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Dear Comrade Lazenby,

Many thanks for your letter, and for the 5/- p.o. enclosed, which we allocated 2/6 to the Press Fund, 2/6 for organisational expenses. There is not very much news at the moment. The new issue of the paper is held up by lack of money; we still owe the printer over 2/0. However, we are hoping that in the very near future we shall have a great deal more literature than previously, as our comrades of the Spanish Libertarian Movement have recently purchased a hand printing press with type, of which we have the use. We shall shortly have a new edition of the "British General Strike" and "Aims and Principles of the AFB." We hope to publish a special pamphlet for the anniversary of the Spanish Revolution.

We are also hoping to raise the money to open a small cafe in London, which could serve as a rendezvous and social centre for the movement. Plans are in the very early stages at the moment, but we hope it will be possible to develop the scheme on the lines of a Co-operative, members holding 10 shares - which do not pay a dividend, but can be withdrawn at any time. We think the idea would also help to raise money, both for the Spanish movement and ourselves. We are greatly hampered at present by the lack of a permanent local.

The Catering Action Movement is making good progress. It counts, already, on more than 40 members in London, although no drive for membership on a big scale has yet been undertaken, and publishes a fortnightly duplicated bulletin. If you are in touch with any catering workers in Huddersfield please let us know, so that we can tell the Secretary of the CAM to send bulletins. It would be a great help if the CAM could be extended outside London. Its development will greatly aid the AFB, and its extension, or rather the application of its methods to other industries, can provide the basis for an anarcho-syndicalist movement in Britain.

In spite of a big campaign of international protest, two of our Spanish comrades, Amador Franco and Antonio Lopez, members of the Libertarian Youth, were executed by Franco recently. The volunteer firing squad, who carried out the executions, were wiped out by the resistance movement within a week.

Please write soon and give us your news. Do you think there is any possibility yet of forming a group of the AFB in Huddersfield. Don't forget it only needs three members to start a group. Would it not be possible for you to find two active sympathisers who would be prepared to get things started? The comrades at Manchester are hoping to get their own premises shortly.

Comrades join in sending their greetings.

Yours fraternally,

secr. London Group.