

THE LAW'S AN ASS

WE HAVE, on numerous occasions in FREEDOM, pointed out that the law is an ass. However it is also true that the processes of the law keep grinding away.

Such is the situation that the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers find themselves in. Sir John Donaldson and his National Industrial Relations Court are having their last fling before they are disbanded under a new law which has just been placed before Parliament. But this last fling means that the Court has the power to seize the financial resources of the AUEW because they have refused to recognise the Court and pay the £47,000 compensation awarded to the Con-Mech engineering firm of Woking, Surrey.

To the union's credit, they have throughout the life of the Tories' N.I.R.C. boycotted all the hearings at which they have been called to appear.

When fined they have refused to pay and the Court has had to seize these amounts from the union. Now their total funds of over £7 million have been sequestered.

This places the Labour government and the rest of the trade union movement in an embarrassing position because of their commitment to the social compact. If the AUEW take industrial action in protest against the Court's action the

effect could be very damaging to this agreement. At the moment the effect of having a left-winger as Secretary for Employment has helped to tone down wage demands. The AUEW is a good example, since they called off their overtime ban and settled within the limits of Phase Three.

The award for damages of £47,000 to Con-Mech shows how

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IN LISBON -
A touch of
nationalism
obscures
(for the
time being)
the banner
of freedom.



IBERIAN NOTES

C.N.T. - A. I. T. MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGAL

The National Committee of the CONFEDERACION NACIONAL DEL TRABAJO DE ESPANA (CNT) and the International Secretariat of the CNT in Exile, addresses to the Portuguese people, through the FEDERACION ANARQUISTA IBERICA (FAI) of Portugal, Fraternal Greetings.

From underground in Spain, and from the intercontinental ambit where anarcho-syndicalists of Spain can be found, we address to all the peninsular peoples, to our anarcho-syndicalist comrades from Portugal and to the Portuguese people in general, our hopeful Fraternal Greetings. The Portuguese people has suffered almost half a century of cruel dictatorship; the Spanish people already 38 years. Our misfortunes have been endured in common, the pains and the persecution have also been suffered in common, and shared in common have been our hopes. You have, Portuguese people, started to taste the benefits of freedom. We, in our common struggle, hope to taste it soon. United as brothers, we will carry on our common struggle, until all over Iberia streams the flag of Freedom.

Your tyrants have fallen, ours will not wait long.

The CNT and Iberian anarcho-syndicalists have shown in the past, are showing and will show that we have been, that we are, and that we will be permanent fighters in the struggle for Freedom. Comrade anarcho-syndicalists of Portugal, the CNT from Spain and the Anarchist Movement in Spain are at your side and today, as yesterday, we say-- PRESENTE.

We greet in our own name the people and workers of Portugal. We tell you that workers in Spain greet your freedom. We greet once more our Brotherhood.

Workers of Portugal ! Long live Freedom !

For Freedom in the Iberian Peninsula ! Long live the FAI !

(signed) CNT (the national Committee)
CNT in Exile (the international Secretariat)

REMEMBERING
LILIAN
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Come the Revolution

LIKE SOME OTHER members of the Women's Anarchist Group, I objected to the inverted-racist, inverted-sexist mysticism of KP's recent article*, although appreciated his support not only for women but for women's politics - by which I mean politics applicable to everyone but derived from consideration of the nature of women's oppression: no superiority or separation is implied. Here is my version of women's anarchism.

Alienated production begins with the division between childminding and breadwinning. We're so used to this division that we assume it's inherent in the human condition and that the only possible reform is an equal distribution of the two jobs between women and men. But according to John Walton ('The Origins of Sexism', (Men Against Sexism, November 1973) it was once possible, in an agricultural economy, for women to do both jobs and be independent of separate breadwinners. This could be possible again, only to suit modern society of course read: 'Whoever is minding children - women or men - for whatever part of the time they do it - could be independent of breadwinners'. Simply to stop assigning the job to women - an understandable assignment when there was no birth control or bottle feeding, and the biological role of the father wasn't even understood - doesn't remove the split between the two roles childminding/breadwinning. He writes:

"The basic functional properties of the first known groups, the matrilineal 'family' (the gens), were those of both the reproductive unit and the productive. The cultural and economic inheritance was handed from mothers to daughters. ...There was no institutional distinction between productive and reproductive organisation.

