

# Freedom

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## Tenants Resist Eviction

**T**HE SOUTH SIDE of Jasmine Terrace, in St. Clements ward, Aberdeen, consists of a long, crumbling row of three-storey tenements which are possibly the worst slum houses in the city. The houses, some of which are owned by private landlords, and some of which the Town Council has bought over, have been condemned for several months—but the tenants were originally told not to expect alternative accommodation until next January. This would obviously give them time to see different houses and be rehoused according to their respective wishes and needs—there was even some talk, according to one tenant, of rehousing the entire side of the street in a new multi-storey block which is nearing completion nearby. However towards the end of July the stonework surrounding a second floor window in one of the houses crashed into the street below. No one was hurt, but the Council now decided to step in and rehouse the tenants immediately. As usual with the bureaucracy, this was done with a combination of haste, heartlessness and conceit which provoked an inevitable resentment and resistance.

### INITIAL RESISTANCE

By Monday, July 29, eight families—a total of 25 people—had taken the lead and said that they would not move. That evening two Aberdeen anarchists went down to the street to find out what the real grievances were, and to offer any help we could to the tenants. We found people outside in the street, knots of people discussing, arguing, questioning—what would the Council do, what could they do. Others leant out of their windows and joined in conversation with their neighbours, one sang a line of 'We shall not be moved' and laughed.

What were their grievances? Firstly people were annoyed by the haste with which the Council acted. Certain families were served with 'phase one' vacation orders giving them only three days to quit the condemned properties, others were given nine days. However, from the half-dozen or so tenants we spoke to, it was apparent that there were many other reasons. Firstly some of the houses offered to them by the Council were damaged, with such problems as damp and rotten fittings. Surely after living in conditions such as they have been, they are entitled to decent, good houses?

Further, there were health issues involved, and the almost blatant cruelty of the Council to some of the tenants on this issue is incredible. One man, an arthritic, works only two minutes away from Jasmine Terrace. He was offered a house FOUR MILES away, at a higher rent (soon to rise again); if he took this house he would have to abandon his job, and consequently could not afford the new house. 'He wants to work,' said his wife, 'but if we moved there he just couldn't. I've been at my wits' end since we were told to move.' Another person, a semi-cripple, was offered a high flat. A woman who asked for somewhere central, was given the top flat in a multi-storey on the uttermost edges of the city! Some people were also worried about the areas they were being sent to—areas where the Council ghettoes off those considered to be social nuisances in whole streets. Most of the houses offered were there and the people, especially those with children, thought they should have been offered a better choice of accommodation.

The tenants were undoubtedly angry and resentful, but confused as to what the Council could do—a few expressed disbelief that they could be compulsorily evicted—and confused as to what they themselves should do. Their friendly response to our questions gave us some encouragement, and we decided that since we couldn't go round to everybody advising them to resist, we would duplicate and distribute a leaflet that night, to all the tenants. It was already nearly 9 o'clock when we left the Terrace, and after 10 when we came back with our leaflets. These advised that the tenants should all resist eviction until everybody was decently housed, and offered to help them if the Council attempted a physical eviction.

The houses seemed to be bad when seen from the front where we had spoken to people in the street. To distribute leaflets it was also necessary to go through a close to stairs round the back of the houses. Worn wooden stairs, which shook as you stepped up them led to the second floor. The rooms themselves could not have been more than 7 ft. high, since there were three storeys in a building about 25 ft. high—in some cases there were even four storeys, a labyrinthian basement which was 4

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## POLICE MOVE AGAINST 'LIBERTARIAN' PUB

**T**HE INTEREST TAKEN by the police in the social life of political activists has again manifested itself in an attack on a certain group of people in the Hornsey area. Under the blanket term 'Anarchist', militants have been provoked and attacked by the police using dogs, outside the Queen's Head Public House in Hornsey. Six people were arrested by the police after leaving the pub on Friday, July 19—significantly two days before the demonstration against the American Embassy.

The pattern is emerging that wherever political activity is at a high level, the police move in and victimise the militants. This has happened both in Hornsey and in Notting Hill Gate where Anarchists, members of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign and International Socialist groups are much in evidence. It would appear that although publicly the Home Secretary is reluctant to ban

political demonstrations, the police are being exhorted to intimidate militants at a local level in order to effectively reduce their numbers on such demonstrations.

In the Hornsey affair the official reason given for the presence of about thirty policemen and their dogs (it is becoming increasingly difficult to differentiate the two) outside a peaceful and well-run public house was that there was a lack of managerial supervision. The brewers would seem to disagree with this particular analysis as the present management remains, and the three people who were bitten by police dogs and the six who were arrested would tend to agree that the pub is more humanely supervised than the nearby streets.

Money is urgently needed to fight the case and any contributions would be gratefully received.

Send c/o Freedom Press.

# Thank you, Papa!

**SELF-DESTRUCTIVE** dogmatism in an opponent is always a most acceptable free bonus in any struggle—especially with a cunning and experienced enemy.

Revolutionists all over the world, who recognise the Catholic Church as one of the greatest obstacles to human emancipation from fear and exploitation, must surely see the Pope's encyclical on birth control as a most welcome error of judgement on his part that can have disastrous results for his own organisation. The monolithic structure of the Church of Rome is taking a knock from which it may never recover, and the speed and strength of the reaction against the old fool's pronouncements from his own followers is unprecedented.

It clearly took him by surprise, for never before has a Pope felt constrained to make public appearances to justify policy statements—and Pope Paul did so twice within a week! And when we consider that he has been reflecting on this 'problem' for four years (at least), suffering, he assures us, no little spiritual anguish, then we can only be confirmed in our belief that a celibate septuagenarian with his head stuffed with nonsense who has passed his years (we cannot say 'lived his life') in the rarefied atmosphere of the Vatican is so out of touch with real life that it is nothing short of bloody impertinence for him to pronounce on anything.

So he suffered—what? On the cruel horns of a dilemma of his own making, he had to decide whether the suffering involved in the unwilling procreation of the past had been in vain—or to condemn Catholics to the same unnecessary suffering in the future. He chose the latter.

Rather than admit that the Church

has been wrong over the years, His Holiness has chosen to maintain a cruel teaching which millions of his own followers have already rejected. It is a desperate attempt to re-establish an authority which is already slipping away; it is an attempt doomed to failure.

### HOW DOES HE LIVE?

Being celibate (presumably) by choice Il Papa can know neither the ecstasy of a happy sexual union, nor the black despair of a frustrated one. Glibly he gives his blessing to the unreliable 'rhythm' or 'safe period' method of avoiding conception, assuming in his ignorance that you can make love by the calendar!

By what casuistry does he permit the 'safe' period, when this method, to be even remotely useful, demands sophisticated calculations and the use of a thermometer, while banning the use of 'artificial' methods? Does he in his everyday life reject the advantages of modern science? Does he still burn rushes dipped in tallow or does he read by electric light? Does he travel by donkey like Jesus or does he fly by jet to his international assignments? Does he object to farmers growing ten ears of corn where God provided only one? Does he tear at raw food with his teeth and fingers or does he enjoy haute cuisine, the finest food perfectly cooked and served on the finest plate with the best wines at the right temperature in silver goblets? Does he dress in bear skins or cloth of gold?

