

# FEEDBACK

## PEN PAL WANTED

A 22 year old old Anarchist serving a 12 year sentence in the State Prison for Women in Arizona has written requesting correspondence:

Kathy "Sparrow" Aikman (43886)

Box 3400 - Womans Center

Goodyear, ARIZONA.

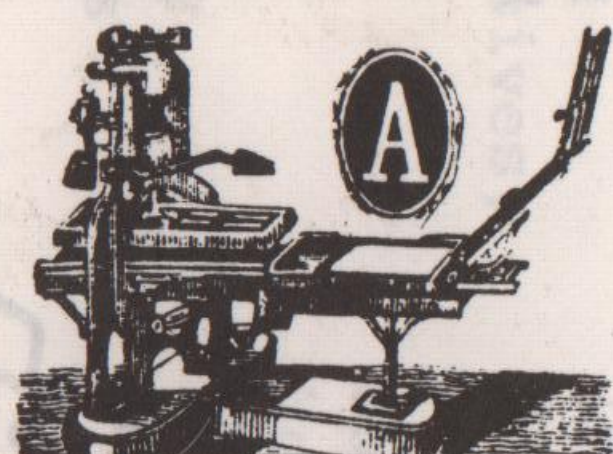
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## MEETING

### REVOLUTIONARY COLLECTIVES IN SPAIN 1936-39

Is the subject of a talk by Frank Mintz to the History Society of Queen Mary's College, on February 21st (Tuesday) at 5pm in Room L 125. The meeting will be open to the public. Q.M. College is in Mile End Road, London E1. Frank Mintz, who now lives in Paris, has contributed to Black Flag and to the old Cienfuegos Press Anarchist Review.

## INTERNATIONAL ANARCHIST DAY

An International Anarchist Day will be taking place in Brussels on March 24th 1984 at the Flemish University, from 10am till 6pm with live entertainment afterwards. The five themes of the day are as follows: anarcho-syndicalism; anarcho-feminism; repression and jails; anarchism in the Soviet Union; and organisation and propaganda in the anarchist movement. For further information ring Koen in Brussels tel: 03 232 7195.

## ANARCHIST BENEFIT

On Friday 29 February 1984 a benefit for anarchist prisoners will be held at The Ambulance Station, 306 Old Kent Road, Southwark, SE1. Tube Elephant & Castle, buses from the Elephant are 53,63,21,141,177. Time 8pm Bands: DOA & The Happy End & political poet Michael Belbin. There will also be anarchist video tapes. For enquiries 121 Bookshop. 121 Raiton Road, London SE24 Ph 274 6655 2-6pm

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Rebel Worker, Anarcho-syndicalist paper Vol.2 No. 6(12) Dec 1983-Jan. Articles on Chile, Poland, B.L.F. etc. c/o P.O. Box 92, Broadway, 2007. Sydney (Australia.)

Le Monde Libertaire, No.515 26 Jan 1984. Organ of the FAF. Articles on Argentine, industrial news, unemployment. Le Monde Libertaire, 145 Rue Amelot 75011, Paris (France).

CNT (Organ of the CNT-AIT) No. 73. Articles on Nicaragua, The Workers of Sagunto, Ecology and lots more. c/o CNT c/Magdalena, 6-2, Madrid-12. (Spain).

Solidarid Obrera (Voice of the Catalan CNT-AIT). No. 140. Jan 1984. Articles on the "Caso Scala", USI Congress, Industrial and international news. c/o Solidaridad Obrera c/o Reina Cristina, 12, 2<sup>o</sup>, 2<sup>a</sup> (Es.Izq), Barcelona - 3 (Spain).

Lotta di Classe (organ of the USI-AIT). special issue on USI Congress. Lotta di Classe, USI, Lazio, via Ostiense, 150 Roma (Italy).

## SCALA The Farce Continues

Following his recent trial in Barcelona, Joaquin Gambin Hernandez, the police informer and agent provocateur responsible for the Scala bombing (15th Jan - 1978) has been sentenced to 7 years imprisonment.

