AND THE MOTHERS STILL MOURN

THE MADMOMEN of the Plaza de Mayo still gather in Buenos Aires. Despite police interference the mothers of those who disappeared during the years of military dictatorship still gather in the main square, some every day, some only once a week, in memory of husbands, sons, fathers and daughters long presumed dead (sometimes of orphaned grandchildren, snatched for adoption for away), all demanding that the criminals responsible be brought to justice. The Argentine government waged war against its people; thousands were rounded up, tortured and killed. The armed forces, as is usual in such cases, became so powerful they thought themselves invincible: when the government needed a diversion to take their own subjects' minds off their misery, the generals were convinced they could take on any major Power. The question in the Malvinas/Falklands dispute was simple: did they belong to Argentina, which broke from the Spanish empire, clearly given all South America (bar Brazil) by the Pope (who didn't own any of it), or to Great Britain (as the proponents of the empire, clearly) - which was the State to which the first white man who saw them allowed allegiance? The answer was usually simple: they belonged to the one with the clearest claim.

As a result of Argentina's crushing defeat, for which the pride in invincibility of the generals and admirals was responsible, the regime fell and repression, has brought back the new Peronistas. At last the people could speak. The British Government promised to bring some to trial but didn't, preferring a resumption of trade. The purge began in June when 30 members of the Squad were transferred to either the Drugs Squad or the Stolen Vehicles Squad. The catalyst for this purge was the acquittal of Ronald Bolen, who had been charged with armed robbery but released during trial when it was shown that his "confession" had been fabricated. The purge continued: Two members of the Squad were suspended, three others 'disciplined' another demoted. By August it had been decided to close down the Squad as a whole and the remaining officers were transferred to administrative duties. Of those transferred nine were senior officers in the CID division. The head of West Midlands CID, Detective Chief Constable Raymond Callaghan, who has always insisted his "confession" was fabricated and who, more recently, had been involved in the Ronnie Bolen case. In fact Hornby was one of the officers accused of fabricating evidence against Bolen. It was Hornby, too, who was found to have hidden files proving the innocence of Gerald Gall (convicted, with three others, of assault and conspiracy to murder) and who, more recently, had been involved in the Ronnie Bolen case. Furthermore Hornby was found to have inserted false pages into a statement regarding a case concerning a jewel robbery in 1987. Following Hornby has been found on at least three separate occasions to have falsified evidence. These are examples relating to him which have been brought to light, but do not include cases alleging fabrication that have not been proven or have not been property investigated.

The squad case allegations of corruption go much further than fabrication of evidence. While Bolen was inside officers (including DS James McManus) raided his home and seized £4000 from his wife. Mrs Bolen had the documents to show that the £4000 were not proceeds from a robbery, (as the officers alleged) but money obtained from the sale of the family car. The money was never returned by the officers to Mrs Bolen and Ronnie Bolen is now suing the police for theft. One of the officers disciplined in June was DC John Perkins, who was found to have fabricated 'confessions' in a case involving four people on burglary charges. Subsequently all four had the charges dropped. More importantly, it has been revealed that Perkins was one of the officers involved in the Carl Bridgewater murder case. It was Perkins who interrogated Patrick Molloy, who later insisted that his 'confession' was false, but who died in prison in 1981. His colleagues - Michael Hickey, Vincent and James Robinson - are still inside serving a life sentence and protesting their innocence.

Finally, we can reveal that the two officers suspended in June were DC Roger Clifford and DC David Woodrich. Both were found to have removed papers in a file held at Warwick Crown Court relating to the conviction of Michael Callaghan (who got seven years for a firearms offence). These are the cases of which we are aware. There may well be many other cases the authorities are aware of but are at this stage not willing to release the facts. Likewise there could well be many cases which the authorities are unaware of and which they will either disclose in the course of the inquiry or will be unable to deal with because of a cover-up by the officers concerned and their colleagues in the Squad. At the end of the day the Inquiry may only succeed in investigating the tip of the iceberg...
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In each of the countries, the democratic opposition is seeking to replace the old order with a new one. In Poland, for example, the Solidarity movement has been transformed into a political party, the Polish Independent Party (PWP), which has taken over the role of the old Communist Party. In Hungary, the Forlag party has emerged as a significant force, and in Czechoslovakia, the Civic Forum has gained popularity. In all these countries, the common goal is the establishment of a free and independent state.

