

"There will come a day when our silence will be more powerful than the voices you strangle -- ANGUST SPIES (one of the Chicago Martyrs)

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The Grimethorpe miners are back to went down the pit did not know how shots strikers stood firm and are still determined reliability of their cogitation. work, but peace does not yet reign in the were fired or how dust laying machines to renew the fight at any time necessary. coalfields. The bureaucrats and generals (to prevent explosions) worked. Many of It is not, however, in Grimethorpe or Party, with the assistance of the less re- industries. of the National Coal Board are smarting the new officials were "young lads with Yorkshire alone that the miners are show- putable Labourites, where attempting to under what they consider a defeat and the a bit of book learning" and no pit ing discontent with the National Coal break up Anarchist Federation meetings, Board. In Lancashire, Fife, Lanarkshire, because the Federation would not advise conditions which caused the Grimethorpe experience. Northumberland, Durham, the Midlands the workers to "Vote Labour." stoppage exist everywhere in the British The fresh water supply failed some time coalfields; Wales, Scotland, Yorkshire and before the strike and no emergency supply and South Wales, the same complaints are We said then that the Tories were Durham, and could, at any time, be was installed, yet, in these deep, hot pits, made. One, to the miner, unexpected result of each man needs four or five pints of water expressed by strike action. a shift Grimethorpe provides us with an en-Army officers, including generals, appointed inevitable post-war crisis. The Conserva- workers. The five day agreement is causing reto mining posts by the Labour Government. lightening sample of what nationalisation sentment in Yorkshire as elsewhere in the colliery districts, and, though this is not As one of these generals said he "knew of coal means and of how the National nothing about mining, but he knew how to Coal Board is operating. Before going an issue in the Grimethorpe dispute, it was handle men." Yorkshire and Durham further with general observation then, it much discussed during the strike. Under property. men, particularly object to such an appointmay be as well to consider again the details the agreement, if the men are a minute late ment as that of Major General Sir Noel of the South Yorkshire dispute. they lose their bonus, or half a day's pay. When the Melton Field men refused the Holmes to the Chairmanship of the North-132 miners working at the coal face of Eastern Division of the N.C.B. The coal-at-price policy of the N.C.B., is ousing alarm in every coalfield. In rham a few weeks ago there occurred a Melton Field seam, Grimethorpe pit, were new coal face terms they were joined by ordered to increase their coal face output their fellow workers of Grimethorpe and, arousing alarm in every coalfield. In of coal from 21 feet to 23 feet in breadth. soon, by the mates of many other pits in Durham a few weeks ago there occurred a When it is considered that this extra two South Yorkshire. At one time pit explosion in which twenty-one miners feet of breadth must be multiplied by collieries, employing about 80,000 workers, lost their lives. At the inquest it was height, then multiplied by breadth, it will more than half of England's largest coalrevealed that that part of the pit had been sealed off in 1931 because of the danger of fire and explosion. Two months before be seen that a much larger amount of coal field, were on strike in sympathy with had to be hewn and filled each working day. Grimethorpe. To some it seemed that the officials had blundered, but even so, they must be pro- the disaster it was re-opened by the N.C.B. The men declared themselves unable to do this back breaking task and refused to After the first announcements, the Press tected by the Coal Board, even at the cost agree to it. The management replied that played down the news of the disaster and of 600,000 tons of coal. the extra "stint" had been agreed to by quickly dropped it. Did the Press receive "the workers' representatives." The workers replied that these " workers' repre- Miners Are Victims direction from the Ministry, to pipe sentatives" did not represent the coal face As I write this I receive from a York-Officials, even if they quarrel among | shire miner a little sum he has worked out. workers of Grimethorpe and that one of themselves in private, always stand In Huddersfield and the West Riding them was too big to even enter the coal together when faced by their common generally, household coal is £3 13s. 6d. a ticularly obstinate employers of the Savoy seam-we mean big physically. enemy, the working man. The manageton. Coal hewers in Yorkshire are hewing Group. But we hasten to point out the The management insisting, the men ment was supported by the National Coal 13 tons 10 cwts. of coal a day. struck work, though, lock-out would be Board, the Minister of Fuel and the leaders 1 day at 13 tons 10 cwts. = £40, 12, 3. to gain what we want unless they are more accurate than strike. There is not of the National Mineworkers' Union. The 5 day week at 67 tons

# LAROUR GOVT. ATTACKS WORKERS

There is little pleasure in being able to | True, there will not be a frontal attack | elaborate preparation of the royal wedding. say "I told you so a year ago," especially to reduce wages by, say, ten per cent., but The frequent excuses of "its an austerity when the prognostications have been the Government, aided by its control of the wedding" is about the only laugh the gloomy and the prophets are themselves trade unions, is attempting to peg wages mong the victims. Nevertheless, it is while steering through an increase in the necessary to look back upon the course of cost of living. (Rail fares, bus fares, food events and recall the words of friends and prices, clothes, tobacco, etc.) And the opponents, that we might gauge the purpose of the Direction of Labour Order

Two and a half years ago the Communist

workers have had since Attlee came to power.

