

NO APARTHEID IN REPRESSION

IN RECENT DAYS it has been observed with some alarm by sections of the British press and by some of the South African public that policemen's batons are not inscribed 'For use on Blacks only'. The events outside and inside St. George's Anglican Cathedral, Cape Town, last week provoked even the normally reactionary *Sunday Telegraph* to use a FREEDOM-like headline 'Rioting police shake white South Africa'. It was not merely the fact that the theoretical sanctuary of the church was abused by the grossly materialistic police, or that white people had been beaten up (including the statutory pregnant woman) but also that the police lost control of their own men.

The *Observer* describes the events thus: '... the police were making their second baton charge against students and onlookers. That was when their commanding officer, Colonel P. A. Crous, shouting "No, no, no..."', ran forward to stop a burly policeman who had hurled himself at a terrified middle-aged woman and was pulling her down the cathedral steps. As Colonel Crous struck at the policeman with his cane, another officer was using his open hand to knock the policeman away from the woman, and a third officer was hitting at a young constable who was throwing a tear-gas grenade at the crowd.'

It has long been known that South Africa was a police-state and one is only surprised at the delayed reaction of the liberal conscience. Innumerable whites have been hauled off to jail under the most widely-ranging repressive laws and innumerable whites have served, and are serving, severe sentences, simple detention or even house arrest and area restrictions, all under laws. One is reminded of the stage melodrama hero who said, 'You have seduced my wife, killed my mother and taken away from me my home... but beware lest you go too far!' Have

Vorster and his police gone too far?

We cannot give space to examine the white liberals' dilemma. It is quite true that there is one, and whether one should stay on as long as possible to fight against a totalitarian regime from within is a question to be answered by the individual who is faced with that problem.

It is quite true that there are people who have hesitated and compromised and involved themselves so much with the question of *apartheid* that there is no withdrawal for them and they have only their own cowardice to blame for the growth of this Frankenstein monster which seems to appear to be attacking its master. One sees with approval that Eartha Kitt, appearing before segregated audiences, was denied parking-space reserved 'for whites only' and that Margot Fonteyn, making a similar fast Rand dollar, was booed. But the hopeful thing about the Cape Town demonstration was that it was called by university students (granted English-speaking) in solidarity with coloured students who had been expelled from Turfloop University. This led to a chain reaction in several of the euphemistically-labelled 'ethnic' universities, leading to the agitation for improved education for all races.

It is almost exactly a generation

since *apartheid* was put on the South African statute book and a new generation has apparently arisen which (at least among the English-speaking) has considerable doubts about the wisdom of *apartheid*. The maxim of 'divide and conquer' has been used by all conquerors and states and South Africa is no exception. From Malan to Verwoerd to Vorster the government has sorted out blacks from whites, from coloured, Dutch-speaking Afrikaans from English-speaking South Africans. The white trade unions have become the aristocrats of labour using *apartheid* as a weapon to force up their own wage rates. Blacks have been, with the kindly assistance of the law, excluded from skilled labour.

The student agitator is often a doubtful asset. His heart is bigger than his head and one knows, or suspects, that a goodly proportion of them will become career-seeking establishment men, keeping their noses clean and surviving moments of apocalyptic revolution to live lives of quiet desperation in Golders Green or some lush suburb of Jo'burg.

Nevertheless despite the efforts to make students the spoiled darlings of the system it always fails; and student revolts are eloquent testimony to the human spirit's inability to swallow all kinds of shit.

We have seen it in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia, in France, in America and—of course—to a lesser extent in Britain. The student, as yet, uncorrupted by the supposed necessity for compromise sees, as he has been taught, the clear moral issue of the bomb, ecology, Vietnam or *apartheid*. Such is the spontaneity of the student that older, corrupter, more warped minds suspect that it's all a Communist plot and that nobody (meaning themselves) could have come to such conclusions unaided by Red gold.

But it is quite true that students are only a reflection of the spirit of the time—and with their usually uncomplicated clarity of mind—a little in advance. This gross indiscretion on the part of the police is the arrogant pride that goes before a re-thinking of their place in society.

We cannot somehow, in both senses of the phrase, take Dr. Barnard to our hearts but even he has been appalled by the unfavourable

image projected from the steps of St. George's Cathedral and has threatened to withdraw the prestige of his name from South African medicine if his brother—who had addressed the students—was forced to resign or was sacked.

The misgivings about *apartheid* go even deeper than mere humanitarian feelings or thoughts about the equality of mankind. In the depths of the capitalist mining interests anxieties have been expressed about the scarcity of skilled labour and the *apartheid* exploitation of the white unions. It has been pointed out that the use of Africans for mere manual labour is a waste of resources in a technological age. Finally it has become obvious to many South African businessmen that African purchasing-power is held back or goes to African petty capitalists under *apartheid*. Things must change in South Africa if only for the sake of maintaining the status quo.

JACK ROBINSON.

ON TRIAL

THE PROSECUTION at the Angry Brigade trial has continued to present its case against the eight defendants at the Old Bailey. This case consists of a complex interlocking structure of very detailed evidence about the 27 bombings and shootings and the associated documents, with just a few items such as fingerprints directly implicating some of the people in the dock.

It is encouraging to be able to report that three of the defendants — John Barker, Hilary Creek, and Anna Mendelson—are managing to make a good job of defending themselves, with the help of advisers. This means that all kinds of important questions can be asked after the usual lawyers' questions in the cross-examination of prosecution witnesses. It also gets round the old problem of the true loyalty of lawyers; thus Stuart Christie has a good traditional barrister defending him, but it is never-

theless rather disconcerting to see the barrister having a drink with police officers and prosecution lawyers in the pub across the road during lunch.

The main political interest so far has been provided by information elicited by the defence from prosecution witnesses about the way the authorities reacted to the four-year campaign of explosions—the suppression of the news of incidents, the contact with foreign police forces, the destruction of material evidence (such as a newspaper alleged to have James Greenfield's fingerprints found at the site of the bombing of the Paddington Police Station in May 1970), and the refusal to disclose sensitive facts. In the last category, the prosecution successfully prevented witnesses from answering defence questions about the explosive used in the Post Office Tower bomb in October 1971, and about the list of 37 people originally suspected by the police of belonging to the Angry Brigade; the point of this list is that it did not include any of the people on trial—so who did it include?

