

BULLETIN of the ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS



"I am a physical force Chartist, and all I say is this, stand fast by your colours! Do not shrink from the Charter... and if you see any bodies of police coming near to this meeting, marching in to this meeting, stand your ground shoulder to shoulder. Do not run, there is danger for those who run, there is safety for those who keep together. Dare them to strike you, and my word for it, they dare not strike a blow; bad as the laws are now, they are still sufficiently stringent to punish those men who assault peaceable citizens in the peaceable execution or performance of their duty... It is men saying we will not do this, and we will not do that, because it is forbidden. Make up your minds, stand to your guard, there cannot be more heads broken than are broken on those occasions when men run away. All I say is, that Government are desirous of marring the performance of your present great duty. That duty is organisation... commence at the foundation aright .. all the rest will follow of itself."

ERNEST JONES, in his speech at TOWER HAMLETS (May 25th 1848) for which he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

(NOTE: The C artists represent a great tradition in English working-class history. But 120 years later, nearly half of which has been in full enjoyment of all parts of the Charter bar one - annual parliaments - and for 50 years plus one - female suffrage, which the Chartists only omitted for reasons of expediency - THE LAWS ARE WORSE... Would it punish police in those circumstances mentioned above?)

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(opp. Central Library).

Note:- Letters sent to our old address at 7 Coptic St W.C.1. are being forwarded but please note new pad.

Secretary of the Anarchist
Black Cross:- Stuart Christie.

Editorial of Bulletin:-
S. Christie & A. Meltzer.

Editorial:

A WHO'S WHO OF TERROR AND
REPRESSION (Spanish
edition).

The above work does not appear in any reference library. It is an old idea of ours. We make no apology for returning to the theme. We urge our Spanish comrades to compile the work.

During the later days of the Nazi regime, many torturers and

(continued in next column)

Note to readers:-

The National Council for
Civil Liberties is circ-
ulating SPEAK OUT - part
of the campaign for
PRIVACY

"the right to be let alone"
by the police.

The growing menace of police
searches without warrant and
the stopping of people in the
street for searching MUST STOP.

murderers on the State's pay-
roll became uncomfortably aware
of the fact that they might lose.
Thinking, perhaps, the Allies were
more concerned with the welfare of
Nazi victims than was in fact the
case, they approached many Jews and
others - this time with kindness
and soft words... "remember we were
your friends".

The Spanish regime is totter-
ing to its fall. The wounded beast
strikes out viciously in the "State
of Emergency" laws. But many of
the State's jailers, torturers,
police, know the game may soon be
up. They are doing their best to
see that what follows will not be
something that will call them to
reckoning.

A Black Book of the terror,
with names and occupations, even
addresses and family connections,
would strike terror in the hearts
of the Spanish civil service, espe-
cially police, and military men
might well lose their courage, too.
The grandees and the clergy who
are wise are already making their
little bid as liberals (the Duchess
of Medina Sidonia goes to jail for
a year for protesting at the
Palomares scandal). Those who
persist in exploiting the workers,
those who are sentencing men and
women to long jail terms, those who
are gaining all the benefits of
the regime, deserve to have their
records preserved for history.

Let it be written down; and
let some of them laugh for the time
being. They won't do so always.
Let them bribe the compilers of
the book by releasing political
prisoners or treating them decent-
ly. But above all, let them know
that the eventuality may arise
when they will be answerable for
all they have done in the name of
fascist law and fascist order.

Who are the GUILTY MEN of
Franco's Spain? They must not
expect to blame it all on to one
man's orders. Publication -
even the mere threat of public-
ation - of such a book might make
a swift change in the climate of
Franco's dominion.

NEWS ITEMS

Brussels. On March 9th there were skirmishes with the police at the yearly Brussels Anti-Atomoc March, when several hundred militants tried, at the end of the official March, to storm a suburban NATO centre. Grenades (CN, tear) were immediately fired into the marchers' midst, at short range. One anarchist militant, part of the Provo contingent under black flags, got hit square in the chest by a grenade. Since he is not Belgian, the Provos spirited him away to a private clinic before the official ambulance could get him. Otherwise the police would have had him expelled from Belgium. As he is not covered by medical aid or insurance, the clinic is proving expensive; he had his lung perforated by the shock of the grenade, and has been under care for two weeks now.

