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INSPAIN

Resistance Develops Against Franco

Spain are of increasingly savage penalties Spanish Anarchist movement. being inflicted on workers who dare to challenge the power of Franco's fascist the jail are also under the imminent threat government. These reports are not printed of death. On August 27th a prison in the "free" press of this country. As during the Spanish Revolution the true picture of the events inside Spain is hidden from the workers. The British illegal papers issued by the C.N.T. and brick at him." press does not wish to embarass the F.I.J.L. Vega was then beaten by the One delegate trotted out an "atrocity "Mr. and Mrs. CHURCHILL accompanied by Labour Government in its commercial dealings with Franco.

butchers.

F.I.J.L. (Spanish Fderation of Libertarian rade Vega was driven to commit suicide. ing to return to Communist ruled Poland. the consequences of capture our comrades governor. defended themselves heroically for five The prisoners were overcome by the hours until their ammunition was arrival of armed police. After the battle exhausted.

police headquarters where, for four days, lated from the outside world, but we know they were "questioned" on details of our that under conditions of secrecy Fascist underground movement in Spain. To Special Tribunals are judging the "encourage" them to talk they were prisoners. It is certain that these mockbeaten and hung upside-down by the feet. tribunals will pass many death sentences Having failed to obtain any information on our comrades. from them the Falange transferred them to Ondarreta Jail in the Basque Country again to the conscience and internationalwhere, "incommunicado" they await trial by a "Special Tribunal."

Fresh reports reaching the A.F.B. from from claiming two more victims from the

At Cadiz a group of our comrades in warder, member of the Falange, searched against Polish workers, miners, farm an anarchist prisoner, Cristobal Vega Alvarez, and took from him documents and

Lopez, who had crossed the Franco- other prisoners to action and the prison in Britain preach racial hatred-those Spanish frontier by underground means soon became a battlefield. In the struggle quarrelsome twins, Communists and were surrounded by Falangist armed forces between prisoners and warders hundreds Fascists. near the frontier town of Irun. Knowing were wounded, including the prison

They were taken by the Falangists to chamber. The prison has now been iso-

The Anarchist Federation appeals ism of the workers to raise an immediate protest against these "trials." If inter-The sentence of this fascist tribunal will national working-class action is not soon undoubtedly be death. Only the imme- taken to succour the people of Spain who, diate and vigourous intervention of the for ten long years have fought to defend workers in other countries, ABOVE ALL their liberty, the last flame of the social IN BRITAIN, can stop Spanish fascism revolution will be extinguished.

COMMUNISTS and the T.U.C.

The T.U.C. was the scene of a contemptible exhibition of racial hatred engineered by the Communists against Polish workers. The debate occurred on the report favouring the employment of 120,000 Polish refugees on heavy manual work. Note, this attack was not upon Polish landlords and capitalists, but labourers and brick-yard workers. Communist policy is, "Here's a Pole, throw a

Realising the danger in which the capture Polish soldiers. Such fights, even though plane. Their luggage included cases containing a later plane." As always it is the libertarian move- of these documents placed members of our they are rare, are to be abhorred rather ment in Spain which is at the forefront of underground organisation in Spain the than used as propaganda by political the struggle, and which is suffering the group of prisoners threw themselves on parties. What the delegate concealed was worst tortures at the hands of Franco's the armed warder and seized and the fact that the Poles involved were not destroyed the compromising documents. those wishing to settle and work in Briain, During August two comrades of the Submitted to indescribable torture Com- but were men from a camp of those wish-

Youth) Amador Franco and Antonio The news of Vega's death roused the It is noteworthy that only two groups

Franco Resolution

Red and Black Notebook

delegates term "pious resolutions."

and the other unions affiliated to the T.U.C. would have used the Congress to organise support for the unions involved.

As it is, the resolution acts as lightning rod against any potential action against Franco who meanwhile is being British capitalism through the Washington and London governments.

seemed that the hotel workers of West

Unfortunately the objective of the strike, trade union recognition, was hardly the themselves and aimed it at the abolition of the degrading, rotten tipping system and

STRIKE BRINGS MORE FOOD

your photograph, name and address, date starved and faced the firing squads. The of tons of food, particularly meat and services etc." of birth, whether you are married or early morning sun of Alied Liberation is fruit, were diverted from the hotels to the single. With this card you can obtain a indeed shining bright for those who are shops; the result was noticed by housewives. By similar action the same result low and discipline irksome. Faced with The brave new world we fought and our comrades died for! Once again the comrades died for! Once again the company times could have been their obvious and widespread discontent in any fighting service and it is obvious the Labour Covernment acts exactly like.

