

ECHANGES

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## DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS

NEW MOVEMENT (in French c/o Echanges 1F50, Italian -Collegamenti n° 6, Marco Maïolani, CP 4046, 20100 Milano, Dutch- C.Brendel, 23a Berlioz straat, Amersfoort, Holland and soon in English)

This small pamphlet was written after discussions held at an international meeting in 1974. It tries to distinguish the nature of the autonomous movement of struggle in modern capitalist society and to show how it differs from the traditional workers' movement and all attempts to renovate it. A new get together has been suggested based on this text to examine in a concrete way how present day struggles are confirming or contradicting the idea put forward in this pamphlet.

Reminder of some important texts published in 1974

Les Conseils Ouvriers (Workers Councils) by A.PANNEKDEK (35F Editions Bélibaste - 28 rue Henri Barbusse - 75005-Paris) in French (exists in Dutch, but the complete English edition is out of print, a Spanish translation is being made). All subscriptions collected through us for the French edition have been posted by the publisher. A sack containing some of the books appears to have been lost in the post ... all claims should be sent directly to the publisher - Bélibaste.

-Le Populisme (l'anti-mythes - Berthout, 30, rue des Jardins - 14000 Caen) gives in greater detail information presented in the pamphlet "Bilan du Comité de Lutte Renault" published by ICO (out of print) and more information on the action of the Maoists of the ex-group "Gauche Prolétarienne" on the shop floor and serves as a good basis for reflection on this french version of populism.

-Discussions concerning Socialism or Barbarism and the ex-French group ICO

In French - "ICO, un point de vue" (2F50) and correspondence concerning this text (4F) (both available from Echanges) - "Entretiens avec Castoriadis" (l'Anti-mythes - out of print) "de la scission avec SB à la rupture avec ICO" (2F from Echanges or Anti-mythes) - see also the complete works of Castoriadis (Cardan) published by 10/18 and a few numbers of the review Socialisme ou Barbarie still available from Echanges. Some of these texts have been published in English by Solidarity (c/o 123, Lathom Road, London E.6.) See also Karl Korsch -Marxisme et contre révolution (Bricianer -éditions du Seuil) to which we shall refer later.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT STRUGGLES AND PUBLICATIONS CONCERNING THESE STRUGGLES

BELGIUM -many occupations of factories threatened with closure. The most characteristic is that of the crystal glass-works at Val St Lambert, echoes of the Lip conflict under the control of the Catholic and Socialist Unions (article in Le Monde 9-4-75)

(documents from Liaisons -c/o P.Doguet BP 208 -4000 LIEGE) - Other very hard strikes in the Flemish part of Belgium especially in the glass industry (text in Flemish from

C.Brendel Holland)

CHINA - Documents on primitive accumulation in Communist China (recent paperbacks -Revo- cul dans la Chine pop - 10/18 and Prisonnier de Mao -Pasqualini) Ombres chinoises by Simon Leys will also enable you to read with a more critical spirit the many paeons of praise of the Chinese régime. Also a completed re-edition of Thesis on the Chinese Revolution by Cajo Brendel in French (Echanges -3F or Liaisons -Belgium) and in English (Solidarity -London). Text also exists in Dutch (Brendel -Holland) and in Italian (éditions GdC -Caserte) This is an attempt to analyse the revolutionary process in China as a transition from pre-capitalist production to a modern society founded on wage labour and the development of state capitalism. Reminder of other texts in French: Le tigre de papier (Spartacus-Lafeuvre, 5 rue Ste Croix de la Bretonnerie -75004-Paris), Les habits neufs du President Mao (Champ Libre)

