The Wallace Affair

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The issue of asylum is one of the most crucial to the protesters, as the way the law is interpreted will determine whether or not people are ultimately charged and convicted. The police are saying that the protesters have violated the asylum principle by occupying the Poly, although the protesters point out that the asylum principle exists to protect students. While this issue will dominate the march of the protest in the next few weeks, the anarchists and students will also ensure that the murder of a fifteen year old anarchist by the State is by no means forgotten.

With the occupation over a new march is planned and a campaign is to be launched to draw attention to the real reason for the unrest. True to form the Greek media has managed to turn the whole affair upside down—ignoring the fact that a young man was murdered by the police and promoting the usual propaganda about criminals, lefties and terrorism. The campaign will also seek to disrupt the next general election, planned for April 8th.

Although the progress of events has been subjected to total media blackout by the Greek government, preventing newspapers here and elsewhere from reporting anything, news of the protest is being circulated daily through the channels of the International Anarchist Black Cross.

LATE NEWS: We have heard that the Director of the psychiatric clinic at Korydallox Prison—Marias Maratos—has just been killed by unknown people. Maratos had been responsible for the torture of patients; the raping of female inmates and had directly caused the suicide of many at the clinic.
SADLY WE'RE LATE... AGAIN

Our working editorial collective having been reduced by half owing to people leaving London, a bug hit us making it impossible to produce an issue for February. Sorry. Let's hope we can overcome.

The article on Chile (last issue) was the first part: the second part is not yet translated owing to the translator still being off.

Anarch — Quiz

1. Wartime: Australian Prime Minister Menzies was nicknamed "pig-sty"—this was due (as some press bullies suggested) to his stubbornness of character?
2. Why did the early settlement of Australia lead to an increase in value of pocket-handkerchiefs in England?
3. What fundamental privilege enshrined in the constitution of government and economy re-pressed to establish a share of the general prosperity for all the breaking down of racial, religious, national and sex barriers — and to fight for the life of one world.

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HOME NEWS

A Northamptonshire police inquiry into the Battle of Wapping leaked to the BBC and taken up by the press criticises the conduct of the police during the lock-out of New News International. Nevertheless, it is a whole week too late to tell the TV viewers what actually happened alone be there, to see that the police behaved like an occupation force shoving down the local platform. They charged into the station, killing elderly people, could scarcely be re- straining the murderous younger male constables, hot out at women and men alike, in some cases women with accompanying children were not spared, and all for just being there. It wasn’t just a lack at inciting ceremonies. The inquiry notes some of the facts: "a violent and undisciplined way." Nevertheless this is a le and enables another briefly to be told by police apologists that maybe some fraction of the police, perhaps junior officers, lost control under violent provocation.

The attack on the demonstrators against Rupert Murdoch’s scab operation was violent, but it was unprovoked. All the police officers kept command and discipline was maintained. Had it not been, some police could have been expected to run away or at least hold back — would they all have rushed forward on their own initiative, putting themselves at an inconsiderable risk, just in favour of getting the Sun and Times out on time? Ancient was attacked, indeed, finally for not being able to "control" all demonstrators, though anyone and did, turn up. Nebuchadnezzar turned up to support the police. Those who were there were under orders, and remained so. From personal experience: I was standing in a bunch of people (which was later charged by horses) just happening to be between an official platform and... (actual disassociating violence) and the police. When someone got up to speak I heard a voice from the police ranks clearly say, That’s Brenda Dean—I couldn’t see if it was the Segal boat or not — and a shouted chorus came from their ranks "Let’s get the bitches. There was no media hype against Brenda Dean, no whipped-up hysteria as there was, say, against Arthur Scargill during the miners’ strike. To the bourgeoisie the presented an image of resistance. The only people (putting on one side the debris of beer and car) were the police, they were the police, for putting the case on television clearly and convincingly in terms acceptable to the Murdoch readership, were Murdoch’s minions. Outgoing vehicles, was then stormed as, at 8 am, the police, perhaps junior officers, lost control. As the police, perhaps junior officers, lost control the top: Where and when had the nerves snapped, the discipline broken down, the senior officers lost, control? This is not likely what they were doing. It is an excuse to let off the men at the scene.

Some rankings have now been charged on the fairly inescapable evidence that gross violence was perpetrated (any violence on the other side of the barricades having long since been heavily punished). But in view of the "unreasonable delays" in bringing evidence many have not gone for trial and their cases have been dismissed. It is not that long ago. Let us hope that also applies to the case of Pente and Randle, now awaiting trial at the Old Bailey for their part in the march on Wapping on May 15th. Having the police, perhaps junior officers, lost control.

