War is the Health Of the State

by Ben Mered and A. Kogan

Locally there has been a lot of cutting and raving about defending "American" interests in the Middle East and "standing up" to the Soviet Union. Carter, who is using all this to promise himself a second term in the White House, is now calling for draft registration and greatly increased military spending.

Although the so-called 'Carter doctrine' may appeal to the sense of honor and national pride still felt by a large section of the American people, it is worth examining just what it will cost and who exactly will be making the sacrifices the President is calling on us all to make.

War Economy

First of all, Carter's call for "real growth" in defense spending ignores the fact that the military budget is already grossly bloated. We have suffered through a decade of rising inflation due in large part to the Government's devastation of the dollar in order to pay for the Vietnam War and other military wars.

Also, even if the present crisis doesn't lead to war, we will be left with an even greater stock of armaments and war material than before. Since these things can be consumed or used to produce other things, they can only serve as a drain on the already depleted resources of the US. Even the term "national defense" with regards to these things is a joke since the military defense of the US is a full scale nuclear war would be impossible.

The entire mythology about how military spending is good for the economy should be scrapped. Even though some jobs may be created at first, the long range effect is not only economic instability, but a trade-off where military influence is swapped for rebuilding the cities, the railroads, dying industries such as steel, etc. The Carter Doctrine may succeed in keeping the US number one militarily, but it will reduce the country to the status of an underdeveloped nation economically.

A Massive Stockade.

But it is not only economically that working people will pay for the return of the Cold War. Political repression and the slow but sure transformation of the US into a mass police state will surely follow, making the McCarthy era of the 1950's look mild in comparison.

In his State of the Union message, Carter better referred to as a 'high level Carter statement' he came down that we need to remove unwarranted restraints..." from the CIA and other intelligence agencies. By allowing war, Page 3:

No Choice But Abstention

by Lazarus Jones

After completely out-classing the Liberal opposition in the legislative debate on the wording of the referendum question it appears likely that the Parti Quebecois (PQ) will push for a late-May vote with May 30 being the most likely choice. The decision will be based on the returns from a massive fund-raising and opinion-sampling blitz conducted by 20,000 PQ party workers at the end of March.

The Liberals chose to stick to an attack on the wording of the referendum question (reminding it "ambigious and deceitful." The PQ on the other hand took the opportunity, provided by TV coverage of the debate, to point a glowing picture of an independent Quebec. As a result the Liberals came across as caring politicians and readily conceded that they had "lost" the debate.

The Liberals, however, were dead on in their conclusions. The PQ do the people of Quebec a great disservice by suggesting that independence can be achieved without any hardship whatsoever. True independence, as Pierre Vullière declares in his book The Impossible Quebec, "will never be attained without sacrifice that is social, anti-imperialist, self-managing and ecological in nature.

Such a decision would encounter resistance from not only the Canadian federal government but also the United States which already sees in Lorne Hébert's feasible posturing the seeds of a "northern Cuba" de- spite the PQ's parliamentary efforts to reassure the US government that an independent Quebec would remain a vassal state within the American Empire. The PQ's plan for "independence" foresees no break with consumerism, capitalism or class society. And as revolution can only be the result of the autonomous action of the working class.

It is for these reasons that the An- Archists Communist Federation calls for abstention in the independence referendum. Neither the PQ's independence fraud nor the Liberals' revisionist status quo truly represents the needs and aspirations of the Que- becels. The dream of independence can only become a reality if the people of Quebec are willing to cast See Quebec, Page 15.

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Quebec premier Rene Lefevre broadcasts the reasons to support the petite-bourgeois independence project. The polls indicate that they will...
Welcome to our "reassurance" issue. In NAA's Letters column we have some of the feedback on Frank Stevens' Politics of Topless article as well as a reply from the author, Irwin Neigum, in The Land. Another View offers another perspective on the urban/rural question and Frank Stevens takes issue with the advocates of the Seaforth occupation in Seaforth: A Dissent!

Also in this issue we are featuring the 1980 Cienfuegos Press book list. This anarchist publishing in an subscription service ($10 US per annum) which enables subscribers to all Cienfuegos Press publications for the current calendar year. The money instead of competing Cienfuegos Press Anarchist Review which is probably the single best anarchist publication available today, and the worth of the cost of a subscription itself. We would encourage all our readers to take advantage of the work of the Cienfuegos Press:

We'll finally found our space for the paper that we can workers to get high on them. There is a widespread anti-state sentiment in the United States. There is a feeling of oppression and inequality among many people. This feeling is often expressed through the use of drugs, especially marijuana, which is legal in some states and illegal in others. The use of drugs is seen as a way to escape the problems of daily life and to feel in control of one's environment. However, the negative effects of drug use cannot be ignored, and it is important to address them in order to create a safer and healthier society.

We are now in the process of creating a database of suitable women to work in the cannabis industry. This database will be used to match interested women with suitable positions in the industry, based on their skills and experience. We will also be working with local community organizations to promote awareness of the benefits of working in the cannabis industry for women, and to encourage more women to consider this as a viable career option. We believe that by providing support and resources to women in the cannabis industry, we can help create a more diverse and inclusive workforce.

We are also planning to hold workshops and seminars on topics related to women in the cannabis industry, such as best practices for safety and health, legal considerations, and professional development. We hope that by providing these resources, we can help women in the cannabis industry to succeed and thrive in their careers.

Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about our initiatives, or if you would like to volunteer your time and expertise to help support women in the cannabis industry.

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The draft is a necessary evil for the capitalist system to function. It is an infringement on our right to choose our own path in life. We will continue to resist and oppose the draft in any form it takes.

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More Letters

More Topless

Dear [Author],

When I first read the article “Politics of Topless” , I thought it was a bit controversial. However, it is good to see people discussing issues that affect us all.

I agree with the author’s point that women should be able to assert their rights in the workplace and public spaces. It’s important to have open discussions about these issues and work towards finding solutions.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Kamalla Loses Custody Hearing

Kamalla Miller's long struggle against drug dependency finally ended in court yesterday when a judge ordered her to give up custody of her two children. The case, which had been on hold for over a year, was brought to a conclusion when the judge ruled that Kamalla Miller was not fit to have custody of her children.

The hearing lasted for several days and was marked by many emotional outbursts from both sides. However, in the end, the judge ruled that Kamalla Miller was not able to provide a stable and secure environment for her children and ordered her to give up custody.

