# Fige Commission of the Commiss

FEBRUARY 14 1970 Vol 31 No 5

AT ANY TIME during the next fourteen months the Prime Minister may announce the date for the General Election. As the leader of the party governing this country, it is up to Harold Wilson to decide on the time, as and when it suits their chances.

Having done so, the whole circus will once again roll into town, with the candidates of all parties vieing with each other for the support of the public. For them it is an important time for, depending upon the number of crosses placed against their names, it will determine their whole life for the next five years.

For the wooed electorate, the chances are that very little change will take place in the following five years, no matter which candidates receive the most votes. Elections for them are but a brief period of illusion that they are deciding who governs the country. It is the only time that the public is asked its opinion and to actually participate.

Having gained victory many candidates are not seen again until the following election and the party that forms the government proceeds to organise our lives and govern for the benefit of those who own and control the industry and wealth of the country.

At the approach of any general

# VOTE-WHAT FOR?

promises for this, that and the other. It is a time when all sorts of restrictions are lifted and people are given a false impression that everything is rosy. Already the creating of this impression has started with the lifting of the travel allowance restrictions, and the forthcoming budget is likely to give further spending power to the public. However, Wilson's dilemma is to achieve a balance. He cannot afford too much of a give-away budget because, together with the wage increases, it could affect the trading position and therefore the balance of payments.

From now on all parties will be playing politics. Each one will be seeking popularity with electoral bribes. The uncertainty about the date will also create tension and from the Government's point of view, they are unlikely to give any hint because they just do not know themselves. Their showing in recent opinion polls gives them little en-

election, the public is wooed with promises for this, that and the other. It is a time when all sorts of the promises for this a time when all sorts of the full constitutional period.

Whichever party gets hold of the reins of power, they will put the economic system before the social

Already the ground on which the election will be fought has been staked out by the Tories—taxation, imposed wage settlements, law and order and immigration. In general they are trying to put over a tough image against the so-called 'permissive society'. Most of this is just emotion, using the public's irritation and frustration for electoral gain, for there are plenty of harsh laws already on the statute book to deal with demonstrators and to strengthen these would mean restrictions on our liberties.

Unlike many on the 'left', we do not think the Labour Government has failed. Before the 1964 and 1966 elections we said that Labour's priorities were with the economy of this country and that they would restrict the bargaining power of the trade unions. We forecast legislation against unofficial strikes and we know how close we came to that.

Whichever party gets hold of the reins of power, they will put the economic system before the social needs of people. Whichever party wins the next election, legislation will be introduced to restrict w. ge increases and an attempt will be made to curtail the bargaining power of the unions.

As a trading country, with a possible recession in America, cost per unit of production has got to be controlled. Tough action will be required and this seems to be an economic fact of life in the presentday capitalist society. However no politician is going to say this in public, just as during the March 1966 election, no Labour MP said that in the July a full freeze on wages would become law. Prior to an election all governments (that is those that have to go through these 'democratic' motions) will try not be unpopular, but once elected they quickly change.

Not only are differences between the parties slight, but whichever is returned to power, there will be little difference made to the lives of the majority of people. If anything, the two main parties are moving towards a more authoritarian position and those who argue for voting for the lesser evil are only fooling themselves. It is up to the individuals to free themselves from this illusion. The conscious refusal to vote is a positive step and a sign of social responsibility, because one cares too much to give power to the politicians and the state.

A period prior to a general election is a good time to mount a campaign to propagate anarchism, using the refusal to vote as its main theme. Many people are becoming disillusioned with politicians and their parties. More and more are turning to themselves and are taking direct action to achieve demands, whether in the area of industry, housing or universities. Manchester comrades have started by duplicating a leaflet and in London posters have been printed. We shall also be printing anti-election articles which

The politicians have started their wooing so let us start our campaign to frustrate their chances and prick their hot air balloons of promises.

could be used as leaflets.

P.T

# **'SOUNDS LIKE**RUBBISH'

THE reaction of Aberdeen's local press to any revolutionary activity is predictable—they laugh at it. When PORN came out they laughed, though a little nervously, a little neurotically. For PORN—Pupil's Own Revolutionary Newspaper—had been circulated throughout Aberdeen's secondary schools and though only in its first edition it contained four controversial articles.

tained four controversial articles.

The first article, 'Where We Stand', was a politically orientated manifesto intending to show that education be separated from policannot tical reality: 'The ruling ideas of our time are those of the employing class, who use education to train the young mind to accept the role they have prepared for it in capitalist in-PORN is therefore, and we hope will continue to be, something more than a libertarian or reformist news-The other three articles dealt with school uniform, religious indoctrination in education and the legalisation of pot, which is readily available in Aberdeen-although distant, we are not correspondingly provincial.

The press, although mockingly hostile, naively printed the salient arguments of each article. When quoted, Christians and constables were bitingly satirical, and Mr. D. S. Duncan, Aberdeen branch press secretary of the EIS said, 'Not having read the paper, it sounds like rubbish.' Enough said.

Unfortunately we experienced great difficulty in persuading most pupils of of our seriousness, due, I suppose, to the fact we were broaching a vacuum, in the sense that political awareness amongst them is negligible. We cannot, however, give up, and PORN No. 2 comes out this week. It is important that pupils learn to act for themselves in schools, where penalties are less severe than those imposed by society at large so that they may be more skilful and successful in fighting authority when they have left school.

The school gates are just as important as the factory gates. A political environment at youth may prove to be of more lasting value than a dim awareness in middle age. PORN helps, despite opposition, to create this environment, to foster awareness and to inculcate a spirit of rebelliousness against the authority of the education system—an institution which, all the more contemptible because of its pettiness, reproduces the abuses of the system.

PETER MAHLER

THERE HAVE been strong indications that one of the issues, if not the main issue in the forthcoming election will be law and order. It is not even known which political party holds the monopoly copyright of this desirable commodity. The Conservatives, out of office, can conveniently saddle the party in power, the Labour Party, with all the current ills and put forward their own cure-all, 'Law and Order'. with the Profumo case, the whole thing has been elevated to a moral issue and the product of a 'permissive society —whatever that is. The Church of England has never changed its reputation of being the conservative party at prayer but the unctuous Morgan Phillips once truthfully pointed out that the Labour Party owed more to Methodism than to Marxism. So God is obviously to be a party plank.

It is not even a fact that law and order are synonymous. From the anarchist view that 'liberty is the mother not the daughter of order' they are absolute contradictions. Facts tend to support this seemingly far-fetched theory is a fact that we have more laws than ever on the statute book, plus laws passed by local authorities and the whole body of case-law which, in the main, never comes under parliamentary scrutiny. With all this law, it is obvious that we have more crimes. The worst period of crime in recent American was during the prohibition era (1918-1930) when a law was on the statute books to prohibit alcohol; never has there been such an era of lawlessness, masquerading as law enforcement. One technological factor alone-the motor car-has contributed to invent a whole its murderous potentialities, to the enormous number of thefts of and from motor cars: its contribution to the crime rate is about 50%. The very fact that the motor car is so widespread is evidence of the greater material possessions more common today when the ethos is that of a consumer acquisitive society. The more property, the more robbery.