NOTE: Contributions for his medical expenses may be addressed to:

F. Destryker, 2 E, av. des Droits
de l'Homme,
BRUSSELS 7, Belgium.

(For Continental donors:-
CCP number - 2020.69)

Lima. Comrades in London have been sending parcels of food and clothing for Hugo Blanco and other prisoners, but heavy import duty has prevented them from receiving these needed goods, which are presumably rotting away in a Lima post office (writes a correspondent). But drafts, preferably payable in U.S. dollars, can be sent to:-

Rosa Alarco, Secretaria de Relaciones
de la Comite de Defensa de los
Derechos Humanos (committee for
the rights of man),

Apartado 10149, LIMA
Peru.

Hugo Blanco has said he will not renounce his revolutionary work to seek sanctuary. But comrades in Kent have offered him a home. If he can be taken away from the poisonous hell of El Fronton, where his days are numbered (and admitted to this country).

Madrid.

Alicia Mur Sin has been offered her release on payment of a huge sum, which seems more in the nature of a ransom than a fine. She has asked her comrades abroad not to pay it. She would prefer to finish her time than help to sustain the regime. She has only a few more months to do (though of course, completion of sentence in Spain does not mean automatic release as in most countries; the release is "an act of clemency" and may come along sooner or later afterwards... in some cases, people have waited years after completing their term).

Dublin. On February 15th 1969, the Irish Black Cross of the newly-formed Alliance of Libertarian & Anarchist Groups in Ireland (formerly Revolutionary Movement of Dublin, mentioned in Bulletin No.2.) organised a march to the Spanish Embassy in protest against the state of emergency, i.e. the fascist repression of Spain's population and the treatment meted out to Spanish political prisoners by Franco's pigs.

Along with the Black Cross came the Alliance waving a black flag (first time it was unfurled in this connection in Dublin) followed by a contingent of the Students for Democratic Action and the Trotskyite Young Socialists, with some individual members of the Stalinist Connolly Youth Movement. Since the word about the march had been passed by word-of-mouth, the Special Branch and police had no prior information, and were taken completely off guard.

However, as soon as they woke up to the "menace", Special Branch men were rushed to the scene, cameras clicking (keen photographers, these lads). At the Embassy the marchers began a picket; and the Black X and the Alliance distributed 1000 leaflets. Snowballs were thrown at the Ambassador's daughters. He himself came to the door with his camera and took a number of photographs. Obviously some comrades intending to visit Spain had better change their hair styles.

Each spate of arrests brings the assurance "There is nothing personal in this" from lawyers and police alike... In this article, reprinted from the December BEAVER, Stuart Christie reminds us -

There IS something personal

When the game is over, the players shake hands like gentlemen. There is no ill-feeling. Hard knocks may have been given and exchanged, but it was all "sport". This we boast (though not too loudly in the vicinity of certain football grounds) is the British way. No personal recriminations after the game. But, of course, it is a game; when the 'game' becomes a business, or a national cult, then there are recriminations in plenty. It is only when it is recognised for what it is: a game, an entertainment, an amusement, that we can have this "all pals together" attitude afterwards.

When the curtain goes down, the villain who has been persecuting some poor lad atrociously, can pick him up, and they can go off to the green-room for a drink together. Unsophisticated audiences once never understood this. Some do not to this day -- they even take television wrestling seriously, and assume the 'good guys' will not be mixing fraternally with the 'bad guys' afterwards. But of course, here again, there is nothing personal about it, and the ups and downs are no more serious than those at the bar or the hustings.

The lawyer will fight one case with mock-bitterness, and go afterwards with his opponent arm-in-arm for a sherry. "Sorry your lad got ten years... never mind, you've had your revenge over that copper share business..." Only a very raw M.P. will assume that he does not mix with his opponents in the bars of the House. The rebels -- people like Jimmy Maxton and Willie Gallacher -- are ultimately tamed and taught table manners as practised in the West End; some of them -- like Ramsay MacDonald and Abdurin Bevan -- never got over them. "Come along to the club, old boy...." There is, after all, nothing personal in the political attacks made in the House. Sometimes one of the politicians becomes too hot to handle -- for years Sir Oswald Mosley's society friends and the politicians who mixed with him on such a friendly basis, had perforce not to know him. (Of course, in the club world you never remember anyone who has a piece of bad luck; and Sir Oswald was unmistakably associated with electoral disaster for them). No they are trying to rehabilitate him -- "he was always

(From last column)

such a charming man, you know, and could well have been Prime Minister".