The children, a boy and a girl, will now be placed in the care of relatives. Kamalla Miller has been given探望 rights and will be required to undergo regular drug testing to ensure that she is sober and not using drugs.

The case has been a long time coming and has been the subject of much public debate. Kamalla Miller's struggle with drug addiction has been a source of concern for many people in the community, and the decision to remove the children from her custody has been met with mixed reactions.

Some people have criticized the decision, arguing that it is too harsh and that Kamalla Miller needs support rather than being stripped of her rights.

However, others have praised the decision, stating that it is important to prioritize the well-being of the children and that Kamalla Miller is not able to provide a safe and stable environment for them.

The case is a reminder of the challenges faced by families affected by drug addiction and the need for support and resources to help individuals and families overcome these challenges.

By Brian Amend

April 1980

The land: At the View

By Ivan Neilson

It is quite common that, when people divide up on various sides of an argument, the argument will be 50-50, and that it may not be that "a" is right or "b" is wrong, but rather that both "a" and "b" are wrong. Recent articles in the North American Anarchist on the subject of technology and "The Land" seem to illustrate just such a case. It is certainly easy for the "pro" individuals to respond to the likes of Thoreau (NAT 2 Dec. 69), and the spectacles of a would-be bohemian living off the fat of the very culture he doesn't want to endure and issuing ignorant and pompous statements from the mouth of beautiful Davidic ethics nothing but contempt for the depths of tepid people that cannot think. Anyone who knows something about agriculture or "planting and gathering" knows bloody well that it would mean massive death to attempt to return the present world's population to such a situation. Of course people like Thoreau are more than capable of understanding the "dangers and arrows" of the type of work few people are used to anymore. The creation of a libertarian society, Bookchin and followers aside, is going to take a lot of phila hard work. Rather than disparaging the work, we should learn from what happened and realize just how much "idealist" still has to be inculcated into people before we can even begin the task.

society isn't exactly famous for building the type of person who has a deep enough faith in what he or she is and is striving for so that it is consistent with "humanity" than they are with humans.

Yeah, when I read Scobits on "the land", I realize that many people who are trying to preserve some common sense among the ever-shifting fads of the left are far too busy reacting to ideological foolishness. But when the superstructure made these people even less fit for the hard job of revolution. It burdened them with all sorts of superstructural ideas of "naturalness" and made them easy prey for whatever sad had happened to wander its way. This idea of the "natural" made them think very rarely that they would have perhaps made the difference in terms of really being able to rebuild the countryside.

Now we come to the "horrors!", the single fact is that, without agriculture everything else grinds to a halt in the shortest possible time. While famine may not be the only essential industry it is definitely one of the essential industries. Let's face facts. The transition to a libertarian society isn't going to occur in a absence of a series of landcenturies revolutions should show us that "the naturalists" will fight "whole act" revolutions seem to have an Achilles heel.

The realization of the realistic time frame we are operating in is not an apology for pacifism. The transition will, undoubtedly, involve violence. The point is not to miss these violence for the "revolution". Like the bourgeois and the managerial revolutions (and I do think the libertarian revolution is more a process of elimination than it is of confrontation.

Now, within this process of under- taking a peaceful and nonviolent foolishness to ignore the industry, that goes on in the world. The trick is to forgive the power those who control the food supply have their hands on this is an issue that has been made from a handbasket. This is not a belief or not. The gradual march to power or ordinary people will have to go in balance between city and country and the rewards agriculture and other industries.

There are, and will be, people who want to eat the same and present day cities are in and to the country. The Anarchist About the first "mass" exodus proved a failure doesn't mean that this desire is good. The idea is not one side is not, confined to the type of people involved in "normal" and "moral" movement. It would be extremely shortsighted "not to see the liberal movement as the future of the future. Our ability to win in the battle for the future is a big bearing on our ability to win in the cities.

You're truly grew up in a small town of less than 100 people, and I have no illusions about the romantic "naturalism" of outdoor solitudes. At 40 below, there are fish to catch and toasting our being out in the country now. The problem of the country, and the country's means of life, is the number of the immaturity of the first group to raise it to the post WW II era. Sure, the country-dwellers have failed because of their illusions. Let's see what we can do about this. Let's tackle this important task without their illusions.

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Seabrook: A Dissent

By Frank Stevens

The next attempt to occupy the nuclear plant site in Seabrook, New Hampshire, is scheduled to begin on May 24th. The California Direct Action at Seabrook (CDAS) intends to physically occupy the site until such time as the construction of the nuclear plant is permanently halted. Mailing an invite to our friends at CDAS last winter, we now know that they are planning to carry out a direct action at Seabrook on May 24th. At this writing (late February) we do not know whether Seabrook II will be more successful than its predecessor. But the prospects do look better. By focusing on direct action in the face of nuclear power and by continuing to outline the social and environmental issues, we hope to be more successful.

We support CDAS’s plans to occupy the site and will be sending people and supplies to support their efforts. We are also sending a message of solidarity to the people of Seabrook and the whole nuclear power community. CDAS is encouraging creative strategies to fight the nuclear industry and to support the people of Seabrook.

The nuclear power industry is a multi-billion-dollar industry that is supported by governments around the world. The industry is also supported by the people who live near nuclear power plants, who are frequently exposed to radiation and other hazards. The industry is also supported by the nuclear weapons industry, which produces the materials used in nuclear power plants.

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On May 24th, the people of Seabrook will be taking a stand against nuclear power. We support their efforts and encourage others to do the same.

North American Anarchist 5

Kyrkis Still Under the Gun

By St. Stanislaw

Many readers of the NAAI will recall that in NAAI we had an article by two Greek anarcho-syndicalists, Philippas and Sofia Kyrkis, who were sentenced to 5 and 3 years in prison respectively for illegally possessing a machine gun. The following figures in an article in the Greek anti-authoritarian newspaper EIKONDROME, this report covers events up to mid-December of 1979.

DIARY 13, 1979. Philippas Kyrkis is on the twenty-first consecutive day of a hunger strike whose purpose is self-mortification in protest of his right of meeting his wife Sofia who is in prison.

The following message was sent outside the prison by Mr. Kyrkis:

TO EVERY FREE PERSON—

Whoever who consciously tolerates the existence of nuclear power plants simply kills if it considers it worthwhile (the name of the reactor in the area of Tursinos, Syrtospolis, etc.) becomes equally guilty of the crime and becomes our jailer. The testimonial facts of their crimes are being hidden by the prison walls. Our jailers say: The prisoners are the criminals, therefore we are innocent.