CORRESPONDENT.

Stoke Newington Squatters

THIS ARTICLE is being written on Monday, June 12, one day before the repossession orders granted against the squatting families take effect. The promises of rehousing made by the Council's representative to the County Court Judge before the orders were granted have, as feared, proved empty. Not one offer of accommodation of any kind has been made to any of the families.

On June 2 one of the families, an unsupported mother with four children, approached the local Social Services department. The District Officer, when told of the Judge's stipulations, replied that it had nothing to do with them. She might, she said, try and fit the family in somewhere after the eviction, emphasising that this was not a promise (a deliberate piece of bullying, as the Social Services are legally obliged to

accommodate homeless families). The family told her that another officer had advised them against taking Welfare Accommodation as it would endanger the children's health, and that they would be forced to squat again. The District Officer advised them to do just that. The entire interview was conducted on the public landing of the Social Services building.

On June 4 all the families, along with members of the East London Squatters' Association and ORA, demonstrated outside the home of Councillor Kenneth Wilson, chairman of the Housing Management Committee. He lives in one of the quietest and most pleasantly situated flats of a new, as yet incomplete, Council housing project. He was 'not at home', but the police were. They arrived immediately and mounted a guard. Leaflets

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TUC & Employers Link Up

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE of Economic and Social Research in its latest review of the British economy has forecast increased inflation for the coming year. These forecasts are causing both the employers and the Government some anxiety. The Government's incomes policy was destroyed by the miners' twenty per cent increase. Its dispute with the railwaymen, with the charade of industrial courts and ballots, has proved that even with an Act of Parliament the Government still does not necessarily get the desired result.

The Government has even started to discuss the possibility of a compulsory wage and price 'freeze'. Such a policy, when it was adopted by the Labour Government, was abhorred by the Tories, when they were opposition. Principles are not a politician's strong point and political parties quickly change a policy when they think it suits them.

The employers' organisation, the Confederation of British Industry, has warned the trade unions that unless they are 'willing to make a real effort' to keep wage increases down, then their, so-called, voluntary prices restraint would have to end after July. The CBI are willing to make an agreement with the TUC 'to conciliate—and maybe to arbitrate—in labour disputes'.

The TUC, now that it is faced with the Industrial Relations Act, would like to see the Department of Employment conciliate when disputes occur. However the TUC has already agreed to meet the CBI and discuss the employers' proposals.

STILL MAKING PROFITS

The Government is very concerned about wage increases and has tried to create the impression that it is taking the side of the housewife, the consumer, the whole community. Trade unionists have been cast as the villains of the piece, continually demanding wage increases. But even with the employers' price restraint, the cost of living has continued to rise. Companies are still managing to make profits, while ordinary people, who create this wealth for the employers, are increasingly feeling the pinch. People are seeing huge profits being made out of the selling of houses

and land. Working people also face huge increases in rent under the Government's Housing and Finance Bills. The politicians' hypocrisy, in attacking wage increases, knows no bounds. The CBI has, at least, admitted that: 'It is hardly surprising that the response is pressure for higher and higher wages, and that the psychological effect of rising land and house prices is probably even greater than the effect of the increases themselves. It is clearly time for the Government to take the most urgent action, or series of actions, in this field, or else this running sore will poison our whole efforts to combat inflation.'

The employers of the CBI see the Industrial Relations Act as a clumsy method of conducting 'industrial relations'. They would rather reach an agreement with the TUC. It is also clear that the TUC would prefer to deal with the employers than continually have to confront the National Industrial Relations Court. The TUC and the employers will feel at home with their cosy get-together, over the whisky bottle, deciding what wages and conditions workers should receive. Both are firm supporters of the status quo and favour the profit motive system.

POWER AND AUTHORITY

However, the capitalist system of production is not just concerned with profits. It exerts enormous power and authority over millions of people's lives. To talk of 'industrial relations' presupposes that workers and employers are equals when it is obvious that this isn't the case. There can be no relationship between those who wield power and those who work for wages.

Anarchists are not only opposed to production for profit but a society based on power and authority. While it is necessary to fight for higher wages it is much more important to question and challenge the power of the employing class. Today, it is not only the employer who has power over our lives. Power and authority does not only reside with those who own capital and the means of production. It permeates the state-run industries, their institutions, the social services, the health service and borough councils.

Anarchists aim to abolish the state and its power and authority. We want to substitute workers' control and mutual aid for the present profit motive and base our relationships on freedom and mutual respect.

P.T.

MINERS IN COURT

THE MINERS' VICTORY over the Government was also a victory for rank and file control and direct action over the cosy compromises of the union leaders. It was the mass picketing of power stations not the board room acrobatics of the union leaders which defeated the Government, and inevitably the forces of law and order were used to try and intimidate the militants. At the time of the strike the union leaders were rather embarrassed at dissociating themselves from the 'irresponsible' pickets who were arrested, but now they are doing it openly.

The trial opened at Dunfermline Sheriff Court on June 6 of 13 pickets variously charged with mobbing and rioting at Long Gannet power station in February and it is expected to last for about a month. Rank and file union members have issued leaflets denouncing the political nature of the trial and the leaders of the Scottish area of the NUM have officially dissociated the union from the campaign. At the time of the arrests there were calls for strike action until the men were released. The trade union solidarity which took the miners to victory must now be used to defend the arrested pickets against the Law which is so clearly revealed as the weapon of the rulers and exploiters.

T.P.

The Class Struggle in Class

ON MONDAY *From Birth to Seven* was published. This book is a survey of the first seven years of life of 17,000 children born in the week March 6-9, 1958. The *Sunday Times* carried a glossy summary of the chief points of the educational results. The children were classed into five social categories and the results showed that the lower the social class the lower the academic achievement in reading, writing, arithmetic and creativity. This was to be expected but the idiotic remarks of the article's author, Dr. R. Davie were not.

The initial difficulties of some working-class children in acclimatising themselves sometimes results in alienation . . . working-class children, even by seven years of age, are showing hostility towards teachers or, worse still, withdrawal, depression, and a 'writing off' of adult standards.