"..such families were, or became, universally exogamous, i.e., the 'biological' father was from a different group and had no 'authority' outside his own group. Two or more such groups formed the whole society.

"With no separation of the productive from the reproductive organisation, such a society clearly had no need for orphanages and old people's homes and children had the security of a stable social unit. . ." (his emphasis).

Whether or not this state of things, which 'created all the arts and crafts of the neolithic/agricultural revolution and of civilisation itself' and which he contends antedates societies of which Marx had knowledge, actually existed, it could have existed and provides an attractive ideal. (This is the only use for the argument from history or from nature. Otherwise such an argument is deterministic and vulnerable to disproof. If the oppressive patriarchy described in Diana Shelley's letter (FREEDOM 20.4.74) existed, that's not an argument against any form of matriliney, or against a 'softer, maternal, "feminine"(?) society' - Walton's term, including the query. Interesting that in the case of these two individuals, a woman and a man respectively should have such different associations to the idea of matriarchy!)

With the help of small-scale technology, a society without 'institutional distinction between productive and reproductive organisation' could exist in the future on a high level of prosperity, and it would mean that men as well as women, childless people as well as parents, could produce directly for their own needs, in small family-size groups or even as individuals. I'm assuming that the technology is controlled anarchistically. Technology doesn't dictate social organisation by itself.

There's always a choice of what resources to use and how to use them, and what choice is made depends on the existing/desired social structure. Some trade would be wanted in a free society, so that people could have variety and some luxuries, but the dependence on outside sources for basic needs would be minimal and, ideally, absent. It's this dependence that's the real drawback of the family as we know it - 'two adults in monogamy whose livelihood is dependent upon a separate productive set-up...too organisationally remote for their individual, never mind combined, efforts to manipulate to their joint needs'.

Compared with what an integrated personal-productive economy offers, the workers' councils and worker-controlled factories which represent anarchy to the industrially-oriented groups seem like feeble reforms indeed. They would still leave us with alienated production and alienated politics - our interests to be decided by delegates. So what if they're mandated and subject to instant recall? It's just a refinement of representative democracy. An anarchist should aim at complete face-to-face democracy with every individual participating at every stage of decision-making where her interests are concerned.

I'm not advocating a return to primitive conditions. It's the 19th-century mass-production methods - cumbersome, oppressive, requiring tortuous preliminaries like coal mining - which are primitive. Modern technology can do better than that. It recognizes that centralism is unnatural and incompatible with a decent society.

What's this got to do with housewives? A housewife today is someone minding kids under conditions of dependency and socio-economic exclusion. When you look at her you see a negative quality, someone degraded, boring, as prosaic as mud. She's almost sexless in her dullness. She's a 'vegetable', a 'cow'. If she's well-off, she's 'bored', 'neurotic', 'frustrated'. Housewives see themselves this way. Too many feminists, themselves determinedly and smugly childless (and apparently quite content to have the human race nurtured by oppressed drudges so long as they themselves are all right), look down on housewives. But it's bad politics and bad psychology to despise the members of your own class who suffer its common lot. God knows I don't want women to go on being tied to housewifedom as it is now - I would go crazy after three days of it - but I prefer to think of the housewife as a dispossessed queen: someone whose condition could be one of independence and dignity, not someone whose only hope lies in escape, via equal-pay-plus-creche, to the condition of her most immediate oppressor. I support those reforms, for the same reasons as men anarchists support reformist strikes, but I can't get excited about it all. As Walton writes, 'If woman simply joins the productive set-up now, she joins on monolithic patriarchal terms, i.e. at best, purely economic terms (with privileges), rather than on those maternalistically mutual terms of personal relation that were the basis of human society'.

I would like to see men become housewives too, in that sense, providing for and caring for themselves and their loved ones in one integrated set-up. Men also are dependent on employers and state benefits and would be better off producing for themselves (although at present they don't suffer the personal dependency of the housewife).

Both sexes suffer personal negation as a result of production remote from their home lives. 'Mother love' is something sentimentalized (to keep women in place) but despised. A psychiatrist writes that a mother's job is to give unconditional love, a father's to give love conditional upon the child's living up to 'values', 'standards', etc.