### SEX AND AUTHORITY

Why is it in the field of sex that we have to reject the ability to control our environment and standards of living that science can offer us? And where does knowledge in this

field come from—God or the Devil?

Or has the Pope perhaps read his Wilhelm Reich after all? Does he recognise by proxy the liberative effect of the free sex life? Does he understand how sexual repression produces the anxiety which with fear and ignorance ensures the servility upon which he and all his fellow rulers depend? Does he know that the pathetic wife worn out with childbirth, the ground-down breadwinner and their unwieldy and ill-educated family, are more likely to look outside of themselves for salvation—to faith and hope for the next world in view of their despair in this? Has he learned in his years of anguished study that free loving leads to free thinking; that people who take the trouble to organise their immediate environment don't need the consolation of the hereafter; that randy men and women don't make servile subjects?

**'THE MORE I WANT TO MAKE LOVE, THE MORE I WANT TO MAKE REVOLUTION!'**

—Slogan on a Sorbonne Wall, May, 1968.

If the Pope in fact does know all this, then he knows he must make some attempt to hang on to what authority he has. And instead of riding the crest of the wave he tries like Canute to hold the ocean back. Like Canute he must fail.

The Catholic Church in general knows perfectly well what it is up against. It knows that like every political and power organisation in the world it is facing a crisis of authority. People everywhere are feeling their feet as well as their sexual organs and are no longer prepared to get down on their knees before the old idols, the old mythologies.

### A MATTER OF SURVIVAL

Even the new mythologies are under sharper examination today than ever before. Even the 20th century religion of the State is being questioned; even scientific and materialistic progress itself is under fire from the rising generation. Why did the Holy Father not listen to them rather than to Holy Writ? Why did he not even watch the Russian handling of Czechoslovakia to see how to retain control and keep the followers happy?

But the Pope stuck to Catholic teaching and could not bring himself to admit error in the past. The Roman Catholic Church is authoritarian. It is repressive. It is anti-sex and anti-freedom. It needs ignorance and fear and anxiety, and we must be very grateful to Pope Paul for making it perfectly clear to everyone.

The clever ones are the cardinals and priests and bishops who are prepared to bend in the wind, who will reverse their eternal truths when it is a matter of survival. And make no mistake about it, all churches are very much concerned about this little matter of survival.

If the Christian faith is to survive into the 21st century, it will be a very different collection of ideas from those which came out of the 19th. A few more Popes like Pope Paul and the Catholic Church won't survive, it will be swept into the dust of history along with the dinosaur and the dodo—extinct because it couldn't adapt.

For this glimmer of hope—thank you Papa!

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## Picket at Russian Embassy

**T**HE FIRST DEMONSTRATION in support of the Czech and Slovak people's bid for freedom under their Communist Government took place last Saturday at the Russian Embassy in 'Millionaires' Row', London. Although it was only a token picket, those taking part represented a number of libertarian groupings, Anarchist Federation, Syndicalist Workers' Federation, Socialist Current, Workers' Review, Socialist Students' Federation and a very welcome member of the Young Communist League.

Posters explained our support for the Czech and Slovak people against the pressures of the totalitarian Soviet bureaucracy. A number of people crossed the road, curious to see what the picket was all about. Some of these were engaged in conversation, including three Czechs who later left us to visit their own Embassy.

The Russian Embassy is some way up a 'private road', where normally the

police do not allow any delegations to carry posters. However, no police were in sight, and a four-man delegation went to the Embassy to hand in a letter of protest, which read: 'We socialists, anarchists and trade unionists taking part in this token picket outside the "millionaires" row' entrance to the Russian Embassy, protest against the continued Russian Government's pressure on the Czechoslovakian Government, designed to force the latter to re-impose an outright totalitarian regime on the Czech and Slovak peoples. We support, without question, the Czech and Slovak workers, students and intellectuals who have demonstrated in Prague and other towns against this pressure and the military threats which have accompanied it.'

Before we got to the door, we encountered a young man who described himself as the First Secretary at the Embassy. He read our letter of protest but refused to accept it, saying that we were misinformed and should not believe what Victor Zorza wrote in the *Guardian*. We explained our position further, but made no impression on this very smooth interpreter of Soviet policy, which he explained was in favour of what the Czech Communist Party was doing, but that certain bourgeois elements were 'capitalising' on the situation and that they, the Soviet Union, had to safeguard against this. As we expected, we got nowhere with this well-groomed, sun-tanned, Latin-looking Soviet bureaucrat.

On leaving, he offered us a lift in his new Vauxhall (American) car, which we declined, and returned to the picket, which now had a police accompaniment.

Not very much was achieved, but at least a show of solidarity was given for a people trying to free themselves from the totalitarian Soviet regime. Next time, more radical action should be taken by a better supported demonstration.

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# THE LION VERSUS THE UNICORN

ON AUGUST 20 Bill Butler, the owner and manager of the Unicorn Bookshop, at 50 Gloucester Road, Brighton, 1, Sussex, is prepared to appear before the Brighton magistrates to face charges of offering for sale various books and periodicals of an obscene nature. It is a bitter and savage affair for those involved for one must believe, rightly or wrongly, that too many worthy members of the Brighton Establishment are taking part in a particularly nasty type of witch hunt as a sop to their own feelings of alienation from that vocal minority who, with spoken and written word, hold the Establishment and its bruised beliefs up to public ridicule.

If this is so, and I believe it to be, then the Brighton bourgeoisie are as one with the street corner yobs persecuting an inoffensive youth for carrying a book through a slum street. To walk through the twisting back streets of this prosperous sea resort, to turn one's back on the broad, flower-patterned boulevards, and the wedding-cake white Edwardian imperial hotels for the *Bed and Breakfast* rows of back-to-back working-class houses, to leave behind one in a matter of minutes the smart and expensive restaurants for the *egg and chips* cafés, is to accept that Brighton must grudgingly and reluctantly acknowledge that her working-class ghetto is a permanent irritating ulcer within the body of this sun-tanned corpse and it must follow that the Establishment will view with alarm any manifestations of a revolutionary culture, be it a protest against a distant war or the public reading of a poem that has as yet not been officially embalmed within some conservative anthology.

The comic postcards are there for the London proletariat to send to their GLC friends, and the boarding house strangers sleeping on the shingle beach will be tolerated within the hours of daylight, but when the Brighton Establishment have prayed into their cheque books and climbed into bed with their fraus, they do so in the pure knowledge that their police are then prowling the streets to hunt down any mad dog daring to read a poem in public, sleep on their beach or sell a non-commercial literary magazine that contains the word 'fuck'.