As libertarians, an analysis of these two seemingly liberalistic statements shows just how reactionary they are. Firstly to 'acclimatise' to learning is ridiculous. Children before five learn by

contact, play and exploration. Only when contact is cut by examinations, play stopped by the 'order' of classrooms and exploration prevented by compulsory 9 till 5 attendance, does this acclimatisation, to the petit-bourgeois rule and regulation orientated schooling, become necessary.

Secondly, why 'worse still' not 'better still'? A child who sees through the idiotic concept of schooling at only seven years is surely the most educationally observant child. Middle-class children usually have the achievement idea so thoroughly indoctrinated by five years of age that they are often passive information-receiving vegetables in class. However we should pity both classes of child as neither have the benefits of adults and working-class kids who are in constant trouble at school are no more, but no less unfortunate, than the acquiescing middle-class kids.

Finally a 'writing' off of adult standards is the product of very advanced thinking about adult regimes. If at every bank robbery the 30 people nearest to the bank were punished there would be

uproar. Punishment of children en masse for 'crimes' at school occurs every day. The usual excuse is that the 'criminal child' is causing all the trouble for the others, a deliberate escape for the double-standard teacher-adult. Adult standards smack always of oppression of blacks, women and kids. This is why refusing adult standards is a real challenge to kids who are recognising their collective responsibility in countering the ideology of bourgeois society.

Academic success is also considered as the only tangible form of progress. To work in the typically middle-class jobs—accountancy, administration and supervision—is to be sold body and soul to the voters, while unskilled jobs usually are only a form of body prostitution. (You can sell your arms and legs, but not your sexual organs.) Oppression is at all levels but especially in the levels that all male adults can dominate—women, blacks and kids.

Truly kids are the fifth world, and the Dr. Davie are the very heart of the alienated middle class dominating those they can, serving those they must. Our rulers are the most alienated of all as they are the products of most controlled education in schools and as students. They are alienated even from understanding their alienation.

DAVID BROWN.

RIFF-RAFF

AMONG the many excellent Penguin Education series are some of the following recently published, all vital towards creating a Libertarian society.

Lost For Words; The Multi-Racial School; Lives Of Children: Story Of The First Street School; these three books are stepping stones towards liberating teachers and eggheads from narrow professionalism and academic arse-hugging wealth and security. If you do not subscribe or sell *The Libertarian Teacher* and *Children's Rights* then it really is time to consider whether you feel confident enough to publish your own local magazine; for really the two magazines mentioned are essential in an educational liberation front! Write to Freedom Press Bookshop, 84a Whitechapel High Street, London, E.1, for orders; or to Black Flag Bookshop, 1 Wilne Street, Leicester.

John Nightingale is in Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight for I don't know what; but I do know he writes a lot of poems; is a libertarian and needs letters and cards of greetings. If you care to send books and newspapers get them sent direct from the bookshop with a note for John Nightingale.

RAP is an organization devoted to getting men and women out of prison. It can't be said they are successful but they might well be if they got more support. They can be reached at 104 Newgate Street, London, E.C.1. Have just published an account *Alternatives To Prison*, 35p.

Anarchism is about the release of every child's potential so that each person becomes a giant, or fairy, individual. However, so often this growth is stunted by institutions. Institutions, far from providing that environment which nurtures the free spirit, positively cramp it. Of course there have been many essays and books written by anarchists pointing this out. *Children's Rights*, the book, came out before the magazine of the same name and if anything is more important—to teachers and adults—since it may release their anger and ignorance of what is going on within the educational system.

Published now as a paperback at

50p, it is essential for the student as well as long-qualified teacher. *Children's Rights*, Panther paperback, 40p.

Children's Rights magazine is 15p and published from the following address: P.O. Box 70, 5 Stewart's Grove, London, S.W.3.

Akenfield has just come out in paperback and is the tale of a village through the last three generations. The gravedigger; the bellringers; the farm labourers; the parson; and many others give their lives in thoughts and memories. It is an important book for it is the very words of these people—not someone else's interpretation. For this reason it gives a truthful account of living in such a village and an awareness of social, political conditions—not to mention class and privilege! It is a Penguin paperback and worth every penny—40p.

DENNIS GOULD.

LAWYERS COOKBOOK

UP AGAINST THE LAW No. 1. Defendants News (from the UPAL Collective, c/o Frenz Magazine, 307 Portobello Road, London, price 5p).

THIS DESCRIBES itself as a lawyers' cookbook, or how to curry favour; and this description is pretty apt. It is produced by a group of people who have been involved in defence work on such cases as the 'Mangrove Nine', and the 'Ian and Jake case', and is the direct result of their experience. It consists of snippets on various travesties of State 'Justice', and two long and very informative articles on twisting your defence lawyer around your little finger in order that you stand a little more chance of him acting in your interest, and also doing without him altogether.

For anyone who feels the benevolent State Machine might try to do the dirty on him/her, I can only say this is the BIG ONE, avoid all liberal imitations! It sets out to tell you not what they're allowed to do, but what they're likely to do and how to go about upsetting their plans.

It is well printed, well produced, and worth its weight in gold—BUY IT.

A. M. BIRD.

I'll be Caged in a New Cell

THEY USED TO CALL THEM Estate Agents, but what with death duties, Council houses and property-owning democracy there weren't Estates any more; they thought of calling them Realtors like they did in America, but the whole thing had so little relationship to reality that it wouldn't do. The sociologists re-christened housing 'living unit cells' so they called the agents Cell Agents, it was a slight pun on the word 'sell'.

Anyhow I wanted a living unit cell so I went to see a cell agent. I had been out of things for a while so I didn't quite know how it operated.

The young man was pleasant enough really. I told him what I wanted. He seemed a bit shocked at this.

He said, 'I'm sorry we haven't got what you want. It isn't really our function—or society's really. I'll tell you what we've got—and there's not much actually—and you tell me what'll do. Of course it depends on what you're prepared to do.'

'Of course I know things have changed,' I said. 'I used to pay rent.'

He seemed shocked. 'You mean you were in for life? Of course we've done away with all that sort of thing under the Progressives. We now have indeterminate sentences.'

'You mean,' I said, 'I may never get out?'

'You may never get put out,' he corrected, 'if you observe the terms of your sentence.'

'I hope you can do something for me. I've been trying for so long to get in.'

