

# CBA Internal Bulletin

## CONCERT FOR 'THE FORGOTTEN VETERANS'

There are many veterans of the Spanish Civil War still living in exile and still living in pain from wounds received during that anti-Franco struggle.

These forgotten veterans receive no financial support or pensions from either the Spanish or 'democratic' governments, though in many cases they are mutilated or crippled. And things get harder as they get older...

A concert is being organised by the Organisation of Spanish Civil War Wounded and the Spanish Ex-Combatants Association.

It is being supported by the Anarchist Black Cross and comrades of the CBA. Artists who have promised to appear include:

- JOHN WILLIAMS, internationally famous classical guitarist;
- CARLOS BONELL, Spanish guitarist and rising star of tomorrow;
- VIRAM JASANI, Indian Sitar player, with a Tabla player;
- 'COKAYGNE', Birmingham-based traditional folk group.

Place: CONWAY HALL, Red Lion Square, London WC1 (Holborn underground).



Date: SATURDAY 3 APRIL.

Time: 7.30pm Buffet and book stall open 7pm.



Admission: £1. All proceeds to the Spanish Civil War wounded.

Posters, tickets and leaflets will be available soon, either from Black Cross (address inside) or CBA Secretary.

### CBA initiative on Spanish/Portuguese speakers' tour in Britain

The first important initiative testing the strength of the newly formed CBA is a proposed speaking tour by comrades from Spain and Portugal. The idea is to invite comrades from these countries to hold a series of meeting through Britain from 1 to 8 May, starting with a May Day meeting and finishing with a week-end teach-in, probably in London.

First reactions are good, with initial agreements from Keele, Leicester, Sheffield, Durham and Manchester, but a great deal of support is necessary if this is to be a success. Money is needed for fares and expenses, accommodation for the travelling comrades, action to ensure good audiences at the meetings.

Will all those able and willing to help please write in--and other groups who could organise meetings, also?

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REPORT ON THE SECOND WARWICK CONFERENCE,  
Warwick University, 13/14/15 February 1976.

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The Agenda followed the course as printed in the last Bulletin.

Chairpersons who were persuaded to take on the onerous task of chairing the conference were, over three sessions, Ticker of Sheffield, Sally of London and Martin of Durham. Philip Sansom of London agreed to take notes and is responsible for these minutes.

Bulletin Group report

The last Bulletin had been produced by the Central London Group and had concentrated on material preparatory to this conference--ie, the groups' statements and the agenda. No discussion had taken place at the November conference on the nature of the Bulletin and it was suggested that this should be discussed under AOB at the end of this day's proceedings.

No objections were raised to the minutes of the Nov conference as printed in the Bulletin, and conference was reminded that, as the organisational situation had been unresolved last time, no decision had been taken on appointing a secretary for the new federation. An 'International Secretariat', though, had been appointed--the Anarchist Circle (Freedom) had agreed to take on that work. In view of the fluid situation, however, there had been no follow-up action. It was suggested therefore, that the international secretary should write to existing known organisations abroad and make contact and it was decided that this should be done if a federation was organised this time.

Group Reports

- Leeds: This is a new, embryonic group, just starting. (See report on Leeds/Bradford meeting on another page).
- Bradford: Two groups exist in Bradford, one in the university and a smaller one just getting going in the town. The first is organising lectures and film shows.
- London: Since the November conference, progress has been made in creating a London Federation (FLAG), bringing together some half-dozen groups and establishing contacts with other existing organisations. The first of what was to be a series of regular Sunday evening meetings had already taken place with good attendance and interest.
- Warwick: Nothing new to add to last time's report. The group had, of course, been occupied with the organisation of the present conference.
- LSE: Had begun to organise meetings and were active within the Campaign Against the Criminal Trespass Law.
- Leicester: The situation was as had been explained in the last Bulletin. Relations with other groups were maintained on a friendly basis and the group produced Z Revue.
- Oxford: This was a mixed group and worked with a 'Solidarity' group which was strictly speaking outside the anarchist group and there were three members of AWA within the group. Main activity at present, working within the CACTL.
- Durham: This is a 'libertarian' group, which has the opportunity of getting its own printing press with the aim of producing its own paper. (My notes say 'without editors'--PS)
- Chelmsford: Another embryonic group, trying to get established.

