**MYTHS AND LEGENDS**

**Evita**

ORGANISE CONTINUES ITS series Myth and Legends with a look at Eva Peron. Turned into a Latin American saint, worshipped by thousands of Argentinians, the subject of an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical and more recently a film starring Madonna, "Evita" has been the subject of much attention over the years. Part of this cult is due to her working class background, her ability to become a "working girl makes good" which appealed to a Terry Like Lloyd Webber tuning into the Thatcherite yuppy boom where some people from a working class upbringing were able to make large sums of money. Also superficially appealing are her apparent championing of the poor and her welfare reforms which appealed to a Labourite like Alan Parker, director of the film and supporter of old Labour.

**Hitler**

Eva Duarte was born in a village 150 miles to the west of Buenos Aires. The facts of her early life are obscure, not least because of her efforts in later life to make out that she was younger and had come from a poorer background than was true. When her father died at seven, the financial position of her family took a plunge. By 1934, however, Eva's mother had increased her wealth by her running of a boarding-house. Eva Duarte moved to Buenos Aires, where she became an actress. She was a successful radio performer in 1943 when the Army overthrew the Castillo government. Realising that the Army were the important people to know now, Eva Duarte became the lover of Colonel Imbert, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs. But her aims were higher. She deliberately sought out Colonel Juan Peron, seen as the strong man among the colonels. Peron, an ardent admirer of Hitler, had been a driving force in the Group of United Officers that had engineered the coup. Peron realised the regime could not survive for long without the help of other sectors of Argentinian society outside the military. He looked for the active support of the working class. He was put in charge of the ministry of Labour as a first step in this manoeuvre. Peron first met Eva Duarte at a concert given for survivors of an earthquake in January 1944. The charity work she did there was to become a large part of her future career. The publicity given from the charity work put her in the spotlight, helping her in her showbusiness career. Peron was also using the earthquake tragedy to put himself forward as a champion of the poor, indeed Eva Duarte sang his praises on the radio before she had met him. At the concert Eva jettisoned Imbert, and became Peron's lover.

**Corporatism**

As a result Eva Duarte began to get leading roles in radio plays, as well as starting to appear in movies. Now Peron became Minister of War, an important position. At the same time he had been building up his control of the trade unions. The union leaders were coming together in an alliance to force a reformist project on Argentinean society. This coincided with Peron's populist plans, based on the tactics of Mussolini, to bind the unions to him. He encouraged a rank and file leader, Cipriano Reyes, to set up a meat-packer's union in opposition to the one controlled by the Communists. In return for a no-strike pledge Peron engineered a small wage rise, and better conditions. This tactic of corporatism, fully integrating the unions into the State apparatus and thus controlling the working class, was met with hostility by sections of the ruling class, the aristocracy, the landowners and big ranchers, who were wedded to the old ideas of outright repression. Peron did this too with the metalworkers, where a union led by a Trotskyist, was set up in opposition to the Communist! Where he could not control, outright repression was used, as with the building workers. Those who objected to Peron's politics were imprisoned and tortured.

**Eva**

Eva became a key player in this strategy. By now Peron had become Vice-President. He increasingly used nationalist rhetoric against British foreign investment and interests in Argentina (British companies owned most of the infrastructure). Argentina was virtually a British colony. The landowners and industrialists forced Peron to resign in 1945, after a wave of protests and strikes to defend the reforms put through by Peron. When Peron was arrested, Eva threw herself into frenetic activity to build up support among the unions. It is rumoured that the large amounts of cash used during this campaign was from that she had embezzled from the earthquake fund. In alliance with Cipriano Reyes, she visited many factories, docks and union HQs, singing the praises of Peron as the workers' friend. This catalminated in a mass demonstration on October 17th, when 50,000 workers demonstrated in the capital.

**Popularist**

It was Eva who had shown remarkable resolve when Peron was wavering and preparing to go into exile. It was she who was a chief architect in mobilising the masses in a populist show of support for Peron. The following year Peron swept to power in a landslide election victory. In the next 3 years Eva, now officially married to Peron, would show how valuable she was to Peronism in enchanting the masses, tying them enthusiastically to the regime and thwarting any independent organisation of the working class. She began to deliver dramatic addresses to mass meetings and over the radio waves, bringing up her working class credentials, calling on the working class to back her and Peron. In the meantime she continued to do what she had been doing before Peron became President. She moved her relatives into positions of power. Her brother became Peron's private secretary. Husbands and lovers of her sister and mother were given influential positions. This nepotism benefited her family - it also allowed her access to provincial government, the Senate, the judiciary, communications, and her husband's daily schedule. At the same time she spent a fortune on jewellery, hats and clothes and an extravagant lifestyle- a long way from the lives of the people she made her impassioned speeches to.

Then there was the Eva Peron Foundation. She had set this up when she had been refused the Presidency of a national establishment charity sponsored by upper class women, shortly after Peron became President. From a show of egotism, the Foundation developed into a kind of welfare state, which built hospitals, schools, orphanages and old peoples' homes, distributing food, medicine and money. That each act of the Foundation was used as a...

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The Anarchist Communist Federation is an organisation of revolutionary class struggle anarchists. It is open to anyone, of all hierarchies, and for the creation of a world without state, society: anarchist communism.

Capitalism is based on the exploitation of the working class by the ruling class. But inequality and exploitation are also expressed in terms of race, gender, sexuality, health, ability and age, and in these ways one section of the working class oppresses another. This divides us, causing a lack of class unity in struggle that benefits the ruling class.

Oppressed groups are strengthened by autonomous struggles, which can lead to wider classlessness: anarchist work for the creation of a world.

The working class has no leader. We aim for the abolition of all hierarchy, and the destruction of the environment. Working within the state, we will strengthen our own organisations, which will need to create their own revolutionary organisations. These autonomous organisations will be outside the control of the state and, through negotiation, will learn many important lessons of self-activity.

As anarchists we organise in all areas of life to try and advance the revolutionary process. We believe a strong anarchist organisation is necessary to help us to this end. Unlike other so-called socialists or communists we do not want power or control for our organisation.