There has been renewed interest in the events surrounding the bombing ever since Gambin sent a statement to the Public Prosecutor in Barcelona at the end of last year admitting, as the CNT-AIT has been claiming since 1978, that he was a police informer who had been ordered to infiltrate the anarchist movement with the sole aim of discrediting it.

As a result of Gambin's testimony, & with the aid of police lies, 5 CNT comrades were arrested immediately after the bombing and were brought to trial from 1980-'81. Three of the 5 (Jose Cuervas Casado, Arturo Palma Segura and Javier Canadas Gascon) are still in jail, serving 17 year sentences, despite the CNT's efforts to obtain their release.

In January 1982, the anarchist Jesus Fortes Gil was arrested in Rome by the Italian police and implicated in the "Caso Scala". He is now under threat of extradition to Spain, despite massive & widespread protests from the Italian Anarchist movement. His extradition has already been approved of by the Italian Supreme Court and only the Italian President can now intervene to prevent it.

At the same time as Gambin's trial, an investigation was opened by the Public Prosecutor during which the lawyers of the three CNT comrades mentioned above pleaded for a re-investigation into their part in the affair, pointing out that they were victims of a police conspiracy rather than guilty of any crime.

The General Secretary of the CNT in Catalonia has also announced his intention to make an official complaint against the police, who have clearly violated Article 18 of the Spanish Constitution,

## CASO Scala\*



## ¡¡ TENIAMOS RAZON !!

(WE WERE RIGHT)

CNT

AIT

Gambin (who already has 32 other convictions behind him) first infiltrated the anarchist movement in 1977, then he conveniently disappeared immediately after the Scala bombing. He was finally re-arrested in January 1981.

Many thanks to the comrades at Ballymena who sent us a £12 donation to our CNT prisoner's fund. We would have liked to write to you to confirm the receipt of your donation but don't have your address!

Thanks again, Black Flag Collective.



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## policing



## Jardine Syndrome

Armed members of the Anti-Terrorist Squad, not content with harassing innocent Irish folk in the wake of the Harrods horror, are now employing their strong-arm methods on petty criminals.

The gang in question arrived at the ITCA building after receiving a call that there was a commotion going on. There was indeed: a young black man almost lost his life after being pushed out of a third storey window by an over-aggressive security guard. The man was seen wandering around the building supposedly enquiring about possible employment. But the security guard decided he was up to no good and chased after him. Cornered, the man tried to escape via a window, but the security guard got to him first and made sure his landing would not be a safe one. Result he was lucky to get away with a broken leg and a fractured wrist. When the cops arrived it was like something out of a SWAT episode: even though the man was clearly in no danger of escaping, he was jumped

upon, roughed up, had handcuffs forced on him (one of his hands was bleeding profusely) and manhandled into the police vehicle. The staff at the ITCA building were clearly shocked at this treatment, especially as the security guard had admitted that he had actually thrown the man out of the window. The man was lucky to be alive: he had not only survived an attempted murder, he had also got through the day without being shot at by an anxious ATS thug. If the ATS are called out to this type of incident, they must be feeling very vulnerable indeed. Needless to say none of the above was reported in any newspaper or on the TV.

## Home Defence

You remember a few weeks back the launch of a new far-right vigilante organisation, Defence Begins At Home; well guess who's just gone and joined their elite steering committee? Perhaps a clue. They've got a top naval boffin (Admiral of the Fleet, The Lord Hill-Norton); they've got a high-ranking army chap (General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley); they've got a high-flyer (Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey); and even a leading industrialist (Sir David Wills - head of the Wills Tobacco Empire). To make the jig-saw complete all they needed is an ex-top cop. No, they hadn't managed to recruit Sir Robert Mark, but they have got themselves the next best thing - a Superintendent who just happens to be a recognised leading authority on the use of firearms and on the control of privately owned guns. In addition he is also the current editor of the journal 'Guns Review'. What more could a prospective vigilante organisation wish for than a firearms expert who can advise on police liaison and the procedures for getting hold of the necessities? Colin Greenwood is his name: ex-Superintendent of the West Riding Constabulary.