This, however, is their world; it is not our world. In our world, that of the workday population, when the Indians are shot they lie down there dead and the bones are picked by the carrion. They are not replaced by Central Casting. When the Biafrans and the Annamese are seen on the television screens, starving and dying, these are real people and not mimics of real people. When the lawyers have finished sentencing us, we go off to prison. The years in prison are real ones; there is not a curtain drawn, and we reappear ten minutes later looking five years older.. When they put the screws on industry, real people go short of positive necessities. The depression is not a page in a history book or mere matter for a prize essay; it was a chunk of dreariness in years of people's lives. If we entangle with the police, we get real bruises or positive sentences; we do not -- despite the fanciful inventions of the Press -- need to paint blood on our shirts. And precisely because all this is for real, we cannot say that there need be nothing personal about it. So far as our approach to politics is concerned, surely it must be highly and intensely personal. Politicians cannot wriggle out of their abuses upon society merely with the excuse that this was all part of the political game; but that we must not hold it personally against them. The Nazi cannot expect to defend a regime of criminal force by lending it his thuggery, and then fall back on saying (CONTINUED on page six).

No need to start
off this issue

with our usual apologies. All readers should have had issues 1-3 (and if not, we are sorry, but completely sold out), and we have even answered our huge backlog of correspondence. If anyone omitted, apologies. We mentioned that the Black X was solvent; this seems to have chilled the response to Issue No. 3. which we came to expect after issues 1 & 2. We do need cash for all the projects we have in hand to help our Spanish comrades in particular; and also we need money for the Barlow-Carver Defence Committee; we will also put anyone in touch with a comrade in a Spanish jail where they can directly send food parcels: Vitamin pills, anti-biotics, and aspirins are like manna from heaven in a Spanish jail.

BARLOW CARVER CASE - An old matter for argument is what should one do with funds collected. Some will say don't spend the money on relief; we shall be sending pork pies in for the next twenty years if you do that; spend it on a good lawyer. Others take the view - what waste money on a lawyer? Better send in a couple of bottles of beer, it'll do the lads more good. The whole question of 'legal aid' needs to be discussed. But not just at the moment, perhaps. We may be able to talk about it in our next issue.

LEAH FELDMAN, discussing the Anarchist Black Cross, reminds me that the 'old' organisation owed a great deal, for many years, to the active work of Duk insky, in Paris. Giving £1 to the fund, this old-timer recalls a letter from a friend of hers in Russia. She assured the committee of the Black Cross (it was usually referred to as the anarchist RED cross, or just the BLACK Cross) that the authorities were taking great care of "her and her boys --eight of them" - comrades of the group. "As we have some disease that is evidently contagious, they are sending us out into the country for our health," she wrote, en route to Siberia. Since the heightening of the Stalinist terror in 1928, communications with Russia and the possibility of sending relief parcels have been cut off.

BEXLEY ANARCHISTS have volunteered to help in the working party for the Black Cross, mentioned in our last issue, together with several others. Preparations for Easter which will be a busy period for us all, make us inclined to put this off until a little later. We hope to fix it up some time in April, or early May: first of all a general meeting, then a permanent working party. (Continued on page six).

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-- as is perfectly true -- it was all quite legal and constitutional, since all he did was to amend the laws and constitution to make it so. The policeman should not expect that he can defend what the politicians do, but absolve himself by saying that, after all, that is merely a policeman's lot.

It is high time that we were rather more personal in our approach to the ruling-class. Nothing terrified the dictators more than the personal approach of the last century when the anarchist came forward and said, you and you personally are responsible for such and such an evil in society.

When people refuse to be killed at the behest of a ruler, he may survive; he can never survive the fact that they chose to sacrifice him instead! It may be said that one is speaking here of extreme cases. Admittedly, But ultimately the only threat that one can have over a despot is the fact that despotism may have an inbuilt occupational risk. It is surprising how much the despot is prepared to sacrifice provided it is not himself. It is not that the mere removal of a despot brings freedom. But it makes the occupation of the dictatorial chair more of a personal matter.

It is not, however, only in such matters that we need to make a personal issue of the manner in which we are treated by the State and its high officials. The lawyers expect us to accept judicial verdicts with good grace; not to blame them if we are sent to prison; and to applaud with them if the prosecuting counsel puts up a good show. The idea that the prosecuting counsel might

be tossed in a blanket would fill them with horror. Why, it has nothing to do with him personally, they would cry. But it has to do with us personally. The housing committee may order an eviction; but it is bad manners to go round to the house of the person concerned. He can order us out of our house; but we should not go round and make a noise at his. Mr. Henry Brooke once changed his mind rapidly on a subject when people did just that.