The Unicorn Bookshop is a tiny two-roomed corner shop in an area of seedy decay. Its shelves were once crowded with the posters, the duplicated sheaves of poetry, the avant-garde literary magazines, and all the ephemeral fermentation of minds eager to communicate answers and questions to the problems of the hour, and it is to the credit of Bill Butler that he has won an international reputation for this small backstreet bookshop in that

it is a place that can offer the people living within Brighton and its surrounding areas access to the living cultures of Britain and the Americas. It is a large claim, but the proof lay on the packed and untidy shelves and with the feet of the itinerant poets and writers who made this small shop a necessary halt on their sad and endless journey.

When the police left the Unicorn Bookshop they confiscated almost all of Butler's stock and even now he is fighting to regain the £700 worth of stock that he might be able to avert bankruptcy, but at the time of my visit he had been unsuccessful.

It is rumoured that the Authorities are examining *Oz*, *International Times*, *Kulture*, *Evergreen Review* and *Cuddon's Review* No. 11 before they decide on which one they shall base their case, and rumour holds, and there is no other source of information for those who sympathise with the defence, that *Cuddon's Review* No. 11 might form the basis for the Prosecution's case against Bill Butler and Unicorn Bookshop. *Cuddon's Review* No. 11 was nothing more than a straightforward reprint of *FUCKNAM*, written and published in New York by Tui Kupferberg. It has been on sale within the London area for more months than I could care to remember, for one became so tired of moving it aside to inspect fresher imports from the States. It was never deemed to have any great literary merit for its importance was that while his country was engaged in a futile and obscene war, an American poet wrote and had published his protest against his Government's actions and one must surely ask those stupid people who form the Brighton Establishment how they will justify their support of their police's action when the American Government, who is the one who is attacked, can tolerate *FUCKNAM*.

The answer is unfortunately only too obvious, for any non-conformist within these suburban swamplands of the status quo must, by the very act of non-conforming, attract other like-minded people, no matter how simple or innocent his non-conformity. For that reason, with history as our witness, the Brighton Establishment are waiting for the death knell with the Unicorn as its prey. Bill Butler has reason to feel bitter, for he has been denied free legal aid, his book stock has been confiscated, the national press, with the exception of the *Standard* and the *Guardian*, have shown a complete lack of interest, and, with but one or two exceptions, all the major publishers have chosen to ignore Butler's appeal for financial help.

But remember this. That if the

Brighton Authorities decide to prosecute Butler on August 20 for selling *Cuddon's Review*, it actively concerns you as anarchists, for during its active life *Cuddon's* was an important forum of anarchist discussion. So of your small wealth send your token mite to Bill Butler at his Unicorn Bookshop, and mark it 'from a reader of FREEDOM' and let it be your gesture for aid to another man's battle.

Let me give the last words to that keeper of the conscience of the Establishment of the Left and the Right, Peter Simple II who, speaking through the mouth of his Mr. Justice Tulmult, stated that 'the book in question' as 'an emetic, by its nature, must purge rather than poison the system. He (the defendant) did not, I am glad to say, resort to the absurd defence provided by the Obscene Publications Act of 1959, that a work of pornography becomes harmless if it shows literary merit, as though a well-made bomb were less harmful than a badly made bomb'.

ARTHUR MOYSE.

# WOULD YOU LET THIS MAN CREEP INTO YOUR BED?

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED last night that it is taking strong action against the pseudo-religious cult of codology. Its schools will no longer be recognized as educational establishments and students of the cult will no longer be recognized as serious students.

The Minister of Health said, 'It alienates husbands and wives and attributes squalid and disgraceful motives to all who oppose it; its authoritarian principles and practice are a potential menace to the personality and well-being of those so deluded as to become its followers; above all its methods can be a serious danger to the health of those who submit to them.' I understand he refers to the bizarre sexual practices to which followers of the cult are now pledged and incidentally to the dangerous practice of compulsive chastity carried on by its acolytes. The Minister was not of course referring to the peculiar sexual history of the movement's alleged founder.

The Minister added that there was evidence that children were now being indoctrinated by the cult. I understand that this has been happening for many years, indeed it seems to be an article of faith with them that children of parents practising codology must be reared in the cult, even if only one parent should happen to be a practitioner. The most dire pains and penalties attach to any parent who disobeys.

The Government has acted after a number of complaints about the practices of the movement, which has its headquarters in Italy, presumably to avoid income tax.

I can reveal that this is not the first time that complaints have been made and action has been taken against the organization. An important commission of inquiry's finding were that the Montini ('papa' Montini is the head of the organization) Association of Codologists claims to be the world's largest religious cult. What it really is, however, is the

world's largest organization of people, unqualified in either sex or sin, engaged in the practice and explication of both, the former by means of a dangerous technique which masquerades as scientific birth control. The report also said, 'Codology is evil; its techniques evil; its practice a serious threat to the community, medically, morally, and socially; and its adherents sadly deluded and often mentally ill.'

The founder was said to be a beatnik writer of fantasy-fiction who associated with a dissolute gang and came to a bad end. It is claimed that codology, as its name implies, was given form by a fisherman Peter. The cult made the further claim recently upon the flimsiest of evidence that Peter's bones had been discovered in Rome.

Among the claims made by the cult are spontaneous creation, the salvation of mankind, and preservation of all species from a disastrous flood, sundry miracles, feats of healing, one resurrection from the dead, dividing a sea, stopping the sun's rotation and other unlikelyhoods which they take as 'Gospel truth'.

It is time that this cult was stopped and, now that 'Papa' Paul has come out into the open and dictates how husband and wife should behave towards each other, it is time that the British public asked itself, 'Would You Let This Man Creep Into Your Bed?' We know what the answer will be.

JACK SPRATT.

Jesus said:  
'Suffer,  
Little Children'

## Anarchist Federation of Britain

General enquiries should be sent to the London Federation, c/o Freedom Press, 84a Whitechapel High Street, London, E.1.

**LEWISHAM.** Contact Mike Malet, 61B Granville Park, Lewisham, London, S.E.13. Phone: 01-852 8879.

**EALING ANARCHIST GROUP.** Get into touch with Ken King, 54 Norwood Road, Southall.

**FINCH'S (PORTOBELLO ROAD) ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact: Pamela Pearce, 271 Portobello Road, W.11. Meetings every Wednesday evening at Finch's.

**S.W. LONDON LIBERTARIANS.** Contact: 14 Clapham Court, King's Avenue (Acre Lane end), S.W.4.

**WEST HAM ANARCHISTS.** Contact Stephen Higgs, 8 Westbury Road, Forest Gate, London, E.7. GRA 9848. Regular activities: Meetings every Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., at Tony Gay's, 109 East Road, Plaistow, London, E.13 (2 mins. Plaistow Station).

**OFF-CENTRE LONDON DISCUSSION MEETINGS**

Every Wednesday at Jack Robinson's and Mary Canipa's, 21 Rumbold Road, S.W.6 (off King's Road), 8 p.m. Meetings at Donald and Irene Room's are suspended until September. 3rd Friday of each month at Dennis Fen's, 314 St. Paul's Road, Highbury Corner, N.1 (above Roundabout Self-Service).