We'll all be Housewives

Fatherly love is given when you achieve something. Unconditional love is inimical to the alleged needs of our remote, hierarchical economy. I say conditional love is no love at all! Real love, parental or any other kind, is shoved into the corners of life. Like all emotion, it's something to joke about, to condescend to. You're not supposed to be depressed or excited - it interferes with your work. Women workers are unreliable because they have to take time off when a child is ill. Even a man who has to take time off for domestic reasons feels ashamed of this gross intrusion into his economic life. If he were a winner such things would wouldn't happen to him. I have to fight hostility towards my child if he makes noise when I'm talking to a customer on the telephone, destroying the image of a businesswoman. Love is allowed to exist (provided you can 'earn' it - claimants are made to feel they shouldn't have had children - and provided it doesn't interfere with work) but what's really admired is unfeelingness, the 'strength' to refrain from having children or (if you're a man, in which case it's all right to have them: it even contributes to your status as Head of a Household) to somehow stay free of any demands by them; willingness to put down people beneath you.

Your attitude towards yourself is as loveless as towards other people. You have to earn self-love: you have to do well; to produce something; to win some sort of contest; to impress someone else, preferably someone in power: in order to feel good about yourself. To do so unconditionally would be cheating, just as 'mother love' is unearned love which is very sweet of course but doesn't count.

Sexual division is the source of all oppression. We needn't get rid of our biological nature; there's no inevitable harm in that, because people have the free will to use their nature in the most satisfying way possible. But we must get rid of an economy which turns us against each other and against ourselves.

Industrially-oriented anarchists will say, 'That's all very well for the future, but right now we're controlled by industry and that's the only place where we have any leverage.' Their lack of imagination shows that they've absorbed the values of industry. Everyone should use tactics suitable to her/his situation. Withdrawal of labour, takeovers, etc. for those in industry, are among the possibilities. But people outside industry can find other tactics if they look for them and don't let the hard left put them down. Whatever tactics are used, we should aim beyond industrial society (as one ASA member puts it, 'The first task of a syndicalist should be to smash industry') to a society where we can all be housewives, only free ones and with a larger house and family.

Kathy Perlo.

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Remembering Lilian 1875-1974

WHEN LILIAN WOLFE came to London in 1943 to help us at Freedom Press deal with the growing volume of propaganda we were engaged in and the growing requests for our literature, it is hard to realise that she was already then in her 68th year. In order to join us wholeheartedly she handed over her Health Food shop in Stroud to the person who had been her assistant there and in due course arrived at Belsize Road where we had a first floor flat with three large rooms and a kitchen; one room was fitted out for lecture meetings and for literature sales, another was the office and stock room and the third was the "library" and also accommodated some of the stock. We offered Lilian the library for her personal use but she would not hear of it and insisted on having the divan bed put in the small kitchen. And when we tried to discuss money matters with her we were cut short by her assuring us that there was no problem. With her pension she could manage, adding "I have budgeted to live until I am 80!"

These are only two out of many examples I would cite to illustrate Lilian's attitude to material things and the comforts of life. Long before her retirement from paid work she had settled for herself what were her material needs in life. Her approach, unlike that of the affluent society, was not "what can I do with" but "what can I do without". For her, freedom was time, and the smaller her material demands the less time would she have to spend making the money to buy those things and the more time to do the things she wanted to do -- including working for no money!

It is significant that in her working life - she started working at 17, as a telephonist for the G.P.O. - she seems always to have changed jobs when she was either due for promotion or had actually been promoted! As she put it to the Head of the department at the G.P.O. --- "money does not mean much to me".

Many comrades who met Lilian, especially when Freedom Press was in the Red Lion Street premises - a real slum property - must have considered her way of life too spartan, too uncompromising. I understood the secret of Lilian's ability to ignore her surroundings when she disliked them and could do nothing about it, for I had also seen with what real pleasure she would welcome congenial surroundings, and appreciated kindnesses shown to her by friends and hosts. Lilian lived her long life without a telephone of her own (though she worked for more than 20 years in telecommunications!), without a refrigerator, without a vacuum cleaner or a motor car. She must have written some tens of thousands of letters without a typewriter. When she ran the office at Freedom Press of course she used the telephone there; and until quite recently there was nothing she enjoyed more than a car-touring holiday here or on the Continent with her son, Tom. But when there was no phone life went on just the same and she would simply write more letters; and if there were no car she would go on a coach holiday. And when she hadn't the means she didn't think of coach holidays and went for long walks instead.

