and plastic tive beyond its own strength and far had simply been labelled 'ASPECTS of better a stone Christ hauled by blood British Sculptors '72', one would have and tears to a virgin mountain peak or accepted it and rejected it for the banal space crafts thrown into infinity than rubbish that it is, but room after room of 'painted steel', those inevitable sacks anger and fear engendered by millions of gravel and the net of mild steel tubing of unemployed men and women who will and sheets of fibreglass are but an admission that there is a poverty of We no longer believe so the splendours imagination and an inability to justify of the great cathedrals would be but an the portentous title of the exhibition, that makes this exhibition the first joke

A painted girder in the Kasmin Gallery learning that will take them to fill the cognoscenti, but your genuine builder's assembly belt of seats. When learning muck container filled with your actual is debased by the adulteration of a waste is still junk even though it bears status-seeking mass and the arts and the the catalogue title of Thunder and Lighthumanities are valued and judged by ning with Flies and Jack Kennedy. When correctly answering a dozen questions an exhibition such as this falls flat on its

that haunts every State trial, every abortive revolution and every publicised demonstration regarding not who was there to take the custard pie full in the face, but who was not and why.

hole in the road digger, has given a reluctant nation, beside many holes in their roads, his version of Modern British Sculpture and his sixty blue-eyed boys are on view at 16 Chenies Street, W.C.1, Sung pottery. A 1,000 years or more in until the Tate can find a permanent dead time an unrecorded potter threw a space for them, the sculptures not the simple vase that is a hymn of beauty lads. With but two exceptions McAlpine's with its clean line and black glazes and choice has little in common with the one understands why the Scandinavian work displayed at the Royal Academy stoneware potters accept this 1,000-yearbeyond the same arid use of steel tubing. old vase and other work of the Sung I would hold that when the choice is dynasty as a living example for their between leading showmen from an army own contemporary work. The Ming of mediocrities then gallery space-filling dynasty potteries may fill the shelves of becomes an end in itself. If the Royal the philistines but for those who love Academy had given one room to the beauty, little men of our Royal Academy work of our foremost sculptor, Elizabeth exhibition, we must seek it from the Frink, they could have saved their day, hands of the craftsmen and not the but her absence condemns this exhibition literati playing games in large rooms and gives a savage bite to Sir Thomas with big boys' do-it-yourself kits loaned Monnington's sour foreword.

redressed the balance by allowing the updated into steel tubing and fibreglass, British Museum to place on exhibition is an act of artistic degeneration. 201 Chinese works from his large per-

Alistair McAlpine, the well-known over-priced work of the Ming dynasty. Within the Museum room we stand outside time, therefore we can judge, and in the end we can only return to the pure beauty of unsullied forms of the by the local ironmongers for art nouveau, The King of Sweden has unwittingly whether on a Ming bowl, wallpaper or

Slogans without a cause, frustration sonal collection. The British Museum and incompetence aping a revolution, have again mounted a major exhibition but for you who love the line, little that, like the Piranesi and Durer exhibi- comrade, then it is panting to Editions tions, failed to excite the Town and his Graphiques Gallery at 3 Clifford Street, giggling frau. Here in all three exhibi- W.1, to view the drawings of women by tions is a serene and timeless beauty, Paul Cesar Helleu. Proust used Helleu here is the work of craftsmen who created as the character of Elstir in his A la the functional as part of the life stream recherche du temps perdu and for those of their age, men who had the intelli- who like to tiptoe down the byways of gence to reject decoration when the literary history, catalogue in hand, then beauty of pure space so demanded. The view these slight and charming drawings death of art is always marked by a while the rust ages the work at the Royal festering scab of decoration and all, or Academy. And if you want the genuinely almost all, Indian art can be dismissed odd ball (and who does not?), then down

for this reason, and in the British the alley to the Situation Gallery hidden Museum exhibition one can mark how in Horseshoe Yard, W.1. A bare white the clean and beautiful creations of the room. One long Last Supper-style table Sung dynasty can be seen to degenerate covered with a virginal white sheet and into the decorative and over-prized and on it ten black-covered volumes by the Japanese artist On Kawara and within these ten books ONE MILLION YEARS. No more and no less, for printed within these ten books is literally, year by year, one million years. No more and no less. From our age back in time 1,000,000 years, each year neatly printed and if one doubts then one could always count them. One million years printed year by year. Beat that, my camp followers of fashion at the Royal Academy.

ARTHUR MOYSE.

# An Anarchist

N NOVEMBER 7, Joseph Spivak died in New York in his 90th year, bringing to an end a long and active career in the American anarchist movement. Born in southwestern Russia on March 4, 1882, he emigrated to the United States in 1902, but returned to his native town of Uman during the 1905 Revolution, taking part in antitsarist agitation and in the defence against anti-Jewish pogroms which swept the area. When revolution gave way to reaction, Spivak returned to New York and worked in a cigar factory while studying chemistry at night at Cooper Union, from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1915.

