

MAY DAY MARCH



Supporters of London Workers' May Day Committee, workers in building, engineering, printing and left-wing student organisations marching to Transport House on May 1.

ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE answered the call of the London Workers May Day Committee for a May Day demonstration on May Day itself. This was a great advance on last year when only 200 people attended. Let us hope there will be 20,000 next year.

The significance of holding this demonstration on a week day is that by doing so participants withhold their labour on that day. The Labour and Communist Parties who held their meetings on the following Sunday are no more than sham exercises and do not challenge the State in any way.

That such a large number of people decided to support the London May Day March is entirely due to the efforts of John Lawrence and his small committee of dedicated workers. They had very little resources and there was no inclination on the part of the National Press to print details of the forthcoming demonstration. Only the *Guardian* must be singled out for their help and support but even they did not print details of when it was taking place. But 40,000 leaflets were distributed which brought many people.

The May Day Committee became a rallying point for all those who were shocked by the racialism unleashed by Enoch Powell's speech. The students at the LSE decided to boycott their lectures and attend the May Day March

instead.

The march was also joined by workers who had struck at Dewrance and Co., an engineering firm.

There were also banners of the GLC Council Tenants Action Committee, Islington Tenants Association, Tower Hamlets Communist Party, the London (South) district of the AEU, LSE Liberal Society, International Socialists and Lewisham Anarchists.

The meeting and march from Tower Hill to Transport House was widely, if inaccurately, reported in the Press and on television. There was hardly any heckling at Tower Hill, and although the racialists had a loudspeaker van ten yards from our platform, they were afraid to use it because of the size of our meeting.

John Lawrence told the marchers: 'May 1 is not a Powell day, not a Tory day. It is the Workers' Day. If ever there was a time to show our belief in internationalism it is today.' The theme of international solidarity was mentioned by all the speakers, who included Mr. Fred Emmett of the AEU, the convener at Dewrance's, who was given an ovation when he said that he brought out the whole factory in support of the march and, in protest against the Government, induced closure of the factory.

Terry Barrett, the Tilbury docker who that week was stoned by racialists, was given a special ovation for the stand he has taken. Other speakers included John Palmer of International Socialists, representatives of Tenants Associations, the vice-chairman of Coloured Workers Association and Peter Turner who spoke as a building worker and on behalf of the Anarchist Federation, who made the point that workers have no country and nation states divide them.

There was a further meeting on arrival in Smith Square where the Confederation of Engineering Unions were meeting. A deputation was sent in expressing the May Day marchers support for their wage claim. Hugh Scanlon, president of the AEU, came out and was dwarfed by a solid line of police in the entrance of Transport House. His 'speech' was a single sentence informing us that the 'delegates were still deliberating' and he would inform us later what trans-

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Vomit-Makers to Meet in Paris

THERE IS a French saying, 'Qui se ressemble, s'assemble', i.e. birds of a feather flock together. The North Vietnamese and American representatives are to meet in Paris for preliminary discussions on 'peace'. These carrion-crows who will congregate are 'representatives' of the ilk of the British parliament, called by Shelley:

... a set
Of thieves, who by themselves
are sent

Similar thieves to represent'. The 'peace' they pursue is the peaceful extension of their sway over their slaves, the POWER to peacefully tame and milk their mangled victims. It is nephew of the 'Peace' in the English Justices of the Peace Act, 1361, under which one is sometimes jailed.

The mere fact of holding such talks will tend to confirm the validity of our Anarchist anti-political stance of 'NEITHER WASHINGTON NOR HANOI'. Diplomacy IS the continuation of war by other means: and in 1844, almost 75 years before Randolph Bourne first insisted 'War is the health of the State', Stirner had said almost the same; Stirner (who abhorred the hallowing or holding sacred of anything) said the State 'necessarily follows' the Jesuit 'principle that the end hallows the means. If the welfare of the State is the end, war is a hallowed means ... the sacred State hallows everything that is serviceable to it' (p.107 current English edition *The Ego and His Own*). Besides this fact the negotiations might well be stretched for as long as the war has so far lasted—another 27 years, maybe with continuous systematized slaughtering, as the rival accomplices, Hangman Ho and Genghiz Johnson (or their successors) carve up the spoils. Whether or no they're

directly represented in the conference, it involves other tyrants also. No doubt Harold Wilson's London régime has a filthy finger somewhere in the putrefying pie, and France, so often painted as neutral and disinterested, has its large vested interests in Vietnam, like the Michelin rubber plantations, to consider, while the Peking dictators need a Vietnam war or such as 'external peril' to divert energy from China's internal strife.