POLICE UNION

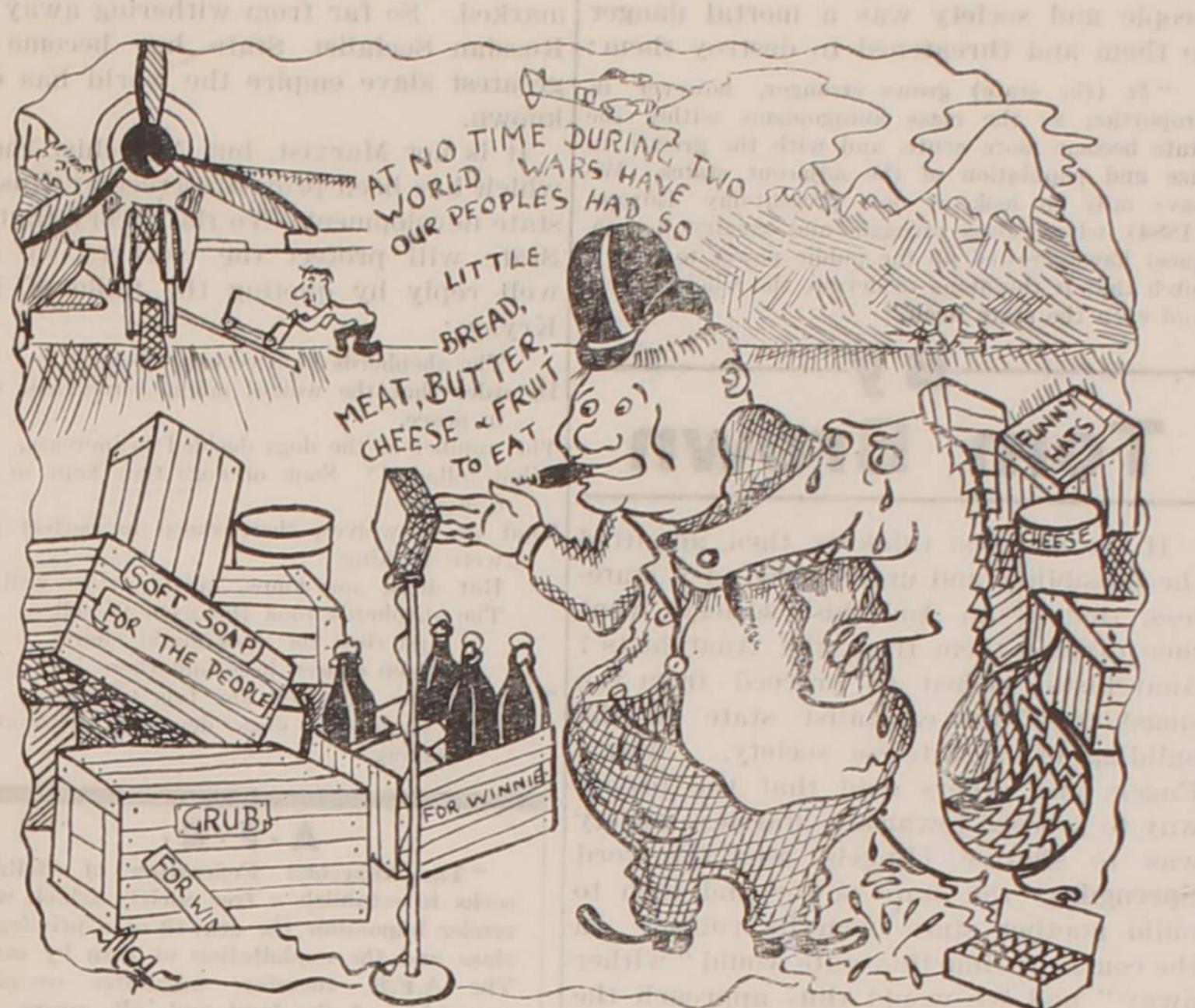
A correspondent asks us to explain the organised in the same union as the bus- "Our syndicalist activity has been made False hope of Anti-Fascist action betrayal of the London Busmen's Strike in men blacklegged on them. Instead of impossible for two main reasons: we have the prison was turned into a vast torture against Franco by the T.U.C. is rapidly 1937, interest in which has been revived themselves deciding to support their fellow no possibility to propagate our conception dying. The T.U.C. does not control the by the L.P.T.B. and Transport Unions' members, they followed the leadership of syndicalism in the union organisation Labour Government which is answerable attack upon the National Passenger principle and acepted Bevin's instructions of the country to which we are obliged to

> tion calling on the British Government to great discontent was felt among London Then Bevin swooped. The Busmen's the orders of the Communist Party is perbreak diplomatic relations with Fascist businen caused largely by intensive speed. Committee was dissolved. Many members secuted in a pitiless manner. Some days Spain is an excuse for doing nothing. The up and irksome hours of work. Discontent were expelled or suspended from the union. ago the communists began their expressed itself through the Busmen's Among the latter was the Communist "Tchistca" (purge). Our comrades have leader, Bert Papworth. Bevin was once been dismissed from work simply for The Busmen's Committee was warmly again master in what he considered to be having syndicalist or libertarian views.

