

NO ACCEPTABLE FACE

THE NAMES of Ford and Rockefeller as the heads of the American State perfectly symbolise the power and exploitation of man by man which exists under the capitalist system. For millions of workers the name "Ford" means the daily grind and boredom of working on a seemingly never-ending line of cars. Rockefeller represents such vast financial wealth that it very nearly exceeds anyone's imagination to place an actual figure on it.

On three occasions Nelson Rockefeller has sought the Republican nomination for Presidency. His political ambitions have had to be satisfied with the governorship of New York. But by picking Rockefeller as his vice, Ford has shrewdly removed competition from the Presidential elections in 1976. Now that Rockefeller has ditched his "liberal image" he is an acceptable choice for the Republican Party. Only the very conservative and west coast wing represented by Senator Goldwater have their doubts. He accused Rockefeller of having "ducked out" of endorsing both himself in 1964 and Nixon in 1968. Of course both of these candidates

were from the west coast which traditionally forms the conservative wing of the party, while those from the east are usually more "liberal". While both sections are equally rich their wealth comes from different sources. This in itself ensures a conflict of interests in that they each seek to influence Federal aid and investment into their own areas and industries.

But it will make little difference to the working people of America who heads the administration. The power struggles between the wings of the Republican Party are just a side show while the capitalist system continues to make profits and enable a minority to wield power over the majority. Changes at the top do not alter what happens below. We should not feel shocked by Nixon's involvement in Watergate but should no longer tolerate a system that encourages such practices. For what Watergate and its aftermath showed was that we the people should not give others power over our lives. Power is corrupting not only for those who wield it but for those who accept rulers over them. Anarch-

ists want a society where power has been abolished. Where power exists there can be no real relationships, only the forced one of master and slave. That is why we aim at the complete overthrow of all the institutions of the state and the capitalist exploitation of labour that it upholds and supports.

For anarchists, relationships should be based on mutual trust between free individuals. We want to form our own free associations to organise the production of goods and services which are really necessary for the welfare of the community and not just what happens to be profitable.

Power struggles and changes of government only represent the different faces of capitalism. Whether that face kindly smiles down upon us or rants and raves, it still looks down. We want no top, no bottom, but equal, free individuals working together to create an equitable society where everyone has free access to the food, goods and services to satisfy their needs.

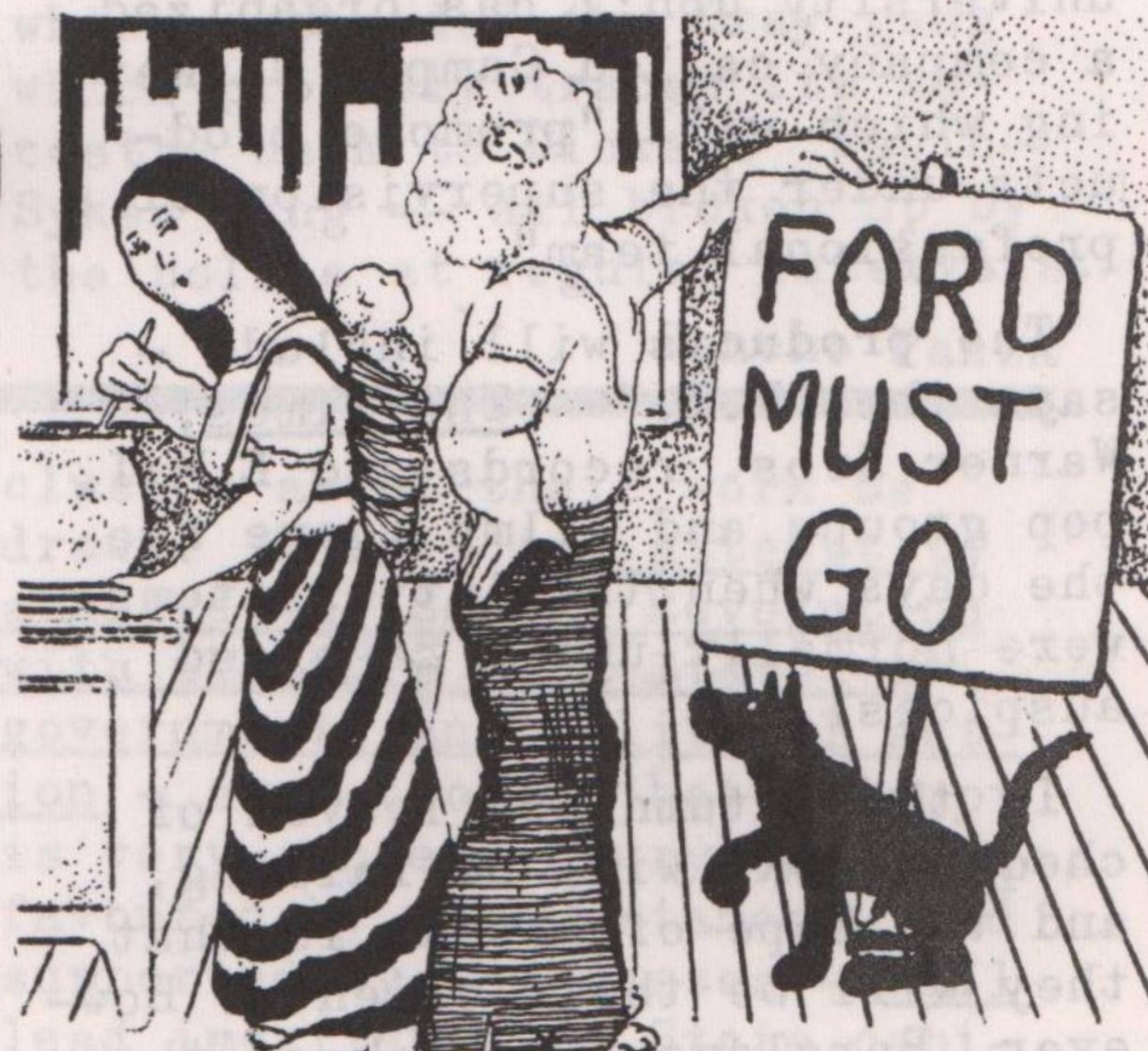
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CLOSE THE UNIVERSITY?