Q & A on Anarchism

What is lifestyle? Lifestyle is the belief that following a particular lifestyle has some political signifi- cance or is in some way an indication of social change or even revolutionary signifi- cance. It is the belief that the present degenera- tion to the existing system as long as it is re- garded for what it is. It should not be present one from being a revolutionary, a radical or even a conformist. (Steely Squatters): Q & A on Anarchism

Steely Squatters

Council tenants in London who have put up signs to prevent their premises from being broken into have been ordered to remove them. The excuse is that it is unsafe — the fire brigade in one case did not break in to save a couple. However other councils are putting in the same type of steel doors, taking hundreds of pounds from tenants’ rents to stop squatters. Squatters harm none. Those who break in, more or less violently according to circum-

Source: Ship News
John Kennan, the minister in charge of transport in Victoria, mis-calculated just how much the public relied on trams and finally, with the crunch date一with the new tickets一made on existing lines, but one directly controlled by the state authorities took the challenge seriously and insisted every operational regulation was literally boxed out of the buildings. It was not long before the authorities took the drastic action that the business men had been predicting all along: centralised power was cut off from the system and the tram workers from control, to run the trams without bosses. Without power the trams were permanently stranded in the city centre. It was sudden: workers couldn’t run the system and the authorities were unable to get the trams back to the depot. It was a lockout.

The next day there was an attempt by the strikers to take over the now deserted tram workshops, but normal rules did not apply to the new contracts. Instead they took the trams out and in different parts of Melbourne declared that the trams were being run directly by the activists. The industrial action was solid and depots began organising for 'D' Day一no tram workshops were taken as normal but refused to accept the new contracts. Instead they took the trams out and in some depots the union declared that the trams were being run directly by the workers. One depot hung out a banner saying 'Workers Control'. On previous occasions during the dispute there were many workers allowed by the workers to travel free—the response from management was to lock the tramways' pay. On January 1st the lockout was lifted for the workers to print up their own tickets, controlled, that would bring in revenue from tram users directly to the tram workers. Kennan was much more concerned with the Labor establishment—such direct action had to be halted at all costs.

On the evening of January 1st rumours abounded that management was going to force a lockout on the eve of the critical vote on the new ticketing system. Kennan tried to short circuit their festive occasion and came in to give a hand. Volunteers in the Ideally right next to the centre declared that the strike was not over and took the challenge to the tram workers, helping them to carry out 'legitimate' action. Management feared that all the trams would be out in the street blocking the main tram route. The support workers met in their depot and set up shop to distribute handouts to the drivers and conductors and replace sick workers. The company took these actions seriously. The mass meeting was to say no tram conductors and most of the trams had been run by the public with the refusal to leave. In these depots the entrances were sealed. The union executive asked for a three day strike by the rank and file to show the government the strength of the union. Kennan hopes that new style ticketing will make the tram workers feel they have a legitimate cause. The dispute also demonstrated the importance of active community support. Local business groups and trade unions became the new mainstay of the movement, meetings references were made to the Support group, but to win the dispute it was recognised that in addition to the strike, the trammies would only succeed in delaying the struggle if there was a massive support from the public. Kennan certainly did not want to use the new ticketing system imposed by employing 'guerilla' methods such as go-slow and work-to-rule, in any escalation of community resistance.

Later that day tramways began to move the trams back from the blockade (rather than allow union non-tor labor to tow them back) but making certain this was done as slowly as possible by insisting every operational regulation was adhered to. The real truth about how the dispute had been sabotaged by the union leadership only came out towards the end of the dispute and by then many tramways had already given up the fight, demoralised by their executive and the ideas of the strike leaders. The leadership had persistently thwarted every effort made by the tram workers to escalate the dispute, condemned all their protest action and defied them to continue in one place or another. The police sealed the Centre (not bothered by the fact that a car was left inside which started to burn) and began raids on those who used the Centre, the meeting house, the residence which so far had been independent...

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cussing their local situations and the active
resistance around the USSR. Demonstrations,
strikes, and other spontaneous actions by orga-
nisations, aiding people who have lost their
jobs, forming underground presses, police
campaigns demanding their freedom, and pro-
paganda for a boycott of the March '69 elections
as a spontaneous effort for people who wanted
to run as candidates, work for ecology groups
and much more.

In his intervention, Kropotkin told how he
had tried to build a union in the early '60s. They
were able to organize 80 people within a few
hours before the police took action. Igor was
sent to a psychiatric hospital. Again, after his
release he tried again and the group was
repressed. The Communist Party said they were
"too early."