During the First World War Spivak was active in American anarchist circles, taking part in the anti-conscription movement launched by Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, and in the agitation for Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, who had been falsely charged with exploding a bomb during the San Francisco Preparedness Parade of July 22, 1916. Hounded by the authorities, Spivak was threatened with deportation, his apartment was raided and his papers and personal belongings were seized. But he refused to be silenced. Moving to Los Angeles, he joined the Kropotkin Branch of the Workmen's Circle as well as a local group of the IWW. With Tom Bell, the Scottish-born anarchist, he organized a weekly libertarian forum and a Free Workers' College, and he also contributed articles to The Road to Freedom, the Freie Arbeiter Stimme, and other anarchist periodicals.

Meanwhile, with the rise of the Bolshevik dictatorship, Spivak lost his faith in mass revolution and became, in his own words, 'a complete Stirnerite', adopting as his credo Stirner's dictum that 'nobody is higher than myself', which he called the 'basic anarchist truth'. At the same time, however, he continued to take part in Anarchist-Communist and Anarcho-Syndicalist activities. Returning to New York in 1927, he joined the Francisco Ferrer Branch of the Workmen's Circle, the Jewish Anarchist Federation (serving briefly as its secretary), and the New Trends group organized at the end of the Second World War by Alexander Shapiro. But his most important work, perhaps, was in the Libertarian Book Club, of which he was the driving force and instrumental in the publication of its four books: Voline's Nineteen-Seventeen and The Unknown Revolution (1954-55, jointly with Freedom Press), James J. Martin's Men Against the State (1957), Paul Eltzbacher's Anarchism (1960, jointly with Freedom Press), and Max Stirner's The Ego and His Own (1963) in which, as an avowed Stirnerite, he took particular pride.

If the comrades in New York are not yet using that store of dynamic energy called Joseph Spivak,' wrote Tom Bell in 1927, 'they are overlooking a good thing indeed.' But Spivak's talents were not overlooked. Small, lively, energetic, he remained active and alert to the end. Indeed, only a few weeks before his death he lectured to the Libertarian Book Club on the cooperative movement, a subject in which he had had a lifelong interest.

1971 has been a tragic year for the Libertarian Book Club. It has seen the passing of its president, Walter Swieda, its recording secretary, Augusta Fleigler, and now Joseph Spivak. One is reminded of a remark of Alexander Berkman's a generation ago: 'The old guard is passing away, and there are almost none of the younger generation to take its place, or at least to do the work that must be done if the world is ever to see a better day."

### Breach of whose Peace?

N FEBRUARY 2, Julian Turner, a 23-year-old student, appeared at Aberdeen Police Court and was found guilty of 'breach of the peace'. The charge arose from a leaflet he had distributed to Aberdeen schoolkids about libertarian education.

The leaflet made the point that sexual repression is used as a device to bolster authority and urged sexual liberation of the young. The greater part of the leaflet however, consisted of quotes from the internationally famous libertarian educationist, A. S. Neill.

Five middle-class parents took the leaflet to the police and complained. Julian was then charged that 'he did distribute a pamphlet, the contents of which annoyed and distressed the complainees, and thus caused a breach of the peace'.

Readers will note that the charge did not relate to any specific section of the leaflet, nor was any question of obscenity hinted at in the charge. The precedent set by this charge is alarming both for Aberdonian political activists and for Scots revolutionaries generally.

The court case was a farce—it was like a drumhead tribunal or some form of kangaroo court. The hostility of the judge was apparent from the beginninghe smiled at, and nodded agreement with, an official of the extreme right-wing Scottish Schoolmasters' Association who firmly proclaimed his 'right' to decide what his child could read.

The incompetence, ignorance and pomposity of the prosecution—a legal nonentity called 'Procurator Fiscal' and a lay magistrate (Councillor W. Craig of Aberdeen Labour Party)—was in sharp contrast with the erudite, persistent and competent defence put up by Julian's lawyer.

Craig got redder in the face as the case went on and his hostile glances towards the public benches-completely packed with students-were not unnoticed. He was doubtless a little worried about his future election prospects-since he was only selected by his ward party in view of the fact that no one else was available—and disturbed by the fact that the benches contained local trade

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One student shouted that 'this is not democracy' and was forced to apologise to Craig.

Craig's cowardice was further revealed in his sentence—found guilty and given an absolute discharge. Presumably, this bird-brain hoped to thus satisfy defence and prosecution!

An appeal is being planned and funds are very badly needed. There is little doubt that an appeal will succeed, but the appeal will have to be held in Edinburgh and legal aid is not available. Since Scottish anarchists can be very certain that the Scottish police will use this case to hammer revolutionary leaflets on every subject, perhaps they might care to start the ball rolling.

Donations to

Julian Turner, c/o Student Flats, Balgowrie Lodge, Balgowrie, Aberdeen.

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DISASTROUS

Mr. Gormley, the President of the NUM, for his part, would like to see some form of productivity deal with a long-term agreement which would do away with the annual negotiations. Such a deal would be disastrous to miners as past productivity deals have shown. Such agreements are gifts to union leaders. Gone are the annual negotiations and the pressure from the rank and file, leaving the leaders a quiet life.

Coalminers have long held a special place in the history of the labour movement and the hearts of people. While we would not argue for special economic privileges over other workers, their job does make them special. We, the rest of the working class, owe them something and we, the community, are in their debt. Now they need support. The token stoppage by British Leyland SU Carburettor workers is a start, but many strikers and their families must be finding it hard without strike pay. They have had to cut down on many things, including food. Haven't they already contributed enough? Haven't they risked life and limb to give us fuel for our fires and for our power supplies? Do we not owe it to them to contribute to the supplying of their needs?

