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One Law for the Law

THE ASSASSINATION of Dr. Verwoord last month was greeted by a shocked hypocritical outburst by the world's liberal press. They outdid each other in the banal and all came to the conclusion that although Verwoord was a monster, assassination was no way to get rid of the pig.

The assassin, who appears to have been some sort of stateless refugee who was originally born in South Africa, is reported to have killed Verwoord because of the sad plight of the poor hites in the Union. Irony indeed!

None of the statements put out by the South African CID in Cape Town can be relied upon and so no conclusions as to the assassin's motive should be presumed.

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Dimitri Tsafendas, the assassin, stayed this country for a few months during are course of his wanderings all over globe. During his stay here Special ranch kept a file on him. Not just entry and exit file, as we shall see like the other political police forces ho certainly did the same). Scotland and forwarded Tsafendas's file to Cape fown. Overwhelmed as the lads at the Yard were over the removal of that fine Dutch gentleman from the face of the arth, they were foolish enough to confirm this in a statement to the press feople. September 11). Since, however, not even the Fugitive Offenders Act applies between here and South Africa, how did the Home Office justify the police action? Or didn't they know?

This occasion is one of the first that public confirmation has been received of a practice which has been going on for years. Probably the earliest known cases of it were the passing back of files on political refugees to the Gestapo.

Even in the maze of legal rubbish called the English Constitution it would be difficult to see how officials of the State can pass information to be sent abroad without at least Ministerial approval. The white collar men of Whitehall seem to be able to do as they please in certain respects and are subject to no law, because no minister has the guts to deal with the overbearing arm of his political police.

In addition there are so-called liaison officers riddled through every department of state passing information back to their governments by the dray-load. All perfectly above board, old chap!

This, one might say, is all an aside, but is it? Tsafendas seems to have been on the official dossiers of every state that he has ever been in. It also seems possible that he was on some he hadn't! Wby?

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When Tsafendas first came to the size of the authorities he was a mer-ant seaman who was working in the

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US Coastguard service during the war. He applied afterwards to land as an immigrant. This was turned down on the grounds that he hadn't sufficient funds as he had no sponsor or relatives. He then took a ship out of Ellis Island and returned two years later with sufficient funds. He was refused entry. No reason was given and he kicked up a terrific fuss. Spent most of his money in an attempt to force legal entry. All this failed; the US immigration officials were adamant. He then went back to sea and proceeded to make life hell for everyone in every US Consulate he came across. The reason for the sudden volte-face of the Americans appears to be that some time in the period 1946-1947 he was working on a Greek boat taking illegal refugees and/or arms to Israel. This seems to have come to the attention of the Americans (probably through the good offices of the British). Hence no visa.

But not only no visa; he also had a dossier. The Portuguese some fifteen years later were to throw him out of Mozambique as a subversive. Harassing the US Consul again. The British kept a file on him. Obviously it wasn't just an exit and entry file. That wouldn't have been worth sending to South Africa, they must have kept tabs on him and the people he contacted whilst living here. He undoubtedly was on the lists of the Surêté and a good few others.

Now what all that adds up to is quite simple. If information passes one way, it must pass the other. Information is a two-way channel of communication. This must mean that there is a channel of information by which, say, South African or Spanish or Portuguese police can request information from the British or American police of a political nature even if they are not nationals of the country requesting the information. Which might explain how the Spanish political police knew so much about Stuart Christie.

The channel I suggest being used is two-fold. Interpol and private old-boy net. För instance the two Spanish secret police in London who live in Bayswater are probably quite well know

of the files but no doubt they can get most of the information (particularly on exiles) that they want.

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The irony of all this is that if you or I do it then we would cop twenty years in a very cold building but if the SB do it then nothing is said, they even get patted on the back sometimes. And if the Russians came snooping around then they would be expelled forthwith (perhaps not since they sent the file on Oswild to the US), but if it is our own kith and kin or a 'friendly' fascist butcher's shop, then they can do as they damn well please.

Tsatendas's case confirmed what we all knew—the 'democratic' west has an international political police. Tsafendas's at first hounded from country to country because he had the gall to demand that he should be treated like a man. Fooled by the words 'bring me your poor and hungry ...' turned away, harassed and deranged, he murdered the murderers. There will be others who will follow and be butchered in the sacred cause of the stability of the West.

Not Enough Socialists?

permanently disillusioned about the Labour Party (between elections that is) wrote about the Brighton Conference (Evening Standard, 6,10,66):

Now that Labour politics are for the ordinary powerless democrat merely a matter of degree of disenchantment, of acceptance or surrender or regret, the last remaining interest is in the manner of the obsequies. They have been beautifully managed. Brighton is the Whispering Glades of the English revolution—a decorous death. revolution-a decorous death.