Alexis told how he had been listening to
the BBC's Russian language service until he
was quoted from the anarchist paper Otechestvo. He
then realised he was not alone and now I am at
this point. And he also talked about his own
strike over dangerous working conditions. He
was fired and now alive. A long speech from
Charkoff related that the local Communist Party
newspaper had written that anarchism was the most
dangerous threat to the party and noted with satis-
faction what a good propaganda point it was.

Later several resolutions were adopted, in-
cluding some condemning the use of tear
gas against demonstrators in Tbilisi, Georgia.
They also decided to send a telegram to Gorbachev
protesting the arrest of a journalist from Nov-
ocherkassk. The congress proposed that it and
every other "anti-capitalist opposition group" adopt
common declaration against the use of violence
as a method of political action. This
would involve the propaganda in the main
media that portrays the opposition as terrorist
and violence-prone.

The Congress agreed on a minimal program
and decided that their principle motto would be
"all power to the people, not the party," the
slogan of the Kronstadt workers and sailors
during the spring of 1921. They outlined a model
of a federalist society based on the collec-
tive ownership of the land and factories, on
realisation that they can have freedom without
statecommunism fostered.

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is over. The great Russian Spring is beginning.

1. The whole of the Bolshevik conquest of
power was based on a lie. The revolu-
tion had been defeated by Lenin's seizure of power. The institutionalization of the Party
and the establishment of the Tsar's rule of terror. Stalin's rise to power was a con-
sequence, not an alternation. The lie—now
born again in Russia by Western stooges—
that this was because of the breakdown of the
Marxist-Leninist variant of democracy—
is equally a lie. There was a direct time of
the working class in the Soviet Union;

2. The Path the Russian workers are
going to take—whether defied by the empty
promises of the "Red" Way reinforced by chan-
tries, or by taking the real achievements of
space technology, leaving the country in ruins: an economy that can fly to the
Moon but with the living standards of the
World Third down here.

3. Yet space technology brings knowledge, and
in particular the knowledge that the economic
system doesn't work satisfactorily.

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by famine.

5. The fact that economic systems don't work
does not imply that life stops. It carries on with
merry, the reality being reinforced with terror.
It is an inevitable cycle and nothing to do
with psychological problems of dictators as
bourgeois historians like to think, but seldom
power might drive them crazy, but seldom
so crazy as to give up before they are forced to.

6. Rarely can they groom a powerful heir to the
chain of command-and-obey, lest that be the
one that pushes them out.

7. The dictatorship built by Lenin and Trotsky&
Gorbachev is over. They no longer have power
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8. The fact that the economic system is unsat-
isfactory What a good propaganda point it was.

9. Lenin inherited a vast slave empire.

10. The outsize of the US's soviet power
state, the Russian lie, and the staggering
costs of the Red Army and the enormous
amount of repression.

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**ROMANIA:**

**In the land of intrigue**

**The Rumanian background**

The AFTERMATH of the Russian Revolution saw the young Romanians, under the leadership of Carol I, who formed Soviets, swiftly take over. The army sided with them, but not however the army in revolt—the disciplined army under control of its officers. This was what triggered off the suspicion there might be a military coup hidden in it somewhere. It was pretty damn quick that the officers class decided they were in power and were forming a Government of National Salvation. The ordinary people were tossed to take over but the “salvationists” were too quick for them. “They had their revolution!”

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**The Uprising**

One day he was addressing the adoring masses, conditioned to admire the Great Leader, suddenly there was a look of horror on his face when he realized they were shooting him down, inspired by the changes all over the country. He answered by having his Securitate (Special Branch) shoot them down. The people rose up and (unusually in such circumstances, especially bearing in mind recent events in China) the army sided with them. Not however the army in revolt—the disciplined army under control of its officers. This is what triggers off the suspicion there might be a military coup hidden in it somewhere. It was pretty damn quick that the officers class decided they were in power and were forming a Government of National Salvation. The ordinary people were tossed to take over but the “salvationists” were too quick for them. “They had their revolution!”

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**Polish call for solidarity**

**THE POLISH Anarchist Federation have put out an appeal for money. One of their most urgent problems at present is the publication of propaganda. The anarchist press in Poland is poorly paid and issuing irregularly. This is not proportional to the actual strength of the movement in Poland but is due to the fact that access to printing facilities is limited. There is only the State printing offices and the print shops owned by the Catholic, pro-capitalist opposition, neither of whom are particularly interested in furthering the anarchist cause. Please support the call to raise cash for the purchase of a printing press for the Polish anarchist movement.**

**Letter from Poland**

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**CZECHOSLOVAK ANARCHIST UNION**

Anarchists in Czechoslovakia, in October last year, came together to publicly found the Czechoslovak Anarchist Union (CZA). The Union intends to integrate anarchists from all branches in order to build a more effective Anarchist movement. In its founding statement it included the following six points:

1. To try and organise free groups, facilitate contact and collaboration between individuals and so support individual initiative and solidarity as the two most important elements of social life.
2. To support information and publication activity and to gather anarchist literature, both theoretical and for propaganda.
3. To support every anti-totalitarian or anti-nationalist movement.
4. As a branch of the international movement to make contacts with Anarchists from other countries.
5. To support every information and formation activity.
6. To take a clear position against terrorism.