We recognise that the revolution can only be carried out directly by the working class struggle. However, the revolution must be preceded by organisations able to organise the working class and their movement.

We participate in struggle as anarchist communists, and organise on a federative basis. We reject sectarianism and work collectively, arguing for workers to control struggles themselves.

Since 1980, a considerable amount of troubled water has gone under the bridge in the struggle of socialists, anarchists, and other Lefts. This is possible because of, in part, the Agreement. 'The peace process' (as it is called as 'The Agreement') is marked by the absence of any clear strategy or vision for the future of the peace process.

The 'Yes' vote was emphatic, over 71% in an 80.9% turn-out. The strength of the 'Yes' vote has been weakened by a feeling that the 'No' campaign was too weak. These autonomous organisations will be outside the control of the political parties, and within them we will learn many important lessons.

The interests of leaders and representatives will always be different to the working people. The working class must be the majority of people, Capitalism thrives on the struggle against their oppression both within society and within the working class, women and black people may at times need to organise independently. However, this should be as working class women and black people as much as possible for a united revolutionary movement.

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While Chancellor Gordon Brown is busy telling us that rises in workers' pay will only drive up inflation, the London-based Institute of Management report adverts that company directors pay has leapt by more than 10% in past year—that's three times the rate of inflation.

Levels of radioactivity in Irish Sea shellfish near the Sellafield discharge point are forty times higher than accepted European standards for food contamination after a nuclear accident.

Following on from the fall of Suharto in Indonesia, thousands of Zimbabwean students out to denounce the eighteen year rule of President Robert Mugabe by chanting, 'Suharto, Mugabe, Indonesia, Zimbabwe!'

After the low Pay Commission recommended a minimum wage of £3.20 per hour for under 21s and £3.60 for older workers in this country, it earns a mere £26,000 a year.

More on Sellafield—a house in nearby Seascale had to be 'decontaminated' after it was covered in droppings from radioactive pigeons. According to Nuclear physicist Dr Gerald Kirchner of the University of Bremen, the birds were heavily contaminated with plutonium and a variety of other radioactive substances.

In May, after a 3,000 strong rally in Prague Square. OK, so we know we keep on telling you it's Labour/Tory, same old story, Tweddle Din and Tweddle Dee parties which only serve to represent the left and right factions of the boss class as they screw the working class. But, down in Hacksney, these factions are now well and truly united in an

unofficial coalition against the " neo-leftist " Lib Dem wins and there was no vote at all.

One "independent" councillor forced to resign from the Labour Party now sits with the Tories in order to vote with Labour. Confused? We're not!

On June 26th teenage prisoners rioted at a show piece Group 4 "children's prison" in Rochester, Kent. They caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the quantities named Medway secure Training centre. Screws were also injured during the inmates rebellion.

Friends and Neighbours

If you like what you read in Organise! you might be interested in these publications:

- Counter Information
- Quarterly newsheet produced by independent collective
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- Subversion. Quarterly magazine of group of same name, with politics close to ours. Free copy from Dept 10, 1 Newton St, Manchester M1 1HW.

Collective Action Notes. Bulletin produced by CAN, information on struggles worldwide. Contact PO Box 22982 Baltimore, MD 212 USA.

THE ANARCHIST MARCHING SEASON...

Recent weeks have seen a large number of demonstrations called by a variety of groups on a number of issues. Here we report back on these events.

Picket of the Irish Embassy, London 23rd April

A request for solidarity demonstrations was sent out over the Internet by the Irish anarchist group, Workday Solidarity Movement and Organise-IWA. Marches were being organised in Ireland to protest against the racist treatment of refugees arriving in Ireland and anarchists were asked to picket outside Irish embassies all over the world to coincide with this. Organising a picket simply involved one person contacting all the anarchist groups and Irish newspapers in London and someone writing a leaflet so we'd have something to hand out on the day. About 15 people turned out for the event and we even managed to leaflet another march going to the Turkish embassy around the corner. In Ireland, 1200 people marched in Dublin and 600 in Cork. There were also other solidarity actions in Belfast and at four other embassies around the world.

Reclaim The Streets, Birmingham 16th May

This was organised to coincide with the G8 meeting of the leaders of the world's richest countries which was held in Birmingham in this time. Similar events happened in as many as 37 other cities! Thousands of people turned out. One of the biggest roundabouts in central Birmingham. Traffic was brought to a halt and we danced away in the sunshine. The cops managed to capture a tripod though, so perhaps we need to look into defending our actions better— the tactical moving of a sound system certainly helped get people out.

Reclaim The Streets, North London 23rd May

This event started with a crash despite police attempts to contain it by closing down the nearest tube stations. This only backfired as people marched all the way from Kings Cross to Seven Sisters to join in the fun, stopping even more traffic along the way. This caused one hysterical radio reporter to warn motorists "The Reclaim The Streets movement has taken over the whole of north-east London." The police decided to adopt a fairly low-key attitude, as opposed to the massed ranks in riot gear we were treated to in Birmingham. They did manage to capture a tripod though, so perhaps we need to look into defending actions better— the tactical moving of a sound system certainly helped get people where they were needed.

Reclaim The Streets, South London 6th June

The South London event started with less trouble than the North with stage crashes at each end of Brixton High Street. The cops tried to grab the legs of people climbing lamp posts to put banners up and cover the CCTV's but with the crowd surging forward they soon saw the error of their ways. After that we could settle down to partying away on a beautiful day free from traffic jams.

There were a few minor scuffles at the end, particularly as the sound systems left and the cops quickly backed off. They did have their teams of photographers present throughout the day as well, so next time we'll have to remember to come prepared with counter measures.

Next stop Cardiff! ACC comrades from South Wales, London and Leeds attended a demonstration in
Cardiff on Saturday 13th June to demonstrate against the European Summit being held there. There were less demonstrators than on the Social Justice march earlier in the month. Comrades handed out 1,000 leaflets produced by South Wales ACf and marched behind the Federation Comunista Anarchaidd (Welsh ACf) banner along with 3 huge ACf flags and with other libertarians. Again the revolutionary message of the leaflet didn’t seem to go down too well with the Stalinists and Trotskyists on the demo. A total news blackout followed, just in case you were wondering.

