

The Freeze —

WE COULD WIN — BUT...

IT IS ONLY THE NAIVE WHO WILL BE SURPRISED THAT THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT, OR ANY GOVERNMENT FOR THAT MATTER, CAN GO AGAINST ITS DECLARED INTENTIONS so much as to operate a prices and incomes policy as far-reaching as was announced last week. When in opposition the Tories were against such policies, then favoured by Labour. But like President Nixon, the realities of power and the continuing inflations facing capitalist economics call for governmental intervention and control.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that while the Nixon administration has just started its Phase Three, Mr. Heath, in similar presidential style, announces his Phase Two.

As with the American version, while incomes are rigidly controlled, the one commodity none of us can do without, foodstuffs, gets past the watch-dog committees. Companies who import food or raw materials will be allowed to pass on any increases to the public. The experience of the Phase One freeze shows that food price increases undermined the so-called standstill in prices.

The government, when Phase One ends on March 31st will only allow a yearly wage increase of £1 and an additional 4 per cent on the total of what any group of workers earns. But V A T and the proposed increases in rents and rates will go ahead. Workers who take action to force an employer to pay more could on a summary conviction be fined up to £400 and there is no limit on fines on indictment.

The Tories' prices and incomes policy will not only last longer than Labour's but will have a Pay Board and a Prices Commission with power to summon defaulters.

The government wants the TUC to co-operate with Phase Two and nominate members to sit on the Prices and Incomes Boards. It is doubtful whether the unions will co-operate to that extent but their acceptance will be tacit. The American unions did this during their Phase Two and are now willing to co-operate fully during Phase Three. Similarly, consultations and co-operation are expected when our Phase Three starts.

The government and the TUC know that if the trade unions actively opposed these policies the unions would win. But governments and employers only point to wages as the reason for inflation. They forget that the April tax concessions will bring someone on Mr. Heath's salary over £300 a year more. While "we are all equal" some are obviously "more equal than others".

While dividends might be restricted these will not be lost like wages, but can be paid at a later date. Some old fashioned principled Tories might think that this was back-door socialism and an attack on the profit motive, when in fact it is a breathing space to allow the capitalist system to recover from the problems of inflation.

Governments will do anything but end the exploitation of man by man. The social and economic justice which the present policies are supposed to bring are but the usual window dressing to make people believe and accept them. The

new and better life politicians never tire of promising is never here and now, but is always some way off in time.

While it is important to oppose these policies, if workers did defeat the government like the miners, we would still be working for a boss. Basically, both socially and economically nothing would have changed and the same injustices of capitalism would continue. Just to oppose with wage demands is in the end

self-defeating. We should use our obvious economic strength to end our exploitation. We should think about taking over the industries we work in and then running them for the benefit of all the community. Then we could produce only for real needs instead of working long hours to manufacture rubbish in order to make profits for those who at present own and control the wherewithal of life.

P.T.

AFTER BLOODY SUNDAY SUNDAY

IT IS NOW A YEAR since "Bloody Sunday" when soldiers of the British Army shot and killed 13 unarmed demonstrators at a Civil Rights march in Londonderry. The later revenge attack by the IRA which killed a number of innocent workers in Aldershot destroyed the widespread sympathy and revulsion resulting from "Bloody Sunday" felt by many people throughout Britain. As usual the madmen of the IRA showed a callousness equalled only by their political ineptitude.

The alleged "peacemakers" of the British Army have repeatedly shown their ruthless impartiality in crushing any man, woman or child who challenges their absolute authority — or merely gets in the way. The indiscriminate bombers of the IRA have shown that in order to achieve their political ends any innocent man, woman or child who happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time is expendable. The torture techniques of the British Army have been equalled by the IRA, and the arbitrary authority of the State has been equalled by the brutal punishment of anyone transgressing the Provisionals' puritanical code of conduct. The gunmen of the UDA feeding on understandable Protestant fears of IRA violence have shown themselves to be sadistic killers and yet another fascist threat to the workers of N. Ireland. The increasingly repressive police state created by the Lynch Government in the South is another part of the meaningless choice of poisons pre-

sented to the people. As usual, while the people die the politicians wheel and deal for power.