The reader who sent in the details wonder why Defence Begins At Home is curiously adopting a hedgehog as its national symbol. Well we wondered as well until we noticed that coincidentally The Mercenary (formerly The Phoenix - paper of the British Movement) also adopts the same symbol. Funny symbol for survivalists, when you consider how many dead hedgehogs there are around?

Incidentally DBAH claims that their main objective is to persuade the government of the need to set up a Home Defence Force (presumably, they hope, with DBAH as the embryo), not to organise one independent of official backing. DBAH have pin-pointed what they see as the main danger to security as being fifth columnist infiltrators - or as they call them SPETSNAZ (Soviet Special Forces) - who would engage in diversionary

raiding parties, sabotaging NATO bases, cutting off vital communications, assassinating political and military leaders, demobilising energy plants, etc. DBAH see their main role as an extra-paramilitary force which will be deployed to guard key target areas and to sift out potential saboteurs. A bit like Neighbourhood Watch applied to Defence. Of course their strategy can be turned around to our advantage: provide the right bait, draw out the nationalist and you have then succeeded in pin-pointing your potential arms supply (if, of course, Colin Greenwood does his job properly) ready for expropriation.

## Prevention of Nothing Bill

The Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provision) Bill has been wrongly named. It should be called the Defence of Hitlerism (New and Probably Permanent Provisions Bill).

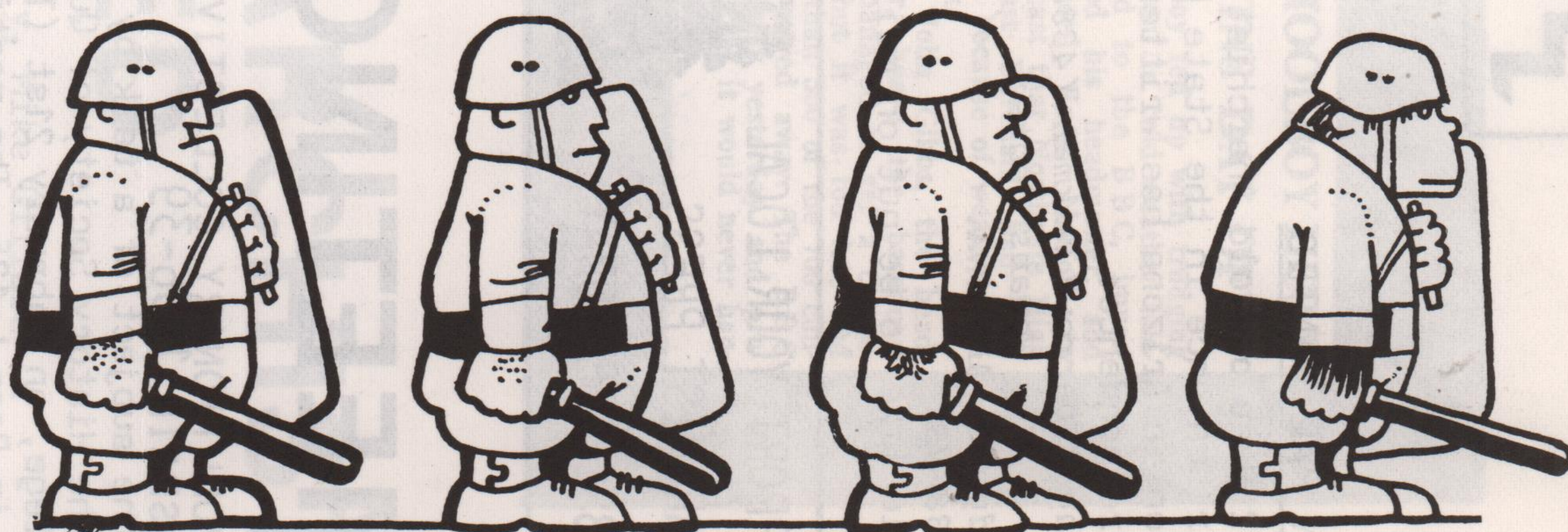
Introduced by extreme right winger Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, it is designed to allow people - British or otherwise - to be detained for offences designed against Heads of State even though no offence is committed in Britain, and charged here or sent back.