**Revolutionary Prisoners Day Picket of the Italian Tourist Office, London**

On Friday June 19th the ACf were amongst the initiators of an informational picket of the Italian Tourist Office in Central London. We were drawing attention to the repression of the Italian anarchist movement has been experiencing for the past two years. Aligned anarchists and anti-authoritarians left 10 ACf members were present during the weekend as both attendees and organisers. Participants were divided into groups of 15-20. After each day of themed discussion, each group wrote a summary for feedback to the other groups. On the last day, groups discussed practical issues arising from the weekend before coming together for a closing session, which then split up again into ‘focus groups’ which enabled people to look at how things might go forward practically.

**Class struggle**

So how did it go? The overall impression is one of great success, especially as so many people were brought together, which is a significant thing in itself as it confirms we are not alone in our struggle. There was remarkably little sectarianism. On the first day an opening speech had expressed the need to respect differing views, and this did go some way to make people feel comfortable with each other in groups where people didn’t know each other. Unfortunately it was clear after the first day that this had gone a bit far however groups found too much agreement and that discussions hadn’t really gone deep enough to find differences in opinion. In fact, we discussed ACf’s role the next day by deliberately focusing on more controversial issues. Most participants had a class struggle position, which was surprising, including large numbers with an environmental bias, like Earth First. Most were critical of existing or past experiments, and although the majority who registered said they were in an organisation of some kind, these were mainly activist or campaign groups. Most interestingly from the ACf’s point of view, few expressed the need for specific ‘ideological’ organisations.

**West/Third World**

Though it is not possible to summarise all of the debates here, some interesting issues raised were the nature of globalisation and whether ecological problems are due to over-consumption or over-production. The consumption argument blames the arrogant ‘West’ and is thus quite die in the capitalist’s camp, while the production argument puts the blame on the capitalists or state bureaucrats, but lets individuals, who benefit from exploitation of the Third World, off the hook. Traditionally the former has been favoured by some environmentalists and the latter by the political left (the Revolutionary Communist Group being a notable exception, with their view that a ‘labour aristocracy’ in the West precludes meaningful solidarity with workers in the Third World)., but it appears that more environmentalists are now coming over to a global anti-capitalist position.

**Vampires Down Your Way**

For generations the Provident Financial company has been providing Britain’s poorest with loans to buy vital items such as furniture. The Provident however, far from being a benevolent body is actually a vampire, extracting a huge rate of interest from those in society least able to pay it, the low-paid and unemployed. The Provident redistributes wealth from the very poorest to the very rich. Typically banks charge interest at around 16%. The Provident, in contrast, makes a massive 164% on loans. This business is paying so well that its share price has rocketed by two thirds in the space of a year. And profits have grown by 15% to £130.5 million. It’s lending made an enormous £127 million profits on loans to the desperate, of £733 million.

So, those with absolutely nothing to spare are paying back their loans plus interest to the rich and the super rich. The Provident of course, does not go out of its way to spell out exactly what rate of interest is being charged. And, given this deception, the company and its shareholders get richer and richer.

The latest news is that £93 million is to be given to shareholders, the reason being the company is awash with cash and doesn’t need it to expand the business.

**Hillsborough - The Truth**

Few people, particularly Merseysiders, will have forgotten the events of April 15th 1989, when 96 football fans died at Hillsborough. The survivors and the relatives of the dead certainly haven’t forgotten, however much the state wishes they would. Rather, after nine years of struggling to find the truth about the events of that day, after nine years of facing all the obstacles put before them and after nine years of having to deal with police lying and manipulation, they continue to seek justice. They have no doubt where the responsibility for the Hillsborough event lies - with the South Yorkshire Police.

The Survivors, Relatives and Supporters for Justice Campaign are taking the struggle to the streets but they need your support. They expect no help from the state. As they say "The establishment have absolutely nothing to spare are paying back their loans plus interest to the company and its shareholders get richer and richer." As they say "The establishment have absolutely nothing to spare are paying back their loans plus interest to the company and its shareholders get richer and richer.

**Stormy Petrel Pamphlets**

Towards a Fresh Revolution by The Friends of Durrut, writings from the much misunderstood group who attempted to defend and extend the Spanish Revolution of 1936. 75p postable.

Malatesta's Anarchist and Violence, an important document in the history of anarchist theory refutes the common misconception of anarchism as mindless destruction while reprinting the need for revolution to create a free and equal society. 50p postable.

London ACf are proud to announce the appearance of a new pamphlet in the Stormy Petrel series: A Brief Flowering of Freedom: The Hungarian Revolution 1956. An exciting account of one of the first post-war uprisings against the Stalinist monolith. Also includes a history of the Hungarian anarchist movement. 60p postable.

All Stormy Petrel pamphlets are available from ACf (London), c/o 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX.

Coming next: The Italian Factory Councils 1920-21.

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**Bradford Mayday 98**

In previous issues of Organise! we have reported on the aftermath of the dismantling of the War on drugs, and our report on the exciting Mayday ’98 "Struggles for social change - New Ideas, new approaches" conference which took place in Bradford on 2-4 May alongside the 1 in 12 Club’s second Runclay Mayday weekend. In the run up to the Mayday weekend, regular meetings had taken place to organise the event which were attended by a mix of individuals from anarchist organisations (ACf and Solidarity Federation), some anarchists around Anti-Fascist Action, but mostly non-aligned anarchists and libertarians including ex-CWF. Out of these meetings emerged the conference content and structure, which comprised group discussion of four broad themes: "Land, Ecology and the Environment", "All Worked Up", "Dream Time" and "Away from the Margins".

