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EDITORIAL NOTE

Those of you who received the first issue of "Anarchist International" probably noticed certain deficiencies in the quality of production. Also the circulation was very limited.

I would like to apologise for both these faults. To rectify the latter, the more important articles from the first issue have been included in this issue. The unattractiveness of the first issue and its limited circulation can be attributed directly to lack of cash. Costs involved include not only those of production and distribution but also that of a heavy postage bill resulting from correspondence with comrades abroad.

The expenses of the first issue were borne by myself, with some assistance from two or three comrades in London. Again the cost of this issue has devolved on the same two or three people. Although we would like to continue publishing this bulletin we don't particularly wish to run ourselves into the Poor House in the process.

To start with we would like to appeal to comrades for cash to cover the cost of the first issue.

With regard to this and future issues we are putting the bulletin on a subscription basis. Any subs taken out would include this issue.

This issue, like the first is being sent out on spec. If you wish to subscribe please let me know immediately. A subscription for six issues of the bulletin will be 5/- postage paid, for twelve issues 10/-.

In as far as it is possible I hope to bring out "Anarchist International" once every fortnight or three weeks.

I do hope that comrades will respond to this appeal because without your financial support, this bulletin will quite simply collapse - almost before it has had a chance to get off the ground.

Yours fraternally,

August Hunt

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S P A I N

According to "Le Mond" (Oct 3rd) a hundred Spanish intellectuals have written to the Minister of Information, Fraga Iribarne, asking enquiries be made into the maltreatment of Asturian miners and their wives. The letter asserts that according to people who have written to them voluntarily a Captain of the Civil Guard, Fernando Caro, and a sergeant have treated a number of miners with brutality, have used torture and have caused the death of a man; also that women have had their heads shaved.

The letter sites a dozen cases - in most of these names and full details are given. One miner, Rafael Gonzalez, died on Sept 3rd at the Commissariat of Police in Sama de Langreo, as a result of brutal torture. Another of Capt. Caro's victims was driven insane under torture and has been admitted to a psychiatric hospital (La Cadelloda) near Oviedo. Also a number of miners are reported to have been castrated. Many of the miners' wives arrested with their husbands are now in Oviedo prison after having their heads shaved.

Signatories of the letter include the former Rector of Madrid University, Dr. Lain Entralgo, 8 professors of the University, Professors Jose Luis Seireda of Barcelona University and Ierno Galvan of Salamanca University and the former Dean of the Faculty of Political Science in Madrid, Dr. Valentin Andres Alvarez. The signatories also include a number of Spain's leading poets, writers, painters, actors, cinema producers etc.

FRAGA IRIBARNE has written an 11 page official reply to the letter signed by the 102 intellectuals who complained at police behaviour during the Asturian strikes.

Fraga's letter is addressed to Jose Bergamin - a left wing catholic poet who fought against Franco in the Civil War and who was one of the signatories of the original letter. In his reply Fraga denies that one miner was killed and another driven insane by the Civil Guard.

He admits that two women have had their hair "arbitrarily cut". He adds, though this is not excusable, it is understandable, because of their "systematically provocative attitude!"

Fraga claims that the majority of the people who signed the letter are being manipulated by the communists who wish to turn the Asturian strikes into "political subversion".

The rest, claims Fraga, were unaware of the true nature of the letter they were signing.

SPANISH PURGE CONTINUES.....More Arrests!

On Monday 23rd. September a military tribunal in Madrid sentenced two more comrades of the F.I.J.L. to long terms of imprisonment. Both comrades had been arrested in Madrid at the beginning of last August.

One of them, Juan Salcedo, 23 year old art student was found "guilty" of placing a bomb at the Palace of Justice in Valencia last December, and of placing a bomb outside the Rome offices of the Spanish State Airlines "Iberia" in February this year. He received two sentences of 30 years.

The other comrade, Manuel Borrego Lopez, 24 year old brick layer, was found "guilty" of placing a bomb at the residence of the Military Governor of Valencia, also last December. He received a sentence of 25 years imprisonment.

According to official sources five Madrid intellectuals have been arrested for "illegal association" but as yet their families and close friends have no idea why they have been arrested.

The Count of Montcarno, a member of Don Juan's Council and a founder of the Falange, has been charged with "provocation to sedition" for saying in an article that the leaders of the 'vertical unions' did not express the aspirations of the men they represented. He suggested that Spanish leaders should become as militant as their French counterparts.