We have to oppose the State as a bureaucratic entity, with neither mouth to argue nor arse to be kicked. But the highest servants of the State and the masters of society have arsos available to be kicked. We should not let them think that we accept their role in society as inevitable and superior; and that when they defeat us, we will mumble anything from 'Fair cop, guv' to 'Back to the textbooks'. They have the armed force of the State and its police auxiliary at their disposal, as well as the media of persuasion. But they are human too and they know it. They can bear protests however violent provided they are not directed against their own persons. In the words of a famous ducal absentee landlord to his Irish peasants, "You little know my temper if you think you can persuade me to change my mind under intimidation by the mere fact of shooting my bailiff."

Let us look to ways of persuading the ruling class to change their mind and ultimately their address -- by methods much more personal. Above all, let us not accept the state of mind that is prepared to regard the class struggle as a good clean fight. It never is on the other side.

s.c.

NOTES & NEWS (Cont. from page 5).

We are increasing the number of this Bulletin to 300. All our previous issues are sold out. One or two (literally) of No.3. If we sell out this time, we will plan a better production. s.c. & a.m.

S U P P O R T the A N A R C H I S T B L A C K X

A LETTER TO THE HOME SECRETARY

27th March 1969.

To the Rt Hon James Callaghan M.P.

From Albert Meltzer, on behalf of the Anarchist Black Cross.

SIR,

We are an organisation working for the relief and release of political prisoners, Anarchists in particular. The Black Cross was first founded in Czarist Russia, and later operated for prisoners inside Bolshevik Russia. It has also acted in a "red cross" capacity in Italy, Germany, China, and nowadays, in particular, in Franco Spain. We do not consider we ought to have to work for people condemned merely for their anarchist beliefs in this country; such a situation should never arise. For a Home Secretary to countenance it would be a retrograde step affecting all minorities. Political prejudice in trials would obviously not stop at one place.

Barlow & Carver May I draw your attention to the case of Regina v. Barlow & Carver, although it is sub judice. In the committal proceedings, at the first hearing, Det.Supt.Phillips opposed bail because the persons concerned were "hardened anarchists". In the second hearing, a week later, he* persisted in his airing of his political prejudices. The magistrate asked him point blank what the political opinions of the accused had to do with the question of bail. He persisted that they were "members of anarchist groups" (which is admitted) though the magistrate was unable to elucidate why ^{they} should not be if they chose.

A previous Home Secretary, Mr. Morrison, a "hardened social-democrat", acknowledged all his political life that it was the writings of Peter Kropotkin ("An Appeal to the Young" in particular) that made him a socialist. That "hardened Tory", Mr. Churchill, included another anarchist philosopher, Herbert Read, in the Honours List, and while it was felt that the latter was illogical in accepting a knighthood, nobody has ever suggested that Mr. Churchill was not fully justified

(CONTINUED IN NEXT COLUMN)

in offering it, on the grounds of Herbert Read's contribution to public life in general. I might also mention, as anarchists whom you may have encountered in public life, Alex Comfort, Augustus John, Emma Goldman. Would all these people be refused bail, or forced to apply to a judge in chambers, on account of their "hardened" beliefs?

Effect upon Trials. It is disturbing to think of the effect upon trials if this is to become a practice. As a possible juror who thinks all Conservatives are inclined to business frauds, am I to be told by counsel that XYZ is a "hardened" or notorious Conservative? Quite frankly, both Barlow and Carver must be convinced that they will not receive a fair trial. The whole prosecution becomes a farce once you appeal to political prejudice; surely the Sacco-Vanzetti case was proof of this? Has it taught nothing? Can you proceed with the case in the circumstances? Could you have a socialist .C. or a conservative judge, without the suspicion that their opinions might influence the proceedings? Dept.Supt.Phillips has done a grave disservice to the Crown; surely disciplinary proceedings are contemplated?

May I draw your attention to a similar incident; I have forgotten the name of the police officer, but it was when Sir John Gilmour was Home Secretary. An officer held strong anti-Fascist views. He was cautioned about expressing them, and dismissed. Sir John defended this by pointing out that fascists too had the right to know that the police (CONTINUED OVERLEAF)

* It is understood that in fact at the second hearing, another police officer spoke for the Superintendent.