> had a strong representation on it. The The expelled members, supported by them, calling them 'fascists' and 're-Committee was an official part of the thousands of busmen, decided to form a actionaries'. That trick is well known in Transport and General Workers Union, new union, the National Passenger in the international communist racket. The Busmen's Committee, desiring a strike, Workers' Union. This was supported for "The communists have turned the union Trade Union Congress has for decades the T. and G.W.U. called out the London a few weeks by the Communists. Then, organisation into a state apparatus worse specialised in what its own regular busmen at the end of April 1937. after the die was cast, the Communists than that of fascism. It exists only to spy It is evident that Bevin, boss of the withdrew their support and began to on the workers, clerks and officials.

> a break with Franco they would follow the of smashing the Bus Committee. Now It is interesting to note that Bert Pap- thing unheard of in the workers movement. example of Syndicalists in Scandinavia London Transport is made up of tube and worth, E.C. member of the Communists at the beginning of the and South America. The dockers unions electric railways, petrol buses, trolley Party and stable companion of the Dean campaign of the Referendum for the would refuse to load ships for Franco buses and trams, all forming one system of Canterbury, was denounced by the E.C. People's Republic (sic) forced the workers Spain, the seamens' unions would refuse to and mostly covering the same routes. It of the T. & G.W.U. as a menace to trade and clerks to be present at their meetings. sail to Spain and industrial workers would is self-evident that a busmen's strike can unionism and is now himself a member of At Sofia, in one factory, the workers were refuse to manufacture goods for Franco only be successful if tube men, tram men at E.C. and of the General Council of forced to march in demonstration under the T.U.C. He did well for himself when the threat of the 'Chmaysers' (guns) of

> > What a sorry condition the industrial "Lastly one of our comrades, Tania workers fall into when they allow their Vassileva, a doctor, has been arrested and



warder in the presence of other prisoners, story" of a fight between Scotsmen and their daughter Mary, landed . . . in a Swiss air line of them, including Swiss cheese, had to be sent on gifts which Mr. Churchill had received from

"Daily Telegraph."

LONDON BUSMEN and CLOSED SHOP

N.P.W.U. Crisis

Rank and File Commitee.

supported by the Communist Party which his own house.

If the Trade Unions sincerely desired T. & G.W.U., saw in the strike a means atack the new union. and trolley bus workers also strike.

> The railmen organised in the N.U.R. and he deserted the Busmen's Committee. A.S.L.E.F. did not strike, they blacklegged on their trade union brothers.

Worse still the trolley bus and tram men affairs to be run by politicians.

'Red Fascism'

Thousands of Anarchists and Syndicalists Gaoled

In Eastern and South Eastern Europe the persecution of revolutionary workers by the Stalinist governments is reaching a new pitch of ferocity. Above all it is the anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist movement which is suffering under the repression of red fascism. Stalin has given the order for all independent working-class movements to be wiped out in countries under the control of his puppets. Systematically the order is being put into

The following report from the Anarcho-Syndicalist movement in Bulgaria was sent to us by the Subsecretariat of the I.W.M.A. in Western Europe. The A.F.B. hopes that the facts in this article will help to shatter any remnant of faith that workers have in Bolshevik rule. Our Bulgarian comrades write:

"In our unhappy country the Anarchosyndicalist movement exists under extremely difficult conditions thanks to the persecutions of the communist power which has been forced on us.

"To us, libertarians, the communist authorities have forbidden all propaganda. Our papers have been suspended and we can publish neither books nor pamphlets, far less handbills or posters.

to other masters. So far from being Workers' Union. action against Franco, the T.U.C. resolu- During 1936 and the earlier part of 1937 broken. On top of that the communists slander

the 'People's Militia.'

interned. Why and how? We will tell

"The comrade had her passport in order to go to Austria. She was going there to The Big Smell see the children of her brother who was killed during the bombing of Vienna. At the frontier she was arrested by the police and taken to the headquarters of the Militia. There she was held for a month, submitted to a system worse than that which existed at the time of fascism. At the end of a month she was interned somewhere in Dobroudja. She is still there. But she has succeeded in getting in touch with her parents.