The changes in Eastern Europe have been accompanied by a significant increase in the number of political parties. In Poland, for example, the number of political parties has increased from one to over a dozen. This has led to a proliferation of political discourse, with a focus on issues such as democracy, human rights, and economic freedom.

However, the changes have also been accompanied by a rise in nationalism and patriotism. In some countries, this has led to a strengthening of the national consciousness, with a focus on the preservation of national identity and culture. In other countries, it has led to a rise in xenophobia and anti-immigrant sentiment.

The changes have also had a significant impact on the economy. In many countries, there has been a transition from state-controlled economies to market-based ones. This has led to a boom in the economy, with a significant increase in GDP and employment.

In summary, the changes in Eastern Europe have been significant and far-reaching. They have led to a transformation of the political, economic, and social systems, with a focus on democracy, human rights, and market economies. The changes have also been accompanied by a rise in nationalism and a focus on national identity, with a significant impact on the economy.

However, the changes have also brought about challenges. The transition to democracy has been accompanied by inflation, unemployment, and social unrest. The transition to market economies has been accompanied by a rise in inequality and a reduction in social services.
ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

T he "anarchist movement" in Poland today is largely characterised by the almost familiar counter-culture strain that is also a part of North America and other countries with a predominant Anglo-Saxon culture. This is perpetuating given Poland's turbulent past and its strong workers movement, which can perhaps be explained as a sort of reaction, by students, to the decades of repression that Solidarnosc in its early years managed to subvert. It neither helps that the liberals in the USA, who have made such an excellent contact with the "movement" in Poland, have succeeded in encouraging this militant pacifism that has little to do with anarchism or revolutionary change.

Today the dominant "anarchist" organisation in Poland goes under the Freedom and Peace (or WP, using the Polish initial), which partly grew out of the Movement for an Alternative Society (the RSA), a more militant set up whose members were active in the struggle against the Zomo, or riot police. Little remains of the RSA, although its paper, Homex, is still being published. The RSA maintained good links with Solidarnosc Underground at a time when street repression was essential to keep up morale. The informal relationship harkened back to the years that the anarchist movement in Poland was much more a focus of working class revolt, although as a specific movement in its own right, anarchist sentiment took a back seat, taking the brunt of the repression, first by the nationalists, then by the Nazis and the Communists. It was anarchist-syndicalism, however, that had a vital role in helping to give rise to mass-strike movements that in turn provided the historical background to Solidarnosc before it was won out.

BFORE WORLD WAR I

The first appearance in Poland of specific anarchist groups in this century was in 1905. To be more accurate these groups were in eastern Poland, which was then under Russian control, and in 1911 there were some anarchist organisations in Russia. One of these groups in the USA was the Black Flag group, founded by the anarchist military July

ANARCHISM IN POLAND

Garcia Pena, Jose Enrique Navarro, Matias and Alyario Alvaro del Rio. Persuaded eight of the comrades to sign the release. These were: Alfredo Casal Ortega, Pedro Phoney CNT) opportunistically stepped in and demanded an end to solitary confinement and political prisoners. Seven other prisoners refused their approach but broke down. The CGT (then the anarcho-syndicalist trade union) and other groups condemned it for its advocacy of violence. But the repression took it toll. It was not long before a new group of prisoners, members of the Black Flag group in Warsaw. It was around this time that support began to come through from the West.