If readers wish to send money, send it to the National Union of Mineworkers Campaign Fund, Lawrence Daly, 222 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

EXPECTED (and as reported briefly in FREEDOM last week), all eight people accused of being involved in the Angry Brigade have been committed for trial at the Old Bailey. The committal proceedings at Lambeth Magistrates Court lasted from January 3 to January 25. The trial is expected to take place during the summer, and will last for several weeks.

James Greenfield, Anna Mendelson, John Barker (also known as George Buchanan), and Hilary Creek were arrested in their flat at Amhurst Road, Stoke Newington, on August 20; Christopher Bott and Stuart Christie were arrested there during the next couple of days; Angela Weir and Catherine McLean were arrested elsewhere in London in November and December. Angela Weir and Catherine McLean were granted bail at the beginning of the committal hearing, and Hilary Creek was granted bail at the end-all three with enormous sureties and stringent conditions.

The Angry Eight are charged with conspiracy to cause a score of explosions and shootings from 1967 to 1971. Conspiracy charges against Pauline Conroy and Christopher Allen were dropped at the beginning of the committal hearing, and a few minor charges against some of the eight were dropped at the end. The maximum sentence for conspiracy to cause explosions is twenty years; Jake Prescott has already been given fifteen years for addressing three envelopes for the Angry Brigade communiqué at the time of the Carr bombing in January 1971, so the prospect for any of the eight who may be found guilty of this charge is bleak indeed.

Five of the eight spoke from the dock at the end of the committal, but their speeches were not reported in the national press (Time Out printed extracts last week). They protested against the harassment they had experienced at the hands of both police and prison staff.

At least that ordeal is over, three of them are out on bail, and the five remanded in custody may expect some sort of respite for a few months. But their lawyers are pursuing complaints about some of the specific instances of harassment, and their friends are trying to give them as much aid and comfort as possible (offers of money, new books, sent to Box 359, Compendium Bookshop, 240 Camden High Street, London, N.W.1).

Meanwhile, comment on the whole case is still echoing in the press. On January 27, just after the end of the committal proceedings, the Guardian printed a quarter - page advertisement organised by People Seek Justice for Prescott and Purdie', in which more than 150 people signed a short liberal statement expressing 'profound concern at what is happening to Jack Prescott'. The particular points mentioned were the dubious nature of the conspiracy charge in this case, the tenuous nature of the evidence implicating Prescott in the conspiracy, and the excessive nature of the sentence he received. As a result of this, several of the signatories were interviewed on January 27 and 28 in various radio and television news programmes, and it is hoped that there has been some impact on public opinion. But it is difficult to do anything effective about a jury's verdict or a judge's sentence outside the courts, and it is difficult to know what can be done next for Prescott (ideas and offers of help should be sent to PSJPP, Time Out, 374 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8BB).

Apart from that, the most interesting item of press comment since our last report was an article in Frendz 20 (February 3) called 'Angry People, Angry Action, Angry Debate' by 'Wat Tyler' (which followed closely on the article by Jack Flash in Ink 25). This was an extraordinarily confused but revealing account of one person's reactions to the case. His emotional reaction was that 'my heart (rightly or wrongly) says RIGHT ON'. His intellectual reaction was that the Angry Brigade, far from being alien to the revolutionary movement, is essentially part of it; that young working-class people see violence as part of their daily lives, and that it is necessary to take into account the hundreds of explosions that occur every year, many of them political. After that there was a vague slithering into the apparent identification of revolutionary and criminal activity, and into an incredible (and hopefully ironic) conclusion: 'Power to Jake Prescott. Power to the Angry 8.' It is difficult to know what to make of all this, but it is certainly frightening to see so little realisation of what direct action involves and so little consideration of what the cigarettes, food, and so on should be actions of the Angry Brigade have led to in practice, rather than theory.

N.W.

P.H.A.

## GREEN & ORANGE TORIES OUT!

DEADERS WILL BE AWARE from reports in this paper, other papers in the mass media, radio and television, of the frightening spectacle of life in the Catholic ghetto areas of Northern Ireland. The arbitrary arrests, soldiers knocking people about, internment on a mass scale, death and destructionthe other side of the coin commemorating the 'good ol' British way of life' in a part of the UK-into the bargain. One account in Freedom by an anarchist described his treatment as 'lenient'.\* IF the treatment meted out to this comrade, an innocent man, a declared socialist and a non-violent activist is lenient-what of the potentially guilty—the suspected Republican? The allegations coming from Dundalk and Dublin begin to make sense.

No doubt the Army thinks, or more correctly the Army's Tory masters in Whitehall think that by these methods they can win the Catholic population away from the IRA, or do they? Are they really such fools? Do they really want to win the Catholic population over to peaceful civil disobedience that would be infinitely more effective and dangerous from their point of view? Judge for yourself!

I want in the following to comment on both the phenomena of 1971—the Provisional IRA and the policy of the British Government. It is difficult to criticise the role of the British Government (British Army) in Northern Ireland without appearing to support the campaign being waged by the Provisional IRA. Conversely, it is difficult to criticise the Provisional IRA without appearing to support the role of the British Army (British Tory Government). In this comment I will be criticising both and supporting neither.