> "She is accused of having wanted to cross the frontier. To do that one has to

"For these reasons it will be nearly impossible for us to be present at the Conference of the I.W.M.A. Such is our position. In spite of all that we will do what we can to make ourselves useful to the Conference. We know that the time has come for our movement. But don't be surprised if you hear one day that we are in prison or concentration camp because of our relations with you. Remember that here we live in a 'communist paradise.' Don't be disturbed if our reports are not regular or if, one day, they are cut completely. We have no guarantee that your letters to us will arrive, or vice-versa.

Anarcho-sydnicalists on behalf of the government. Naturally she treated the offer' with the contempt it merited." Sofia 14/10/46.

The Subsecretary of the I.W.M.A. adds that Comrade Vassileva who was a volunteer in the Spanish War against Franco has been refused the right to

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BLACK MARKET BELGIUM

Rent and Food Prices Rise

Europe and we are back where we started. pre-war are now 2,500-3,000 francs. The economically bolstered by American and As in 1919 the vultures have gathered in average wage of the workers is 4,000 Paris for a "peace" conference to pick the francs a month. bones of the defeated. They have made sure that the bones have been picked clean.

Since "liberation" consumer goods in Belgium have risen to 400% of the prehave gone up only 40% on the same figure. city of Western Europe today. Rationing is a big farce. Some months the necessities of life, all of which are "rationed" are unobtainable on the legal the sinister organisation of the Catholic market, but in abundance on the black Church who are adept in using human market. There is no shortage of food in suffering and misery to consolidate their best issue to choose. Trade union leaders Western Europe-IF you are able to pay own position. The black-hearted reaction- argue that it is better for employers to the price. For that price you can feed aries of this and every age. They too have have their staff organised in trade your face to your heart's content. Belgium their political parties: in Belgium the unions-it makes for better discipline is an outstanding example of this.

abundance for the few, but for the many working-class scum of Western Europe. to purchase the necessities of life means constant scrimping and saving. The exile in Switzerland. That is a severe Belgium rationing system is far more blow for the Catholic Church, and they complicated than that in Britain. In order are busily engaged from pulpit and platto obtain the page of ration stamps you form in whitewashing this King who dined two-monthly page of ration stamps. But able and willing to pay for it. when you take the stamps to the shops there are no rationed goods to be obtained and so, as during the German occupation, you are forced on to the black market where food is to be had in plenty.

Belgium's Communist Party.

now 1,000 to 3,000 francs a month.

Clothing, obtainable with or without coupons, has also risen to scandalous pro- Brussels, 12.10.46.

Seventeen months of phoney peace ine portions. Suits costing 600-900 francs

There is a new aristocracy in the cafes of Brussels. Those who have long waxed fat on human suffering, the slimy reptiles The recent hotel workers strike in who took advantage of the artificial short- London seemed almost miraculous to other age of food to feather their nests. The London workers. Their self-respect rotted war figure. Wages, after incessant strikes, black marketeers are to be found in every by the contemptible tipping system it

Behind this scene of capitalist society is P.S.O.; in France Bidault's M.R.P. These It would have been better for the strikers Food, clothing and housing are in parties are the bolt-hole of the anti- to have organised and controlled the strike

The King of the Belgians is today in

workers have been deluded by the empty phrases of pot-bellied swinish politicians, Labour leaders and Communist hypocrites. The Minister of Food in Belgium's The fight for the real liberation, freedom | The Labour leaders are enforcing the something heavier than a policeman's Fasicism has changed its colour but not coalition government of Labour, Liberals from the yoke of state slavery, will be closed shop wherever they can do so in truncheon hangs over the head of any malits nature. and Communists is Edgar Lalmand, a fought and won by the working-class. Too industry—that is, they are forcing men to content. The Labour Government, followmember of the executive committee of long have we been betrayed by these join trade unions. But at the same time ing the example of Morrison while he was. As we go to press we have received from

THOMA

HOTEL STRIKE

London would never lift their heads.

its replacement by a proper wage.

times in which we now live.

capitalism, Police officers are deeply dis-

and the Glasshouses From Malaya last month came a very | Presumably these wise guys were speakbad smell. It was the smell of a rotten ing for the mass of the people. They are military system, a smell that one usually always speaking of "We" and "We in be trusted by the Communist Party. doesn't have the chance to get in on as England", so it is to be taken that you, the War Boys manage to keep their the workers were howling for justice on those unlucky skytroops who had the Most ordinary people seemed to be a courage to stand up for their rights against

little sickened by the news of the court | their overlords. martial on the paratroops. Not so how- Well brother, you had a glimpse of what ever the wise guys who dish out the news goes on behind the scenes in the Services. in this country—or at least dish out their If it hadn't been noticed those boys would version of the news. The general line they have been sentenced to rot away. How took was "Rather a strict verdict and many people there must be in glasshouses One good result of the hotel strike was very regrettable, but of course we can't today who did little or nothing but attempt have to possess an identity card containing and wined with the Nazis while his people felt by West London shoppers. Hundreds countenance mutiny in our fighting to usurp the supreme might of the military

Labour Government

contented with their conditions, wages are charged with mutiny.

festering carcasses well hidden.

