

## MOVEMENT STILL SPREADING "Anarchism" says Tory

DIRECT ACTION by thousands of ford, London; Stoke Poges, Iver and tion. thousands of army huts standing empty Watford, Hertforshire; Chesham Bois, to do now is to brand us with the broad- are, but who cares? The "unofficial" lodgings.

bureaucratic laziness and self-satisfaction cashire and Birtley in County Durham. system has become so congested owing to trade unionists ! stood between the homeless and these News is still coming in. dwellings. 19118 711.11111 to boltsing out of

homeless people has solved their housing Slough, Buckinghamshire; Purfleet, problem. These people, most with families Barking and Dagenham, Essex; Huddersof young children, have seen tens of field, York.

while they themselves were homeless, Haddenham and Burnham, Bucks. At arrow and put a number on our backs." strike received plenty of official recognition crowded into other people's rooms, living Datchet, also in Bucks, the homeless seized The Victorian Government owned rail- by employers, trade union bosses and the in condemned buildings or tramping the the posh Horse Guards Polo Club. ways have seen the time when all railway Government.

ford and Welling, Kent; Balliol College, the whole of Victoria. There are ever- like the gas works, produce power for light

the regulation strike that it has been Soon will come the turn of the electrical In Glasgow families have occupied an almost unworkable. These trammies do power workers who are beginning to Then the people acted. Not by appeals empty block of prison warders' quarters not strike just for fun. They have very agitate against their present low wages. to the Government or writing to their outside Barlinail Prison. In Hamilton, many complaints which the Government If they strike, their trade union brothers will be expected to scab upon them. That's M.P.s, but by their own efforts and their Lanarkshire, a disused hostel has been refuses to rectify. Some years ago under a Labour Govern- trade unionism. own will, without seeking advice or per- taken over by several families.

mission or leadership from anyone. By The Army has, in many cases turned ment, with the "great Ted Theodore" as working class Direct Action they solved off water and electricity and even soldiers Labour Premier, the State controlled railsoon be introduced in their departthe problem for themselves, the problem with bayonets, but the movement sweeps way workers of Queensland were forced ments. In support of the striking railway

that officials said was insoluble.

The houses are an improvement on the houses in most mining towns and the rents in comparison with rents in other towns are reasonable, but the housewives strongly object to Government inspectors wanting to inspect the houses at most inconvenient The London and other gas strikers, not times. It only needs two women to have having yet learned the technic. of the an argument and one to report the other stay-in strike, so useful to the Japanese for doing something she should not do in workers, had to deprive the public of gas

Years ago when I was at Wonthaggi, the week.

conditions were such that the mine-workers The strike was, of course, unofficial, as used to say: "All the Government needs most strikes, particularly unofficial strikes,

streets in a hopeless search for shelter. Ruislip and Teddington, Middlesex; send workers walked out in a State wide strike The great tragedy of the strike is that Many families were parted in separate reports of squatting. Blackheath, Cran- and not a wheel turned on the railways in the electrical generating stations which,

Yet these huts stood empty, habitable, Oxford; Horsham, Sussex; Salisbury, lasting deputations of the Victorian Rail- and heat, took an extra load, and in some with brick and concrete foundations, with Wiltshire; Basingstoke and Portsmouth, ways Union officials to the Railway Com- cases worked overtime, because of the drains, water, electric light, and often Hants; Ellistown, Leicestershire; Chester- missioners in an attempt to get grievances strike. Most power house skilled workers baths, they are certainly better than over- field, Derby; Bebington, Cheshire; Gains- rectified. The Government controlled belong to the same craft unions as the crowded lodgings. But the Government did borough and Waltham, Lincoln; Dundee, tramways in Victoria have lately had striking craft gas maintenance, especially clerk. nothing, although most of the huts were Angus; Bristol, Somerset; Newport, Mon.; regulation strikes put into operation. On the Amalgamated Engineering Union. vacant for six months. Red tape and Burscough, Widnes and Liverpool in Lan- race days and football days the tramway Good trade unionists have to blackleg on

TRADE UNIONS SPLIT

WORKERS

Government inspector to make an inspec- more than eight months had brought no. follows :--

with him went his principal, Gerald Rutledge, who had defrauded his clients of more than £40,000.

> where 436 of their clients had been tried in the last four years.

That was in October 1943, and from if he also caught them. then on the firm of Smithdale, Rutledge to flourish as Silverman built up practice in the criminal courts.

had to turn cases away. An elaborate a capitalist is just another sort of crook. suite of offices was taken in Maddox Street, Mayfair, and here people came to have their defence prepared."