This increase in laws which the politicians will advocate will not help to reduce the crime rate. There are enough laws on the statute book already to deal with anything which may arise. There has been some talk of strengthening the law on 'trespass'. As the police well know, this is quite unnecessary, the powers given to them to step in to prevent a breach of the peace are sufficient. Besides this they can use laws made for other purposes—drugs acts, for example—and search warrants are not hard to get. Finally a property-conscious judiciary can be depended

# The More Law, the Less Order

upon to let in by the back door any legislation founded on case-law which may be convenient. The principle of 'John Doe' or blanket warrants has been introduced by this means.

Very few laws are used for the purpose for which they were introduced. The police know this, and also know that many laws, particularly in the field of morals, are unenforceable so they content themselves with sporadic outbursts of moral crusading fervour from time to time, as the newspapers or politicians get more fretful. We are in the midst of one of these crusades now.

The second principle that 'law and order' politicians advice is the employment of more police and better pay for the police—as it is their wage-claim never gets questioned, and consequently we have the best police that money can buy. However this again is a self-defeating proposition. The more police we have, the more convictions there will be. It is always denied by the police that promotion or favour depends upon the number of convictions registered, but if that is the case it must be the only profession where 'productivity' does not count.

The growth of the police force raises another difficult point. They will, by reason of their particular and peculiar powers, become a specially privileged group in the community, above the law; in fact, they already are in many cases. When one asks the question 'Who is to police the policeman?' one gets the dusty answer, 'The police!'

As the number and powers of the police grow, so will the scandals. As the 'decent' citizen comes more into contact with the police (as has happened because of the motor car offence and in many cases through demonstrations), the illusion of the 'wonderful British bobby' has vanished and in its place he is revealed not as the god-like, incorruptible, highly moral escorter of old ladies across the road but as 'human, all too human'. One would deny the premise that 'all coppers are bastards' and claim they were the all-too-legitimate heirs and favourite sons (and daughters) of the warfare State.

The claim of the police to be 'not as other men' and so the reliable guardians of the new 'law and order' is easily deflated by the weekly revelations of their corruptibility, brutality, dishonesty which seems to be a necessity in carrying out what they self-righteously

believe is 'their duty'. paper reports have disclosed that the two policemen who were shot dead in Glasgow (which called forth a howl from the retentionists) were shot by ex-policemen, who surely should have known better. Both these ex-policemen were wanted for bank robberies. We are told that there is a bad apple in every barrel, but do we lessen the 'baddies' by enlarging the barrel? Allegations have been made of police brutality in handling Welsh Nationalist demonstrators at the Law Courts, Syndic reported on a case involving a Nigerian diplomat at Brixton that the police told those they had arrested, on their journey to the police station, 'We're going to kill you, you black bastards. In the police station, two girls, aged 16 and 17, were forced to strip. One was called 'black cunt'. A policeman drew his truncheon, approached one of them, and said, 'Now prove you are a woman. This is the right size and colour for you, ain't it!' (This account was censored by one of Syndic's printers on the grounds that he didn't want trouble with the police.)

Recent weeks have seen the charge against three Hammersmith detectives for stealing £5,000 from an Indian detained at the station and Mick Jagger has alleged that cannabis was planted on him. These are obviously cases of the more law the less order.

Supposing that the law was operating fairly and there were no nasty incidents such as those at Glasgow, Brixton, Chelsea and Hammersmith, not to mention Sheffield and West-End Central of Challenor fame?-the concept of perfect justice perfectly administered is still far from the norm. The arbitrary raids at John Lennon's exhibition, Andy Warhol's film, Freedom Press two years ago, and Tony Smythe (NCCL secretary) some few weeks ago, all leave something to be desired. The capricious use of bail as a method of punishment, a punishment meted out for unorthodox political or social opinions-as evidence the Rumbold Road and Endell Street squatters. The discriminatory transfer of the Endell Street case to Lewes Assizes (with its Home Counties' morality). The offhand granting of search warrants on the flimsiest pretext, countered by raids entirely lacking in warrants. Can it be wondered that there is frequent commission of the offence of 'contempt of

When one visits courts and assizes one is seized with a contempt for those who sit in judgement, firstly for their supine support for the police, secondly for their reactionary viewpoints (without which they would never survive on the bench) and finally, for their presumption in sitting in judgement or 'organized vengeance' as Kropotkin terms it.

We have just seen the end of an interesting case where private citizens were obviously following the demands of public 'morality' and took the law into their own hands. This was obviously a crude lynch law and since they were a gang of skinhead-type youths who had gone 'queer-bashing' on Wimbledon Common and had killed a homosexual, one of them got a life sentence, and others were heavily punished too. Is our society so tolerant of homosexuals that they could not have absorbed the unspoken thoughts of many 'decent' citizens that homosexuals should be wiped off the face of the earth? Skinheads, like many of their type, are puritanical and moralists—just like the politicians who wish to introduce a moral society. The most highly moral political regimes were those of Hitler and Stalin-apart from the question of murder, theft and lying, inseparable from the State.

Crime has little to do with morality.

Morality is infinitely variable. There is

Continued on page 3

SPAIN NOW-AND NEXT?

Meeting Organised by ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

at 'FREEDOM' HALL, 84b Whitechapel High St., E.1 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, at 8.30 p.m.

Speakers:
Miguel Garcia Garcia
(Just out after 20 years in jail)
Stuart Christie
Chair: Albert Meltzer

T WAS THE most civilised of police raids. No collars were felt, no elbows squeezed and no one was invited to start something. One watched the plain-clothed detectives enter the London Arts Gallery at 22 New Bond Street, W.1, carrying their warrant and their camera while the two uniformed policemen took up their guard postings outside glass door of the gallery and we within swam around in the public's gaze as the Town peered at us through the plate glass windows. The police, acting on information received and orders from that unknown authority, the John Lennon exhibition of lithographs. One waited eagerly to have one's name taken but in trying to seek information in the sacred cause of press freedom found that one had been eased through the door and onto the pavement while a smiling police guard denied one not only entry but information.

We are once again going through a phase when the police and/or the authorities feel confident enough to challenge minority opinion in relation arts. That the police should raid the offices of IT or OZ or some unfortunate bookseller is, unfortunately, treated either as a joke or an accepted industrial risk, but the decision to raid a wealthy Bond Street gallery can only mean that some Whitehall backroom boy is sufficiently sure of his political and legal support that he can publicly attack our limited freedoms.

What I find distressing about these police raids on the gelted Mayfair galleries is that these people continually and publicly demand to know why the police should raid them and not the Soho smut shops and the answer to their righteous query is that the small Soho smut shops do everything they can to avoid the public spotlight while those whom the police have raided have deliberately sought the Town's Within the period of these raids two Mayfair galleries presented a display of drawings and paintings that ere homosexual in their subject matter while another gallery displayed the

# 'A Little of what you Fancy'

brothel paintings of an honoured Impressionist painter. But discreetness was their key word and they had their exhibitions and made their profits and padded silently to their banks. 14 John Lennon drawings were placed almost literally on public view and we were told by various people involved that 'if these lithographs were on sale in Soho they could be considered pornographic'. It was all a happy giggle until the police accepted the spokesman's word and raided the gallery.

One need hardly make the point in these columns that whatever the social or economic circumstances of those under attack we must protest any infringements of our own and other's freedoms and seek, according to the extent of our moral or physical courage, to defend the 'rights' of these people to comof these people to communicate whatever they so desire, but one wishes that these people would not claim a right for themselves that they would deny to others. If they wish to communicate freely with other like-minded people then they can only do so if the Soho smut shop has the same freedom. Deny that shop and its customers the right of free communication and you deny yourself that same privilege. It is a mistake that so many our cultural liberals fall victim to and none made that error more grievously than the late and hallowed George Orwell. In his essay on Dali, George Orwell attacked Dali's writings as the product of a sick mind but, said Orwell, it is a work of art despite the fact that it disgusted him would reluctantly defend to the death, etc., Dali's publisher's right, etc.