The history of the present troubles in Northern Ireland has been very well set out in the Sunday Times in their issues of November 14 and 21. In two articles the writers trace the development of the Provisional IRA campaign as stemming from the reaction of the Catholic population in Northern Ireland to the activities of the British Army particularly following the return of the Tories to Westminster in June 1970. I would agree with this analysis entirely. It has surely been proven beyond any shadow of doubt that since the Tories were re-elected the British Army has not on one single occasion made an effective raid for arms in the Orange districts. The fact that such arms exist has been very recently corroborated by-of all people-a British army officer of the Green Howards Regiment in an interview given to Alfred G. Browne, Chief Reporter of the Press Association and published in the Irish Times, Tuesday, November 30. One young officer (unnamed) was quoted as saying, 'We know the Protestants have guns too and have heard them firing, but we couldn't get to them.' How very strange!

The Catholic population, terrified lest they should be subject to any future semi-official pogroms as took place in August 1969 when British troops first set up the so-called peace barrier, fell in desperation into the hands of their only protector as they saw it-the Provisional IRA. In following a one-sided policy of arms searches the desired results for the Unionist Party were achieved. The Catholics fell to the Provisional IRA who increased their so-

and Allied Workers, being even mildly

militant is an occupational hazard. Both

Bob Lees and Brian Bamforth were

expelled from this union shortly after

they tried to get the local officials to

accept motions advocating having shop

In Bamford's case, he was expelled six

days after he attempted to put the

shop steward motion last July, and it

is now clear that on that occasion Albert

Hilton, President of the Rochdale branch,

broke the union rules in order to

prevent the shop steward motion being

to Albert, when Zafar Khan last month

put the motion and persuasively pre-

sented the case for mill shop stewards

to the union's half-yearly meeting. The

meeting received his arguments very

sympathetically, but Albert managed 'to

cod' them into remitting the motion to

It must have come as a surprise

stewards in textiles.

put to the members.

called 'military campaign', thus preparing the ground for the kind of retaliation launched on August 9 when internment was introduced. Thus was the political kith and kin of the Tory Party in Northern Ireland shored up.

The Protestant working class were now convinced that another bloodthirsty Papish plot was afoot and they fell into line like good soldiers behind the banner of the Unionist Party. All was happy, or was it? is it? How long before the Protestant working class will be experiencing the same terror machine as the Catholic working class is today?

It might not be very long indeed, times have changed, this is not the era of the British Empire, it is the era of the Common Market, of the American alliance and British investment in the Republic-south of the border. There are too many people in these allied countries to whom the swashbuckling activities of 'our troops' is far support of all the people in the area from appreciated. As a result of these alliances and the security to British investment displayed over recent years by the Southern Government, the Wilson Plan has been devised anticipating, as it does, a united Ireland in 15 years enforced by the presence of the same British Army who today invest the Catholic areas. If the ghosts of 41 dead British soldiers haunt Heath's bedtime dreams with the melancholy cry of 'what the bloody hell was all this for?' then it will be understandable because in all probability not even Ted Heath fully comprehends the apparent contradictory role he is preparing for 'our boys'. Catholics in the Common Market countries and the Irish Catholic Americans do not like to be presented with a picture of British troops repressing the Catholic Irish. Hence, we will be hearing much more of the Wilson Plan.

The Provisional IRA must be seen against the twenty-six county state because they are supported morally if not otherwise by the most right wing, even fascist elements of Fianna Fail. Their politics are those of the twenty-six county state; some people will say, 'Ah no, it is not so,' and quote instances of those who are Socialists or else root to the bottom of the Provisional bin of policies and stick together some choice pieces saying, 'There you are, a Socialist programme.' Rubbish! The Provisionals, like de Valera before them, have their Socialist programmes in their political bag of tricks. Every bourgeois nationalist in every single one of the former colonial states has had his 'Socialist programme' and they have consistently codded the 'left-wingers' and the 'revolutionaries' up to their tonsils. Having lived 25 years in the twenty-six county state, I am one of those millions of Paddys who could not stay behind to enjoy the fruits of independence. would not offer it as a solution to the immense social problems, let alone the class problem. To do so as the first stage to socialism, as some Socialists do, is Utopian bull-shit!

The class struggle is the class struggle, it is indivisible and it has merely got one gigantic task-namely the emancipation of the working class-all of the working class not just the Protestant, not just the Catholic but all-Catholic, Protestant, Jew or Atheist. The first task for the Northern Irish workers is class unity. The problem in Northern Ireland is not the border, it is un-

employment, slum housing, economic insecurity, in short it is all of the evils produced by capitalist society. These evils transcend the border, they exist in Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Donegal. Any policy which tends to divide the working class is inimical and in this light the so-called military campaign of the Provisional IRA has polarised the Northern Irish working class in a manner most pleasing to their masters -masters over Catholic and Protestant. Despite what they may say about the bombings and shootings—these are the life blood of Toryism. Without this military campaign the working class might, just might, unite and then-woe betide the Tories and nobody is more conscious of this fact than the Tories themselves—both Green and Orange.