'Well, we have city cells which are not very private. Not very good if you don't like heights but you have lots of company and a lot is done on association. You are usually herded away to labour institutions by buses. The price is reasonable—about forty years.'

'Forty years what?'

'You have to serve about forty years. Give or take a year.'

'Then we've lots of semi-detached cells. In these you keep yourself to your-

self and try to keep up a higher standard under Chief Warden Jones. You generally make your way to the Computer sentence in smaller individual groups—not much association. You generally have to do about fifty to seventy years labour for this. It isn't usually hard but it's monotonous.'

'How can people do seventy years?'

'Frankly . . . they don't all do it. They die in the attempt. Then the cells are liberated. That's how we get them.'

'Then, of course, we've got the open prison cells. In them you do one hundred or two hundred years labour. There's no limit to the length.'

'How can one man do that much?'

'He doesn't. He gets other people to do it for him. They prolong their own sentence that way.'

I expressed some surprise that people should be so willing to give themselves up to servitude. 'Oh yes, we advertise for people in the posh Sundays and we

have loads of applications for cells; even for two-cell families. We've even had them queuing up just after the builders have finished new cells. Of course we've just introduced a new, or rather a re-introduced system by which your children can take over the sentence when you are—er—liberated. It's called "mortgage" from,' he said brightly, 'the French "dead glove". Metaphorically speaking the children take over your hand to labour on.'

'Whatever happened to prisons?'

'Oh,' he said, 'Prisons, you mean crime and all those old fashioned ideas. No, there was a Mr. Butler, who was the Home Secretary or something, who found out that crime was a sickness so we put what's left of them in hospitals. Our new labour-intensive housing schemes means that social control is more easily enforced. As our fully-housed, fully-employed population gazes through the bars of its television sets it realizes that an EEC man's home is his prison.'

JACK SPRATT.

Laws of Fear

IRONICALLY, on the day when the so-called liberal press in Britain was overcome with relief and disbelief that its tatty conscience was not to be put to the test over the Angela Davis case, three men appeared in court in London charged with sedition. Michael Joseph Callinan and Louis Patrick Marcantonio were charged that 'on March 19 at Speakers' Corner in the hearing of liege subjects of HM Queen they did utter seditious speech inviting people living in London to go to Northern Ireland to take up arms against lawful authority'. Thomas Stanley Quinn was charged that he 'incited persons living in London to train as soldiers and enrol as persons prepared to go to Northern Ireland to

wage civil war there'.

As anarchists we would, of course, be opponents and, no doubt, victims of the kinds of society that Angela Davis and the three Irish militants would wish to create. Nevertheless, their cases underline the hypocrisy of the liberal myth of freedom of speech. The cowardly bullies who rule the world by the divine right of naked brutality fear absolute freedom of speech for they see in it the seeds of their own destruction, just like the mythical vampire's fear of daylight. As liberals have discovered to their cost so many times all over the world, there is no defence for free expression in the Law. (The dissenters in Russia who appeal to 'Soviet legality' are learning the hard way.) Indeed, on the contrary the Law is used by every tyrant to legitimise his rule and to suppress all opposition. Law is not only imposed by violence, it is violence deified. It exists to destroy the morality and responsibility of the individual and to render him or her slave to the immorality and irresponsibility of the politician and the capitalist.

Whilst we cannot condone the degrading spectacle of jurors sitting in judgement on their fellows, it is perhaps significant that (as in the Angela Davis case) the proverbial 'man in the street', so despised and distrusted by the authoritarian 'revolutionaries', often refuses to be prejudiced by the paranoid ravings of the State prosecutor. Indeed, any juror with an ounce of humanity will react to a glaring political witch-hunt.

When the Law is not the blatant tool of the rich and powerful it is a crutch for the mentally and morally crippled. Free and healthy men and women have no need to punish and degrade their fellows. We are all prisoners of the State and its insane dictates: freedom is illegal. But the break-out is coming and the jailers are trembling! TERRY PHILLIP

THE FALSE MYSTIQUE

COUNTER COURSE, A Handbook for Course Criticism, edited by Trevor Pate-man (Penguin, 75p).

ON THOSE RARE occasions when I have, to my profound regret, and in spite of all my endeavours, allowed myself to be involved in an argument with a middle class racist, I have asked myself, after the usual futile verbal battle, 'How can an educated man or woman, like this, believe such superstitious rubbish, which is on par with the belief that toads have jewels in their heads?'

This book explains why. It shows how our boasted 'objective' science is not objective and our 'liberal' education is not liberal. The numerous writers who have contributed to this work all have the same story to tell. Whether they are dealing with the teaching of medicine, history, sociology, mathematics, philosophy or English literature, they show the same process at work. The subject is treated in such a way as to favour a hierarchical, authoritarian society. It is amazing how this authoritarianism intrudes even into subjects like mathematics and chemistry, though it is easy to see how sociology, history or psychology would be affected.

It is a pity that some of the writers use the heavy, mandarin prose of their

enemies. I hope not to meet again for a long time 'concept', 'praxis', 'existential', 'demystify', 'reify' and other similar gems of the English tongue. This makes the book difficult to read until you become accustomed to it. As one goes on one gets used to it, and the later articles seem to be written in simpler language. It is worth persevering, because as one progresses a picture emerges of an educational system subtly twisted to favour the status quo.

Really I suppose it is no more than ought to be expected. The ruling class will do all it can to defend its privileges. But one is so conditioned to think of science as something which can only be taught in an objective manner, and to associate the humanities with wise scholars, devoted to the search for truth, no matter where the search may lead, that it comes as a shock to discover that this is not so at all.

There are many quotes in this book which make the writers' case beyond any shadow of doubt. Some of them, particularly those from the chapter devoted to the teaching of English literature, would qualify for *Pseudo's Corner* in *Private Eye*. It makes depressing reading at times, but the editor and his contributors deserve our gratitude for stripping away the false mystique of modern education.

JOHN BRENT.

LESSONS OF THE SPANISH REVOLUTION by Vernon Richards

This is not a reprint of the work with the same title published by FREEDOM PRESS in 1953. It is a new and considerably expanded version which the author prepared for an Italian edition published in 1957, and recently published in Paris in a Spanish translation.