But Orwell made his liberal reservation for, in the the same essay, he stated that the only things he would censor would be the erotic Port Said postcard industry. What authority and

what police force would operate this censorship by the author of 1984 we shall never know, but, as with so many other liberal-minded men, Orwell manded to be allowed to sit in judge ment and to defend his own particular whims and fancied freedoms. The days when the dirty postcard was a thing of minor pleasure are gone with the coal fire and the aspidistra that one so often saw in the background beyond the entwined performers, for the erotic in relation to the Soho trade has now reached a pitch of technical perfection that the old-timers in their socks and dropped bloomers would never have believed possible.

All the ancient sexual permutations are still performed but in colour, and the photography and the layout, in new magazine-type format, is the work of experts and vies with the Sunday supplements in craft and overall dullness so that it is back to the drawing board in a literal sense and John Lennon's 14 lithographs fail to fill some minority's aching void. cost of these 14 lithographs was more than £500 or £40 for a single copy and as art or erotica they simply were not worth the money. They are no more than the crude scribblings to be found on any canteen table top their only limited value is that they are the product of a John Lennon.

loosely scribbled figures of John and Yoko are so vaguely defined that one would believe that it would be impossible to find anyone who could claim to be open to corruption from them and if anyone has paid over £500 for a set of these juvenile scribblings then it is not their moral sense but their economic sense that is in danger, yet the sheer ineptitude and banality of these vague doodlings demand that they must be defended for if this is

status every student who did not happen

to be Anglo-Saxon, short-haired, upper class, and politically docile. Mr. Acaster

corruption then the babblings of a small babe must cry out the horrors of hell.

And Arthur Tooth of 31 Bruton Street, W.I. are playing host to three life-size effigies of a trio of women. Of painted fibreglass, they are the work of Allen Jones, late of the Pop Art scene, and in themselves they are pleasant in the style and manner of shop window models, but Jones has bent and bound them so that one forms a chair, another table and a third a artforms they are strictly for the bondage and leather trade with their belts and high leather boots and their submissive slave girl postures and they should make a pleasant gift for some lonely but wealthy recluse in the Sloane Square

outback. There are six castings from each original and unlike Lennon's sad jottings they succeed in their intentions, if visual erotic pleasure is Jones' timate intention, for one can enjoy them without wishing to own them.

The Rodin exhibition at the Hayward Gallery demands a calmer mind and a lowering of the blood pressure for brawl - with an public attendant does little to aid the contemplative mind and though one won one's point and defended one's principle and received and acknowledged the surreptitious congratulations of two of the minor attendants for one's victory against public crassness and delegated authority, a battle won against an NCO of the ticket-tearing brigade still leaves one feeling a victim as the panting hart in collision with a mechanical shovel and the feeling of outraged innocence still remains and still hangs like a halo over this typewriter so Rodin and history must wait my pleasure. ARTHUR MOYSE.

### RIFF-RAFF

poems of a politically involved poet is the reprint in paperback of Adrian Mitchell's Poems published by Cape Far too many anarchists dismiss any form of creative action which they believe to be non-political and pay far too much attention to the purely abstract anarchist comments which are just another variation of any politician's state ment. Our own libertarian press should surely contain much more reporting and articles of anarchist work and movements rather than political criticism. It also makes for a far more interesting newspaper.

Rolling Stone, the radical American pop paper, has recently contained long articles on: 1. Miles Davis-the great jazz trumpet player-in an interview; Several eyewitness accounts of the terrifying work of Hells Angels 'guarding' the stage at an open air concert from listening audience-they clubbed one person to death and injured many more with their billiard-cues full of Feature article on Environmentalists-the various groups of people relying less and less on outside help more and more on selfhelp their own town or village. You can get this magazine from Rolling Stone post free), 139 City Road, London,

Earth pollution and land dereliction are now becoming fashionable as necessary evils to be removed, as it were, by the faithful speeches of professional politicians. But if you want some background information about the enormous wastelands read the Penguin Derelict

For those who collect information about basic wages, here is a typical Cornish rate as labourer in a firm who reclaim tin from old workings: £10 13s. 8d. after stoppages! About the same rate as most farm labourers, who have been fanatically silent whilst their merry employers have been out blocking roads and confronting Ministers.

For the past two weeks have been housewife with a three-month-old baby daughter to look after and only now realize the pretty constant and regular of feeding; grittyshitty nappy changing; nursing and washing-baby and clothes. The only consolation is that I am not the mother! It is obvious that women need to be able to share these routines with other women if only to form 'creches' and playgroups to get time off. And to find their men sometimes around to relieve them?!

With the National Council of Civil Liberties hardly ever out of the news, thanks to their hard-working secretary and due to its ever-increasing importance as an organized force, it has need of new members in order to expand and employ a Legal Adviser; Psychiatric Worker; Education Officer (and more field staff?). If you can't afford to become a member-I can't-you can write for information leaflets to give to your wealthy friends and put in such places as public libraries and school staffrooms; pubs and cafes; factory noticeboards and office entrances. Also you can write for free leaflet, 'Your Rights On Arrest' which may seem surprisingly obvious to you who have been inside before but is just a mystery to most people. But as the leaflet cautions 'This leaflet does not contain complete advice; nor does it offer any immunity.'
... However forewarned is forearmed

as my granny used to say.

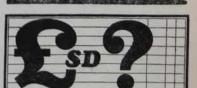
NCCL also has in print pamphlets Mental Health; Women's Rights; Gypsies; Race Relations; Reluctant Servicemen; Children's Rights; and currently in the news-Invasions Of Privacy. Two quid will get you membership in one of the few organizations worth joining-NCCL, 152 Camden High Street, N.W.1.

Of the several thousand books published in Britain in 1969 I can remember just two quite outstanding and brilliant ones: Art Against Ideology by Ernst Fischer, and Akenfield: Portrait English Village edited by Ronald Blythe. Of the first just one quote I remember: The accumulation of objects which horrified Shelley long ago, has become so overwhelming in class society that man, surrounded by his possessions like the new tenant in Ionesco's play, can scarcely breathe or be himself. This is the world of having. Man himself becomes an object. He sells himself as a commodity for production or prostitution: as "manpower", sexual vessel or compliant brain. In countries with the most developed production and consumption, horror at this objectification of man is beginning to turn into an acceptance of it as a natural con-Whilst from Akenfield I would simply like to reprint the final chapterthe interview with the village gravedigger—his own words, a complete epi-taph to church 'of England' and men of the church. Oh yes, I've just remembered Paul Oliver's The Story Of The Blues, which along with the double-LP record of the same name gives an introduction to the folkmusic which has in various forms become our popular music today. All these three books are hardbacks, the first two from Penguin Press and the other from Barrie Rockcliffe-Cresset Press: so the library is the best place to go for them.

The Czech poet Miroslav Holub 'would like people to read poems as naturally as they read the papers or go to a football match' and his poems some way towards creating situation. His Selected Poems have been published by Penguin; and in the past three years must have had a profound impact. I read his poems at practically every school or college I visit. From poem The Lesson:

'Under the classroom door trickles a thin stream of blood. For here begins the massacre of the

innocents. DENNIS GOULD.