But the workers are getting wise. When a Labour junior minister addressed a meeting of Lancashire mill women workers she, Mrs. Barbara Castle, was asked about the is to direct workers from comparatively provision of a £250,000 house for Philip of high paid jobs to low wage-had work Greece when so many were homeless. "Well," said Mrs. Castle, M.P., "You This process will go on, much to the don't expect her to live in a prefab do joy of the Tories. The only defence of the you ?" The answer came back from workers is to build and develop their own hundreds of Lancashire throats-" Why organs of defence, strike and factory com- not ?" mittees on the job. An elementary form of There, in that question and its answer, this is seen in the case of the seamen, is portrayed the irreconcible viewpoints of nationalisation, is the large number of would get the dirty job of clearing up the miners, dockers and railway goods the workers and the middle class Labour Party. tives, the party of Big Business, had To those who may still have lingering The monarchy is the flower of British nothing to fear from "Labour", they knew faith that the Labour Party will defend Capitalism, as such it will be defended by that the Party would never attack private the workers against capitalism, we have the Labour M.P.s., who may one day be but to point to the Labour Government's rewarded by a "ribbon to pin in the coat."

the slightest doubt that the Grimethorpe men had been provoked and aggravated. The increased stint meant an extra 35 cwt. Labour chipped in with threats of fines and of coel per man ghirh preson ford gaoi to those strikers who worked in the rations would not allow them to hew and harvest fields. fill. Further, declared the workers, machinery of the pit could not clear the of their Union leaders were the worst. job. extra coal. Even with the old stint, break- There was only one thing more bitter and downs were frequent and men were often vindictive than Lawther's speech and that but not for State Capitalism. For Socialunable to clear the coal they had hewn was the attack on the strikers made by the isation ! For Common Ownership of the because of mechanical failures. Communist leader Arthur Horner.

Press portrayed the miners as aggressors, instead of victims and the Ministry of

10 cwts. ...  $\therefore = \pm 248$ . 1, 3. It ten into consideration: The miner's minimum wage is £1 per day.

allowing the Labour Party to win the General Election so that the Labourites

# THE I.R.A. Manon HOTEL STRIKES HungerStrike For A Direct Agreement with All Workers

A strike ballot has been taken at the week-end of October 26, in the Savoy Group. We are associated in the desire to strike and wrest demands from the par-

fellowing facts which make it impossible

The Union may not give strike pay.

The demands should include that the workers in each hotel engage and dismiss their own men, through their Engagement Committee.

Respect for the workers' demands should be insisted upon. the employers should understand that they lose their hotel, and the own behalf.

David Fleming, I.R.A. man who last year was on hunger-strike in a Belfast gaol for more than SO days, has again been hunger-striking, having been imprisoned by the N. Ireland Government. Some weeks ago Fleming wrote from Killarney in Eire to the six-county Minister of Home Affairs, informing him that he intended to challenge the N. Ireland Government's right to deport him by travelling to Belfast. At the same time he wrote to the King, stating that one of the King's unwilling subjects was dissatisfied with the law If the established by the King's minions in the six-county workers' demands are violated, then area. He pointed out that Ireland had always fought against English exploitation, and that in

every generation Irishmen had asserted with arms their determination to free Ireland from English workers will take it over on their rule; that Irishmen had been brutally treated by the forces of occupation-the men imprisoned, tortured and hanged, the women robbed and raped. We of the C.A.M. therefore send our He asserted his determination to travel to Belfast fraternal greetings to those catering and, if necessary, to die fighting. On arrival at Belfast by plane Fleming was as with the miners at Grimethorpe, workers who are now on the verge of using arrested by the Royal Ulster Constabulary. In their only weapon; all members of the court Fleming protested against the whole set-up C.A.M. pledge their support. We have a and announced his determination to hunger-strike. He was remanded in custody and refused to take few members in the Savoy Group, and they food. He has been removed to hospital in a weak state, where he was examined by two independent specialists and then released on health and mental

Such facts should convince workers that Nationalisation, even under a Socialist Government, is but State Capitalism and Of all the attacks upon the miners, those the worker has under it no control of his

Down with private ownership, certainly,

Mines, with Workers' Control. Down with The management, the men claimed, was Faced by this alliance of all the trade union bureaucrats ! For a inefficient. One official, they said, who bureaucrats, state, union and political, the Miners' Syndicate !