Militarily the Provisionals can never be successful; it is elementary to any guerrilla tactician that he must have the wherein he operates. That support might be passive sometimes, active occasionally but where he is confronted with the active hostility of two-thirds of the population plus the overwhelming military superiority of his opponents he is pissing against the wind. One wonders whether the leadership of the Provisional IRA realises this elementary fact. They have nothing to offer the Catholic population either militarily in the short term or politically in the long term. It has been said elsewhere that we should not be dogmatic about stressing the class nature of Northern Ireland at this time (Socialist Leader, October 30). This is arrant nonsense, if the class is divided, is at each other's throats even though they may be restrained to the point that pleases their masters. It is at this point that the class-conscious Socialist is required more than ever to stress the class nature of society. The problems of Northern Ireland's working class are at one with the workers who are occupying UCS, with the workers who some weeks ago marched against unemployment in London, with the 35,000 tenants on rent strike in Cork. There are no short cuts to the emancipation of the working class -sad, but oh so bloody true!

I believe this to be the only consistent policy that can be adopted by the working class even though at this stage we might be pressurised into talking in terms of the Catholic or the Protestant working class. Now it is more important than ever to talk in terms of a united working class.

NO ALLIANCE WITH BOURGEOIS FLAGS RED, WHITE AND BLUE OR GREEN, WHITE AND ORANGE.

FORWARD TO WORKING CLASS UNITY UNDER THE BANNER UNITE, YOU HAVE WORKERS NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS'.

### AFTER DERRY

Since the above was written we have had the mass murder of 13 demonstrators last Sunday-bloody Sunday! I have no intention here of entering the guessing game-popular in the mass media-of who fired the first shot. Most of the reporters on the spot are unequivocal in saying that the Paras came in on Saracen armoured cars and opened indiscriminate fire on demonstrators who were throwing stones at them. The only

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people to fully substantiate the story put about by the Army is the Army! -aided by other Crown uniformed officials.

This bloody incident is very relevant to the situation as I have analysed it above. It is quite clear that the Tory Government in Westminster is at one with the Tory Government in Stormont in directing a policy to ensure that the Provisional IRA is not separated from the Catholic masses in the ghetto and that the civil rights struggle does not become one of mass civil disobedience. It would be naive to say it was an accident that the Paras were sent in on armoured cars and opened fire, particularly so as the Paras are hated by the Catholics and their superiors must be aware of the fact. A report in the Guardian last week said that the COs of other British Army regiments in Northern Ireland were complaining of their behaviour. They accused the Paras of undoing their work of bridgebuilding relations with the Catholic community through their brutish attitude to the population. Thus what the Provisional IRA began the Paras complete!

Thus are the Tories clearly determined to ensure that the civil rights campaign is seen not as a social movement of the masses but that Catholics be driven into the 'protection' of the IRA to continue the dangerous game of 'cowboys and Indians'. This is the situation they can easily handle and they are masters of the art-in addition to which for every Catholic who joins the IRA there are two Protestants to join its counterpart. Thus the cleavage between the Protestant and Catholic workers is maintained. At a time when mass redundancy threatens thousands of Protestant workers in Northern Ireland, it is essential to the preservation of the Northern Ireland Tory Government that sectarian warfare upon which they thrive should be the order of the day rather than class warfare.

Nevertheless it is possible, though only just, that on this occasion the Tories have misfired, literally as well as metaphorically. The pressures mounting against them are increasing by the day. Northern Ireland, Malta, Rhodesia, the Caribbean, the Persian Gulf, while on the home front the miners' strike, factory closures and redundancy, unemployment, rents and prices up, up and up. On the civil liberties front increasing pressure on rights and liberties, the Prescott

### IN COLD BLOOD

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Among the tributes paid to the British forces was one, 'Hardly anywhere in the world do the Army and police show such patience, constraint, and self-discipline as in Britain.' The radio commentator attacked the IRA and said the dead were victims of religious narrow-mindedness and national fanaticism, 'victims of manipulation by dark forces which are well known to us from earlier times under the name of clerical fascism'. This came on Belgrade radio, Yugoslavia is at the moment having troubles with Croatia which is showing signs of wanting national autonomy. In far away Reykavik there was a demo against the British in Ireland, participating was Terry Lacey, a former Young Liberal libertarian.

A demo in London finished with 100 arrests and the usual large number of constables reporting to hospital for first aid and to register injuries for possible compensation complications. The organizers of the demo, The Anti-Internment League, were charged with conspiracy under the Public Order Act.

As we all now know, nothing drastic happened at Newry. Both sides claim a victory, which is perhaps just as well. The Guardian describes it as 'Peace with honour on Day of Protest'. However the Telegraph assured us that the 'Paras were in Reserve'.

There has been an enormous amount of sidelong quoting of bits of Yeats' Easter 1916 with the emphasis on the line 'a terrible beauty is born'. This is his excursion into politics when he realizes that the people he disliked and quarrelled with, McBride, Pearse, Connolly, MacDonagh, had made a rising he approved of and so transmuted themselves. Yeats became a Senator but poets are only good legislators as long as they are unacknowledged.