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Lilian was an avid reader, more of good literature than of anarchist texts. Her anarchism was in her heart more than in her head. She has said of herself "I think I was born an anarchist, and events in my life just enabled me to realise that that was what I was." I think it explains why she never contributed articles to the anarchist press but did what she could do, and did it as well as, if not better than, anybody has ever done it at Freedom Press: running the office and maintaining that vital and necessary contact between the publishing, propaganda group and its readers and supporters.

Today the radical and revolutionary movements teem with would-be editors, writers, publishers and printers while very few people are prepared to engage in what are considered mundane administrative tasks. Yet it is the human contact between readers and propagandists which distinguishes our Press from the mass media and the commercial distributors. Lilian realised this clearly and her absence from the columns of FREEDOM was more than compensated by the hundreds of correspondents with whom she was in personal contact over the years, and the satisfaction she got from this work was enormous.

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Before we can hope to set the world to rights we must get our own values right. Lilian is one of the rare people I have known who did. Her long life was all of a piece.

V. R.

Dear Comrades,

Friday 3 May was a sad day for us when we read in FREEDOM that Lilian Wolfe had died. Like yourselves we thought that she wouldn't die. We are lost for words to express how we feel about it. We are of the opinion that we have lost someone who was very close and dear to us, even though we had only met her once, but once was enough to be captured by her lovely personality, and it was this that made us feel that we had known her for a lifetime.

Goodbye, old friend.

Veronica & Andy McGowan.

Kirkby, Liverpool.

The Editors,
Freedom.

Should like to add my personal tribute to those of others, with regard to Lilian Wolfe.

I particularly remember how she kept the Red Lion Street Freedom Bookshop going through the last War, during the blitz, and the many years when, rain or shine, she could be found on Sunday afternoons at Marble Arch, selling FREEDOM.

One was especially conscious of her honesty - an apparently vanishing virtue these days, yet surely the necessary basis for any truly revolutionary movement?

Yours fraternally,

Kitty Lamb.

(photo by Phyllis Calese)



AT KENWOOD (Hampstead, London)

September, 1971

MEXICO

MEXICO is, to all intents and purposes, a dictatorship ruled by one party, the Partido Revolucionario Institucional. It is, however, a pretty corrupt, bureaucratic and inefficient dictatorship. Despite the name of the party that rules the country, there is nothing revolutionary about Mexico. But over the last two years or so there has been considerable unrest. The masses are beginning to wake up.

At Tanalás, in Central Mexico, on February this year, large crowds of peasants and workers demonstrated for the removal from office of three top municipal officials, whom they accused of "arbitrary actions and abuses". The authorities immediately agreed to the demands, and dismissed the officials. Meanwhile, in Puebla City, a column of 3,000 peons formed, and then began to march to the nearby town of Atlixco, in an attempt to free from jail the revolutionary peasant leader, Ramón Danzós Palominos, and 200 political prisoners. They were, however, stopped by hundreds of Mexican Army troops, armed with sub-machine guns and backed by tanks, and dispersed.

Indeed, for much of last year in the State of Puebla and in Puebla City itself, there has been considerable unrest. Following a series of demonstrations, occupations and expropriations of land, and numerous assassinations, the whole of the State of Puebla has been in a state of siege. Among those assassinated were three university professors who had backed the peasants in their expropriations and protest marches. A number of peons, who had been occupying private land holdings, had been murdered in clashes with fanatical right-wing vigilante groups, encouraged, according to the peasants, by the local Archbishop of the Catholic Church. But later in the year, peasants, workers and students collaborated - for the first time - in combatting the clerically-inspired and backed rightist groups.

In the State of Guerrero, the small guerrilla "party of the poor", led by Lucio Cabanas, a former schoolteacher, still has considerable grassroots support among the people and, at the time of writing these lines, has resisted all attempts by the Federal State to suppress it. Right-wing terrorists are, it is claimed, being subsidised by the government Partido Revolucionario Institucional in an attempt to rid Mexico of the numerous guerrilla bands that have emerged in recent years. There has, moreover, been a considerable increase in political kidnappings by armed leftist groups (not without success), particularly in the north of the country, some of which have organisational links with the US-based Symbionese Liberation Army. Last year, one such guerrilla group, following the kidnapping of the local American consul, managed to force the radio and TV stations to broadcast their manifesto, which said that they were not criminals, but were working for the emancipation of the peasants and the proletariat.