**REGIONAL FEDERATIONS AND GROUPS**

**BEXLEY PEACE ACTION GROUP.** Enquiries to 150 Rydal Drive, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**BIRMINGHAM LIBERTARIAN AND ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact Geoff and Caroline Charlton at Flat 2, 69 Sandon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 17. (Entrance side of house.) Regular discussions being held on Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., Crown, Corporation Street (upper room).

**BOLTON.** Get in touch with John Hayes, 51 Rydal Road, Bolton.

**BOURNEMOUTH AND EAST DORSET ANARCHISTS.** Please contact John McCain, 65 Norton Road, Winton, Bournemouth (B'n'th 59509) or Tim Deane, Juliet, West Moors, Wimborne, Dorset (Ferndown 3588).

**BRISTOL ANARCHISTS.** Contact Susie Fisher and Adam Nicholson at 15 The Paragon, Bristol 8.

**CORNWALL ANARCHISTS.** Contact Arthur Jacobs, 76 East Hill, St. Austell. Discussion meetings on the second Friday of each month at Brian and Hazel McGee's, 42 Pendarves Street, Beacon, Camborne. 7.30 p.m. Visiting comrades very welcome.

**CROYDON** and area Libertarians alternate Fridays, 35 Natal Road, Thornton Heath, Croydon.

**EDGWARE PEACE ACTION GROUP.** Contact: Melvyn Estrin, 84 Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware, Middx.

**HERTS.** Contact either Stuart Mitchell at South View, Potters Heath Lane, Potters Heath, Welwyn, Herts OR Jeff Clives, 46 Hughendon

**MERSEYSIDE ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact Alex Howie, 16 Devonshire Road, Liverpool 8. Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 8 p.m.

**SUSSEX FEDERATION**  
Groups and individuals invited to associate: c/o Eddie Poole, 5 Tilsbury, Finden Road, Whitebank, Brighton.

**BRIGHTON & HOVE ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact Nick Heath, Flat 3, 26 Clifton Road, Brighton, BN1 3HN. Poetry readings, Fish Market Hard, every Sunday 2 p.m. Meetings every Thursday, Combination, 76 West Street, 8.30 p.m.

**SUSSEX UNIVERSITY ANARCHIST GROUP.** Information from Francis Jarman, 39 Harfield, Harlow, Essex.

**WELSH ANARCHIST FEDERATION**

**CARDIFF ANARCHIST GROUP.** All correspondence to: Pete Raymond, 18 Marion Street, Splott, Cardiff.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL ANARCHIST GROUP.** Correspondence to: Huw Rowlands, 16 Cromwell Street, Methyr Tydfil.

**SWANSEA ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact J. Ross, 11 King Edward's Road, Brynmill, Swansea. Weekly meetings, 'Freedom' sales and action projects.

**LLANELLI.** Contact Dai Walker, 6 Llwynnedy Road, Llanelli, Carm. Tel: Llanelli 2548.

**EAST LONDON LIBERTARIAN FEDERATION**

Support wanted for numerous activities in area. Secretary: Anthony Matthews, 35 Mayville Road, London, E.11. Meetings fortnightly on Sundays at Ron Bailey's, 128 Hainault Road, E.11 (LEY 8059). Ten minutes from Leytonstone Underground.

**LEYTONSTONE GROUP.** Get in touch with Anthony Matthews or Ron Bailey (address as above).

**STEPNEY.** Trevor Jackales, 10 St. Vincent de Paul House, Dumpsy Street, Clichy Estate, E.1.

**NEWHAM.** F. Rowe, 100 Henderson Road, E.7.

**ILFORD.** Del Leverton, 12 Hamilton Avenue, Ilford.

**DAGENHAM.** Alan Elliot, 98 Hatfield Road, Dagenham.

**WOODFORD.** Douglas Hawkes, 123 Hermon Hill, E.18.

**WALTHAMSTOW.** Desmond MacDonald, 80 Martin Road, E.17.

**LIMEHOUSE.** M. Solof, 202 East Ferry Road, E.14.

**STUDENT GROUPS**

There are groups at East Anglia University, Liverpool University, LSE, Oxford University, Sheffield University, Southwark College, Sussex University and College of St. Mark & St. John, Chelsea. For reasons of space we are leaving these out during the vacation.

**SCOTTISH ANARCHIST FEDERATION**  
Secretary: Dave Coull (see Montrose). Groups and Proposed Groups:—

**ABERDEEN ANARCHIST FEDERATION.** Contact Bob Comrie, 288 Hargate or Liz Smith, 3 Sinclair Road.

**FIFE.** Contact Bob and Una Turnbull, 39 Stratheden Park, Stratheden Hospital, by Cupar.

**GLASGOW ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact Robert Lynn, 16 Ross Street, C.1.

**HAMILTON DISTRICT FEDERATION OF ANARCHISTS.** Contact Ronnie Anderson, 100 Union Street, New Stevenston.

**MONTROSE.** Contact Dave Coull, 3 Eskview Terrace, Ferryden.

**LIBERTARIAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION**

Meetings—discussions—activities. Contact Peter Ford, 36 Devonshire Road, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.

**VOLUNTARY WORK TEAM**

Forwarding address: 11 Barway Road, Manchester, 21. (See Contact Column for present work project.)

**ABROAD**

**AUSTRALIA.** Federation of Australian Anarchists, P.O. Box 4 389, Sydney South. Public meetings every Sunday in the Domain, 2 p.m. and Mondays, 72 Oxford Street, Paddington, Sydney, 8 p.m.

**EAST AFRICA.** George Matthews would like to make contact. Secondary school teacher from UK. PO Box 90, Kakamega, Kenya.

**USA.** James W. Cain, secretary, the Anarchist Committee of Correspondence, 323 Fourth Street, Cloquet, Minnesota 55720, USA.

**GROUP-ORGANISATION.** Australian Anarchist, c/o Melbourne University Union or Paddy Evans, c/o the same.

**MELBOURNE.** Get in touch with Bob Hopkins and Margie Rojo, P.O. Box 192, Carlton South 3053. Public meetings at Yarra Bank, Melbourne.

**DANISH ANARCHIST FEDERATION.** Gøthegade, 27, Viborg, Denmark.

**VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA.** Anyone interested in forming anarchist and/or direct action peace group contact Derek A. James, 1844 Grand Boulevard, North Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Tel.: 987-2693.

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**SWEDEN.** Stockholm Anarchist Federation. Contact Nadir, Box 19104, Stockholm 19, Sweden.

**SWEDEN:** Libertad, Allmänna Vägen 6, Gøthenburg.

**TORONTO ANARCHIST GROUP.** Contact R. Campbell, 219 Toryork Drive, Weston, Ontario, Canada. Weekly meetings.

**BELGIUM: LIEGE.** Provos, c/o Jacques Charlier, 11 Avenue de la Laiterie, Sclessin-Liege, Belgium.

**PROPOSED GROUPS**

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS & PENBURY.** Please contact Mr. R. E. Williams, 13 Belfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

**MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.** Contact Mike Don or Bill Jamieson, 14 Victoria Road, Manchester 14.