**British revolutionary organisations**

The intention of the conference was to bring together anarchists in Britain together without political baggage, so as to foster a cross-fertilisation of ideas from people from different backgrounds who had little contact with each other. In the end, around 250 people registered to attend over the 3 days of the conference on Monday. A handful of these came from the authoritarian left like International Communist Organisation and the Green Party, right through to right-wing "libertarians" but mostly anarchists and the anti-authoritarian left. 10 ACf members were present during the weekend as both attendees and organisers. Participants were divided into groups of 15-20. After each day of themed discussion, each group wrote a summary for feedback to the other groups. On the last day, groups discussed practical issues arising from the weekend before coming together for a closing session, which then split up again into ‘focus groups’ which enabled people to look at how things might go forward practically.

The future

In "Dream Time" the nature of revolution was also discussed. There was some disagreement over the personal and political - who personal - being seen by some as a lifestyle and not changing anything fundamental, 'too political' being seen by others as not doing enough to experiment with alternative ways of living which may be (or become) a threat to capitalist ideology. The culture of 'resistance' we are faced with today can live right now, rather than in applied future, is that the "West" is and is quite die in the capitalist's camp, while the production argument puts the blame on the capitalists or state bureaucrats, but lets individuals, who benefit from exploitation of the Third World, off the hook. Traditionally the former has been favoured by some environmentalists and the latter by the political left (the Revolutionary Communist Group being a notable exception, with their view that a "labour aristocracy" in the West precludes meaningful solidarity with workers in the Third World), but it appears that more environmentalists are now coming over to a global anti-capitalist position.

The movement

"Away from the Margins" mostly looked at how the ACf was "marginalising" itself from the mainstream. Depending on your viewpoint, this is either a good or a bad thing. Many people want to be seen as different but at the same time want revolutionary politics
to be attractive to 'ordinary people' and minorities. Unfortunately it is your politics that can lead to victimisation especially in work, which is why many people keep their heads down and won't get involved in the first place, whereas the unemployed activist apparently has too lose. This is still an unresolved problem, but may come together as the nature of work and role of unions and marginalisation of groups outside of it. This inward-looking approach is recognised by some as part of the problem why the movement is so small - not exactly a new idea, but still one that needs to be addressed, especially as we want more than just a re-alignment of existing groups, and want the revolutionary movement to expand and be more inclusive.

The biggest eye-opener came from the environmental groups which the Class War "Letter" previously labelled as 'primitivist', but that this wasn't really recognised by the 'official' groups. On the other hand, the conference was deliberately not promoted as an 'anarchist' event, but it was noticeable that many participants wrongly made the assumption that most people who would identify themselves as such. Some felt disappointed that more Solicited members hadn't been invited to the conference, though many of them were at Bradford involved in other Reclaim Mayday events. This led to an unhelpful boycott rumour, which whilst unfounded, should at least make them think they should have engaged better. This was a very important event for the area, which should have been taken seriously by all the existing organisations.

Next year
A repeat event is planned for next year. In the meantime increased dialogue between individuals and groups with environmental concerns and the mainstream has happened; and non-aligned individuals seems likely, probably at a local level. Nationally, this is already happening at events like the Birmingham 08 and Cardiff Euro-summit actions. This is a positive step, and could result in a growth of revolutionary ideas in what are seen by many as 'protest' campaigns. However, this still does not address the continued problem of clash of workplace intervention by anarchists, especially now the Liverpool Docks and Magnet disputes have settled. It is probably true to say that nothing new came out of the conference in this respect, which may have something to do with the understandable reluctance to discuss competing workplace strategies in any depth at the conference. Over the last year, concentration on community struggles has been one of our strengths as it is clear that the rest of the left is unable to go beyond trade-unionism and corporatism. But, it is also the case that the New Deal won't attack wages and conditions as unemployed people are forced into compulsory work, and that consideration of Europe will have a huge impact on all workplaces. In spite of great efforts in Groundwelldown and other groups opposing the New Deal, we are still not encouraging the mass of the unemployed to get involved in political activity, let alone workers who will be also affected by it. It will be interesting to see whether this situation has changed in a years time.

More details...
More information about Mayday will be available soon in the form of a pamphlet which should include details of the themed discussions which we don't have space to go into here, and the third issue of Smash Hits magazine intends to carry the debate forwards. For more info write to: London Mayday Group, Box BM 5538, London, WCIN 3XX. Copies of Smash Hits "A Discussion Bulletin for Revolutionary Ideas" are available from the same address, send £1.

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"Wanted - Shitjob paid with crumbs"

The unemployed movement has not vanished, as predicted by some. The relative strength of the demonstrations of March 7th attest to this. The CUT, the union confederation controlled by the Communist Party, has two preoccupations, within the unemployed movement, to make a "fix" with the government, and to sideline those who it regards as junior partners-the unemployed organisations. ACI or acquiescence - the independent union confederation SUD. One campaign set up by unemployed organisations involves targeting the most wealthy, responsible for huge tax evasions, tying it in with the theme of redistribution of wealth. The head office of the Pinault group was occupied and other occupations are planned. In Montpellier, several apartments were requisitioned and 4 families moved in on 13th March. In Clermont Ferrand, on 21st April, a bus was occupied with unemployed activists refusing to pay the fare and demanding free transport. The same action carried out in the afternoon at the train station was met with physical attacks by the police and arrest. One, with a face swollen from a police truncheon, was charged with public order offences. At Grenoble the unemployed set up a camp in the main square in front of the prefecture on May 1st, as well as over the last few months taken part in many other actions. At Gueret in the Creuse department, a piece of land in the middle of towns, long neglected, was turned into a garden by unemployed activists, workplace militants and anarchists on 7th May, and received widespread local backing.

Anarchistefacesa trial for defamation. Radio L June.

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the unemployed struggle in France and Germany-update

of the police. This arrest set off a strong solidarity movement. After a trial which exposed the violence of the police, Christophe was released because of "benefit of doubt". But another trial of an unemployed activist was due 17th June in Montpelier as well as anarchists in Clermont Ferrand on 22nd June.