DURING THE PRESENT discontent with radicalism there is, as is inevitable, a loud cry against the universities (particularly Essex) as hotbeds of dissension and a call from the silent majority to close the universities. That this goes largely unanswered is not only because of the awa-

reness that it is the function of a university to awaken radicalism and arouse dissension and lead to the examination of values in the young. It is realized that the universities fulfil a useful function in society and provide a clearly defined, clearly motivated group of individuals.

The Financial Times, ever an example of Dr. Johnson's precept that 'a man is seldom more innocently employed than when making money', says with that commercial frankness so free of humbug: "Students present many companies with their greatest marketing challenge -- and opportunity. They represent a large body of current consumers (in excess of 500.000) and contain the high earning groups of the future at a time when



ARTHUR MOYLE

"ISN'T IT TOO PRO-CHRYSLER?"

they are still developing tastes and brand loyalties." Who would disperse this body of captive - and almost continual - consumers? Who would dispense with the opportunity to instil into

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The Front Outnumbered

UNLIKE THE National Front's march to the Conway Hall in London, the demonstration in Leicester was a failure. It failed mainly because they were unable to muster enough of their supporters onto streets in a town with a large black population. Why they were unable to achieve this is difficult to fathom. One hopes it was not just bad organisation on their part but fear of their supporters to openly display their racialism in front of the very people they want "sent back to their own countries".

The National Front also failed because the International Socialists and the International Marxist Group did not want or were unable to force a confrontation with these racialists. It can be said that a confrontation with these racialists. It can be said that a confrontation with the police was also avoided. If either of these had occurred the "Front" could and would have claimed a victory. Their demonstration of racialism would have been a success and all the sad grey people who peep out from behind their lace curtains would

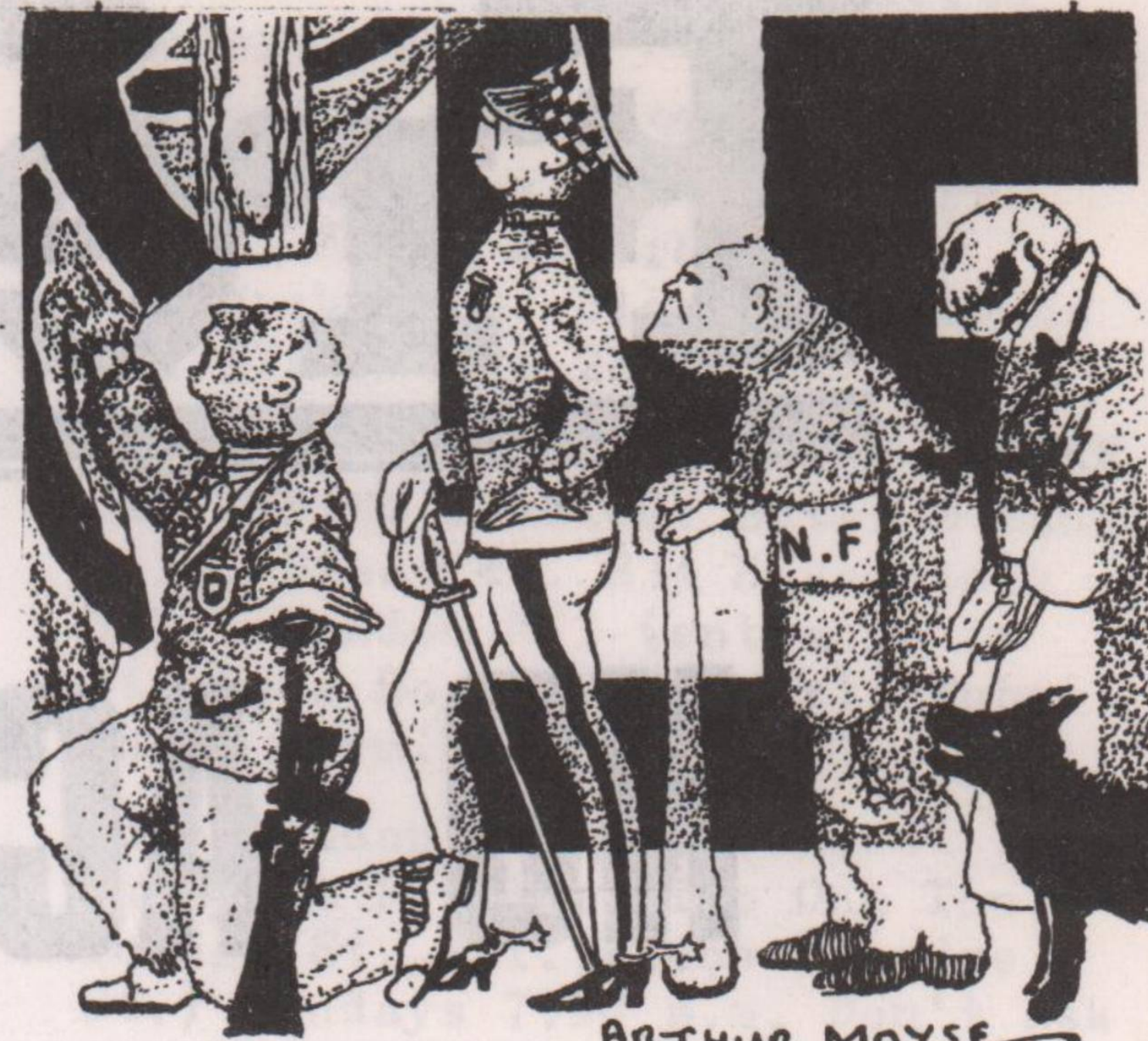
have been that much bolder in voicing their deformed racist reactionary views.