FRANCE-Postal strike (14-10-74 to the beginning of December 1974) a pamphlet (from Echanges 1F50) written in December 1974 needs to be completed. Invariance have just brought out a pamphlet on the strike (Lematta -B.P. 153 -83170 Briquolles) A strike at Renault which has just finished and which was only important at the Le Mans factory is the subject of much discussion; we are collecting together information on this with possible publication in view (any information to Echanges). Following on various movements against concentration, technical changes and redundancies in the printing industry (Many occupations with varying fortunes have taken place -Darbois, Larousse, Neogravure, etc...) a Printing Collective has been formed outside of Union control which seems also to be getting away from the fights between traditional leftist groups which marked its setting up (Echanges will pass on any communication)

HUNGARY A French translation of the Andy Anderson pamphlet (in English from Solidarity, London) Hongrie 1956 (Echanges, 8F)

POLAND "Capitalisme et Lutte de classe en Pologne"-Editions Spartacus (from Echanges 20F) Also soon to be published by Solidarity, London a work in English on this Polish Insurrection. - Recent information on go-slow movements in the docks at Stettin, on riots in many towns against rationing of food, on the corruption of economic leaders (in Eastern Europe in general) from English, French and German sources (from Echanges)

PORTUGAL book is soon to be published by Spartacus (cheques for 20F made out to F. Orsoni and sent to Mise au Point 37 rue Adolphe Guyot 92270 Bois-Colombes) -Title Portugal, l'autre combat, classes et conflits dans la société. Some extracts have already been published in small pamphlets: "Une lutte exemplaire: les travailleurs de la TAP face au PCP et l'armée "démocratique"" and "Lutte et répression: la démocratie de la gauche et des patrons". Also available texts in portuguese about desertion in the Portuguese Army (all texts from Mise au Point)

There is also a discussion and criticism of positions expressed in these pamphlets concerning the intervention of groups and the "exemplary nature of the TAP struggle (correspondance from Liaisons)

An article in International Herald Tribune 8-4-75 speaks of an occupation of a large agricultural area in the Alentejo region which has become the "Red Star collective farm" (100 workers) supported by the CP with the slogan "The land to those who cultivate" There is no information on management methods or of conflicts within this attempt probably at State Capitalism.

GERMANY There is now a German pamphlet on the revolt by the Turkish workers at the Ford factory at Eulonia in the summer of 1973 "Streik bei Ford Köln" 8,80 DM -P. Luxemburg Verlag Köln also details on conditions of car workers.

News of the first factory occupation since the war in a cement works near Dortmund, but against an old-fashioned boss and supported by the Union and advanced management (compare certain aspects of Lip) (Le Monde -March 1975)

Wildcat strike in a factory at Salzgitter (part of Volkswagen where 25.000 redundancies are planned). To be followed up, if we can get information.

GENERAL BRITAIN London Dock Strike (limited to that port) as previously against containerisation and led by CP militants. Dockers in other ports refused to join the strike.

There was for several weeks recently an unofficial strike by drivers of the municipal dustcarts, paralysing the cities of Liverpool and Glasgow, over the negotiation of wages at local rather than national level. Both strikes are now over. In Liverpool the strikers won but in Glasgow, where troops were brought in to clear the rubbish, provoking several incidents between them and pickets, the strike was defeated, largely through lack of money.

- A pamphlet by Solidarity - National group, in English, has been written on an original form of selling labour power in the building industry - The Lump - which uses a form of individual or group sub-contracting and tax-evasion and which has met with the joint hostility of bosses and the Unions. The Lump has just become the object of special measures by the Labour government in its April austerity budget. (from 4 The Grove, Lancaster, England)
- A regular motor bulletin is being produced by Solidarity (London, 123, Latham Rd., London, C.G.) It tries to collect as much info. as possible and to establish links between car workers throughout the world and especially in Ford factories.
- A text is being prepared on the many recent struggles in England (1974 to 1975) and on the situation of British workers to the "crisis". More in a later bulletin.
- A book on autonomous class struggle in England (1945-1972) has been published in German by Cajo Brendel (Karin Kramer Verlag - 1 Berlin 44 - Postfach 106 Morussrasse 28). A French adaptation is being prepared for publication and possibly an English translation.