**Source:** WSA/FWA

**NOW BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD**

To govern you need an army of steel-ed revolutionary Commissars. We have it and it is called the Party. All this syndicalist nonsense...
Mandela—what next?

THERE CAN have been few spectacles so dramatic or even comic as that of Nelson Mandela turning the tables on the South African government and stating his terms for agreeing to his own release. After years of harsh confinement this prisoner is telling a ruthless government that he would not go out unless there is a genuine political reform, not the one they’re offering and they are listening to him. A government that shoots down peasants, burnens townsships, brings out whips & church they don’t attendor even a government that sentences to one and a half years without parole. In the meantime, newly organised activities such as the house squattting in protest against these plans, now the NTSB (National Trenline Bureau, Frankfurt), initiatives taken against munitions transports, Wendland / Bredendorff / nuclear power plants) and other activities have led to the State further extending the "political" to the public efforts to the social demo-
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The practically boundless expansion of the term "enemy of the State" permitted an unrestricted use of the penal article against opponents of political opinion: publishers, distri-
butors, reporters, authors and printers of communist publications and bookshops were prosecuted for "high treason". How are the mighty fallen! The question is asked from the perspective of the people, yet their collective field of activity as well. How are the mighty fallen! The question is asked from the perspective of the people, yet their collective field of activity as well.

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AIDS: THE GOVERNMENT PLAGUE

A GERMAN-MADE film shown on Channel 4 TV (22nd Jan) 'Monkey Business' (subtitled and synchronised) documented the facts known about AIDS of which the public generally are kept in ignorance (similar discussions, gathered from scientific publications, have appeared in Black Flag). The African green monkey, who bit someone and started the myths, is now known to be the real original of those that fuelled that earlier campaign. The story was told of a college of Elwell (and Wright), who debunked the idea of smallpox transmission (like the oldtime selling smallpox &roup): one, a mad Fundamentalist Christian might just possibly have been deliberate. There was 'undertaken by' Elwell, among the-footnotes to the film were only prepared (or perverted) by an organisation for Freedom (now known as the Freedom Association): the same information was not given to the World Today (a 'news-agency' set up by CIA contacts and which was headed by Brian Crozier and Robert Monsey). The general election. Newspapers were not excluded from this combination: an advertisement called 'William Massie of Sunday Express was given all the details; a briefing passed to The Times was later given to sympathetic contacts at Private Eye. Colin Wallace cites Forum World Features as being one of the several agencies that acted as conduits of disinformation and smears and which were a source of material for his Clockwork Orange review.

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The Assassins
P. A. Ridley (Socialist Platform £5.50)

THIS EXTRAORDINARY work dates back to 1938 when it appeared in an Indian edition. Though Frank Ridley wrote it before WWII it maintained its freshness of relevance. Assassination as a political technique has been perfected since the first 'assassins' strangled the political tyrants of the ancient Crusades. The Assassins represented a tenacious and ruthless branch of the Cristeros, who were able to survive by evolving a method of secret killings.

Here we are told the story of the 'Old Man of the Mountain' (Hamzeh-I-Sabah), founder and father of the assassins, the tradition he employed and the many political and quasi-religious sects, some Christian (such as the Assassins, Templars and Jesuits) who derived great power from their teachings and practices. The last Ayatollah Khomeini, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran when this book was written, is a religious descendant of the Assassins. The Shah sect whose followers now apparently of such a sect. They are linked to the Iranian宫廷 along with his fellow-Persian, the Old Man of the Mountain. It is interesting to discover, as a footnote to this book, that A. J. Arberry, in his 1947 book, "The Assassins: the literary and philosophical critics—also described the Assassins and the Wallachian as 'The Assassins of the Mountain' in his science fiction novel 'Red Star' (as far as back as 1908).