#### PEACE IN DALSTON NO Labour Government

The Sunday peace of Dalston (East | began holding meetings in the East End. London) has been broken for many week- The League is a fictitious name to cover ends. At Ridley Road, and some other the Fascist remnants of Mosley's B.U.F. street corners, three crowds have collected, You don't have to be an ex-serviceman to Communists, Fascists and, by far the join it, but if you're a Jewish ex-soldier you larger, amused onlookers of a weekly can't join-not that you'd want to. political row. The National Press, with For a year, at least, the League made American Governments intend dismantling its keen nose for a dog fight, has given the no progress, no one took any notice of it. weekly show free advertisement and Then the League remembered the swelled the Fascist meeting by several "Goebbels' technic." The Nazi Party in thousand of its readers. The "Daily Germany made little progress, its meetings Worker" too, has done its wee best to make were ignored, until Goebbels hit on the grabbing basis of the war now reveals itself the Fascist meeting a success by free idea of deliberately provoking opposition advertisement. and interruption at his party's meetings.

Reading press reports one might think The Jews were insulted, and the Jews came Allied industrialists sitting on the Conthat a pitched battle was fought every and shouted back. In the Socialist dis- trol Commission have effectively urged this week-end, with the police acting as a sort tricts, Socialists were libelled, and Socialof U.N.O., keeping the ring and carrying ists answered back. In Communist dis- German industry a menace to their own out the bodies. The truth is, one could tricts Communism was denounced in the see more scrapping at one "Housewives' most insulting words available, and the League" meeting than in a month of Communists, by the thousand, swarmed to the spoils of victory. the Nazi meetings. With the opponents

Dalston Sundays. I attended the beano a couple of weeks ago came tens of thousands of spectators, a dog and found myself in the midst of a crowd fight will always draw a bigger crowd than who, not having the inclination for picture will a political philosopher.

Loots Germany

Little opposition comes from M.P.s over the announcement that the British and some 682 German Industrial Plants, 302 of which were Hitler war factories.

Belatedly, the Imperialist marketmore clearly.

manoeuvre. These vultures, who see in schemes of world trade monopoly, demand

With the line-ups of power for World War III, less apparent reasons for this loot may manifest themselves.

The Union wish to confine the strike to the Savoy Group workers, when, the workers' strength lies in sympathetic Action from outside.

. Scabs are allowed to carry on the will do what they can; we shall be glad to hotels-the chefs of the Savoy have confer with the Strike Committees. What already boasted they are fully pre- we say here are suggestions for action, not grounds. An ambulance conveyed him to the Eire pared for a strike, and are well the dictated policy of palliation. We want border. organised to break it. Maintenance to see the complete crippling of the Savoy men in hotels should be organised Group Company, until the demands which alongside other hotel workers, not in have been decided on by the rank and file are completely and unreservedly granted. other unions. We must also take steps to ensure that such

. Delegates with orders, should be demands are respected and kept. We must at 7 p.m. at : elected by the workers, to present not let this matter pass. Frank Piazza demands direct to the management, yesterday may be any one of us tomorrow. and refer results back to the men. Such delegates should be recalled if

Fight with their own weapons those who would sabotage our lives and homes, our All Comrades Welcome they do not carry out their task, and other delegates should be appointed. ideas and ideals, our place in the world as

men and women of the 20th century, 5. Arthur Lewis, Cochrane, Ravera and whether such people are the Union, State, Watering should be removed from employers, politicians or are found among office for the betrayal of the March our own catering fellow-workers. Be carestrike. Had this strike been success- ful; be prepared; be wary of leaders; Be SUN., NOV. 16th.-Hall Closed-No Meeting. ful, and direct negotiation backed up Organised:

J.M.H. (Tyrone)

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FOR THE TAKING OVER OF THE SUN., DEC. 7th .- Delegate Speaker from the N.E. London Anarchist Group. INDUSTRY BY THE WORKERS. (Subject to be announced).

with sewer workers, street sweepers This is the only real solution and the and lamplighters, nor should any only worth-while goal of organising at all. SUN., DEC. 13th.-Fred Read.