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CONTACT FOR CONWAY HALL CONCERT: Centro Iberico, 83a Haverstock Hill, London NW3. Tickets will shortly be available from CBA Secretary, 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1.

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Anarchist Circle (Freedom): The 'Anarchist Circle' is not the same as the Freedom group, although there is overlapping membership and its main work lies in producing, writing, distributing and aiming to improve the paper--and in breaking barriers. A pamphlet on fascism is in course of production and the group is part of the London federation.

Harrow: This group has been disbanded, owing to people leaving, emigrating, etc. The statement printed in the last Bulletin was in fact produced by an individual.

Sheffield: The 'Sheffield Anarchist' sells about 700 copies and tries to reach people 'other people wouldn't touch' (the lumpen-proletariat?) with our propaganda. Cartoons (sexy?) are wanted for the paper. There is no kidding about 'having the masses behind us', but radical and ecology bases are being established in Sheffield and an expansion drive is being launched to bring in new members.

East London: This is a new group, holding meetings every 2/3 weeks, reaching about 80 people, mostly from other, existing groups. It is felt that this group is too large and will break into smaller units. So far it has been only a discussion group, but it is hoped to start public meetings, develop printing facilities and get involved in local issues.

Keele: A university group, at present involved in organising conference for 12/13/14 March on the ecological and practical economic perspectives for the anarchist society. (See report on another page).

A letter from Blackburn was read, giving information about a small North-western federation, mainly of building workers. It was of some interest since the members clearly had anarchist ideas on the politico-economic level, but managed to accommodate them alongside a mystic 'fringe' religion, belief in God, reincarnation and initiation rites for membership. (You think you've got problems--PS). It was thought a certain well-known comrade should be asked to contact these friends in Blackburn on our behalf.

### Discussion of Group Statements

It was pointed out from London that, although the November conference had agreed on the desirability of a federation statement and it had there been agreed that groups went away and drafted their statements for future discussion, in the event only three groups had taken the trouble to do this, and those all from the London area: Harrow, Anarchist Circle and Central London.

In view of this it was proposed from London that there should not in fact be a 'central' statement at all, but that every group should produce its own statement, which would be circulated among groups and printed in the Bulletin. This would avoid the heavy matter of arriving at a statement which satisfied everybody and the business of new groups having to agree to a statement already laid down by others, with which they may or may not agree in toto.

If groups produced their own statements, on the other hand, everybody else would know exactly where they stood, what their particular tendencies or spheres of interest were. Membership of the federation would be based on acceptance of the 'applicants' views rather than their having to accept a general central statement.

After some discussion, however, it was felt that, having got so far, a statement should be agreed--but should it be a federation statement (ie, for the whole federation) or a conference statement?

Eventually it was decided to produce a conference statement, which would be regarded as a basis for membership of the federation,

but it should be regarded as a provisional minimal statement and subject to further discussion or amendment at future conferences.

Ticker, for Sheffield, said that his group had accepted the 'Harrow' statement and moved that it be accepted by conference as it stood.

Other comrades, however, thought that while the Harrow statement could be taken as a basis, it needed some amendment. After about two hours discussion, the statement was agreed upon which has in fact already been circulated as we write and appears again on another page. It was arrived at by altering part of the Harrow statement and substituting part of the Central London statement on organisation.

The Oxford group pushed hard for the inclusion for a firmer line on the class struggle and also thought that sexism should be given more prominence as a cause of oppression. Eventually, however, it was agreed that conference should not accept special emphasis on any one aspect of authoritarian society (is sexism, or racism, or class division the worst as a cause of social misery and oppression?) but that every encouragement should be given to groups or individuals to produce pamphlets enlarging upon those subjects of special interest to them, which would, if agreed, be published and distributed by the federation.