As it was, the "Front" could only get about 500 on their march while the anti-fascist 'left' counter-march had between 4 and 5 thousand. Comrades who saw the National Front assembling reported that their leaders really looked worried. Perhaps if the two marches had met they would have turned tail and run. But no doubt then the Trotskyites would have had to beat up a 'fascist' and would have created a martyr for their sick cause. As it was, their organiser, Martin Webster, was a little roughed up.

Leicester was a victory for the anti-fascists but there is another march in London on 7th September. What will happen then?

The support for the anti-fascist march did not only come from political groupings but included local blacks, trade union banners and the Camden Trades Council.

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ARTHUR MOYSES

"OUR FATHER --GIVE US THIS DAY
A GENERAL STRIKE. AMEN."

Who Will Do The Dirty Work?

EX-COLONEL David Stirling has set up an organization to 'curb the power of militant trade unions' by maintaining vital services in the event of a general strike. Stirling adds one more to twenty-four organizations with similar patriotic aims but slightly differing methods. Fortunately, all right-wing organizations require their own individual dungheaps to crow on. But nevertheless Peace News is to be congratulated on its scoop. Copies can be obtained of "Great Britain 1975--'RUMBLED'" from P.N. at 5 Elm Av. Nottingham & 5 Caledonian Road, London N.1 or from Freedom Bookshop (10p + 3½p).

A BBC speaker commented that the organization was unlikely to succeed, for the military might of the army in Ulster was unable to get the province going when the Protestant workers struck. It will also be interesting to know what will be the end of the Newry electricity black-out where electrical workers are striking, seemingly against the threats of the IRA and the demands of the Army. **S.P.**

If the 500,000 students do get jobs commensurate with their qualifications or their ambitions they will become the new ruling class of technicians and bureaucrats, some of them attaining the dizzy heights of advertising, marketing and public relations and will be able in their turn to 'educate our masters' in the scholastic arts of discrimination and consumption.

The standards set by the consumer society will soon damp down any radicalism or dissension. Crude ambition and acquisition aided by Barclays, Lloyds, Volkswagon, E.M.I., Warner Bros., Coca Cola and such subjects as Don Morris may introduce for appreciation will ensure that campus rebels will soon, as is their wont, settle down to lives of quiet desperation in Witham.

Close the universities? Business would collapse!

Jack Robinson.

UNIVERSITIES...cont'd from Page 1

the pliable young a knowledge of the good things of life and an appreciation of the requisite values? -- such as the best fish fingers and the correct bank account. Not only are Barclay's and Lloyd's contending for the soul of the student - or his bank account, which is almost the same thing by today's standards - but Don Morris (not a university don?) has organized a company called Campus Marketing which will "promote products under the supervision of a professional team".

The products will include - says the "F.T." - The Times, Warner Bros. records and E.M.I. pop groups and films (gone are the days when the latter items were normally under reversed auspices).

In the Autumn the leaves of cheque books will be falling, and the hope of Lloyds is that they will be their clients. However, Barclays is quick of the mark with Sunday Times (supplement colour) ads promising a free booklet on the A-Z of how to run a bank account; £4,000 in prizes (including working-holiday prizes in North America), Help and advice from expert Barclays staff; free Parker pen for every student who opens an account in 1974 (offer closes October 1974 - get it?). Finally "every student wins with Barclay --no bank charges as long as you're in credit. Special terms if you're not...Pay in your

grant cheque." Remember Barclay's South African connections and the boycott? A certain London university union banked with Barclay's and could see no reason to change.

Volkswagon is also entering the student fray to persuade (says F.T.) foreign students of the advantage of taking a car home with them.

The Don Morris is opening a P.R. department which aims to give companies access to student newspapers so that "their case does not go by default". Let us hope that student editors can distinguish a story from a hand-out. "Morris," goes on the Financial Times, "now finds it easier to talk to companies and has hopes of working soon for a watch company, in the drink field, and for manufacturers of clothing, soft drinks and publishers." The F.T. states that the cost is £5,000 for a national two-week campaign. "Morris is surely right in believing that few companies or advertising agencies know how to communicate with students."

Mr. Morris and the advertising business have no illusions about 'student rebels'. They know that the majority of students are potential consumers of quality goods, they know that in spite of their occasionally rebellious exterior they are mostly good consumer-citizens at heart.

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Italian Secret Service?

THE QUESTION mark in the title of this article has a distinct purpose. Recent evidence shows that the Italian Secret Service (SID) has been producing intelligence reports for Eugenio Cefis, the owner of Montedison. A report from SID has been discovered, addressed to Eugenio Cefis of Montedison and bearing no title, just the number 37. We can only assume that Eugenio Cefis has received at the very least 36 other reports from the Italian Secret Service.