The Minister of Information declared on Oct. 3rd. that Juventad Obrera, the monthly paper of the Young Catholic Workers, has been seized by the authorities in response to a request by Church leaders in Madrid.

Several clandestine papers are now appearing inside Spain:- "Fragia Social" "C.N.T." "Asturias" "Solidaridad Obrera" and "Voz Confederal".

Despite recent "False Alarms" there is still no indication by the Spanish authorities as to the date of the trial of the three young French comrades at present in jail in Spain. These three comrades, Alain Pecunia (aged 17) Guy Battoux (aged 20) and Bernard Ferri (aged 21) were arrested last April and have been charged with being responsible for three different bomb attempts that occurred in Spain (in Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid).

The prosecution is asking for two concurrent sentences of twelve years for Pecunia; a fifteen year sentence for Battoux; and a thirty year sentence for Ferri.

Guy Battoux has as his defence the same Captain Rebollo who defended Julian Grinau earlier this year.

In Toulouse the Syndicalist Alliance (CNT-UGT) and the Students' Assoc. of Toulouse have established a fund for the Asturian strikers, and the F.O., C.F.T.C. and C.G.T. have sent NF 25,000 to this fund).

AROUND THE WORLD

FRANCE The 22 Spanish comrades of the C.N.T.- F.I.J.L. (in exile) arrested by the French police in Sept. are still in Prison awaiting trial charged with "association with malefactors" (Freedom 28.9.63). As recorded, considerable protest has been mounted throughout France by political groups, T.U's etc. The authorities have indicated that the comrades will be interrogated at the rate of 2 per week. If this is in fact what happens it is unlikely that the trial will take place until December.

These comrades require financial assistance for defence lawyers and for their families. The French Anarchist Federation and Jeunes Libertaires have set up a fund to provide this assistance. British comrades wishing to contribute can do so by sending money as quickly as possible please, to:-

RENE BIANCO

c/o Freedom Bookshop 17a Maxweel Rd, S.W.6 :

At the time of the arrests of our Spanish comrades the premises of the French Anarchist Federation were searched and certain French comrades were arrested. However, there is no further information available at the moment concerning these comrades as there is a French law (passed at the time of the O.A.S. emergency) that enables the police to hold suspects incomunicado and without notifying anybody for a period of 15 days.

Of the Spanish comrades arrested by the French authorities last month, four have been 'provisionally' released by Mr. Alain Simon, the judge investigating the case. They are, Floreal Navro, Martin Armanderez, Bartolome Flores, and Nardo Imbernon. A request for a similar release for Cipriano Mera, Augustin Sanchez, Jose Pscual, and Enrique Guinart has been rejected.

During the French miner's strikes last spring the catholic, communist and socialist trade unions (C.G.T. C.F.T.C. & F.O.) established a 'solidarity' fund of which there remains NF 25,000. All three unions have decided to give this money to the Asturian strikers.

CANADA Two new anarchist papers have just emerged in Canada. "La Forge Social" which is the paper of the newly formed Federation Anarchiste du Canada, and "L'Escuela Moderna" which is printed in Spanish and Italian.

URUGUAY The Municipal council of Montivedeo, which is controlled by the opposition party have declared the Spanish Ambassador Persona non Grata, and are pressing (since the murder of Delgado and Granados) that Uruguay should break off diplomatic relations with Spain.

Around.....the.....World (ontd)

VENEZUELA The Caracas daily newspaper "Republica" and several continental papers reported the Iberia Airline demo in London. "El Mundo" another Caracas newspaper, states that official Spanish press handouts claim that the communist party and the anarchists are working hand in hand. "El Mundo", which is not an anarchist paper, questions the validity of this statement:-

"It is just over a week now that we printed in this column that some anarchists had attacked a communist embassy in London. This action against Fidel Castro was of anarchist origin. How are they going to make pacts with the communists in Spain if knowing that with the triumph of the Castro Communists there would not remain one live anarchist? These agencies are quite graceless when they lie". (From the article What the Teletype did not Clear Up ..El Mundo 7.8.63)

NEW YORK The Libertarian League demonstrated in protest at the garrotting of Delgado and Granados. Some of the younger members are up for trial as a result of their activities with CORE in the intergration struggle.