Cameron's disillusionment is of Cameron's disillusionment is of so constant a state that one can only blame him for ever having been 'illusioned'. However, the time of the Labour Party Conference is a time for soul searching. On the subject of socialism, some searchers find they have no soul. Mr. Stan Orme (where have we heard that name before?) said: 'One of our basic problems is that there are not enough Socialists to heard that name before?) said:
One of our basic problems is that there are not enough Socialists to go round in the Labour Party. The New Statesman sententiously (in a comparison between H. G. Wells and J. H. Wilson—23.9.66) says of Wells's brand of scientific socialism that it has not been disproved, it has never been put to the test (their italics and they can have them). Mr. Wilson, when asked what he would do in the face of a conference defeat said: 'Govern' Mr. R. H. S. Crossman has been producing some Fabian poppycock about the end of collective bargaining meaning the beginning of socialism. Whilst the New Statesman duly echoed his ideas (16.9.66) in an article ecstatically called 'How Labour Blundered into Socialism'. This weekend (7.10.66) they give as title and coda to their leading article 'To Govern is to Choose'. The article closes with the profound thought 'The lesson that Labour must learn is contained in the ever-timely phrase of Pierre Mendes-France: 'To govern is to choose'.' To govern is to choose

Harold Wilson himself raised one

of the lew laughs of the Brighton Conference by his corny reference to their being a long way from Highgate Cemetery (a reference to the burial place of Karl Marx, claimed to be one of the intellectual fathers of English socialism). This was, in a subtle way, a reference to the late Morgan Phillips's (one-time party secretary) claim that Socialism owed more to Methodism than to Marxism.

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But indeed Socialism has gone a long way since Karl Marx. The word 'Socialism' is capable of so many different meanings that when Stan Orme says there are not enough Socialists to go round he means his own kind of Socialist. This goes, too, for the ILP, the Socialist Party of Great Britain, the Young Socialists (Clapham branch), the Socialist Labour Party (alias the weakly people), etc., etc. 'Words,' as Humpty-Dumpty said, 'mean what I want them to mean, no more and no less.'

and no less.'

So when Wells's or Engels's scientific socialism are contrasted with the utopian or libertarian socialism of Oscar Wilde, Edward Carpenter, William Morris or John Ruskin, to name only a few, the difference is so great as to be qualitative. Some of the recent developments in Socialism (Harold Wilson's brand) have, in their display of socialist nationalist nationalization, approximated to National Socialism.

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This is not to reiterate the stale cliché that Harold Wilson is a fascist (whatever that means) but some of his economic and social measures have a distinct semblance to the corporate state. The recent introduction of labour conscription through the Selective Employment Tax and the controls over wages and, perhaps, prices are distinctly totalitarian in intent, if not in performance. The co-ordination of the trade unions (willingly it seems) into the Party machine carries with it sinister implications of a Labour Front. It has been accepted by Front. It has been accepted by some on the Left that unions have

no function under a Socialist government (save to rubber-stamp the government's decisions). This may be true in a Socialist society, but this is a syndicalist talking-

The other blueprint for industrial

The other blueprint for industrial conscription was issued (as the Spectator reminds us, 7.10.66) by Trotsky. The Spectator's article is called 'Harold Wilson is a Trot' and the text (also in Defence of Terrorism) will give no comfort to the boys on the Clapham omnibus.

H. G. Wells is summoned up from the vasty depths to justify all this Harold Wilson technological socialism. The New Statesman goes so far as to say that: 'The electorate returned with a triumphant majority a government committed (in theory at least) to Wellsian principles—led, indeed, by a man who could easily have figured as a Wellsian hero' (Mr. Polly? Kipps?). The measure of H. G. Wells was taken by George Orwell in 1941 when in 'Wells, Hitler and the World State' (Critical Essays) he pointed out that: 'Much of what Wells has imagined and worked for is physically there in Nazi Germany. The order, the planning, the State encouragement of science, the steel, the concrete, the aeroplanes, are all there, but all in the service of ideas appropriate to the Stone Age. Science is fighting on the side of superstition, But obviously it is impossible for Wells to accept this.'

This concept of Socialism plus science is terrifying, rather like Tolstoy's vision of Genghis Khan with telegraphs. The idea of socialism without the idea of individual freedom (which they seem to have discarded) makes nonvanes.

telegraphs. The idea of socialism without the idea of individual free-dom (which they seem to have discarded) makes nonsense of any libertarian calling himself 'socialist'.

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This week the Statesman's editor says: 'Will the reader who sent me a private letter containing one (female) four-letter word kindly explain what he is worked up about?'

We know,

JACK ROBINSON.

STUART CHRISTIE'S appeal has been unsuccessful. His mother had written to a comrade that she wants to fly out to see him. This will mean a lot to Stuart who had not seen his mum for 18 months.

Stuart has now done over two years of his 20-year sentence. During and after his trial on September 1, 1964, there were large protest demonstrations. The savagery of the sentence was apparent to all.

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It was only at Stuart's personal request that these demonstrations stopped. But behind the scenes efforts continued for his release. Stuart, who has an amazing resilience, settled down to his studies and passed his GCE examination in prison (two 'A' levels and an 'O' level). Ross Flett, who visited him in prison, found him in high spirits and told us that he asked after all his friends. There was hope that he would soon be re-

that he asked after an income was hope that he would soon be re-leased. What went wrong? Only last month Mr. Arthur Morris, MP, who evidently 'on his own bat' made enquiries at the Ministry of State, was told that 'Stuart was the subject of high-level negotiations'. An advertisement in Tribune by the Christie-Carballo Defence Committee suggested that Stuart may be a pawn in the Christie-Carballo Defence Committee suggested that Stuart may be a pawn in the Spanish-British haggling over Gibraltar. This would seem preposterous if it were true. Why should the fate of Stuart Christie, now a 20-year-old youngster, be dependent on who owns the monkeys in Gibraltar? We suspect that he was present as much as mentioned. should the Labour Government

in a dungeon.