For those interested in permanently ending the kind of purulence perpetrated in Vietnam who are, like us, implacable enemies of all totalitarianism, both the infamous naked totalitarianism of the 'Communist' and 'Fascist' states and the cloaked, creeping kind of the 'Liberal Capitalist' states; persons intractably hostile to militarism, who refuse to be playthings of Pornocrats, whether Hanoi or Pentagon (by Pornocracy I mean any régime or social environment which, like the existing ones, debase, stunt and manipulate the noble egoism of each individual; which prostitute practically all aspects of life: Pornocrats are rulers, upholders or advocates of such society)—for these, readers, what do I suggest as Anarchist alternative to, on one hand, liberalistic whimpering for negotiations, 'peace', Geneva agreements, stopping of bombings, withdrawing troops, etc. (futile, since it shows utter failure to see that Government just doesn't work that way, that in major questions affecting roots of State power, rulers can't be motivated by appeals of well-meaning non-ruling class persons, but only by expediences of rulership power; 'withdraw US troops', 'Yankee troops get out of Vietnam' are also reactionary, servile slogans which I don't use because they imply that allegiance and obedience of those troops to their Guv'nors and Generals is to stay intact so they CAN be withdrawn and equally be drafted to torture and murder a fresh lot of peasants elsewhere, thus perpetuating Vietnam-type obscenity indefinitely) or on the other hand, howling for militarist victory for one or other gang of odious oligarchs, the USA or the NLF?

So how to smash US and other oppression and villainy in Vietnam? The alternative, I suggest, is to build a vigorous world-wide direct action resistance movement: aim—TO DESTROY WHERE THEY STAND THE US ARMED FORCES and those of all other rulers, not by military victories, but BY ANTI-MILITARY DIRECT ACTION both among the troops and the civilians supporting them, and with the ultimate aim of killing rulership itself, for while rulers and would-be rulers have the POWER to organize Vietnams, they will do so—as they have for thousands of years.

By anti-military direct action I mean every means, 'non-violent' or 'armed', which furthers these purposes—sabotage, discussions, desertions, emotional propaganda, mutiny (I shan't be very sorry if troops even shoot their own officers and burnt their barracks), malingering, strikes, conscientious objection, boycotts, disobedience, tax-resistance, rebellion, etc., and every type of direct protest AGAINST but not TO, the rulers and bosses (the latter reinforces rulership).

Most important is to use every method to weaken and DESTROY all forms of ALLEGIANCE, LOYALTY and OBEDIENCE which are the roots of rulers' wars. But everyone should be utterly clear that all this, on sober assessment of facts, history, reasoning such as I am aware of, is extremely unlikely to be achieved in foreseeable or near future.

'The State is the coldest of all cold monsters' (Nietzsche)—the State monopoly, bossdom, anywhere they rear their hideous heads squash, prevent the maximum possible self-determination, freedom, individuality for the individual, the desire for which is at the core of the Anarchist desire. At least we can struggle for whatever of these is possible according to our capacity, against the whole dominative environment which blatantly or subtly sours the joys of living. Rebellions and protests such as I have mentioned are valid anyway regardless of their future outward effect because in them one experiences an exhilarating sense of selfhood and freedom in the action itself.

BERNARD R. MILES.

ENOCH & AFTER

THERE SHOULD BE no mistaking the significance of the events following Enoch Powell's racist speech. What we have seen is Fascism.

For the first time since the war Britain's extreme right has shown itself capable of attracting militant mass support. Colin Jordan, Nazi leader, has been cheered by more than 1,000 people while being ejected from Heath's meeting at Dudley.

The Smithfield meat porters have marched to Parliament to support Powell, under the leadership of Dan Harniston, Sir Oswald Mosley's candidate for Shoreditch at the last general election. Whether Powell decides that his own political future lies in wresting the leadership of the racist movement in this country from Mosley and the National Front or in working his way

back to respectability and a post in the next government is unimportant. What is important is that we have seen the peril of Fascism in this country and must not ignore it.

What are the roots of the strength of the extreme right? First and most obvious there is racial prejudice. To justify colonial exploitation of Africa and Asia the British were taught for generations to regard coloured races as inferior. Consequently they make the ideal scapegoat for the inability of our society to provide homes, jobs, schools and hospitals for all.

Thus the pro-Powell marchers came from the ranks of the dockers and meat porters, jobs which are 'closed shops' and threatened by the increasing drive for 'efficiency' of modern capitalism. There has been no backing for racism from workers in London Transport and the hospitals who have worked with large numbers of coloured people for years.

But the strength of racism is only one aspect of the threat of Fascism in Britain. Also important is the growing disillusion with the present political system. Many anarchists have too easily assumed that the apathy with which recent by-elections have been greeted by many of the public is automatically a healthy sign.

It does indicate that there is a climate in which libertarian ideas may find a reception but, unless these ideas are put over to the public, large numbers of people may equally well decide that the solution is an authoritarian government and a 'return to the old virtues' similar to that which the Nazi NPD is successfully preaching in Germany.

However, to be effective a Fascist movement needs the backing of monied interests. At present this has not been forthcoming from major industrialists.

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IMPRESSIONS OF MAY DAY

FIRST and incredibly—unexpected and day-long sunshine—the gods, after all, are sometimes with us. A slight sinking feeling at the realisation that the blokes lining up opposite at Tower Hill are dockers preparing to hold an opposition meeting—horrible premonitions of two loudspeakers bellowing, cancelling each other out.

Then the apparent chaos which always attends such occasions—people milling around—showers of leaflets from all quarters. Banners proliferating—the AEU one blue and gleaming in the sun—the bright challenge of the red ones sort of catching the breath.

