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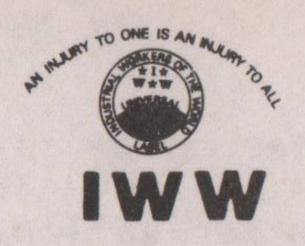
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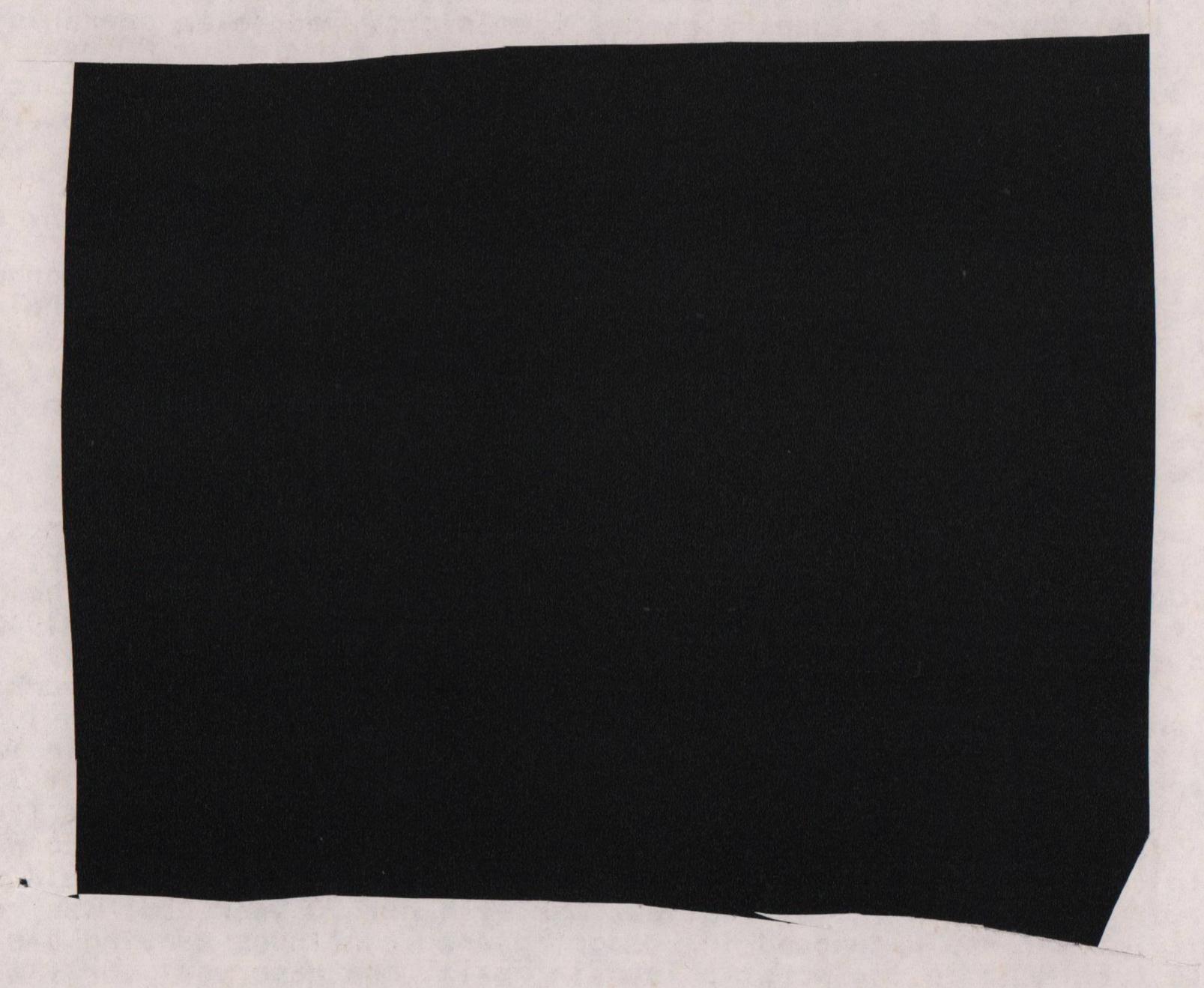


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THE ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST CNT IN SPAIN:

WHY IT IS OUR FIGHT TOO -



IN MEMORIUM: ORIOL SOLE SUGRANYES, 27 year old printer, member of the CNT and the Iberian Liberation Movement (MIL). Serving a 48 year prison sentence, he escaped in the mass-break of 29 Basques & Catalans in April. He was shot down by the fascist civil guard at the Spanish-French border while covering the flight of his comrades (24 recaptured, 2 dead). On the following page is a more detailed account of his life and that of his comrades. He shall be avenged.