### The Name of the Organisation

Surprisingly enough, discussion of the name of the federation was brief. Ticker suggested we should use the term 'CONFederation' since he saw the organisation as an umbrella organisation which would bring together for common action groupings which at the moment have little or no contact. This was agreed, and after only brief misgivings about sounding nationalistic and purely to define the geographical boundaries of our operations, it was decided to call ourselves the CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH ANARCHISTS.

### Membership

Acceptance of the provisional minimal statement should be regarded as the basis for membership of the CBA--but groups should still be asked to draw up a statement of their own when joining. This was held to be good experience for them in clarifying their own ideas as well as letting others know where they stand.

Individuals may join, but the assumption must be that they desire to form a group as soon as possible. (How many individuals make a group was not discussed!)

The question of affiliation by other groups or federations of groups was raised and the general feeling was that approaches were welcomed, though each case will be considered on its merits. No discussion developed as to definitions for anarchist, libertarian or 'sympathetic' organisations.

### Officers

Since the International Secretariat was already taken on by the Anarchist Circle (Freedom) group, it was agreed that, for the next year at least, the same group would be appointed national secretary too. It was up to the group to divide the work as they saw fit. Philip Sansom, already holding such funds as had flowed in since November, agreed to continue as treasurer.

Anarchist Circle would produce the next Bulletin (that's this one) with help from Central London.

### Money

It was suggested that some means be found to help comrades who have to come long distances to conferences with their fares. First sugg-

estion was registration fee for conferences to provide a pool of cash from which comrades in need can draw. Second suggestion was simply to pass round the hat; nobody warmed to that much, and no decision was reached.

On the question of subscription to the CBA funds, it was first suggested that groups should subscribe to the tune of £1 per member per year. But this was thought to be too much and the final figure agreed was 50p per member per year, as a minimum, with no limit on voluntary donations!

### Propaganda

It was decided to launch a propaganda drive. As reported above, it was agreed that pamphlets should be produced by groups on issues that particularly interested them, with confederation backing and support. Sheffield group announced its intention of printing the CBA statement for distribution and groups were to be encouraged to print their own statements for general circulation.

A suggestion from London to find means of bringing over a comrade from Portugal for propaganda meetings met with immediate approval.

### Relations with other groups, federations

It was decided to announce our existence and send fraternal greetings to the following organisations:

Scottish Libertarian Federation

Anarchist Black Cross

Anarchist Workers Federation

Libertarian Book Club,

which we hereby do, with invitations to affiliate with us in finding ways for more effective anarchist action.

### Conclusion

The conference was marked with a high degree of cooperation, amity and the desire to be constructive. This was helped, of course, by the fact that those who arrived at the first Warwick conference in November with the intention of stating their opposition to organisation in principle stayed away this time, leaving those who wished to work together to get on with it. The impression of this reporter, who has seen many a depressing conference, is that there is great cause for optimism this time and a lot of enthusiasm. Let's see it doesn't wither away!

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### Spanish experience

Following the business session at Warwick, Miguel Garcia gave a talk on experiences of Spanish anarchists and their form of organisation. He raised many interesting points which we have no space to go into here and now. One quote for the present time, however: 'Anarchists never give power to their executives!'

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### COOPERATION FOR SPANISH / PORTUGUESE SPEAKING TOUR IN BRITAIN

Coincidentally, but linking with the suggestion of bringing over a Portuguese comrade for meetings here, there has now been formed a COMMITTEE FOR A LIBERTARIAN SPAIN with the special task of making sure that the truth about Spain and the libertarian alternative is presented in Britain.

The link is that the first public initiative of this committee will be to bring over a comrade from Spain and to organise joint meetings throughout Britain. This will be organised by comrades from the CBA and other groups, who are cooperating in the Committee for a Libertarian Spain. Details from Secretary, CBA.