So where in this morass of despair can we find the seeds of progress and liberty? To anarchists it is clear that the British Army must be withdrawn, and it is probably in this direction that those of us this side of the Irish Sea can have most influence on events. The IRA feeds on the atrocities of the British Army, just as the UDA feeds on the atrocities of the IRA. After 4 years of senseless killing and the discrediting of the IRA in the Catholic communities Northern Ireland seems to be wearily returning to where it started: the Civil Rights campaign of popular resistance to authority. This is why it is now essential for us to try and force the British Government to withdraw its troops: there is an immense danger of a new cycle of escalating sectarian violence.

For too long the exploited people of Ireland have been manipulated and divided by the capitalists and politicians to maintain their power. However, a campaign for "civil rights" is not enough. It is time that the people of Ireland — and everywhere else — realized that no state, or army, or revolutionary leaders in the world can give them freedom. That is something they have to take for themselves when they decide to resist the dictates of all authority and organise their own lives and communities on the basis of voluntary co-operation and mutual aid.

Terry Phillips

BOND RIDES AGAIN

LAST WEEK Express Printers and Freedom Press were visited by two types (a) leaving the impression they were serving the interests of the Director of Public Prosecutions and (b) coming as bookshop customers. At Express Printers, where they produced a warrant card and announced themselves as an inspector and a sergeant, they enquired about the printing of Anarchy 9 (new series) on "Urban Guerillas". Upstairs in Freedom Books they purchased a copy of the aforesaid publication and asked the same question. (Downstairs they revealed they had a copy and a photostat of same.) They found nothing of interest in the secondhand books and departed with "Anarchy" and the addresses printed therein. If these were gas men posing as detectives they didn't do a very good job; however they weren't seeking information, just checking.

The story about the D.P.P. is a lie since the D.P.P. has no detective staff, the police just pass on to him hints for possible prosecutions. Sometimes they get too ambitious.

Probably they were con men posing as detectives!

J.M.

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MALATESTA ON FILM

MALATESTA (National Film Theatre)

THE GREATEST IRONY of the screening of this film was that it was part of the "Fanfare for Europe" celebrations. It was aimed at getting the anarchists into the Common Market, explained one comrade in the audience.

Several anarchists present met in the bar afterwards and opinions on the film (West Germany's entry at Cannes) differed widely.

One criticism was that while supposed to be about Malatesta it concentrated more on the siege of Sidney Street even though his association with the Latvian social revolutionaries involved was only slight. The film however exaggerated the connection (Malatesta employed one of the Latvians in his small workshop - yet he is described in the programme as their "leader"). This exaggeration was a device used to contrast the "bombers" and the "talkers" in the anarchist movement.

One comrade was grateful that the distinction between these two lines was made clear. Another thought it did not examine either in any great depth - with such lines as: "Bullets act faster than words".

My greatest disappointment was that neither Malatesta the talker nor the Latvians who were preparing for armed revolt put their case with any conviction or passion.

Malatesta came over as a tired disillusioned old man who had lost faith in the revolution and continued going through the motions of addressing public meetings merely through a sense of duty. This feeling of cynicism and powerlessness belongs more to the present day than the 1910-11 period in which the film is

set.

The Latvians too seemed more bored than impatient for change. Maybe the dialogue was made more uninspiring as it was in German with English sub-titles. According to the programme it was also made in English which would have seemed more appropriate for a Waterloo audience.

Some historical inaccuracies were noted by the anarchists present - but presumably the film was not posing as strictly accurate in every detail.

It was also thought Malatesta's Italian anarchist friend Cafiero, who ended up in a mental home, was not very flatteringly portrayed. For instance, although his obsession for keeping the curtains always drawn was shown, it was not explained. He thought, of course, that he was getting more than his fair share of sunlight.