# DEFY THE LAW!

## THE MAY DAY COMMITTEE'S

leaflet on the busmen's pound (re-printed elsewhere in this issue) is quite right when it says: 'Let the people once resolve to defy the law and the law is finished.' Yet, except for a few minor skirmishes, no substantial number of trade unionists have broken through the Government's incomes policies. The examples where they have, have been when workers have taken action as in the case of the Ford women machinists and the Liverpool busmen. But in both these cases, the real substance of the legislation was not challenged.

The Municipal busmen's pound is a classical example of the type of agreement the Government's legislation was enacted to prevent. Obviously the Government has chosen the ground well on which to make a stand. The fact that the Municipal busmen receive very low wages, a thing the Prices and Incomes Policy was supposed to remedy, will not inhibit Mr. Wilson and his Cabinet. The impact of the proposed strike will be negligible on the economy and so it is essential that other workers see this struggle as their own.

Already the General and Municipal Workers' Union's executive have opted out of the battle, but if their members amongst Liverpool's busmen are anything to go by, I cannot see many of them scabbing on their brothers in the Transport and General Workers' Union.

At the same time, Mr. Cousins of the T&GWU does not really favour a strike. It is still on the cards that a deal will be worked out. Agreements on back-dating next December and productivity deals similar to the London busmen's are being talked about. Whether the strike is called off remains to be seen, but if it does take place, busmen will need all the assistance they can get. I do not expect any advocacy by union

officials of the 'free rides' tactic, but it still remains, in my opinion, the best weapon.

## ENGINEERING STRIKE?

While a bus strike would not hit the economy, a strike by engineering workers would harm it and the balance of payments. Another breakdown in the negotiations brings us, in theory, closer to just such a strike. The unions are claiming an outright increase with no productivity strings. The employers are following the Government's policies and the most they are prepared to offer is 9% over three years, dependent on the removal of restrictions on trained men and the laying down of productivity guide-lines which would include work measurement.

There is only one way to defeat the Government's policies and that is by industrial action. Employers now hide behind the Government. All sorts of delaying tactics are used, procedures are drawn out, while all the time the employers are making record profits.

While profits are reaching new heights, employers, thanks to the Government's anti-working class policies, are flexing their muscles. They know that they have the Government's backing for any rationalisation plans. Sun Engraving are doing just this. From August 15, they are sacking 350 workers at their Holborn works in London. For a number of years, this plant has not been very profitable, but it is only now, with increasing unemployment, that they are making these men redundant. Threats of dismissal by the Newspaper Publishing Association and sackings by the new ITV companies should be seen as a toughening attitude by the employers.

In this sort of atmosphere there is no place for a soft approach. The Labour Government is putting over the biggest swindle going and by and large they are getting away with it. It only needs defiance to beat these policies and the determination to take action against something which is wrong. Once this challenge is taken up by the workers, there is nothing the Government could do. The last thing the State wants to do is to gaul trade unionists, because once that happens, the whole dispute will spread. The State could not gaul the dockers just after the war or the gas workers in the fifties. It could not do it today and, as in the past, the law, because of open defiance, would be made to look the ass it is.

P.T.

# LETTERS

## Disability

Dear Editors,

The most welcome article by Monica Foot on how disability money and pensions are assessed, possibly by irresponsible bureaucrats. Having been in hospital with emphysema, a lung infection—final result: clubbed fingers and swollen ankles—I am told, had I got this working in the coal mines, I would be entitled to state disability pension.

Quite some time ago I attended, in Slough, Bucks., a War Pensions Tribunal. I have scarring above nose, towards right eye and lack of concentration. The result determined by, I suppose, lawyers of the Ministry of War Pensions—coronary thrombosis for which I had only just spent six weeks in hospital. The war scarring was absolutely ignored. Coronary thrombosis had nothing whatever to do with war service.

Fraternally,  
ROBERT E. WILLIAMS.

## Risinghill

Dear Sirs,

I agree fully with Arthur W. Oloth's review, but as I am passionately involved in the subject of Free Education, I hope you will allow this letter to supplement some of Oloth's remarks:

From an anarchist's point of view, a school should be a gathering of children, of all ages and sexes, who are looking for and given instruction in any aspect of living and learning, where prolonged and repetitive training is lovingly given to the seeker.

Progressive education has of course always played a great role in anarchistic thought. Clearly the necessity of explaining a way of life—often against an hostile society—to live a courageous exemplary life in which one expresses the quintessence of one's basic philosophy, is fundamental for the propagation of this philosophy.

The number of great school-men in this field are small and it is only Homer Lane, A. S. Neill, Paul Goodman and Michael Duane who are front-ranking and courageous figureheads in the formulation and realisation of schools which fulfil the function in the above definition.

Michael Duane built up Risinghill School and made it a byword for progressivity and lovingness. He enforced the abolition of the cane. He enforced the equality of child and teacher, an absolute must, if an equalitarian society ever becomes a reality. I quote here from an unpublished paper of mine: 'The Emancipation of the Child: The equality of the child in our society is a basic liberty and essential for a normalisation of our life. The acceptance of the child as an individual with its full, uninterfered rights to its demands, is axiomatic for a free and healthy society'. Needless to say that the battle between the authorities, in this case the LCC and Duane, grew to such an extent that ultimately the school was closed in 1965.

However there is a fascinating further aspect to this. When I came across a review of the book in a brotherly organ like *Peace News*, a man called Keith Pople indulged in what can only be described in American terms as a smear campaign. He felt he was nearly fooled by this book. He quotes the liberal drug dreamer, Aldous Huxley, for the most meaningless quote of the century, and finally makes it clear that teachers and children are different people, and that teacher is always right, no doubt.

Mr. Pople's review would do very well for an establishment paper, where the return of the cane would be connived, where the inequality of child and teacher would be clearly accepted. What on earth is Mr. Pople doing in *Peace News*?

The most frightening aspect of a man like Mr. Pople, to appear in a paper like *Peace News*, seems the total disregard for the basic theme of Leila Berg's book, the need for 'destructuring'. Although I know this is a horrible word, I cannot find a better one at the moment to describe what we all feel to be the demand of the hour, to break into the cold, callous, heartless, ruthless, often pointless, machine of the establishment, which never ceases to engulf the individual in our society, from the moment of its birth to its death. The structure of patriarchal society, with its absolute and preposterous values, is at this very moment under fire from the youth from Peking to New York.

Clearly, one of the many causes of war is the unthinking continuing preservation and prolongation of, for instance, militaristic machines, which still eat up a vast proportion of everybody's national income. We all know it to

be outmoded, but who is destructing these machines.

Who disestablished flogging in the Navy? How about Mr. Pople reintroducing flogging in the Navy and Army, and the Air Force for full measure, because surely the Commanding Officers are always right?

Mr. Pople does not understand basic principles, and one really is astounded why he should be so protected by the *Peace News*, that he is allowed to answer every criticism of his reviews.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBERT H. V. OLLENDORFF.