## KEELE ANARCHIST CONFERENCE, 13th & 14th March 1976.

### Report on CBA session:

The letter sent out by the national secretary on 10th March, with the statement agreed at the Warwick conference on 14th February, was read out and discussed.

Basis of membership: it was agreed that acceptance of the statement was not necessary for membership of the CBA: the statement would serve as a basis for further discussion. It was also agreed that the Keele conference should not try and decide the basis of membership, but that the proposals made should be recorded. One proposal was that the CBA should be open to groups and individuals with anarchist sympathies who wish to organise. Another proposal was that there should be a form of associate membership for libertarian socialists who do not describe themselves as anarchists.

Subscriptions: it was agreed that, since some groups included libertarian socialists who were not anarchists, or were fairly loosely organised, 50p per head was not appropriate for all groups. So subscriptions would be: 50p per individual member and at least £ 1 per group.

Annual conference: it was agreed that there should be an annual conference to revise the CBA statement, reconsider the basis of membership, subscriptions, etc.

Bulletin: it was agreed that this should be produced at least once every two months. It should include a list of groups (including new ones and defunct ones) and individuals hoping to form groups; reports of activities, a diary of future meetings and events; proposals for action; and discussion of the CBA statement. It was agreed that the group producing the bulletin would have discretion in interpreting these decisions between conferences. Open editorial meetings would be held at the regular meetings of the Federation of London Anarchist Groups. Next FLAG meeting: 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 3rd April at Freedom Press, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1.

Next Conference: it was agreed that the London Federation would organise a CBA conference in London on Sunday, 9th May, the day after the projected day school on Spain.

Portuguese/Spanish speaking tour: groups from Brunel, Durham, Keele, Leicester and Sheffield said they would be able to organise meetings. Other venues suggested: Oxford, Birmingham/Warwick, Manchester and Glasgow. Proposed date of tour: 1st May - 8th May.

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Keele Conference: THE ANARCHIST SOCIETY, an ecological and practical economic perspective

First of all, thanks to the Keele group for organising the conference and for their hospitality during the weekend.

Saturday afternoon: the Keele group's basic idea in organising the conference was that the "imminent destruction of British society as we know it" provides the anarchist movement with a timely opportunity to discuss and propagandise the functioning of a libertarian society. After general discussion of this theme, the 40 participants split into four groups divided alphabetically. When the groups reported back, various topics emerged: e.g., from Group A - to what extent was self-sufficiency in agriculture possible?; from group B - what should we have said to the Lucas shop stewards looking for ideas about what their aerospace should produce?; from group C - should we relate to people in their existing categories, e.g. factory worker, student, or in terms of our common humanity?; from group D - was there necessarily a connection between large-scale organisation and authoritarian structures?

Sunday: There were five workshops: Agriculture; Cities; Communications; Industry; and a fifth which reported back under four headings: sexism, children's rights, the family and education. Two workshops based their discussions on a text, Agriculture on Alan Albon's article in Anarchy 41 (first series); Communications on Stephen Stefan's paper, distributed at the conference, "Statistics and the functioning of a libertarian socialist society". Brief extracts follow from workshop reports:

Agriculture: Diverse (mixed) farming methods are our best hope for controlling disease and harmful insects and for maintaining the soil. But how will the cities be fed? Enormous size creates vast problems. And what about the rest of the world? We are importing tremendous quantities of food from areas where people are worse fed.

Cities: The contradiction of present-day cities - on the one hand they provide an environment in which human diversity and creativity can flourish, but on the other they are associated with large-scale industry and its attendant oppression. But Bookchin and others have shown that our technology can as well be used for decentralised, community-controlled production as for massive centralised production.

Communications: Misunderstandings can be due to the use of words. Just as "organisation" means for most people a power system - though there can be libertarian organisation - so also "centralisation"

means for many anarchists a power hierarchy, though there can be broad co-ordination. The main problem in foreseeing anarchism is how to have large-scale liberatarian organisation which some (but not others) of us think necessary/possible.