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Heavy Sentences on Habitual Criminals

We feel compelled to raise the case of He was very active, until the time of Ernest Silverman, recently sentenced to his arrest, in the so-called Freedom Defence the State owned house and along comes the for a few days. After negotiations lasting seven years penal servitude for fraud. Committee which he had helped to form The Press reports the case briefly as and spoke at most of their meetings. He was closely associated with the proprietors

"Back to penal servitude, for the sixth of Freedom Press and their paper time, went 46-year-old Ernest Silver- "Freedom", and often represented them man, solicitor's clerk, yesterday, and on their platform. He was joint author, with Herbert Read of the Freedom Press pamphlet "Freedom, is it a Crime?"

We consider the sentence to be shock-The pair were tried at the Old Bailey, ingly severe. In spite of the fact that we did not like Silverman, his means of making money, or his friends (in fairness Rutledge, whose father had been a voice the opinion that all such sentences solicitor in the City of London for more on habitual crooks are severe and useless than 40 years, had a small practice in crime prevention. After all, everyone until Silverman came as his managing associated with Silverman knew him to be a crook and have little right to complain

That does not mean, of course, that and Co. (there was no Smithdale) began because we protest against such heavy <sup>a</sup> sentences that we in any way excuse or approve fraud and conversion. A crook is It soon grew so much that the firm just another sort of capitalist-or perhaps

One despicable act revealed at the trial was the action of the accused in carrying out their threat to "expose" the past of an ex-prostitute who had been robbed of her life-savings of £3,500, in order to prevent her making a charge. The woman had a daughter at boarding school; the girl knew nothing of her mother's mode of livelihood, nor did the school. Because of With Detective Sergeant Richard the "exposure" the girl was expelled from

The movement has spread rapidly from In Bristol at a meeting of the Housing left for them but to declare a strike one end of the country to the other and is Committee, Socialist Alderman W. H. throughout the whole railway system of still developing. Almost every English Hennessy, squatters champion, heard Queensland. Labour Premier Theodore county is represented in the movement. [Councillor K. L. Brown (Citizens Party) Reports of seizure of huts have reached say: "We might be justified in viewing us from Cricklewood, Clapham and Strat- him in the guise of an anarchist."

NATIONALISATION AUSTRALIA Labour Government Snoopers "Down Under"

Speaking in the Sydney Domain recently | We have had the grim experience in from the Communist Party platform, Australia that nationalisation has solved Edgar Ross, Editor of "Common Cause", none of the workers' problems. official organ of the Miners' Federation, The State controlled mines of Lithgow after dealing with the coal miners' and Coaldale in N.S.W. Wonthaggi and (Australia) troubles declared: "The solu- Brown Coal mine at Yallourn in Victoria, pockets of Theodore, McCormick and their an English shipping firm which has not tion to all the coal miners' troubles is and the Collinsville mine in Queensland all Nationalisation." It should be stated here have their strikes, stop-work meetings and employed and in a few months it blew out Bruce said that, "it was the duty of the that Ross is a member of the Central continuous agitation for improved condi-Committee of the Communist Party, has tions. The conditions of the miners in all he left the University, been a professional journalist.

One wonders whether to laugh at the colossal ignorance of this individual or be furious at the racket he is putting over. Nationalisation simply means a change of bosses. Past history shows that the workers have always had a tougher fight, with far greater penalties hanging over struck against private employers.

on. Direct Action succeeds. into the position when nothing else was workers, the employees in all the large attempted to smash the strike and put the Railway workers' union out of business.

> He declared every rail striker was dismissed from the service, and attempted to form a scab railway workers' union. He issued a call for volunteers and asked all striking railway workers who wished to tion as "a solution to all our troubles." return to work to make fresh application for employment. After a bitter struggle Theodore and his scab union were defeated and the railway workers of Queensland won the day.

During the Theodore Labour regime, he and his off-sider, McCormick, who was If a State concern is successfully comtreasurer in the Queensland Government, decided between themselves to buy 1 worked out metal mine, the "Lady Jane" at Chilligoe, North Queensland. They got It as the saying goes for "a mere song." Theodore in Parliament put up a sob story class the State-owned brick works and the about the unemployed miners in North Queensland and introduced a Bill to the Commonwealth sphere when S. M. authorise the Government to buy the Lady Jane" mine, start production and

employ the miners. The Bill went through, £164,000 was paid for the mine into the and closed down.

industries of N.S.W. downed tools.