How is it that a mere industrialist can avail himself of the national secret service? Eugenio Cefis, however, is no 'mere industrialist'. He is a personal friend of Amintore Fanfani, general secretary of the Christian Democratic Party. His passion in life is to set himself up as the prime industrialist in Italy. To achieve this he has plotted along with Fanfani to put all his potential opponents out of the way. The most dramatic example up to now was the election of Gianni Agnelli, chairman of FIAT, to the presidency of Confindustria -- in which position he would be both too busy and too responsible to take part in Italian power politics. This would leave Gianni Agnelli's brother in charge of FIAT. This brother is also a friend of Amintore Fanfani; Gianni Agnelli, however, tends to support the Italian Socialist Party (PSI).

The information contained in report 37 is highly political in nature and involves political parties of all colours, international industry and, last but not least, the Vatican. Here is a selection of the most interesting examples:

Giacomo Mancini (minister, and secretary of the Italian Socialist Party) has been interesting himself in the restructuring of E.N.I. (a para-State company) which is planning to create three financial societies inside E.N.I. Mancini is pressuring so that at least one of the chairmanships will go to the PSI.

The Communist member of parliament Eugenio Reggion has been investigating certain property speculating activities of E.N.I. Also, the Communist member of parliament and General Secretary of the PCI, Enrico Berlinguer, has ordered a report to be written on the number of favourable write-ups and amount of publicity given to both E.N.I and Montedison in the satirical magazine Il Borghese.

The Neo-Fascist (MSI) member of parliament Pino Ranti has been in contact with Dr. Bruno Riffeser to discuss the legal proceedings against his colleagues in connection with various bomb outrages. They also discussed the financing of the extreme right-wing group to which Pino Ranti belongs.

The Christian Democrat (DC) member of

parliament Carlo Mole has been receiving good write-ups in Nino Rovelli's paper Nuova Sardegna in return for ensuring that Sardinian youths called up for military service carry out their 'sentence' in Sardinia itself.

The Social Democrat (PSDI) member of parliament Mauro Ferri held a meeting with Norman Bain of Shell in which he assured Bain that the Italian government's tax measures would not be unfavourably weighted against the petrochemical industry.

Ugo la Malfa, Republican Party secretary and member of parliament, has been in contact with John Louis Lehmann of Mobil Oil, urging him to help Mobil Oil Italiana out of its financial difficulties in order to aid the Republican Party's efforts in forthcoming administrative elections.

The Vatican has ordered Monsignor Felice Bonomini, bishop of Como, to urge the Christian Democrat representatives of Como to accept the financial requests of Montedison. Bonomini is convinced that Cefis is the only person in a position to create new jobs in the area.

Sir Charles Forte (Trust Houses Forte) has been buying shares in the Italian petrochemical industries. He is also trying to get control of many of the Italian chain stores and supermarkets, most of which are controlled by Montedison.

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What on earth can Cefis want with the major part of this information? It 'seems' that the secret thoughts of Cefis' potential rivals have been receiving closer attention from SID than have the actions of extreme right-wing assassins. However, the facts, not altogether clear, must be more complicated. He seems to carry as much authority with SID as the Minister for Defence, if not more.

What then is the extent of Cefis' complicity in the extreme-right-wing campaign which SID was supposedly surveying and in fact helping along so as to create the "opposed extremism" policy. Not only our comrades Marini, Valpreda and Pinelli, but many ordinary people have been suffering through these right-wing outrages.

It should be obvious by now that attacks on the MSI are a waste of time. The people to attack are the Italian Defence Minister, and also Cefis. We can help strike a blow for our Italian comrades in several ways. Firstly, letters of protest to the Italian Embassy, and also a possible campaign against Montedison itself. Cefis often comes over to visit his sales representative at:

Montecatini Edison, S.p.A., UK,
11 West Halkin St., London SW1

Suggestions along these lines will be highly welcome.

VIVA L'ANARCHIA !

Francesco.

AMERICA'S BLACK DEATH

PLAIN SPEAKING : Conversations with Harry S. Truman
by Merle Miller, London, 1974 (Gollancz). £4.80.

THE PRICE OF COAL

MR. PRESIDENT, did your grandparents have slaves?
--"Oh, yes. They all had slaves.
They brought them out here with them from Kentucky.
Most of the slaves were wedding presents."

So spoke Harry S. Truman, one time President of the United States, in his oral biography as recorded by Merle Miller. Truman was the solid professional ward heeling politician who floated to the surface from the depths of the corrupt Tom Pendergast political cesspool, but whereas Nixon had the mentality and the morality of a small time small town crook Truman had the courage and the common sense to tread on the upturned faces of the political riffraff in his climb up and into the Presidential chair. I hold that Truman will be numbered among the great American presidents, and one could rightly argue that the rat race offers few contenders for history's laurels and accolades, but within the terms of reference of that office this political acolyte displayed a native honesty, the strength to make major decisions and the courage to sack, without ceremony, a gun-toting loud-mouthed military braggart like General Douglas MacArthur, and at a time when our own military top brass are buckling on their gilded tin swords to provide a guard of dishonour for the industrial Right one wonders if we shall have a Prime Minister able and ready to face up to them. Time is demolishing brick by brick the portable wailing wall of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the liberal conscience passes on to a new generation and a new cause for concern but Truman dies unrepentant for he argued, wrongly I would state, that unless the Bomb was dropped a million American and Japanese soldiers would die in a conventional invasion. But it is interesting that in over 400 pages Truman makes no reference to the fire bombing of Dresden for that exercise in pattern bombing has been accepted as a purely British pyrotechnic display. With the Catholic Church's intellectual apologists being called once more to explain away Pope Pius XII's deliberate silence on the Nazi 1939-41 euthanasia programme when 80,000 men, women and children were murdered by legal decree, year by year it becomes less of a pyrrhic dance by the survivors and more of an academic historical debate for the scarred and maimed witnesses become less and less each year, and we now have Cyprus for a touch of your old mediaevals ranging from rape to instant TV as a relief from the miserable slaughter in that wetter and bleaker other Holy Island.