The Defence of Hitlerism Bill provides that "it is an offence for any person, whether a United Kingdom citizen or not, to commit anywhere in the world any act against a head of State or against certain categories of diplomat which would constitute an offence if it had been committed in the United Kingdom".

A Conservative MP, David Ashby (Leics NW) pointed out that the Bill could cover say, an "Afghan contemplating an act of so called terrorism in Afghanistan, such as shooting down a Russian helicopter gunship".

It could cover acts of "banditry and terrorism" or those labelled as such, which in less dictatorial countries may be considered a normal defence of civil rights. It could cover the many attempts against Hitler, Mussolini and Franco - not only when there was no war, but even when the war was on. Of course the Govt. it is well known, backs the right wing dictatorships with action against dissidents (it cooperated with the Argentine Junta right up to and during the time when it declared war on Britain to divert attention from its problems at home).

While the Govt. denounces British dissident organisations as "Soviet inspired", it cooperates with the Soviet police against Russian revolutionaries - while giving help and comfort to "dissidents" who are no more than that, and persecuted academics who do not wish to overthrow the regime - the British State relentlessly helps to hunt down anti-Kremlin workers.





# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Vancouver 5 Trial Continues

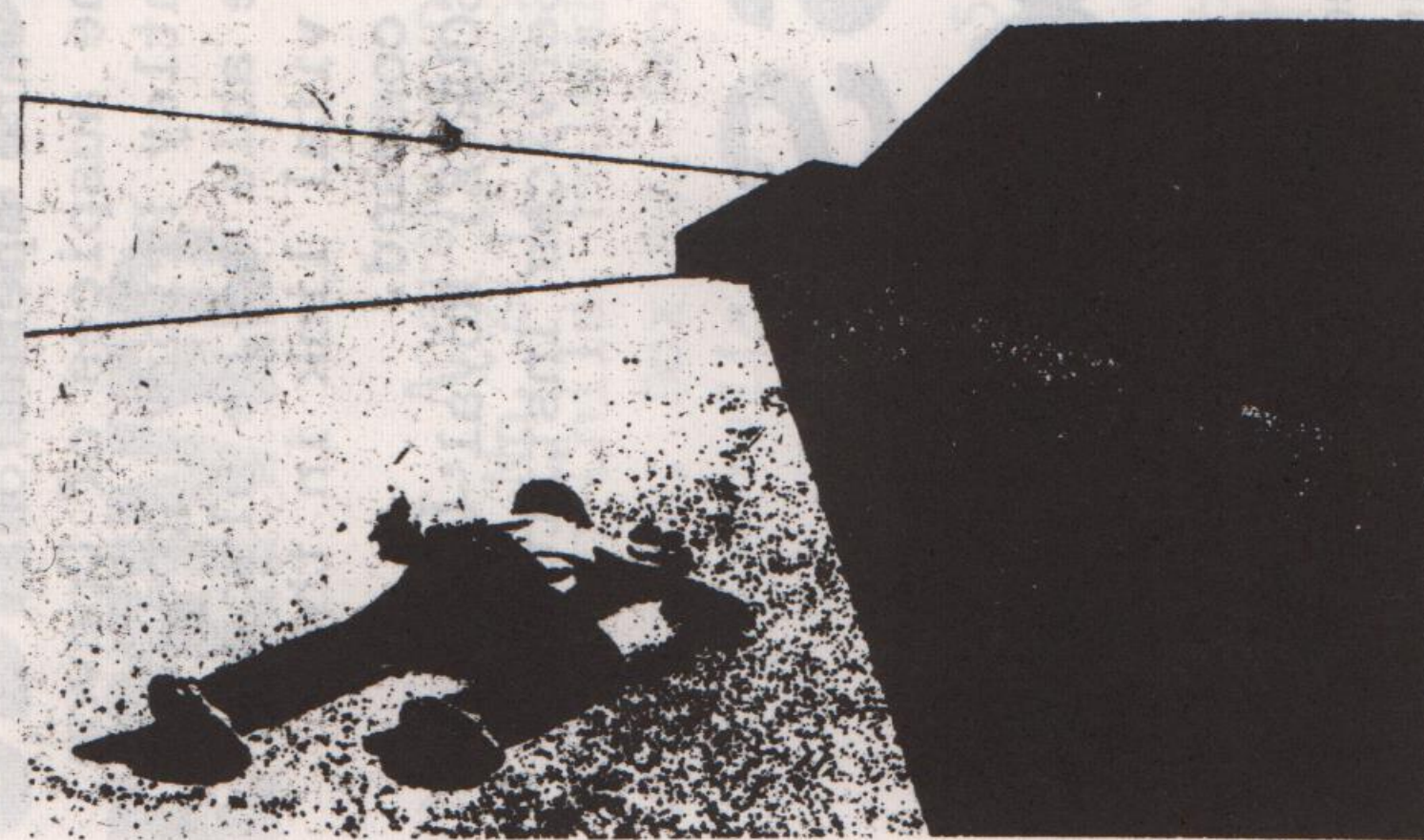
With the admissibility of wire-tapping evidence, things look rough: random conversations, political discussions, the usual hypothetical arguments and scenarios, can all be taken out of context and used as 'damning evidence'. As a result the Five may be forced to go on the defensive and to bring their politics directly into the hearing. Now, more than ever, the Five will need the support of those opposed to state power, to militarism, to the exploitation of this earth and its resources. For those who proclaim their adherence to direct action, its stand up and be counted time. If things don't go their way, it will take more than just letters of solidarity or protest to free them. The Five are accused of actions that have spoken louder than a million protests ever could have done: bombing of a Cruise missile parts factory, conspiracy to bomb a Cruise test site, sabotage of a Hydro power plant, the firebombing of three specialist porn video stores, etc. If found guilty