## Black Dwarf

Dear Editors,

I am sorry that David Jones thought my account of *Black Dwarf* was feeble; at least I wasn't sacked and it wasn't pulped! If a professional journalist with a well-known point of view and style of writing is asked to edit a new paper but is sacked before the first issue appears, I think that he has been very badly treated; is this so absurd? It would have been just as bad if Jones had sacked Goodwin; I didn't realise that it was necessary to be an anarchist to behave sensibly.

I didn't say that I did not think much of the attack on the *News of the World*; on the contrary, I think it was good, and I agree that it would be worth publishing it (and some of the other good articles which were lost). Nor did I suggest that anything is wrong with Lumumba or that he is a figure of fun; I think that for one thing the letter to him was an extraordinary thing to write to anyone, and that for another he is an odd person to write anything to, since he has been dead for more than seven years.

My point was not that the first issue of *Black Dwarf* which didn't appear was bad, but that the one which did was better. The second issue is good too, but I still think it is a pity that David Jones is no longer involved in the paper.

## Good Response

Dear Comrades,

Thank you for publicising our activities. The response has been very good, our list of pledged supporters has been doubled and a large number of enquiries are being dealt with at the moment. Pleasing though this response is, we would like to hear from comrades who will help in the final drafting and production of the manifesto and programme. Also, we are starting to collect material for the first issue of our magazine in the autumn and would like to hear from people willing to contribute.

Yours fraternally,  
LIBERTARIAN STUDENTS  
FEDERATION, c/o F.C.J.,  
39 Harefield, Harlow,  
Essex (Harlow 22028)

## Nancekuke

Dear Friends,

May we draw your attention to the fact that at Nancekuke in Cornwall, a gas known as CS, is being manufactured and tested under the auspices of 'our government'; and that this gas is being used in Vietnam against the Vietnamese people; in Paris against the workers and students by the CRS; and it has now been issued to British police forces.

We should like as many people as possible to participate in activity at Nancekuke, between August 26 and September 2 as a preparatory event for a major demonstration on October 12.

If you can participate, please contact us; if you can't, please make a financial contribution to this action.

Your fraternally,  
150 Rydal Drive, DOUGLAS KEPPEL,  
Bexley Heath, DAVE WALSH,  
Kent TERRY LIDDLE,  
28.7.68 JOHN BONNER.

## CORNWALL GROUP AGAINST NANCEKUKU

AMBITIOUS PLANS ARE AFOOT in Cornwall to dramatise local opposition to Nancekuke, the gas warfare factory near Redruth.

'We believe that the campaign against Nancekuke and chemical-biological warfare is condemned to certain failure if we insist on clinging to traditional methods of protest,' said a member of the Nancekuke Co-ordinating Committee. 'The situation calls for a new approach if we are to break through government deceit and public apathy and expose the real nature of Nancekuke to the man in the street. Clearly, something of a dramatic nature is called for.'

## CALLING ALL GROUPS

The Committee hope to extend their autumn campaign well beyond the boundaries of Cornwall. 'We call upon all individuals, groups and organisations

# Let's Get Out of the Wood!

THE CZECHOSLOVAK crisis demonstrated that the Libertarian Left was unable to show effective solidarity with the struggle going on in Czechoslovakia. Apart from a visit of four comrades to the Russian Embassy and a protest picket of a dozen people two days later, the Libertarian Left did nothing.

This is not just a question of Czechoslovakia. Even during the May Day events in France, the movement was sluggish to get off the mark and left it to non-libertarians to organise whatever demonstrations did take place.

Not only is the Libertarian Left ineffective in demonstrating solidarity with struggles abroad, but here at home apart from a few initiatives on a local level, which are commendable, there is a familiar failure of the Libertarian Left to take the initiative in campaigning on the issues of the day.

We feel that this situation demands serious consideration, both in respect of its causes and in regard to how to overcome it. With this in mind we suggest holding a meeting where the groups and the comrades of the Libertarian Left can get together to discuss the matter.

We propose that the meeting be held in the small hall at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.1, on Sunday, September 8 (11 a.m.-6 p.m.). The hall has been booked.

We also propose that the meeting be divided into two sessions; a session devoted to our failures in respect of the French and Czech events, and a second one in the evening to discuss how, by our activities in this country, we can build a libertarian movement with a real basis.

This is an open invitation to all groups and individuals of the Libertarian Left. We are contacting groups and individuals, but this in itself is YOUR invitation to come.

September 8 Ad Hoc  
Meeting Group,  
c/o Freedom Press.

## Kinghill and the Press Council

THE PRESS COUNCIL have finally declared themselves satisfied that the notorious article in *The People* on Roy Mills, one of the homeless rebels at King Hill hostel, contained no substantial inaccuracies, and was not vicious or malicious. The Friends of King Hill reject this as utterly false, and entirely against the evidence. They plan to publish the correspondence that has passed between them and the Press Council as a pamphlet, and to arrange a public enquiry into the charge that the Press Council is a corrupt and partisan body.

## A.C.T.

WE HAVE RECEIVED copies of the first three issues of A.C.T. This is the RITA's newsletter. (RITA means Resister Inside the Armed Forces, an American Serviceman who resists imperialistic aggression in South East Asia' for whatever reason.) The movement exists to organise desertion, and A.C.T. publishes lists of safe, not so safe and dangerous countries to go to. Sweden is described as the safest, England as one of the riskier (though I believe since this was published the attitude of the Swedish Government has become less favourable owing to a threat of a trade boycott by the Americans).

There are articles dealing with the problems faced by those who choose to 'go on the run', and the moral issues involved. Lists of addresses where servicemen can go for advice in the different European countries, are given. In Britain the address is the War Resisters International, 88 Park Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex. The address of A.C.T. is c/o J.-P. Sartre, B.P. 130-14, Paris, France.

opposed to the development of chemical-biological weapons, to the Porton Down and Nancekuke Establishments, to support its autumn demonstration by sending delegates and representatives to the Conference to be held in St. Ives on September 1. This is August Bank Holiday weekend. For details, accommodation, etc., write to Graham Hewitt, 24 Back Road West, St. Ives. Please bring this report to the attention of members of your group because you are unlikely to receive any other notification of the meeting.

Many imaginative proposals are being discussed, one of which requires quantities of used aerosol canisters (fly-sprays, hair-sprays, etc., etc.). Please collect such canisters and send them to Graham Hewitt.  
Trelawney

# Two Weeks in Paris

MAY 1968, Solidarity Pamphlet No. 30, 1/-.

THIS IS OF COURSE a beautifully produced pamphlet. Solidarity does this sort of thing very well. It is an eye-witness account of two weeks spent in Paris during May. It is not intended as a history, just an account of what it felt like to be there to one particular person, though at the end there is a section

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A.W.U.



# Participation?

**WORKERS' CONTROL** means the ownership and control of the means of production in the hands of the workers themselves for the mutual benefit of everyone.