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News from France

Reims
As well as the above legal attacks Le Monde Libraire, weekly paper of the Federation Anarchiste faces a trial for defamation. Radio Libraire, the FA's radio station broadcasting over the Paris region, also faces a similar trial. On May 27th, Chat Noir, local paper of the Reims group of the Organisation Communiste Liberaire, has been fined over 26,000 francs (About 2,600 pounds) fine for defamation. One member of the OCL after an anti-fascist demo risks 3 months prison, and 30,000 francs fine. Two other OCL members face an "anti-terrorist" trial for harbouring Spanish Basque refugees. In the face of this repression, the French libertarian organisations are standing united. In this respect, the anarchist movement has grown so massively that it is now facing repression.

antifascist mobilisations
At Nantes a demonstration against the Front National leader Le Pen gathered 6,000 of which 2,000 marched with the anarchists at the head of the march. On 28th March, Bruno Megret, the rising star of the racist Front National, was ambushed by 4,000 demonstrators while addressing a crowd of 250 in Montaut against him. A quarter of the demonstration was made up of anarchists, in a sea of black flags and red and black flags, with a united contingent of the Working Committee and the CNT (anarchosyndicalist union). This is phenomenal for St Etienne. More and more people are open to anarchist ideas and are prepared to march with the anarchists.

Voroon
Following an attack by a fascist commando, masked and armed with clubs, smoke bombs and tear gas on a meeting of Ras l'Front, an anti-fascist group at Voroon in the herse department, on 5th June, a large demonstration took place there on 8th June. The large anarchist/libertarian presence was remarked upon and comradely exchanges from Lyon, Grenoble and St Etienne mobilised. Many people marched with the anarchosyndicalist contingent taking up the slogans of antifascism and anti-capitalism.

Two actions against the expulsion of immigrants took place at Lyon rail station on 21st April and 5 May. These involved militants in the SUD Rail union, as well as those of the CNT and SUD post, education, energy and air transport unions, the anarcho-syndicalist CNT union, and unemployed groups. The first time the police attacked the activists who were trying to stop a train leaving for Marlesello where the deportees would be sent to Algeria. The second time, after the train had left the station after 3/4 hour delay, it was stopped by a hundred militants. Railworkers headed the
call not to be the servants of the Minister of the Interior in sending many of the deportees to death by firing squad. The train reached its destination both Nimes, the actions showed the growing unity of action, and the possibility of influencing railworkers. It is important that little be built between workers on the rail, on the highways and at sea, so that united action can prevent deportation by any of these means of transport.

Germany

In Germany the associations and unions of the unemployed took the decision to demonstrate every month against the systematic deportation without employment from February. In February 400000 demonstrated, with the same numbers the following month. The demands are close to those of the French movement, with emphasis on a minimum wage for all. The mobilisations are initiated by the European Market Networks, in which the unemployed organisations are active, under the banner of the Democratic Party, SPD. The DGB is the sole union in most workplaces, and is the faithful servant of the SPD, co-managing the system with the bosses. So 95% of the workforce is under the sway of the social democratic. It is an obligation to join a union if you want to stay in a job for a long time. The union meetings, even in the summer, (the summer is an ideal time to break through the union officials and elected delegates, with a very rare participation of the workers), the French delegations of unemployed associations noticed the warm welcome from the unemployed activists. There were倒s of hostility from the union bureaucrats at meetings. Demonstrations usually only marched 500 metres, and the bureaucrats sabotaged any sections on demonstrations with slogans too radical for them, like the redistribution of wealth, often put forward by the neo-liberal Rudi Dutschke, and the demonstrations in September. If the forthcoming elections result in a victory for the SPD, they will attempt to shut down all actions against unemployment.

Anarchists

Also in Germany: 6000 fascists marched in the Eastern German town of Leipzig on May 4th. The official May Day demo of the DGB attracted only 3000. Its leaders refused to act against the fascist march HUT 6000 people organised mainly by the anarchists and attracting many young people tried to break through the 6000 police protecting the fascists. Some of the young people from the DGB demo also joined in. This points to large numbers of young people hostile to the movement, who could be rallied to the anarchist cause.

However, except at Nantes, where students were admitted to meetings of the strike committee, there was no co-organisation between students and workers was difficult. The union bureaucrats, many in the Communist Party, exploited the differences between the "activists" of the students and the "realism" of the workers. Many workers perceived students as spoiled children of the bourgeoisie who could reject what they were in the context of a movement of factory occupations three times that of in June 1936 which had very much greater gains in terms of holiday allowances and other concessions.

The Anarchists in the May Events

May 68: Demonstrations in the street with tens and hundreds of thousands of participants, millions of workers

The militants were present in all the struggles but their number was very small and they had different ways of operating.

The Federation Anarchistes de May 68 members were in the Provo movement in Paris, but limited itself to holding meetings and tableaux at the point of no return on the barricades of 10-11 May, it held its annual gala (benefit concert) at the Mutualite, inspired by participation, but despite the insistence of its activist tendency, inspired by participation, the Organisation Revolutionaire Anarchiste, to cancel.

Nanterre

In fact, the majority of the FA made only sporadic appearances on different street fronts, whilst the ORA was in the street with other libertarian communists, those of the Jeunesse Communiste, ex-members of the old Federal Communiste Liberte, militants of the Union des Groupes Anarchistes Communistes, and the 22nd March Movement, a unitary body at Nanterre University which had absorbed various pre-existing libertarian groups like the ROA.

Anarchists were present in the occupations of the universities, not only at Nanterre and the Sorbonne, also at, Renes, Nantes, Toulouse, Marseille, Tours, Poitiers, and Angers. Not to call for the reaffirmation of degrading education, or to call for the coming of a revolutionary movement and workers struggles in a revolutionary perspective. The JAC, notably, quoted a friend of ours that "we have illusions and played a major role in the creation of the CALS (High School Anti Autocratic Committees) in the workplaces, in the strike movements, the efforts of the normally libertarian communists or anarchosyndicalists who had an important role. This was the situation at Nanterre, Saint-Nazaire, Lorient and Brest, but also at Tours where railworkers and metalworkers of Schmidt and SKI and textile workers of lndres were in the forefront.