ANARCHISM AND THE WORKERS MOVEMENT TODAY

The early days of Solidarnosc indeed witnessed the appearance of small specific anarchist groups. However, we were not part of the radical movement proper. Groups like Sigma or the NZS (independent Solidarnosc Union) operated outside of Solidarnosc, but there were others, too, that worked within Solidarnosc and helped create that movement. With the clampdown on Solidarnosc, the anarchists went underground too. Some came out on the streets, and organised through the RSA, while others were caught up in the wave of purges, going on to set up the WP. The WP, however, was not all counter-culture, the Group being class-struggle anarchists, producing the paper A Capela (Circle A). Today, WP, being a call to counter-culture, is no longer a part of communications network with no agreed policies). Are involved in many small issue struggles, particularly freedom of movement across borders, etc.

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

M ARIE MURRAY is the longest serving political prisoner in the Irish prison system. She was 18 October she has been serving for almost 14 years behind bars, the last two and a half of these in Derry's Magistrates Prison. She and her husband Noel were convicted in the non-jury Special Criminal Court of the murder, in 1975, of an Italian don. She and her partner had challenged the murder laws at the time in court. The pair had been convicted of murder. Marie is a small woman of 5ft 4in. Her eyes are alive. She is in a talkative mood. She sees a light at the end of the tunnel. She believes that she and Noel have served their time. But the Gardaí (the police) object to their release, and that the only obstacle to their getting free is bureaucratic hindrances. They have been forgotten. They have been dumped. No one wants to know.

Her arguments about being forgotten carry conviction. Two years ago a barrister, Harrington, suggested that Marie and Noel petition the Justice Minister, 'distancing themselves from political and violent activities. Successful precedent for this include the case of two Provisional IRA members who were convicted for the murder of Senator Furlong, and who were disarmed from prison. They served nine years in prison and were released after the death of Furlong. They were re-arrested after their release, and had a few weeks to enjoy their freedom before the cease fire was declared. The problem that Marie and Noel have no association with fascist, or terrorist, movements. Their solicitor, Padraig O'Reilly, thought they would have a response within two months; however two years later they are still waiting. Three years ago the High Court heard their case. Marie and Noel petition the Justice Minister, requesting the right to have a sexual relationship and have children as a matrimonial relationship. They were turned down. It was only on the basis of the implications of a successful outcome that an appeal to the High Court was allowed. The case was only ranked in June of this year and the appeal is expected to be heard by the High Court, four years after the original case. Marie has spent much of the last 14 years on remand in a women's prison in Ireland and she finds it almost impossible to concentrate. This is because under the conditions in which she is held she is prevented from maintaining a link with the conditions of visits and the largely bonkers population are mostly short-termers with a high turnover, offering no continuity of relationships.
THE GREAT CRIMES SQUAD SCAM

PUNISHMENT WITHOUT CRIME

THE WEST MIDLANDS Serious Crimes Squad (SCS) is no longer - focused at last, by the ineptitude of its officers in their cover-up of corruption, to be closed down. An investigation is now under way, but flawed from the start in that it is handled by the police themselves.

The Inquiry will be restricted to cases dealt with over the last two years, with perhaps some leeway to allow an investigation into arrests involving crimes committed far earlier than that period.

Precisely, the six officers involved in the Martin Foran case were all involved in the Carl Bridgewater murder and Birmingham Pub bombings. More precisely, these are known to have been involved in the conviction of the Birmingham Six.

Looked at in this way Martin Foran is a lynching-pin for more far-reaching investigations into past cases. If excessive corruption and malpractice can be shown to have taken place by one officer, then this could well provide enough leeway for the Inquiry to be extended.

The political obstacles to this, are, of course, enormous. It is in the interest of certain powerful forces, within the political and legal establishments, that the Inquiry remains restricted. If it were proven that a "gross

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MEDIA SCURRY FOR FORAN ENACTMENT

ON MONDAY 11th September demonstrations took place in different parts of the country in support of Martin Foran, a prisoner who has finally gained media attention due to the success in corruption of the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad. The main focus of attention took place in Birmingham where Mr Foran's family and supporters staged a re-enactment of his case. Until now media interest in Mr Foran - apart from when he staged a hunger strike some years ago during his previous term of imprisonment - has been negligible. His supporters, including the Black Cross, have campaigned on his behalf for some time. During the discussion of the Serious Crimes Squad a short piece suddenly appeared about him in The Guardian following an interview with a Black Cross organizer.