M.P.

IT'S ALL A PLOT!

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF POPULATION CONTROL IN LATIN AMERICA. By Bonnie Mass, Editions Latin America

THE AUTHOR BELIEVES that the various American organisations, including the American Friends Service Committee, which are propagating birth control methods in Latin America, are all part of a great plot to wipe out, or greatly reduce the numbers of the people in that part of the world, so that they will not be a rival to the North Americans in a future struggle for power.

She appears to be in favour of birth control when propagated by Communist powers, though at times she writes as if she were a devout Catholic, and at other times as if she was an adherent of what French papers used to call some years ago "abondancisme", the belief that thanks to science the world of the future will have unbounded supplies of food and goods of all kinds, and any talk of famine is a lie created by the capitalist class for their own ends.

In fact the issue is confusing, because it cuts across the usual "left" and "right" division, but the confusion is not cleared away in this pamphlet, which has left me spinning like a top. All I can say is that, although I detest the American Empire as much as Bonnie Mass does, I do not believe that these different American organisations are all working together to keep the peoples of Latin America down, or exterminate them. I expect there are Americans who would like to do this, and perhaps some even are trying it. Most, I would guess, from what I know of Americans and other nationalities, are using the money of the capitalists in order to help the people, and since we are all of us to some extent involved in the capitalist system whether we like it or not it seems rather foolish to write about their actions as "atrocities".

Any large sum of money is bound, in our world, to come from some dubious source. I wonder

how this pamphlet was financed. I do not, in the main, believe in plots and conspiracies, and one on this scale would take some organising! The American Empire has not so far succeeded in defeating tiny North Vietnam, in spite of all the technology the imperialists possess. I doubt whether they are capable of the systematic destruction of any people as numerous as that of Latin America.

I do not believe in the Communist world conspiracy either. All there is is a vast muddle of confused good and bad intentions. Small-scale conspiracies there may be. Anyway this is an interesting pamphlet and should be read, even though one may disagree with it. Copies can be obtained from B. Mass, 16 Prospect Street Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02154, USA. Prices are given in American currency. I do not know the English equivalent. "Bulk orders for over 12 come to 50 cents apiece. Each one under that number sells for 75 cents."

Arthur Wardo

WHO'S ROBBING WHOM

ACCORDING to an article in 'Industrial Management' Britain's bosses are being robbed every day of about £1 million by workers who go in for petty thieving.

In the retail trade alone £192 million worth of goods are knocked off by workers in a year - staff taking home £2 for every £1 customers do.

What the report, predictably, fails to mention is that these figures are trivial compared with the amount that employers steal from us every day.

If workers are going in for petty pilfering then grand larceny is the only way you can describe what the bosses get up to.

The difference is that the boss doesn't have to creep home with

what he nicks hidden under his jacket and you can't take him to court for exploitation. 11,000 workers were prosecuted for their 'crimes' last year.

'Solidarity' recently contained the information that in 1971 average sales per employee at Fords were £10,628. Deduct wages and material costs from that and you are left with the amount stolen.

And 'Socialist Worker' had some interesting figures concerning what goes on at Marks and Spencers - the firm with the 'progressive' labour policies and a hatred for unions.

Marks and Spencers stole an average of £1412 from each of its workers during the year 1971-2.

Whatever happens the boss and

his accountants make sure that he never loses. They allow an average 2 per cent for 'shrinkage' - the amount they expect to lose - each year and this is stuck on prices.

A senior management consultant is quoted as saying: 'I wouldn't say from direct experience that pilfering has been a predominant cause of a company's difficulties.'

Our evidence, however, confirms that low wages - a high rate of legalised robbery - have been responsible for difficulties that families find in surviving.

And the history of capitalism shows no shortage of cases of people starving after being thrown out as no longer worth robbing. No amount of pilfering makes the boss suffer that.