Bracing oneself a bit—a stroll across to the line of dockers with the May Day leaflet—all take it—only one, in post-man's trousers, silently screwing it up and chucking it to the ground unread.

A swift flurry of repartee. 'That was stupid—can't you read then—you don't have to agree.' 'I don't.' 'Fair enough then.'

Again a slight feeling of apprehension at the arrival of a few way-out 'weirdies'—thinking of the inflammatory effect of their appearance on the solid proletarians opposite.

The first surrealistic sounds issue from our loudspeaker until the technique is mastered—and then a succession of fairly solid citizen speakers keep the dockers quiet and attentive throughout the meeting.

The singing of the 'Red Flag' comes naturally enough though the words were not universally known—and then off on the march accompanied by booing from the dockers who probably felt they had better speak now or risk being mistaken for supporters.

A great impression of colour and life as the march moved off—attempts to see the end of the procession by looking back result only in a pain in the neck—very satisfactory.

One's next door neighbour on the march, an impassive young Indian—wonder what he's feeling. Onlookers on the whole looked grateful for the bright spectacle and took the May Day leaflet without protest. A few wage slaves jeered from office windows at we traitors who had for one day slipped the yoke.

Student slogans abound. 'Arrest Powell' (why not Callaghan I wonder—or can't a Home Secretary arrest himself).

A few surging cries of 'Ho Ho Ho Chi Minh' (can they have read of Uncle Ho's expertise at murdering political opponents?).

The more basic economic slogans of the workers on the march somewhat overshadowed by the super-political students—but on the whole a great feeling of good comradeship between workers and students.

And so the Lambeth Bridge and Bam! a solid line of police—all banners to be surrendered so as not to strike terror into the hearts of any MPs who glimpsed them from Westminster. Great self-

discipline after initial resentment—and a go-slow on the bridge until the march can cohere again after the splitting tactics of the police.

Then some confusion—which way to Smith Square? Arrive to find it heavily ringed by police who, however, stand back to allow meeting to take place outside the bourgeois portals of Transport House.

Speakers perch perilously on an iron railing to address the crowd—at first without benefit of a loud hailer.

Impatience and a slight sense of anticlimax as time drags by—brief and

Around the Galleries

THO' WINTER is a long time dying and the grey northern snows still threaten to trespass on our humours, the Town and his slack-jawed wife are bravely vying with the daffy down dillies to bring joy into the hearts of the King's Road rank and file. There is happy confusion and overcrowding in the basement of Better Books. Slim gentlemen in tailored motley continue to speed through the inner metropolis in their expensive cars to unload the mass-produced avant garde posters on to the passing sucker trade.

From quiet bedrooms from towns outside the cultural pale the poetry books are beginning to flow and the troubadours who ply their lean and hungry craft within the subways of the London Underground are reluctantly coming out into the threatening daylight to mark out their pavement pitches, for this is to be a summer of glorious discontent and the first nun wearing the new short skirt was seen running down Roehampton Lane.

The Town is exhibiting the signs of a magnificent summer season with passionate friendships publicly dying at the drop of a rhyme, beetle-headed oddballs arriving from America with their latest Art Manifesto and a bucket of instant plaster to flog to the Arts Council, and the chance that some philistine might/will blow a raspberry at Adrian Mitchell when he rises to read a poem of protest at some peaceful demonstration on their way to burn down the American Embassy.

It will be a long hot summer and we will protest, squabble and discourse in a multitude of angry tongues as each one of us hawks his personal key to salvation in our Bedlam without bars.

And the Rowan Gallery, at 31a Bruton Place, W.1, in their second exhibition in this new gallery, continue to pioneer the race for the higher lunacies for the sculpture of Barry Flanagan is of a type that must win congratulations for all involved in its creation and presentation. Long, loosely filled, sausage-shaped hes-

strictly 'official' appearance by an unimpressive Scanlon—and gradually the meeting melts away—only a handful being left to continue the march to the Spanish Embassy.

Organisers of march promptly accused of 'betraying the workers' by member of 'Solidarity' group, who seemed to think he should have been led in a pitched battle against somebody somewhere. Against the dockers outside Parliament? Not perhaps the best way to try and influence them. Accusations of lack of leadership have come from an anarchist.

Success? Failure? Like most human endeavours, a bit of both.

But come next May 1 for sure—more people will be saying 'It's May Day—what about a march then?'

J.A.

We're Moving

WE ARE NOW in the process of moving from Maxwell Road. Whilst we are waiting to move into our new home at 84b we shall be temporarily staying above Express Printers at 84a Whitechapel High Street, E.1. Details as follows:

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carvings give an illusion of a greater space within the lesser whole. She will tie a single cord between two masses and in doing so capture the void between them as though one were to tie a single thread of cotton between two mountains and in doing so form a unity, for the tension of the mountain masses would now appear to be transmitted to the single thread of cotton.

An illusion? All art is an illusion and it can only succeed if the spectator is prepared to accept it. Yet for myself I find that the works of Barbara Hepworth have the deathly beauty of a stillborn child. Here are all the outward manifestations of everything that man prizes and desires, but the pleasure sours in the mind with the knowledge that within this mute glory the only thing that lives is the dark worm of corruption.