FREE CARBALLO BLANCO: At 51 years of age, Carballo is the longest-held political prisoner in Spain. A carpenter and CNT organizer, he has spent the greater part of his life in fascist prisons, beginning as a small boy when his CNT father was murdered by the nazi Falange. He was sentenced to his present 30 year term in 1964 for meeting an anarcho-syndicalist contact from France (the latter was proceeding the young Scot anarchist Stuart Christie smuggling explosives over the Pyrenees for an attempt on Dictator Franco. The fascist court could not show that Carballo knew of either the Scot or the explosives. Yet he sits 12 years in a cell, now the only political prisoner in an institution reserved for sexual offenders, who receive the worst treatment in Spain.... But you can help him. Find out how on the next page..

ORIOL SOLE SUGRANYES: As a youngster he began his revolutionary activity in Barcelona in 1964 as a Catalan nationalist. After 2 years in prison, he escaped to France and joined a libertarian workers organization, the M.I.L., which was a coalition of anarchosyndicalists of the CNT tradition and revolutionary communists. Imprisoned on arms expropriation charges in France, he escaped once, but was recaptured. Released, he secretly returned to Spain and helped organize the M.I.L. combat squads. 9½ million pesetas were netted in 9 bank raids in N. Spain, to finance the opposition to the Franco dictatorship. In a chase following a bank expropriation in September 1973, Sole Sugranyes and JOSE LUIS FCNS LLOBET, a 17 year old student (who began as a Maoist but came over to a libertarian perspective) were arrested after a gunfight with the Civil Guard at the point of crossing the frontier into France.

In another shoot-out in Madrid, MILers Garraiga Paituvi (who began revolutionary activity in 1965 and came to attention of police when he attended a radical Lotta Continua congress in Italv in 1969 in the company of two Spanish workers) and SALVADOR PUIG ANTICH (began revolutiony activity in Barcelona in 1967, but had a previous record of political activity and was arrested for il Legal work in a local Workers' Commisions. Became an anarchist-communist).

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He needs your help. IWW Defense Local 2 is currently sending funds via comrades in France ... but our contact with the CNT underground is firming up even in the interior of Spain and our funds shall soon be going direct... Please send a contribution today. Even \$1 would help.

From our Norwegian anarcho-syndicalist GDC comrade, we learn that 700 shipyard workers in Porsgrunn, Norway have demanded that the neo-Nazi "Norsk Front" be denied legality. They warn any fascist seeking work at a shipyard that they are dangerous places to work, accidents happen, like falling off a ship onto the dock.