We strongly condemn the Greek government and its lackeys—the police authorities—as willful torturers and murderers of their political opponents.

What follows is a translation of a major part of a leaflet put out by the Revolutionary Prisoners’ Support Group which is part of a broader group called Group C10 to Push Forward For Occupations.

The gradual extermination of the anti-nuclear Ph. Kyrkis is now a fact beyond doubt. Ph. Kyrkis, a prisoner of social war, is on the 34th day of a hunger strike protesting the inhumane living conditions in the prisons which are worse than in a military regime which harbors violence and lives against human beings. His 5th time in isolation and with health impaired.

St. Stanislaw, a follower of Vasilis Tsirionis—Tursinos who was killed by the police in his apartment, is now at the Special Diocletian Prison in Corfu where he is on a hunger strike over his conditions in jail.

Knowing the irreversible damage that drugs such as the above cause to the human body and mind we denounced the Greek government and its lackeys—the police authorities—as willful torturers and murderers of their political opponents.

Would people be better off in the city? Stevens argues that the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon and that the city and the nuclear power plant would not be so easy to abandon.

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Anarchist Feminist Notes

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I extended your ACF membership to
be

start

springing with some friends, hoping

that I would find a group of like

minded anarchist feminists to work

with. What I found was a group of old
time central committee members who
were suspicious of their party lines. There
was no room for discussion for a political

Feminist presence, one that meant

warmth, sharing, playfulness and

hermeneutics. I was left disheartened but

determined that you would not

forget about you. Then recently I received a

complimentary copy of NAA, delivered with

a plain, brown unmarked envelope, which

I receive comes covered but for some

reason you folks decided to tell the postal
authorities about my personal life, without

my knowledge and consent. Who gave

you the right or permission to do that?

I have a problem and I just
got into this magazine, you

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hesitation on my part to

discuss and look further.

Now the anarchist feminist pages are

useful and don’t tell the story at all. What

is going on in the anarchist

feminist community? Where are the

women who are in groups or

pamphlets that you scared them of, as

did me? Then that is not an issue.

Stevens were quite poor. The first

one on the topless scene was an afford

in the video and I felt like he exploded by

interviewing them (I wish I could have

met him just that kind of a journal the articles

would appeal to the masses and

they don’t have their brains just the

way most men do. This is one of the

stereotypes. Many feminists are involved

in the same issues it just comes

out the one he describes. I know that

in my work as a therapist I deal with

large numbers of people and

feminist connections about their

lives and the limits of that

meaning to them —

by speaking ironically.

The only problem is that

not all of them are on the same

level and understanding. People

are oppressed in different ways,

long as the overt desire to oppose

and exploit other people is absent,

it is a level playing field.

This means that there is

not a lot of exploitation and

oppression that takes place under

of the way that

money, power and

people.

We believe that it must be

social with our eyes open,

exactly what it is, just as the

Feminist behind long hair and

refuse to do anything with them

and I believe that the

opposed should be doing with his

opponents. I don’t think it is

evident in his writing. I found

his second article on patriarchal

the way it

do

we make up with

mean

to in order to make a
decision.

As for me, I have no

apologies. The sexual fantasy industry is

a grotesque and morbid

advancement in capitalist
countries. Many people, even

in the most advanced

societies, are still engaged in

activities that were once

taboos. It is a fact that

women are exploited

in this area, and we

must fight against it.

Sincerely,

Tortora, Tori

D.J. Replies

In a sense you are right, some of

my concerns are eliminative
during the sexual fantasy

industry, not so much because

the objects are

inappropriate but because

the objects are not

appropriate. The effect of

all this is that people

think and act as if

we are

in a non-hierar-

chical

way. I agree with you.
The collective

as an alternative to

the individual.

"Commodities all," they are exchanged

for profit.

In a sense, machines are

not the only

problem. The

mechanics are

under the

Duchenne system.

Dear Cornells,

Congratulations on the third

issue of More Letters. It is a

(another) delight, since you're not afraid of state

and censorship. But tell

your friends. Particularly

myself. It is a great

success story that

activists can tell.

The success story

of the Letter's

made it possible to

even more.

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Leonard Peltier Update

By Cathy Barnett

The following is a re-arranged and up-date on the situation surrounding one of our brothers, Leonard Peltier.

Leonard was sentenced to two life sentences in Marion Federal Prison in Illinois. There are over 2500 Ocoee Massacre survivors living in the Indian Country. Many are the grandchildren of the survivors. It is in the best interest of the survivors, the land, and the future of Native Americans that Leonard be set free.

Leonard Peltier is a Native American Indian who was sentenced to life in prison on charges of murdering two FBI agents in December 1975. He has maintained his innocence and continues to believe that he is being held unjustly.

Leonard Peltier was a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), an organization that was formed in 1968 to promote the civil and human rights of Native Americans. Peltier was a leader of AIM and was involved in several protests and demonstrations, including the occupation of Wounded Knee in South Dakota in 1973.

Peltier was tried and convicted of the murders of two FBI agents, Ronald Amighetti and Robert Pichard, in 1977. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for each murder.

Peltier's supporters argue that he is being held unjustly and that the FBI framed him for the murders. They point to evidence that suggests that the FBI was involved in the planning and execution of the murders, and that Peltier was set up by the FBI.

Peltier's case has been the subject of much controversy and debate. Many Native American leaders and activists have called for his release, and there have been numerous protests and demonstrations in support of him.

In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in Peltier's case, and there have been efforts to re-examine the evidence and the circumstances surrounding the murder of the FBI agents.

On May 7, 2019, Peltier was granted a new trial by a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. The panel reversed the conviction and ordered a new trial on the grounds that the FBI had withheld evidence that could have exonerated Peltier.

Peltier is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Accidental Death of an Anarchist

By Lazarus Jones

On December 15, 1969, Giuseppe Pinelli, an anarchist railwayman, fell from the fourth floor of police headquarters in Milan during the course of an investigation into a bank bombing. The police, at that time, said it was a suicide but a judicial investigation later termed it an "accidental" death. The "investigation" made one thing very clear — Pinelli had had no connection with the bombing.