No unions allowed! And a threat of -'orce as it does in every institution in it is manned by Labour politicians.

sausage machine.

Quote Capt. Bellenger: "There can be no doubt that these men were rightly

the Labour Government acts exactly like that in the armed forces any resistance the Tory Government of the last post-war to lawful authority, whether active or (Continued on Page 2, column 1.)

chameleons of Labour. Direct Action by they, in their position as Cabinet Ministers, Churchill's Home Secretary, is determined the French Amarchist Federation news of practise medicine by the communists. Housing is as great a problem as in the miner, peasant, clerk and factory refuse policemen the right to have unions. not to allow any class organisation in the further repression against the Anarchist Britain, Apartments costing a monthly worker. By this means will we achieve Policemen are not immune from social Police Force, Army, Navy or R.A.F. Communist Federation of Bulgaria. Over Russia into a vast prison camp in which rent of 400-700 francs before the war are freedom. To trust in Labour fakirs is to discontent, as the Police Strike of 1919 Could anything show more clearly the 2,00% comrades have been gaoled or sent to the worker has no rights the agents of proved, and the class war goes on in the ruling class nature of the State, even when the concentration camps. An immediate Statin in the expanding Red Empire are protest must be raised against this brutal carrying out the same ruthless methods. SYNDICALIST persagnition, carried out on Stalin's orders.

SOCIALISM AND THE STATE

stateless society is impossible, and not only proportion as the class antagonisms within the known. tion once and for all. Unfortunately, and even the state itself." Marxists read Marx and Engels even less than Christians read the Bible and Leninists seem not aware that Lenin ever wrote at all.

The thinkers of Socialism and Communism, as distinct from the flannel mouthed ranters who shout party slogans from public platforms, not only admitted the possibility of the Anarchist stateless tsociety, but stated that the abolition of capitalism must give rise to such a society.

The State, according to Anarchists, did not exist from the beginning of time, but came into existence with the origin of class society as a means of protecting the class interest of the slave owners. The State since then has always represented the interest of the owning, ruling, privileged class against the exploited. It can never, according to Anarchists, represent the majority. A classless society would be a stateless society.

young ones, foam at the lips and nostrils. Liebnecht and other Socialist thinkers had, of the Anarchist case. Said Marx:

"The modern state is nothing but the executive committee of the capitalist class."

Engels in the most famous of his works developed the theme:

"The state, therefore, has not existed from all eternity. There have been societies which bound up with the cleavage of society into classes, the state became a necessity owing to this cleavage. necessity, but is becoming a positive hindrance to production. They will fall as inevitably as they arose at an earlier stage. Along with them, the State will inevitably fall. The society that organises production anew on the basis of the free and equal association of the producers will put the whole state machine where it will then belong: spinning wheel and the bronze axe."

Revolution (page 14).

If the Socialist thinkers, then, admitted the possibility and urgent need of a stateless, that is an Anarchist society, what then divided them from the Anarchists? Anarchists wished to proceed from the smashing of the capitalist state to the building of a stateless society. Marx, Engels and others said that the proper way to proceed towards a stateless society was to shatter (Engels used the word Sprengung) the state power and then to build another state upon its ruins. In the course of time this state would "wither away" and we would thus approach the stateless society by walking backwards.

Against this, Anarchists point out that Such a thesis makes Marxists, especially state power has never withered away, that no ruling class has ever voluntarily But Marx, Engels, Lenin, De Leon, abdicated or gradually merged itself with its subjects. Ruling classes are overin order to put up a serious case for their thrown. The serious Marxists did not own ideas, to admit the truth of this part deny that this was historically the experience of mankind, but the "proletarian state" was to develop contrary to human experience. This is known as Scientific -The Communist Manifesto Socialism to distinguish it from theories founded upon fact. To be a Scientific Socialist one must believe in miracles.

The Anarchist case was, and still is, that a state does not wither away, the rulers managed without it, which had no conception of do not gradually cease to rule, the police the state and state power. At a certain stage gradually cease to arrest and baton, the of economic development, which was necessarily gaolers gradually cease to imprison or the hangmen gradually cease to execute the We are now rapidly approaching a stage in the condemned. A ruling class, and a State development of production at which the existence must have a ruling class, will, if it sees of these classes has not only ceased to be a its power declining, fight to protect and extend that power.