GOD AND THE STATE. Questions. Discussion.

with the solid strike of all London's catering workers been proceeded with, instead of the attempt to

going and finding the beer too weak, When the modern Fascists of London apparently turned up every week-end for a adopted Goebbels method they began their by hostile war camps, and a likely target free entertainment. It was very much meetings in East London and, true to form, like the story of the man who went up to the Communist Party kindly volunteered a London copper and asked, "Is this Oxford to get them the crowd. Exactly the same its industrial significance. With cynical Circus?" On being told "Yes," he en- thing occurred during the days of Mosley's opportunism, it is being cleared to make a quired, "Well, what time does it begin?" British Union of Fascists. It was Com- battlefield.

A crowd of several thousand gathered, munist organised heckling and sham fightawaiting the Fascist speakers, about 150 to ing which built up Mosley's Blackshirt 200 policemen, including a mobile unit and outfit and it was this sham "anti-Fascism" conqueror's safeguard against the day of "Rally of the French People", France is a cavalry section attended. The meeting which built up the British Communist rising of workers' solidarity. Under began, the Communists shouted "Fascist" Party, by shameless exploitation of a economic impoverishment, it is thought and other insults and the Fascists shouted justifiable racial fear, by the creation of that the will to resist oppression may be back anti-semitic jeers; the Communists a threat and the promise to defend against defeated, and militarisation of the right-wing dictatorship of De Gaulle or the made a very feeble attempt to rush the it in return for "bumper collections." population can be rapidly effected. meeting, each keeping as far as possible The B.U.F. and the C.P. developed As the loot of Germany increases, so the beside or behind a policeman, the police together. They are as necessary to one closed the meeting and the insults and another as Punch is to Judy. workers. retorts, all verbal, continued in smaller | If there was no Fascist menace the C.P. would have to create one.

It reminded me of a small row I once Not that the C.P. means any serious class forgotten to smugly instal themselves witnessed near Commercial Road. Two anti-Fascism. The official C.P. policy is inside the Government framework. antagonists challenged one another, care- to shout at Fascist meetings, members are fuly undressed, uttered blood curdling instructed not to fight. Further, the C.P. threats, began dangerous looking spars, policy is to ask the police to fight Fascism. depraved genius inside the Yankee and Red circled each other and continued the The whole business is a political racket war laboratories.

threats. After about twenty-five minutes fought out by rival gangsters who use their of this without a blow being struck, a big mouths as weapons. The danger of Fascism in Britain is real, bystander shouted to one of the gladiators, 'Don't hit him Bill. Spit on his bleeding but it is unlikely to come by the will of workers. In envisaging the workers' dis- him, like Franco, as a useful tool in the boots !"



groups.

The weekly event began when the British Spanish brothers in fighting Fascism, by their emancipation. League of Ex-Servicemen and Women' deed and by social principle.

Confronted with a division of occupation of short-distance bombers, Germany loses

Hitler technicians can now pursue their

The rape of Germany will be dispelled

only by the direct action of the German-

now facing a bitter strugle for power

between two rival totalitarianisms-the

necessary.

hardships will, as ever, fall upon the depends on a number of factors-among them the instructions which Duclos, Thorez

and company receive from Moscow. Nor have the parasitic German middle-

member, organiser or official not be a catering worker.

"divide the employers" in disfavour

of the Savoy employers, the present

call to strike would not have been

6. The Union should have no connection

-From the Catering Action Movement Bulletin.

## Fascism France ?? Im

As a result of the French municipal | today, one sees mirrored the Russo- |. "The Third Camp will be revolutionary, Division and depression is the Imperial elections with the success of De Gaulle's American struggle.