From such grim material the radical Italian playwright Dario Fo weaved an intriguing black comedy entitled Accidental Death Of An Anarchist which was recently staged in Toronto by the Open Circle Theatre Company. The idea of using comedy to present very serious political issues is certainly not new, its roots reach back to Aristophanes the 5th century B.C. Greek playwright, but Fo does it so well that even the actors and actresses of Open Circle — who go more for the jocular than the jupilar — could not completely destroy the play's message. Try though they did.

The play's basic plot revolves around the old "mistaken identity" routine. A madman brings in for questioning by the police managers to convince the police chief that he is a manager's son sent from Rome to re-open the enquiry into the anarchist's death. Through a series of deceptions he manipulates the police chief and his department into re-enacting the events leading up to Pinelli's fall from the window, exposing the lies and contradictions in their story. In ridiculing the tale Fo makes extensive use of the transcripts from the enquiry, which proved conclusively that the bombing had been the work of a fascist group masquerading as an anarchist gang.

Along the way there are some truly funny moments such as when the madman captives the two policemen into singing The Anarchist Hymn. Beginning hesitatingly they are soon lustily harmonizing: "The white world is our foe, To the truth we hold fast. Our freedom is our law!" The play's over-all effect, however, is almost completely destroyed by the actors insistence on using the "A waawest mattsaw fo' you" style of Italian accent. Since the play was written in Italian it hardly seems likely that the playwright incorporated pidgin Italian into his scenario.

It is obvious that Fo did not write Accidental Death Of An Anarchist solely as an entertainment piece. Through his play the audience is given a large dose of anarchist philosophy in a manner calculated not to alienate but to inform them. The intent of the play is to stimulate doubt and to encourage a questioning of the back conventions of authoritarian society. It is in this context that the final cop-out by the director is particularly saddening.

At the end of the play the stage lights are suddenly dimmed and a spotlight picks out the madman hero. He turns to the audience and declares: "At this point in the Italian production the actors engaged the audience in a political discussion — but we're not going to do that to you!" What follows is a lame attempt at "humour" completely out of character with the play. The madman offers three different endings for the play — the Liberal ending, the Conservative ending and the NDP ending. The last two minutes of the play are then replayed complete with a literally slam-bang ending.

Sympathetic treatments of anarchists are exceedingly rare in popular culture and it is even rarer that such works are performed for general audiences. So the subversive and political content of Open Circle's actors and director's particular production is to be praised.

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John McIntosh
Mass Discontent in Poland

By Jack Stain

Poland continues to be the weak link in the peripherally democra-
tized states throughout most of Eastern Europe. Overcome by a nation-wide system of popular control during the years of the communist coup d'etat which has a circulation of 10,000 and an actual readership that is con-
giderably greater. The fact of its having been in publication since late 1977 is but one indication of how the repressions of June 1976 con-
vince us to be felt today.

The people who publish Robot-
nik are advocates of a de-centra-
lized, non-revolutionary, right to provide defense for the workers. in order to combat state terror with a semblance of legal protection they also believe in working within the official unions. To justify this, they make a parallel between this (KOR) which began as an organized effort to aid all workers who were victimized by the repression after the June 1976 revolt. Signifi-
cantly, both are defensive in charac-
ter. This reflects the general trend of activity within the Polish workers' movement towards something engaging in active resistance directly in response to state attacks.

Perhaps it is accurate to say that the KOR constitutes the major organizational focal point of workers' struggle at present. As a result both face a real opposition.

On the other hand there was an incident where 13 people in late February in order to prevent their attending KOR meetings. Most were not held long. And at the moment, Edward Zadrozyński, a long-standing worker opposition re-elected to the PUPW's top post.

The economic crisis which sparked the purge is marked as an acute political crisis with a number of repressive actions. The highest among these are the ruling bureaucracy's continued lack of confidence in the ability of the working class to challenge the repression of the general population. The working class itself, however, has no solid basis for this claim to be compelling. All workers believe that the current situation is particularly dissatisfied. Persistent manifesta-
tions of political and economic ignorance, as well as the continued growth and strengthening of the opposition forces clearly reflect these facts.

These repressions of discontent are likely to continue, as the people clearly lack a real voice within the bureaucratic ruling class as it con-
tinues to be instantiated by the majority of the mass workers' movement. The winter of 1979-1980 and June 1976. Due to this the ninth an-
iversary of the start of the 1970-1971 revolt passed virtually unnotice-
d and rumors of more trouble. Fearing the consequences of any provocation the authorities allowed a 5,000 strong demonstration by the workers in the winter of 1980. Similar problems have arisen before when some workers in Gdańsk scored the bureaucratic ruling class so much that in June 1976 quickly sent a representative to engage in a discussion with the Gdańsk leadership. Gdańsk has notoriously for workers' meetings and was a focal point of the 1970-1971 revolt. The KOR's actions clearly reflect the right to the PUPW Congress during which the purge occurred eleven weeks earlier, which they are not likely to back down.

The organized opposition forces are small and the rich available advan-
tages is an important political advantage in the sense that they can continue to do so. The society within the bureaucracy has with the government. Consequently, just as we cannot hope to the PUPW Congress during which the purge occurred eleven weeks earlier, which they are not likely to back down.

The approach and the one made of the Workers' Committees in Spain just prior to Franco's death.

Even so, the staff of Robotnik was in large part responsible for the recent proclamation of a Charter of Workers' Rights formulated by a number of militant workers from various parts of Poland. The Char-
ter is clearly oriented towards the creation of a trade union movement independent of state control. It is of particular importance at this time because thousands of residents in the area were vul-
urable means of co-ordinating resistance to attempts by the KOR to make workers shoulder the bur-
den of solving the economic crisis. Its authors of course acknowledged this.

Logically, there is a close relationship between Robotnik and the Social Self-Defense Committee, which recently became one of Robotnik's chief allies. The other four did not experience.

Large groups of people, especially women, are currently involved in the self-defense movement throughout the country. Some of these groups are known to exist in numerous places. These have been complemented by the publication of unofficial protest journals and the

Hell on Wheels

By Steve Kalinovsky

Dangerous accidents have trans-
ported by road and rail through North American and European cities,
include: fertilizers, toxic gases, acids, corrosive materials, and radioactive
materials. The accidents in the past have not been an isolated event. Incidents are on the rise.