PRESS FUND January 27 to 31, 1970

Wellington: R.H. £1/10/-; Oxford: Anon 7/-; Hull: E.S. £3; Stroud: J.L.R. 3/2; Wigan: B.J.B. 2/6; London: Tuesday night meeting 8/-; Kaduna: R.H. 14/-; Camborne: H.McG. 5/-; Atlanta: G.G. £2/3/-; Paris: J.P.P. £1; London, S.W.3: D.N. 10/4.

B/f.: £125 16 8

January Total: £135 19 0

As we still have to pay off last year's deficit, £100 has been taken to help with this, leaving £36, the cost of one sheet, to produce the six-page issue for the end of this month.

### THE EDINBURGH SIT-IN

its political apathy. Some two-thirds of the students have been vigorously brainby the authoritarian Scottish school system: most of the remainder consists of the public-school playboy element, rejected by Oxbridge and determined to have a good time here

In the present academic year, however, there have been encouraging signs an awakening. The rugby international at Murrayfield brought together the committed and radicalised the uncommitted as never before. And early in the term, it was again the issue of apartheid that sparked off a revolt within the University. The Appointments Board known to be offering facilities to interview students to companies with South African interests. This was, of course, blatantly at odds with the University's professed intention to be a 'multi-racial, independent seat of learn-So, on the morning of Monday, January 19, about a hundred and fifty of us occupied the offices of the Appointments Board, where a representative of Barclays Bank was scheduled to interview prospective employees.

We ware under no illusions that the occupation would prevent interviews from taking place; they were merely transferred elsewhere. But physical pos-

The AFB information office will pro-

duce an internal bulletin. Comrades

interested in its production are to meet

in Birmingham on the first weekend of

each month, from November onwards.

All groups will be informed in detail. Address all letters to:

Peter Le Mare, 5 Hannafore Road, Rotton Park, Birmingham, 16. Tel.

021-454 6871. Material that cannot wait for the bulletin to be sent to

R. Atkins, Vanbrugh College, Hes-

lington, York. The Contact Column in Freedom' is also available for

urgent information.

Groups should send latest addresses to Birmingham. New inquirers should

to possibly incriminating material filed there. At first, research was confined to confirming the connection between Board and British complicity in apartheid, and here the evidence damning enough. As well as plans to offer facilities to combines such as Ford, ICI and Anglo-American Corporation, all with a massive stake in South Africa, we found direct South African propaganda, such as a small tome entitled 'Opportunities for Graduates in South This book also incorporated a section on 'Opportunities in Rhodesia'

But the exposure of the Board did Examination of the files also revealed systematic discrimi-nation against students. On forms obviously intended for the benefit of employers, the Appointments' Secretary, a certain Mr. Acaster, had chosen to record his own, highly prejudiced impression of students as prospective employees. An Indian student was described as 'having the deviousness of his race': the son of an English railwayman was apparently 'cheerfully prole-'might do well in the lower Another student has sales division'. 'undesirable political affiliations'; be a Jew'. Thus the Board was seen to be pandering to every conceivable prejudice of the employer, whilst relegating to second class

All correspondence to Peter Le Mare, 5 Hannafore Road, Rotton Park, Birmingham 16

**ANARCHIST** 

of BRITAIN

**FEDERATION** 

was acting as a sieve to ensure that big business would not be tainted with any undesirable recruits; at the same time, he was failing to scrutinise the companies with which he was dealing in order to prevent the University from being tainted with undesirable representatives of racialism and exploitation.
All along the line the situation was crystal clear; the Board was considering the interests of employers first, and those of the students, both individually and as part of a multi-racial University. scarcely at all. The reaction of the University admini-

stration to the revelations was predictable. On the sixth day of the occupation, 7.30 a.m., the University Secretary, Charles Stewart, ex-Seaforth Highlanders arrived at the offices at the head of a small and very ugly-looking private army. As police vans lay hidden in a nearby side street, and Superintendent Forbes stood opposite the building 'to ensure that the law was observed'. Stewart and his men battered down the doors. Having manhandled peaceful occupants who attempted to ask them what they were doing, they proceeded to remove all the incriminating files. No resistance was offered; indeed, none was necessary, since we had already microfilmed the files. Much to his chagrin, Stewart had arrived too late. occupation ended shortly afterwards, as it was felt that its continuation could only lead to a violent confrontation, either with the police or with the Barry Quartermain types employed to remove

Stewart is threatening disciplinary action against those he can identify, and is making valiant efforts to establish the identity of the others. If he does act, he will be extremely foolish. the University Appointments Board has been exposed in the most concrete the most concrete fashion as a lynchpin of the links between the University and capitalist In Edinburgh at least, a substantial section of the student population have now realised this, and will react to any so-called disciplinary action with great vehemence. The struggle against the Appointments Board will, of course, be continued

write direct to them or to the AFB information office in Birmingham.

AFB REGIONAL GROUPS are now anarchist groups in almost every he country. To find your nearest group North West Federation John Walker, 92 Clyde

North West Federation John Walker, 92 Clyde Road, Manchester, 29.
Cornwallt A. Jacobs, 13 Ledrah Road, St. Austell, (M. Ma, B.)
Essex & E. Hertsat P. Newell, 'Aceean', Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green, Colchester, (QM, FL.) Surrey: G. Wright, 47 College Road, Epsom, Sussex: E. Poote, 5 Tisbury, Findon Road, Whitehayk, Brighton, Yorkshire: Martin Watkins, 3 Marlborough Grove, Leeds, 2.
Leods, 2. Lynn, 12 Ross Street, Glasgow, Waless (70 P. L. Mare (address above).
N. Irelandt c/o Freedom Press.
S. Irelandt c/o Freedom Press.
S. Irelandt c/o Freedom Press.
Cabbreviations: M—meeling: Ma—ruagazine; B—badges; Q—Quarterly; FL—free leadets i

changed plea to 'guilty' on charge of resisting sherriff, other charges were dropped and all six were given suspended sentences of 6 mths.

*FULHAM SQUATTERS* 

### anarchist weekly reedon

### The Relevance of Anarchism

ANARCHISM is a philosophy of freedom. It is a body of revolutionary ideas which reconciles, as no other revolutionary concept does, the necessity for individual freedom with the demands of society. It is a commune-ist philosophy which starts from the individual and works upwards. instead of starting from the state and working downwards. Social structure in an anarchist society would be carefully and consciously kept to a minimum and would be strictly functional; where organisation is necessary, it would be maintained, but there would be no organisation for its own sake. This would help to prevent the hardening of organisations into institutions—the hard core of government.

The heart of anarchism is its opposition to government. Not just a particular government, but government as an institution. This is explicitly expressed in the word 'anarchism', meaning the philosophy or ideology which aims at 'anarchy': the absence of government. This aim is shared by other ideologies—socialist and communist—who see the 'withering away of the state' as a desirable goal, but conceive the way towards that goal as lying through the use of the very institutions they want to abolish. Anarchists maintain that the use of these repressive institutions in the name of the revolution, or of progress, or of freedom, corrupts the revolution,

inhibits progress and crushes freedom.

For anarchists, the end determines the means. If your end is a society without government, then you do not do anything to support the idea or fact of government or to encourage the idea that government can in any way be desirable. If your aim is the abolition of the state-which is the concentration of the institutions of government-then you do nothing to encourage the life of the state by pretending it can be used for liberation. All the means by which people are governed are anathema to anarchism.