Truman was strictly small town Main Street yet the cosmopolitan easter seabord who came to jeer learned to respect him and his recorded biography shows why, for one can disagree with his practices and his political principles and respect his basic concern for what he held to be the great moral truths. He was a clerk who became president, a man who read Plato and Caesar and Byron. Who on his own personal responsibility ordered the dropping of the first atomic bomb in a global war that would make no concessions to the humanities for he was a man who grabbed History by the balls and made it scream and he came from Kentucky.

In all the long and recorded conversations that Truman had with Miller there is no reference to the American working class or the American union, yet this is still the great area of bitter and prolonged violence within the American social scene. So commonplace that it is hardly worth the reporting. In Harlan County in Truman's Kentucky the coal miners of the Eastover Mining Co have been out on strike for over a year and despite or because of several shootings the miners from the company-controlled High Splint mine have joined the striking miners of Eastover's Brookside mine. The decision by the men of High Splint to join the strike was taken less than a month ago and a retired miner was deliberately shot while on the picket line by Eastover goons to give the employers an excuse to call in the State police as an aid to strike breaking. The employer is Norman Yarborough acting for the real controllers, Duke Power of North Carolina, and Norman is strictly from the 1930 comic strips with his multi-diamond ring and his '38 pistols and on behalf of head office he is prepared to fight the miners to their bitter end. With a local circuit judge in his pocket and the State police backing him up Norman is now engaged in evicting the miners and their families from the company-owned four-roomed houses. This is the set-up in Truman's Kentucky with Arnold Miller (no relation to the author of Truman's biography) leading the miners for the United Mineworkers' Union against the coal owners. And Miller has to be tough, for 18 months ago he snatched the leadership of the UMW from the murderer Tony Boyle when that union gangster gunned to death Jock Yablonski and his family when Yablonski, as a local UMW leader, tried to clean up the company-gangster controlled union. The UMW have already spent out over a million dollars in strike pay and Miller states that the whole sixty million dollars in the UMW treasury will be used.

The coal companies control everything from the judges to the police and up and they ignore every aspect of human dignity. The standard of living is only just above the official poverty line, the miners homes are unfit for human habitation and every State anti-pollution law is ignored so that even the fish cannot live in the local waters, while within the mines almost all of the 1969 Mine Safety Act regulations are deliberately broken, with men having to stand knee deep in water to mend high-voltage cables and with roofs every ready to collapse, and the answer to any complaint was instant dismissal. This is the America that the Johnsons, the Kennedys, the Nixons and the Trumans choose to ignore in practice and in prose, and the miners of Truman's Kentucky know that they have to stand and fight and be prepared to die. The politicians will not help them for the industrialists of any society do not hire governments to defend the rank and file, for there is only one cost for any article and that is the wage paid to transform it from inert matter to a saleable commodity and the lower the wage the higher the profit. It is a situation not peculiar to America but in a highly industrialised society one would assume that they had learned to come to terms with their own economy, but I know and you know and the striking miners of Kentucky know that this is not so.



ALTERNATIVE TO WORKERS' CONTROL

SUDDENLY, SCHEMES for the participation of workers in the running of State and private firms, for works councils and worker directors are being pushed like mad. Managers' institutes have seminars about it, the political parties, Labour Liberal, even Tory have their pet schemes; trade union bureaucrats are mostly for it. So why is this so prominent now? After all, the bosses have never been all that concerned with letting workers control their own lives in the past, so what are they up to now?

BOSSSES' PROBLEMS

The world at the moment is run on capitalist lines. Everywhere, the factories, offices, etc. are controlled by small groups of bosses, whether private businessman or Government bureaucrats. They make their workers produce what they are told to - not to satisfy human needs, but to make profits by selling on the world market. And each group of bosses, in each firm and country, is in cut-throat competition with all the others to make those profits.

British bosses face stiff competition from abroad, and they know that if they're going to make the grade, they'd better get their workers to work hard for them, do what they're told and take cuts in living standards without fighting back. One thing they've noticed is that most strikes now aren't about wages, but about working arrangements, rules and discipline, conditions of work. More workers want some control over how they work. If this continues, eventually working people will get together to take over the lot, run things for the good of the whole community, and live as free and equal beings, without bosses at all.

§ SELF-EXPLOITATION

The bosses don't all agree on how they should tackle these problems. Some would like to come down hard and smash uppity workers into the ground. Others see that this would be stupid and might cause further trouble. The cleverer bosses realise they have to kid the workers into thinking they have a state in the bosses' firm. This is done by inviting the dupes to aid in their own exploitation. When works councils are set up, they won't be genuine workers' organizations, because why on earth would employers want to help workers organize? All participation will be under the control of the capitalists who own the work place. What they'll do is make the workers responsible for all the shitty things that a business must do to survive in a capitalist world. If there are redundancies they can say: "You can't protest about this, the worker director

A COMMON INTEREST

The United States Information Service have briefed me, "with or without attribution", that Dr. Charles Ray Ritcheson has arrived in London to take up his stint as Cultural Attache at the American Embassy. On behalf of the Town and his art loving frau I welcome Doc Ritcheson to the British scene. Doc Ritcheson has published two books on British policy during the American Revolution and one wonders if his interest in the revolutionary scene is merely an academic interest safeguarded by time or whether he has any public opinion on the year old miners' strike in Truman's Kentucky. For if we are worthy, and indeed we are, of the American government's interest in our common culture give or take a canvas, then we in our turn are profoundly and committedly interested in the lives and the deaths of those American people at the bottom of the American economic table who are this day fighting not only for the single human right we all have, the right to survive, but for Doc Ritcheson's weekly wage packet to propagate a culture that they will never be allowed to take part in until they win the fight for their own freedom.