EST DANS L'AIR

May 1968: Demonstrations in the street with tens and hundreds of thousands of participants, millions of workers
**Mental Health and Social Control**

It is a fairly common belief that mental disorders are a medical problem, a disease like any other. This, however, is not necessarily the case and is often completely false. The history of psychiatric care is plagued with falsifications and the effect of politics. We need only think back to the efforts to save money that led to the last government's 'care in the community' policy to see that this is the case. Until the last century the concept of the mentally ill' was not left in the hands of doctors at all. The majority of asylums were run by charities and the church. Doctors fought desperately for what they considered their profession. The most obvious concern posed by psychiatry, other than the nature of the treatments were akin to torture, yet the latter remains in use today. Indeedit can be not treatment at all, but social control.

**Schizophrenia**

A couple of ways in which this manifests itself are apparent in 'DEM-IV', psychiatric's diagnostic manual. The criteria by which schizophrenia is judged in, is, the patient does not act in a socially acceptable manner, they are socially misfits, and 2. They suffer from socially unacceptable delusions.

Notably, this does not include religions, which are, of course socially acceptable delusions. This caused problems for the World Health Organisation survey of schizophrenia because what is and what is not socially acceptable varies from culture to culture. Nevertheless, they did find far fewer relapses in Third World countries than in Western countries.

Other explanations, such as that anti-psychotics, actually fosters mental disorders by denying them its brands "mentally ill" a useful part of society. Perhaps the worst example of psychiatry as social control was undoubtedly the organise programme enacted under the Nazi dictatorship in Germany. This writer lost a family member during this period. Suffering merely from temporal lobectomy, she was branded genetically too impure to be part of the community. This elimination of the 'mentally ill' owes much to the work of the Psychiatrist Kallmann, who claimed to have proven that schizophrenia was genetic. His definition of schizophrenia was even more blatantly social control orientated than that used today, he included petty criminality and, Organise! readers take note, political dissidence!

The activities of the Nazi's, however, were an exaggerated version of mainstream psychiatric practice which continues to this day. People who think and act differently from the majority constitute a group found without trial, poisoned with "therapeutic" drugs or practically incarcerated. Neither should we forget all those given lobotomies, throughout the 50's and 60's, some because their husbands thought they talked too much.

**Asylum**

So what is the answer? Obviously some people do need some sort of treatment, some even need it. But what must not be allowed to happen is return to the old asylum system as recently recommended by Frank Dobson. Yes, 'care in the community' has failed, but this is not because the idea is necessarily flawed. As usual the problem is resources and money.

Charles Crosby, a researcher at the University of Wales at Bangor, found that a real care in the community programme would be preferable to care in institutions but that it would cost a lot more.

It seems obvious that all anarchists and libertarians should be fighting to defend the rights of the mentally ill. Too often we must aim to create a society which does not breed social alienation but rather creates a truly human community where difference is celebrated.

**BSE - Mad Capitalists Disease**

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The actual reasons for BSE, and if it can be passed to humans, is poorly understood, even by the so-called experts. It certainly can't answer these questions either, though it seems likely that the risk is very small. But what can we do is look at the disastrous way this crisis has been handled and the incompetence and greed of the politicians, scientists, farmers and media.

**BSE and government**

BSE first came to public attention way back in the days when John Gummer was still Minister of Agriculture. The government adopted the standard 'deny everything' line so we were told BSE posed no risk to humans. Gummer arranged for cameramen to film him force feeding his children beef to prove the point. Not surprisingly very few people were convinced by this and British beef was quickly banned from being sold overseas. A lot of money was then put into feeding BSE and the scientists quickly reached the conclusion that it was the bovine (i.e. cow) form of Scrapie a brain disease which has affected sheep for hundreds of years. How cows came to be suffering from this was explained by the fact that the cows were actually eating feed made from sheep carcasses (and in fact cow carcasses as well). Cheap and high in protein, they are also subjected to imprisonment, they are also suffering from socially unacceptabledelusions. For several years the BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) crisis has been simmering away, boiling over into tabloid fuelled food scare with frightening frequency. The recent piece of legislation when all beef on the bone was banned from sale is only the latest in a long line of panic measures from politicians.

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The first outbreaks of BSE could also be shown to have happened after Thatcherieugenisation had relaxed the controls on how sheep were turned into cow food. This theory fitted the facts well but what has never been made clear is just how little is understood about it.

**Science**

Prion proteins are found in the brains of animals suffering from diseases like Scrapie and BSE and in people suffering from Kuru (the disease found in cannibals who have eaten human brains) and Creutzfeldt Jakobs Disease (CJD). No infectious organism has ever been found to cause these or the theory is that the prion proteins themselves cause the infection. No mechanism for how this happens has been put forward though. So far as today's science can tell all proteins replicate through the use of DNA or RNA templates, even in the smallest of viruses. The prion theory therefore provides no new, yet unknown, way of protein replication. This has not, however, stopped it becoming the accepted explanation for BSE and almost all scientific investigation has been based on this starting point. Alternative explanations, such as that organo-phosphates (chemically closely related to nerve gases) were to blame has been ignored. It may well be that this theory is incorrect but it deserved more examination than it got. The fact that despite farmers claiming for many years to have been suffering severe side effects from using organo-phosphates they have consistently been declared safe might have something to do with this. Another theory that smelly and hot to detect spiroplasmas bacteria are the cause has similarly been ignored.

**Research**

The finding for scientific research is now very widely claimed and 'parity research' when something is investigated so it can be understood better is almost non-existent. To reverse the trend, and this is increasingly the importance of their work, and in the case of food safety research, the dangers of eating contaminated food and thus the need for more research into food safety.

So, back to the prion theory. As prions are little understood there is a lot of mileage that scientists can get out of this and reports started to trickle out that humans may be susceptible to the agent that causes BSE. The media (who know a food scare makes great headlines and boosts sales), and the scientists (always on the look out for more findings) impressively over hyped this. The governments Chief Veterinary Officer and his deputy tried to censor conclusions they didn't like and a law was passed that brains and spinal cords had to be removed from beef carcasses. Quite how this was supposed to protect the public is not made clear. It cows get BSE from prion proteins in feed passing through the digestive system to the brain via the bloodstream then surely the prion will be in the cow's flesh. The latest scare that blood donated by people with new variant CJD (vCJD) might be infected illustrates this point.