This adds up to a coherent and logical ideology and within itself anarchism is a perfect set of ideas. In its application to the existing 'real' world, however, it is being applied to very imperfect situations. And furthermore, anarchists themselves differ in their interpretations of anarchism, both in relation to current events and in the emphasis they put upon the various

aspects of the overall philosophy.

This can lead to apparent contradictions. Anarcho-syndicalists who advocate the abolition of the wages system support workers on strike for higher wages; individualists who are opposed to the state see no reason why they should not avail themselves of the social services when they are unemployed; anti-parliamentarians support the abolition of a law (hanging, abortion, homosexuality) which can only be done through parliament; anti-imperialists condemn 'national liberation' movements which are fighting an imperialist oppressor; anti-war militants who have gone to prison rather than take up arms support a violent revolution and so on.

This is not quite as absurd as it may appear, since the only alternative to compromise at some level or another is suicide. If we want to live at all, we have to live in the world as it is-but as anarchists we are going to do our damnedest to make it as we would like it to be. We know how beautiful life could be, but we have to start from the ugly reality. If our beautiful black brothers will forgive our analogy, we can put it like this: if the present is black reaction, and we want to reach the blinding white light of freedom, then we have to move through varying shades of grey.

Now each anarchist will make his own moves and if we respect each other we will respect our comrade's own scale of priorities. Thus, for example, the anarcho-syndicalist will be concerned primarily with achieving workers' control of industry, and this necessitates building up workers' confidence in their own powers. Every victory in even a minor struggle encourages this confidence; every defeat diminishes it. So the anarchist in an industrial context will throw in his effort to help win a dispute which perhaps in itself is irrelevant as far as a money-less society is concerned, but which will teach the workers more about tactics, about the value of direct action, about their importance in society, the strength they gain through solidarity, the creativity of their work, their dignity as human beings-perhaps a hundred lessons.

For we should not forget that there are two aspects of anarchism: the end and the means. We have implied the end: anarchy, the society without government or any of the means of government, without money and the wages system and the exploitation they bring; without the state which defends that exploitation through the law, the police, the prisons, the constitutional murder of the gallows or the gas chamber, all backed up by the army, navy and air force; the inculcation which passes for education, the subtle pressures of the bureaucracy and the church. Anarchy means the replacement of these anti-social forces by free association and mutual aid, by free access to the means of life, by the joy of making and sharing and

living. A delightful ideal!

Anarchism also means the struggle to achieve all this. A bitter struggle against ruthless forces which will apparently stop at nothing to maintain the power set-up as it is. The great advantage anarchism has is that it is not side-tracked into diversions like the parliamentary struggle, like 'workers' government' or the 'dictatorship' of the proletariat', trying to achieve power in order to abolish it or the historical process or any other mythology. Anarchism teaches the governed to use their strength where it matters—at the point of production; and to use it in the way it matters -by direct action. More can be done to house the homeless by half a dozen squatters than by a thousand well-meaning local councillors.

The means of freedom for the end of freedom: that is the relevance and the strength of anarchism. How it can be applied from situation to situation will vary. There will even be situations where it cannot be applied. But it represents the only way to achieve what we want to achieve: freedom.

BILL CHRISTOPHER, JACK ROBINSON, PHILIP SANSOM. P. TURNER.

#### THE MORE LAW-

Continued from page 1

nothing legal now which has not been forbidden in some time or place, there is nothing illegal now which has not been permitted (indeed sometimes religiously compulsory) in some time or place.

Among those who talk of decaying morality and increasing crime are stockbrokers who sponsor usury and gambling, lawyers advising on tax evasion

and litigation, property managers who perpetuate theft, advertising executives who subsist on lies and deceit.

In such a jungle as we live today the enforcement of law and order is weighted in favour of the reactionary elements. More crime is committed by the State in its pursuit of the breakers of its laws than would be committed in a free society. More law means more chaos, misery and injustice.

JACK ROBINSON

#### Biafra (i)

Please take more care in reading what I write, and don't draw unwarranted inferences. You'll find we most disagree on analyses, not principles.

Best wishes, ROGER MOODY

5 Caledonian Road, N.1

#### Biafra (ii)

Dear Editors,

I would have let Justin's latest article ('Oh the Popular War Leader!', January pass if it wasn't for his extremely self-satisfied and provocative last sentence: 'But at least some of us have never supported any of the contributory factors.' Thus the pious, virgin-conscienced Justin excuses himself.

He should, however, know that every time he bought a packet of cigarettes, paid a bus fare, ate a packet of crisps. bought a pint of beer or a packet of soap powder; every time he passed a policeman without slugging him; every time he received a pay-packet with the taxes deducted; every day he allowed to pass without making the revolution, he WAS handsomely supporting the greatest contributory factor in the tragedy of Nigeria-British imperialism. Justin is as responsible as I am and Harold Wilson

is for the neo-colonialist forces which created the conditions for war and then sustained them.

I might have known that Justin would cut my letter just where it mattered. The letter said: 'In my personal view as a libertarian, the power structure of Biafra is far from desirable, but I accept that it probably the only workable set-up under present circumstances. In any case, I am not yet of the colonialist mentality, sitting in England and telling the Biafran people what they ought to do and ought not to do.' By cutting this, Justin was able (albeit feebly) to distort my argu-

In any case, Justin's lengthy article does nothing to answer the central question which I had posed: what should the Biafran people have done in July 1967 having suffered pogrom and blockade, and now confronted by an invading army? It seems that the English armchair theorists are incapable of accepting that such a question had really to be faced by some people. If, as Justin had previously asserted, Gowon was waging a genocidal war, one wonders what miraculous recipe for survival Justin, from the safe distance of Whitechapel High Street, would have offered the people at the receiving end of that genocide

Yours fraternally, London, W.3 NIGEL WRIGHT.

#### Help Offered

Dear Friends,

A lot of college scenes and groups realise that they have become too intro-verted . . . 'But what can we do?' There is no contact with groups outside which we could help.

Each college has rooms (for small meetings), halls (for large meetings, concerts, dances for fund-raising, etc.), a Union with lots of money and a large reserve of sprightly able-bodied youngsters with plenty of time to kill

these not as yet utilised. So, if your Left/Peace/Underground group want a place to meet, your funds are low, or you need help with work in of these fields, call up your local college, if possible through the SocSoc. or similar sympathetic society or people

Rooms are definite, manpower prob-able and bread possible. We are trying to co-ordinate this on an inter-college basis with the help of AgitProp, RSSF, In the meantime contact us at Kentish Town, address below.

N.W. POLY SOCSOC. N.W. Polytechnic, Prince of Wales Road, London, N.W.5 (Student Union Office: 01-485 1744)

#### Unreadable and Devoid of Humour

Dear Comrades

Dave Cunliffe says that anarchism 'is not burdened with the tortuous terminology and ideological gymnastics of the authoritarian left'. Well, he is. Take his announcement 'I have fashioned a theoretics of revolt as a manifestation of that which is or shapes the prima-materia.' In practice, this means that, should he decide to give up Beethoven, whisky or meat, we're all expected to regard these pleasures as counter-revo-

lutionary. I find his articles almost unreadable. So far as I can make out, they are totally devoid of humour. Ponder that for a moment. Now raise your hands, all those who could chunter on for twenty column inches without even

Dave Cunliffe makes pompous revelations of the obvious. He never uses one word where ten will do. Though we've never met, I dislike him, and wish he'd join Scientology or something. Apart from using words I can't even find in the dictionary, he has a habit of misusing others. 'Revolution effects within the individual and radiates outward to illuminate the community concerned.' Clearly, the word here should be 'salvation'; just as, in other cases, it should be 'evolution'. Unfortunately, seekers after personal salvation often become a cross for the rest of us to bear.