> red fascism of the "Communist" Party. a result of the active anti-electoral propa- but of the social system." To what extent this struggle will develop ganda of the French Anarchist Federation are joining the third camp which is pro-

De Gaulle's demand for the dissolution vided by these two organisations. Unof the present government is clearly a bid fortunately the combined strength of the Anarchist Federation, the F.A.I. and the M.L.E., for power. He is supported by big F.A.F. and the C.N.T. is not sufficient to capitalist interests, the landowners and the have any decisive role in events as yet. Catholic Church, and he is also getting and the danger of a civil war in France

considerable aid from abroad-notably between the two rival totalitarian parties from the American Government, which sees cannot be ruled out of the question,

Whatever the result of this struggle, the communists or the Russian political police, have these street rowdies. It will come from illusionment, we look forward to the world struggle for power against Russia. French workers and their families, who been liquidated.

lack the most elementary necessities of The E.A.M. is entirely controlled by the C.P., much higher-up. We are anti-Fascist and vindication of the principles of revolution-The situation in France is a reflection of food and clothing, will not benefit. Calling and we therefore warn all revolutionary militants when the day comes we will prove our- ary syndicalism to which our German the international scene. If one looks on the workers to resist both forces, of the danger of the recruiting centres of Marseilles, selves as skilful and valiant as our comrades must inevitably turn to effect beneath the surface of the internal politics "Libertaire," the F.A.F. paper for October Lyons, Mentone and Perpignan. These are all of practically any country in the world 23rd, writes: F.R. controlled by Stalinists.

anti-parliamentary, anti-political, libertarian and internationalist. It will not be The disillusionment of French workers of the centre with the soiled orphans of in the political set-up was shown by the social-democracy, but face on with all large number of abstentions in the muni- those of the new generation who want a cipal election. This is undoubtedly largely change not merely of masters or manners, and the National Confederation of Labour (C.N.T.). Increasing numbers of workers

Warning

We have received information from the French that clearly shows the danger of the International Brigade in Greece to Libertarian comrades and other anti-fascist elements.

Many who have volunteered to fight against reaction and the monarchist government of Athens; and without thereby accepting the orders of the

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and all that he stands for is when the Nazis burnt their literature. desperate.

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Donations, earmarked ",Spanish

## P.o.W. Pamphlet BOOKS "At Grips With War" Prosecution

## "Illegal" says Magistrate.

giving a German prisoner of war a leaflet entitled 'Solidaritat', declaring the Revolutionary Communist Party's sympathy with the millions of German people who suffer under the yoke of occupation. The prosecutor, M. P. Pugh, said that it was illegal to convey printed mater, except by post, to P.o.W.s.

Please support our Press which all vestiges of civilisation will of those who aid the State machine of disappear. Fund. We are in debt.

List in next issue.

"War is a product of commerce, like prostitu-Proudhon, repeating the definition of a French Futility" Comrade Aldred writes : Revolutionist, Brissot, who recanted, declared property to be robbery. We do not quarrel with the definition, but we would substitute another of death with the passive scholarship of vain

Property is poverty unto death. Property is war, which is murder."

Our German guests in this country, This quotation, clear in its truth, is from of capitalism resting between the labours of its where we are attempting to teach them one of the finest anti-militarist books yet mighty wars. It is a flight of fancy graciously The position of those who continue " democracy ", must by now have cast their written-Guy Aldred's "At Grips With permitted to the pulpit by the minister of war on the bloody struggle against Franco minds back to those not-so-far-off days War." By republishing it now, Strickland Press have done a great service to antimilitarism, particularly in view of the

imminent danger of a third world war in

Third Edition. Strickland Press. 1/6. as a convinced Anti-Parliamentarian, knew ary socialists and trade-union leaders who when he wrote it in 1929, that for war to sell their convictions for a mess of pottage, disappear, class society must also go. In a and of the stupidity of trades-unionism duction and will continue that struggle until the Ainsworth, of the R.C.P., was fined £5 for trinity in unity, and the unity is poverty. brilliant chapter devoted to "Pacifist which by treating with capitalism openly

> It is impossible, within this short notice, "Pacifists are the theorists of futility, the saints of hell. They would exorcise the grim logic to give an adequate recommendation of this and wealth, of love and genius, of life and morale. economically entrenched in society and attack it every worker. Those who have heard Guy forces of reformism or reaction. Organisation with the bold vigour of empty words. Their peace Aldred speak will not need urging to buy for the social revolution." At Grips With War." The conclusions is a melody of pleasing phrases that soothes the leisure of politicians and eases the conscience of which Comrade Aldred reaches are those diplomats. It is the demonstrative half-holiday advocated by the A.F.B.-

"Behind war-what? Capitalism. "No more war-how? Abolish capital-

"That means NO Labour administration of capitalism, no militarism, no parliamentarism. It means, as Proudhon said, the liquidation of political society in industrial or useful society." K.H.

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the understanding that in all practical emergencies the Lord of Hosts is a mighty God of Battle and ism. the pulpit a recruiting rostrum."