What about the Spanish? Well, they, What about the Spanish? Well, they, like anybody else who has come into contact with Stuart, feel partial towards him. After his successful exam the prison governor was so thrilled that he rushed over to tell Miss Forrester, the British Consul, at once.

What about the Church? Well, there was a time when a Lord Longford

offered to contact a certain archbishop who in turn would contact another archbishop who in turn would contact God.

What about politicians? Well, there was a Hugh Delargy, MP, who promised to lead a great parliamentary lobby and did not even write one snivelling sentence in his boring column in the Sunday Citizen.

No, it is up to us and to Stuart's mum. Perhaps a mother's tears are more effective than 1,000 demonstrations, or interventions by priests, princes or politicians. Let her use her time well. Whether she returns with Stuart or without him must determine our future actions.

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Spain—A Vietnam

THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY of many incidents in the Spanish Revolution is coming along. To some commades Spani, may seem old-hat and of interest only to a historian of the thirties. Yet the fact of the thirtieth anniversary of Russia sending aid in any quantity to Spain (October 1936) prompts me to join in the controversy initiated by Bill Jamieson who feels that Vietnam is another Spain. There are indeed certain parallels but not the ones he draws. Certainly no revolutionary situations exist or ever existed in Vietnam; the Spanish workers never entered into a war on the side of 'their' government. They overthrew an internal military uprising, and in so doing created a revolutionary situation. The intervention of Germany and Italy on the side of the militarists made it into a war. It is true that in this anti-fascist war, the Anarchists found themselves alongside the Communist Party, but the latter be-THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

trayed the struggle at every point. They seized the opportunity to make Spain into another Victiman, indeed by strangling the revolutionary struggle on behalf of the Kremlin which at first wanted the defeat of fascism but no revolution, and later was preparing the way for a pact with fascism. Nobody would care to repeat the experience with the Stalinists. When Bill Jamieson speaks of the Spanish struggle collapsing within a few weeks but for the aid of Russia, he overlooks the fact that it was most successful in the first four months when it had no such aid and the workers fought with the weapons they took for themselves. It is true that in October, Russia (which was a signatory to the Non-Intervention Pact) came along with aid. But Russian aid to Spain was no Lease-Lend', no gift, on the lines, say, of American aid to Britain 1939/41. It was more on the lines of British aid to the Victcong today! (Spain

—another Vietnam't) Britain supports the Americans in Vietnam, but it sells to China via Hong Kong and its strategic war materials reach the Vietnamere front. Is this any different from Russian 'aid' to Spain that was paid for any political concessions for arms—and were told it was 'aid'. Mexico accepted were told it wa

GROUPS and commades of the CLIA
have made it known that they wish
to take part in the demonstration, as
Liège on Saturday, October 13, against
American imperialism in Virtuam.
Victnam is the flash-point of the
struggle against capitalist imperialism: it
is essential that unarchists about have
a clearly defined position on the struggle
of the Victnamese people, and that they
should make it known.
(This is sent to you for information,
and to announce our participation in
this demonstration.)

LETTER

BRIGHTON ROCK

So Faith Barron 'failed to surrender her bail'. The other eight who turned up at Brighton were remanded until October 31 despite a protest made by Nicolas Walter about the delay. But ominously the Chief Constable of Brighton, a Mr. William Cavey, said that he was referring 'certain features and aspects' of the case to the DPP. Let us not mince words. The Chief Constable is trying to pin a conspiracy charge on the accused (possibly because on reflection he thought that the penalty of £5 or two months is not harsh enough). This is conspiracy by the police themselves. They have told, and threatened, the women with this at Holloway.

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The conspiratorial copper's name is Field. Perhaps it was because of this that Faith Barron jumped her bail. I met Faith Barron by accident, I wished to visit Sue Abrahams in Holloway Jail but was told that some archaic law forbade me this as she already had visitors that morning. So I saw Faith Barron instead She impressed me by her detachment. She was pleased to see me but was more concerned about her forthcoming marriage than the impending court case. After she was released I met her again at a Quaker film show. The red and white roses we sent her in at Holloway, she said, she had to wrap in a wet rag, the warders would not give the girls a vase of water.

Here then is the copy of the letter she sent to Peace News (who immediately released it to the press). She addressed it as AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE PEACE ACTION GROUPS AND ALL READERS.

I break my bail today because I dare not waste time dallying with official and

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legal quibbles in these hours when such terrible murder and warfare is going on in Vietnam.

When I spoke in Brighton church on Sanday, October 2, it was because my conscience would not let me be silent any longer. Neither my words nor my actions were riotous and blasphemous—although I may say that the actions of the responsible churchgoers who attacked me certainly were.

I said, 'Brothers, let us pray for Peace!' and I have not finished saying it. I dare not finish saying this. Time is running out and the war is getting worse. Any time I cannot spend working for peace because I am locked in gaol is wasted.

The struggle for peace must go on.

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The struggle for peace must go on. I will not stop asking or working for it wherever I may be.

Yours for Peace.

What brave girl! What superb de-tachment! She dares not waste time dallying with official and legal quibbles! Where does her faith come from? Will a latter-day Bakunin dare to denounce

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Where does her faith come from? Will a latter-day Bakunin dare to denounce her?

From Faith to Charity. A Brighton Defence Fund has been set up and donations should be sent to Felicity Crump (BDF), Glynleigh Farm, Pevensey, Sussex.