JAPAN Comrades will be sorry to hear of the illness of Taigi Yamaga, the international secretary of the J.A.F. While comrade Yamaga is ill the work of the International Sec. is being done by comrade Augustin Miura.

On Sept. 18th the Japanese Anarchist Federation held a highly successful meeting in Tokyo which was attended by about 400 people. The meeting was on the subject of one of the most prominent individuals of the Japanese anarchist movement, comrade Osugi, who was murdered by an army officer during the confusion which followed the Great Earthquake of 40 years ago. In recent years the Japanese Anarchist movement has suffered a considerable decline and the meeting was the start of an attempt by our comrades to increase the spread of anarchist ideas in Japan.

So successful was the meeting on Osugi that our comrades intend holding another meeting as soon as possible. This next meeting will be directed mainly at young people and will take the form of an educational/discussion meeting.

Individual comrades of the J.A.F. read Freedom, Anarchy and Direct Action, and comrade Miuri hopes to translate articles from these papers for publication in JIYU RENGO (Free Federation) the monthly paper of the J.A.F.

Our Japanese comrades express their pleasure at being in contact with the British movement, and send fraternal greetings to all comrades in England.

The following correspondence has been received in answer to an appeal for closer contact with our comrades.

CARACAS? Venezuela. The F.I.J.L. in Caracas send their fraternal greetings...

"We are following through 'Freedom' and letters from our Spanish comrades in London, and even from information agencies, all the nice things you, the British comrades, are developing these last months. Congratulations all this showing you dynamism, feelings and solidarity. You are perhaps very few but your activity and courage makes a giant of each one of you."

NEW YORK The Libertarian League have sent the following letter (which for those of you who would like to know a little more about the group which publish "Views and Comments" I am reproducing in full)

"We wish to congratulate the British comrades on their good work and wish you success in forming a new British Federation of Anarchists. Free individuals united by mutual regard in free agreement for the attainment of common aims is a constructive anarchist principle. The indispensable coordination of scattered individuals and groups locally, nationally and internationally must also be achieved by free agreement, and not by decrees and laws handed down by the State. The State is the organisation of tyranny." Federation is the organisation of Freedom" (Proudhon) Individual freedom in a complex society, requiring the greatest possible degree of co-ordination (solidarity) can be attained only by FEDERATION.

"The Libertarian League was founded about 10 years ago. We are trying to stimulate the formation of English speaking anarchist groups in the U.S. We are looking forward to the establishment of an American Anarchist Federation. So far we have not succeeded in doing this. We live in hope and carry on. As for our activities, here is a summary.....

(1) We publish "Views and Comments" -circulation about 2,500 copies.

(2) We hold forums every friday night...socials are held monthly.

Our hall also has a lending library.

(3) We send speakers to other organisations and colleges. Lately we addressed social study groups in Antioch College and Columbia University. We also had two interviews which were broad-cast over Columbia University radio. We also send out tape recordings of important talks, such as Augustine Souchy's talk on Cuba and a recording of the Chicago Haymarket anniversary.

(5) We co-operate with the IWW, some comrades are active members, both in New York and on the West Coast. We also cooperate in the Peace and Civil Rights movements and are in close touch with the Cuban Libertarian Movement in exile. We have done considerable protest and publicity work for the release of political prisoners in Spain.

(6) Our members are widely scattered here and in Canada. Most of the work is done here in New York by a handful of comrades. However, we are encouraged by the widespread interest in our ideas and we have received requests from young people asking for information and advice on how to start anarchist groups on campus. Also more new people are coming to our forums."

* Yours for Freedom *

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* The Libertarian League *

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SPANISH INTELLECTUALS PROTEST.....

Since the Minister of Information's reply to the protest letter signed by 102 Spanish intellectuals a Catholic writer, Jose Bergamin, has again written to Fraga. Bergamin is not satisfied with the minister's 11 page 'answer'. He points out that there is no explanation of Captain Caro's actions (in his reply Fraga made no referance to these incidents); that the signed letter has not been made public (Fraga had promised that his reply would be public, but in fact it had only been given to foreign press agencies - no mention of it has appeared in the Spanish press); and the lack of substantial evidence to support Fraga's claim that many of the signitaries were not aware of the nature of the letter they were signing. For the honour of the signitaries Bergamin insists that Fraga should name those individuals he believes have been mis-led. Bergamin has also stated in his reply his disgust that the minister should treat so lightly the fact that wives of miners have had their heads shaved while imprisoned. He also insists that all correspondance should be public.