Despite pleading from a succession of ministers other countries refused to lift the ban on British beef (leading to criminalised spotty meat), press displaying "cut British beef" car stickers. Strict control were put in place about what could go into animal feed, which is now usually imported from Argentina. The number of cattle infected with BSE has now started to decline though it has remained dangerously persistant. It's now over ten years since BSE was first discovered and after all this time and expenditure the disease is still in cattle and we still understand very little about the possible dangers to humans. But one thing we can be clear on is that in a world not obsessed with profit, this crisis would never have occurred.
Setting up a Prisoners Support Fund

Over the years many prisoners have tried to obtain legal redress through courts without success, because of the shortcomings of solicitors whom we’ve represented us in all avenues of prison law, to set up our own firm of solicitors solely to undertake our legal aid board. We are also looking for criminal records or affiliation to prisoners.

The following are still in prison: Michele Preotolillo, Angela Maria Lo Vecchio, Patrizia Caddede, Antonio Budini, Alfredo Cospito, Carlo tesseri, Alfredo Cospito, Carlo tesseri, Christos Stratigos, Claudio Levasia, Marco Camenisch, Horst Fantazzini and Giorgio Eduardo Rodrigues.

For support and correspondence with the imprisoned anarchists, contact CAAA, Casella Postale 67 (66010) Ari-Chieti, Italy.

Whilst the ACF defend the editors of Green Anarchist imprisoned for merely reporting on direct action, this does not mean that we can extend that defence to the politics of Green Anarchist. The last Green Anarchist had an article applauding the activities of among others, the Unabomber, the Japanese Aum cult and their sin attack on the Tokyo subways. If this is support for the Oklahoma bombings. Now, we know that the Unabomber has been defended in the past by Green Anarchist, and now has the support of others, like John Zerzan in the USA and the Free Thief group in Turkey, but we feel it would be foolish to describe him as an anarchist. Neither can we support the actions of someone whose bombings caused grievous injuries and death to those who did not deserve it as well as the possibility of death and injury to postal and office workers.

Obviously the Unabomber statements with their anti-technological message and their anger against a system that is destroying the planet would meet with sympathy from Green Anarchist. But in the case of the Oklahoma bombers and the Aum cult, no such politics can be used to justify support. The Oklahoma bombings were the work of right wing militias, and when we say right wing, we mean extreme right wing (that is, if the American secret services were not involved as provocateurs or engineered the bombings themselves). If this support is blanket for such bombings, then it could quite easily be widened for support for the bombings carried out by fascists and their secret service manipulators in Italy or anywhere else for that matter.

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The machinations of the leadership of the proletariat... (p.40)

We are paternally told that: "What novelties they introduced to anarchist theory may well have been old Marxist postulates themselves: mere lessons from the class struggle" (p.70) and: "After the fall of the dictatorship of the proletariat had been acknowledged, its next issue to arise was: Who is to exercise that dictatorship of the proletariat? The answer was: the revolutionary Juntas, promptly defined as the vanguard of revolutionaries. And its role: we cannot believe that it can be anything other than the one which Marxists ascribe to the revolutionary party." (p.97)

Now, Guillaume spends considerable time in his book demolishing the myths that the FoD were under the influence of anarcho-syndicalists and Trotskyists, that they were Marxists, that they were insignificant. For this we should be grateful. But to also create a negative equation that the FoD’s formulas equaled a form of Marxism is, to say the least, to cloud the issue. The FoD was not even a term dictatorship of the proletariat because it is an ambiguous term. If it means as the FoD proposed, that the working class established its own organisations to suppress the boss class and lead on to libertarian communism, then all well and good. But if it means the rule of a few, even of an "enlightened few" who were somehow the revolutionary vanguard, then we, the FoD, are right to reject the term. The FoD meant for the whole working class to come to power. This is what they were fighting for. Similarly, whilst we recognise that some elements of the working class may well be in theoretical and indeed practical advance of others, and that anarchist communists should strive for a leadership of ideas—this is the widespread understanding and group of anarchist communists—we find the term revolutionary vanguard just as ambiguous. Read this book with these criticisms in mind. But remember that this book is flawed because of these criticisms. It is a book that Georges Fontenis’ book on the FoD has not been translated from the French—far better book in many ways. If you want a good and far cheaper account of the FoD then read our pamphlet "Towards a Fresh Revolution by the Friends of Durruti," produced by London ACF in the Sturmy Petrel series No.75. This offers two texts from the Friends, and a historical and critical analysis—a winner!

Etel MacDonald- Glasgow Woman Anarchist. By Rhona M. Hogart. Pirate Press/ Kate Sharpley Library. £1.50 available from AK Distribution.

Etel MacDonald was born in Motherwell in 1909, into a large working class family. Politically active from a very early age, she joined the Independent Labour Party at 16. In 1931 she joined the Anti-Parliamentary Communist Federation (see Organiser 42 for account of the A-PCF). When the A-PCF split in 1934, she left with Guy Aldred to form a new group, the Workers Open Forum. This subsequently merged with a bunch of the others to form the United Socialist Movement. In 1936 the USM sent MacDonald to Barcelona with Jenny Patrick, representing the A-PCF. On her return to Barcelona she became the English speaking propagandist for the Anarchist radio station. She was later to write: "Her Scottish voice was a special attraction, and her broadcasts aroused comment as far as I could hear. The FoD broadcasts were also broadcast until May 1937 when the Stalinist attack on the Telephone Exchange in Barcelona controlled by members of the Anarcho-syndicalist union the CNT led to street fighting and subsequent repression of the POUM (independent Marxist party) and the Anarchists. Whilst Jenny Patrick returned to Glasgow on May 24, Ethel remained in Spain until November. On June 16th POUM members and foreign activists were rounded up. She visited comrades in prison, smuggling in food and letters. She helped several foreign anarchists escape from Spain, borrowing clothes for their disguises and contacts on worker’s fronts. She was captured and imprisoned in prison she helped organise a hunger strike among the political prisoners held in the Central prison reported to France. Back in Scotland, she spoke out consistently against the Stalinist attacks on the POUM and Anarchists, working hard for their release in 1960 with Aldred, Patrick, and Caldwell on the USM paper The Word. This pamphlet tells her story and in particular her role during the May Days of Barcelona.