There has, in fact, been more peasant unrest in Mexico during the first four months of 1974 than for decades. The reasons are clear for all to see: peasant plots are becoming smaller, more fragmented and considerably

YOUR POLICE ARE WONDERING



STOCKWELL POLICE FLATS

FOLLOWING last week's article on the situation here, we have since learned that Lambeth Council had decided two weeks ago that they would no longer buy the eight flats from the Metropolitan Police. The reason for the council's decision is unclear, but we do know that they informed nobody of this change of mind - even some of their own officers did not know of it, so it seems unlikely to have been an election vote-catching attempt.

Since the elections on May 2 some new councillors have urged the police not to evict us pending a possible change of policy by the council's Housing Committee (they are pressing the committee to re-open negotiations with the police and to buy the block with us in occupation).

The police were still confused by the council's position when we phoned them last Friday but obligingly assured us that they would take no action against us before Tuesday (May 7) while they verified the situation.

less economical. Furthermore, there are now more landless peasants in the country than there were in 1910, the year of the Maderista and Zapatista revolution. Both peasants and city workers are suffering from "galloping" inflation, and increasing unemployment which, in Mexico City, is said to be as high as twenty-five per cent. Over sixty-five per cent of the population of Mexico is under twenty-five years of age. And many of the young workers and peasants are far from satisfied with their conditions.

Mexico may yet be in for a second Zapatista revolution.

José

We have informed both the police and the council that any attempt to evict us will be strongly resisted, though without recourse to violence and it is worth noting here that both parties seem to be desperately trying to avoid embarrassing themselves/each other!

With this new move by come councillors and the suggestion that the police might consider making us tenants if no other solution is found, victory could be in sight, but we are alert for any surprise move by either side. We are unconcerned who eventually owns these flats, as long as we are left to live in peace here.

It is encouraging to not that while only one or two of us here would call ourselves anarchists, the attitude of hostility towards authority and of solidarity within the group (even though none of us had squatted before) reflects what has often been commented on as "gut anarchism", the instinctive reaction of people to any attempt at control from above, and this has been a marked feature of our occupation all along.

K. M.

the US Consul-General in Guadalajara, managed to get their manifesto broadcast over nationwide radio and television and published in the national newspapers. The manifesto stated: "Armed Struggle was the only way to bring down the Government of exploiters. The Government, using the mass media, has tried to hide the true meaning and origin of the bank robberies, kidnappings and 'executions' carried out by the revolutionary groups of Mexico. They try to convince the people that we are common delinquents, hired killers, cattle rustlers, and enemies of the people of the country. Today for the first time, and not voluntarily, the mass media are serving the proletarian cause."

Postscript: In April, 1973, the kidnappers of

REPRESSION IN WEST GERMANY

SINCE THE SPRING of 1972 men and women have been incarcerated and forgotten in the prison cells of West Germany.

In August 1973, our friend Hans Magnus Enzensberg (author of the books "The brief summer of Anarchy" and "The Life and death of Buenaventura Durruti") has denounced the practice of torture in the magazine "Kursbuch".

Now it is the Hamburg newspaper "Die Zeit" that denounces the criminal acts of the Bonn Government.

Our comrade Astrid Proll, 26 years old, who has been held in total isolation from 7th May 1971 - February 1974, is in a very serious condition. To quote Prof. Smith-Vogt of Badsaden hospital she suffers from: "a great diminution of mental capacity, the inability to develop an idea". Now she is no longer able to express herself at all.

On the 22nd June 1973 Monika Berluich, who had been on hunger strike was carried into court completely bound and handcuffed.

Ulrich Meinhof and Andreas Baader are entombed in cells called "the chamber of silence". Totally isolated acoustically, they are allowed no visitors. Their defence lawyers took their case to the European Human Rights Commission, which after 13 months of examination was rejected.

The state probably waits for the death of these men and women, to avoid giving any explanation of their treatment in the courts.

Everywhere the state assassinates and tortures, and the methods employed in "democracies" are just as refined as those in "dictatorships".