Dave Cunliffe is probably dimly aware of this. 'I am curious to discover just what my brothers and sisters would do with cranks like me.' While acknowledging no such special relationship, I think I can say that we anarchists would do absolutely nothing. Why should we? Let him live as a 'solitary contemplative'

Mr. Cunliffe, there are many journals which go in for your type of philoso-phising. Why pick on the only anarchist newspaper we've got? If you must inflict your 'thoughts' upon us, please try to express yourself a little better. You might even get it down to five for one. f it down.
Fraternally,
DAVE COULL.

#### National Liberationa Front P

Dear Comrades,

It was with sadness that I read Mr. Robinson's article entitled 'National Liberation—A Front?' (December 13).

No doubt his article is FACTUALLY correct, all the revolutionaries mentioned wished to establish their own power, has this ever been doubted or denied? Unfortunately, the article implies this was, or is, their only motive in fighting and doing so, displays a great ignorance the men's characters.

To demonstrate this point I would recommend Mr. Robinson to read Red Star Over China by Edgar Snow,\* which adequately shows Mao's idealism.

Like all anarchists, I know Marxists' methods of political struggle to be wrong, nevertheless, to imagine that all non-anarchists are power-hungry fascists is equally incorrect.

Anyway, I hope the New Year is good to you and don't think too badly of people like myself who only write to complain.

Yours fraternally, 91 Burghead Drive, DAVID YOUNG. Glasgow, S.W.1 \*I read it when it first came out (1937).

#### Help with Fines

Dear Comrades,

I would like to draw your attention to the heavy fines imposed recently on nonviolent disrupters of the Springboks' game at Aberdeen. With some 130 arrests, 98 people were charged with breach of the peace, the remainder, though equally 'guilty', were released for reasons known only to the police. So far fines of from £15-£20 have been imposed, and the total seems likely to be in the region of £1.500.

These fines will cause hardship in many cases, and are made all the more clearly political since perusal of the Aberdeen press in recent weeks will show lighter penalties to have been imposed for far more violent 'breaches of the peace'. A fund has been set up to pay fines, and all who can afford it should send money

Ken Chew, c/o SRC Offices, 151 King Street, Aberdeen. Fraternally. FORBES BROWNE

#### National Liberation: A Front

I wish we brothers and sisters could be a bit more consistent on the question of national-liberation movements, question of small nation vs. Goliath. I recall several years ago a lengthy FREEDOM article on the need for anarchists, though ideologically anti-state, to be less ideological, less sectarian and more realistic about Latin American movements such as Castro's Cuba and to support same. And following the Russian march into Czechoslovakia came FREEDOM exhortations to support the Czech people and Czech nation and Czech state.

On the other hand are the articles and analyses opposing national-liberation movements, like those against the Viet-Like the one by Jack Robinson last December 13, his plague on the



ny book not in stock, but in print can be promptly supplied. Book Tokens accepted. Please add postage & cash with

Woman and Labour Olive Schreiner 6/-Walls Have Mouths

W. F. R. Macartney . 6/-Alan Handsacre 6/-

Outward-Ho! James Leakey 2/6 The Prince, the Crown and the Cash

Emrys Hughes 3/-A Chance for Everybody

Hyacinthe Dubreuil 4/6 M. A. Payne 6/-Gerald Heard 7/6 Oliver Untwisted Morals since 1900

Russia and the World (1917) Stephen Graham 10/-

The Phoney War on the Home E. S. Turner 6/-Who Killed Kennedy?

Thomas G. Buchanan 7/6 Negroes on the March (1956) Daniel Guerin 12/6

The New Writing in the USA

(Penguin) 5/-Claude E. Hoffman 10/-

The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money

J. M. Keynes (scored) 8/6 G. B. Shaw Saint Joan Where is Civilization Going?

Scott Nearing The Ampersand Jack Common Penguin Island Anatole France Yes and Albert Thomas E. J. Phelan

reedom FREEDOM weekly at 9d. and ANARCHY monthly at 3s. 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 01-247 9249 Entrance Angel Alley, Whitechapel Art Gallery exit, Aldgate East Underground Stn. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION Freedom: £2.3.4, \$5.40 Anarchy: £1.16.0, \$5.00 Joint Sub.: £3.19.4, \$10.00 Airmail Freedom: £3.3.4, \$9.00 Anarchy: £2.15.0, \$8.00 Joint Sub.: Both by Air: £5.17.0, \$15.00 Freedom by Air, Anarchy by Sea: £4.19.0, \$12.50 SPECIMEN COPIES ON REQUEST Opening Times: Tuesday-Friday 3-7pm Saturday 10am-4pm Closed Sunday, Monday

houses of both the US and North Vietnam, notwithstanding that the former is the invader while the latter is but invading its own territory and is obviously in the ethical clear. And notwithstanding that the latter, together with the VC, is analogous to the 1776 American Revolutionists. Or are they analogous? If so, should anarchists be retroactively supporting the 1776 thing? And if so, shouldn't we be supporting the VC?

These are questions which frankly have my head spinning lately.

So in sum: Shall or shall not the anarchist movement be supporting what generally known as third-world national-liberation movements? If so, it would seem that this support should be across the board-pro-Vietcong, pro-Fatah, pro-Castre, pro-Czech, pro-American Black Panther and the rest. If no support, then likewise across the board.

Or should one (like the Czech state) be supported and another opposed! Which leaves us with what I started out saying, basic and glaring inconsistency. It's time, I believe—on this global and most basic of problems for basic clarification. Detroit, Michigan, USA

We hope to clarify things for comrade S.C. in our editorial column next week.

## THE PERSECUTED GYPSIES

GYPSIES - A PERSPECTIVE FOR ACTION by Manchester University Gypsy Liaison Committee, Students Union, 1 Oxford Road, Manchester 13. Price 1/-.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSUL-TATIVE ASSEMBLY — DOCUMENT 2629. Report on the situation of Gypsies and other travellers in Europe.

THESE TWO PAPERS deal with the same subject in different ways. There is room for both approaches, but anarchists will be more sympathetic to the Manchester pamphlet. The analysis is similar: 'the position of some 280,000 Gypsies and other travellers in the Council of Europe member states has become very precarious in the past policies towards them have been repressive or discriminatory' compares with the Manchester students' 'the complete denial of human rights and persecution innocent people whose only offence is that they live in caravans and do not comply with the normal conformist nature of society'

IN SWEDEN

SINCE THE DEPORTATION of

the press have been having a boom in

discrimination 'news'. Race has been

appearing on the headlines of placards

and the learned and respectable journal-

ists and experts have all been invited to

write articles on the subject. The yellow

press have been playing up to the topic

with varying degrees of sensationalism

and in order to make the subject suffi-

ciently tasty, an African student who has

been studying in Russia told me, some

of them had been asked to write articles

as to if they found any racial discrimi-

nation in Sweden-offering them up to

Ruling circles here see colour and

other kinds of discrimination as a hin-

drance if it should become a serious

problem which could divide their fast

increasing immigrant workers from their

Swedish counterparts. The reason is

quite clear, nothing must hinder the pro-

duction of efficient workers and dis-

crimination becomes an obstruction and

depletes profits. Thus the high-flown

phrases about 'equality' and 'the brother-

hood of man' which comes from the lips

politicians, trade union leaders and

Recently an article appeared in the

liberal press suggesting that prejudice

begins in the schools with mobbing and

teasing of those children who have some

marked difference from their playmates.