The literary reference most appropriate to this cold-blooded week is O'Casey in Shadow of a Gunman. A poetic character Seamas says, 'It's the civilians that suffer, when there's an ambush they don't know where to run. Shot in the back to save the British Empire an' shot in the breast to save the soul of Ireland. I believe in the freedom of Ireland an' that England has no right to be here, but I draw the line when I hear the gunmen blowin' about dyin' for the people, when it's the people that are dying for the gunmen! With all due respect to the gunmen, I don't want them to die for me.' SEAN QUIXOTE.

case, etc., etc., etc. Increasingly it becomes evident that we are confronted not solely by a most right wing Tory Government bent on turning the clock of history backwards. No, we are faced with an insidious, evil-minded bunch of

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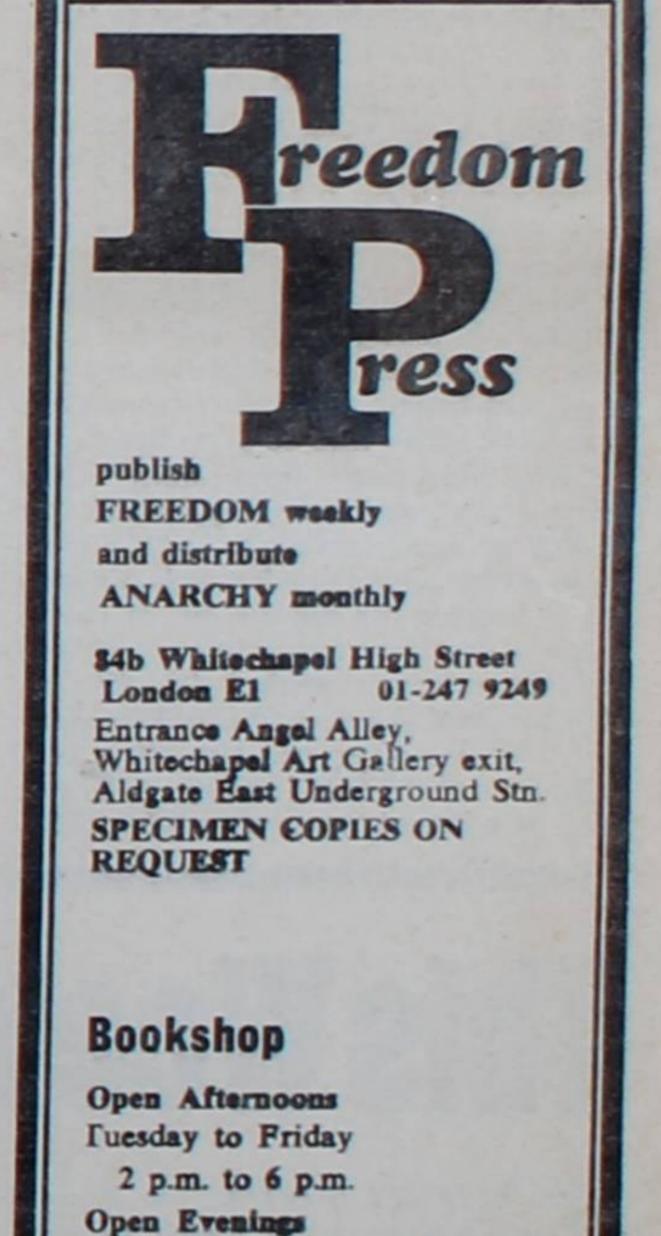
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**DIRTY TRICK** The officials of NUTAW have been

the executive committee.

IN THE National Union of Textile strongly criticised in the last year or so for incompetence and failing to protect their members. This criticism has come from the local members, as well as FREEDOM, Black and Red, and RAP (Rochdale Alternative Paper), a monthly paper put out by local radical elements.

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The latter, which has become quite influential locally, got Hilton's goat, when it suggested that he was trying to camouflage the inadequacies of his union structure. Hilton didn't waste much time getting his own back, he went to see the Chief Education Officer to tell him that the editor of RAP, a college lecturer, had been interfering in the affairs of his textile union.

Hilton, by doing this, was clearly hoping to intimidate RAP and possibly get the editor the sack. In an effort to further discredit RAP, it is now reported that Hilton is claiming he's had a threatening letter, which he has suggested originates from the RAP editors. For his next trick it is rumoured that, in order to discredit the local anarchists, he may commit suicide and make it look like assassination.

IN A PREVIOUS ARTICLE, and in the talk at Oxford recently. I have suggested the stunting of individual growth, which is a leading characteristic of this society today, may commence as early as the cradle. The specific example then instanced was the moralistic mother slapping her baby's hands caught playing think the only free way of life for was released on bail and he informed with the sexual organs.

questions but how do we test them in in the commune they pointed out to custody with kidney punches, blows at practice? Certain Libertarians, like my Kropotkin as one, in a fully contempor- the stomach and neck, kicks in the tesfriends in Sydney, have maintained that ary setting, who pointed the way. Often ticles and, in his case, stamping on his we are caught, substantially, in a vicious in Yugoslavia they have been under bare feet. In confinement there were circle-bad teachers produce bad stu- pressure to join the Communist Party seven of them in a cell intended for one dents ad infinitum. A certain elite may and have as often resisted. Indicating prisoner. They shared one blanket, one escape, but the masses are doomed. some room in which to work or man- mattress and one pillow. They had no Anarchists like myself have maintained oeuvre. They are now returning to food between 7.30 p.m. and 10.30 the that this pessimistic view of life is not Yugoslavia entirely dedicated to the following morning. They were allowed only unconstructive and barren but ill- immediate goal of establishing communes. founded in terms of human psychology.