Also a correction. Nicolas Walter is not a member of the Vietnam Action Group and he does not accept its attitude to the Vietnam War. He and his wife went to Brighton to protest not against the hypocrisy of the British Government's policy in particular but against that of its foreign and economic policies in general.

He also quite rightly mentions that the nine who were arrested in Brighton owe a great deal to Tony Smythe and Ben Birnberg and their staffs who worked so hard to get them out of prison so soon, and to all the other people who did so much to make their three or four days inside more bearable. 'Let me remind your readers of the importance of the National Council for Civil Liberties and the value of giving help to people who suddenly find themselves or their friends and relatives in prison.'

Dear Comrades.

The Duff is rattling her little begging bowl again, CND say they must get £5,000 or close up shop. My initial reaction was to dip into my pocket and send something. But on the way to the Post Office I got thinking. The October issue of Sanity has decided me against giving CND one penny.

CND is completely out of touch with everything that's going on in the peace movement. Almost all the letters in this month's Sanity are in support of the Labour Party. Such phrases as "The party is the only force to make Wilson stop Polaris" appear.

The most sickening item, apart from Malcolm Caldwell's Vietnam Solidarity Campaign bit, is an apology for being a rat by the beite noire of the Anarchists, Stan Orme, MP, who says that the real reason that the 'left' MPs are not getting anywhere with Wilson is that, 'the movement outside Parliament doesn't help'.

This is a very poor and feeble excuse. Orme and the rest of the Parliamentary 'socialists' have no intention of harassing Wilson. To do so would mean their expulsion from the Labour Party and an end to their £3,750 per annum, the only reason they're in Parliament anyway. On the day Polaris was launched at Barrow, was Orme kicking up hell in the House? No!

Now where was Stanley when the nine people were rotting in the nick in Brighton after interrupting the Archishop of Transport House at his prayers? Has Stan made any public statement defending them? Will he? I doubt it. Yet it is to publish such rubbish as Orme's excuses that CND asks us for £5,000.

Peter Cadogan wrote recently in Peace News under the headline, 'CND Communists step in where Labour for the labour for the labour for the headline, 'CND Communists step in where Labour for the labour for the labour for the headline, 'CND Communists step in where Labour for the labour for the labour for the headline, 'CND Communists step in where Labour for the labour for the labour for the headline, 'CND Communists step in where Labour for the former for the labour for the labour for the former for the forme

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Peter Cadogan wrote recently in Peace News under the headline, 'CND...

Communists step in where Labour fears to tread'. Right. The eyes of the Commissars of King Street are without doubt being turned towards the coming CND conference. The bulletins being issued by CND's little brother YCND stink of the CP. Mervyn Rice, the YCND chairman, tells us that the CP has been the best opponent of Wilson so far.

This is patent rubbish. The CP has done sweet FA about anything. But there has been sufficient comment in FREEDOM recently about CP tactics in the Vietnam Peace Movement. It only remains to be said that the anarchists should get into their CND and particularly their YCND groups and get the CP out. It can be done, I've done it.

DEAD AS THE DODO But I divert. CND is dead. Do bury it, or do we feverishly apply at ficial respiration? In my opinion days of the mass peace movement over. The respectable profest washed itself out on the shores of ever-growing police State. The time is come for a resistance movement.

CND is a bureaucracy. Bureaucracy ould never have carried through a of the thousand and one little pings demos and actions that have hurt. State. Bureaucracy could never have carried out the Spies for Peace' sole.

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prevent overlapping and reduce costs.

One issue on which they are trying to avoid competition is the payment of strike benefit. During an industrial disstrike benefit. During an industrial dispute various unions sometimes try to outdo each other in militancy by attempts to be the first to pay strike pay. The three unions have now agreed to have joint consultations before paying strike pay. There is one snag, an AEU district has powers to declare a strike official. AEU national officers have agreed to do their best not to steal a march on their brothers. Whilst all this bucking and weaving is going on the workers are not getting their strike pay. Still that is not important as long as the officials are friendly, and no strike is made official.

BILL CHRISTOPHER.

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A Messy Affair



INQUEST, by E. J. Epstein. Hutchinson

RUSH TO JUDGEMENT, by Mark Lane. Bodley Head 42 -.

THE ASSASSINATION of President

THE ASSASSINATION of President Kennedy was, in more than one sense, a messy affair, leaving several loose ends to be tidied up. Some of them were easily settled. The same day a new President was sworn in. Two days later the alleged assassin was shot while in police custody.

Yet still there were loose ends. Rumours circulated, many of them encouraged by malcontents who actually dared to question the integrity of the Dallas police and the FBI. A Commission of Enquiry was set up. Eventually Chief Justice Warren, patron saint of American liberalism, placed his blessing on the official account. Of course only the utterly depraved would question Chief Justice Warren's integrity. Those who continued to voice their suspicions were rapidly cut down by the progressive liberal press (Peace News and the Guardian performed the latter task in this country). And there the matter ested.

However, some time afterwards a US inversity graduate named E J. Epstein ecided to write a thesis on the Warren ommission. He interviewed lawyers and commissioners and found that, when ansidered closely, the Commission's chaustive investigation seemed to look istinctly flimsy. The story of what he band out is contained in his book outest.

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The distinguished gentlemen who made up the Commission were in fact merely fronts. Not one of them heard all the evidence. One, in fact, was only present for 5% of the sittings. On some issues they had merely accepted the word of the FBI without making their own enquiries. Lawyers who had attempted to open new lines of enquiry were ordered off them. Worst of all, in a crucial area, the nature of Kennedy's wounds, the Commission's evidence was so totally self-contradictory as to be meaningless.