they could face life imprisonment. But why should they become martyrs because others have been content to settle for compromise and symbolic protest? Nevertheless any qualitative distinctions should be seen as part of a wider state strategy to criminalise legitimate opposition. As someone from a Vancouver womens group said regarding the nature of the charges: 'The suffragettes before us poured acid all over golf courses, broke hundreds of windows, and in one fell swoop burned down every pillar box in London. It seems to us that the bombing of the Cheeky-Dunsmuir power station, Red Hot Video pornographic outlets and Litton Industries is in keeping with that tradition and has nothing to do with terrorism...None of these bombings could have been as effective as they were without the hundreds of thousands of organised rebels already at work...' And as a Toronto support group said: 'The individuals who acted in the name of Direct Action were not merely frustrated individuals. They were acting quite consciously to open up another front against the War Machine.' Since the arrest of the Five, direct action attacks have continued unabated. In March of last year two Forces armouries in Montreal were bombed by a group styling itself 'Friction Direct'. Porn stores were systematically attacked in Victoria. And only recently news has come in of a riot in Oakalla prison, where the Five are being held.

## GERMANY Trial Begins

The trial has begun of two people, accused of the attempted assassination of a top NATO chief, the successful assassination of two leading industrialists and a state prosecutor, and several other charges. The two are Christian Klar and Brigitte Mohnhaupt, who have been held in the notorious Stammheim prison for the last 14 months awaiting the commencement of the trial. The state has charged that they were prominent members of the Red Army Faction. Mohnhaupt was arrested in November 1982 when she, together with Aldelheid Schulz, were allegedly approaching an arms dump near Frankfurt. The dump supposedly contained damning evidence, including an RPG7 Rocket Launcher, forged documents, ammunition, explosives, firearms and grenades, as well as other restricted documents and RAF security papers. Mohnhaupt has in fact been in the RAF since the early 70's. She has already served 5 years of a 10 year sentence, and on her release in '77, went underground. She was named as one of the chief suspects involved in the attempted rocket attack, in August '77, on the Federal Prosecutor at Karlsruhe. She has also been named by the security forces as being involved in the killing of Jurgen-Ponto, the industrialist, and the kidnapping and execution (some say in retaliation for the Stammheim murders) of Hans-Martin Schleyer.