Ellis Hillman

The State Adversary is the lively young anti- communist that from Auckland (NZ) the latest issue received (Dec 89) states in a mickey-taking of Communism and Games from the State Adversary, "official supplier of anarchist zines and propaganda to the 1990 stereo games." We look for- ward to seeing more of this iconoclastic and explosive feat of anarchist activism, and the legal profession—notably Lord Gifford.
Dear Black Flag,

The comments you made following my letter (no. 395) on unionism and syndicalism in the 

"Black Flag" (November 1988) are the key to the latest development of 

"The Anarchist Morass" (P. P. Reading's pamphlet). The problem is that the original statement of the 

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Marie Murray has spent longer in an Irish prison, north or south, than any other woman. She is now in her fifteenth year behind bars, and unlike 17 other long term male prisoners, she was refused parole last Christmas. Her case is due to be heard soon by the Parole Board, set up by the Department of Justice only last winter. Along with her husband Noel, they are the longest-serving prisoners without parole.

The Murrays were convicted in 1975 in the non-jury Special Criminal Court of the murder of off-duty Garda Reynolds. The original convictions of 'capital murder' were overturned on appeal in Noel's case, and on retrial in Marie's case. Hence they are serving 'life'. The average for 'life' in the south of Ireland is eight years and eight months.

The Prison Review Board was recommended by the Whitaker report of 1985. Indeed Dr Ken Whitaker sits on the new Board. The Report suggests that anyone who has spent more than seven years in prison becomes 'irrevocably institutionalised'.

Marie believes that she has been forgotten by the Justice Department, and unless her plight is brought to its attention, she will spend many more years behind bars. She has good reason for such concern. In 1986, the High Court turned down a request, under the constitution, by Noel and Marie, for 'Conjugal Rights', despite the able, and free, barrister services of Nobel Peace Prize winner Sean McBride. Marie and Noel are still awaiting an appeal in that case.

Three years ago they were persuaded by a barrister in their trial case, Harrington, to petition the Justice Minister 'distancing themselves from political and violent associations'. Despite having no association to disaffiliate from (previously they were involved with the organisation now known as the Workers Party, and later active as anarchists), the Murrays did petition, but are still awaiting a response.

Marie, 42, has done much to prevent being 'irrevocably institutionalised'. She has taken Leaving Certificate Exams, has completed a university degree (the first prisoner to do so in the south), and is currently studying for an MA. She has won awards for her plays and short stories, one of which was published in the Irish Times, and is currently working on a play for a Dublin community theatre group.

Marie has recently resumed her studies and writing after a spell of inactivity as a result of the conditions under which she is kept. In Dublin's Mountjoy jail she shares the female prison with only one other 'lifer', Majella Boland, and 43 short-termers, the majority of whom are serving less than three years. There is little chance of forming lengthy relationships because of this high turnover.

Noel Murray is in Limerick jail, after spending the early part of his sentence in the military Curragh Camp Prison. He was offered a one-day release to visit his elderly parents on Christmas Day, but declined when the authorities insisted he be taken there and back in handcuffs, a stipulation not required in the other seventeen short releases.

Noel's father is now too ill to visit him, a practice he kept up every month for most of Noel's imprisonment. When his father suffered a heart attack in November 1988, Noel was allowed out (handcuffed) to visit his father on three occasions, and Marie was granted one hospital visit.
The Free the Murrays Campaign was formed in January 1990 with the aim of securing a release date for Noel and Marie Murray by the end of the year. We would like you to help.

1. Write to the Irish Embassy in London, expressing your concern over the length of time that the Murrays have been held, and asking that the Embassy pass on your concern to the Minister of Justice, Ray Burke.

2. Write directly to the Minister at the Department of Justice, 72 Stephens Green, Dublin, Ireland, asking for a release date to be set as soon as possible.

3. Write to the Sentence Review Body, c/o Dept. of Justice, asking for the Murrays' case to be considered favourably. In all letter writing please make sure you get a reply, convey it to us, and respond soon if there is no development.

4. We are in need of funds, so any donations whatsoever will be gratefully accepted. Please make cheques etc payable to Free the Murrays.

5. Write to the Murrays, expressing your support for them.
   Marie Murray, Mountjoy Prison, North Circular Road, Dublin, Eire.
   Noel Murray, Limerick Prison, Limerick, Eire.

6. Attend our pickets outside the Irish Embassy in London. We will advertise in the press.

7. Affiliate to our campaign. All affiliates will receive regular mailings on the latest developments in the campaign to Free The Murrays.

I/We wish to affiliate to the Free The Murrays Campaign. I/We enclose £........... affiliation fee. I/We enclose a donation of £........... towards the Campaign. (Delete as applicable.)

Rates: Organisations £15   Individuals £5   Unwaged £3

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Free the Murrays;
c/o Tenants Corner, 48a Oval Mansions, Vauxhall St, London, SE 11.