With the publication of Inquest a couple of months ago, events took a new turn. The American press featured its conclusions prominently. Richard Goodwin, one of Kennedy's former aides, called for a new investigation. Then a second book appeared—Mark Lane's Rush to Indgement. Lane, a US lawyer who had been maintaining Oswald's innocence since 1963, had, for the first time, examined the Warren Report thoroughly. Not merely the published report but the 26 volumes in which are contained a record of the actual testimony from which the Warren Commission drew its conclusions. In doing so he had come across a great deal of drew its conclusions. In doing so had come across a great deal of ence which showed the assassination a rather different light from the

Report's own conclusions.

Taking various aspects separately, here is what he found. (Space does not permit giving the sources. However Lane's book gives the full citation of these statements from the Commission's own evidence.)

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Direction of the shots. Ninety of the

Commission's witnesses gave evidence on the direction of the shots. Only 32 hought they came from the depository where Oswald worked and 58 thought where Oswald worked and 58 thought they came from a grassy knoll in front of the President. Seven people told the Commission they saw a puff of smoke from the knoll. A policeman who rushed there afterwards smelt gunpowder. One witness saw a man, who she said resembled lack Ruby, running away from the knoll.

Another witness who was in the area some time before the assassination claimed to have seen a man in a parked van hand what appeared to be a guncase to a man outside while three polecmen stood nearby. The Commission ignores all these witnesses.

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Kennedy's wounds. All the doctors who operated on Kennedy originally said that the wound in the President's throat was an entry wound (meaning shots must have come from in front of Kennedy, i.e. from the area of the knoll, not the depository). A TV film of an interview, in which the doctors assert this, has been seized and suppressed by the Secret Service. One set of the Commission's diagrams shows a wound several inches down Kennedy's back, but another contradicts this by showing the same wound in his neck. The X-ray photos that would establish the true nature of these wounds have, once more, been seized by the Secret Service. One of the autopsy doctors testified that he burnt his original notes on the autopsy.

The murder rifle. At first the police announced the murder weapon was a 7.65 Mauser. Afterwards this story was changed to a 6.5 Carcano. The firm that made the bullets allegedly used in the shooting says that it has not made bullets of that type since 1944. Therefore these bullets could not be relied upon to fire and would thus make it difficult for anyone to shoot as quickly as Oswald allegedly did. A photo has been produced showing Oswald holding a rifle. However in this photo, while the shadow made by Oswald's nose on his face goes straight down, the shadow of his body on the ground is slanting. This suggests a fake in which Oswald's head was added to another photo.

Murder of Policeman Tippit. One witness to Tippit's killing, not called by the Commission, saw two men run off in different directions. Another, not called, saw a man drive off in a car. The Commission can only produce one woman who claimed to see the shooting. She originally described the killer as fat and curly-haired (neither of which fits Oswald) and changed her story later. In addition several other people who arrived on the scene say they did not see her there.

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Shortly before the Tippit killing, according to Oswald's landlady, while Oswald was in his apartment a police car, for no apparent reason parked outside, sounded its horn twice and drove off. A signal of some nature?

The Line-ups. The Warren Report the care of the identification parades

off A signal of The Line-ups. The Warren Report makes much of the identification parades at which Oswald was picked out. However, of the other three people on parade, were six years younger than two were six years younger than Oswald and the third was a Mexican.

'Chi-Chi Gets Her Ear Nibbled'-News of the World

THE LABOUR PARTS conference ended with very little hitch except a misunder-standing about the AEU's vote, Mr. Brown was departing on the usual Vietnam peace mission, Hanoi made the usual response.

THE TIMES headlined the fact that 'US Halts Bombing in Vielnam neutral

PRESIDENT JOHNSON is to attend a seven-nation conference in the Philippines on problems and progress in South Vietnam. This coincides with the congressional election campaign as does the decision to re-try Jack Ruby outside Dallas. Three out of five Americans interviewed in a public opinion poll had doubts about the Warren report, according to The Washington Post.

MR. ROY JENKINS, Home Secretary, declined to permit the birching of Roger Maxwell (19) for his part in a prison not between white and coloured prisoners. Maxwell, who was originally sent to Borstal for taking away and driving cars, is serving life for the murder of a Borstal attendant who blocked an escape attempt. He has now been transferred to Broadmoor, the criminal lunatic institution.

FIVE MOSCOW YOUTHS have been sentenced to death for killing a policeman in a drunken brawl. Five Russian Baptists who preached that Christians should have nothing to do with 'satanic' Soviet law were given jail sentences from two to three years by a Kiev court reports the Morning Star (which did not report the first item in this paragraph). The Morning Star further adds that 'the leader of the seci, A. F. Prokofyev, described as a dangerous State criminal, was now serving his third jail term'. On Wednesday the Morning Star carried a half-page advertisement for Worthington beer.

ing on the remand in custody of the Brighton demonstrators says. It has meant that none of those remanded will have an opportunity during the remainder of the Labour Party Conference to exert

Also Oswald's face was bruised and he was shouting at the police. In the circumstances the identity parades are worthless.