ITALY - Développement économique et classes sociales en Italie - Liaisons n° 25 (Liaisons - Liège) is an abridged translation of a text written by an academic more or less influenced by the Italian CP which gives a superficial class analysis in relation to Italian economic and historical context. Very useful for understanding the progress of the CP towards power and the role of leftist groups in this context.

- Short text in English on the Italian situation at the beginning of 1975 and the developments of the movement for autonomy has been written (1F from Echanges)
- There is a discussion about Autonomous Assemblies in the journal Lutte de Classe (Renée Togny BP 620 D9, 75421 Paris D9) June 74 (title: Luttés de classe et Luttés de quartier); September-October 74 (Les rapports sociaux communistes) and December 74 (Luttés d'usine et Luttés de quartier). The last of these articles is translated from "Collegamenti" n° 4, bulletin of the Research Centre on Proletarian Autonomy (C.C.R.A.P. Marco Maioleni, C.P. 4046, 20100 Milano)
- We have a long term project to write a pamphlet on Italy. Those who wish to take part in this work can receive a first draft of a plan from Echanges.
- "Politics in the First Person, the Autonomous Workers Movement in Italy" is a special number of Wildcat - Box 999, 197 Kings Cross Road, London W.C.1. This is produced in English by Wicked Messengers (BM Box Salt, London WCIV 6 XX)
- An Italian text on the restructuring process at Sit-Siemens and Pirelli-Bicocca and on the "self-reduction" movement is produced as a supplement to Collegamenti March 1975 n° 1

HOLLAND A very interesting Dutch pamphlet (in Dutch) called "The Ford system or the Assembly line in power" (price Fl.holl. 3,50) deals with workers experiences in the Ford factory in Amsterdam. It contains the transcription of a discussion by several of the Ford workers which was taped by some students; they have added an introduction and an appendix which are not as good as the interview. The account tells very simply what happens at Ford; how the bosses manage; how the workers struggle; how production is achieved; how economic necessities contradict all safety measures; how the Unions behave (as tools of the management) and how many different actions are carried out (official Union and autonomous ones) and their successes and failures. If requested some extracts can be sent either in French or English (from Echanges).

U.S.A Shop floor direct action at General Motors Factories, especially at Lordstown (Ohio) at the beginning of 1972 gave rise in France to much controversy. These developed around the pamphlet "Counterplanning on the shop floor" (Bill Watson - Radical America 1878 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140). This was translated into French in ICD n° 115-116, March-April 1972 with a counter interpretation developed in ICC n° 110 June 1972 (back numbers of this now defunct review ICC are obtainable from Echanges)

- These texts replace this struggle in the more global context of American class struggle
- "Trouble in the Auto Industry" (Mac Intosh - Internationalism n° 4 P.O. Box 961, Manhattanville

Station, 365 West 125 St. New York, NY 10027) and above all "The Lordstown struggle and the real crisis in Production" -pamphlet by Solidarity - London (Ken Weller)  
-There are plans by Solidarity to print for English Audiences an adaptation of an article which appeared in the Radical American review "Telos" about such struggles in the states. We plan to translate this article into French and perhaps some other material on struggles in the USA in the last few years taken together in a more global context.  
-A reminder of an old general article in French "La grève de General Motors et la situation de classe aux USA" (The General Motors strike and the class situation in the USA) in ICO n° 100 and 101 December 1970 and others.

Because of the vast weight of material, the complexity of the various positions and the endless bringing up of the past, we are not going to discuss- for the present- the "crisis" (economic) and above all, all that has been written on the subject; this doesn't mean that we aren't interested. The only "crisis" which interests us, is the extent and the new dimension of the class struggle against all forms of capitalist domination. This struggle takes on new forms and treads new roads, all the more transitory, episodes in the process of emancipation on a world-wide scale.  
**Nevertheless we will point out, in passing, in future bulletins, those texts on the subject which seem the clearest and which could help the most towards an understanding of modern capitalism in which we live.**

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