The Labour Party always side-steps this issue because it is violently opposed to control from the base. Nationalisation was a sop to the pioneers of the Labour movement who believed in workers' control.

The new gimmick for the Labour Party is industrial democracy—workers' participation. According to their latest publication, 'provided workers are supplied with the knowledge of directors fees, labour costs, investment data, and profits, etc.', then industrial relations can be

classed as well on the way to being settled for ever. What the Labour Party forget to remember is the fact that workers' participation means assisting in the running of industry primarily in the employers' interest and by so doing, if the workers gain a little, no great harm is done. Management not only reserve the right to manage but insist.

In the last twenty years many words have been aborted—socialism, communism and now the words 'workers' control' are going through this process, anything to detract from the basic and original meaning.

Workers' participation is a sound industrial policy for the corporate state. Workers' representatives can be allowed to make decisions on practically any issue, except upon the only one that matters—the decision to own and control.

Throughout industry there are many 'gimmicky' workers-management committees whose real value is debatable. The only value perhaps is that through such committees the workers' job can be made much more bearable and this is not to be sneered at. But participation in such committees has its dangers—the illusion that the worker has some control over his industry. The most dangerous of these types of committees are those concerned with productivity, job evaluation and labour rationalisation. The intention of the employer is to kid you that you are being

consulted, you are being consulted on the most painless method of cutting your own throat.

The industrial democracy proposals will be discussed at the next Labour Party Conference, no doubt many delegates will feel forced to support it because they feel it is progress, even if it does not go far enough. There is only one way to deal with such a policy statement—reject it completely; it is presented in an attempt to siphon off militancy from the policy of workers' control. Workers' participation has the same effect as a mirage—when one comes round there is nothing there.

John Stonehouse, Postmaster-General, former darling of the 'left-wing', informed a Fabian Society summer school that 'we must make a clear distinction between workers' participation and workers' control. The former is acceptable but the latter must be ruled out'. Stonehouse went on to say that workers' control was indefensible because, if a workers'-controlled management was operating a monopoly, they would be able without external constraints to hold the rest of the community to ransom.

Politicians can only think in capitalist terms and economics. Any system other than capitalism is inconceivable to them, hence this Stonehouse classic.

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

## Contact Column

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

**London Meeting.** Subject: Municipal busmen's strike. Sunday, August 11 at 11 a.m., corner of Matthew Road and Cheshire Street, Bethnal Green (Club Row market). May Day Committee.

**Birmingham Discussion Meetings:** Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. at The Crown, Corporation Street. August 13: Geoffrey Ostergaard on 'Workers' Control'. August 20: Robin Doughty 'Students in Revolt'. August 27: Peter Neville 'The Demonstration'. September 3: no meeting.

**Worthwhile work** wanted by girl 20, ex voluntary work team. Margaret, 11 Barway Road, Manchester 21.

**Room** or small flat required by anarchist, Central or South London. Please write to Shirley Parsons, 12 King Edward Road, Maidstone, Kent.

**Male and female** (musicians) wish to share flat, convenient central London, furnished or unfurnished. HAM 7785.

**Embryo anarchist collective** seeks people, preferably with resources, but currently young girl without welcome. Baby, interest in agriculture/toys/printing welcomed. East Anglia. Box 14.

**Teacher visiting London** weekly next academic year seeks rudimentary comradeship every Tuesday night. Jeffery / Burnt Oak / East Bergholt / Colchester.

**Nancekuke Action.** Meeting Monday, August 12, 7.30 p.m., 314 St. Paul's Road, Highbury Corner, London, N.1 (over 'Roundabout' Self-Service Store). Buses 19 and 30 to Highbury Corner.

**Anarchist Black Cross Bulletin No. 1** now available, 6d. (plus postage) from 7 Coptic Street, London, W.C.1.

**Nancekuke:** Groups are urged to send a representative to St. Ives, Cornwall, on Sunday, September 1 (Bank Holiday). Planning meeting for ambitious autumn campaign against Nancekuke and CBW. Contact Graham Hewitt, 24 Back Road West, St. Ives, Cornwall.

**Anarchist camp** in Shropshire August 31-September 2. Contact B. Shuttleworth, 9 Boland Street, Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

**Comrades of 'Le Libertaire',** organ of the Anarchist Federal Union (French), would like to correspond with comrades in Britain. Contact René Lecrainche, Boite No. 1, 41 Chailles, C.C.P. Orleans, France.

**Anarchist International Summer Camp.** This year at 'Camping Jobel' in the village of Turnos, 4 km. from Bayonne, 12 km. from Biarritz. August 1-31. Inf. from 'Les Amis de la Nature', Camping Jobel, Tarnos 40, France.

**Rosemount, Aberdeen Residents.** Fight the rates increase. For direct action contact Ian S. Sutherland, 8 Esslemont Avenue, Aberdeen.

**Work wanted.** Woman teacher, refugee from State school rat race seeks work. Near Greenford preferred. (Is there nobody able to offer her a job? This ad has been in for the past six issues. —C.C. Compiler.)

**Voluntary Work Team.** Present address: Play Group, Winchester Way, Bolton.

**Pence News—Weekly,** price 1/- from 5 Caledonian Road, London, N.1.

**Direct Action—Monthly,** 6d. from 34 Cumberland Road, London, E.17.

If you wish to make contact let us know.

## THE BUSMENS' FROZEN POUND

**MOST WAGE EARNERS** in Britain—and there are more than 24 million of us!—resent the Government's law to hold down wages by means of that infamous Parliamentary Statute known as the Prices and Incomes Act.

This law gives the employers the legal right to keep wage increases down to a few shillings a week. Prices, rents, fares, and profits are all unrestricted. Only wages are held down. If ever there was a law specially designed to protect the employers' profits this is it!

Some resent this law more than others and those who resent it most of all are the people who directly suffer its effects. The provincial busmen fall into this category.

Three times have the Government intervened to stop payment of their freely-negotiated wage increase. Three times have these Ministerial creatures (whose average wage is £160 a week) decreed that the provincial busmen's basic wage of £12 8s. 3d. shall not be raised by a lousy £1. No wonder there is resentment and no wonder that resentment has now boiled over into actual resistance.

The provincial busmen have decided to stop work on August 12 to compel the employers and the Government to pay the 'frozen' pound. It is a decision which we applaud. At last someone is fighting back.

If the strike actually takes place it will be in defiance of the law—and 70,000 busmen will all become 'lawbreakers', for the Prices and Incomes Act makes it illegal to strike once the Government has issued its decree. But this Government—like all so-called democratic governments—rules by deceit. They must have at least the tolerance of the people they govern—or they can't govern at all. So if the busmen's example is followed by us all, the Government will be powerless and its laws will be useless.

How can any Government 'punish' 24 million 'lawbreakers'? Who would do the work if all the workers are in jail? Where are the prisons that would hold them? And where will the employers get their profits if there aren't any workers to work? Let the people once resolve to defy the law and the law is finished. The people will be free of it.