For a few brief moments our hearts are held as we seek to read life into that that lies before us but what we cannot accept is this form without content, the body without the breath of life. Untouched by the evil of the hour, it is less than the brutal earth that must accept this tragic burden.

So too with the works of Barbara Hepworth. One's pleasure lies in the sensual feel of smooth stone and wood, the minor excitement of exploring a sculpture as an external and internal creation and the balm that it gives the troubled mind that, in a troubled age, one is not obliged to form a moral, social, political or economic judgement on its content for of content there is only the hedonistic pleasure of gentle rhythms carved from wood and stone by a strong hand guided by a gentle heart.

ARTHUR MOYSE.

Anarchist Federation of Britain

General enquiries should be sent to the London Federation.

There have been complaints that some secretaries do not answer letters.

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BLACK FLAGS IN CHICAGO

THE APRIL 27 anti-war demonstration in Chicago promised to be just another, albeit larger, Spring outing for suburban war-protesters. A picnic atmosphere flourished as the demonstrators assembled before the march. The police were relatively at ease because a smaller crowd arrived than was anticipated.

It is worth pointing out that the demonstrators had no permit to march through the city, which thus made the entire following march technically illegal, although the police (as well as the march 'leaders') were certain that Law and Order would prevail.

The anarchist contingent, joined by surrealists of the *Surrealist Insurrection* group, a few IWW's and a considerable number of intrinsic anarchists from the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), at first limited the expression of their militancy to chanting '2-4-6-8, Organize and Smash the State!' and 'No more cops!' (as opposed to the rather placid 'Peace Now' preferred by the respectable leaders). Much literature was sold and given away, many new anarchist contacts were made, and spirits were generally high.

As the march advanced further from its point of origin in Grant Park, police efforts of repression increasingly achieved their customary brutality. One of the first of these efforts was the humiliating requirement that the marchers move off the street and onto the sidewalk; the anarchists refused for as long as possible but were finally forced to succumb by an onslaught of 'Chicago's finest', who drove everyone onto the sidewalks by cruising up and down along the curb on their motorcycles, making no secret of the fact that their billy clubs were available for instant use.

It was when the front of the march reached the downtown area, near the Civic Center (the destination of the march), that actual violence broke out. This initial outbreak, in which many demonstrators were clubbed and maced*

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and some were arrested, resulted in the cops' presumptuous and unexplained announcement that the demonstration was over! The demonstrators refused to leave; much confusion existed in the minds of those who had not yet reached the Civic Center and did not know of the extent, or in some cases even of the existence, of the violent conflict ahead. These people found themselves shoved by large numbers of cops in directions away from the Civic Center.

ANARCHY ON STATE STREET

Resistance to this unbridled authoritarianism was spontaneous and widespread, although the anarchists as well as many SDS and black comrades played the most active roles—leading 'charges' through gaps in the police lines; tipping large waste-containers into the street to divert police repression and to impede progress of police cycles and wagons; and organizing regroupments to maintain militant action as long as possible. Two sections of the anarchist contingent, which had earlier been divided, reunited on State Street, the largest and busiest street in Chicago. The battle-cry was 'Black flags to the front!'

Violent street-fighting between cops and demonstrators ensued; many demonstrators' heads were cracked with police clubs and one saw one's comrades, including several women, injured and

Nailing a Lie

Dear Comrades,

Just in case anyone else is as credulous as Godfrey Featherstone, I quote from the *West Briton and Royal Cornwall Gazette*, March 21. (My italics.)

'One of the four Metropolitan Police officers taken to hospital after the battle of Grosvenor Square on Sunday . . . is a St. Austell boy. Constable Malcolm Nile . . . received concussion and a suspected spinal injury. But X-rays found nothing wrong with his back. He was discharged from hospital on Monday afternoon.'

So much for the 170 police injuries and the fractured spine we hear so much about, and that Godfrey Featherstone dutifully used to back up his arguments. Other comrades, also, will no doubt be pleased to have the record put straight.

Reply to the Sextet

Dear Comrades,

I am pleased to see a new editorial policy announced in your issue of April 27. I learn with satisfaction that the Editors are now prepared to print in FREEDOM letters that 'do not necessarily reflect our Editorial viewpoint. Our concern is the furtherance of anarchist ideas and believe that only through free discussion will the anarchist movement be able to make up its mind on the many topics that confront it.' Jolly good! I doubt, however, if the anarchist movement, being a number of independent individuals rather than a corporate organism, can be said to have a 'mind' to make up.

Jack Robinson's contribution headed 'Violence or Non-Violence' was excellent. It was the fairest and shrewdest assessment of the significance of the murder of M. L. King that I have read in any journal. He rightly pointed out the political capital that both the American Establishment and the Black Power fascists are trying to make out of it. His assessment went further than commenting on the death of this man—further in a way that was a little too strong meat for some anarchists who like all issues to be over-simple. Those who would understand the nature of government must wake up to the fact that as the Establishment rests on the twin weapons of institutionalized violence and lies, they welcome the campaign of violence and lies launched by the Black Power mob. They must divide and rule at home. Figures like Stokely and Enoch need each other for their success as politicians, and in the same way antagonistic power-groups need each other.