trouble, as recent strikes at the abbatoirs

The Government fought back with all the power and violence of the State machine. There were not nearly enough scabs to man any essential industry and after bitter and violent struggle the Government finally withdrew the time-card. The 1917 General strike in N.S.W. should be a conclusive answer to those who advocate nationalisa-The Homebush abbatoirs in N.S.W. are under Government control and the meat workers at Homebush are seldom out of

There is another angle to be considered. peting with private enterprise, a change of Government will sell back to private employers. This is ably demonstrated in N.S.W. When an anti-labour Government was returned, it sold back to the master-State-owned trawlers and fish shops. In Bruce was Prime Minister, the Common-

wealth woollen mills at Geelong in Victoria tion in Hyde Park. was sold to private enterprise, and the Commonwealth shipping line was sold to agents. The mine was started up; miners yet paid for the ships. Prime Minister Government to govern and not trade.

There were many shady Government Trade should be left to the traders." never worked in industry, but has, since these State controlled mines are no transactions and crooked financial deals by Mussolini in his book on Fascism the Theodore, McCormick Labour Govern- elaborated his idea of the Corporate State nent which ended in a Government inquiry where every human agency would come

prove.

and threw Theodore and McCormick out under the control of the State. Mussolini of the political life of Australia. Theodore called that "Fascism". Hitler in his recede at Bikini Atoll, the military strate- inherent antagonisms.

A year ago Chief Dective Inspector Bob' Stevens of Scotland Yard began an investigation into the affairs of Rutledge and Silverman.

Lewis, Mr. Stevens spent months examin- school. ing the books of the firm.

The records showed that clients' money totalling £50,000 entrusted to the firm had gone. Silverman was responsible for frauds amounting to £6,500.

case in which there had been a more present offences. complete absence of mitigation.

Silverman, he said was a plausible, dangerous and cunning rogue."

#### (" Daily Express ")

Silverman often spoke in Hyde Park where he was well-known. During the General Election last year, he addressed public meetings in Paddington on behalf of the Labour Party. More recently he had spoken at a Communist Party demonstra-

We can have nothing to say in mitigation of persons like that, but seven years is not going to cure such rogues. Silverman has spent about half of his life in prison, but that has not cured him. "Habitual" Mr. Justice Hallet, sentencing Silver- criminals receive much heavier sentences man to seven years and Rutledge to five than others, that is, they serve extra time years, said that he had never tried a for their past crimes as well as their

> Another case recently occurred where an 'habitual'' received a sentence of nine years:

"Walter Cottam (43), London electrician, who was said to have spent 18 out of the last 27 years in prison, was sentenced to five years' preventive detension, to follow a four years' term of penal servitude for having received stolen goods, at Oxfordshire Assizes."

("Evening News")



As the last echoes of Atom Bomb No. 5 whereby hostile powers resolve their



corruption, graft, rake offs, and the creation of an obnoxious bureaucracy!

Governments.

the nationalised industries.

There is also the fear that a successful

nationalisation. So everybody is happy. shopping.

(Industrial Union Propaganda League, Sydney, Australia)

went to Fiji, bought the Emperor gold advocacy of National Socialism had the gists of all the major powers (and even It may be pure conjecture, or intuitive mine and is now reported to be a million- same idea that everything should be conlesser powers!) begin to ponder and probe foresight, but we can reasonably assume trolled by the State. In Russia we can

into the new weapon that has, and will do that Russia's refusal to enter the UNO The greatest strike in Australia's history study the workings of State control in all was the 1917 General Strike which started its various ramifications. There the later even more positively, altered the Security Council of Atomic Warfare has

their brads when they went on strike different to the conditions existing in the in the nationalised railway worshops at workers are regimented, disciplined, con- technique of attack and defence in modern other motives besides merely the question against the Government, than when they privately owned mines. The percentage of Everleigh, N.S.W. The Government trolled in a slave state. Where pimping, wars,

strikes in the Government owned mines is attempted to introduce a speed-up system spying, and informing is rampant. Where

Labour Government has taken over all the workers at Yallourn object to the private other Government employees came out ing class of the future will show the way havoc of the atom bomb and no doubt other

Nationalisation opens up avenues of equal to that of the privately owned mines. by forcing the workers to fill time-cards. one cannot trust his neighbour or openly The State Electricity Commission of This was similar to the Taylor system of express his thoughts unless it is in praise Victoria owns the whole town of Yallourn America, where every worker was required of the Government. -the Brown coal mine, the Briquetting to state on his card the time a job was Any one who advocates nationalisation