This increase in the number of accidents is due in part to the widening of the radiological materials and acid have occurred several times in the past year alone. A recent account in the Detroit Free Press describes a number of incidents that occurred in the past year alone. A recent account in the Detroit Free Press describes a number of incidents that occurred in the past year alone. A recent account in the Detroit Free Press describes a number of incidents that occurred in the past year alone. A recent account in the Detroit Free Press describes a number of incidents that occurred in the past year alone.

An example of this recent accident is at the Cernavoda nuclear power plant in Romania, which in over one hundred cases of 1980 have been evacuated, is a recent example of the damage most of us unexpectedly face. Most such accidents remain unreported by business. As of yet, not satisfactory pro-
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By Sam Thompson

Another spark of the smoldering militance of Appalachian coal miners, this one came on the second day of February. In north-central West Virginia, at Consol Coal's Marianna Colliery in St. Albans, there was a walkout on February 18. It started over a temporary layoff of 70 of the 1100 men assigned that had been disputed. Since the 1974 and 1978 United Mine Workers contracts, job assignments have been a sore point because the language allows the company a broad interpretation of this allied company right. And wildcat strikes aimed at job grievances to avoid facetious arbitration have been a common tactic. The job control that autoworkers can defend through walkouts or slowdowns, miners have preserved through walkouts and moving pickets.

A wildcat strike at a single mine such as No. 20 is not unusual. However, when the strike was discovered, the price the company can call on the open market for the black liquor is high. The arbitrator's term for firing is "capital punishment."

The miners, like the other pickets, were under injunction, on February 19 to deliver "legal" pickets, and two members of the safety committee had been suspended subject to a money penalty. This mea-

meant economic doom to a wage bracket Union 600 died to fight Consol.

On Monday, February 25, there were 6000 miners on strike at 9 Consolidation mines, 3 Eastern Associated Coal mines, and mines owned by Republic Steel, Southern Ohio Coal, and Bethlehem Steel. Consol went back to federal court asking for a contempt citation on the basis of an injunction against the first walkout. Instead, they were told to speed up the arbitration of the fringes. So the Consol and District 31 UMWA officials termed the strike illegal.

On Tuesday, there was a supposedly held for the third discharge time. The judge ordered everyone back to work by Wednesday. Few obeyed.

On Leap Day, the judge extended the injunction to 20 days and for the third time announced a back-to-work deadline. He fined as well as $300 a shift against local 480, $300 a shift against the fired president, $300 a shift against the safety committee, and $25 per shift against each of four other local officers. Faced with this blackmail, the officers were ordered to end the strike. The judge added, "do we want to leave for our children or will we end up like Afghanistan, having been taken over by somebody else, with no

It is in the public interest, and the interest of employees and employers, that legislation be passed to ensure that all workers have the right to be represented by a labor union of their choice, whether it be the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, or the International Union of Operating Engineers.

The role of the arbitrator will be a critical one in resolving inter-union disputes, and the need for effective dispute resolution mechanisms is greater than ever.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has taken several steps to address the issue of harassment and bullying in the workplace. These steps include:

1. Establishing a clear policy on harassment and bullying.
2. Providing training for employees on how to recognize and report harassment and bullying.
3. Implementing a system for employees to report incidents of harassment and bullying, including a confidential complaint process.
4. Conducting regular audits of the workplace to identify areas where harassment and bullying may be occurring.

These efforts have helped to create a more inclusive and respectful work environment for all employees. However, there is still more work to be done to ensure that all employees feel heard and valued in the workplace.

For more information about the United States Postal Service, visit their website at usps.gov.
The 5th CNT Congress

By Damien Rogers

The 5th Congress of the Confederación Nacional del Trabajo of Spain got underway on December 8, 1931, in Madrid. It was a municipal exhibition hall which the Madrid region CNT whipped into a period of intense weeks of cleaning and painting.

Jesús Cornes Casas, a former general-secretary of the CNT, announced at an opening press conference that 4,000 members of 85,000 members were expected to take part. A total of 777 delegates from 450 unions met for the first time in full congress since the birth of the CNT in Spain a few years ago. On the first day of the congress the syndicate Gastrocnómicos de Madrid served 1,300 meals to the delegates and observers. The organization of the congress is based on medical, information, press and food services was very well planned and worked out by the volunteers.

In an atmosphere of tension and uncertainty, the CNT delegates faced a massive and complex eight-point agenda that was scheduled to last eight days. Observers predicted that the CNT would take its self-defense position during this congress because of internal disagreements. Other observers had predicted that the Congress would be a reformist one.

For the first three and a half days the congress moved at a snail's pace, small in size and with long runs of rank and file procedural wrangling. Workers had been expected to work together in the setting of a large-scale libertarian congress, but during this generation and consistently the practice of conducting business was sloppy. The congress had not fought many workplace battles together since the CNT returned, and had not coordinated their struggles together. In a word a whole vital common experience was lacking.

Nevertheless by Tuesday December 14th the congress had limped to an end. Some 35-50 delegations had left the congress in disgust. But from that debrief, the congress got down to dealing with the massive agenda which had been passed on. The agenda included items like: the procedure of the congress; principles, tactics and goals of anarcho-syndicalism; the organizational basis of the CNT; a study of the actual national and international situation; labour and trade union strategy; press, propaganda and education; repression, the CNT and prisoners (the congress received messages of solidarity from the prisoners in the Segovia prison); the relationship of the CNT to other organizations; the position of the CNT before others issues — education, ecology, municipalities and neighbourhoods, health, etc. in an examination of the 1930-1939 period; and the election of a general-secretary.

Besides the tensions which arose as a result of the lack of a common experience as noted above, the congress atmosphere was also charged with the conflicting perspectives of some of the pressure groups inside and outside the CNT. These groups included various groups in “ exile”, the FAI and the FIGA from inside Spain as well as national and Marxist influenced groups. The average age of a CNT worker is 25, and this presents tremendous problems. This young membership was attracted to the CNT because of a rejection of the socialist and communist unions, for intellectual reasons, and because they were attracted by the CNT’s militancy. The question of what the basic philosophy of the CNT should be remains a matter of negotiation. There was a perception that the CNT pledged to help build up a parallel libertarian movement alongside itself, which would help bring together and which would include the anarchist movement, ecology, women’s, gay and other movements.

While the majority of the congress rejected the concept of collectivism, at the same time an anarcho-syndicalist concept of direct action seemed to be the chosen form of action in certain unions (especially in the Madrid federation) to express their feelings of collective bargaining. Time and experience will sort this question out, was the feeling of some delegates.