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SAYING OF THE WEEK: 'I still think Poulson was a jolly good architect.' --Reginald Maudling
(Daily Mail, 6.5.74)

LETTER

THE HEARST KIDNAPPING

Dear Comrades,

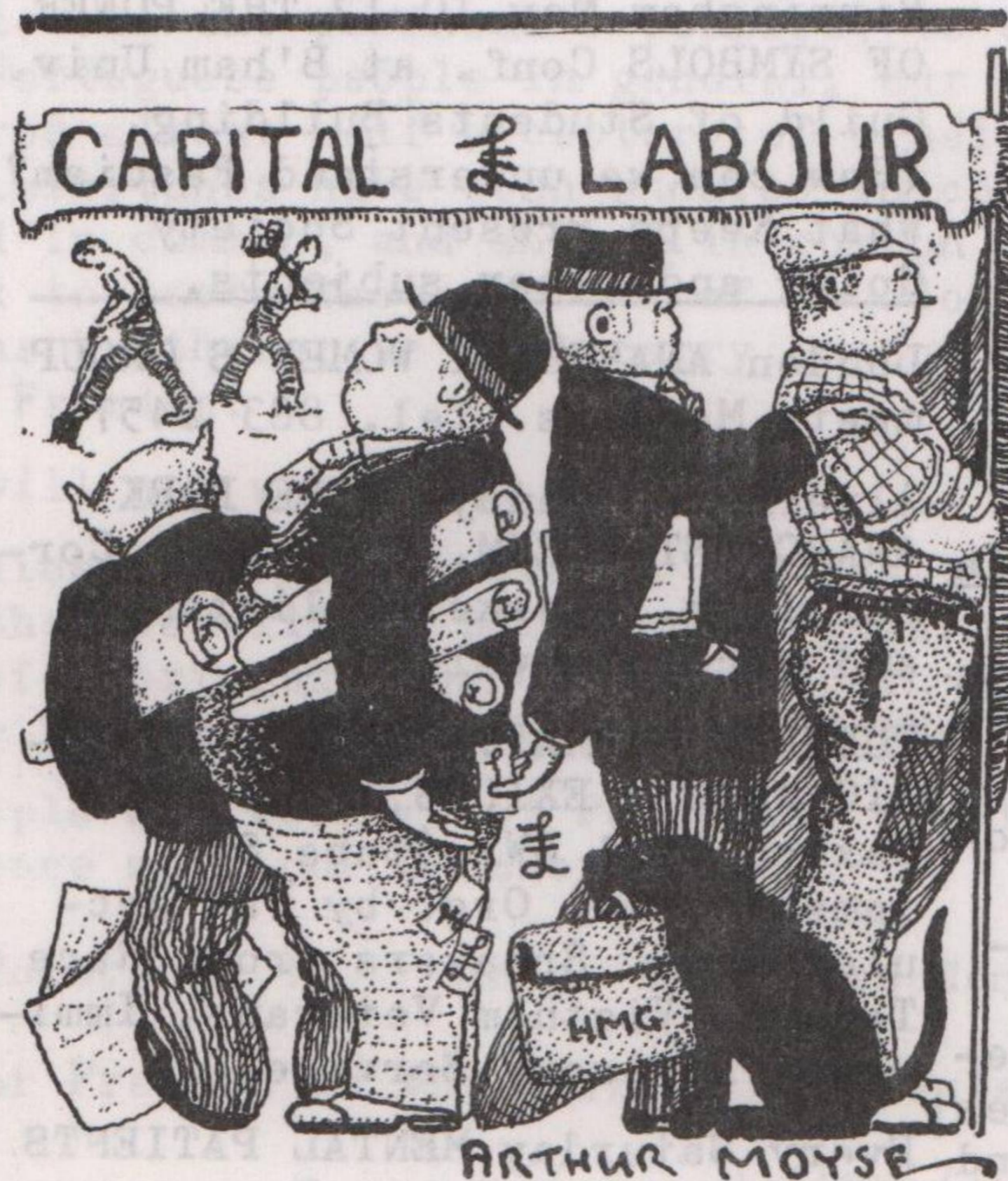
It is not necessary to sympathize with Randolph Hearst or the class he represents in order to condemn the kidnapping of his daughter by the Symbionese Liberation Army. This terrorist act by an unknown group of individuals representing absolutely no one has succeeded primarily in providing sensational propaganda to the capitalist news media with which to smear all groups calling for radical social change, and an excuse to the capitalist government for further repressive measures.

Already reactionary politicians in state legislatures and in Congress have seized on the Hearst kidnapping as a justification for introducing new types of repressive legislation, including a return to capital punishment. Instead of "exposing the Hearst financial empire", the kidnappers have merely created widespread sympathy for the Hearst family and contributed to the capitalist media's portrayal of revolutionaries as extremist maniacs.