The silly letter in FREEDOM (27.4.68) with six signatures, accuses Jack Robinson of requiring double-think to reconcile his anarchism with his pacifism. A strange suggestion. Apparently, if six men put their heads together to write something derogatory, they can be about six times as silly as any one of them could manage alone. The anarchist movement has always had a fringe of heresy-hunters afraid of pacifist influence—a rather shifting fringe. A simple summary of the position was written by an anarchist writer too well known to need mentioning (although perhaps a crypto-pacifist?). He wrote:

'All Anarchists are opposed to vio-

lence. On this subject much misunderstanding exists. The free society that Anarchists fight for is one in which oppression cannot exist, and violence (whether of the militarist or even the police variety) must be a form of oppression. Many Anarchists, in the English-speaking countries in particular, are pacifists also, meaning that they are opposed to using violence at the present time and in the future under any circumstances including self-defence. Others, who do not take this point of view, do not "support violence" but feel they cannot, as Anarchists, tell people as a whole either that they must take up arms, or that they must not.'

The silly letter from the sextet goes so far as to accuse a comrade of being a police agent—'He not only defends the police, he repeats lies made by police agents and must be regarded in that sort of light himself.' I thought that only Commies went in for this sort of nonsense. I would disagree with Godfrey Featherstone on a number of points, but his letter contained much good sense and was certainly more relevant to anarchism than the contributions of his detractors.

London, N.5 TONY GIBSON.

Intolerance

Dear Editors,

In regard to the violence/non-violence controversy, it is sad to find that some anarchists can be so intolerant of comrades who hold differing views. The letters page of the last edition of FREEDOM wasn't pleasant reading and neither was the letter from Godfrey Featherstone which started it all. So far Featherstone has shouted and cursed at those who don't accept the non-violent philosophy, and they have shouted and cursed back at him. It doesn't get us very far does it? It is also rather funny to watch these people telling us who is and who is not an anarchist, who holds the correct views, and who we should dissociate ourselves from to maintain our anarchist purity; it has overtones of a Maoist all-in criticism session.

Featherstone tells us we must dissociate from those he disagrees with, and Mitchell, Christie and Co. say we must dissociate from those they disagree with; I'd rather co-exist with all my comrades, but if we have to make a choice then let's dissociate from Featherstone, Mitchell, Christie and Co.

'DOLLAR' LEAFLETS

TONY SMYTHE, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, has challenged the police to arrest him at the NCCLE's annual conference. He showed the 150 delegates the controversial dollar leaflets with the overprinted words 'Is this worth all the slaughter in Vietnam?'

'They were printed purely as propaganda, with no intention of passing them as currency,' he said, and compared their chances of being accepted as currency as notes in a Monopoly game.

Nevertheless at Highgate Magistrates Court on May 1, Stuart Christie was committed for trial at the Old Bailey. All those who wish to challenge the police on similar lines to Tony Smythe's action should contact the LFA c/o Libra House.

JOHN RETY.

studying and planning revolutionary strategy for such occasions, to maximize disruption and minimize our casualties.

SOUL BROTHERS

And finally, in this regard, many were impressed by the militant action of the anarchists, especially when contrasted with the complete inaction of the Stalinists, Maoists and even Trotskyist sectarians, who apparently absented themselves at the first sign of violence. Doubtless, for them, 'historical conditions' are 'unripe' for street-fighting, and the anarchist-SDS-black militant actions are (of course!) the 'practical delusions' of left-wing adventurers, incurable and impulsive romantics and adolescent provocateurs!

More cogent than such pseudo-political phrasemongering evasion was the response of many black workers coming from the large downtown stores, who had had no part in the demonstration but who nonetheless used the opportunity for militant agitation and loudly declaimed against the police repression.

A number of weary, young white demonstrators who had just reached a position of momentary safety from the pursuing police, were greeted warmly by an older black comrade with the question: 'Well, are you all soul brothers now?'

Many of the black onlookers and agitators threatened passionately, 'Wait till the summer!'

The summer is almost here. And the forecast is hot! MICHAEL LENOIR.
c/o Solidarity Bookshop,
745 Armitage, Chicago,
Illinois, 60614, USA

FIFTH COLUMN

Wailing Wall

IN A LETTER to *The Times* published on Monday, May 6, Sheila Wall, wife of Patrick, commented on her recent experience at Leeds University, where she and her husband were punched up the throat. After pointing out that she had not wept—as had been reported—Mrs. Wall wrote:

It would seem that this kind of behaviour is designed to prevent Members of Parliament speaking at universities—should it succeed then a small minority of apparent anarchists will, by these tactics, have gained their objective in denying free speech.

Interruptions, heckling and the breaking up of political meetings are not ideally designed to prevent speakers from communicating. Drowning the words of your political opponents is not the best way of ensuring that their message is ignored—in general, abuse and rotten tomatoes make it more likely that a speech will be news.

The purpose of attacking a speaker—verbally or physically—is surely to make the point that his views are vigorously opposed by a number of people. In an explanation of the breaking up of a political meeting the attitudes of the speaker are important; they define the opposition to him. But the attitudes of the hecklers and rioters are more important: they are interested in expressing their opposition, anger and hostility.