For the re-enactment there were reporters from The Guardian, local newspapers (The Post, The Express, The Star and The Daily News), the BBC, Central TV and local radio stations. Suddenly Mr Foran is a 'celebrity'. Better late than never - but the media's absence of interest, until now, in his claim to innocence is a matter of record, over the years, to contribute to his deteriorating health.

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MARTIN FORAN THE CASE PERSPECTIVE

Martin Foran is currently serving a sentence relating to an offence committed in September 1984 and involving officers from the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad. Previously Mr Foran served five years after a trial in 1978, which also involved officers from that squad.

Well into the first of these two periods of incarceration, and after an extensive present campaign by Mr Foran and his supporters, his claims to a fitup for these three armed robberies were taken up by Parliament. It was during a hunger-strike, which was featured on a Granada Serious Crimes Squad. Previously Mr Foran had been accused of stealing his own car, and on one occasion he was even accused of committing a murder that took place in the banned Black Cross. Now it was revealed that a "gross

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The trial, as stated, centred upon a so-called confession, which was not taken at the scene of the robbery. For the trial to reach these conclusions was completely inaccurate, and in many respects the police force has since then been discredited. As it was this happened quicker than never - but the media's absence of interest, until now, in his claim to innocence is a matter of record, over the years, to contribute to his deteriorating health.

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LETTER FROM MR FORAN'S DAUGHTER

My name is Valerie Foran. I am 11 years old. I would like to tell you about my Dad, my wonderful Dad who came home to play with me. My friend Dylan can take them out and play with me. My Dad and my Mum are the best Mum and Dad. I love my Dad very much. And tells me. It hurts me when I see my friend Dylan with those Men and Dad. And when I ask my Mum why Dad can not come home she tell me the Bad Police man let him come home. But in Birmingham Police Station. My Dad want to play with me. My Dad want to come home to play with them why can't my Dad come home to me and my Brothers and Sisters. Please help my Dad to Come home to me. From Valerie Foran.
NEITHER NUCLEAR TAX NOR ACID RAIN

The problems of acid rain and the concerns over the greenhouse effect have enabled the politicians to call for the building of more nuclear power stations and the introduction of a Nuclear Tax to pay for them. They say fossil-fuel power stations are dirty and nuclear power stations are clean. The evidence available indicates that to fall back on nuclear energy as the solution to environmental problems can only lend weight to a programme that is simply unachievable. Radical environmentalists call, instead, for greater emphasis on renewable energy and point to ways in which fossil-fuel power stations are retained without adverse effects. Below, we look at these claims and in particular the technology that will enable coal-based power stations to be cleaner.

The Government sees the nuclear industry as a cost liability, yet it is committed to its expansion within a privatized market. The nuclear fuel lobby, which includes the South African based mining companies, has an interest in keeping the nuclear expansion programme on the agenda but has no immediate answers on how to finance it. The fund sector will only wish to invest if the nuclear industry can be shown to be profitable.

energy policy has caused this mess. The artificial stand-off, between relatively inexplicable fossil-fuel power, on the one hand, and so-called clean nuclear powered energy, on the other, has meant that scant attention has been paid to 'alternative' energy schemes. These can be just as profitable—which is not in question—but the tremendous power that the different fuel lobbies wield means that it will be some time yet before the 'alternative' schemes are given a proper airing.

The Coal fuel lobby is anxious to retain the Electricity Industry as its custodian—hence the recent offer of knock-down prices for the next ten years. Analysts stress the advantage of British Coal plc in two or three years time the market will be looking for more ways to keep costs down, inevitably this will lead to wages being held down artificially, to demands for higher productivity rates, and other cost-cutting measures. Depending on how much the coal industry is broken down, the workers in that industry will be expected to negotiate with a number of employers, each offering different terms and looking to compete against each other in cutting wage rates.