Here Lenin, that political Jekyll and Hyde, attacked the Anarchists. The Russian Soviet State was to be a vindication of the Marxist theory of the "witherin the museum of antiquities, side by side with the ing away of the State." The Soviet Union would become by evolutionary method the -Engels: Origin of the Family, stateless society. Twenty-nine years have Private Property and the State: passed since the beginning of the Russian page 198, Lawrence and Wishart Socialist State, but the State shows no

above with approval in The State and class has fought to extend its power over the bodies and minds of its subjects to an

brands may quarrel violently amongst that the State so far from protecting the inequality of rulers and ruled is daily more immediate action of its affiliated members resistance against workers' direct action is themselves on many issues but on one they people and society was a mortal danger marked. So far from withering away the against the gangster regime of Franco, to greater in countries where Labour repreare agreed—that is, that the Anarchist aim to them and threatened to destroy them: Russian Socialist State has become the help the Spanish people in their struggle of an equalitarian, classless and therefore "It (the state) grows stronger, however in greatest slave empire the world has ever for a free Spain. In some countries the ment. Wherever the workers have

impossible but also highly undesirable. state become more acute, and with the growth in It is not Marxist, but Anarchist theory Especially is this the case when the have only to look at our present-day Europe, which has been proved correct by Russian Socialists, as the Communists, are Marxist. (1884) where class struggle and rivalry in con- state development. To the theory that the To mention Lenin after incanting Marx quest have screwed up the public power to such a State will protect the workers we may and Engels is, to them, to settle the ques- pitch that it threatens to devour the whole society well reply by quoting the fable of Ivan

> The shepherds of a certain flock, n order that the wolves might leave their sheep

The number of the dogs decided to increase. What followed? Soon of dogs they kept so large

That as to wolves, their sheep in perfect peace were basking. But dogs, you know, must ent as well. The shepherds took the wool to sell, And then the dogs might share

Sheep chosen here and there And these the dogs devoured without the

A.F.B.

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Trade Unions Aid Employers in Norway One of the great plans that the new reformist trade union international formed and Finland

Socialists and Communists of many | Engels even admitted the Anarchist case extent undreamed of by any Tsar. The in Paris agreed to carry out was to be an workers even started taking direct action

John Anderson General Secretary I.W.M.A.

were organised, and in some cases the and unloading of cargoes coming from and destined for Spain.

But these spontaneous actions were in order to force them to work. stopped by the union leaders. The union were told to postpone their action until the union international gave them the to governments, asking them to break diplomatic relations with Franco.

unload Spanish goods, the union leaders themselves completely with Harma. made them stop, promising to send a representative to Paris to discuss with the international the possibility of a general action against Franco fascism. In the report given by the Norwegian delegate Franco Spain in opposition to its own government." Regarding the British union movement the delegate stated that it hoped that the Labour Government of the country unions "limited themselves to addressing petitions to government representatives."

Workers held at Zurich recently also discussed the question of a blockade against Minister of Labour took action against ANARCHIST Franco Spain. There too, the British delegates fiercely opposed the idea of workers' boycott against Spain. identified themselves completely with their government.

countries where the union movement is possible if the workers identify themselves

sentatives are taking part in the governconquered political power", that power is used against them to a very great extent. In connection with this question we must mention the strike of the agricultural workers in Finland. This strike took place

bureaucracy opposed them. The workers the Minister we mention above—L. P. way by sending us a contribution for the Harma, the Labour representative. This Press Fund. We don't mind how small man who threatened to break the agri- the contribution is even a few postage order. But no order has been given; only cultural workers' strike by military inter- stamps will be welcome, but we need cash a few insignificant resolutions addressed vention, is at the same time President of quickly to carry on the publication of the the Trade Union International. We should paper. also mention that the Communist ministers

In May the Danish workers carried out a big strike in spite of the hostility of the government. The union leaders broke the strike by stating that it was essential to W.O. 2/6; E.S. 5/-; Anon 3/-; W.O. 1/3; H.H. obey the laws of the country. If the 2/-; G.C. 1/-; J.S. 1/-; R.J.T. 2/-; I.F. 1/-; trade union organisation has acted against government, based on those laws, gave the W.O. 5/-; R.J.T. 2/-; F.S. 5/-; M.H. 1/6; order to return to work, it would be absolutely necessary to follow out those

would determine foreign policy, while the Trade Unions it was stated that the workers should hold back their demands so that the Labour government of Norway The International Congress of Transport | should not have difficulties created for it. During the French printers strike the the strikers. The strike was carried out a against the interests of the government, and for that reason it had to be broken.