The author is not sparing in his criticism capitalism in its bloody work. He writes of the deliberately militarising effect of the "At Grips With War" is not a super- Boy Scouts movement on the minds of

Fund", should be sent to, c/o 59, Malham Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E.23.

# ANARCHIST INTERNATIONA

be held shortly at Berne or Neuchatel for the formation of the Swiss Anarchist Federation.

Agreement has also been received from the Netherlands Confederation of Free Socialists. The secretary of the Confederation writes :

proposals with enthusiasm . . . your argument of the necessity to consolidate our powers in Europe Federation.

From Peru we learn that the Anarchist Federa- and less cleanliness. tion of Peru was constituted by a plenum held on July 29/30. The Peruvian comrades ask for houses are not allowed to be dirty? No, the closest collaboration of the A.F.B. in working for the success of revolutionary anarchism.

federations of the M.L.E.-C.N.T. in France is being held at Toulouse. Travel restrictions predelegations was sent.

The London Doss-Houses "Direct Active Hill, S.E.23.

We do not hear very much about the ing of the lodgers' food, preferring to do them. Most of the first week would be We do not hear very much about the ing of the lodgers' food, preferring to do them. Most of the first week would be all their own catering and demanding the taken up with questioning and medical taken up with question but then this is another subject. newspapers. It is time that the subject surrender of all Ration Books, and making inspection, but then this is another subject. the payment of board a condition of accom- To anyone who doubts what I have to say was brought into prominence. Our Swiss comrades of Geneva, who publish The lodging-house population has by no modation, which has never been done in means decreased since the days of unem- lodging-houses before.\* Further than to spend a night at Bruce House or Parker "Le Reveil", have agreed to the A.F.B.'s proposals ployment and the Means Test, indeed, it this, Lyons-trained managers have been House, where you will have difficulty in for the formation of an European Anarchist has probably increased, owing to the given jobs in these houses, and have com- getting a wash, and you will not get a Federation, and inform us that a Conference will shortage of housing accommodation. And menced throwing their weight about, bath. If you find that you are scratching Secretariat of the I.W.M.A. in Stockholm and the returned to their villages they were faced by a shortage of housing accommodation. And menced throwing their weight about, bath. If you find that you are scratching shortage of housing accommodation by the big landowners. it is a very flourishing business, too, since issuing regulations deliberately designed to your self in the middle of the night, there in most cases the only service given to the regiment the private lives of the paying won't be much you can do about it.

lodger is the provision of a bed, involving customers. It is a good sign to see that perhaps the expense of one clean sheet a the men who are victims of this manoeuvre, houses, these are generally the best of a Spain and Portugal where the butchers Salazar and chains to La Paz."

week, which is very often done on the many of them getting on in years and bad bunch. Usually smaller, they are in- Franco continue their bloody work, and South "It is a matter of course that we support your premises. For this, one is charged from naving little alternative to staying at variably a little cleaner though sometimes America.

1/3 to 1/9 a night. At first glance this Rowton Houses, have formed their com- slightly dearer. The regulations in some of is one that urgently needs our attention-this seems quite inexpensive, until you realise mittees to fight the owners and to demand them are pretty awful, such as Shuttleconsolidation will come from a west European that not only is there less comfort than the restoration of those elementary con- worths' Hotel in Hackney. Here they go the Local Workers Federation (F.O.L.) resumed rade Marcelino Huispe have been beaten to death. you have in jail, but as few conveniences ditions which have always been recognised round waking everybody in the house up,

and given to those who have no domestic very early in the morning. The private But surely, you might say, the lodging- or financial security.

lodging-houses are nearly all very old

but they are. It works this way; if a man well-off Salvation Army hostels are the possible to keep down bugs and similar public demonstration was held in the capital of the Such are the difficulties which our movement has fleas in his bed, and he reports it to very worst. In the days of job scarcity, things. The floor-boards are bare and At the time of writing a Congress of the local the keeper, he will be furnished with a they cashed in well on the misery of the rotten. The beds, as everywhere, are old ticket for the council cleansing station, underdog, alongside their fellow Christians iron structures with hard mattresses, the vented an A.F.B. delegate being present at the where he can obtain a sulphur bath and the Church Army (of whom it must be blankets and, bedcovers are always dis-Congress, but a telegram of greeting to the have his clothes steamed. But if he does said that they are a little cleaner), by their posed-of ship's bedding. It is a pitiful

secretary of International Relations, A.F.B. not report it, why should the owners worry, they are still getting his money? Now as to bugs, which are invariably the dosser's to bugs, which are invariably the dosser's to bugs are invariable to bugs are

fellow-inhabitants—and which do not hostel racket brought up to a fine ? | bring up the "drone" prattle, let me say