All of us are hoping the busmen will win—but hoping is not enough. We must all take whatever action is necessary to MAKE CERTAIN that they win.

Passing resolutions of support and sending money is useful but much more will be needed. From August 12 there must be real demonstrations of support—demonstrations in working hours that will show this Government that if they take on the busmen they must take on the lot of us.

We can't stand by and watch the bus-

men fight the Government all on their own. They are fighting for all of us. If they win we all win. If they lose we all lose.

**Workers of Britain unite on August 12! You have nothing to lose but the Prices and Incomes Act! You have your freedom to win!**

(This text is being issued as a leaflet by the May Day Committee, 29 Love Walk, London, S.E.15)

## Tenants Resist Eviction

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ground and must have been in almost total permanent darkness. The attics were reached by cardboard-thin stairs which you had to crawl up since the roof hung so low. The masonry was perished, and crumbled at a touch.

The leaflets were distributed through doors and into people's hands. The warm neighbourliness of the street contrasted sharply with the state of the houses. Everybody's window was open, people shouted greetings to each other, talked in the back yards beside the wash-houses and air raid shelters. 'A better bunch of neighbours you couldn't want,' said one tenant we talked to for some time after giving him a leaflet. He added, 'If we stick out so long, the Council will repair the rotten sinks in the houses they've offered; if we stick out longer we might get them papered. A bit longer and we might get decent houses.'

This seemed to sum up the feelings of the street; they wanted to move, but wanted decent houses in areas where some of the community-feeling of the street remained. They weren't going to be steamrollered just for the bureaucrats' convenience.

### LATEST MOVES

Those who doubted the Council's determination to get the families out received a shock on Tuesday, the 30th, when it was announced that the city engineer, Carne, had applied to the sheriff for a compulsory eviction order against those in 40-42 Jasmine Terrace who had received the three-day vacation order. It seems that the Council will try to crush the 25 people here involved and then hope that those under nine-day orders will go quietly.

A.A.G.

**FOOTNOTE:** A report in the *Press and Journal* (1.8.68) suggests that the Council has capitulated to those in Nos. 40-42. Some of the families have moved into suitable accommodation, others are with relatives awaiting new offers from the Council. This report also mentions our leaflet. However, no new offers have been made to those on 9-day vacation

# FREEDOM

## For Workers' Control

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## Management Intimidation

**A GIRL** capstan operator at Whip & Bournes Ltd., Rochdale, wanted a lighter job. She was put on a spindle drill in the machine shop, where the workers are resisting management efforts to introduce Time and Motion, which has already been established in all other departments.

The girl was being timed when the 100 machinists took strike action. The sit-down strike lasted a few hours, and in the end the workers received full pay during their dispute. But the workers know it's only a matter of time before the firm try something else.

In this case it is said the girl wanted T&M, yet the same girl only the week before had been in tears because she hadn't made a decent wage on T&M. It is clear that such people, and the very old, only accept T&M because they are frightened of losing their jobs.

Even so, it is generally thought that women are better than men at piece-work and repetition jobs; if they can't make it pay, it's a poor look-out for the blokes. As it is, there's no time for breaks for those already on T&M at Whips, and one chap even said he'd had to inquire the way to the toilets, it'd been that long since he'd been able to afford to go for a shit.

## Busmen Stop Fare Rise

**LAST MONTH,** 250 busmen at Crossfield Motors, Rhyl, decided not to collect the fare increase about to be charged by their company. The company described their action as 'illegal'. The men say they would not benefit from the increased fares, and their local T & G union secretary said, 'If the Government cannot control prices, then it is up to the union to do so.'

So it was, faced with the men's threatened action, that last week the company climbed down and postponed the rise in fares.

In for a penny, in for a pound, lads!

NORTH WEST WORKERS.

## Ordinary People'

Dear Comrades, I'd like to comment on two letters which appeared in FREEDOM.

First, Barbara Higgins on male domination. I find her threat to do without us unconvincing but understandable. We have witnessed the sickening spectacle of the Pope, a 70-year-old male virgin, telling women they must risk pregnancy every time they submit to their lord and master. 'God created man. As an afterthought, he created woman—for man.' This is the basis of established society.

Secondly, J. Robinson and M. Canipa write quite inaccurately of 'ordinary people' when they mean the working class. By definition, most people are ordinary. The Queen, for instance, is trapped by accident of birth in a gilded cage. I suspect—though I have not confirmed by experiment—that she would 'close her eyes and think of the flag'. I think she is quite a nice person, but ordinary. As readers will have gathered,

orders, and people were out in the street till midnight last night discussing resistance. Many said they will squat on the pavement with their belongings until suitably housed. 'The Council has treated us like dirt,' said a woman. The Council is again applying for compulsory eviction orders.

Let's see the municipal busmen refusing to collect fares, in their national campaign for a quid a week. And, more important, let's see anarchists encouraging them.

## Busmen Won't Pay

**AT ROCHDALE,** it is now reported that 110 local busmen, a quarter of the town's total platform staff, are refusing to pay their political levy to the Labour Party, as a result of the Government freeze on their pay. They have already contracted out of the 2/- a year levy, for next year.

Ralph Lord, secretary of the local busmen's branch of the Transport & General Workers' Union, said, 'They are sick to death of the Government.'

## Apprentice Pay Cut

**IF THE MANAGEMENT** of Vickers Shipyard don't think again about their decision to cut their apprentices' pay before Monday next, there will be ructions. The AEF union district committee has given them notice that its adult members will strike, if no settlement has been reached by August 12, in the month long strike of 300-odd apprentices.

The wage cuts, of up to 29/- a week, must be withdrawn if the shipyard is to avoid the stoppage. The lads themselves struck originally on June 3 and returned on June 25 for talks on the dispute. They got no satisfaction, so they came out again on July 8 and haven't gone back in face of management threats of legal action and the firm's decision to scrap indenture agreements on August 12.

Too many people get away with murder against the apprentices! And though they have equal rights as union members, not enough notice is taken of them at union branches. If the apprentices are to get a better deal, they must be more militant and better organised.

## LETTERS

I find the term faintly derogatory. Please, J.R. and M.C., stop using it to describe the social class to which I belong.

Yours fraternally,  
DAVE COULL.

## Lassalle said it

Dear Comrades, Jack Robinson is wrong to attribute the belief that 'enormous wage rises without a change in the political and economic structures equals a rise in the cost of living and return to misery in a few months' to anyone in Nantes. It is my Iron Law of Wages which I had thought universally discredited since my death nearly 100 years ago.

Fortunately the Labour Government have revived belief in my theory that as wages rise so the cost of living rises. My friends Bakunin and Marx tried to discredit this by pointing out that employers paid the market value of labour and sold according to the market price of the commodity, and had a margin in their rate of profit. They said 'enormous wage increases' were often paid to executives without public-to-do being made. Combination, they said, even in a capitalist society, could increase the market value of labour or cut the market price of goods.

But where would this have left the political leadership who wanted to do all this by parliamentary legislation?

THE LATE FERDINAND LASSALLE.