Of course the effect of a successful punch-up at a meeting is to drown the immediate words of the speaker. It seems to make sense therefore to say that any systematic attempt to drown a speaker's views prevents free speech. But this is to consider political meetings in isolation from their context. Free speech is a figment of Mrs. Wall's Tory imagination.

Hyde Park, Pier Head, the Bull Ring and student debating societies exist. You are not generally prevented from expressing your opinions in these arenas—although a variety of laws exist which can be used to suppress deviant opinions and punish those who have expressed them. But the point is that these laws are unlikely to be used: the tourists who flock to Speakers' Corner on a summer Sunday to gaze at the talking parrots are seldom seized by a frenzy of revolutionary rage.

The State and the ruling class control the vast communications industry—newspapers, films, television, radio, magazines, books, advertising, etc. The cottage industries which are not part of the system—small magazines, film outfits and publishing houses, debating societies and public parks—generally present no threat to the established order. But as we have seen so often, printed material can be suppressed by the State even when its circulation is small. *Private Eye* is sued weekly. People selling deviant papers are liable to be pushed around by the Law. (Ron Pearl was fined £2 today for selling FREEDOM at Speakers' Corner—Eds.)

Members of Parliament are in a particularly absurd position when they complain about interruptions to their free speech. In Parliament they have the privilege of immunity from the libel laws which inhibit the rest of us. They bore us interminably on radio and television. They seem to require very little writing ability to be given columns in newspapers. And at election time they use the financial contributions of dockers and company directors alike to drown us in a sea of nauseating blurbs about themselves.

Politicians can hardly complain if their visits to universities are interrupted by hostile demonstrations. They have climbed up onto the backs of the people. They claim to legislate for us. They automatically have the use of a microphone. An MP with a black eye—like an American ambassador covered in paint and an American president covered in blood—pays for his power and prestige.

I regret however that anarchists should be the term of abuse employed by Mrs. Wall to convey violent opponents of peace and order. To return to the beginning of my argument and concentrate on the attitudes and views of the hostile students: the attack on Patrick Wall and his wife showed their opposition, anger and hostility to his views. But, like the Grosvenor Square demonstration and a number of other recent events, the incident also confirmed the bourgeois—and those who think like the bourgeois—in their belief that cops are necessary.

People in Britain—not only the bosses—are scared of disorder and violence. Political fighting can certainly succeed in showing that opposition exists. Unfortunately it can also increase support for existing methods of dealing with this opposition.

R. WYNFORD HICKS.

Productivity and the Busmen

THE GOVERNMENT'S incomes policy is being challenged by 1,400 Newcastle-upon-Tyne busmen who have come out on unofficial strike in defiance of a direction made under the Prices and Incomes Act, delaying a £1 a week increase. This increase was negotiated last December for 77,000 municipal busmen and was referred to the Prices and Incomes Board, who has now published its report. It found that the increase was in excess of the norm of the incomes policy.

This strike is therefore illegal, because by their action the men are trying to force the corporation to pay increases delayed under the powers of the Government. These busmen could face a maximum penalty of a £500 fine for their illegal action.

The strike started as a token stoppage in protest against the PIB's report. On Friday the men voted, by a 2-1 majority, to stay out, ignoring the advice of Mr. Thomson, the National Bus Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, who said: 'I advised the strikers to return to work. The Government is quite adamant in holding to a standstill until July, and they are striking for no useful purpose. Next Wednesday, there will be a national conference of the union to discuss the busmen's pay, but neither delegates from Newcastle nor from Liverpool will be allowed to use that meeting to call for a national strike.'

Isn't this just typical of the T&GWU? Busmen have been waiting since December, but Mr. Thomson thinks they should continue waiting until July. The union has

been a dead loss. In February when Mr. Gunter told the Corporations not to pay the award, Mr. Cousins recommended that the union take legal action to force them to pay. Following this, Mr. Gunter referred the award to the PIB for a second report. But the situation has changed. By July, the Government will have the powers to delay the increase for another six months, so what will Mr. Thomson recommend then?

THE LIVERPOOL STRIKE

Newcastle's action must have cheered the Liverpool busmen who have been on strike now for over eight weeks. There is a local agreement and, as such, their action falls just inside the law, academically at least. But even though they have been completely isolated, they have voted week after week to remain out. They came out originally for their £1 3s. claim, but now they are demanding a £17 per week basic wage.

Liverpool busmen have for years now had to work excessive overtime to maintain services and to earn a living wage. The basic rate is £12 17s. for drivers, with conductors getting 5/- less, and bonus earnings of £1 11s, depending on good time-keeping. In fact the strike is also a protest against the conditions under which they have to work. A 38% turnover in labour per year and a chronic staff shortage, 800 before the strike, gives some indication of the conditions.

Aubrey Jones's PIB recommends that busmen should accept single manning and so qualify for a 10/- a week increase. The Board rejected the argument that basic rates were low and quoted drivers as earning £22 5s. 9d., but this figure includes bonus payments and a large amount of overtime. It is ridiculous to use this as an argument against higher wages.