Arthur Moyses.

was in on the decision so you're all responsible for it." Workers' representatives will be involved in keeping down wages and in speeding up work to make bigger profits for 'their' firm.

A lot of work is really useless or harmful from the human viewpoint and should be automated or abolished in a free society. If we work in a factory making arms do we want a say in running it or do we want to stop such work for good? When we organize a better world for ourselves, we'll have better things to do than slaving in car factories or passing papers from one office to another.

RANK AND FILE ORGANIZATION

The way to fight the bosses for better wages and working conditions is not to work for phoney works councils, but to build up a strong independent rank and file workers' movement. We have to get rid of all the barriers which keep workers divided - organized from unorganized, manual from non-manual, men from women. We have to make and maintain contact with workers in other workplaces and industries, and with those outside the process of production -- OAPs, claimants, students, housewives, members of the police and armed forces. And because the boss class is international, we've got to link up with workers in other lands if we're going to stand a chance.

Both in day to day struggle and when we reach the stage of making a social revolution, all the workers' activities must be democratically controlled by the workers themselves. If we're going to be free, we must know what we're doing and do it ourselves. If we leave it to leaders, even leaders who call themselves revolutionaries, we'll just end up with a new lot of bosses in place of the old.

WORKERS' COUNCILS

One way we can make the revolution is to get together in Workers' Councils. Real Workers' Councils should consist of delegates elected by workers in their place of work, school or neighbourhood. The delegates should report back to the people who elect them, who should be able to give them instructions and change them at any time. The Councils should federate in local, regional and international congresses. With a genuine democratic system like this, with control from the bottom up, we can take over society and run it for human need. We'll decide what we want to produce and consume, how we're going to organize work and free distribution. At last we can start living like human beings.

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KP REPLIES TO LETTERS IN LAST WEEKS ISSUE:

Mary-- your statement that NW's articles are "informative, not speculative" is another way of saying what I said, only with a different value attached to it. If you like that kind of reading matter, fair enough. But I don't consider it valuable politically - because one fact he does not get right, as he doesn't want to know about it, is the fact that working-class people live like shit and are treated like shit by people like him. I've put this emotively - the fact-monger's disapproval of emotion on grounds of scholastic integrity and what not is a good way of putting down the natural and justifiable outrage of the lower class - but it's as concrete and irrefutable a fact as any bit of dead history, or editorial trivia, that N.W./Mr. X-- name deleted by this typist/ or Peter Newell has ever dredged up.

As for your own role on Freedom: your comments being sometimes snipped off by other workers is simply an example of workers' control in action, sometimes producing conflict.* If I put a footnote into something I typed, I would certainly feel that the paster-up, binder or printer had a right to add to, subtract from, or further comment on it. But the important thing is that you and the other workers on a democratically structured paper have the right to contribute your ideas at all - which is not the case in a bourgeois set-up when you, labelled "typist", and considered someone with no brains, are typing the work of someone labelled an "intellectual", who has a say on your work but gives you no say on his/hers.

Regarding Peter Newell, I'll pass over his highly intellectual assertions that my ideas are "rubbish", "up the creek", etc., and will make the following points:

(1) A part-time homemaker who works for money part time because she looks after a child the rest of the time is as much a worker as someone who works in a factory, mill etc. Does one really, at this date, have to teach basic feminism to anarchist men? In any case if you don't understand by now you never will.

(2) As I said in my article, I never proposed "interfering" with a manuscript. Adding a footnote identified as your own is not interfering, and wanting to have the freedom to comment is not a denial of any-

one else's freedom.

(3) You describe yourself as a "sewerage worker". I'm not sure what your job is with the cleansing department. If you do manual or unprofessional office work, I don't consider you middle-class, and your rush to defend the likes of [X] and Walter is pitiful. If you have a scientific or administrative job, I do consider you middle-class, and though you're not an academic in the sense of getting paid for your political/historical articles, your identification with that class is understandable.

(4) I'm not anti-intellectual. I think that everyone has a mind and should have the chance to use it on the job, not just as a hobby. I believe that the power of thought is a beautiful thing usually distorted by the lies of the class system which permeates all our culture and our formal "education".

I HOPE THAT other workers will not just 'pick up my ideas about workers' control', but will realize what a dead weight the middle-class is on the movement, as it is on our daily lives. How can we hope to win better incomes (on the reforming level) or acquire (on the revolutionary level) the confidence to try to take over the means of production - and I include going back to the land, which will entail many fights with bureaucracy and big landowners - if we accept the patronizing "workers by hand and brain" evasion of the class system: if we accept, in other words, the idea of our inferiority.

It's this idea, even more than the possession of capital, which keeps down present-day workers. (I said this years ago in FREEDOM but it's relevant and necessary now to repeat it.) The idea of intellectual differences springs from and reinforces the possession or control of capital, I realize, but the idea is what crushes our spirit. We are, as an American writer whose name I wish I'd noted put it, the "people who don't count". Unless we happen to be in an industry with leverage, we can only appeal for higher wages on humanitarian grounds - never because of our "social merit" or because we'll have no incentive to work and will all go to America if we don't get £6000 a year. We're there to be disposed of; we're the "labour resources", not individuals. We're to be philanthropically retained when redundant - offered a new rotten job when we lose the old one; not because the bosses need us, of course, but because it would be unkind to let us starve and it won't do for us to be a burden on the taxpayers. We're to

be "housed" - never paid enough to house ourselves, for we're not worth it. Our "underprivileged" and "deprived" (by whom?) kids are to be generously given "stimulation" that we can't afford to give them, by teachers and social workers who consider us unfit to be parents.