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IT SHOULD NOT be necessary to say that a person should be judged by his acts rather than his name in an anarchist newspaper, but it is. Far too many anarchists believe that until someone declares himself an anarchist, he or she is suspect, and anyone who is a self-declared anarchist is as pure as one just leaving a confession. Similar anarchists often label anyone they fancy politically (usually a dead person) anarchist, a kind of name-grabbing practised in the same way as other leftist groups. I feel sure if Marx, Lenin or Connolly were alive today they would despair of their 'followers', but would Kropotkin, Malatesta or Bakunin be any more satisfied? This type of sectarian attitude is exemplified by the sniping at any other libertarian group by those who consider themselves pure at heart, FREEDOM, ORA, Solidarity, Black Flag being the principal

What's in a Name?

targets as they are the largest and therefore the easiest to hit.

The sectarian left is the pride and joy of capitalist Britain where the Tory Party, the CBI and other conspiracies can at least spare some time to defend their common interest. The left-wing organisations have the bourgeois (or petty bourgeois) notion that belonging to a group or labelling oneself is sufficient declaration of one's beliefs and intentions. Similarly any political alliance is useless for the libertarian left unless it is a working arrangement for a specific action. An alliance usually leads to not

only a centralisation of action but joint communiques, statements, etc. Discussion and the widest possible thought of solutions to problems are the whole basis of the libertarian socialist movement, but alternatively the introversion and inner criticism in the movement is our collective failing. We are still imprisoned within libertarian circles by our own actions of spending too much time writing or making absurd suggestions about each other.

This brings me to the key point of the piece. Choices between pacifism and violence, security or openness and even life or death are only partly our choices, as the real strength of decision still stands with the state. Our choice is whether we organise around specific issues such as strikes, occupations, mass truancy from school, sabotage, armed or unarmed attacks on the state's property, personnel or machinery or whether we spend another few decades with infertile jibes at our 'best enemies'—those whom we disagree with least. Anarchists are justifiably wary of central committees and issue politics but more often than not a real exploration of the reality behind these terms is less than justification.

Since few anarchists if any accept a word that comes from many of the Marxist-Leninist groups as true, why do they have a blind spot for such critical thinking for libertarian socialists? No libertarian group is in it for the money (except the libertarians who are regenerate Daniel Boone frontiersmen and understand as little as he did of anarchism) or the power, so the condemnation of any such group in political terms is to ridicule our own knowledge of observation.

A recent case has arisen around the eight accused of bombing conspiracies. Only one is a known anarchist and will freely admit it, the others are sitting tight over this question or would not consider themselves anarchists. What is important however is the struggles they have been involved in: the attempts to undermine state power by organising claimants' unions and women's lib groups and their disregard for personal benefits in these actions. They have taken direct action and have not tried to build a party or a league or even a federation. Is it still necessary to carry sandwich boards announcing their politics before we will even consider them? If we do the state is laughing, it will pick around our fringes at first getting out those 'non-anarchists' then when only the stronger groups are left they will gobble us whole leaving not a single anarchist capable of making a protest for fear of gaol or terrorism. We scarcely

need to talk of a 'divide and rule' state concept when we sectarianise and fight ourselves. They say that there is nothing like a death to bring the family together again. Let us hope such a drastic measure is not needed for us!

DAVID BROWN.



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WHAT PRICE FRESH AIR?

PROFESSOR Wilfred Beckerman, of University College, London, attacked scientists in his inaugural address, according to the *Guardian* (25.5.72). He blamed them for intruding into economic territory and prophesying economic disaster. According to him there are many flaws in the arguments put forward in *Blueprint for Survival*, and in the Club of Rome's *Limits of Growth*. The *Guardian* does not tell us what these flaws are, which is a pity. It is also a pity that so eminent a man should feel obliged to descend to cheap schoolboy jibes, such as, 'The Club of Rome is limited to 100 members. How silly do you have to be to join?'

He also attacked 'the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's computer world model study for its failure to understand that mathematics tell us nothing about the real world'.

The present writer is inclined to be gloomy, but does not actually want disaster. Rather he hopes that humanity will see the light in time and draw back. He suspects that Professor Beckerman is trying to check criticism of our commercial competitive society and preserve the status quo, but that the professor is quite aware that all is not well.

'He conceded', writes the *Guardian* reporter, 'that if shortages, pollution or population crises hit us suddenly we would be in trouble.' Well, well, I thought that that was exactly what was happening. It is similar to the Northern Ireland situation. People are being killed wholesale, districts are laid flat, people are tortured and buildings blown to bits, and we are solemnly warned by some official spokesman that if things go on like this 'there is a danger of civil war'.

According to the professor the shortages, pollution, population crises and so on will 'occur gradually and in different parts of the world'. So we shall have plenty of warning I suppose. As some humorist said of Merlin, 'he makes rapt prophecies of events that have already occurred'. The professor goes on, I do not know if the language is his or the *Guardian's* correspondent's, 'It had not been demonstrated that there was a causal connection between gross domestic product and ecological demand (or environmental impact), nor was it true that economic growth had led to increasing inequality of income distribution. The only reliable statistical information suggested that things were unchanged.'

These statements are at variance with observable facts. Anyone who wants to can go and look at the oily water of the River Thames. It is so poisonous now that the salmon that used to live in it no longer do so. Economic growth has led to increasing inequality in income between people in Europe and North America and those in what is known as the Third World. As for 'reliable statistical information' we are obliged to take the professor's word for its reliability.

The final statement reported is so cynical, in view of all the supposedly reassuring stuff that has gone before, that comment is superfluous.

The reason why there is a pollution problem is that the environment does not carry a price representing its correct social scarcity value. If a price were attached it would lead to an improved use of scarce resources such as clean air and water and so on.

MICHAEL BASTIEN.

Struggle in Australia

MIKE MATIESON, an anarchist draft resister, was cut free from two federal cops by bolt cutters at Sydney University. The cops were not molested, but they were restrained by a horde of non-aligned students, made aware by Mike and his companion of the situation. The police had handcuffed Mike after a trumped up paper interview and somehow ended up in the back seat of Mike's car, whilst the driver headed straight for a group of rock concert thus drawing attention to what was going on.

THE LITTLE RED BOOK AGAIN

Wendy Bacon and Roolof Smelde distributed newsprint copies of *The Little Red School Book* free, along with other libertarians, to slum schools in Sydney. Although banned in some states it is being sold at \$1.76 in more liberal environs (New South Wales and South Australia).