Even though many leading military experts still proclaim that the Atom bomb will not eliminate the need for large air,

ground and sea forces, yet we who are outworks which produces household and in- started, when it finished, and how long as a cure for all the workers troubles is

side the sacred portals of High Command of America not revealing the full secrets far as the civilian population is concerned, doubt the Soviet scientists are striving mass annihilation confronts the great might and main to discover every aspect majority of peoples should World War III of the atom bomb and neuclear fission, and emerge as a result of the new lust for even beyond it, as the evidence reveals, of tion of the three major powers.



research into cosmic energy which is now the pet subject of the Soviet state

cause they have grievences which the appealed to the Government to withdraw showed the way in Italy after the 1914-18 scientists. When Russia feels she is in a In England there is a very generous Government refuses to settle without a the time-cards, but the Government was war, when they seized the factories, but The still existent naive belief, that with position to have at her disposal weapons Government, which is anxious not to cause strike. The hotel, a modern building with adamant and refused. There was aething were betrayed by the political socialists. the advent of the atom bomb, nations will equal, if not greater, than America or any worry or financial loss to the owners of up-to-date appointments was run at a loss left but to strike. The syndicalists and anarchists of Spain not dare to engage in a third world war. Britain, then the somewhat camouflaged and the Government finally sacked the The whole of the N.S.W. railway service showed how to run industry until they has no basis in fact or in history. No hostility that exists now will become an The greatest nationalisation venture of manager and sold the licence to a private including the refreshment and dining- were betrayed by the Stalinists and weapon, no matter how deadly it was con- open split in the fullest sense that we modern times is the Bank of England. publican. In all coal-mining communities rooms ceased work. The Government used murdered by Franco's assassins. The ceived had an effective deterrent on rival understand. We heard no howl of rage from the 17,000 shopping is run by fortnightly accounts. all the State power to smash the strike. syndicalists of France showed the way powers. We can call to mind the gas war-

stockholders. And is it any wonder when There is very little cash over the counter The workers in the Government owned when they took control of factories and ran fare and bacteriological bombs threatened Not only was the experiment at Bikini a means of discovering the effectiveness of the terms are considered. The generous business. The miners' wives and other tramways stopped work and finally all them in their own interests. The work- in the past war. In spite of the terrible the bomb upon naval forces, but it also responsibilities and have issued the stock- enquiries that are made and many leave in support of the railway workers. when they wake up to these mis-leaders equally deadly weapons, the governments spoke a political and diplomatic languagethe evidence can be clearly seen in Russia's holders with bonds which will guarantee the State-owned stores and take the bus They knew that if the Government and false messiahs, free themselves from of Britain, Russia and America will, when feverish attempts to form an Eastern bloc them the same rate of interest as before to the nearby town of Morewell to do their got away with the time-card system the dope of politicians and establish an and should the situation demand it, engage on the railway workers, it would Industrial Democracy in a Free Society. in armed conflict as the only means

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competing State-controlled industry will be dustrial briquettes, the electricity it took. The Government was hopeful of either a fool or a knave. It is misleading Headquarters, know only too well that as of the manufacture of the atom bomb. No boycotted and sabotaged by private con- generating plant which supplies the whole stimulating competition among the the masses and placing false issues before trolled industries Then again, who is to of Victoria, the hotel, the stores, and the workers and the fastest worker would the working class. It is an attempt to say that a change of Government will not houses. Here is an ideal example of receive some sort of recognition. What hold at bay the revolutionary working class sell back again all Nationalised concerns to demonstrating the benefits of Government going to happen to the slowest worker was in its desire for workers' democratic control private employers? Such things have control. Why, we might ask, do the not mentioned. happened in Australia under different Brown coal miners strike? Simply be- The workers, through their unions control. The syndicalists and anarchists

## DIRECT ACTION

## **Red and Black Notebook**

# TOO OLD AT FORTY

There are employers who feel sufficiently sixty-five for an old age pension? Why authorities are likely to come down on the onfident to raise the slogan of "Too old not an old age pension at forty? Why authorities are likely to come down on the Sub- side of private property. Strictly neutral The Future of the "4th International" confident to raise the slogan of "Too old not an old age pension at forty? Sub- side of private property. Strictly neutral at forty", a slogan once very popular with sidised by a levy on the war fortunes of of course!

this class. So strong is the tendency that patriotic aircraft and munition baronets a league of "over forties" has been of course !

formed in Birmingham to combat it. In London, a rivetter of our acquaintance was WORKERS' CONTROL IN JAPAN sacked from the Handley Page Aircraft fought in France in the 1914-18 war and by the penny press. "The Economist' market"; or "A horse fell down in Bolshevik reptile. was the corporal of the guard in the firm's stated that up to the end of May 26 Wallsend High Street yesterday"; or "Boy Home Guard in the latest war (more fool factories had been occupied and controlled wanted; must be intelligent."