Harry Harmer

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FREE AS THE AIR

In the US television and radio newscasters better take heed, a new class of governmental news censors, the news managers, is being groomed to more effectively 'protect' the people's 'right to know'. In a recent speech, Clay Whitehead, director of the Office of Telecommunications Policy, warned of the danger of "ideological plugola", the stressing or suppressing of information to advance one's beliefs. The pretence apparently is to news objectivity, and what better way of enforcing objectivity is there than news censorship? This, he argues, is the function of the news manager: to maintain this mythic virtue of objectivity, assuming of course that a news manager is somehow more capable of forming nonbiased and objective opinions than are the reporters. However, if the stations fail to insulate their audiences from the truth, they may lose their licence to operate in the next year.

Guidelines, Whitehead said, include two criteria for licence renewal: first, the station must show that it is "substantially attuned to the needs and interest" of the local community (how can a government possibly know and determine local "needs and interest"?); second, it has to allow ample time to opposing views in a controversial issue. The second criterion is determined by the first and presumably anarchist and other radical views will continue to be disallowed on the basis of not being significant opposing viewpoints and somehow not meeting the "needs and interest" of the community.

The ultimate point of this assault is obvious. Richard Nixon hates the news media and will do whatever he can to silence it. The explicit function of the news managers and censorship, as I have said, is to force the media to be 'objective'; on the other hand, the implicit function is to compel a favourable presentation of the administration or the editing of network statements that present King Richard the Devious unfavourably. Consequently, networks which feed the news to local stations may soon be legally silenced by the local news manager who decides that the broadcast is anti-administration, and therefore contrary to "the needs and interest" of the community. According to Nicholas Johnson, Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, when the stations perform their proper chores like good children, papa Richard rewards them by automatically renewing their licences. But woe to the children who are naughty!

Actually, this attack is not outrageous. To the contrary, it was very predictable. For years the underground and radical press have felt the might of a hateful, vindictive Richard Nixon. Now even the liberal press is feeling the heat, and it will continue. In reality, the State wants only to consolidate its power and to destroy the opposition and news censorship is consistent with this impulse. History's total rulers have all realized the necessity of a stupid, uninformed people; Richard Nixon and his band of merry men are no exception.

Dario McDarby

PROJECT BRASS MONKEY

DR. JACKAL looked into the mirror, the potion was starting to work. He knew that every man Jackal must have his Hyde, the question was where did that Hyde park? Soon he would know.

A change was coming over his visage, his cold grey fishlike eyes were turning into the eyes of a visionary, a seer. His lank blond strawlike hair was turning into golden, his fat sluggish features were turning into chubby, seraphic cosiness and his voice once plangent with a middle-class whine had developed an upper-class hauteur. It was rarely now that he took the potion; he was kicking the habit as he told himself. Not so much of the Hyde Park, more like a blasted heath - and giggled at his own joke, for who else would? Perhaps his crony Barber-Surgeon Todt, or Todd to give him the Anglicized version.

It was necessary for the other to appear in public as he worked through the stages of his vast project. Based as it was upon the experiments of Dr. Caligari, with some hints from Dr. Mabuse and M. Valdemar, he was probing the secret of suspended animation by a process of freezing. Some of his patients had died from hypothermia but it was necessary in the cause of science in order to counter the equally fatal death from swelling and over-heating. To cover up his scheme, which was not entirely original being based upon ideas practised by Dr. Noxin, it was referred to in the military manner as Project Brass Monkey.