The response to this action was interesting. The capitalist publishers in NSW said, 'This is a gutter-level distribution, not at all what we intended.' In other words they are interested in selling the book as a curio only. While the Educational Authority said, 'This is obviously a sales gimmick to develop a market for *The Little Red School Book*. There are no truths revealed in this book that would be denied to students—if only they would ask.' This in a country where 'censorship to protect our liberal democracy' seems OK. Marijuana is outlawed, while sleeping pills, depressants, tranquilizers *ad nauseam* are prescribed by authentic pushers in white coats. A land where people have let their youth be maimed, and maim, in Vietnam for the 'gawd almighty dollar'. Homosexuality is illegal in many forms, etc.

mumbled warnings of Branch interest now for well over a year, and the day after Shaft info. point was raided in Bradford, one of their brothers being picked up on Leeds station. All in all it looks like the beginning of a sustained campaign of harassment and repression in Yorkshire.

There are no lessons to be learnt from this not already familiar to Anarchists. We have seen the usual classic confrontation between the values and ideas on which this society supposedly rests—democracy, free and open discussion, equal rights, etc.—and the reality of brute class power. On the one hand loose democratic groups, their structures rooted in simple fraternity, on the other hand the hierarchical power of bigwig with all its alienation, viciousness, hypocrisy and fear—scared not so much by what we represent as by the inability to conceive of what we do represent ('Who's

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IN MELBOURNE

Anarchists in Melbourne staged a march on May 1, which was an impressive anti-State and anti-war display. Several Spanish friends are helping things along.

REVOLUTIONARY SYNDICALISM

Anarcho-syndicalist efforts are developing in Brisbane, on building sites, on university campuses and on 'peace' demonstrations—pushing for workers' councils to be formed.

The IWW is developing momentum in Sydney, publishing its literature and developing contacts throughout the worker-student environment.

DRAFT RESISTANCE

There has been a drastic build-up to counter The National Service Act, with over 400 declared draft resisters. Constant confrontation with government spokesmen at sympathetic meetings is causing embarrassment to public relations efforts.

MEETINGS IN SYDNEY

Libertarian-Marxists and anarchists have downtown meetings at 20a Goulburn Street each Thursday night at 7.30 p.m. Papers are read and discussed. Practical ideas unfortunately are peripheral to theoretic discourses. Mainly university-oriented people attend.

WHILE IN VIETNAM . . .

Meanwhile technology is winning in Vietnam. Man, if not destroyed, is mutated into a 'killing machine'. Our gallant warriors (one for a dollar) will wait in the wings until further orders from Uncle Sam, even though the area they so bravely defended against the dreaded Communist hordes has been almost completely under NLF control now for four months.

C.P.

Repression Grows

US PROVINCIALS have long been following the campaign of repression against libertarians around London, and quietly shutting ourselves in anticipation. At last it looks as if the big purification has begun up here.

About 14 months ago the student section of the Leeds group managed to get hold of the front of an old building in Woodhouse Lane just taken over by the University Union; since then it has become the centre of an expanding libertarian activity in the city, and now houses the Anarchist bookshop, offices of Women's Lib., Gay Lib., Release, and the Claimants' Union, and an underground information point. On May 1 some dozen plainclothes piggies, including at least one Special Branch man, raided us under the pretext of an Obscene Publications warrant, making little effort to find any obscene publications but spending over an hour going through the files of the various organizations, systematically taking the names and addresses of members and contacts. They also stole a quantity of literature on such obscene topics as Northern Ireland, fair rents, industrial action, etc.—individual pigs appearing to be briefed on particular topics and rooting out the relevant stuff.

Civil Liberty freaks might be interested to know that this is the first raid on University Union premises in Britain. However we suspect it was not an intentional precedent but a dirty great blunder. Certainly it put the Union as a body in the position of having to support us, and some 500 people backed us up in a march to Police Headquarters in Westgate. Whilst the Union president bumbled around inside expressing extreme disquiet and asking for our literature back (we would've been quite happy

if they just paid us for it!) we held an open meeting outside demanding an explanation and an apology for the taking of names and addresses and a reassurance that it wouldn't happen again—in full knowledge that we wouldn't get them but very satisfying and making a point in itself. One speaker suddenly seized by the spirit challenged the police to a public debate, further underlining the point.

Having thus committed the cardinal sin of treating them as our equals and not showing a fart for their authority we now expect retaliatory action. At the moment it looks as if they are frantically running around trying to find some 'leaders' they can hold responsible for certain literature in the shop. One brother has been visited and threatened that the 1959 Obscenity Act could be stretched to include political obscenity! (i.e. that which depraves and corrupts politically!) The implications don't need spelling out if they manage to pull this one off. However, for the moment you are going to have to wait in suspense along with us. . . . Very important in all this seems to be a nasty thing called the *Armageddon Chronicle*, which is as close to political obscenity as anything—political wanking would be a better term, a pseudo-urban guerrilla 'manual', reading like the work of a psychopath or a prize pseud and either way a fucking menace. This turned up from God knows where some time ago, every copy being immediately snapped up by Young Conservatives. These were dispatched to such people as Mrs. Jill Knight, MP, who immediately realized that we were 'masterminded by the IRA' and contacted the relevant piggy. This appears to have been the initial excuse for the raid—but only an excuse: we have been receiving

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CAPTAIN SWING.

Are You Living in One of London's Old Houses?

A MAMMOTH ADVERTISING campaign has recently been launched to inform the public of grants 'up to £1,000' which are being made available for the improvement of dilapidated and slum houses. One in the eye, you might think, for cynical anarchists who resolutely refuse to see any good in government, and very little in local councils. But beneath all the surface fervour (which, incidentally, might have had a more convincing ring about it if it had taken place 25 years ago), the ad-men handling this campaign make oversimplifications in their copy which hide many facts and cloud several others.

Firstly, this 'free' money is ours to begin with. We create wealth, we are profits and dividends, we are interest—it's as simple as that, and this money being made available for grants is simply money collected from people to begin with, and returned in a lump sum. But it is returned conditionally on certain improvements being made to the property in question, so it could be reasoned that it is really only a rates rebate gathered in on properties which are in such an appalling condition that councils have got a cheek to collect rates from them in the first place. If houses are unfit to live in, then it follows that they are not fit to be taxed.