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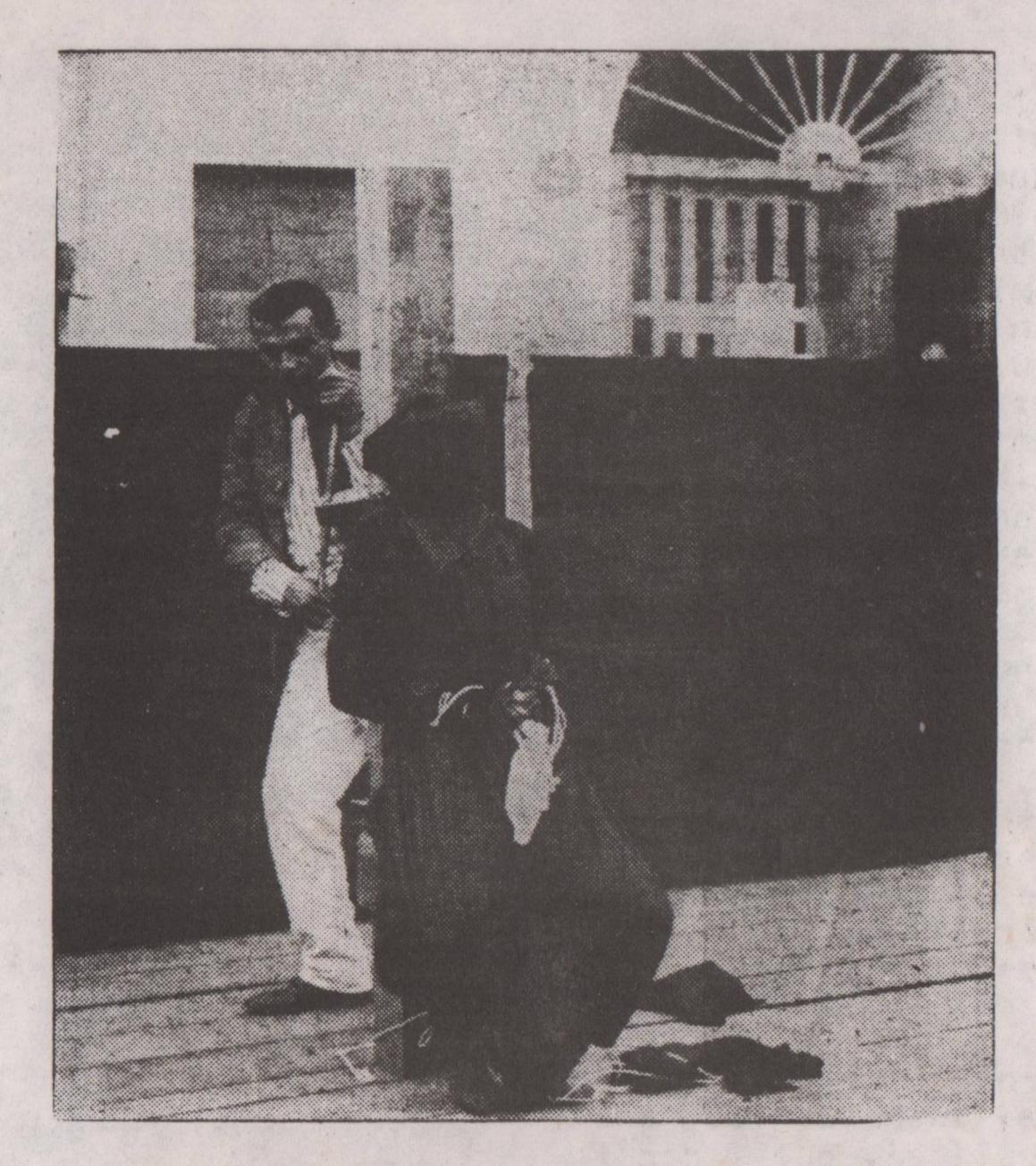
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Photo at left: A group of CNT militants sent to the Soviet Union for fighter pilot training during the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War. These young anarcho-syndicalist workers were taken to the Siberian concentration camp of KZ KARA-GUNDA. Not one returned.

Vengeance.



The garrotte in Spain

THESE WORKERS MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.
IT IS YOU WHO MUST NOT FORGET.

#### SPAIN

We have had heartening news from the interior of Spain concerning the release from prison of a number of comrades. Apart from Julio Millan, recently released after completing his prison sentence, the following comrades have also been released: Eloy Martin Nieto (Segovia); Antonio Ruiz Grima (Jaen); Maldonado Rodriguez (Almeria); Antonio Perez and Juan Salcedo Martin (a young sculptor sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in 1964 and who should have been released on conditional liberty over two years ago had not the prison administration bitterly opposed this benefit) (Palencia); Maria Augustias Mateo Fernandez and Georgina Nicolau Milla (Barcelona).

However, we must emphasise that the following comrades remain behind bars: Fernando Carballo Blanco (Alicante); Francisco Javier Garriga Paituvi (Zaragoza); Nuria Ballart Capdevila (Barcelona - Trinitat (Womens Prison); Enrique Conde Martinez, and Raimundo Sole Sugranyes, Pedro Bartres Ameteller, Jose Ventura Romero, Lais Andres Edo, Luis Burro Molina (Barcelona-Modelo); David Urbano Bermudez, Floreal Rodriguez de la Paz and Jose Luis Pons Llobet (Segovia); Salvador Sorriano Martinez and Miguel de la Cueva (Jaen); Jose Luis Alonso Perez, Angel Munoz Lopez, Jose Parisi Sanz and Pedro Gallego Sanz (Palencia).

#### PORTUGAL

Vicente Martinez Garcia, is a Spanish anarchist in exile in Portugal. He has been imprisoned in that country for the past eight months awaiting trial for activities in support of the Spanish libertarian movement. Vicente was arrested with a Portuguese comrade while transporting arms in a stolen lorry and at the moment his plight is desperate — he is totally isolated, has no money, no visits and time hangs heavily on his hands. We urge all comrades to demonstrate their solidarity by sending some money, letters and cards to him at the following address:— Vicente Martinez Garcia, No. 4532, Sector "C", Forte de Montsanto, Lisboa, Portugal.



PSSST, NO, DON'T THROW THIS AWAY, MY FRIEND. AFTER YOU'VE READ IT, THINK OF SOME FRIENDS WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN READING IT... AND GIVE IT TO THEM! ALSO, TELL THEM NOT TO THROW IT AWAY AFTER THEY READ IT, SO THAT IT PASSES FROM ONE TO ANOTHER AND THEN TO ANOTHER, AND SO ON.