The lowering of human temperatures not only preserved bodies from corruption but also made them work harder in an attempt to keep warm. Some attempted to sabotage the whole experiment by freezing in rigid attitudes, but a blow-lamp applied to vital parts produced the required liquidity. Control of temperatures was the constant aim of his staff. The uniform temperature of the laboratory

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

THE HOSPITAL had been, like so many, the old workhouse. It was on the very edge of The Six Towns: Stoke-on-Trent; Hanley; Tunstall; Fenton; Burslem; Longton. If you had no car then the journey was tiresome and long; waiting around for buses; and having no cafe or visitors' lounge when you reached there. Sasha, aged three, was taken in under observation having had six days of sickness - unable to keep food down. It must have seemed like prison to her, not aware why she was sent from home; not having her own bed, toys, mum or dad with her except after 10 a.m. until she went to sleep. Well, it was like a prison cell, each cubicle separated by glass partitions with a central glass window running through each room so that the duty nurse could keep an eye on all. Furniture consisted of an old, firm, iron cot; a cupboard and two chairs, one a child's size. The walls were grey and yellow, or was it green and yellow? The buildings, naturally being a hospital, not a military camp or a police station or new council

was maintained by subjecting all incoming currents of air to regulation, by excluding all sunlight until a hoar frost was obtained throughout. Dr. Jackal and the Surgeon-Barber moved about amongst their specimens, insulated from the frozen masses by cheap fur coats.

Doctor Jackal had to take the potion now and again so that his benevolent Doctor role would emerge. "This is all for your own good" he would insist under the influence of the potion, and his subjects would believe him and submit to icy rigidity. Unfortunately, the man Ticklmease, who had some influence on them, was not convinced of the value of the experiment, and neither was the previous occupant of the lab, Dr. Harlson, although he concealed his real feelings. It was known that Dr. Harlson had scorched his fingers in thermal experiments in the 'white-heat of technological revolution', and one or two of his subjects had been known to disappear. It was rumoured that Dr. Harlson's face had been scorched in his experiments, and he now wore an impassive mask to hide his scarred visage and his real feelings.

Ticklmease was a different proposition. He just would not believe (in public) that a lowered temperature and a more sluggish pace in the heart and bloodstream would lead to a prolongation of life - perhaps to eternity. Perhaps, thought Dr. Jackal, it only seems longer. Ticklmease however was fairly content as long as he himself was basking in the sunlight and occasionally some of his special friends were thawed out.

The patients, for that is how the Doctor liked to regard them, were fed, if that were the word, by slivers of frozen food being slipped between their lips. Fresh food was inadvisable because it was too warm and would have the side-effect of thawing them out. They were given icicles and

offices, were Victorian and heavily depressing if you ever stopped to think about it! But what was most depressing of all was the atmosphere which seems almost an essential part of institutions generally and hospitals in particular. The staff were busy. They were given no share in the organization of the hospital's daily life; they just did their own personal work efficiently but without great enthusiasm or involvement in how the parents and the rest of the staff got on; or how the children felt or how much love could be given. Of course it would be impossible under the present organization of work to have the staff giving more care, more love, without also having the time, feeling they have the time to do so. Meanwhile the babyfeeding; the washing and bathing is most efficiently done. Would that the holding, touching and playing with the children were as intense as the hygiene and time-obsessed bustle. Some suggestions for an improved relationship between staff and patients; between staff and hospital management:
- Painting of wards in bright colours to rid institutional/depressing looks.

lollypops from time to time to produce an illusion of nourishment.

The experiment was developing apace, the laboratory was crowded with row upon row of subjects, frozen to all intents and purposes, yet able to be set to work at the master's command. They stood stiffly in statuesque yet decorous poses, running the whole range of occupations from agricultural worker to gas worker, teacher, civil servant to old-age pensioners. (The latter a very rare species since they so frequently died in captivity of hypothermia. However the Doctor bore their fate with equanimity since they were useless for the working part of the experiment.)

One night when the staff had gone Dr. Jackal was proudly parading up the row of subjects when to his horror he felt a warm splash upon his shoulder. To his alarm he found it was not blood but warm water. His first thought was that his elaborate apparatus had broken down and a thaw had set in. He swiftly checked his alarm system of checks and balances and found no fault. He gazed up at the statuesque coal miner, decorated with a decorous fig leaf for the sake of the female staff, but the fig leaf had been wrenched to one side and the man was actually engaged on the process which Doctor Jackal had observed in a rather charming statue, a souvenir of which he had bought in Brussels. Moreover the jet was directed at the Doctor.