A MERE REBATE

Anyway, a rebate is perhaps better than nothing, but hidden beneath the bland ads of domestic bliss that are a feature of this campaign, is the condition that this sum has to be matched pound for pound by the person claiming it. That means that if you want to claim the full maximum £1,000 you've got to have £2,000-worth of improvements made, and you will be responsible for finding the other half. Of course there are ways of getting into debt in order to get this

amount, but for the average working-class person, who perhaps already has a mortgage round his neck, the uncertainty of continuing employment might make him hesitate, and perhaps more simply, who the hell wants more debt? Having managed to 'make do' for so many years, perhaps they reckon it's safer to just manage a bit longer.

THE MIDDLE CLASS BENEFIT

Even so, if the money is raised by way of extended mortgage or second mortgage or whatever, there is no guarantee that the money will be automatically forthcoming. Like most governmental moves towards what is laughingly called 'socialism', it is the middle classes who benefit most, not the poor. It is the middle classes who have the power to make older properties fashionable, and who have the financial resources (and in fairness, let it be added, the imagination), to restore and upgrade houses which were rapidly falling apart from the seams through years of neglect. It is this class (aided and abetted by the coos of delight from the posh Sunday's property pages) that can invade a working-class district, buy it up and transform it to highly desirable properties. Kennington's exclusive and snobbish Cleaver Square is surrounded by some of the most grotesque slums in London, but if you walk in a straight line from the tube station to the square you'll not be disturbed by actually seeing any of them.

So then, how does the local authority decide to 'upgrade' a district? Quite simply it is on a street by street basis, and it is only those streets which have been officially designated to be improvement areas that can be considered for a grant. Thus, if a street is owned by absentee landlords or by property speculators, it is often very lucrative to agree to an improvement at the ratepayers'

expense, and prepare for a future middle-class invasion.

The 'Fair Rents' Act is the longer term safety net provision for this investment flourishing. But whilst this might improve the lot of someone living in the midst of a long-term scheme, the very people who do most need improvement grants don't get them. Large, poor families living in houses with no inside toilet, not having a bath, and without hot water, and who have to live from pay-day to pay-day, can whistle in the wind if their street is not in an improvement area, and they'll just have to wait until they are eventually part of a slum-clearance project (which can often mean another five years without these basic amenities), and then get moved into one of the GLC's delightful open prisons known as high-rise flats. Deciding on what streets are to be designated improvement areas is a matter between the local council and the owners, thus a street peopled by poor rent-payers is not even consulted about their own future!

THE CLASSES ARE BEING STRATIFIED

The class structure of Britain is thus being stratified. In a GLC house your home is owned, governed, regulated and maintained by petty bureaucrats, and when one's whole family welfare is so dependent on the State, there is little room for dissent or protest. If one is that rash however, the State has an increasingly efficient mechanism of legalised thuggery and intimidation that can swing swiftly and silently into motion. And, increasingly, people are delegating responsibility. 'I don't make the rules, I just have to enforce them.' 'It's no use complaining to me, I'm just doing my job.' It is the exact and precise reasoning that the Germans used to excuse their atrocities toward the Jews, Gypsies, Communists and Anarchists.

From the viewpoint of the authorities who have to govern, it is increasingly important that the poor be herded together in one convenient place, and having always been taught that they are entitled to less money than those who are cleverer, more gifted and more talented (not to mention more rich to begin with), they will in the next few decades come to learn that they are entitled to a little less freedom too. Automation, that glorious concept that was going to herald the new Jerusalem and the abolition of drudgery and dirty work, was never meant for the workers! We foolishly helped build machines that were designed to put us out of a job; like the fanatical ticket collectors on the tube who little realise that their days are

numbered by the automatic collecting barriers that they order us through.

TO HE THAT HATH . . .

So, yet again the State gives to those who've already got, and the poor, instead of expressing righteous anger and contempt, sheepishly continue to gawk at their goggle-boxes and continue to be brainwashed into aspiring to middle-class goals themselves. Most people on the left have an extreme sensitivity (in their public pronouncements at least) in expressing any criticism of the working classes (particularly if they themselves spring from a middle-class background), but as one who has an infallible working-class pedigree (in itself nothing to be proud of), I feel at least qualified to sound off about the stupidity and credulity of the majority of the working class. It hurts to see them 'taken' so often, and to see what fool suckers they are turned into by their 'betters'. It must have been similar on the slave plantations—there were always a few who wanted peace at any price and who actually lauded the hands that exploited them! But will it always be so? The class war certainly does exist, and no one class, race or group has a monopoly on virtue (or vice), but what sort of war is it when one side (the victims of the aggression) don't even believe it's being waged?

Not thinking about something and hoping it'll thus go away is an old working-class habit applied to rates demands, rent men, and countless other crises of living. And it is likely to go on and on until the dispossessed realise the reality of their situation, stop aping the morality and manners of their 'betters', and overcome this Victorian ideology of actually feeling inferior and tongue-tied in the presence of their 'superiors'.

FREE ACCESS

No one should be denied free access to clothing, food, shelter and hygiene. They should be ours as of a right. And

Squatters

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were handed to neighbours, all were interested, and some were sympathetic. One of them gave us the benefit of his experiences during the General Strike of 1926.

On June 8 we were all set to invade the scheduled meeting of the Housing Management Committee. One of us went down to the Town Hall to locate the meeting, only to find that the meeting had been moved forward to the 5th. No one at the Town Hall knew why or when, however it was apparent that several other meetings had been changed to accommodate the move. All the Councillors received circulars explaining the situation that same evening. They cannot claim not to have known what was going to happen to the families.

For their children's sake all the families are busy making their own arrangements. They are very angry. The case will not end here, plans are being made to set up a securely based Squatters' Association as soon as everyone is settled. The Council will regret the day they sanctioned these evictions. For the time being all communications should be sent to North London ORA, 113 Cazenove Road, N.16.

P.S. Special thanks to Philip Sansom for lending us his car. He's out now, welcome back, from the squatters and their supporters.

STOKE NEWINGTON SQUATTERS.

