

BLACK OF ANARCHISM FLAG

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[Woman's] development, her freedom, her independence, must come from and through herself. First, by asserting herself as a personality, and not as a sex commodity. Second, by refusing the right to anyone over her body; by refusing to bear children, unless she wants them; by refusing to be a servant to God, the State, society, the husband, the family, etc., by making her life simpler, but deeper and richer. That is, by trying to learn the meaning and substance of life in all its complexities, by freeing herself from the fear of public opinion and public condemnation.

Emma Goldman (1869-1940)

1984

(ZNS) An indication that 1984 is just around the corner is the graduation ceremony at the West Point Military Academy last week attended by President Ford.

As each cadet was commissioned as an officer, he was required to swear not only by name but also by social security number as he took the oath of allegiance.

YOU WERE SUPPOSED
TO LEARN THE 37TH
PSALM THIS WEEK...



BOOK, "The Crime of Martin Sostre", by Vincent Copeland, is available for \$1.95 from P.O. Box 124, W. Somerville, Mass., 02144. Also publications from the Defense Committees for Eddie Sanchez and Martin Sostre.



ITALY

Pedrini Belgrado, Carra anarchist freedom fighter in prison since the time of the '40s resistance against the fascists, has been "pardoned" by the Ponce of the Italian Republic. Belgrado had nearly finished his sentence; he has now been sent to serve a five-year hard-labor stint at a workhouse in Casteffranco Emilia. Donations for legal appeals and prison relief (tobacco and so on) can be sent c/o IWW GDC, Toronto local.

Pedrini Belgrado was arrested initially in 1942 by the Mussolini police following an armed clash with the Italian fascists. This was prior to the "official" formation of the partisan movement in 1943, when the Italian King gave his permission to fight Mussolini. Pedrini managed to escape from prison in June 1944, and immediately joined the anarchist partisan group "ELIO" and played a prominent part in the battles of La Spezia, Sarzana, and Carrara. Operating as part of the Allied Special Forces in the Apennine Mountains in February 1945 as a partisan commander, Pedrini saved the lives of four English Army officers and under heavy machine-gun fire escorted them safely through the Nazi lines to the English Headquarters in Florence. Pedrini was also known as one of the "avengers of Vinca", a small Italian village totally destroyed by the SS butcher Reder.

Despite his tireless opposition to Mussolini and the Nazis and his officially recognized bravery during the "legal" struggle, Belgrado was arrested in May 1945 and charged with "crimes" committed prior to 1943, when Italy was still an ally of Nazi Germany and Mussolini the "legal" head of State. Tried by a "democratic" court in 1949, he was sentenced to life imprisonment, which was later commuted to 30 years. He has now served 32 years and faces three more of hard labor in a workhouse. So much for the so-called War against Fascism.

A large campaign is also on to free the young anarchist worker Giovanni Marini, who has been sentenced to 12 years in prison for stabbing to death one of the Mussolini MSI fascist thugs who attacked him and a friend with clubs. The MSI is backed by a number of Italian generals, including the former commander of the NATO southern sector.

CATTLE OR STUDENTS?

(ZNS) An Illinois judge has ruled that it is not cruel for a teacher to use a battery-operated cattle prod on sixth grade students.

The judge, Leonard Hoffman, handed down his ruling last week in the case of Frank Roland, who had been fired by the Board of Education of the Oglesby Elementary School District.

Roland was dismissed after he admitted to using an electric cattle prod to discipline his class. Judge Hoffman ruled that the Board, rather than fire Roland, should have merely instructed him to use another means of punishment on his students.

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