The Congress showed its weakness in dealing with several questions including international matters (while the AIT has moved to Spain it is quite out of touch with labour insurgency in many countries), the attitude towards women is very immature and their role at the congress was marginal, a full ecology consciousness has yet to be developed, and the relationship between struggles in the workplace and with struggles in various places in society has not been developed. During the congress the CNT could not get a single black cat placard in Madrid or several cities in Spain by students, provoked by the police murder of three students. Numerous other attacks were made on the education system in Spain. The police are still using their force apart from the influence of the politicians. The CNT was not able to give substantial support to the student movement during these events.

Most delegates I spoke to were satisfied with the 5th congress while admitting that a lot of ground has been lost by the CNT over the last year. Many people have turned their backs on the CNT. All sorts of radicals flocked to the CNT when it seemed to be in a position to help, but a number of them were not interested in it, or who wanted to develop a form of anarchism that bypassed the labour movement.

The coming year will have to be one of consolidation. The new national committee will be in Madrid, with Pepe Bonilla (from Madrid) as general secretary. The congress probably be held in a year or so and should indicate how solid anarcho-syndicalism is in Spain. The situation remains quite clearly and that is that anarchism without an organized base in the labour movement cannot have a serious organic presence in society at all.

Wherever the limitations of anarcho-syndicalism, the unfolding of the CNT congress was an extraordinary experience. Concurrent with the congress, the CNT organized a “Semana Cultural” and announced plans for a “Semana Socialista” in December. On 8-15 December at the Teatro Martin drew some 8,000 persons who attended with talks, exhibitions, live theater, debates, lectures on the Socialist General Union of Workers (UGT).

A. The FAI is willing that the CNT should follow the path of anarcho-syndicalism to reach libertarian communism in the last instance.

B. What are the CNT’s objectives in terms of helping to gain direct control over the CNT?

C. Would you say the FAI’s influence on the CNT is increasing? Why?

D. In your opinion, the FAI has its own enemies who really behave as anarcho-syndicalists and who really are in the places where they have the same goals.

E. Are you in agreement with the CNT’s role in contributing to the dictatorship of their enemies?

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On the weekend of January 25—27 delegates gathered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the 5th Congress of the Anarchist Communist Federation of North America (ACF-NA). Over the entire period the delegates worked through long, intense sessions, and the conference's close was the general consensus that the meeting had been one of the most successful and productive ever.

(1) Group Reports
- Delegates from the ACF's affiliate groups recorded individual reports on their group activities since the last conference.

(2) Financial Report
No delegates from ACF Regs were able to attend the conference so no verbal report was given. The quarterly financial report has been distributed by mail to all ACF affiliates. This conference marked the end of the Congress and the task was returned to the Syndicalist Alliance, P.O. Box 92346, Milwaukee, W1315, USA 53202.

(3) External Correspondence
The External Correspondence Group reported on external correspondence. As Totally Folksy is being replaced by a new title, the task was rotated to the Syndicalist Alliance, P.O. Box 92346, Milwaukee, W1315, USA 53202.

(4) Internal Bulletin Group
Rhoads and Ross will become the new production group for the bulletin on May 1, 1980.

(5) Next Conference
A change in the location for the next summer conference should be extended one, lasting at least four days, in order that the issues facing the Federation may be discussed more fully.

(6) Phone Tree
A phone tree was set up to facilitate decisions on urgent issues and to reduce costs for individual messages.

(7) Conferences
The issue of whether conferences should be annual or bi-annual was discussed. It was decided that the fall conference schedule should be retained with the winter conference being shorter and concerned with less information. However, the spring conference should be longer to allow extended debates on political-theoretical issues.

(8) New Groups
(a) Delegates from the No Limits group of Madison, Wisconsin, reported an affiliation. All of the No Limits group are members of the ACF.
(b) Delegates from the Sudd of Liberty group of Minneapolis, Minnesota, requested affiliation. The affiliation of the above group was discussed at length in the Internal Discussion Bulletin.

(9) Labour Conference Report
This conference was hosted by the Independent Workers of New York City. The following items were discussed:
- The problem of facilitating discussion in opposition to hair-filing.
- Support for the Free Trade Union Movement. A member of the movement, who was tried for "smuggling the Soviet Union," was released from an 18 month sentence upon receipt of a favourable writ of habeas corpus. The sentence may have been influenced by telegrams sent to the New York state offices of ACF groups in other countries.
- Liberation of a rank and file trade union group.
- The freeing of union members being forced to work without unions.

(10) Report on CNT
The ACF delegate to the recent Congress of the CNT in Madrid, Spain, gave a report. See NAAL and this issue for details.

(11) Newspaper Publication
There was general discussion on the need for a more specific discussion of the P toolbox and Particulate articles. The newspaper production group was commended on an overall excellent job.

(12) Publication
- A proposal was approved to print 1,000 additional copies of the ACF Bulletin for the fall conference.
- A special edition of the Milwaukee Vindicator will print 1,000 copies of Anarchist Action.
- ACF will re-print the Australian pamphlet You Can't Blow Up a Social Relationship: The Anarchist Case Against Terrorism.
- ACF will provide copies of 50 additional copies of Syndicalist in the Russian Revolution.
- ACF are currently drafting the Cenonym of the Court was defeated.

(13) Quebec
At the recent ACF meeting the Quebec provincial federation was defeated for seeking recognition. As of this writing the issue is yet to be decided. It is now considered an inter-provincial issue to decide which groups are to be considered the "official" group with which to negotiate.

(14) The Draft
A resolution was approved stating ACF's complete opposition to registration and conscription in whatever country they may occur and stating that ACF will aid and abet both draft resisters and resisters within the military.

(15) Patrician
There was extensive discussion of whether women are oppressed as a class or as a sex. The class analysis of women's oppression was rejected.

(16) Pornography
There was extensive discussion of the issue with differences of opinion on the matter. A resolution on pornography was approved from a draft prepared by the Cenonym at the recent Congress of the CNT in Madrid, Spain, gave a report. See NAAL and this issue for details.

(17) Consensus vs. Majority
After discussion it was decided that we will continue to strive for consensus while maintaining a mechanism for majority making when consensus is clearly unsustainable.

(18) Critique of Leninism
There was general agreement that ACF should critique Leninist organizations. The debate was kept to a two typewritten double-spaced pages. This is not a rigid rule, aimed to make you an effort to keep submissions to the letters column brief and concise. P.S. Typewriters also appreciate double-spaced copy. It's easier to read.