A Dr. Paul Heinemann, the father of an

adopted coloured child, writes: 'We have

all that is needed to combat this, facts,

knowledge, know-how and resources."

However, it is one thing to condemn

discrimination, but quite another to deal

with it effectively within the educa-

tional system that capitalists' needs deter-

mine. There are so many well-meaning

professional men and women who are

deluding themselves that the causes of

colour and other kinds of prejudice can

be solved with facts and knowledge that

the school psychologist reformers use to

£40 to £50 for an article.

industrialists alike.

combat with

various gipsy groups here last year

**RACE & DISCRIMINATION** 

proper living conditions to be made available to Gypsies, but the Council of Europe report calls for governmental 'Central Government, through special funds and legal provisions, should take the main initiatives for the promotion of licensed and adequately equipped camping sites', while the Man-

The tone of the explanatory memorandum supporting the Council of Europe Report is paternalistic. The construction of adequate camping sites down of the Gypsies' families in houses'. changes of government policy, supports the creation of national bodies consisting of representatives from governments, Gypsy and travellers' communities as well as voluntary organisations working in the interests of Gypsies and other travellers, and to consult these bodies in the preparation of measures designed to improve their position.

The Manchester students have also long-term objectives to better the lot of Gypsies throughout the country, and they too call for the implementation of the Caravan Sites Act, at present shelved because the government doesn't think the country is in a fit state to build 200 camp sites. But their concern stems from direct contact with a group of Gypsies

result the Gypsies were invited to use the Union as guests of the members. The pamphlet describes the very interesting events which ensued, ranging from the establishment of children's

playgroups to the organisation of a student force for passive resistance at evictions. Although there was some hostility, the students describe their Gypsy Liaison Committee's work as an unqualified success and they make some practical suggestions for other College and University groups.

who moved on to University land in

February, 1969. A general meeting of University students was held and as a

It is unfortunately true that no matter how enlightened are the opinions expressed in the upper echelons of government, the intolerance, discrimination and harassment which Gypsies currently face will go on until more work is done and goodwill built up by people like the Manchester students.

### Aberdeen Housing Battle Hots Up

A BOUT a fortnight ago, I wrote an article detailing the recent troubles between 72-year-old Jimmy White of 34 Kintore Place, Aberdeen, and his lousy

Jimmy's to find the bedroom wall wetter

As I reported before, Jimmy is on the housing list and is long overdue for a new house. The harsh fact is that 34 Kintore Place is nothing more or less than a bloody ruin. A bloody dangerous ruin. Slates are regularly falling from the roof; some on to the balconies of this 100-year-old building, others on to the

a car belonging to a tenant who was too scared to make any claim against the landlord and some people have had narrow escapes. The whole roof is, quite

fenced in by rusted railings. Many of the bars are missing and a small child could very easily slip through. The slabs are badly cracked, and sooner or later, one of these balconies is going to

The City Engineer denies this to be a dangerous building. If falling slates and crumbling balconies aren't a danger what is?

rickety wooden staircase, which is completely worn away, and down which he has fallen twice—the second time he was taken to hospital. Maybe if some creepy official fell down one night, we'd get something done.

There are so many things the Council

landlord. I told how a threat of rent strike, backed up by Aberdeen Anarchists, had forced the landlord to make repairs to the leaking roof. On Saturday, January 24, I called at than ever-a fortnight after the 'repair' to the roof! It's a crazy situation. Every

time repairs are done, things get worse.

street below.

At least one car has been damaged-

The balconies consist of concrete slabs

Jimmy lives in a garret reached by a

fortunately-as far as I am concernedthey would hold the class struggle to be central to anarchist revolutionary acti-But then comes the point of whether you in fact advance the class struggle most efficiently by restricting yourself to it. LETTER

The view of the worker as a purely materialist being, whose interests are confined to the factory floor, is a most reactionary view, and as Ian Sutherland is an authority on folk music, he would hardly on reflection advance it, also he would presumably agree that in that field the consciousness of the working class can be advanced by people who do not

themselves advocate class struggle. This must surely apply in other fields, indeed the artistic and spiritual forms embraced by a leftist may well in the final analysis be reactionary, and it is unlikely that in any such field there is one clear line that can be drawn be-tween that which advances and that which retards anarchist consciousness, so the fact that one may or may not agree with the cultural (or mystical) views of someone who calls himself anarchist is not per se grounds for wishing to exclude his material, it would need deeper grounds.

Personally I think Dave Cunliffe's particular form of mysticism leads to elitist attitudes, not so much in the mystic as in those who ill-comprehend him; but a full analysis of this would need a lot of space and Freedom is not the right place for it, for such an analysis would take more room than his writings and would not be so beautifully written.

Fraternally, ath LAURENS OTTER. Thornton Heath

Jimmy with a 'certificate of disrepair' with which he could have told the landlord to whistle for any more rent. This certificate from the Council would have made any successful court proceedings by the landlord impossible. If they were unwilling to condemn the whole building, they could have condemned the flat itself. Or better still, they could have moved Jimmy out.

The latter course is now the objective of Aberdeen Anarchists. We could, of course, go through the motions of complaining to the landlord and helping Jimmy to withhold his rent yet again. But a new home is the only lasting solution. We now intend to lean heavily on Rosemount Ward councillors. A deputation of three will be going along to see arch-Tory Henry Hatch in his spacious home soon, bringing into our representations the fact that we've had enough of official pussyfooting and that we very soon feel inclined to more militant action.

Very shortly, we will be bringing out a leaflet for tenants in selected areas of bad housing in the city-detailing what they can do to help themselves.

We also hope to collect stories of official incompetence, landlord tyranny, etc. which we will later publish. If Hatch and the other two Tories who 'represent' Rosemount do nothing to rehouse Jimmy, shall issue a leaflet shortly before the May election, detailing the whole sorry tale of Jimmy White's roof and advising people not to vote for them.

#### THE LATEST POSITION

Peter Dickie and Ian Sutherland of Aberdeen Anarchists have now had an amicable interview with Henry Hatch, Tory councillor for Rosemount Ward. He has promised to look into a number of aspects of the case; possible compulsory purchase of the tenement by the Council, the chances of the Council issuing Jimmy with a 'certificate of disrepair' (with which he can stop paying rent) and the availability of special purpose houses for old people. Some discussion has been held between militants concerning action to be taken if these moves fail. Demonstrations outside the landlord's luxury home, at the Council offices, etc., is one Carol and Liz, politics students at the university, have kindly promised to pay regular visits to Jimmy. people who show they care about him, the better for his morale.

The idea has also been put up that, following on the proposed tenants' leaflet we intend to issue, we should go round the slum areas leafletting and perhaps produce a sixpenny pam deen housing from our findings.