### COAL MONEY

a habit of periodically shedding its skin planned, is certain. The first signs Readers often kindly send me interesting cuttings from the national and local press. We have been asked to state in detail They never cross out the side I am Company a few weeks ago. He had been the account of the seizure of factories by not expected to read, so I often, to my great employed by the firm for ten years, had Japanese workers given in "The astonishment, read "Chicken Pie what the firm calls a good record, had Economist", as the news was boycotted strongly fancied for the 3.30 at New-

I read (after having read about Rupert garb completely without life. On the sent a serious menace. So thorough and and the coming struggle for power in the

and appearing in a brand new hide. This of this are already showing themselves, is true of all snakes, including snakes in When the Vigilante Action League, the grass and adders in the bosom; in the neo-Fascist outfit run by the particular it is true of the Communist or former B.U.F. member Preen, held meeting at the Albert Hall a few months Unlike higher forms of snake life how- ago, Stalinists and Trotskyites combined to

By 'NOBBY'

Biologists inform us that the snake has

ever, the Red Snake in the grass does not break it up.

he), he is also 48 years of age. Upon by the workers and the movement was I have just received a cutting in which always succeed in leaving its former outer The Trotskyists, for these reasons prereceived the reply, "Oh your work's Demanding an increase of wages, the and Uncle Grizzly) the headline "Up occasion of some particularly violent or efficient was the scabbery of Stalin's stool-

nounce the other, that the pot will con-

tinue to call the kettle black. But unity of

action, unity of propaganda, planned or un-

alright, but you're getting on in years, we Electrical Workers' Union had threatened to £3,500 for coal men." That sounded sudden twist or turn on the part of the pigeons during the war that their victims think you should be finding a lighter job," to seize the power stations, cut off the good and I thought, maybe, it is worthwhile slimy reptile, it sometimes happens that are not likely to forget it in a hurry. The

HOW WILL TROTSKYISM

TROT?

supply to Government offices and the to carry hundredweights of Derby brights the hide discarded in the process retains record of the R.C.P., on the other hand, of British imperialism and, one can be Handley Page are paying huge dividends directors houses and continue to supply up five flights of stairs. Then I read the a certain amount of vital force. It may is comparatively clean. True they have from his foreman. rest-it was about Socialism in the coal even happen that, by some strange pro-

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Middle East and Mediterranean. At the moment, the centre of political storm rages in the Palestine area, the most vital area convinced, the watchful eye of the Kremlin was knighted for his patriotic services. The Tokyo daily newspaper "Yomiuri", mines. Shinwell and Lord Hyndley are form and a thin water of their offerts to form and a thin water of their offerts to

Something for the corporal to ponder. Let had been taken over by the newspaper looking for 24 "key-men" for the national-looking for 24 "key-men" for the

patriotic firm.

WHY NOT PENSIONS?

Hunger

## sons, including at least one member of the continue to write, edit, print and sell the Miners leaders are being considered for through the new body—a new "one and show that they have little to learn from royal family, are large shareholders in this paper for themselves and the public.

The U.S. Army of Occupation is supposed a year. Top regional salaries will be born! to be neutral in Japanese internal political £3,500 a year.

Vienna

If one is too old to work at forty years naively put it, faced, with a spread of the or carry it. of age, why should one have to wait until take and hold principle the American

In

the Editor

regional labour directors' jobs at £1,200 only party of the proletarian masses" is the C.P. in this respect. But as yet they

When Comrade Djugashvilli finally suc- Comrattery. and social affairs, but as 'The Economist'' There's money in coal, but not if you dig ceeded in elbowing his way to the Red To the average worker the Trotskyist Throne and became Holy Joe the Infallible copybook is unblotted. And when his news-

SYNDICALIST Red Pope of Moscow-and consequently paper tells him that the R.C.P. has been the controller of the destinies of the Bolo behind most of the big strikes he is likely serpent-he left a number of rivals out in to think even more favourably of the Trotthe cold, and most of these were soon dis-skyites. Especially so when the C.P. posed of. By some oversight, however, his whenever it can do so without fear of fascism, that was to shake the world to its chief rival, one Comrade Bronstein, had ridicule, violently attacks them on every