with about fifteen other men. Many of is no other we. them are married men with children. A compassionate and sincere person he is able to talk easily and confidently with his workmates. He asked them did they slap their children when they found them playing with their sexual organs and most of them, at first hesitantly, admitted that they did. By a not remarkable coincidence (see my article in last week's issue) all of them read the NEWS OF THE WORLD. A vicious syndrome apparently. But my friend explained that their children would be happier as human beings and better emotionally and sexually developed generally if freedom rather than coercion was tried. His workmates at least started to see the truth of what he said. I bet you there'll be lots of subsequent discussions-between friends, at home between man and woman. Learning freedom.

#### To Tito With Love

Out of the appeal for help which I made after being arrested recently on a very serious charge (14 years maximum) and bailed out by good fortune responses have come in from all over Britain and even overseas. For example a teacher in experimental psychology from the University of Munich has sent a reasoned and encouraging testimonial. A few nights ago two men from Yugoslavia called to consult about how best to bring about a free and co-operative way of life. They appreciated that what the commune I am living in is interested in worked for.

with your fellow men do prove fruitful.

highly authoritarian society, whatever nesses. the facade and however subtle. They I spoke to one of his cell mates who

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They told me that the probable result One of the fellows living in our com- of their efforts will be imprisonment. mune works as a painter and decorator For the truly free man, perhaps there

#### Another Demo

The thirteen deaths in Derry brought out a fairly large crowd on Saturday. Far smaller than the anti-internment march which was held on a Sunday afternoon when the Irish had the pubs closed on them and most of the sports fields. It was still a respectable muster with quite a preponderance of Socialist and Communist banners and flags. There was talk of violence and I gathered, walking along alone as there was no anarchist contingent and precious few comrades, that it was expected the Irish would perform. Of course, the political groupings referred to would have none of that. Still a free show is a free show.

Due to an impasse with the police over where to leave the coffins violence did break out. Exactly as outlined it turned out to be a mass spectator show. I am not sure what the various Communist and Socialist groups hope to gain by exploiting a situation—that of Northern Ireland-which they don't even understand but they certainly had a ball seeing the Paddies and the Fuzz have a punch-up. I did not observe one of the politicos offer help to any of their beleagured fellow-demonstrators however much encouragement flew from their mouths earlier.

#### And so to gaol

I must admit I got so disgusted with is not opting out of society but creating the profusion of shouts Victory to the a new civilisation, but realising that the IRA'-the politicos were particularly steps to same must be gradual and loud-that, out of embarrassment, I walked on the footpath for a good por-As I had originally met these men in tion of the march. Later I joined a few Hyde Park, losing contact later for some friends one of whom got separated from time, it came as a considerable reassur- us. Subsequently he was arrested and, ance that honest efforts to communicate as of today, has been refused bail by the police and in court. His crime is his These men have lived under Tito's short stay in London so far and that the dictatorship and fully appreciate the police, assuming he has no supporting nature of authoritarianism and the myth witnesses, are going to bring substantial of workers' control under such a system charges in addition to the trifling one (they laughed my naivete out of court). so far before the court. It seems to me After a year here (one of them, a highly that yet another episode in police 'verskilled craftsman worked for £10 per balling' and planting is coming up. My 40-hour week for Foyles) they have come friend's name is Sean O'Toole and he is to fully see that we, also, live in a naturally anxious to contact any wit-

human beings living together in society me that at the time of the arrest the It is one thing to theorise about such is the commune. In their talks with us police assaulted those already in secure to make no phone calls, despite a legal entitlement, for bail until 11.30 on the Sunday morning.

#### Violence or not

Demonstrations of this nature where one's own friends are involved raise the question of whether violence is justified or not. At the actual time tempers are greatly inflamed and a hysteria grips not only the crowd but the police also. Even the most innocent bystander may be carried away in such an inferno. But the question remains.

I would hesitate to give an unequivocal no to all violence (what might one do if

one were a Negro today in South Africa or, worse still, a Jew in Hitler's Germany are issues when many of us might well find no other way other than physical resistance) but I am quite sure that in England there are sufficient ways to work together with one's associates, publish one's views (very difficult and expensive I admit) and even start changing society by perfectly peaceful means. It is certainly very difficult to justify violence here and it strikes no response in the masses of the population (while I think the baby-moralism syndrome referred to at the beginning of this week's column may be quite relevantly referred to almost anyone). We sympathise with the frustration and indifference (which we are all suffering from) that inspires some to violence but we cannot sympathise with the violence.

#### Anarchists Meet

In the Marquis of Granby every Sunday from 7.30 p.m. It is located in Cambridge Circus at the junction of Shaftesbury Avenue and Charing Cross Road. Very quiet evenings usually but we do raise amongst ourselves substantial sums to help the Stoke Newington Six including our well-known friend Stuart Christie. And since I face a probable sentence of three or four years myself many helpers are turning up there. I think they call it SOLIDARITY.

BILL DWYER.