Jack Ruby. Several witnesses give a picture of Ruby's activities very different from the official one. One witness said that Ruby attended various small meetings at which undercover anti-Castro activities were planned and an Army officer was present. Two witnesses said that they had seen Bernard Weissman, a local extreme right-winger, at Ruby's club. Others testified that Ruby and Tippit had known each other well. None of the policemen guarding the entrances to the police basement where Coswald was shot admit to seeing Ruby enter. A newsreel shows that a car horn sounded twice in the basement—once as Oswald was brought in and again just before Ruby came forward. Another signal?

Intimidation of Witnesses. Several witnesses have, since the assassination.

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Intimidation of Witnesses. Several witnesses have, since the assassination, been the victims of threats and worse. Out of several cases the most striking is that of Warren Reynolds, who saw a man fleeing from the shooting of Policeman Tippit. Two months after the assassination he was wounded by a gunman,

gunman,

A man was arrested for the shooting and released after he was provided with an alibi by Nancy Mooney, a former dancer at the Ruby night-club. Soon after, Nancy Mooney was arrested and committed suicide while in police guitady.

This is by no means all of the evidence Lane assembles. Together Inquest and Rush to Judgement totally demolish any claim that the Commission has conclusively established the truth.

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claim that the Commission has conclusively established the truth.

And so once more the field is wide open for speculation. Official involvement in a conspiracy to murder or merely criminal negligence—the possibilities are endless. What is important for anarchists is that the Warren Report is not unique. It is simply another example of the process we saw during the U-2 crisis, the CIA invasion of Cuba and are now seeing in Vietnam, namely an attempt by our rulers to exclude the people from decision-making not with secret police and concentration camps, but simply by denying them the relevant facts. And those defenders of the Report, who remind us of Warren's integrity should remember how Adlai Stevenson, another Liberal hero, took part in the Cuba and Vietnam cover-ups.

their democratic right of expressing opposition to the Labour Party's present policy on Vietnam—hard luck; Nicolas!

THE SUN POINTS OUT that about 100 people are remanded in custody by magistrates every day in England and Wales. The last year for which [remand] figures are available is 1963. In that year 32,818 people were committed in custody for trial. Of these 14,139 were eventually freed by being acquitted, fined, put on probation or released without punishment. Bail is not a right. It is granted at the discretion of the magistrate or judge, who normally places great reliance on police representations. The system has remained virtually unchanged since 1689. The Home Office warned all police forces in 1939 to take care in remanding in custody. The advice was repeated in 1958 when 27.072 untried prisoners were committed to jail. The figure has risen annually since then.

ARTHUR WILBRAHAM was released from fail by the East Germans after serving less than a year of a four-year sentence for helping East Germans to escape to the West. . . .

East German youths escaped to the West during an electrical 'black-out' which put out the searchlights on the Wall

Moscow is to stage a quiz show Double Your Money from Independent Commercial Television—but there will be no money prizes. . . .

MR. MAX MORRIS, a Communist, was appointed a headmaster in spite of protests in some quarters. Mr. Peter Griffiths, former Conservative MP, was rejected for a post under Derbyshire Education Committee presumably for his extremist views on immigration which gained him some notoriety in the

1964 election. Sikhs in Manchester have been told that they will be able to work on the buses whilst wearing turbans—however Manchester Corporation has said that the unions may object. Mrs. Colin Jordan was arrested in France on a charge (tried in her absence) of distributing subversive pamphlets for which she had been sentenced to four months' imprisonment. Sikhs in Manchester have

THE CHINESE NEWS AGENCY, in a report of a reception at Portland Place to mark China's National Day, quoted a British worker from Coventry saying that, 'China's great proletarian cultural revolution safeguards the dictatorship of the proletariat.' The Information Bulletin of the Christian Peace Conference (published in Czechoslovakia) reports a Commission on Economics and the Developing Countries' held in Moscow which gave birth to the following gem of thought and prose: 'The alternative to neo-colonialism consists of developing new world economic relations that are characterized by the help of industrial countries in a harmonious development of the national economy of the young states, aiming at raising productivity by help that has no political conditions attached and that guarantees that there will be no interference in the politics of the developing countries and by the co-operation on an equal basis between industrial and developing countries, including readiness on the part of the industrial countries to import finished goods of high value.'

Tom McALPINE was interviewed in Peace News about the Factory for Peace order for 150 heaters stated to be 'for the Army' Mr. McAlpine says this is an unfair statement. The heaters are for flats to house families of naval personnel. The flats were not in a military the flats were not in a military of the flats. zone and there was no question of helping to 'keep the Army warm'.

Jon Quixore.

EMPEROR LETTERS The Silent Man

Dear Comrades, Yesterday (October 6) Paul Pawlowski Yesterday (October 6) Paul Pawlowski was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Sheriff George H Bryson of Dumbarton Sheriff Court. The whole trial took only 20 minutes, throughout it all Paul sat in the dock with his arms folded and legs crossed. He refused to speak, and did not.

The sheriff asked him: 'Do you wish to give evidence on your own behalf?' 'Do you plead guilty or not guilty?' Still Paul kept quiet. Then Sheriff Bryson said: 'All right, I find you guilty of the charges against you, ... three months' imprisonment.

Still Paul kept quiet. Then Sheriff Bryson said: 'All right, I find you guilty of the charges against you, three months' imprisonment.

Charges against Paul are: Police Assault and Breach of the Peace by Use of Foul Words, 'Fuck'.