Terrorist actions such as those of the SLA are an inevitable result of a belief that fundamental social changes can be won without the active, conscious participation of working people. Radicals who presume to "rescue" the workers from poverty and exploitation only demonstrate a basic contempt for the capacity of workers to act in their own interests. Holding up individual capitalists and demanding that charity be given to the poor is neither education nor organization. Capitalism cannot be held hostage, and liberation cannot be handed to the people.

Mark Weber

Chicago.



a reactionary employer could use this class legislation. The dispute was a basic one of union recognition on which the recommendation of the Court investigation was that the firm should do just that. This they refused to do. So the law has been used to support a firm which in fact refused to carry out the wishes of the Court.

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BUT WHAT is a union doing with assets worth over £7million? Despite the AUEW's stand against the Industrial Relations Court this union remains a bureaucratic organisation with its army of full time officials whose main concern is to retain their jobs. They operate strictly within the capitalist system, seeking only to improve conditions and increase wages. Although these same officials try to keep control of the rank and file, faced with the daily class conflicts at work they act without getting the sanction of the officials. It was this type of action that the Industrial Relations Act was enacted to curb. It was not anti-union but simply pure class legislation to curtail unofficial action and bring the unions closer to the State. The present social compact can accomplish this without the weight of the law.

The integration of the trade unions with the State has been going on since their inception. But anarchists believe in their total independence from both the State and the control of the officials. The unions should be under the control of the members without all the well-paid officials we now have. Any full-time officials should only be paid the current rate the rest of the membership are paid at work. And the membership should be able to recall any of these officials or delegates and elect others if they feel they have not carried out the wishes of the rank and file.

As it is, a left-wing leadership has made a stand against the law. It is a fundamental issue of State intervention in the affairs and interests of a trade union. It is in the interest of all trade unionists to oppose this intervention and fight for the control of their own organisations.

P. T.

STOP PRESS: The official strike called by the AUEW has just been announced as we go to press.

P O R T U G A L

COMMUNISTS BACK JUNTA

THE PORTUGUESE Communist Party - acting openly here for the first time in nearly half a century - today (May 5) publicly threw its full support behind the new ruling military junta and declared an alliance between them was essential.

The Communist Party's Central Committee in its first statement since party chief Alvaro Cunhal returned from 13 years of exile in Eastern Europe last week, "fervently saluted" the armed forces which toppled the previous regime.

The party also said it would combat "adventurist" extreme left-wing groups, like the one which yesterday disrupted the embarkation of troops leaving by air for Mozambique, Angola and Portuguese Guinea.

In Lourenco Marques about 10,000 people, most of them white, demonstrated to-day in support of a new movement against independence.

Organisers of the movement, the Independent Front for Western Solidarity (FICO), told a big crowd outside City Hall that they intended to form a party to fight moves towards independence.

-Financial Times 6.5.74

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--Socialists*back E.E.C.?

The possibility of closer links between Portugal and the Common Market were discussed here today by Dr. Mario Soares, Secretary General of the Portuguese Socialist Party, and three leading Socialist members of the Brussels Commission -- Mr. George Thomson, former Labour Minister for Europe, the Belgian M. Henri Simonet, and Sgr. Altiero Spinelli, the Italian Commissioner for Industry.

-Financial Times (4.5.74)

LATEST NEWS

ACCORDING TO the uncensored Portuguese press, to eye-witnesses and an ITV newsreel (not televised in Britain), some black flags and a black banner from Frente Libertaria were seen in Lisbon on the first free May Day demonstration in Portugal after 48 years of fascist dictatorship. According to the same sources, more than one million people attended this joyous festival rally of solidarity with the principles of Freedom and Solidarity. It was, according to a recently returned Portuguese exile, the biggest mass demonstration since the Second World War, surpassing in numbers and spirit the liberation of Paris or the May Day demonstration of 1968

in Paris.

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TUESDAY 14 MAY: THREATS TO IMMIGRANTS & EXILES, 7.45 pm, Caxton Hall SW1 (tube St. James's Pk.) Org. by Nat Secular Soc. Speakers from 'Race Today', Vietnam Veterans, Immigrant Advisory Service.

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Biographer of Alexander Berkman, ub Europe this summer, wd. like help to guide him to people who knew Berkman. Write Bill Nowlin, Social Science Dept., Lowell Technological Institute, Lowell, Mass. 01854, USA

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THE COMMUNE MOVEMENT wd like to hear from groups working/living tog. who wd. write about themselves in Communes. Write Dave Puddy, Trokes Family, Llanarth.

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