He quickly retreated but found himself deluged by an agricultural worker and wherever he turned to flee down the line the deadly spray was directed at the Doctor. He whirled round to shield himself from attack and pollution, and skidding on the wet floor fell face downwards in a puddle, the waters closed about him.

Jack Spratt

- Enrolment of older children to help play/talk with children not under complete isolation; also to mix with old people.

- Information from doctor and access to doctor to be made easier. Nurses to pass on condition voluntarily and to give information about child without having to ask/seek for an authoritative voice.

- Parents to be informed of rights to stay overnight with child in only under observation; or awaiting results of tests.

- Visitors' tearoom/coffee bar/ even kettle and nescafe/tea for selfservice.

Of course the nurses should be given control of the running of the place so that it is run more humanly and more friendly and more 'efficiently'. That is to say more for the nurses and the patients.

Dennis Gould

This Week in Ireland

EVERY DAY we hear of more redundancies and unemployment. There is such a shortage of potatoes in Ireland that they are being imported from England so that the factory that makes chips and mashed potato in packets does not have to close down completely, but hundreds of workers have been dismissed. The farmers broke their contracts and only seven thousand tons of spuds were delivered instead of the 28,000 tons promised. Admittedly it was a bad potato year but not to the extent of over twenty thousand tons of the things. The farmers just did not plant them. Going in entirely for beef to sell to the Continent. Meat has vanished from the diet of all but the 5% who own 71% of the wealth. Even the poorest mince, all fat and gristle, is 40p a pound. I can remember buying GOOD stewing beef for 4d a pound!!!

Our government swore deci-

malisation would not raise prices. They went up sevenfold. Again they swore the EEC would not raise prices but every day something more becomes prohibitive. Even tea is to go up 2p per pound. Also bread. The old age pensioner perforce lives largely on tea, bread and margarine and potatoes. What they will eat now on their princely £5 a week God alone knows. Grass like Nebucadnezzar? But there isn't even any decent clean grass left in Dublin.

Taylor and Craig say they are in perfect agreement. Whitelaw still refuses to do anything concrete to stop the sectarian murders, though they fell off a bit after his interview with the UDA. We believe he said that if they would control these he could lean more heavily on the minority. John Edward Drayton Stephenson alias Sean McStiofan has stop-

ped his hunger strike as "the executive thought no further useful purpose would be served by it". Actually he never was on complete hunger strike. There was a lot of sham and codology.

I wonder WHAT the White Paper will really say. There are different hypotheses every day in every paper and on the wireless. There is a colossal row going on in the papers about contraception. Needless to say your writer is on the unpopular side! But my chief antagonist won't meet me for open debate. He has 17 children in 18 years of marriage and if that is not immoral I don't know what is. Life is very depressing and there is a freezing fog so I will end and remember the darkest hour is before the dawn.

H.

Joseph Goldman (1880 - 1972)

ON AUGUST 25, 1972, in a small Florida town, Joseph Goldman was taken from his family, friends, and few remaining comrades at the age of 92, and with him has passed one of the last survivors of that beautiful and romantic age that coincided with the period of immigration to America.

Joseph Goldman was born in the town of Antopolia in Grodno province, Russia. He had the good fortune to study for several years in a Yeshiva, but economic difficulties forced his parents to apprentice him to a tailor. An able youth, Joseph learned the trade quickly, and within two years he left for Bialystok to find employment. It was there that he first heard such words as "socialism", "anarchism", and "zionism", and where he heard the workers discuss subjects about which he had never heard before. Though the young man never forgot that he had come to Bialystok to earn a few roubles to help his hungry family, his thirst for knowledge led him to read newspapers and journals, often illegal literature which was then largely smuggled in from abroad.