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Last week 15 intellectuals were arrested in Madrid, Valencia, and Barcelona. Of these 6 have been charged with illegal propoganda activities. Officiels have stated that none of them are under military arrest, and a lawyer has denied to newspaper reporters that the accused have had any contact with the anti-Franco movement in Italy, which has been very active during the past few months.

Among those arrested are: Javier Pradera, nephew of the Spanish Ambassador to Tunis; Jose Antonio Sanchez Ferlosio, son of one of Franco's ex-ministers; the writer Miguel Sancez Mazax ; Julio Ferrer, student of philosophy and nephew of the Proffesor of Law at the University of Valencia (who will defend his case); Juan Antonio Matesanz, economics student; and the Professors of Spanish at the Universities of Florence and Perouse - who were preparing athesis on the Italian inter-vention during the Spanish Civil War.

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BOOK REVIEW

This book review is by Ethel Weiner of the Libertarian League, New York and first appeared in Views and Comments in April 63

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THE CHINESE ANARCHIST MOVEMENT, by Robert A. Scalapino and George T. Yu. (Published by the Centre for Chinese Studies, University of California. U.S.A. 1961-paperback, price 1 dollar.)

The authors point out that there is no adequate understanding of the social movements that helped break down the narrow traditionalism which prevented China from stepping into the modern age is possible without an understanding of the part played by the Anarchist movement. The intellectual vanguard which pioneered radical Western ideas in China were anarchists, or were influenced by anarchist ideas. Scalapino and Yu say

"Anarchism preceded Marxism in Northeast Asia as the predominant radical expression of the westernized intellectual. Between 1905 and 1920 anarchist thought was a vital part of the intellectual protest movement in both China and Japan. Indeed in many respects it possessed the coveted symbol among the intellectuals of being the most scientific, most progressive, the most futuristic of all political creeds."

For example, Sun Yat-Sen and even Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung read the works of western anarchists in translation. After the Boxer Rebellion of 1899-1900 the decaying Manchu government was forced to make contact with Western culture and therefore subsidized students for study abroad. At the same time the government hoped thereby to get rid of dissidents. Most of the students went to Tokyo and Paris, where there were large and vigorous anarchist movements. The intellectuals were attracted to anarchism because they had unconsciously absorbed the libertarian ideas of the classical Chinese philosophers. When the Manchu government cut off the subsidies to students, the Chinese anarchists organised an intricate network of mutual aid societies. It was the Chinese anarchist movement that pioneered the work-study and other movements, established cooperative schools and spread western culture all over China. The Chinese Anarchist organisations inside China cooperated with their exiled comrades in this vast, and often dangerous activity.

The authors of this valuable work ascribe the decline of the Chinese anarchist movement not only to external circumstances but also to tactical and doctrinal errors. Some of their criticisms are valid, while others do not appear well founded, to this reviewer.

Do you read? **FRENCH**

Then read:-

"LE MONDE LIBERTAIRE"

The monthly paper of the FRENCH ANARCHIST FEDERATION

"JEUNNES LIBERTAIRES"

The monthly publication of the French LIBERTARIAN YOUTH

"NOIR ET ROUGE"

Bi-monthly..... cahiers d'etudes anarchiste-communistes.

"L'ANARCHIE"

Monthly publication of the 'ALLIANCE OUVRIER ANARCHIST.

"L'ANARCHO-SYNDICALISTE"

A bulletin edited by the 'UNION des ANARCHO-SYNDICALISTES'.

If you only read English, then read:-

FREEDOM (Anarchist Weekly); Anarchy (a monthly journal of anarchist ideas) ANARCHIST YOUTH (Latterly Anarchist Student - a quarterly); DIRECT ACTION (anarcho-syndicalist monthly paper - the English paper of the International Working Men's Association); VIEWS AND COMMENTS (Published by the Libertarian League of New York) and the INDUSTRIAL WORKER (fortnightly paper of the I.W.W.)

All these publications with the exception of "Direct Action", "L'Anarchie", and "L'Anarcho-Syndicaliste" are available, on order, from FREEDOM BOOKSHOP, 17a Maxwell Road, Fulham, London, S.W.6.

Direct Action, L'Anarchie, L'Anarcho-Syndicaliste are available, on order, from Bill Christopher, 34 Cumberland Road, London, E.17.

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