Brigitte was arrested in 1978 in Yugoslavia and, after an unsuccessful attempt by the Yugoslavian authorities to exchange her with the FDR for Croatian nationalists, she again went underground. Klar was named by the state for complicity in the Buback execution as well as the Schleyer kidnapping. He is also charged with involvement in the bomb attack in '79 on General Haig, the Kroesen rocket attack and a bomb attack on the US base at Ramstein. Both Klar and Mohnhaupt face other charges relating to robberies and killings. The trial will take place in Stammheim prison itself. On the first day of the trial the two read out statements explaining why they supported the need for armed struggle, and why they opposed the state and the military. They will need all the support they can get in the dark days ahead.

## Hunger Strike Ends

Fidel Manrique Garrido, a CNT militant and very good friend of the Anarchist Black Cross has recently been forced to stage a hunger strike after he applied to be considered for early release.

Even though he had the right to apply and had the active support of many comrades and friends, it took the authorities 9 days to eventually agree to consider his application. As a result of the hunger strike Fidel lost 17 pounds weight. He is currently being held at Segovia prison.

Comrades wishing to write to Fidel can do so (in Spanish where possible) at this address:

*Fidel Manrique Garrido,  
Apartado de Correos, 113,  
SEGOVIA SPAIN*



## GREECE Solidarity Needed

KRAXIMO is a magazine published by an anarchist gay transvestite Paola (Paul Revenioti). The magazine deals with sexual politics from an anarchist point of view. Paola and the magazine were prosecuted for obscenity, this law is not used against pornography but against Kraximo, Anifi (a gay magazine) and the works of de Sade. Paola was found not guilty in the trial against the 3rd issue. (the obscene article was a sketch by Jean Cocteau). However on the publication of the 4th edition (the last one so far), the police again sent Paola to court, this time the offending article is a drawing of two men kissing. Paola was sentenced to four months in prison and a fine of 30,000 drachmas. In court Paola refused a lawyer and accused the socialist state of prosecuting him for his/her homosexuality and politics. Paola has also received a 5 month suspended sentence in the past for fighting with a cop. So now Paola is in danger of going to jail for nine months and paying the fine. An appeal has been made and a new sentence is to be imposed. The aim of the persecution is to ensure that Kraximo does not appear again, however a new issue will be produced as soon as finances allow.

Our solidarity is vital and comrades are urged to write to the Greek embassy in London and to the ministry of 'justice'.

*Ministry of Justice, Ypourgon Dikeosynis, Zinonos 2, Athens, Greece.  
The Ambassador, Greek Embassy, 1A Holland Park Road, London W11.  
To Kraximo, Oinochs, 7, Amfiali Ag. Antonios, Piraeus, Greece.*

P.S. The position of gays and transvestites in Greece is precarious to say the least. In one year alone six gays and transvestites have been murdered in Athens, in most cases the killers not being found. The murders are obviously a reflection of the sexist and hierarchical nature of Greek society.



# DEATH OF SOUCHY

We have received the news that our German comrade Augustin Souchy has died in a Munich hospital at the age of 92 after a serious lung disease.

Souchy, whose revolutionary activities span  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a century, was born August 28th 1892 in Ratibor (today in Poland) into a social-democratic family. From an early age he was much influenced by the anarchist Gustav Landauer rather than the communist Clara Zetkin or the social democrat August Bebin. 'It was the kind of socialism that appealed to me most' he used to say about Landauer's speeches and lectures.

When the first world war broke out Souchy was attending an anti-militarist meeting in Austria. He was arrested and deported back to Germany. On the extradition warrant was written in large letters *Vorsicht: Anarchist!* (Danger: Anarchist!) This also became the title of his memoirs. Soon after this he was forced to leave Germany to avoid conscription and settled in Sweden.

Returning to Germany in 1919 he became a member of the anarcho-syndicalist Freie Arbeiter Union Deutschlands (FAUD) which at that time had a membership of 100,000.

In 1920 he travelled to Russia as a representative of the FAUD at the invitation of the bolshevik government. Lenin even tried during a

meeting to 'cure' him from his 'infantile disorder' e.g. anarcho-syndicalism. To no avail, however! On his return to Germany Souchy wrote the book *How does the worker and peasant live in Russia*, and he was one of the fiercest critics of the Bolshevik revolution.