Meanwhile, his father had left for the United States, and Joseph himself emigrated when he was barely seventeen. He stayed in New York with a cousin who was a Social Democrat, and there he read "Forverts" and other socialist literature from cover to cover. Before long another cousin came from Philadelphia, a young anarchist thanks to whom Goldman discovered the Freie Arbeiter Stimme, which opened up a new world. Seeing an announcement in the Freie Arbeiter Stimme of a lecture on anarchism by its editor, S. Yanovsky, he attended the lecture which decided his social outlook for the rest of his life.

Soon afterwards young Goldman went to Chicago to join his father, and both worked very hard in order to bring the mother and the rest of the children to America. But Joseph found time after work to learn English and to take part in the David

Edelstadt Group, which he had joined through the Freie Arbeiter Stimme. He was active also in the English-speaking group which gathered around Annie and Jake Livshis, and in addition he joined another English-speaking group, Free Society, which consisted of American, English, and a few Jewish comrades.

I personally met Joseph Goldman in 1913 when I arrived in Chicago and became active in the Anarchist Red Cross. It was at our first gathering that I met him, a young man with a friendly smile who drew me to him as with a magnet; and from that evening at the "Bauernball" there arose between us a close friendship which endured until the end.

Comrade Goldman attained a high proficiency in the English language as well as in other subjects, and especially in philosophical and social questions. He was, if I am not mistaken, one of the first anarchists to be invited by American universities to lecture on anarchism. His private life did not correspond to his dreams in that social and family circumstances compelled him to become a business man. Yet of all those anarchists in Chicago who achieved economic success, Comrade Goldman was the only one to remain active in the Free Society Group and in the Alexander Berkman Aid Fund. He not only came to meetings but took responsibilities upon his shoulders, and all that he did he did with enthusiasm and without fanfare. His anarchist activity occupied a large segment of his life.

There are few men in any movement whose daily lives and thoughts are imbued with the ideals in which they believe. Comrade Goldman belonged to that small company, and at every opportunity he put his anarchist philosophy into practice - even in his business affairs! Though he never concealed his ideals, he commanded the trust and confidence of his business associates. People always listened attentively to what he said. So it was in Chicago, and so it was later when he moved to Los Angeles, and still later when he settled in Miami.

During the last two years he was gravely ill. But even in his illness he was keenly interested in what was happening in the movement; and I believe that even in his semi-conscious condition he dreamed of the ideal to which he was inseparably bound throughout his life. Though I am aware that Joseph Goldman lived to a ripe age, it is hard for me to make peace with the thought that I have lost such a close and devoted comrade, with whom I was so closely linked over a span of fifty-nine years.

Boris Yelensky

A PLEA FOR HELP

THE ISRAELI-PALESTINE Social Action group are asking for help to provide air-raided shelters for refugee camps close to the Israel borders. These camps have a high density population and few shelters and are highly vulnerable in Israeli reprisal raids.

[These refugees seem to have been abandoned to their fate both by their Arab "friends" and Israeli enemies.] A group of Palestinian and Lebanese university graduates, among them several architectural and engineering students, have undertaken a project for shelters and work has commenced in the Lebanon. The I.P.S.A. say "This venture is unrelated to the military activities of the guerilla organisations".

The I.P.S.A. is in favour of national self-determination for the Palestinian Arabs, and their right to engage in armed struggle, but they feel that the guerilla groups cannot be unconditionally supported (primarily over the question of the right to national self-determination of the Israeli Jews) because "in the present circumstances their mode of operation is unlikely to lead to the social and national liberation of the Palestine Arab people".

"Financial assistance is required immediately."



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NOTTINGHAM: Trent Polytechnic new anarchist group forming. Contact Shirley Moreno & John Hinsley through Fine Art Dept. Dryden Street, Nottingham

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(Condensed for reasons of space and with minor alterations by J.R.)