LETTER

Male Chauvinist Anarchists

Dear Comrades,

In his (or her) attack on male chauvinism among anarchists (June 3), P.G. quotes a passage from my pamphlet *About Anarchism* and comments that he (or she) is sure my 'persistent use of "he" is unconscious'. In fact it was conscious, following a deliberate decision to save space and avoid confusion by saying 'he' instead of 'he and/or she', 'man' instead of 'man and/or woman', and so on. I am sorry if this actually caused confusion instead. It was the result not of deep-rooted masculinism but of the poverty of the English language; no doubt that is itself the result of deep-rooted masculinism, but that is another story.

Anyway, are male anarchists really just as chauvinistic as other men? I only ask.

Fraternally,

N.W.

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THIS WEEK IN IRELAND

THE EXCITEMENT of the week is the escape from the Mater Hospital, Belfast, of the hunger striker Robert Campbell who was taken there from the Crumlin Road prison, dying, after 22 days of nothing but water. He was a skeleton and his heart had failed. How did he get away from 10 feet above ground, unhooking himself from a heart machine and vanishing like snow before the midsummer sun? One gravely suspects that there must have been some collaboration from The Powers That Be. Even if the Paras were kept to the passage outside the door of the intensive care unit—where he was receiving treatment—there must have been more than one nurse present. In fact the UK Government just cannot do with a death and a martyr at the moment, just as the Provos need one to restore their faded image. Incidentally Campbell was serving an eleven-year sentence for the armed robbery of a business premises, and except insofar as ALL prisoners are political prisoners, one does wonder why refusing to recognise the court and declaring oneself a Republican should entitle one to privileged treatment, especially in one case I remember where two armed youths beat an old sub-postmistress of 68 unconscious before taking the monies she had received to pay social benefits, a peculiarly beastly action.

During the last two days Whitehall has released 175 internees saying circumstances warranted it, i.e. the women's actions for peace and the return of the Catholic SDLP and the rest of them to local council duties and the stop fire of the officials. Two lots of people are not pleased. The extreme Unionists who are screaming he is letting murderers loose on them and destroying 'Ulster' and the Provos who want to continue their senseless bombing and shooting campaign completely regardless of human life and limb. Two equally power-drunk bodies of people.

Last Saturday the People's Democracy and the Northern Resistance Movement came down and marched on the Curragh where the men who smashed up Mountjoy prison are now held. They were met with soldiers of the Republican Army with fixed bayonets. Micheal Farrell asked the officer, Commandant Quinn, if he was prepared to use them and he replied if they went any further

he was. Then soldiers in full riot gear appeared. A meeting was held where the march was halted, to the jeers of passers-by. What harm to freedom these extremists of BOTH sides do and have done! Vanguard are complaining bitterly to Whitelaw because they were not allowed to cross the Craigavon Bridge during their march last Saturday, and when a group of Tartan gang lads started a stone-throwing and smash protest, they were sprayed from water cannon by purple dye. The same Vanguard rejoice when this happens to Civil Rights protesters.

The Presbyterian Church has been having its all-Ireland Conference in Belfast. A certain Rev. Terence McCaughey, who is a lecturer in Trinity and a great man for Civil Liberties, spoke against the violence and presence of the UK Army in Ireland when a motion thanking the Army for 'all they had done' was proposed. He was hissed and booed and the motion was passed.

The price of meat has soared to astronomical heights in the 26 counties as, owing to a shortage on the Continent, all our meat has been bought up by them. Coming events cast their shadows before. We were assured the EEC would NOT raise prices and the cost of living. We are not even in yet and already we cannot afford to eat meat.

A man was taken from the County Louth in the Republic. Later he was found across the border with both his legs shot and tarred and feathered. He is now in hospital in Newry. He was to have been a witness against some Northern Provos taken for armed assault in Dundalk.

Professor Dash of America has come out with a damning castigation of the injustice of the Widgery Report on Bloody Sunday, and has been immediately condemned by the UK Minister for Defence who says he was biased. If anyone was biased it was Widgery.

A friend in America writes to me that the latest lapel brooch on sale there says 'Vote Nixon. The man who kept us out of Ireland' and by the same token may I say how gladly I removed my 'Free Angela Davis' lapel brooch, which I have worn for 18 months, from my lapel this week. For this relief much thanks.

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to claim that right means that we must deny people the right to make profits by exploiting our natural need for these essential basics. Don't you reckon they'd sell the very air itself if they knew how? The people make all the wealth, and it should be shared by everyone. The other evening, waiting to cross the street, I had to wait for a large limousine to pass. On the front, a red flag with the hammer and sickle were gaily flying, and through the tinted windows in the section behind the chauffeur, I could see a man sitting there reading a paper.

Now was it for this that the people of Russia suffered and died? Is their situation very much different from ours? So how many more years is it going to be before people are going to affirm with dignity and conviction that we don't want anyone riding on our backs? Not, at least, before each and every one of us has stopped day-dreaming and wishing that we too could ride on someone else's.

DAVID GODIN.

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S.E. London Dwarfs & Anarchists meet Sundays 4 p.m., 61b Granville Park, S.E.13. Street theatre starting. Contact J. Dixon, 44 Pendragon Road, Bromley, Kent. 01-698 8596.

Anarchist Meetings. 271 Commercial Road, First Floor, changed to Tuesdays 8 p.m.

BLAST — Bristol Libertarians Against State Tyranny formed. Contact c/o Cowper Road, Bristol, 6.

E. London Women's Workshop on Housing, TUs, SS, etc. June 17, 10-5.30, London College of Furniture, 41 Commercial Road, E.1. Creche and refreshments.

ORA Meeting at the Peace Centre, 36 Romilly Street, on 'Race', Sunday, June 18, 7 p.m.

Corby. Public meeting on 'Anarchism and Workers' Control' planned for June 29. Green Room, Civic Centre at 7.30 p.m. Local help with publicity appreciated. Contact Terry Phillips, 7 Cresswell Walk.

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(1) INCOME FROM POSTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SALES (Target for 1972—£4,500)

Amount received to June 7 £1,569.85

(2) PRESS FUND CONTRIBUTIONS (Target for 1972—£1,500)

Amount received June 1-7 inc. £11.00

Previously acknowledged £576.64

TOTAL TO DATE £587.64