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FREEDOM PRESS LEAVES LONDON

A NEW CHAPTER IN "FREEDOM'S" HISTORY

On September 29th the Freedom Press will be moved from 127, Ossulston Street, London. The district where the work of the Press has been carried on for so many years is to be demolished and reconstructed, and all tenants have received a final notice to vacate their premises. This closes a long chapter in the history of the Freedom Press; but the end of one chapter leads to the opening of another. After September 29th, and until the financial position will allow a new arrangement to be made, the address of the Freedom Press will be Whiteway Colony, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

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STROUD, GLOS.

Expulsion from Ossulston Street has not come as a surprise. It has been realised for several months that a move would have to be made, and much thought and discussion has been spent on planning for the future. Unfortunately all suggestions have had to be referred to the same central point—finance. At the beginning of this year hopes were entertained of debts being paid and the publication of FREEDOM recontinued. An appeal was made for funds. The response to the appeal made it possible for "Bulletins" to be published, but it was not large enough for these hopes to be fulfilled. What money remained after the "Bulletins" were paid for was consumed by a slight reduction of the debts and, principally, by overhead expenses. It was obvious that there was one way only of improving the position, that is by reducing overhead expenses. It was suggested that new offices should be opened in London. Investigations showed that this would mean a heavy increase in expenses, and the idea had to be abandoned.

In February a comrade very kindly offered free accommodation at Whiteway, Gloucestershire; but a belief was expressed that enough money would be found for the Press to be kept in London, and the offer was declined. The money was not found; our comrade repeated her offer; and it was recognised at a meeting at the Minerva Café on August 25th, that there was nothing else to do but take advantage of the offer.

When the Press is removed to Whiteway, expenses will be almost nothing, and it is hoped that from contributions and profits from the sale of literature a fund will accumulate with which to pay off present debts and eventually recontinue the publication of FREEDOM. When a removal from London was first suggested fears were expressed that such a removal would mean an end to all expectations of starting FREEDOM again. A close

scrutiny of the position has revealed that, on the contrary, this removal is the only way there is by which these expectations can be realised. The new arrangement means that once the present debts are cleared all contributions and profits from the sale of literature will be devoted to publishing a "Bulletin" and accumulating a fund for a regular paper. If finances allow, the "Bulletin" will be published every two months. Let everybody interested in Anarchism and libertarianism help by contributions, by buying books and pamphlets, and by selling the "Bulletin," and it will not be long before a regular paper is again published.

The removal of the Freedom Press to Whiteway is no reason why propaganda should not be carried on in London and elsewhere. Plenty of literature is obtainable for sale and distribution. Meetings and discussion circles will be held throughout the winter at as frequent an interval as attendance justifies. And there are other means of propaganda by which comrades can help to stem the rising tide that threatens to engulf the individual with the coming of State Socialism.

The spread of Anarchist ideas is at a very low ebb to-day, which is due principally to the slackness of our propaganda of recent years. Let us face that fact frankly, and make up our minds that henceforth we will intensify our efforts and try to build up a movement strong enough to bring its influence to bear where the interests of the workers are concerned, and combat the reactionary activities of the politicians.

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progress can be made. The various organisations are merely marking time, waiting for the next opportunity in the industrial situation to regain their lost ground.

If there is any real meaning in the negotiations of the Trades Union Congress General Council with a group of big employers—about which so much nonsense has been talked—it is that “big industry,” with its enormous productivity of wealth, can afford to set the pace to smaller and more belated industrial employers, who cling to their antiquated methods. The im-

portant thing in these negotiations is whether the employers are willing for the workers to secure any *effective* control in the various industries represented. If not, there will be little gained by the discussions. Effective control of industry by the workers is of vital importance; it is the foundation of any real industrial democracy; the beginning of new liberties and responsibilities for the wage workers! The General Council's negotiations must be judged on the decision arrived at on this vital point.

LONDON PROPAGANDA

Very reluctantly the London comrades have had to consent to the taking of Freedom Press to White-way Colony, Stroud, Glos. We should, of course, prefer to take a new office to replace the one at Ossulston Street, but with a debt and no regular income this is, at present, impossible. We are, therefore, taking advantage of a comrade's kindly offer to house the property at Whiteway, and Tom Keell's willingness to carry on the work of the Press from there. We hope in this way to pay off the debt and to build up a fund for the republishing of FREEDOM.

In the meantime London comrades will carry on propaganda by holding meetings as often as possible. I am to act as organising secretary of the London group, and hope to keep in touch with provincial and suburban comrades. Will all comrades watch the *Daily Herald* advertisements for the announcements of our meetings, and make note of my address—BESSIE WARD, 215A, Archway Road, Highgate, London, N.6.

“FREEDOM” GUARANTEE FUND

We are still appealing for money to restart FREEDOM, and hope in time to build up a fund sufficient for that purpose. Several substantial donations have come in from abroad, and we would like to see similar efforts made at home.

The following donations have been received to date (September 12th) since our last issue:—C. Taraboi 4s., collected by N. Melinsky (San Francisco) £5 6s. 5d., T. Matsuura 3s., P. Aitken 5s., J. Wearing 1s., A. T. Rogers 7s., C. B. 5s., C. Hansen 4s. 1d., S. V. Pearson £1, G. P. 15s., Spokeshave 5s., A. Rumbold £1, B. Ward 9s., N. Robinson 1s., W. M. S. 2s. 6d., J. W. Fleming 10s., collection (per E. M.) £1, W. Fraser 2s. 6d., Elizabeth £4 1s. 1d., H. Mace

6d., J. Rosende 7s., J. Batey 2s. 6d., Fanyu Chen (Amoy, China) £1, A Sheffield Blade 10s., J. Scarceriaux 8s., Libertarian Group (Los Angeles) 19s. 3d., Tom K. Wolfe 2s., F. Bosazza £1.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Freedom Group will be held at the Minerva Café, 144 High Holborn, W.C.1 (entrance at rear of building), on Thursday, Sept. 27th, at 7 30 p.m.

ANARCHIST PAMPHLETS

- P. KROPOTKIN—Modern Science and Anarchism. 6d.
 Anarchist Communism. 3d
 „ The State: Its Historic Role. 4d.
 „ The Wage System. 2d.
 „ The Place of Anarchism in Socialistic Evolution. 2d.
 „ Law and Authority. 3d.
 „ Revolutionary Government. 2d.
 „ An Appeal to the Young. 2d.
 E. MALATESTA—Anarchy. 3d.
 WM. C. OWEN—Anarchism versus Socialism. 3d.
 „ England Monopolised or Free? 1d.
 „ “Set My People Free!” 2d.
 G. BARRETT—Objections to Anarchism. 3d
 „ The Anarchist Revolution. 2d.
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WEST LONDON ANARCHIST-COMMUNIST GROUP OPEN-AIR MEETINGS.

THE GROVE (near Railway Bridge), HAMMERSMITH,
LONDON, W.1.

Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Sundays, 7.30 p.m.

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