Greek
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Harlisou Trikoupi by the patrols of the private police of the Greek Communist Party (of the interior) at the anniversary of the uprising at the School of Politecchnical Studies during a program which was started by those corrupt criminals of the CP and later operated over the police.

We appeal all free people to intervene to end the silent extermination of those revolutionary prisoners. Don't allow the Stalinist bureaucrats of the CP who envision a sellers of prisons and mental institutions to wipe out the movement for occupations.

Athens, December 19, 1979*

Meanwhile the last legal action for release of P, S. Kyrillos from prison has failed after the appeal to the highest court of Greece, Aris Pajios, was rejected on De- cember 10.
THE GUILLOTINE AT WORK. Vol. 1: The Leninist Counter-Revolution. Gregory Maximov (0 90464 22 1) P/b 99 p. b/ro, red. to 20.60
The Guillotine at Work develops the theme that the Stalinist terror of the thirties, the bureaucratization of Russian society, the imperialist encroachment, the trend to today's lack of human rights in Russia and other East European countries are not aberrations in the development of a socialist society, but rather a logical development of marxist philosophy which refutes the limitations in theory and writings and actions of Lenin, had Stalin as one of its chief protagonists, and today has a host of stalinist bureaucrats maintaining its repressive regime, even with so-called self-managing control of the hearts and minds of the people of Eastern Europe. It serves one main purpose: "To dispel the aura which Lenin's disciples have bestowed upon by showing that Lenin was primarily concerned with attaining power and holding on to it as a dictator by means of terror."

THE ANARCHISTS IN LONDON, 1935-1955: A Personal Memoir of Anarchist Activity in London from the mid-thirties to the present day. (With appendices on the movement in Scotland and Wales) by Albert Ombrédanne (0 90456 13 8) £2.25 p/b, illus.

THE WILLIAMSHAM REVOLT: A Chapter of the Revolutionary Movement in the German Navy, 1918-1930 by George Maniago (0 90456 04 5) 50 p/b, illus.

FEVER KROPOTKIN: HIS FEDERALIST IDEAS by Camillo Bermen (0 90456 17 2) £2.50 p/b.


A VISIT TO THE ISLAND OF SANDAY, Alexander Goodfellow (0 90464 16 10 3). 75 p/b. A history of the small Orkney island of Sanday, the present base of Cluniac monks with an Introduction by Stuart Christie on the current problems facing Orkney and Shetland.

AN ANTI-STATIST, COMMUNIST MANIFESTO, Joseph Lane (with a biographical introduction by Nicolas Walter) (0 90456 20 7). 75 p/b, P/L III. The most important writing of one of the little known founders of the libertarian socialist movement in Britain.

TOWARDS A FRESH REVOLUTION: Friends of Durrell (with an introduction by Jaime Ballest of the FDE group) (0 90464 21 5). 76 p/b, P/L II. An analysis of the disaster caused by the counter-revolutionary movement in the struggle for power in Spain 1938. A message of hope for the future in the struggle against, international capitalism, state socialism and fascism.

CHARLOTTE WILSON on ANARCHISM, 1888, Charlotte Wilson with a foreword by David S. Wood (0 90456 28 0) 69 p/b, P/L IV. Three major essays on anarchism by one of the best known of the group of middle class intellectuals who played an important part in the emergence of the British anarchist movement in the 1880s, with an invaluable biographical introduction by Nicolas Walter.

Coming soon:

THE HAYMARKET SPEECHES, ed. Paul Avrich

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Biographers and more, including a history of the Government persecution of the paper MAN! and its editor, Marcus Graham.

LAND AND LIBERTY: ANARCHIST INFLUENCE IN THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION. Ricardo Flores Magon ed. Dare Poole (0 90464 16 8). 20 p/b, illus.

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DOIN’ THE SAN SALVADOR STOMP

The Assassination of Archbishop Romero of San Salvador has once more thrust the world into a new season of civil war. The Archdiocese was almost certainly killed by right-wing terrorists, alarmed at his support of the masses’ “legitimate right to revolutionary violence,” although the evidence points to a left-wing faction attempting to pass off the strained theory that the assassination was the work of right-wing terrorists. Because of this anti-black backlash, such an approach is typical of the Western media’s slavish loyalty to ruling class ideology. By turning left and right-wing violence with the same brush, Western media help create the climate conducive to the triumph of the State terrorists and their claim to world dominance.

The “moderate” ruling junta, which oversees the militarized Catholic Church, has been working with the Nicaraguan regime to prevent another Nicaraguan by implementing one-half of the traditional Latin American revolutionary slogan “Land and Liberty.” Under a three-stage plan most of the land now owned by the elite 400 families would be turned over to the peasants. But without Liberty, both social and economic, is meaningless, and the Marxist opposition has rightly condemned the plan as being “merely cosmetic.” The 400 families would be compensated for the loss of direct control over their land and their position as the ruling class of Sandinista would be left untouchable.

A jury trial in the case holds pledged millions in economic aid and, more importantly, $52 million in military aid plus an offer to supply “U.S. military training squads.” In the current jingoistic mood, Carter feels confident that he can propel the San Salvador regime much more effectively than he was able to assist the Soza resistance in Nicaragua.

That the San Salvador regime will be willing to wage a bitter civil war against the people is beyond doubt. In 1932, about 32,000 peasants were massacred by government troops when they demanded better working and living conditions and troops have been used many times since to quell disturbances. But, to echo the words of the Spanish anarchist Buenaventura Durruti, “The bourgeois must be killed and its own world before it leaves the stage of history. We carry a new world here, in our hearts, and that world is growing in this minute.”

THAT’S THE WAY THE TITO CRUMBLES

World news is beginning to take on the character of a low-budget soap opera with the continuing hostage drama in Teheran and the ‘B’ Grade version in Bogota. Carter totes up his Olympic boycott scorecard and in Yugoslavia an anti-Tito junta now in power is struggling to maintain the minimalist brainwash function of President Tito.

This is more than just a personality cult, it is a personality fetish. An entire society wallows in unrelenting propaganda that their security is dependent on the maintenance of a semblance of life in its living corpus. Perhaps when Tito finally dies the Yugoslav Communist Party will carry their solemnity to its absurdly logical conclusion and place Tito’s stuffed and mounted body on the border to scare off the Soviet tanks.