It would be possible to cite many more examples of the same kind. They prove That is the present situation in all that the workers' struggle is made imeffectively controlled by the reformist with the politics of a government. They power by the workers-or rather by their Hall. representatives—is only a hindrance to their struggle. All these facts show the necessity of constituting a union movement completely idependent of political parties and governments. The union movement

edition. Lenin endorsed the idea and quoted the beve with approval in The State and length of the struggle against the length approval in The State and length of the struggle against the str

German Nazis the long drawn out farce of Russian government? the Nuremberg Trials has at last reached stately homes of England where, before the war men like Ribbentrop were given was still in the fashion to openly support German and international fascism.

But for our own part there are a few should like to question.

fascist aid to Franco both during the crime why were Stalin and Molotov I Spanish Civil War and since. In all the in the dock alongside the Nazi leaders? drawn-out catalogues read by the British, French, Russian and American prosecutors we do not remember seeing a single reference to this aspect of the Nazis' activity. Yet in 1936-39 Franco was supplied with aeroplanes, arms and technicians. From the point of view of armaments it was this assistance coupled with that received from Mussolini which enabled Franco to crush Allied governments afraid that their own power and keep him there would be arranged these deals. revealed if this subject were brought up?

And why wasn't Franco in the dock?

Then again we haven't read any reference by the Russian prosecutor to the massacre at Katyn in Poland in which the Goebbels right-hand man, Germans were alleged by the Russians The attacks get a little personal now contrary, the Nazis who had carried out Stalin and other prominent names

With the execution of some of the leading by the Red Army on the orders of the

On the subject of Poland it seems its end. There will be few tears shed curious that one of the accusations brought over the deaths of Messrs. Goering, against the Nazis was that of having made Ribbentrop, Streicher & Co. among the war against that country. We seem to workers of the world. It is however, remember that at the time of the Russo-quite likely, that some touching scenes German pact, just after Ribbentrop and took place, during the past weeks in the Molotov were photographed embracing each took place, during the past weeks in the Molotov were photographed embracing each other in Moscow. Poland was carved up by agreement between Russia and Germany. such a warm welcome at a time when it Poland was invaded certainly, but from the West and the East. Readers of the "Evoning Standard" in September 1939 may remember Mr. David Low's celebrated points with regard to the trial which we cartoon "Rendez-vous" showing Hitler and Stalin shaking hands over the pro-In the first place why was there com- strate bodies of the people of Poland. If every day. The Spanish Anarchists have Fraternal Delegations from the National plete silence on the subject of German the waging of war against Poland was a

and Schacht is also curious. Of course we the workers of Britain that the Anarchists ment, and two delegates from the knew that it would be impossible for who are fighting and dying, who are present at the discussions. capitalist governments to hang a banker. And after all the gentlement of Wall very great quantities of German tanks, Street and the City of London have many tration camps of Spain, have no faith in fortunately, owing to the time taken up by pleasant memories of the deals they any political solution of the struggle including International Relations—had to they floated to enable Hitler to build up the Spanish workers and introduce his own that came back in the form of the bombs from no government or group of politicians. able progress has been made by our French the German armaments industry. Loans that rained down on London and other It is to the workers of Britain that we comrades since the First National Congress complicity in the plot to put Franco in "Financial Wizard" Mr. Schacht who

> But Von Papen, we recall, was above government is carrying out. any one else the man who put Hitler in against the manufacture of materials in on the relations of the F.A.F. towards the

There were many empty places in the during the war to have been responsible for dock at Nuremberg. The crimes of which the mass murder of some thousands of the Nazis were charged—and of which for the fight. Don't let the events of by the Communist Party. The discussion Polish officers and soldiers. Why not? We they were undoubtedly guilty—are equally 1936-9 be repeated. remember that when the mass graves were applicable to many present and past uncovered by German soldiers during their military and political leaders in all the onslaught through Russian occupied "Allied" countries. If the war had ended Poland in 1941 the German authorities with a Nazi victory the German governcharged the Red Army with the respon- ment would have staged a similar show in sibility for this crime. In reply Stalin's which the accused would have been spokesmen declared that it was, on the Churchill, Montgomery, Eisenhower,

And so it goes on. The Wise Guys of the big wise guys in our own particular International Red Cross visited the forest see the whirlwind devour some of those by Comrade M. Ballesteros, 13, Warren

Spanish

Federation of Britain. The struggle delegates were present, representing against Franco inside Spain is sharpening Anarchist groups from all over France. maintained and continue to maintain the Committee of the Spanish Libertarian historical aims and methods of struggle secretariat in Western Europe, the Dijon The acquital of Fritsche, Von Papen of our movement. We wish to state to Regional Committee of the Spanish Movetortured and shot in the gaols and concenagainst Spanish fascism. In the struggle be left over. The report of the National for the social revolution we expect help Secretary and the press report on address this appeal for action. Workers! was held twelve months ago. The Press Boycott trade with Franco which your power in Germany. And Fritsche was Britain which are to be shipped to Spain Confederation of Labour), the Anarchoto help Franco maintain his reign of syndicalist organisation formed in oppositerrer. The Spanish workers need arms tion to the reformist C.G.T., now dominated

Spain, September.