(FROM OVERLEAF)

were not prejudiced against them. Well, Sir, Dept. Supt. Phillips not only holds strong anti-Anarchist views, and expresses them; he goes even farther, he expresses them in court, when he might, one presumes, have the wit or intelligence not to make his views obvious. He could not be regarded as impartial; and any evidence he gives about anybody else expressing similar views will always be countered by the fact that it is his personal prejudice coming out.

Dismiss the Inspector
and the Case.

I may add
that already
several

other people have complained to me of expressions or attitudes used and adopted by this officer. Is there, Sir, anything you can do to rectify the matter before this business of addressing the court about a person's political opinions, with a pejorative adjective attached, spreads? It has already been copied in the civil courts ("the witness is a self-confessed anarchist," said Sir Joseph Molony, Q.C. (Cassidy v. Ingrams). May I suggest that the superintendent be dismissed or reduced in rank; and that the case against Barlow and Carver be dismissed?

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
p.p. ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS,
A. Meltzer.

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opposite Old St. Police Station;
round the corner from Shoreditch
Church; and equidistant from Old
St. and Liverpool St. tubes, with
the former slightly favoured).

To the editor.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for publishing my letter drawing attention to the necessity of giving correct age and date of birth to police constables, so that back records may be properly checked and adequate sentences be imposed.

I would also like you to draw your readers' attention to the fact that they may speak freely and openly to anyone on remand, through the grilles. These are, of course, bugged by the police and information garnered is passed on to the prosecution. It is therefore very helpful to the accused in case he has forgotten anything; the prosecuting lawyer will be able to remind him.

For the same reason, cells are bugged; in a recent case, two men being charged together, a third occupant of the cell was withdrawn. This helpful attitude of the authorities was of course due to the necessity of bugging; but it is surely a little soon for them to withdraw their century-long fear of buggery, "one or three only, we've no married quarters 'ere" as the warders used to say...it was a waste, too, as the men concerned weren't even 'that way'.

J. FEATHERBRAIN.

"Amnesty is a unique organisation which operates in a unique way. It works for the succour and release of the world's forgotten 'prisoners of conscience', irrespective of where they are, providing they have been imprisoned for their beliefs and they have not advocated or practised violence." - Observer, 17th Nov. 68.

// Does that answer numerous queries as to "what do we think of Amnesty?" BY ALL MEANS succour the innocent. But please, remember, when we are talking of totalitarian countries in particular, "THE GUILTY" are those who have got up and fought for their beliefs, not merely "held" them, in the manner of the University academic.

// The Anarchist Black Cross is working for assistance and release of 'prisoners of resistance'. We only say it is equally important.

A REACTIONARY DECISION.

When Stuart Christie was tried on the "dollars" charge, he was found guilty - though on a technicality so complex that nobody in court but the lawyers understood it, and the jurors had to be instructed by the judge. He did have dollar bills in his possession, they were imitation ones with propaganda overprinted. The fact that everybody else does this for business purposes; numerous advertisements reproducing Treasury markings in the same way, but overprinting business slogans, was irrelevant. Meanwhile, Mr. Nixon did the same thing for political purposes in his election campaign. What of it? asked the judge in effect. We are only dealing with the man before us. They ask us to find him guilty, not the others. According to the letter of the law, he is guilty. What does it matter that the Mail and the Express and Dick Nixon and Helena Rubinstein et al do the same thing? They are not before us.

On such a decision one would expect a light sentence. But in accordance with most political trials of the left, the judge gave a heavy sentence but suspended it, the idea being to "tie up" the defendant for a year or two until, they fondly hope, "he gets it out of his system". Why so stiff a suspended on a first offence? Because Det. Sgt. Ferguson gave evidence of an alleged previous offence of 20 years (suspended after three).

A Scandal This evidence was accepted by Mr. Justice Humphries. Yet it was not a sentence passed by a British court, but by a kangaroo court in Madrid. The permission to allow such a sentence, by a Fascist court-martial, to be read out in court, put British justice on the level of the Spanish court-martial. This scandal has been raised by no-

THE MIND OF AN ASSASSIN

"What is behind the man who tries to kill the President of the United States? The wish for immortality". Thus Dr. Edwin Weinstein, American research psychiatrist (states the London "Evening Standard" 27.3.69). And he, says the Standard, should know. He has studied 137 persons who were linked with threats on U.S. (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN).

body in public life. Yet consider the implications. British businessmen travelling in Russia are warned of being involved in cases where they may be blackmailed into espionage, or face prison sentences. Yet if they DO face a sentence in a rigged Soviet Court - or if they are tried by a show of hands in China - and after release are subsequently so unfortunate as to appear before a British court - then, according to the precedent of this Old Bailey case, THEIR PAST CONVICTION CAN BE READ OUT AND ACCEPTED. Faced, perhaps, with a verdict of guilty of drunken driving, the judge will take into account a previous conviction of High Treason or Grave Offences against the People!!!