'The Silent Man', he was not so quiet two weeks ago when he was sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment for contempt, when he sat in the dock and roared at a sheriff-substitute calling him: 'A fascist, sadist and social parasite' Both sentences are concurrent, therefore Paul has another three and a half months to serve; Anyone wishing to write to Paul should write to: No. 10177 Paul Pawlowski, HM PRISON, BARLINNIE, GLASGOW, E.3.

I am arranging to make visits to Paul,

GLASGOW, E.3.

I am arranging to make visits to Paul, so if anyone has any personal messages, etc., please write to me and I will do my best to pass them on: ALAN SINCLAIR, FLAT 3A, 39 MALLAIG ROAD, GLASGOW, S.W.1.

If you have an overcrowded bookcase why not send some to Paul, or any other prisoner for Peace?

Glasgow

ALAN SINCLAIR.

Harsh on Provos

Dear Editors

Dear Editors.

Thank you for the FREEDOM supplement, the American article was a very useful guide to the American New Left, indication of how far it has become anarchist, which varieties of anarchist thought have influenced it and therefore by implication which varieties may so do in the future, though I could have wished that that last section in the article could have been amplified. could have been amplified.

could have been amplified.

But even more informative was the Dutch article—though one might consider him harsh to the Provos, it seems churlish therefore to wish to carp about this—but I feel that internationalism dictates that we do not allow the statement that there is no syndicalist activity in Holland to go uncorrected. Comrade Mendes-Georges did come across Holland to go uncorrected. Comrade Mendes-Georges did come across Trotskyists, but the NSV (which though has toned down the revolutionary

message of its syndicalism is nevertheless still a syndicalist body) is far larger than the Dutch Trots; even the section which has left the NSV to remain in the IWMA is certainly stronger than the Trots among dockworkers. (Or so Trotskyists—who are not usually modest—admit.) Also surely an anarchist comment on Holland ought at least to give passing reference to the Pannekoekists (Spartakists) — also stronger than the Dutch Trots — who although Bolshevist-originated have moved to a libertarian position and only refrain from calling themselves anarchists because they consider the Bakunian and other anarchist traditions in part responsible for the elitism of Leninism.

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July 20 has become a turning point. From this date spring changes, the implications of which are still mostly speculative, but there is no doubt that for the working class of this country, the trade union movement is threatened. Will we return to free collective

union movement is threatened. Will we return to free collective bargaining? Mr. Callaghan, the

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Chancellor of the Exchequer, has this to say on the subject at the Labour Party Conference: I would like to express my view that the best prospects do not lie along the road of legal compulsion. But they do lie in the recognition that any group of people who are arguing about their moomes whether it is workers about their wages, or landlords about their rents, must accept that the bargaining strength of the two parties is not the only factor that will decide these issues in the future.

From the moment the Order in Council was made, the public was in negotiations as a third and interested party. I express my own view that when the powers become extinct next August, the public interest will remain in the arguments about the level and distribution of

about the level and distribution of incomes.'

This ambiguous term, 'the public interest', can mean anything. Surely the public is mostly made up of, or dependent upon, wage earners, and yet this is supposed to be the new third party. Being like all governments, they assume that they represent the so-called public interest and so even if the 'powers become extinct', the Government will have some other plan in readiness to serve the 'public interest'.

HONES GIVES HIS VIEWS

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Mr. Aubrey Jones, chairman of the National Board of Prices and Incomes, has given his views on this matter to the Royal Commission on Trade Unions and Employers' Associations. He puts forward a scheme whereby the TUC, the Confederation of British Industry and the Government, who with the advice of the PIB would jointly decide which claims should qualify.

qualify.

Mr. Jones instead of talking of the 'public interest' speaks of

the consumers and says: The Government would have to take part in these marshaling activities, to take account of the interests of the consumer. All this is on a voluntary basis and assumes that both the TUC and CBI would be more centralised and powerful bodies than they are now. But Aubrey Jones still wants it both ways and says: I would not rule out compulsion as inherently wrong, provided that it does not out-distance public opinion.

Even with unemployment Mr.

Even with unemployment Mr. Jones would like to see severe control over wage claims, backed by compulsion if necessary. But when it comes to prices he sees increases as part of a cut in the living standards which is necessary for the economy of the country.

The free collective bargaining as practised by trade unionists has been described as a 'free for all'. So trade unionists say they do not want to return to this. They are tirred of 'running fast in order to stand still', but in giving up free collective bargaining they will be losing more power to the State. There will be totalitarian means of deciding a pay increase, a norm will be decided on and that will be deciding a pay increase, a norm will be decided on and that will be

This can be called control or planning, but many are saying that it is Socialism. Socialism means all things to all men, but I am certain that the pioneers of the trade union movement would not describe it as 'Blundering into Socialism' as the New Statesman has. They had to act outside the law to build the movement just as trade unionists will have to now if we are to defeat these totalitarian measures, which are necessary for capitalism to get over its present crisis. It is the trade union movement that is under attack, through the wage freeze, legislation, PIB and the Royal Commission.

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In the new, or rather changing, scheme of things, the leadership of the unions are becoming more and more a part of the ruling class. It is not to the trade union leaders that the rank-and-file must look, but themselves. The trade union movement was not built by leaders, but by men who defied the law and combined together. The rank-and-file is the union and it is from here that the only real and effective opposition can come.

P.T.

For Workers' Control

ENV WORKERS FIGHT CLOSURE

WORKERS at the ENV engineering works in Willesden are still continuing their struggle against the management's decision to close the factory and by finally getting them to announce this decision, the workers there have called the management's bluff.