> been allowed to hop it out of the Proley issue. Fatherland while the going was good. To have to disillusion the average "Uneasy lies the head that wears a Under his influence, some of the old skins worker on this issue is one of the tasks Crown", may well sum up the grim forethe C.P. Snake had left lying around on we must face in future. We know and bodings that expresses themselves in the the occasion of the Accession of Stalin, understand the R.C.P. Being honestly antagonisms and recriminations of the began to acquire life and energy, and the anti-political we can be accurate in our conquerors, for now the carving up has to mosquito Communist parties were born. knowledge and understanding of all be arranged, the appetites of the "victors" Fairly recently some of these reanimated political rackets. It is up to us to transmit become ever more voracious. The unskins went into a huddle and emerged as that knowledge and understanding to the ilateral decisions and actions of Russia a nice new party; to distinguish themselves rest of the working-class so as to ensure that constantly clash with the decisions of from the Communark Party of Great that among the democratic organisations the U.S.A. and Britain are not actions Britain, the members of the new party are of class-conscious workingmen there will based on an ideological basis or, from a known as Revolutionary Communists. Various priests of the new church were

St. Leon, and not long ago they did this to such effect, that the noble paper, the "Daily Mail", with some of its confrères, THE 'UTILITY' MYTH

benefit to the victorious powers. Only Knowing that an article I wanted to pains to point out that they were not purchase recently was being produced at a when the mind has grasped the fearful consequences of an atomic war can the cost of 2/6 I was filled with amazement on spirit recoil against the governments that seeing the article displayed in a shop now, amidst the ruins of the past war, The Trotskintern claims, by inference, window with a card attached with scheme and plot to embroil the suffering to be a resurrection of the original "Utility 6/6" printed on it. peoples into another carnage.

As the evidence mounts higher the weak are novices in the tradition field of and sickly optimism that the United Nations will be a reality fast dissolves and, the grim and foreboding warnings of the coming struggle sound ever more menacing. The uneasy atmosphere that hangs over the Paris Conference renew once again the struggle that began at Versailles in 1919 whence sprang the vicious roots of modern very foundations. Can it be expected that when in 1919 the "victorious" powers failed, the present "victors" will succeed?

be no place or opportunity for political humanitarian desire, but are the result of parasites, whatever their creed or colour. geo-political-military necessities to counteract the balance of military strength held by the Western Powers. Whatever one may conjecture upon the future prospects of world peace (or rather an armed peace) the advent of the atom bomb has brought into the world a new perspective that eliminates for all time the hope that a successful war can bring security and

appointed them Straw Men in Chief and valiantly knocked them down (figuratively speaking) every time there was a big

strike. So much so did they do this that the dockers, for instance, had to go to great

appointed to intone the Sacred Words of

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Anarchist Movement Reorganises in Austria

#### Vienna.

#### Dear London Comrades,

You letter of the 9th was a very pleasant surprise for me and my comrades. I am only too glad to give you details about our movement which is being formed. We are working together with the Free Economy Group and similar movements in the Society for Sociological Study and Propaganda and the driving spirits there are the old comrades from the Anarchist movement. I am chairman and am in charge of

Perhaps you could arrange active aid for us, but of course if it isn't possible don't worry, we shall hunger through. Libertarian greetings,

LEOPOLD SPITZEGGER, for the Society for Sociological

Greetings

from California

Fellow Worker,

Study and Propaganda.

foreign correspondence. Our paper, "Thought and Action", will soon appear: we are only waiting for the permission of the authorities to start publication.

Quite apart from this movement we our- Am sending enclosed money order for selves have formed an Action Committee, ten dollars, five dollars as a donation for and we are going to bring the monthly "Direct Action", and five dollars for our bulletin "Contra" out again. Because of Spanish fellow workers, the victims of the peculiar political situation, we have bloody beast Franco. Received May issue taken the decision to work together with "Direct Action" and the supplement that followed. I hope "Direct Action" will be other proletarian organisations.

Last week we held a very well attended published weekly in the near future. meeting in the historical Apothecaries Hall came to the conclusion many years ago and I have the impression that we shall be that the American plunderbund are just as able to build up the movement again in despotic as any other ruling-class. Hope Austria.

if it would somehow be possible for you to help us, it would make us very happy. Vista, California, U.S.A.

you and all the other fellow workers are The food situation here is very bad and doing alright. With best wishes, I am yours for freedom, A.S.



#### Comrades!

The revolutionary youth has its own undoubtedly be joyfully received among The Spanish Libertarian Youth has problems, chiefly the anti-militarist one, comrades of that Continent. taken the initiative in reorganising the and must organise itself against the Youth And lastly in other countries: Switzer- Stalin stands for National Socialism, i.e. goods.