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"Allied" leaders who have initiated the Street, W.1. Comrades in the Western Which goes to prove that people who Was the reason for this matter not being practise of putting the political and hemisphere, please send contributions to Published for the A.F.B. by the Secretary, London minds for us and to influence the workers live in lavatories shouldn't throw toilet brought up by the Russian prosecutor that military leaders of a defeated nation on "Tierra y Libertad", Post Box 1563, Group A.F.B.: Ken Hawkes, 15, Parliament Hill, Movice, D.F.

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CONGRESSES IN FRANCE

The National Congresses of the French Anarchist Youth and the French Anarchist Federation were held at Dijon on leaders of a governmental tendency. The also show that the holding of governmental September 13-14-15th in the Mutuality

> The Youth Congress, held in four sessions, was the first National Congress of the French Anarchist Youth to be held since the war. Ten groups were represented, and delegates of the Spanish must carry out its struggle and demands Libertarian Movement and the A.F.B. were also present in a fraternal capacity. The discussions throughout the Congress showed taht our young French comrades are prepared for revolutionary organisation and action. A wide variety of topics were discussed, including syndicalist activity, propaganda, solidarity and international relations. A feature of the discussion on propaganda was the decision of our comrades to campaign against the black market which today controls all forms of onomic life in France. The publication of "Jeunesse Anarchiste" was enthusiastically adopted as the National Organ of the F.F.J.L. (French Federation of Libertarian Youth).

The Second National Congress of the Revolutionary greetings to the Anarchist F.A.F. (French Anarchist Federation) took Movement in France, the I.W.M.A. Sub-Anarchist Federation of Britain were

> The Agenda consisted of 13 items. Un-Report, in particular, was of great

Strike The discussion on syndicalism centred revealed that the great majority of comrades had enthusiastically accepted the Peninsular Committee of the F.A.I., C.N.T. as a means of revolutionary action, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Th Anarchist Federation will work to enlarge to the maximum the C.N.T. and it recommends all members to act in favour of true anarcho-syndicalism by joining the C.N.T.

"In its organ, "Le Libertaire" the Anarchist Federation will carry out a campaign in favour of the C.N.T. and will fight energetically against the reformism and anti-syndicalism of the

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The Big Smell Read (Continued from Page 1, column 5.)

passive, cannot and will not be tolerated." —" Evening News", 8.10.46.

Now was the tiger beginning to show his teeth. Now was the nasty little skeleton snickering in the cupboard. Now was the whitewash flaking off the lavatory

Note that neat little bit about "lawful" orders, when all orders by a superior authority are lawful, and breach or disobedience to such orders constitutes mutiny. You can always complain when you've carried out a wrong order, but its a little late then.

In the R.A.F. if more than three persons apply to complain to their commanding officer that also constitutes a mutiny!

Its all very neatly wrapped up. The wise guys have got it all figured out, and after such little incidents they're shoving across all they know to get workers to make up the strength of the fighting forces once more.

Yes brother, the world's full of wise guys and we've got a good share of them. They run the news-reels, the papers, and control the radio. They're all very busy saying that "We" must all work harder, "We" must join up and keep up the strength of the armed forces, and when they say "We" they mean "You."

They're also very busy telling us that "Our" interests overseas are being threatened, or that the Red Menace is encroaching on "Our" spheres of influence. In this case "Our" means "Them", not you chum. They show news-reels of bigger wise guys with funny hats making Boy Scout gestures at all and sundry, and label them "Great War Leader" or "Fighting Bulldog." Very popular this and always gets a good clap-or used to, though a slight tendency to hysterical laughter has been noted recently.

Or there are the news-reels of our "Strong Man Foreign Secretary" lumbering around with the Strong Men Foreign Secretaries of other nations, all snarling

all nations are plugging away at we poor dung heap. fools, trying desperately to make up our

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and again. The press, news-reels and the massacre in order to plant respon- Britain, America and Russia. radio in Britain and America subtly insult sibility on the Russian government. That The trial has set a precedent. The wind money. at each other and keeping themselves in big wise guys in "The Red Empire," while, the murder was, in fact, carried out is has been sown. Maybe at the end of the not so subtly, "The Red Empire" insults beyond dispute; a Commission from the rapidly-approaching World War 3 we shall