Previously Mr. John Townsend, the managing director, had tried to bullot workers on an ultimatum giving the choice of either scrapping existing agreements and negotiating entirely new ones or closing down. Workers refused to have anything to do with this Although the management claims that the factory is unprofitable, shop stewards think this is not the real reason and that they really want to smash the existing union organisation and open again. In fact the management is now saying that the Government's squeeze is the reason for the closure, but it is believed that there is a considerable backlog of orders and that a programme of expansion is planned for which some of the new machinery is already installed and in operation.

Unlike some other engineering factories in the area, workers at ENV's are

Unlike some other engineering factories in the area, workers at ENV's are putting up a tremendous fight to keep their jobs. In these other factories resistance to closure was soon given up, but it must be realised that for some workers the sack can offer quite a large windfall in the way of redundancy payments.

Many workers at ENV's, because they

certain of these people tried to operate equipment of which they had no knewledge.

On Friday the company will meet union executives at York. Whatever the union leadership decides, one thing is certain, that ENV workers are not beaten and have so far held their own against the management. They should get every encouragement and assistance that is possible from other workers. They have proved that, when it does come to the crunch, all the hard struggle of organising a factory does not necessarily just finde away, and, that rank-and-file factory organisation can fight sackings. P.T.

PRINT WORKERS MUST ACCEPT CHALLENGE

IT WAS reported in last week's FreeDOM that the Newspaper Proprietors'
Association (NPA) were preparing to
pay the cost-of-living bonus that was
due to printworkers on September I.
Since then Part IV of the Prices and
Incomes Bill has been implemented and
Mr. Stewart has threatened to take out
an Order under the Act forbidding the
increase. The Minister for Economic
Affairs has met the NPA, who informed
him that some bottus payments had
alteredy been paid, and as they understood the Act unless a specific Order
was made, those employers who discontioned paying the bomus could be sued
for breach of contract. After the meeting the NPA leaders donned their pare
whate mantles. If their haloes and
stated 'While the NPA was ready to
conform to the Government's wishes the
Society of Graphical and Allied Trades
(SOGAT) was not When asked to
comment on the statement R Brigmshaw, Joint General Secretary of
SOGAT, remarked 'What is so surprising about employers agreeing to
withhold pay? Null said.

Michael Stewart also met the leaders
of the foor unitors involved. The
Government has postponed plans to
nowe an Order until Thursday October
14, to bear the results of executive committee meetings called by three of the
unions, specifically on the implementation of Part IV.

It is reported that one of the print
union's involved would rather forge the
increase than see the Government hing
in the Order. The union is particular
in on record as in favour of the Wage
Freeze.

It all right I suppose sticking your

from the same of the suppose sticking your head in the sand for a short while but you can't do it for ever, because you will sufficient.

Print unions accepted the challenge, it is no good crying off when the big stick is displayed. SOGAT has adopted the correct policy. If the NPA break the cost-of-living agreement then all national agreements are void. It is up to the rank-and-file to take action in their own printing houses.

Electricians and maintenance engineers at International Printing have already taken industrial action against the freezing of their productivity deal. Production printers joined the stoppage because managers and supervisors were doing maintenance work. The AEU and ETU arged their members to return to work, but the workers refused. International Printing is a subsidiary of Cecil King's International Publishing Corporation which publishes that daily excuse for a newspaper, the Mirror, and the anaemic Sun.

The pointing employers have really climbed on the gravy train. Every demand made now or in the future will allow them to make the classic reply we would consider it but for the Wage Freeze.

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On Thursday, October 13, at \$4, 8ride's Institute (near Lodgate Circus) at 6.15 p.m rank-and-file printworkers are meeting to discuss a course of action. If this type of activity was carried out throughout every industry, and coordinated, Wilson would no longer be able to put his two fingers up and say: We will continue to govern.

Car workers were in a fighting mood when they lobbied the Labour Parry Conference at Brighton, Wilson was not exactly their parsup boy. The PM, as slick as ever, saw a way out of a sticky situation, he called some of the last in first a quiet chat. Soft talk and promises which in reality meant nothing, he pro-

mised to refer the points made by the car workers to the appropriate Ministers with his observations. Mr. Gunter is meeting BMC directors on Monday. October 10, to hear their replies to the points put by the shop stewards to Wilson at Brighton. One proposal in the air is to work a four-day week after full-time working is restored through dismissals. Many car workers are hoping to get back in the industry, when things brighten up a bit. I am afruid that some will be disappointed one of the aspects of the whole exercise is to resume full production with a decreased labour force. In which case the proposal of a four-day week must be accompanied by no reduction in pan.

The Labour Party's declared policy is increased production with a smaller labour force. We can accept this on the basis of (a) A shorter working week with no loss of pay: (b) Four weeks holiday per year; (c) Increased mechanisation to take the drudgery out of work. If these demands are not men then Labour's policy means putting the clock back 30 years.

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Twenty years ago catering workers struck work demanding union recognition. Workers at the Savoy Hedel were in the forefront of the battle. Having had time to recover its breath the General and Municipal Workers' Union having concluded at agreement with the shop workers union (USDAW) is attempting to organise catering workers in London.

The idea is to recruit outside staff entrances from mobile vans. Improving conditions for catering workers shouldn't be difficult considering they work a 46-boar week and wages are negligible. Ireland is considered to be a rather backward country unnon-wise but in

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