The toll the mining unions will be considerable. By breaking the monopolistic employer's control, the potential to negotiate the terms of employment will increase substantially. The cost of running the mining industry will be shown to be capable of significant reductions. The Coal fuel lobby will be anxious to retain the remit of the Electricity Industry as its custodian.

REDUcing SULPHUR EMISSIONS

The technique involved in considerably reducing sulphur dioxide emissions from coal and oil fired power stations is to install a scrubbing plant in the boiler with a reagent such as lime slurry, 2) the use of sea water, 3) the use of lime stone, and 4) the use of lime stone in a power plant would cost 200 million pounds per plant.

Inside the Central Electricity Generating Board has begun to install process (3), involving limestone, in the Drax experiment in Yorkshire. A further 20 other power stations are earmarked to receive the technology if the Drax experiment proves successful. This is another good news in terms of reducing emissions that result in acid rain, but by adopting process (3) the CEBG will be creating yet another problem which is the huge amounts of waste involved in the disposal of gypsum being produced. However the overall process appears very promising. It is the most expensive of the four processes but it by far the best. Sulphur dioxide can be sold and the profits used to offset costs; also there are no uncontrollable wastes. This process—also known as the Wellman-Lord technique—involved literally recycling the sulphur dioxide and is recommended even by British Coal. To install the necessary technology in a large power plant would cost 200 million pounds per plant.

There are, however, drawbacks to these processes. The first process involves the excessive consumption of lime and results in massive amounts of solid waste. The second process results in the contamination of sea water which will inevitably end up back in the sea. The third results in excessive amounts of gypsum waste being produced. However these two processes appear more promising. It is the most expensive of the four processes but the best by far. Sulphur dioxide can be sold and the profits used to offset costs; also there are no uncontrollable wastes. This process—also known as the Wellman-Lord technique—is involved in literally recycling the sulphur dioxide and is recommended even by British Coal. To install the necessary technology in a large power plant would cost 200 million pounds per plant.

To reduce acid rain the costs involved in the programme will be borne ultimately by the consumer through increased electricity bills (as much as an extra 250 pounds a year). There has been talk in the UK of the establishment of a peculiar tax which we've all paid. This is real, but has no immediate answers on how it is to be funded. The private sector will not only wish to invest in the nuclear industry but has no immediate answers on how it is to be funded. The private sector will only wish to invest in the nuclear industry if it can be shown to be profitable.

That, so far, has not been demonstrated. Now it appears that the Government is to directly intervene to cover the costs of nuclear waste disposal, reprocessing, and the decommissioning of nuclear power stations. These costs will be enormous and will be borne ultimately by the consumer through increased electricity bills (as much as an extra 250 pounds a year) and, more controversially, via a special nuclear tax which we shall be paying. The Government is accused of ignoring these concerns as it ploughs on with its national energy policy, and is accused of even delaying the introduction of nuclear power stations.
The hidden history of the Spanish Civil War

The Communist Party had anticipated for years that whereas, say, in some countries the Trotskists were the majority of workers, and the "vanguard" had to attack them as reformists, in Spain the anarcho-syndicalist unions were more revolutionary than the vanguard, and so had to be attacked as reformist, after the civil war is over, such potential helpers of fascism by extreme action. It was difficult to make this guilt stick except by assassinations, in order to make the full initial force of their attack on the Marxists, the POUM, accusing it of being "trotskyist-fascist". But all trotskists followed the old bureaucracy-in-exile Trotsky's lead disowning the POUM as trotskyist: POUM makes this clear, though they also, all except, from obviously, liked back to the glory of the POUM being denounced by the Stalinists. In the POUM is currently defined as "Left mensheviks" rather than Bolsheviks. The Left Mensheviks in Russia (of whom Trotsky was one until the last minute) were to the left of the Bolsheviks because they were a worker party democratically controlled. Therefore, Bolsheviks who described their political beliefs were a stagi-managed diversion (even when bombs were filling on them).
APPEAL FROM DEATH ROW

Refugee

A TURKISH prisoner, arrested as a member of a banned organisation, made a daring escape to make his way back to Turkey by the Greek authorities who claimed that he had been transferred to a "secret work." The prisoner, who claimed refugee status, was immediately returned to death row.