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# BOLIVIAN ANARCHISTS

creasingly savage attacks on the anarchist move-Now, as to the privately-owned lodging- where a number of comrades are facing execution, to the agricultural workers, "will be sent in

News reaching the A.F.B. from the General When the agricultural workers' delegates Subsecretariat for Western Europe is of in- campaign of victimisation by the big landowners who were aided by the "democratic government." "The first among you to speak of syndicates," ment in a number of countries, including Bulgaria- declared the Bolivian Minister of Public Instruction

> Attacks on members of the F.A.D. and their families were organised by the Army and the Church. In one village 31 young women were

After the fall of the Villaroel dictatorship in raped by 30 soldiers and a priest. Indian workers Bolivia the I.W.M.A. section in that country- have been tortured. The family of seven of Comits normal activity. The F.O.L. took the initiative A meeting of the F.A.D. committee, held on May of organising the agricultural workers into a 23rd was attacked by the police with tear gas Departmental Agrarian Federation, F.A.D., which bombs and revolvers. The comrades present were soon won a large number of these workers to the arrested as common criminals and thrown into Of the religious groupings, the financially buildings, consequently it is almost im- struggle for revolutionary syndicalism. A big gaol.

country, La Paz, on May 1st, jointly organised by has to face in the 'democracies' of South the F.O.L. and the F.A.D. America.



As under the dictatorship of Hitler and of the masses our struggle must be antiauthoritarizy, and the development of a new