International of London, which is towed land, Canada, the U.S.A., Poland, Finland, "Socialism in one Country"

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## Anarcho Syndicalist Press in Brazil

(IWMA) The young Brazilian anarcho-Lenin, father of the Soviet Union (and, a profit. syndicalist movement, reorganised after incidentally of National Socialism). the end of the dictatorship, is increasing its This claim is significant. We know all about the original Comintern; we learnt by activity. It publishes in Rio de Janeiro, bitter experience. Then, as now, C.P. "Acao Direta" (Direct Action). The policy towards other movements was " Rule editor is Jose Oiticica, a libertarian or Smash." Given half a chance the R.C.P. policy will be the same. fighter, who has gained much experience of

revolutionary activity in many European countries. One of his collaborators is the Spanish militant Manuel Perez, old editor 'Workers' Fatherland organiser of the Regional Federation of the Civil War Secretary of the Regional Federation of Andalusia.

**Defending the** 

A further significant fact about the during the war, they talked of the necessity tinue to be maintained by society. Instead, of "defending the Workers' Fatherland." these too, would become producers.

stand for International Socialism whereas the production of more and better quality

Comintern (vintage 1920 or so). Now and A Utility is something produced for use

again one hears bleats of joy coming from not for profit, therefore the goods in the To which source now can the people turn the R.C.P. Sheepfold at the entry of some shops called "Utility" are not utilities in in hope to avert the coming disaster that former addict of Stalinanity whose mental the real meaning of the word, although threatens mankind? Obviously not to disease has changed to Trotskrewiness. they are made from special material and their respective governments, not to their And references are always being made to sold at fixed (?) prices. What you are political leaders and not to their trade the devoted and religious way in which the buying is not a "Utility" but a unions, for all these are but the sum total Fourth International and the R.C.P. keep "Commodity"- something produced to of the State machine that exists to pretheir noses in the pure and holy furrow sell. Capitalism is a commodity society serve the privileges of those who have first ploughed by the one and only Nikolai where everything is produced to be sold for found places in the State organisation.



In a utility society we should be living into war. sanely for we should produce according to our needs-not of course meaning bare needs. On the contrary we would all have ism in the post-war world reveals the deep a standard of living as high, if not higher seated antagonisms and hatred that have than that of the present rich capitalist been left in the train of world slaughter. class. Everything produced would be for the CNT in the Canary Islands and during Trotskyite policy is their professed attitude the benefit of the community, and no longer The "victorious" powers that proto Russia. Very far are they from would the unnecessary armed forces, unrecognising the social system there prevail- employed and munition workers, as well as

Expensive furs and jewellery becoming use-

So it is on another field that the only hope can be found-the world solidarity of the common people, determined that never again will they be plunged into the carnage of capitalist rivalries, but will . turn and rend to shreds any power or mdividual that attempts to embroil the world

Unfortunately the resurgence of national-

claimed as their primary principle in their war aims the extirpation of rabid ing to be that of State Capitalism. In fact, the politicians and other parasites con- nationalism, now manifest even more vicious symptoms of that perverted national fever that whipped the Nazis and Fascists to a war hysteria. To American Their theoretical standpoint is that they less, even more workers would be freed for youth the slogan is "American World Supremacy ". (encouraged by the possession of atom bombs); to the youth of Russia is