Hami Shakir Ozsomar, via Black Cross contacts in Greece, has issued an appeal for his release to be heard. We have received details of his misfortune in the following form of a letter.

On August 16 Osulosar escaped from the Bayram-Bashar prison in Turkey, after having served 11 years on death row. On August 28 he swam the Aegean sea over to Greece and surrendered himself, as a refugee of Turkish origin, to the police at Alexandroupoli. He wrote two-page statement explaining that he had been arrested for belonging to the De-Sol (Revoluntionary Left) group and asked for political asylum. After being held in custody for one day he was told he was being transferred to Athens to the Lazarion refugee camp. However, instead, he then found himself being escorted by two guards not to the Greek capital but to the Turkish border. On the bridge he was handed over to Turkish authorities.

Afterwards the Greek Ministry of Public Order issued a statement saying that Ozsomar had merely asked the Greek authorities for work and had he been sent back to Turkey not as a refugee but as an illegal immigrant. In his letter Ozsomar states that this was done in order to cover up the Greek authorities' complicity with the repatriation carried out by the Turkish regime.

Latest news is that Ozsomar, back in Bayram-Bashar prison, imprisoned a second indefinite hunger strike on September 3. In Athens, on September 9, two murders were done at the offices of the New Democracy party, the action claimed by Anarchist solidarity groups in protest at the treatment of Ozsomar, who has asked for international intervention to assist in his release.

LETTERS

Dear comrades of Black Flag,

Congratulations on your 20th Birthday. I wish all of you for years to come co-operation and hope it will continue.

Black Flag is the most important organ in the world and therefore I and the Tamil friends of Black Flag hope that you will survive your financial problems.

AR (Finland)

Dear fellows,

I left the above address three years ago. I've now moved back. Imagine my surprise when I realised Black Flag was still being delivered! What perseverance, what doggedness, what inefficiency.

Have £25.

All the best.

SI (Wiltshire)

Dear Flaggers,

Recent big change in the fight against the Poll Tax here. Militant, has, through devious means, including delegating from non-existent to fixed agendas, refusing affiliations of non-different groups etc., obtained total control of the Anti-Poll Tax Federation. A fierce backlash is now brewing. Last week we had a wrestling on non-aligned parties and it is agreed to attack Militant (who claim to control every federation in Britain) to endorse them, and if this fails to break away from an independent federation.

EM (Edinburgh)

ALL THAT GLITTERS...

Dear Flaggers,

Everyone's getting on the green bandwagon from Prince Charles upwards. I received an invitation from the TSB bank to invest my modest way off from work as a 'healthy environment for growth' since 'what's good for the earth makes good business sense.' They point out that every stop to the supermarket buys a 'green decision' as they call it and there is an increasing demand for environmentally friendly products.

So far so good, though it is a crucial edge to idealism; but who are the companies that are regarded as environmentally friendly? One friend told me that if you owned a car that went 40 miles on a tank of petrol, you were considered good. I was told that nothing about how this affected wages. I only ask. They also mention H.J. Heinitz and the Crossed Green,

The Crossed Green Shop Front. All natural free cosmetics shop chain whose stores reveal more than 10,000 products in its fifty years of trading. Nothing about how this affected wages. I only ask. They also mention H.J. Heinitz and the Crossed Green, so I rang up and asked for a list of the products of the Crossed Green Shop Front as 'in the forefront in everyday conservation products' because my parents lived in their shadow.