What the PIB is doing is carrying out Government policies of increased wages for increased productivity. This means single manning for busmen, which will mean considerable strain for drivers in urban areas, especially those driving double-deckers. The same criteria is being applied to other industries, as the speeches of Barbara Castle, the Secretary for Employment and Productivity, have shown.

FANCY DRESSING

Creating this new Ministry, in place of the old Ministry of Labour, is just fancy dressing. Barbara Castle is far more persuasive than the blunt Mr. Gunter. She speaks of keeping prices down, or even lowering them, and of 'participation of workers in decision-making at all levels'. This is fancy talk to sell productivity agreements. Workers should not be fooled by this so-called 'workers' participation'. In the steel industry, where this happened, there is still going to be sackings.

Recently, even trade union leaders have been attacking the Government and these speeches by Barbara are attempts to secure their support. While trade union leaders might be kidded—they would grasp at any straw—rank and file members should not.

Busmen have shown the way, but their action mainly affects the public and not production. As I have pointed out before (February 10, 1968), bus strikes are easily defeated, especially if isolated and, if reports are true, Liverpool has got by even without buses. The best method still remains the refusal to collect fares. However, I do not want to detract from their struggle. The solidarity among the Liverpool

busmen has been marvellous, an example that should be emulated by other workers in struggle.

Essentially, direct action by workers will be the only way to defeat the policies of the Government. Workers will have to be prepared to break the law and go to jail, if necessary. If enough defy the law, then the law fails and the Government's policies fail with it. P.T.

AUTOMATION—DOCKERS'

JOBS THREATENED

'The blacks are taking our jobs,' said a docker at a meeting where the dockers went on strike for one day in support of Enoch Powell and a complete ban on immigration.

I asked him why the worst unemployment this country had ever known was in the 1920s and 1930s when there were hardly any blacks here at all. 'Because there was a slump and a depression,' he replied.

'Who caused the slump and decided how many people went to work? Was it the blacks?' I asked.

'No, it was the top people, of course,' he replied.

This is the point. It is the top people who are responsible for a system which allows any wasteful unemployment at all who are really to blame, not a few black workers.

One of these 'top people' is a man who has advocated 3 per cent unemployment all the time to reduce the bargaining power of the workers. He has also argued that the docks are 'grossly overmanned'. His name is Enoch Powell.

He is the man who is really out to take the jobs of dockers and at least 3 per cent of the workers. Yet, ironically, the dockers and other workers are supporting him, because they are fearful of their jobs! They complain he has been 'sacked' for speaking his mind. If being sacked means to carry on drawing £3,500 a year as an MP, and more than that again as a director of the National Discount Company (assets £224 million)—give me the sack.

Dockers and seamen who are interested in facts about the real threat to their jobs should read this article carefully.

AUTOMATION as usual is being used to reduce the number of men working rather than the hours of work. Nowhere is this more true than for seamen and dockers who are gradually accepting the fact that a large number of them will either have to leave the industry prematurely or at least their sons will not have the traditional right to take their place when they leave.

In September two sectors of the Port of London (London Docks and St. Katharine Docks) are to be closed down—just eight months after the first regular container service started at Tilbury.

While none of the dockers have been directly dismissed, it is being made uncomfortable for them. It has been alleged there are 200 men short at Tilbury—so there is a good chance some of the men now working at the docks to be closed down will be reallocated there. This will add about £5 a week to each man's fares to work and take about three hours a day out of his leisure time in travelling.

Who could blame a man accepting a severance payment and getting another job (even for £5 a week less wages) outside the docks under these conditions?

FREEDOM has reported before the estimate in a report published last year by the British Transport Docks Board that 90% of the number of dockers now employed will not be needed if the industry is 'rationalised'.

Seamen are equally vulnerable to the chop. Next year a container service is to start between Tilbury and Australia. *The Seaman* (their union magazine) recently gave the following facts:

'The two-way trade between Britain and Australia is worth £500 million annually, most of which can be easily containerised. There are 90 conventional ships at present employed in shifting these cargoes. It is expected that in three years' time the number of these ships still running to Australia will be as low as 15.'

'Somewhat optimistically, OCL forecast that the remaining 75 ships, many of which are refrigerated, will be employed on other trades.'

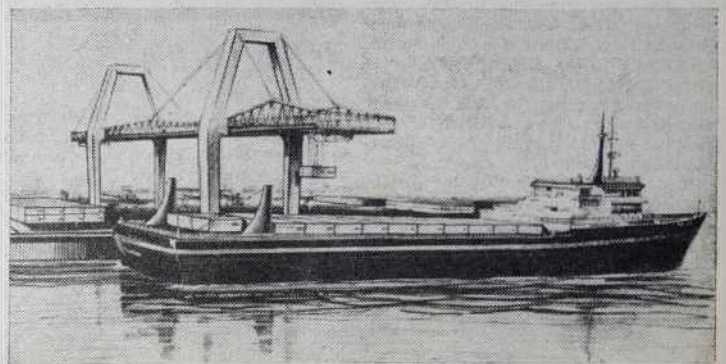
'Ten to 20 days will be knocked off delivery times and port turn-round time may be as low as 24 hours.'