PETER THE PAINTER

#### 'NO MAN IS GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ANOTHER MAN'S MASTER'

POSTERS NOW ON SALE 5 for 2s.6d. including postage from Freedom Press

(ssh !--for flyposting?)

ontact Contact Column is for making contact! Use is free, but donations towards typesetting costs are welcome

Tory Five Point Fascism Electioneering. We must start our work now-preparation for printed leaflets and posters for a nationwide factory gate campaign-money and ideas needed -Interested? Contact L.S.F., c/o Keith Nathan, Vanbrugh College, Heslington, York.

Definite date for 'Floodgates of Anarchy' now February 24.

Port Talbot Group, 18 Maesty Conol, Baglan, Port Talbot, Glam. Phone: Britton Ferry 2093.

Toynbee Ethnic Drama and Variety Players. Assistance wanted. A. Villa, c/o Freedom, Thursday

Angry Arts Films. 'Troublemakers' US newsreel film. February 26 and 27, p.m., Camden Studios, Camden Street, N.W.1. 5/-. Enq. 263 0613.

Anyone interested in contacting other comrades to discuss theory, practice, etc., through the post, please contact Eric S. Hetherington, Corbie Lynn, Llanwrtvd Wells, Breconshire,

Facts on the National Front'. Pamphlet of information, price 1/- inc. postage from Freedom Bookshop.

Syndicalist Workers Federation. New address: 18 Scoresdale, 13 Beulah Hill, N.16.

Anyone in Edinburgh wishing anarchist activity please contact Tony Hughes, Top Flat, 40 Angle Park Terrace, Edinburgh 11.

Nottingham comrades. We need help in your area (giving out pamphlets, etc.) with our campaign against chemical warfare and Nancekuke. Write for more details: Cornwall Anarchists, c/o 42 Pendarves Street, Beacon, Camborne, Cornwall,

Student doing research on British anarchist movement would like to hear from anyone else who is doing, or has done, research on anarchism (any aspect, any country, any period), for possible exchange useful information and ideas. Please write to: Sam Wolf, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge.

Political Prisoners Tortured in Brazil. Demonstrate. Brazil Film Season, National Film Theatre, South Bank. February: Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, at 6.15 and 8.30 p.m. Friday 20, at 11 p.m. Sunday 22 4, 6.15 and 8.30 p.m. Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25, 6.15 and 8.30 p.m. March: Wednesday 4, 6.15 and 8.30 p.m. Friday 6, 11 p.m. and Friday 13, 11 p.m.

Wanted, experienced cine camera operator to film documentary. Contact A. Villa, c/o Freedom, Thursday even-

York Group Need Speakers. Expenses and accommodation arranged. Write R. Atkins, Vanbrugh College, Heslington, York.

Assistance to find work urgently needed. Brian J. Banks, 553 Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge, Nr. Wigan, Lancs.

'Listen Marxist'. New Libertarian Student pamphlet, 1/6 post from LSF, c/o Keith Nathan, Vanbrugh College, Heslington, York.

Could anyone with articles written by Pa Chin (alias Li Fei-Kan or Fei Kan or Hei Lang) in Chinese or translation contact Denis Watson, 25 Retreat Road, Hampton 3188, Australia

Every Tuesday Evening at Freedom Hall. Informal discussion / entertainment / chess evenings. Small musical instruments and pocket chess sets we comed. Refreshments. From 7 p.m. admission 2/-. Proceeds to Press Fund. All Welcome

Combat Academic Psychology. Conference at Keele, February 28-March 1. Anti-Behaviourism; Psychology in the service of the late capitalist State; Examination of Alternatives: Body
-Freudians (Brown, Reich, Marcuse), Phenomenological Approaches (Laing, Merleau-Ponty), "Humanistic" Psychology, Psychedelia, etc. Anyone willing to write a paper or anyone wanting details, please contact Keith Paton, 21 Victoria Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent.

Anarchist Revolution. (Leaflet back in print.) 5/- per hundred. Cash with

order please. Nova Scotia. Comrades please contact Pete Ridley, c/o Newport Post Office. Urgent. Help fold and dispatch FreeDOM

every Thursday from 4 p.m. onwards. Tea served.

Published by Freedom Press, London, B.I Printed by Express Printers, London, B.1

#### Unfortunately they only attack the symptom and not the disease. Few of them admit that most prejudice in our society results mainly from the competition and general insecurity of wage and salary worker under capitalism which like makes conspicuous minorities foreign immigrants and even children who are different obvious scapegoats for social frustrations. Dr. Heinemann continues: 'That children are allowed to mob without this being criticized is, so

to speak, the condition for a person in adult life finding it natural to adapt himself to an apartheid situation.' Although this may be true our society is in many respects in an apartheid (separate development) situation which caters for nationalism and division. If Dr. Heinemann has no quarrel with

the class nature of society and accepts its performance, appealing to the state educationalists on a programme of reforms, this will probably do no more than give the political agents of capitalism the usual chance to create the illusion of 'trying to change things'.
After reading what six Swedish so-called experts have to say on the subject there was only one of them that merely scratched the surface of the problem. Not one of them suggested that these 'different' children could be given encouragement and sufficient strength to

The strategy is different. Both want facilities or grounds.

chester students take action and call for other Colleges and Universities to follow them in inviting the Gypsies to use their

should not be considered as an end in itself. The ultimate goal should be to relocate travellers' families in houses as soon as they desire this' and 'The long term policy of the Council of Europe member states should be the settling Nevertheless, it is a paternalism tempered with much respect for the Gypsies, and as well as calling for a number of

fight back with their own weapons if the situation so determines. What most of these 'experts' and psychologists advocate is to work on the children to make them more tolerant. This is like asking capitalism to be more tolerant to its workers, and an analogy to this would be like asking Africa's black ruling class to organise a trade union for their houseboys. Only a society which hasn't the

characteristics of an apartheid situation could create the completely effective school of Dr. Heinemann's dreams and as far as one can see in today's world this is impossible. Competition and authority are still a fundamental part of both school and society. When the teachers and psychologists succeed in finding a way to brainwash their recalcitrant children into altering their attitudes towards their 'different' playmates, they will altogether be thrown into the jungle of industrial class struggle. One can't imagine the state educationalists at the top putting teachers capable of creating a non-competitive school in of education. These schools would advocate (we hope) resisting all forms of competition and coercion. These children would become 'problems'.

One Swedish psychologist shows interest in the theory of an American scientist who claims that children who have been mobbed show a greater tendency to become 'criminals' than other children. If the problem was remedied with a non-competitive school producing resisters to authority and coercion, these children in today's society would be considered as 'criminals'. These are not the schools Swedish capitalism really wants. What state educationalists will do is to make superficial adjustments by using the human relations motive within classroom and by reforms and legislation to meet the changing requirements of the system.

Stockholm

#### Enlightenment and The Class Struggle

Tony and Eileen Hughes spoil a good case by overstating it. Take the extreme example, if someone calling himself an anarchist sent in an article or letter advocating racialism, they would agree that the FREEDOM editors ought not to accept this for print. (Anyone who believes that no racialist would call himself an anarchist, has led an idyllically sheltered existence and should try editing a small journal-I had one such letter yesterday.)

The freedom in FREEDOM's name does not mean that there should be equal opportunity for all views to be expressed, it means that we have here a group which believes that freedom in a real sense can only be achieved through an anarchist revolution.

(It happens there is another paper also called Freedom-an official Tory paper, a Freedom Review connected with the racialist Society for Individual Freedom and another similarly named paper con-

trolled by Martel.)
Rightly, already FREEDOM's editors choose articles with the task of advancing an anarchist revolution in mind, and