For all I know Pitkin bookshops may nowadays be environmentally friendly but throughout the 20s and 30s they hated people. St Helen's (Lancs) was dominated by the Pitkin bookshop. The firm operated a personal ecology system which would make the Economic League look green, at least with envy. (I wonder if they now have a green one?) Sir Harry Pitkins not only sucked people for union activity when he could get away with it. He even had a oneman security force that the elderly Miss Pitkin hunted local parks to see if they could catch anyone eating the only man employee in the town for years they didn't need to blackmail. A line of some MPs polluted the political atmosphere. I would like to put my redundancy money under the bed if TSB can't come up with anything better than this. League Watch should ask unions with sizeable accounts seeking ethical investment to put a few pennies besides what they are doing to the earth: 'Like what are they doing to the inhabitants?'

ESAS

Blast from the Past

The GAL, a State-funded anti-leftist terrorist group, resurfaced recently in Barcelona with a bomb attack on the Catalan nationalist party.

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FB feedback

Dear ASP,

BCM last 1974, have brought out two new pamphlets 'Cuba, The Anarchists and Liberty' by Frank Fernandez (75p), showing the influence of anarchism-syndicalism in the Cuban labour movement, and 'In the Fascinating Climate of the Italian resistance to Fascism, Red Years, Italian Resistance to Fascism in Italy 1920-1945' (1.75p). With the articles on Italian struggle which have appeared in Black Flag it opens a vista unknown to English-speaking readers.

New content, new style, new layout.

Black Flag has had through its 20-year history a strong Australian connection with a quarter of its editorial collective over the years coming from Australia.

1. His family origin was Italian.

2. Mohandas Gandhi took young women to bed, claiming it furthered his character in withstandingsuppression and maintainingchastity, but the Mahatma never seems to have considered if how it affected them.

3. When the British Government signed a Treaty with Collins and Griffiths, off Sinn Fein, it created the Irish Free State as a special kind of dominion: the Irish Civil War was between those who accepted this and those led by De Valera opposing. After military defeat De Valera formed a new party and won the elections, when he abolished the Free State and instituted the Republic as a sovereign state. A myth shared by ex-Torto (and for different reasons) the two parties now claiming to be Sinn Fein, is that this didn't happen or, if it did, wasn't valid; they talk of the Free State as if it ever existed.

4. The leaders were arrested and so it disappeared overnight in Germany. Some of the military experts re-appeared in Spain when they were concomitants of the 'indisciplined' Spanish workers. One expert came to England where he trained a Red Army—which was dispersed on its first march in Epping Forest by a couple of forest rangers on bicycles.

5. Leni Riefenstahl, producer responsible for the film of the Nazi-hosted Olympic Games, went to Poland in the first months of war to glorify Victory—but to her credit protested at what she had to photograph. Hitler said her qualities were 'wonderful.'

6. Right wing elements in the military and security forces, inspired by neo-Establishment fascists and possibly with the collusion of the CJA, curred the Shetland Islands as an 'archipelago-type internment camp for political dissidents following a planned (but abandoned) coup against the 1974 Wilson-led Labour government.

'A Freedom Fighter'

Orlando Bosch, the Cuban CIA-trained anarchist and anti-Communist terrorist, is on the loose again.

Anarchists and anarcho-syndicalists rested away in incomparable stasis so as not to embarrass the organisers, who afterwards complained the exhibitors "didn't seem to like each other". We're promised it will be different this year.

Having spent many years behind bars for various terrorist attacks on Cuban targets, Bosch was recently pardoned for allegedly blowing up a Cuban DC-8 plane in 1976.

Given his past activities and connections, it is amazing that Bosch has benefited from support over the years from many unlikely sources. Very vocal in his defence is El Gastronomico, a bulletin produced by Cuban exiles in Miami who claim to be libertarian also the better-known Libertarians Federation of Argentina (FLA) who recently described Bosch as a 'freedom fighter'.

The Anarchist Book Fair this year is to be held on 7th October (too late for us to advertise, too soon to report). Last year it was, unusual, packed with pacifists, greens, quakers, hippies, archaeologists new-Maratians, situationsists, Christians, liberals, one-case animal and gay liberbers, with a few...