Industry: Anarchists seem to be divided into two camps on industry: 1) factories are basically evil and should be replaced by hand crafts, cottage industry; 2) industry is a great benefit to man but has been used for the wrong ends (under capitalism and state socialism). We would like to see a middle road of small scale-factory production for local needs.

Fifth group: The nuclear family is a consequence of privatisation and leads to a lack of co-operation and sharing. For example, each family has its own washing machine, car, TV. This tremendous waste of resources could be rectified by the use of, e.g., communal shops and washing/laundry facilities. This would require a radical alternative to present-day city lay-out; we envisage what we have termed the "open family" in which relationships rather than blood ties would be important.

Pamphlet: One member of each workshop is writing a draft for the proposed pamphlet based on the weekend's discussions. Impressions, reactions, comments, etc. to: Keele Anarchist Group, Students Union, University of Keele, Keele, Staffordshire.

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### SHEFFIELD -- Some corrections to the Report in the last Bulletin

We would like to take the opportunity of correcting some of the impressions given in the last issue about the state of affairs in Sheffield, which were presumably the result of misquotations somewhere, so as to be fair to all concerned, and so as to avoid misleading anyone.

First, there aren't 40 'hardcore' anarchists in Sheffield. Maybe you could find 40 people who might admit to the label if pressed, but we've never met them all and they certainly don't ever do anything. A dozen might be nearer the mark, and hardly any of them do anything much, including ourselves.

Second, we don't know where the 'several hundred sympathisers' come from, unless you count anyone who buys the Sheffield Anarchist. Even so, these would not be sympathisers in anything but, at best, a totally passive sense.

Third, we don't run the 'Sheffield Free Press', which is produced by a coalition of unaligned socialists and marxists, most of whom seem to be in favour of some kind of super-welfare state, as you might expect. Some of us are on good terms socially with some of those involved with the Free Press, and a couple of us have made slight contributions to it, but as individuals, never as a group.

The mailing address for the Sheffield Anarchist is the commune at 4, Havelock Square, not Street. The paper (two issues since July last year, a third soon, with a bit of luck) isn't exactly centred around the commune -- some of the dozen or so contributors haven't even been there. The paper is produced by the same two or three people so far, and the commune deals with mailing, etc.

To be honest, the Sheffield Anarchist Group doesn't really have any organisation to speak of, but is more of a vague social network. Apart from help with the paper in our various ways, we don't really do much either. We don't even meet very often. In fact, the situation is probably similar to most other groups.

The only point in saying all this, besides placating the Free Press, is to avoid anyone getting the mistaken impression that Sheffield is seething with anarchist agitation. If anyone anywhere else is thinking in terms of joint projects at any time, it's best for them to know how things really stand.

Maybe whoever takes notes at future conferences could keep a sharper ear open...

Phil Verill, Richard Warren

Sheffield, 10 March 76

NB : Two sets of notes agreed on what was said in conference, as distinct from what was said in the bar. Perhaps groups should agree on their own report and put it in writing, read out at conferences? - PS

P.P.S. - Many thanks to Warwick comrades for staging the conference so well

## FROM THE GROUPS

### Joint meeting of Leeds & Bradford Anarchist Groups, 1 March 1976.

#### Report:

1. The first issue of a joint internal bulletin will be produced in four weeks time. Its aim is to clarify ideas and attitudes within the groups and to stimulate discussion. Items must be with the Leeds group by March 21st.
3. Bradford will supply Leeds with some anti-advertising posters, to start a campaign there. In future it is hoped to coordinate attacks in both areas. Possibly articles for the bulletin can be used as posters/newsheets, in addition to slogan type posters.
3. It was agreed to cooperate in organisation of public lectures, films, etc, starting with a talk from someone in Black Flag in Leeds within the next few weeks.
4. Leeds Group is compiling a list of anarchist literature owned by all members of the group so that it can be borrowed by others.