Unless we deny the legitimacy of the education system: its primary assertion that labour must be divided into "order-takers" and "order-givers"; and its secondary assertion that those who don't pass its exams and win its degrees are only fit to be the former; the society it upholds will go on denying our legitimacy and we won't have a hope in hell of achieving a free and equal society. We must recognize that middle-class people oppress us by holding the chitties and the job titles that they do; we must recognize that this is a more poisonous kind of oppression than the possession of capital.

I think workers are afraid to face this because underneath they consider themselves inferior, and they're afraid if they try to get a better deal on any but humanitarian grounds, the argument of their inferiority will be brought up against them and they won't be able to answer it. We must face that argument and gain the confidence to reject it.

Kathy Perlo

*Reason is circumstantial rather than ideological. I can't be at the Monday night press meeting and see some articles only when typing them; any addition after the press meeting has not been agreed collectively. MC

HERE'S HOPING

Bob Cullen writing from the Curragh Camp says that he and his two comrades are expecting to be moved to another prison, possibly Portlaoise from where the Provisional IRA prisoners blasted their way out recently.

As Bob says: "Hope they leave the hole in the wall!"

T. P.

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PAT ARROWSMITH

ON 20 MAY Pat Arrowsmith was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment under the Incitement to Disaffection Act. Since then there has been a deafening silence from the Left in Britain. All the feeble political and personal excuses have been rattled off to justify the general indifference: "Oh, she's only a pacifist." "She's too sympathetic towards Republicanism." "She's a difficult person to work with."

Somewhat belatedly (as usual!) the NCCL is mounting a campaign to secure Pat's release and the repeal of the Act. Their campaign is intended to secure the support of "our leading intellectuals" whoever they may be and wherever they may be hiding. Any FREEDOM reader with £ 15 can become a "leading intellectual" by contributing that amount for a Statement to be inserted in The

Times.

I hope that all of FREEDOM's readers will actively support the NCCL campaign but it does illustrate the dangers that any activist faces of being adopted as a liberal "cause". The NCCL does not support the immediate withdrawal of troops from N. Ireland and thus the campaign does not put Pat's action in its true political context.

While others talked and wrote about N. Ireland Pat Arrowsmith acted. Whatever political or personal differences anyone may have with her no one -- certainly not anarchists -- argue with what she did. It's time she received the solidarity she deserves.

Terry Phillips.

IN BRIEF

POLICE detained over 150 people (mainly for drug possession) at Windsor free pop festival. They were detained from Saturday night to Monday in an army barracks, without access to legal help. 142 were detained at Reading festival.

LIBERATION decided not to organise a counter-march against the National Front pro-Ulster march on September 7th. This was partly because the police organized both marches on widely separated routes. The Guardian writes: "Unless the vacuum is filled, there is a danger that the opposition will fragment, and the more aggressive sections of the Left will organize their own brands of protest which could lead to violence."

/7 A London solicitor is to complain to the Home Office about police refusing to allow him to see a client held in custody. He says that police would appear to have power to hold for questioning for indefinite periods. He said, "This sort of action has become pretty universal in the past three or four years; before that one might have to wait four or five hours to see a client; usually after he had been charged but now it's three or four days. It means that a man in custody is being deprived of his rights." The solicitor was referring to police raids in East London in which ninety people were taken into custody (30 were charged) on counts associating them with the revival of the gang rule in London. The police broke up the Tibbitts gang, which succeeded the Richardson gang, which succeeded the Kray gang which probably traces its ancestry back to Dickens' Fagin-Sykes gang -- all broken up by the police at regular intervals.

Sancho Panza

VOLINE SPEAKS

GENERAL VIEW OF THE BOLSHEVIK SYSTEM

/Concluding the excerpt in our previous issue, shortened by pressure on space./

...Beyond doubt, the /Bolshevik/ party's best representatives hoped for a system which would have permitted the building of real Socialism and would have opened the way of integral Communism. They were convinced that the methods preconceived by their great ideologists were going to lead there infallibly. Moreover, they believed that all means were good and justified, if they would lead to that goal.

They were deceived, those sincere ones. They took a false path. It was for this reason that some of them, perceiving the irreparable error and not wishing to survive their vanished hopes, committed suicide.

Naturally, the conformists and careerists adapted themselves.

I must mention here an admission made to me, some years ago, by an eminent and sincere Bolshevik, in the course of a heated and passionate discussion. "Certainly," he said, "we have made mistakes and become involved in ways which we neither wished nor expected. But we will try to repair our errors and get out of the impasse, and regain the right road. And we will succeed."

On the contrary, one can be certain that they will not succeed. For the logical force of

events, general human psychology, the linking of material factors, and the determined chain of causes and effects are, in the last analysis, more powerful than the will of a few individuals, no matter how strong and sincere they may be.

Ah, if millions of free men were deceived, if it was a question of powerful collectives acting in full freedom, and in complete agreement, it might be possible by a common effort of will to repair the mistakes and redeem the situation. But such a task is impossible for a group of individuals placed above and outside the subjugated and passive human mass, confronted by gigantic forces which dominate them.

The Bolshevik Party seeks to build Socialism by means of the State, of a government, and of political action, centralized and authoritarian. But it can lead to a monstrous and murderous State capitalism, based on the odious exploitation of the "mechanized", blind, unconscious masses.