In 1921 he took part in the founding of the International Workers Association (IWA). Together with the German anarchist Rudolf Rocker and the Russian Alexander Schapiro he became the secretariat of the IWA. At the same time he was the editor of the FAUD weekly *The Syndicalist*. He saw at first hand the rise to power of the nazis in Berlin and when he heard on the radio the news of the Reichstags

fire he planned, together with Erich Muhsam to escape from Germany. Unfortunately Muhsam was arrested the following morning as he returned for the last time to his house, (which was watched by the police). As Souchy fled alone his 'wanted' posters were already being pasted up throughout Germany.

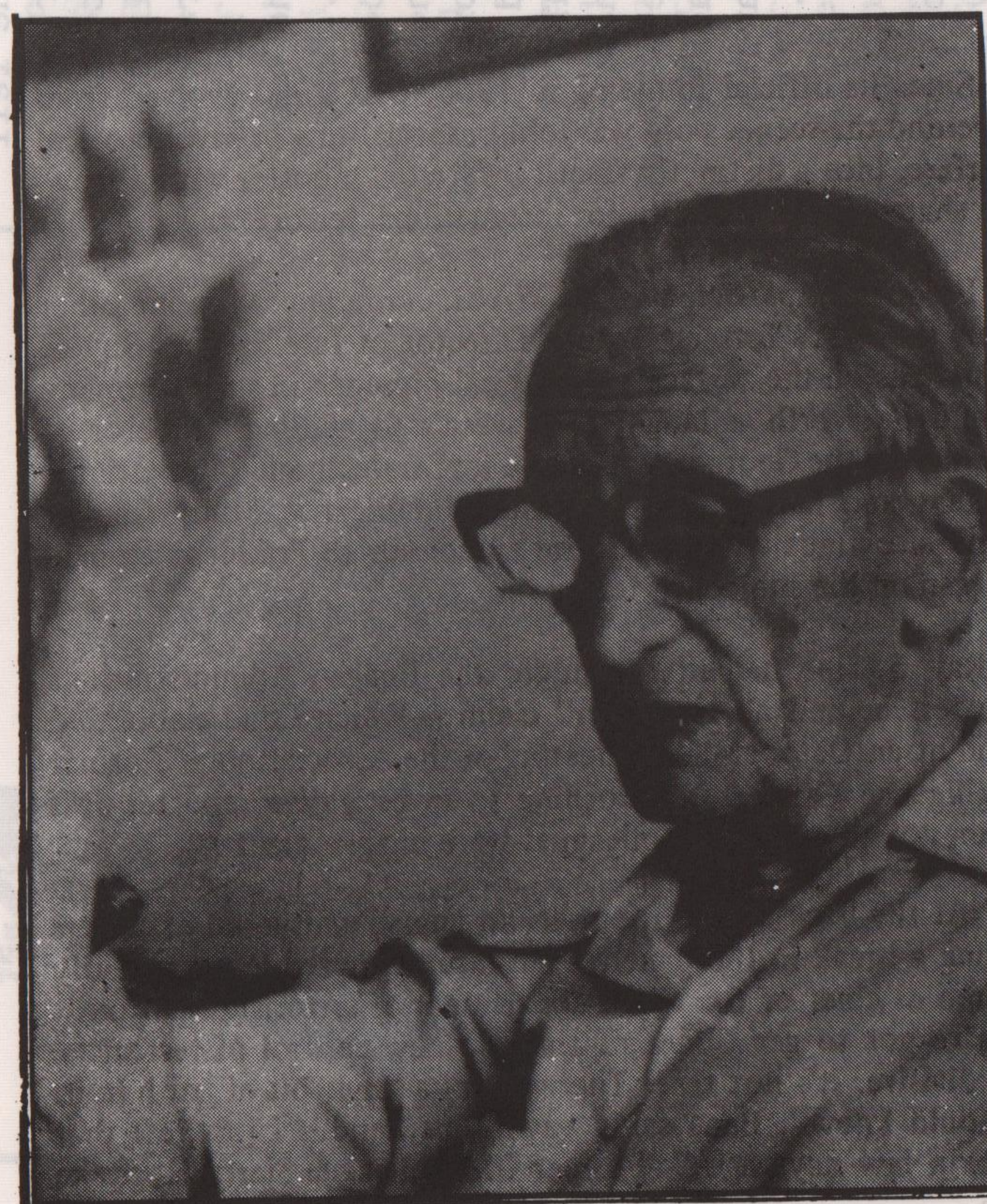
He was in Barcelona on 19th July 1936 when the first shots of the Spanish revolution were fired. Three days later he announced in a radio broadcast the revolutionaries victory over the fascists. But fascism wasn't finished yet in Spain. He experienced the end of the Spanish Republic in France, while on the run from Franco's troops and nazi soldiers.