The Friends of Durruti Group 1937-1939. By Agustin Guillammon. AK Press. £7.95 116 pages

[The text continues with historical context and analysis on the Friends of Durruti Group and their contributions to the anarchist movement, focusing on the period from 1937 to 1939.]

Jean-Francois Lyotard

The post-modern French philosopher who died in 1998 was 73 at the time of his death. His work was influenced by the French revolutionary traditions.

Jean-Francois Lyotard (1924-1998) was a French philosopher, sociologist, and cultural theorist. He was a key figure in the development of post-structuralism and postmodernism.

Lyotard was born in 1924 in France and studied at the University of Paris. He was an influential figure in the French intellectual scene, known for his work in the fields of sociology, philosophy, and cultural studies.

Lyotard's work is characterized by a critique of modernism and a rejection of traditional metaphysical assumptions. He is best known for his book "The Postmodern Condition: A Report on Knowledge," which explores the relationship between postmodernism and the crisis of modernity.

Lyotard passed away in 1998, leaving behind a rich legacy of thought that continues to influence contemporary philosophy and cultural studies.

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Jean-Senez

Over the years, the name Andre Senez could be read at the foot of the back page of many French anarchist and libertarian papers as "Director" of the: publication—"a paper cannot by law be published in France unless it has this and some requirement and risks instant confiscation. Many veterans of the French libertarian movement have warm memories of Andre Senez's unfailing convictions and his solidarity. Hardened on the evening of 20th February after reaching its 80th birthday last October. An old worker in the shoe industry in Paris, an expert in his work, he had retired to the Tonnerre region to be close to his family. At the age of 15, he joined the youth section of the Communist Party, which he left very quickly after the signing of the pact between Stalin and Laval, the right wing French premier, in 1935. He became an anarchist and was a militant in the Jeunese Anarchiste Communiste (Anarchist Communist Youth) then in the Union Anarchiste, its parent organisation and then in the post-war Federation Anarchiste. Georges Fontenis writes: "I made his acquaintance at the start of the war and we were at all the rallies together, at all the demonstrations where he impressively handled his walking stick which he could not be separated from because of his handicapped status (as a child he had suffered an attack of poliomyelitis that was not taken care of properly, the lot of many French children from that period). Leaving the Federation Anarchiste in the 50s, he attended meetings of Socialisme ou Barbaire along with Fontenis (On Socialisme ou Barbaire see the obituary of Cornelius Castoriadis in Organiser 48).

With Fontenis and Daniel Querin, he was one of the founders of the Movement Communiste Libertaire (MCL). He remained in this group when it transformed itself into the (first) Organisation Communiste Libertaire, the result of a changing of name by the Organisation Revolutionnaire Anarchiste! He was subsequently active in the Union des Travailleurs Communistes Libertaires and its successor Alternative Libertoire. With the deterioration of his health, he became housebound, nevertheless continuing correspondence with various publications. We are all sad at having lost an old brother—Georges Fontenis."
publicity stunt to show how benevolent Eva Peron was. At the same time many gimmicks were used as grit for the publicity mill. Very poor children were housed and fed for a few days and then flung back into poverty, pogo notes were flung at random into the crowd. At the same time money was raised by the Foundation by a compulsory levy on union members (3 days pay) to build a national library and endorsed contributions from the industrialists. The Foundation gained publicity for Peronism for its good deeds, it bolstered popular support through its "good deeds" - and Eva was able to divert up to $700 million into overseas accounts!

Santa of the Poor

The years 1946-9 saw workers wages go up by a third. But in February 1949 the stock market collapsed and after this Peronism became more openly anti-working class, with austerity measures being introduced. Spending was cut by 20% and real wages fell by 32% between 1949 and 1953. In 1950 Eva Peron attempted to stop a railworkers strike. When the strike action spread the following year, the Peronists declared military rule, sacked 3,000 workers and jailed 300. She began to be associated with the brutal methods of the regime.

Her early death in 1951 meant that the reputation she had built up was not too damaged by the increasing attacks of Peronism on the working class. In death she was transformed into a Virgin Mary style icon, a Saint of the Poor, easily managed in a predominantly Catholic country. In reality she was a corrupt and power-mad manipulator of the masses, helping bring about, in Juan Peron's own words: "a fascism that is careful to avoid all the errors of Mussolini."

Letter

Organise! continues.

We are not sure if the screw-ups in the letter published in Organise! 48 were the result of clack-handed typing, poor proof reading or mischievous fun on the part of the editor. Typing shouldnt have been necessary because the comments were sent on disc. However, in the interests of accuracy we would appreciate a little of your letters space in issue 49 to make a couple of corrections and to add a brief comment on the latest critique of anarcho-syndicalism.

We did not quote L.Komba Ervin as saying that anarcho-syndicalists believe "... that something universal is progressive, and that's the universal kind of form that cannot be revolutionised" as the addition of "not" makes nonsense of Ervin's (admittedly strange) view of anarcho-syndicalism and our criticism. Likewise it was not said that "... it is this horizontal co-ordination that makes the workers' union" but that horizontal co-operation makes the workers union (in the sense that nothing more is required than workers' solidarity and horizontal co-ordination by workers to create a revolutionary union. That's how we see it).

With regard to the latest analysis (issue 48), everything you say that a revolutionary organisation should be doing is currently being done by the Solidarity Federation, as you know from contacts and reading the material. Anarcho-syndicalists do not cease to be involved in the wider struggle once they leave the workplace (assuming they have a job in the first place). You may well prefer it to be otherwise but the fact is that the SF is not a 'one-dimensional' organisation and its members are very much rooted in the myriad struggles of the real world. We could discuss the factory committees in Russia and the failures arising from lack of structured co-ordination in other revolutionary periods for page after page but that's left for another time.

We are confident that you will publish this as written in the interests of our solidarity. R.E. (Somerset Solidarity)

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