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The more it can be demonstrated that the leaders of the party were sincere, energetic and capable, and that they were followed by vast masses, the better can the historical con-

clusion about their work be drawn. Thus: Any attempt to achieve the Social Revolution with the help of a State, a government, and political action - even though that attempt is very sincere, very energetic, favoured by circumstances, and supported by the masses - will lead inevitably to State capitalism, the worst form of capitalism, which has absolutely nothing to do with the march of humanity towards a Socialist society.

Such is the lesson for the world to be drawn from the tremendous and decisive Bolshevik experiment, a lesson which lends powerful support to the libertarian thesis, and which, in the light of events, will soon be understood by all those who labour, suffer, think and struggle.

SQUATTING UNDER LABOUR

A CAMPAIGN AGAINST A CRIMINAL TRESPASS LAW

--That is the title we gave to our report in our issue of July 6 describing the proposed changes in the laws which have applied to squatting since 1381 until very recent times; laws which have delayed the processes of eviction of homeless squatters. The Law Commission's advice, now being considered by the government, is that

* * The Forcible Entry Acts 1381-1683 should be repealed, and the Common Law offences of Forcible Entry and Detainer and Conspiracy to Trespass should be abolished. Instead there should be two new offences

(1) Without lawful authority entering property by force adversely to any person in physical occupation of it, or entitled to occupy it (maximum penalty two years' imprisonment) and (2) Being unlawfully on property and failing to leave as soon as reasonably practical after being ordered to leave by a person entitled to occupation (maximum penalty six months).

A Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law has been formed to oppose the introduction of these changes into the law. Apart from their implied faith in the Labour Government ("These proposals, commissioned by the Tory Government...") CACTL makes the same points as we did in our earlier report - that the new law would worsen the position of the homeless squatter and would apply equally to occupations of factories and to sit-ins of any kind. CACTL further point out that demonstrations and pickets on either private or state property are also outlawed, and you could even be committing a criminal offence if you stayed in a shop to demand your right money after being short-changed and asked to leave by the management. CACTL asks all trade unionists, tenants and squatters to:

"1) Raise it in your group. We are willing to send speakers. Propose that your group send a resolution condemning the Law Commission proposals to us. The campaign will forward the resolutions together to the Law Commission and the Press.

"2) Propose that your group

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sponsor a similar resolution at meetings of organisations to which it belongs (e.g. Trade Councils, Union National Conferences, Federations of Tenants Associations).

"3) Send donations to the campaign. Cheques payable to the Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law (119 Railton Road, London, S.E. 24)."

A meeting of CACTL for further study and to plan future actions will be held on Wednesday, 18th September at 8 p.m. at The Meeting Room, The Roebuck Pub, 108a Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1.

Contact

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PACIFISM IN SPAIN. Group organizing Centre for Analysis of Conflicts (CAC) to collect and disseminate info. on pac'm, conscientious objection, anti-militarism, all fields of 'counter-culture'. Want to exchange bulletins for public'ns of relative groups. Contact Aurora Moreno - C.A.C., Santa Rosalia 116-2^o-1^a, BARCELONA 16, Spain.

LIBERTARIAN BOOK CLUB Fall Lectures, Thurs. evenings 7.30 at Workmen's Circle Center, 369 8th Ave., (S.W. corner 29 St.) admission free: Oct. 10: Merrill Moss, Anarchism, Syndicalism and the Counterculture; Oct. 24: Samuel H. Friedman, The Middle East Problem--Can It Be Solved?; Nov. 14: Irving Levitas, Anarchism in New England; Dec. 12: Dan Georgakas and Leonard Rubenstein, Art and Anarchy.

SONGS wanted for anarchist song book. Old/new/your own/serious/comic/sophisticated/naive: all welcome. Send to 3 Grange House, Highbury Grange, London, N.5.

ALTERNATE SUNDAYS Hyde Park Anarchist Forum, Speakers' Corner 1 p.m. Speakers, listeners and hecklers welcome.

STOKE NEWINGTON FIVE SOLIDARITY Committee, 54 Harcombe Rd., N.15 Needs donations to supply study books for these long-term prisoners.

ANARCHIST WOMEN's group meets Mondays. Tel. 01-883 2457.

BLACKBURN ANARCHIST GROUP established, meetings to be arranged. Keith Sowerby, 150 Shorrock Lane, Blackburn, Lancs BB2 5TT (Phone 28380).

INTERNATIONAL LIBERTARIAN CENTRE and CENTRO IBERICO. Sats. & Suns 7.30. Disco &c. 83A Haverstock Hill, London NW3 (entrance in Steele's Road (2nd door). Tube Chalk Farm.

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MANCHESTER. A one day Anarcho-Syndicalist conference 28 Sept. All sympathisers in the North are invited to write for details to J. Moorhouse, sec. SWF/M/cr. c/o Grass Roots, 178 Oxford Rd. Manchester 13. 061-442-0434.

EVERY SATURDAY Mental Patients Union, 2 pm at 37 Mayola Road, Clapton, E.5. (tel. 01-985-5251) Information on activities elsewhere from same address.

PLAYERS for London based Anarchist football team(s) required. Contact Jim at Freedom Press.

WILDCAT, monthly. Launching party Sat. 31 Aug. Seven Dials Social Centre, 27 Shelton St. WC2, starting 7 pm. Disco, Cabaret, Wine &c. £1. Yearly sub. to Wildcat £2.50. Box 999, 197 Kings X Rd. W.C.1. No. 1 now out. 20p inc. post (avail. from Freedom Bookshop).

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DUBLIN ANARCHISTS Bob Cullen, (7 years), Des Keane (5 yrs), Columba Longmore (4 yrs). Address for letters & papers Military Detention Centre, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare, Eire.

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