He went in exile in Mexico (with a Spanish passport). While living there he visited Cuba before and after the revolution. In the 60s he worked for the reformist International Federation of Free Trade Unions and the International Labour Office which brought him a lot of criticism from his anarchist comrades.

"Fought for a lot, achieved little" he described his life.

Augustin Souchy's fight ended on January 1 1984.

(Hans Ulrich Dillman)



# N.A.T.O. PREPARE

RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe is to be effectively devolved to 3 satellite bases in preparation for its conversion to NATO Euro-Command Reserve HQ. Two of the four groups within RAF Strike Command were amalgamated in November to form an enlarged 1 Group, with headquarters at RAF Upavon (Wilts). The other two groups - 11 and 18 Group will be based at RAF Bentley Priory and Northwood (Fleet C in C HQ, CINCHAN HQ, and CINCELAN HQ). The Upavon site will provide a closer link with UKLF HQ, while the Northwood site will provide simultaneous control with Naval operations. High Wycombe will still retain nominal overall control over Strike Command, but with more forward operational planning under the auspices of Upavon, Northwood and Bentley Priory, greater attention will be able to be placed on its role as a vital link in the NATO battlefield command.

SOURCE: Royal United Services Institute.

# CRASS HOAX

Some months back Crass made a collage tape of a supposed telephone conversation between Reagan and Thatcher, in which Thatcher revealed that the "Belgrano" had been sunk on her orders to scupper any peace plans and Reagan admitted that in the event of war he would bomb Western Europe. The tape, complete with background phone noises, was then sent anonymously to various newspapers around the world. All the British papers refused to have anything to do with it but some of the European papers did print it. However last month the *Sunday Times* did mention the tape, as an example of Soviet 'block propaganda' at its most sophisticated. The article included quotes from American 'intelligence' (i.e. unintelligent) men (CIA?). Two weeks later the *Observer* broke the story about Crass, later picked up by the *London Standard*. So far the *Sunday Times* haven't commented.

## SCHOOLBOY HOAX WINS DAY OFF

A boy fed up with trudging to school in cold weather telephoned to the BBC, impersonated his headmaster, and convinced Radio Norfolk to broadcast that Northgate High in East Dereham, had been closed because of weather conditions.

Mr John Gibbs, the headmaster, heard the broadcast and managed to get a correction, but it was too late and more than 500 of the 700 children stayed away. The BBC apologised yesterday and promised that it would never happen again.

# ANARCHIST FINED

On 24th January, Mike Gillard (a South London anarchist) was fined £300 for "using or installing" a transmitter for Our Radio, the Open Access Community pirate station. In addition over £200 worth of transmitting equipment was ordered confiscated.

The court case goes back to a raid of Mike's flat in Deptford last March, where police found a transmitter and other equipment. Gillard denied "using or installing" the equipment, explaining that the Our Radio Team had left his flat just before the police arrived. Although he had witnesses to prove this, and although police and Home Office detectives admitted that they had not direct evidence against him, Gillard was found guilty.

Our Radio has been off the air for 8 months but now has a new transmitter and plans to begin a "guerrilla" station soon.

Cheques and postal orders to support Our Radio, BM Box Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX. All money will be used for fines, new equipment and republishing the Our Radio Booklet.