The next meeting is on 12 April at Bradford. Any visitors welcome.

### Durham Freedom Group

At a meeting on 29 February 1976, we decided that this statement more or less represented who we are and what we're doing.

Firstly, we describe ourselves as a libertarian group. Some are anarchists; some are perhaps working round to a position where they can call themselves anarchists; others don't find it necessary to adopt any political label. Some of feel that any activity should be non-violent.

We don't have a membership--we're an affinity group. We usually meet once a week in a pub and there's usually about five people present, and sometimes as many as ten or twelve.

We have to face the fact that we are in some sense 'university based'; although most of us are not actually students, neither do we have real roots in the local community. We are an offshoot of Durham's immigrant community.

Activities at present are restricted to weekly pub meetings (though these are often quite lively and useful) and some of us are involved in producing an 'alternative paper', but this again is university orientated. It is nevertheless a good experience in that it is produced on a libertarian basis (no permanent editors but an open editorial meeting, trying to share out typing, etc) and we are learning some of the strengths and weaknesses of these methods.

Most of us are 'working' in some way: as dishwashers, prospective bus drivers, local government workers, social workers, with environmental action groups, in college course, etc.

And we do have plans. The north-east is afflicted with real poverty and misery, which of course means it is a happy hunting ground for the Army which can offer excitement, good money, training in a trade, etc etc. We are coming to the conclusion that anti-militarism is a crucial focussing point here, and of course wider questions follow from that. Anyway we're getting round to organising something on the anti-militarist front.

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COMRADES PLEASE NOTE: We are not, after all, printing the CBA statement in this issue. It has been circulated to all our contacts and a few more copies are available. It will be reprinted in quantity soon. CONTACT LIST: Since very few have replied to the letter and membership registration form circulated on 10 March, we are not printing the Contact List in this issue either. This Bulletin is being sent to all on the old contact list, but after this it will go out to confirmed members only. Please get those membership forms back!

Desmond Hunter: Comments and suggested changes on Provisional minimal statement.

I was very relieved indeed to find that I can give my full acceptance to the provisional minimal statement, owing mainly to there being no reference to anarchists "vigorously opposing pacifism" while I vigorously wage peace and firmly believe in the non-violent revolution. However I submit that the PMS (provisional minimum statement) could be greatly improved by the following changes which do not materially affect it, but bring out its meaning more clearly:-

**THE NAME:** The connotations of the word, "federal" have the stink of statism about them: we should surely make a point of breaking from important words which stink in our anarchist nostrils. Leave that essentially statist word to the world's statist: for us I propose LINK UP OF BRITISH ANARCHISTS as a very good augury for the sweet smell of (anarchist) success.

**AIMS:** First paragraph to be changed to - Anarchy, by definition, is absence of authority, government or rulers, and positively is denotative of liberty and equality for all. As anarchists and libertarians we hold both of these fundamental principles, and seek a basic arrangement of life reflecting them. Such an ideal arrangement of life would have no place for collective responsibility and delegation of responsibility, but scope only for individual responsibility and autonomy. Third paragraph - Anarchists (or libertarians) do not believe that human nature is such that the basic motivation of humanity are greed, fear and aggression, but tend more strongly towards friendly co-operation and mutual aid, and towards solidarity and the desire to live and let live in the spirit of loving-kindness, peace and freedom with reliance always on voluntary action - never coercion in any form. Fourth paragraph - Accordingly, we aim to build only non-pyramidal communities, in which all could freely participate and have equal access to the limited resources of the earth. No 'employers', no 'jobs', no 'employees'. No 'them' and 'us'. No order givers, no order takers, no sir! Fifth paragraph - The only free and ethical society can be one in which the basic arrangement of life is the prerogative of ALL EQUALLY. ANY government, being the rule of the few over the many, is essentially usurpatory in that it violates the sanctity of our human personality. Sixth paragraph - Anarchistic (or libertarian) society would be a non-pyramidal decentralist one. It would be self-organised around non-managed communities and collectives. These would be linked-up on a larger level... Tenth paragraph - The second stage of anarchist organisation is the regional link-up, which consists of groups in a particular district. Finally, groups and regional link-ups can form an 'umbrella' link-up covering the entire country.