Yet the NUS continues to negotiate

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Artist's impression of a Container Terminal with a ship being loaded.

mobility agreements so that one man can do the jobs done by several now—and they seem to view a reduction in the number of seamen's jobs as inevitable.

The Seaman also points out the dangers of monopolies and huge combines in industry mentioned in last week's FREEDOM under 'The Tories and the Trade Unions'. Says *The Seaman*: 'Associated Container Transportation will work in close association with Overseas Containers Ltd. and the effect of this working partnership will be to give Ben Line, Blue Star, Port Line (Cunard Group), Ellerman and Harrison, P & O, British Commonwealth, Blue Funnel and Furness Withy a substantial area of common interest.'

At Tilbury the first container service has been operating between Tilbury and Rotterdam since January. The giant container crane (pictured) can take a 42-ton container off and put another one on the ship in 90 seconds. This can turn a ship round in four hours instead of about a week under conventional methods. Only one man is needed to drive the crane.

Loading the containerised cargoes on to lorries has also been mechanised. Straddle carriers lift up the containers and wheel actually over the lorry and lower it in position.

These straddle carriers are also used at packaged timber berths—where again labour is cut down to small mobile gangs of dockers.

Employers are already trying to bribe dockers and lightermen to leave the industry with severance payments. And there has been no docker allowed to enter the industry for a while now—which means as dockers retire their sons

can no longer get a job in the docks.

Tally clerks, Port of London Authority staff, sealers and other dockworkers may also have to face redundancy soon.

Obviously employers will use new equipment to increase their profits by reducing the labour force and so the total wage bill. In a way they have some justification as they are investing £250,000 on each container crane and about £3½ million on each container ship.

If workers controlled industry they would produce these labour-saving equipment themselves and have a moral right to benefit from them. Then they would have nothing to fear about modernisation, for instead of being declared redundant their job would be made easier and they would work fewer hours.

Of course workers' control is a cranky, utopian, anarchist idea.

A realistic worker strives to make sure he is one of the few who is employed—with an increase in wages to make him forget other workers are redundant.

Then he will work overtime to get more money and leave less work for others (some dockers even worked through the Easter holiday). He will therefore pay more tax—part of which will pay the dole of those he has made unemployed.

Part of a small labour force with a large pool of unemployed will diminish his bargaining power. So when further mechanisation comes and his bargaining power is at nil he will not be able to oppose the employer if he is next to be chosen for the privilege of being paid for not working—on the dole.

PORTWORKER.

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ENOCH & AFTER

will surrender to the racists whenever votes can be won that way.

And at each surrender the racists have redoubled their demands. Powell and his supporters may be premature but, on past showing, it is only too likely that what they say now will be national policy in a few years.

In any case, however well meaning legislation on race may be, it will still have to be enforced by our police and magistrates. The kind of impartiality we can expect from these people has been well demonstrated by the letter of support for Powell from the London Airport immigration officers.

For anarchists the answer can only be a locally based direct action anti-racist movement which will counter the propaganda of the Fascists at the factory gates where it is spread and seek to link the struggles of coloured workers and

tenants with their white counterparts.

If such a movement can be built it must never lose sight of the fact that racism is the creation of a class society. The fact that certain British workers have fallen for the racist propaganda should not blind us to the fact that the triumph of racism in Hitler Germany and the Southern USA resulted not only in police brutality and prison for Jews and Negroes but in anti-strike laws and persecution of all those of any race who challenged the ruling class.

In the present situation to bring along clergymen to give lectures to the dupes of racism as certain well meaning people have done in the docks will do little.

Demonstrations such as that of May 1 linking the fight against racism to the fight against the wage freeze and Labour's anti-working class policies point the way forward. For ultimately the only victory against racialism and Fascism is the victory over the class and authoritarian society that breeds it. ROGER SANDELL.

Contact Column

This column exists for mutual aid. Donations towards cost of typesetting will be welcome.

Social evening. Mujeres Libres. This Saturday, May 11, 6.30 p.m. Maida Vale Secondary High School, Elgin Avenue, W.9. All comrades and their families welcome. Supper and entertainment tickets 10/-.

Loving foster home is wanted for boy (3½ years), pacifist family. Box No. 9.

Lost, Easter Monday, during Dutschke demo: Smith's wristwatch, gold face, stainless steel back, red/brown nylon strap. F. Browne, 20 Mount Street, Aberdeen.

Whitsun weekend camp. Manchester and Liverpool anarchists are having a weekend camp at Whitsuntide, near Llangollen, details from Ron Marsden, 9 Boland Street, Manchester, 14.

Conference. Essex and East Herts. May 12, 1.30-3.30 p.m. Club room, Gloucester Park (Basildon) Swimming Pool.

Family with four children urgently seeks unfurnished house out of London. Write 655 Fulham Road, S.W.6.

Hitch to Turkey, or thereabouts. July/August. Box No. 10.

North Wales. I wish to contact anarchists in North Wales. Peter Gibson, Marine Laboratory, Menai Bridge, Anglesey.

Porton Demonstration. Saturday, June 1—Meeting at Salisbury Market Square, followed by march to Porton. June 2—Leafletting. June 3—Disinfectant Ceremony. Information from M. Dukes, 25 Cranbury Ave., Southampton.

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