Anarchist Youth International. International of London, which is towed	land, Canada, the U.S.A., Poland, Finland,	"Socialism in one Country."	goods,	offoned "the with the youth of Russia is
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For the realization of that aim a pro- which, in the coming war will go to the	Anarchist Youth International will be well	But an important fact should not be	meet the demand, so that the chaos and	onion backed by the Russian possession
visional committee has been elected to get hutchow at its londors' ordors	received	overlooked. Kremin politics have taken		
For the realization of that aim a pro- visional committee has been elected to get into relations with anarchist youth groups		another turn, a turn which, as anybody	goods, resulting in slumps upemployment	submissive Governments composed of
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standing of the libertarian young people of	all will be in enthusiastic agreement to	Politics knew, was inevitable. Uncle Joe	and political war would seem like a horrible nightmare from an almost for-	
with our project. This commission should include of every country is necessary. Against the	such an end, and to answer the theular-	a posicion au		
THIS COMMENSION SHOWED INCLUDE 281	cych contrarny.	, and pressed an opposition, ins		arive is accompanied by grandioso pro-
many delegates as there exist national amorphous international of certain young	We accept that some groups do not share	programme for some time now, has been	For slumps, followed by the fight for	paganda of an "Empire Power" the con
federations. Unfortunately economic people, the libertarians must rise and unify	our opinion Wo ask them to write making	extension. The Baltic, Germany, Central	World markets lood to man and alamana	STODT Strossing of Dubbary
their activities in a revolutionary Inter	their views aloor	Europe, the Balkans, Persia, Egypt India	well as booms, are an inevitable part of the	supreme in military strength must finally
pational of an active routh	The second	Unina, INUICA.	THAKC-UD OF THE DEESENE PCONOMIC SVSTOM	Cicale the conditions that proceed a
make this possible; nevertheless we mean Vory optimictic pour is arriving from	One of the first and principal tasks will	To give the servile stooges of Stalin an	When low prices exist, supply decreases-	1939 bloodbath. No Conference of Nations
the commission to be as broad as possible Very optimistic news is arriving from	be-in contact with the groups of various	explanation to present to the prolove it is	decreases in supply produces high prices-	1939 bloodbath. No Conference of Nations can bring peace when behind the de- liberations remain the gung state of the
and for that reason we have sent com-	countries-to make possible the realization	more than probable that the old stuff about	high prices increase supply-and an in-	liberations remain the guns, atom bombs
munications to French and Italian youth Syndicalist Youth groups, with whom the	of an International Congress, whose aim	International Socialism will be due un	crease in supply brings low prices. So	and mighty fleets, all existing to intimidate
munications to French and Italian youth groups for them to take part in the com-	will be to cement on a firm base the struc-	from its 20-year-old grave and trotted out	the wheel goes round with the worker	and subject the weaker nations to only
mission. The same appeal we make to the seen the necessity to reorganise the Inter-	ture of our International, to elect an effec-	once again The reported of the	incret sure that although he may be eating	unssion. There can be no be
other countries by means of this first national, bringing forward by circular very	, tive committee and to determine the seat of	Russian policy of world wide consumption	insu for diffier this month it may not be	Detween conflicting gime of notions
relachle meanadale	the committee.	be dished up by the C.P. as an altruistic	bread and cheese next month-if he is	power depends upon the maintenance of
circular. valuable proposals.	Commaday of the a taken to a taken	desire to extend the immeasurable benefits	lucky !	superior force, and no power of major
The French libertarian youth groups The Italian youth is rising more power	Comrades of the word-wide Anarchist	of Bolshevik gula to the honighted prolo	1 Dut 2 mars (1)	strength will abandon its position for any
have agreed with the project and have fully than ever after a long silence under	youth, it is you who must express your	without	But, you say, "your' system sounds	strength will abandon its position for any humanitarian reason—in this jungle of
already sent delegates to the Provisional the Fascist regime. In letters we have	opinion about this possibility. As a note	without.	more like a rosy dream of a utopian future;	humanitarian reason—in this jungle of carnivorous powers, the savagery of the wild beast is the less the law
received we have realised their desire to	, we add that the date of the International	The Red Snake in the Grass, in other		
Committee of the Anarchist Youth Inter- organise themselves internationally.	Anarchist Congress could coincide with	words, will have regained its old skin, and	We Anarcho-syndicalists say we alone	wild beast is the law—nations will destroy nations whilst society is governed and
national and while awaiting the reply of the Italian the Spanish and the Encode In Bulgaria, despite the present regime	that of the youth congress.	the two Bolshevik parties, from being in	cannot attain it ; we are not offering it to	nations whilst society is governed and whilst man still looks to political leaders
the Italian, the Spanish and the French Anarchism is being favourably considered	Send correspondence for the Anarchist	violent conflict, will find themselves in	you, we are just telling you that that	whilst man still looks to political leaders to bring him a brave new world. Only in
youth groups, are starting on the first talks by a great number of the people.	Youth International to the Spanish dele-	agreement on practically every issue.	Society is there waiting for you waiting	to bring him a brave new world. Only in Anarchism can man be free—all else is illusion !
of correlation information and pro-	gation : Germinal Gracia, 1, rue Fontaine-	What will Red Robin do then poor	for you to take it. Political "leaders"	illusion !
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paganda. libertarian youth groups, whose address		munists do when the Communista become	appropriate in month industry and	
We can already be certain that we have we have.	Yours for the International,	revolutionary? A merger of the two	fisheries for that Eroo Society mbo wh	Published for the A.F.B. by the Secretary, London Group A.F.B. : Ken Hawkes, 15, Parliament Hill, London, N.W.3, and prited by G. Parliament Hill,
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C.N.T. and F.A.I. and of the French A.F. publics the step we have taken will	Anarchist Youth International	each group will continue to vehemently de-		and the second of the second of the second s
	and childe a outer anternational.	a stoup and continue to venemently de-	- Industry, that is-Syndicalism.	Ltd., (T.U.), 79, Southern Row, London, W.10.