Smug. "I hardly think that any country would give a sentence of twenty years merely for shouting," observed Mr. Christmas Humphries smugly. Yet under the penal law of Spain, he himself is liable to 15 years' imprisonment!!! If, of course, he were a Spaniard; for the offence of embracing a non-Christian religion and publicly propagandising it. Buddhism may be a forgivable eccentricity in an English gentleman. Not so in the Caudillo's Spain. We also wonder if by this decision any German Jew, now resident in Britain, will find himself confronted by an S.B. man with a list of convictions under Hitler's laws, should he be unlucky enough to fall foul of the blindfolded goddess of the Old Bailey. a.m.

The Mind of an Assassin
(From Page 9).

Presidents. What, of course, he did not do was to study what was behind the man who wanted to be President of the United States. A wish for immortality? (Or merely, as in the case of Pres. Harding, the chance of immortality?) Dr. Weinstein claimed that would-be assassins viewed the act as "a stroke of national policy or patriotic heroism". Maybe; but how do U.S. Presidents view their acts? There seems little to choose between them so far. "Sometimes their reasoning and policy is not at all clear". You said it. But that applies to the would-be assassins not the wholesale murderers.

But Dr. Weinstein goes further. He follows the steps of all good con-men astrologers in not being too precise: "The age of the would-be assassin can range from 14 to 76". Much above or much below that figure and you'd probably miss the target anyway. There is one chance in ten that he has a record of sexual offences, says the psychiatrist. And the rest of us? Finally, the "chances are high that he never married or has been divorced or separated". But what of Dr. Weinstein himself? Has he been married or is he divorced or separated? I hardly believe it; why? elementary, my dear Weinstein; the good lady would be saying all the time, "So now you're a big psychiatrist, what's so wrong with Winston Churchill we've still got to be called Weinstein?"

It may of course have escaped the vision of the worthy psychiatrist that the greater the tyrant the greater the chances of assassination; that people who tried to kill Hitler or Musso may have had a point and those who bombed Germany and Italy may have been rather more delinquent in their effect. They may even have viewed their mass murders as national policy and patriotic heroism, poor fools.

MAY FIRST

Rally to the May Day march (May Day is May the First) - organised by the Workers Mutual Aid Committee and supported by the London Federation of Anarchists... see details in FREEDOM.

MAY SECOND

May Day Ball will be in the evening, at Shoreditch Town Hall.
THE EASTER RISING

Contact the L.F.A. c.o.
84b Whitechapel High St. London, E.1
for details of the BELFAST TO DUBLIN MARCH. Air tickets booked.

GOOD NEWS in our next issue about the appearance of the "BLACK FLAG" - anarchist fortnightly. Those who have been saying ever since the first announcement - "how about it?" - will be answered. The probability is that it will appear elsewhere than in London, the editorial group having found that civilisation does not peter out somewhere along the M.1.

THE MOVEMENT IS GROWING - lists of groups threaten to swamp FREEDOM, which shortly launches out into a Scottish edition.

From Swansea comes a well produced little mag. ALARM! - An excellently designed cover on the one we saw.

The split (excuse me, decentralisation) in the Solidarity movement has been beneficial in that it brings us another Solidarity, Solidarity South. Also well informed and useful, and the way we look at it, the more the merrier and let 'em all come out.

Bulletin No. 18 of the Centre International de Recherches sur l'anarchisme (well worth subscribing to: address, CIRA, ave. de Beaumont 24, Lausanne, Switzerland), contains much useful information, asks wistfully why it is not receiving its copy of "Direct Action"... We like CIRA so much we must ask them plaintively why they maintain their "members of honour" (a wonderful phrase, redolent of French academic snobbery) not always composed of people who acted in the most honourable way to the movement, but so stiff with our intellectual betters it reads like a contributors' list to "Anarchy" that Colin Ward would dream of....

MAGNUS