#### always exist among people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is that the men gave the cream of their the Nazi Party, so today under the occu- bu aucraey last be resisted in the new party of the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is that the new party is that the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is that the new party is that the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is that the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is that the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is the resister of the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is the resister of the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is the resister of the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is the resister of the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is the resister of the new people with dirty resister of the new people with dirty Rooms with as many as 70 beds is the resister of the new people with dirty resister o OBITUARY bodies-the procedure for keeping them known, 50 and 40 are quite comment manhood to society in their youthful days patient of the "Allied" armies, down has an explanation behind its sloth- Laundry done in the building, lights out to build up and sustain the palaces of the revolutionary activity is forbidden fulness. The keepers are very lax to dis- early, underpaid staff-quite a Christian possessing class, and this is what they are Germany. Owing to the illegal conditions infect the air and walls, because they have charitable organisation. On top of this, left with. This is socialism in the 20th of work of our German comrades, our conto buy the germicide from its exclusive the Salvationists get rent free from the century. 3,000 destitutes sleep nightly at tact with them from Hitler's seizure of we only need to quote one specific case, to show TOM REILLY, SEPT. 9th, 1947 suppliers-the Town Council. They are government for the financial support they Peckham Workhouse. Even the dee power right up to the present, has been its absurdity. Let us suppose that a man has a allowed to use DDT, they must obtain gave to the country in the first World War! shelters at Clapham are full up. [Through the non-appearance of our paper, DDT PLUS, and this can only be got from Let us glance at the L.C.C. houses. The Night Shelters (sleep on the floor) is still alive. We have recently received we make this late tribute.] the Council-at their price. It is not Here is a Council which has been Labour are coming back again. The roaming copies of underground Anarchist papers act of healing an act of brutality ! Just as the before some strong representations have for many years, and yet their lodging- army of workless is preparing to march which are being circulated by our com- operation heals a wounded body, so the revolution Our fiery agitator Comrade Tom Reilly, fell ill been made to the Sanitary Inspector, that houses are the worst in London. In the once more for capitalism cannot live rades. From one of them, "Voran!" will sweep away, by the use of force, all authority. on the night of September 9th, soon after he had defended the right of a London Forum speaker the owners get the disinfecting done. days of the wandering army of workless, without this blackmail of the worker. ("Advance"), we reprint the following to be heard on their platform. Let us examine the main owners and the L.C.C. conceived the Welfare Office Men who were willing to share their article: types of lodging-houses which large numidea-anyone found on the embankmant by strength and comradeship of labour in Our comrade died of cerebral haemhorrage and his body was found late at night close to the spot bers of unfortunate people have to use as the police, were sent along to the night LEADERS AND LED harmony and decency, with the rest of us, in Hyde Park where his anti-authoritarian outtheir domicile. welfare office in Northumberland Avenue. are to be left to rot away in poverty. Is bursts were so often heard. From here, old men were sent to hostels the Samson of Capital to bring the pillars the order-tomorrow, if you climb the ladder, you AUTHORITY, AND NO MORE SUBSERVI-We need not deal with those capitalist Reilly will be remembered as one of the few Christians, the Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A., who run where they could work for their keep, of society prostrate with its failing may be giving it. The giving or taking of orderswho defied the power of priestcraft in Phoenix what are really catering establishments young ones were sent to other hostels fortunes?? Are we to fall because our symbolic of militarism and authority-ruins the Park, Dublin, and who, alone and undaunted, mainly under the War Office. human personality. It doesn't matter whether the where they could work, and they were enwould attend meetings in this country and demand masters cannot rise? authority concerned is the Nazi Party, the Com-The Rowton Houses need to be menthe tearing down of that "symbol of exploitation," couraged to join one of the services. This Next time we march, comrades, let us munists, the American Army, the German Army, the Union Jack. tioned, sometimes the envy of homeless was provided Scotland Yard didn't want the Second International or the Pope of Romemarch in a unison of revolutionary He was the incorrigible enemy of every stick workers, these places are now owned and the effect is the same. understanding. and stone of a parasitic and decadent society. controlled by the Lyons combine, who have \* Since writing, this condition has been waived His life was constantly fraught with danger. He now prohibited the bringing-in and cook- after protest. RAYMOND UPTON was hated by the charlatans who would preserve working-class misery. He had a rare courage. We believe he expended his energies beyond his **Red and Black Notebook-by Syndicalist** physical capacity; but while fate exacted its full State exists there classes exist also-wherever freedom and no more authority. toll in the prime of his life, we can but retain his classes exist, there also is the State; the one is And should the ponces of Moscow state-capitalism, inspiration and bid "Hail and Farewell" to a dependent on the other. warrior of the future. Everywhere I am meeting industrial them. They alleged that dealers were Communist sabotage of the squatter move-R.U. Capitalism is based on the principle of authority workers who have been sacked or who tell creating an artificial scarcity in order to ment. The struggle against capitalism means nothing if LITERATURE\_ me of their mates being dismissed-twenty keep up prices for themselves. it is not, at the same time, privilege for those who of the French writer Valois : Whenever a spontaneous movement wield it-in time this must lead to the developthe workers is successful the Communists ment of new capitalist forms. here, thirty there. Some Labour By GUY A. ALDRED Market gardeners realised that to appeal Exchanges are unable to cope with the step in, try to capture it for their party AT GRIPS WITH WAR 1/6 (post 2d.) to the Government was useless. To ask The slogan of proletarian dictatorship must be gradually increasing flood of applicants and wreck it. It was so with the treated with distrust; if we desire the emancipation and tell them to "find work for themselves." the assistance of the Ministry of Food PIONEERS OF bureaucracy meant delay for at least six squatters' movement, it was the case with ANTI-PARLIAMENTARISM

all Is it possible to reach a free society under in present conditions? Certainly not without fighting. Here we meet the objections of those who argue that the social revolution itself is an act of authority. To meet this peculiar form of dialectic very limited. But Anarchism in Germany bullet in his arm, and that to remove it a surgical operation is needed; according to this form of dialectic argument we should have to call this What is authority? It is a body placed above you, over which you have no control, and which dominates your will and activities. The real revolution comes from the bottom upwards, and smashes all authoritarian institutions.

The Russian Revolution was crushed by authority. The German workers' movement was ENCE TO LEADERS ! The Labour leader of today is the capitalist of tomorrow-this doesn't apply only to the director of a nationalised concern, but also to the foremen. These men try to argue you out of a belief in freedom, and sneer at all human values as "bourgeois concepts,"

Today, in all countries, we have reached a point The slavery of the working-class is only made in history where authority is revealed nakedly. Life possible by destroying their will to resist. With is militarised, thought is regimented, feeling is the disappearance of authority, slavery will also mechanised. Many of our generation were phyvanish, for it is only possible to enslave the sically destroyed by the war, but many more have workers by repressing them. Wherever there is been demoralised. The question of the day is oppression, slavery will be found, wherever the either authority and no more life, or life and

a Nazi corporal or a socialist Father Christmas tell us that the opponents of authority and leaderdiscipline are yellow, we will reply with the words

"The socialists are servants by nature, who want to be bosses, but the Anarchists are free men who wish neither to be ruled nor to be rulers."

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