We cannot without contradiction seek an anarchist society "which is built from below, not imposed from above", for an anarchist society would be by definition a non-pyramidal one with no "below" and no "above". Nor can we speak, without contradiction of a society in which "people rule (sic) themselves": ONLY rulers (the few) can be said to "rule". We can only correctly speak of "people" "organising" or "arranging" themselves. Likewise we cannot speak without contradiction of "self-managed communities": ONLY managers (the few) can be said to "manage": thus EITHER the "manager" OR the "managed".

Finally, I must stress the psychological importance of ridding ourselves at the outset of the embarrassing word, "confederation" with its sick connotations of the American Civil War, the US Federal Government, the FBI and federalism etc. Do not all of these (to us) "stink"? Our worthy Comrade Terry Phillips, in FREEDOM, Aug. 2nd '75, speaks of "developing co-operative links": let us then, with the concept of "friendly co-operation" as organisational inspiration, set up the word "link", and in time we'll all become "linkists" upholding "linkism" (as against 'federalism') in the sacred cause of anarchism. So: CBA or LBA, which? Puns may perhaps stink, but with link - no stink.

Love, peace and freedom, Desmond Hunter, founder of "Nudist Challenge", member of the "Catonsville Roadrunner" (somewhat anarchically orientated) Collective.

NOTES

1. With CBA, organisations "affiliate" and pay "affiliation" contributions: with LBA, organisations would "link" and would pay "linkage" contributions. Thus, at one stroke we (discerning anarchists) would eliminate another dubious word, for are there not sexist overtones about the word - affiliate? (Latin *affiliatus*, adopted - ad, to, *filius*, a son!) On the other hand we have for "to link" - to go arm in arm!

2. I am by no means unaware that many of the great anarchist thinkers have utilised the statist word - "federal" (and federalism). I contend that such utilisation is no longer necessary if WE have a suitable word of our own to use. What have present-day anarchist thinkers to say?

INTERNATIONAL

Dear comrades

We have formed an Anarchist Black Cross committee here in Stockholm. Our prime aim is helping political victims in different ways. And we need information about England, for example we'd like to know more about repression, the police, prisoners etc. If you have something we'd be glad. We also would like to read your paper, the anarchist federation bulletin, if you could send us some issues. We think it would be good if we could keep in continued contact with you.

Libertarian salutations, Karin Forsstrom

P.S. We also work in an Iberian committee here, and we will send you the first number of the paper and other information through the committee.

From letters sent by the Emma Goldman group in Paris which is affiliated to the French Anarchist Federation:

The Federation seems to be getting stronger. In Paris there are a lot of groups: Louise Michel, Germinal, Voline, Alexandre Jacob, and our Emma Goldman. Also in the provinces there are a lot of militant groups, for example Bordeaux (Sebastien Faure group), La Rochelle, Besançon, Toulon, Tours, Nantes, Angers, Thaza group (Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing), Perpignan, Le Havre, Rouen. The main activities of the Federation in recent months have been meetings and other activities connected with Spain and antimilitarism. (Some comrades had been arrested for their antimilitary actions and participation in the French army syndicalist movement. Others are in prison for conscientious objection). Apart from the activities of these groups, a libertarian current has been developing in the post office (PTT) the banks (BNP) and in the building industry, and there has also been the emergence of the "communautaire" movement in the south of France where people live in agricultural collectives. Unfortunately, however, there is no real contact between the rural "communautaires" and the militants in the urban working class. The "communautaire" organisation is called CRAC. It has abandoned the classic forms of struggle (political parties, trade unions, gauchiste groups) and buys land and rehabilitates abandoned villages, living on an anarchist communist basis.

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