### KEEP WORKING!

THE FOLLOWING IS FROM the until the miners' dispute is settled. Financial Times (2.2.72). It not only about sympathy action spreading to other

day in support of the miners, with donation to the miners. the result that production was halted to stage a one-day stoppage every week and on the country's economy.'

Mr. George Wright, the union's Birshows that union officials are worried mingham district secretary, said last night: 'I can understand people being workers but also where their true loyalties disturbed at the way the miners are being treated. But I shall be talking to In Birmingham, 109 workers at British our shop stewards about more tangible Leyland's SU Carburetter plant at Erding- ways to assist than staging strikes.' The ton, staged a 24-hour token strike yester- union is expected to suggest a cash

British Leyland said yesterday: Whatand the whole workforce of 1,000 sent ever sympathy these men may feel for home. However they will come under the miners' cause, this kind of action strong pressure from their union—the does nothing to help the miners and transport workers-to abandon their plan has an adverse effect on British Leyland

the direction of the Stock Exchange, where the Brokers' Battalion had been holding out, all resistance ended and the new Revolutionary Government of Healeycliff took over at 10 Downing Street. As they entered at the front door, members of the discredited Wedgewood-Reid administration were leaving by the

The two leaders emerged for photographs looking pale and tense. They Minister of Information.

kers to surrender their arms and return in the country. to the factories. New work norms would fend the Glorious Revolution.

There would not be, nor could there be, any question of equality of wages as first day of office of the first British some irresponsible elements had de- Revolutionary Government, we can, with manded. Technicians and scientists were a few exceptions, put our trust in the vital to the success of the economy and strong hands of Healeycliff now placed must be proportionately rewarded. Anti- so firmly around our necks. social hooligans who had suggested that

FTER A BRIEF burst of firing from science and technology were making life a nightmare would be locked away for their own safety, as would those who wanted production of the motor car to stop. Healeycliff assured the workers of Coventry and Dagenham that nothing would stand in the way of ever increasing production in their plants. (Loud cheers.)

### ANARCHISTS TAKEN UNAWARES

Some hours before the new regime took over, contingents of the glorious stated that from now on they would People's International Guard (PIG) speak with one voice, and that all appeared at the shabby headquarters of differences between them would be sub- the Anarchists. Printing machines were merged in the struggle to get the economy smashed—files taken—and everyone on right. Ministers appointed so far were the premises arrested. The anarchists named as See-Slaughter, Minister of Jus- appeared to be taken completely by surtice and the widely known Peafoot, prise, indeed many of them who for years past had been 'doing their own thing', The Government appealed to all wor- seemed unaware that there was a crisis

Their appeals for help to passers-by be announced immediately, and though as they were flung into the PIG vans these would entail some sacrifice on the went unheeded, as they were unknown part of the workers, the Government was to the public at large. Their present sure they would respond in order to de- whereabouts and likely fate are the subject of much speculation and rumour.

And so, as the sun goes down on the

J.A.

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# This Week in Ireland

English.

Two and a half years ago in The Irish would be worse than the Unionists. Times I warned what would happen if our Government continued to bleat in- Balneil, the officers of the paratroops, stead of ACTING. We had the SS Heath and Faulkner & Co. cannot be paratroops on the beach at Magilligan. Then Derry last Sunday when they murdered in cold blood. They have lit a fire in ALL Ireland that will not be put out in my lifetime.

Derry mourns, Dublin blazes. I was a bare 30 yards from the British Embassy when it was gutted yesterday. The behaviour of the gardai was magnificent. They made a few very gentle token resistances, but were truly with the 25,000. The mob too were determined but gentle. I was in the centre, out of a cast after three months and very lame. I was guarded from being jostled as if I were Dresden china while I collected money for Derry. I cheered when the tricolour at half mast went up in place of the hated Union Jack. I did NOT want the lovely Georgian building destroyed, for it is only rented to England and is one of our heritages, but was told, 'This time we MUST, H.' It was NOT hooliganism.

Later in the evening, much, much later, after most of us had gone home drenched-for the heavens wept for our dead all day-Sinn Fein did indeed come and petrol bomb the gardai and even the maternity hospital nearby and shouted abuse at the gardai, and in their usual

'BLOODY SUNDAY' in Derry I fascist manner did all they could to raise can scarecly bring myself to write. a fight. If they ever got power they

The deliberate LIES told by Lord believed even by the most Tory of the

Bernadette was magnificent AND SPOKE THE TRUTH. I have seen the photographs of badly wounded 14-yearolds, the hole in THE BACK of a man, and I have heard one of the two injured women speak on the wireless. The other is too ill. She may die, yet they say, 'NO women or children were hurt.' Don't believe them!

When England butchered others of us in 1916 our poet from Slane, Francis Ledgewick, wrote a lament. The last verse is:

'But in the lonseome hush of eve Weeping I grieve the silent kills I heard the Poor Old Woman say In Derry of the little hills.'

So apt today. Many other English buildings in Dublin have been burned down.

It IS war now, 32 county war, and we SHALL go on till we overcome lies, brutality, slanders and the rest of the repressions notwithstanding.

'Oh Absalom, my son, my son, would God I had died for thee.'

Our apathy for too long has flared to bring a terrible vengeance on us.

H.