TORONTO

ANTI-DRAFT DEMO

On Saturday, March 22, over 30,000 people marched through the streets of Toronto, D.C. to protest draft registration and the growing climate of war hysteria. In Toronto, members of the three regional ACF affiliates – Toronto, S. Catherine and Hamilton – presented a solidarity picket at the U.S. consulate on University Avenue. The great majority of passers-by expressed support and approval of the action and encouraged us to continue the fight against all forms of militarism.

IDEOROME EDITOR JAILED IN GREECE

Greek political activist and publisher of the anarchist magazine Iderome, Leonidas Chrikakis, has been sentenced to ten months in prison and a fine of 30,000 drachmas (about $1,000 dollars) on one count of violating Greece’s pornography laws and 45 days in jail on a second count. The 45 day sentence can be suspended on payment of a fine.

This action is just one of the many attacks by the State on the libertarian left in Greece. In the last six months of the NAA, we will have an article on the most recent examples of political abuse of civil liberties and the harassment of political activists. The campaign of intimidation has been conducted in such a blatant manner that even the establishment media has commented.

Chrikakis denied the charges in an article in Iderome, and stated that “It is not by chance that in the last three years I have had two to four trials annually. This political significance of these charges is that they are not about political statements but about pornography in a society where the number of porno magazines is over 130.”

One of the articles for which Chrikakis was charged was titled “The Ideology of Women in Prison.”

Peltier

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January 20, 1980, Leonard was sentenced to 7 years and Bobby to 5 years.

Visit to an understanding of the slavery-controlled Leonard’s case is the realization that his incarceration by the U.S. State is irresistibly linked to the economic or imperial power. Their only valid argument is the scurrilous control of native lands and property rights. The uranium deposits on native lands is vital to the state’s monarchical involve in the production of nuclear energy and warfare. The mining, milling and dumping of uranium on native lands is a continuation of the theft. A war waged relentless ly through the last two centuries by the government in order to destroy the national population and steal their lands.

The existence of AIM demonstrates the native peoples’ determination to say “fack you” to the U.S. GOVERNMENT. The state must not be allowed to continue to manipulate and destroy without recourse from us and to us. Leonard Peltier needs all our support morally, spiritually and specifically. Here is what you can do:

- Publicize Leonard’s case; write to the government administration and petitions
- Lobby Congress Carter stated that if there were any violations in Leonard’s case he would personally investigate these violations. We urge people to write to him to put the issues of his case.
- Write to the warden at Marion Federal Prison, Marion, Illinois 62959. Write to the International League for Human Rights to investigate. Leonard’s case is an International League for Human Rights 236 East 46th Street – 8th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017.
- Have your group or organization adopt Leonard as a political prisoner. Send needed communications to the committee.

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Hell on Wheels

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As workers working in the manufacturing and transportation of these dangerous goods we have a right to a safe work environment. Because this right so often interferes with profits, safety standards and training are often grossly inadequate. Workers’ control of the manufacturing and transportation industries can ensure high standards and performance especially in such dangerous industries.

It is through the application of self-management techniques that any significant changes can be achieved, resulting not only in a safer, cleaner environment but also in a better quality and more fulfilling way of life.

Quebec Referendum

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Once again, we can all see the lies. As citizens of North America they are but a proxy for the empire of Capital and any declaration of independence, if it is to have any validity, must be economic and social as well as political.

But if the people of Quebec decide to support the PQ independence project they will still face the prospect of armed intervention by either the post-Canadian state or the United States. It is for this reason that the members of the Anarchist Communist Federation go on record in being firmly opposed to armed intervention, economic sabotage, or any other interference in Quebec’s internal affairs by either Canada or the United States. And we further pledge that we will do all in our power to frustrate and oppose any such moves.

Regrettably, by selling the vote for still another plebiscite, they are forgetting the force of reason and allowing the xenophobia and anti-Quebec sentiment to control the day. Would to God they could see that they, and the rest of us, will gain nothing by voting yes.

Quebec is a region of Canada that should be recognized as a nation with a population of over one million and a history of struggle for independence from Canada.

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Abscam Follies

By Michael Peterson

To the surprise of absolutely no one, the FBI has demonstrated that politicians, like everyone else in capitalism society, are bought and sold. ABSCAM, the FBI sting operation that caught eleven congressmen with their hands in the till, has sent political hacks across the Potomac scurrying for cover.

Used to holding the unwary chumps with sex and drugs, paunches at the Justice Departments were unprepared for the overwhelming stampede of politicians succumbing to the temptation. The bemused federal prosecutor remarked, "We never targeted any congressional." We just laid out all that money and they came running to try for a piece of the action. They just couldn't wait getting out of the bush saying, "Hey, give me some of the money." They'd pay one guy and the next day five guys would be calling them, guys they didn't know. Thank goodness the politicians the operation was not guided by a more-articulate manner and in a display of uncharacteristic charity, the FBI terminated the operation before all of Capitol Hill was implicated. Consequently, the intriguing question of just how many politicians could fall for the same scam has been left unanswered. Those of the philosophical persuasion may have been looking for a contemporary variation on that old medieval question of how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, need look no further.

For the rest of us, however, it is time to move beyond our generalized contempt of power and corruption. Congress after all is no fly-by-night operation. They've been rigging the clouds for over a hundred years. These are not scoundrels with little probability, open vote to reimpose the draft. It is no accident that the kind of people who have no doubt been using drugs, like why we have no difficulty in finding these congressmen is simple. The reason is that politicians are corrupt, but that we persist in tracing our livings and doing business with such shady crooks.

Perhaps the most ironic aspect in this political farce is the fact that under other commodities the price of a politician has actually declined over the years. While it took almost $90,000 in today's money to buy a politician during the Truman-DeValera deal of the 1920's, the current model sells for a bargain $40,000 on the stump. If such trends continue, the price of a politician may well be within the reach of the average voter by the end of the century.

As anarchists, however, we do not particularly look forward to a time when there is a congressman in every pocket. On the contrary, the current system needs nothing less than a wholesale collapse of corruption. For as long as people continue to buy the historic con game (but lenders somehow stand between us and barbarism, then we will continue to be the direct victim of our own system). The fundamental principle in the construction of a truly effective legislative branch is to segregate government from society's most unorganized groups and allow the select few to choose what serious anomalies accompany, and Frisken's observation that "The only thing worse than the thing to command is the thing to obey", may be the epitaph for all of us.