JOSE LUIS PONS LLOBET

The frame-up of the young syndicalist Ralf Stein failed. The German State accused him of belonging to a crim organization (2nd June guerrillas),

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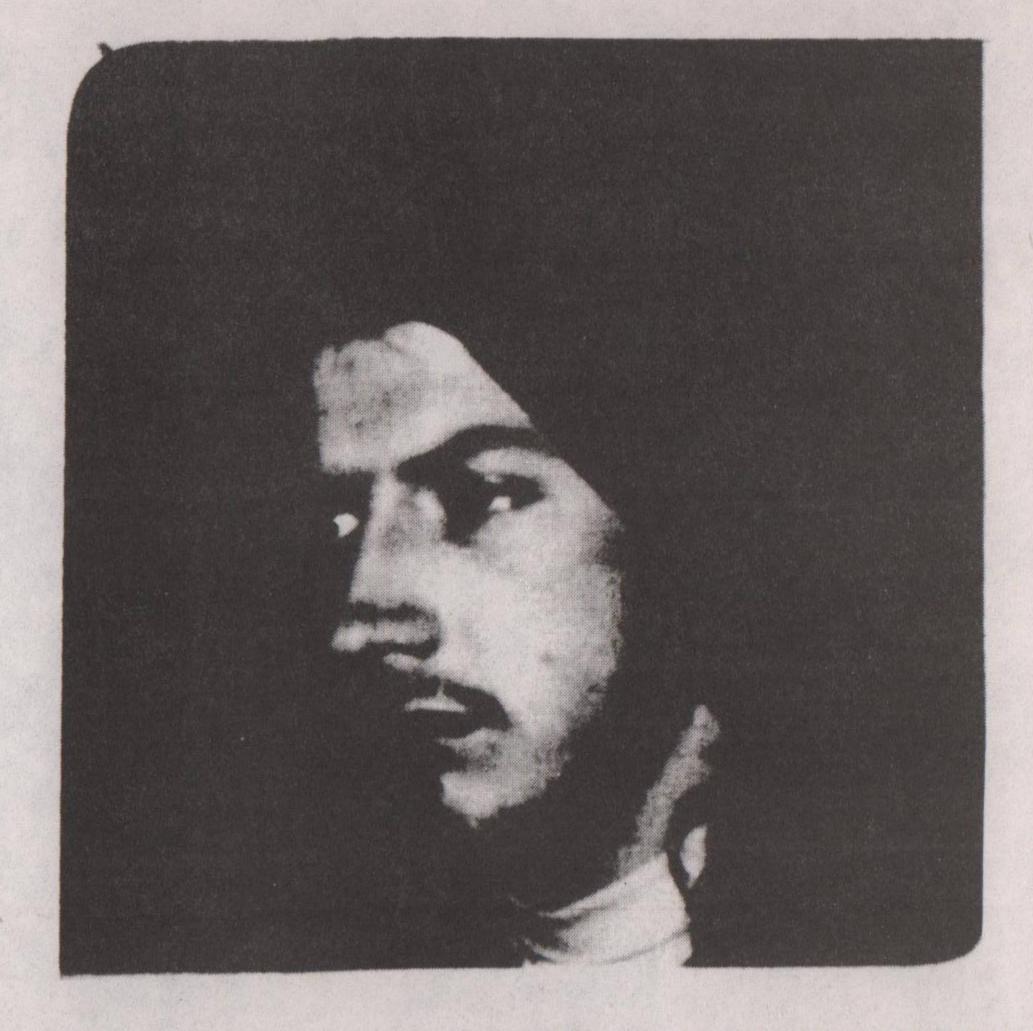
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Dear comrades ... I'm free. The state prosecutor will try to get the punish of 4 years in a new trial as he wanted, and I will try in a new trial to get 'not guilty', but I don't have many illusions on this point... In any case I think that the solidarity was one of the reasons that I haven't got the conviction the State prosecutor wanted and that I'm 'free' again. Also during the trial many comrades came to show me their solidarity and the room was always full...

socialist greetings and good luck Ralf Stein



RALF STEIN, IMPRISONED GERMAN SYNDI-CALIST.



ULRIKE MEINHOF - SUICIDE

OR MURDER ?

The West German government - under the cover of a nation-wide press strike - announced that Ulrike Meinhof, co-leader of the Red Army Fraktion (so-called Baader-Meinhof gang), had committed suicide in her jail cell.

Consider the facts: In the midst of an interminal trial for terrorism, she had made a laughingstock of the bumbling, Frankenstein State prosecution ... what better moment to rid themselves of a backfired show-trial.? Especially when there could be no press coverage of the event...

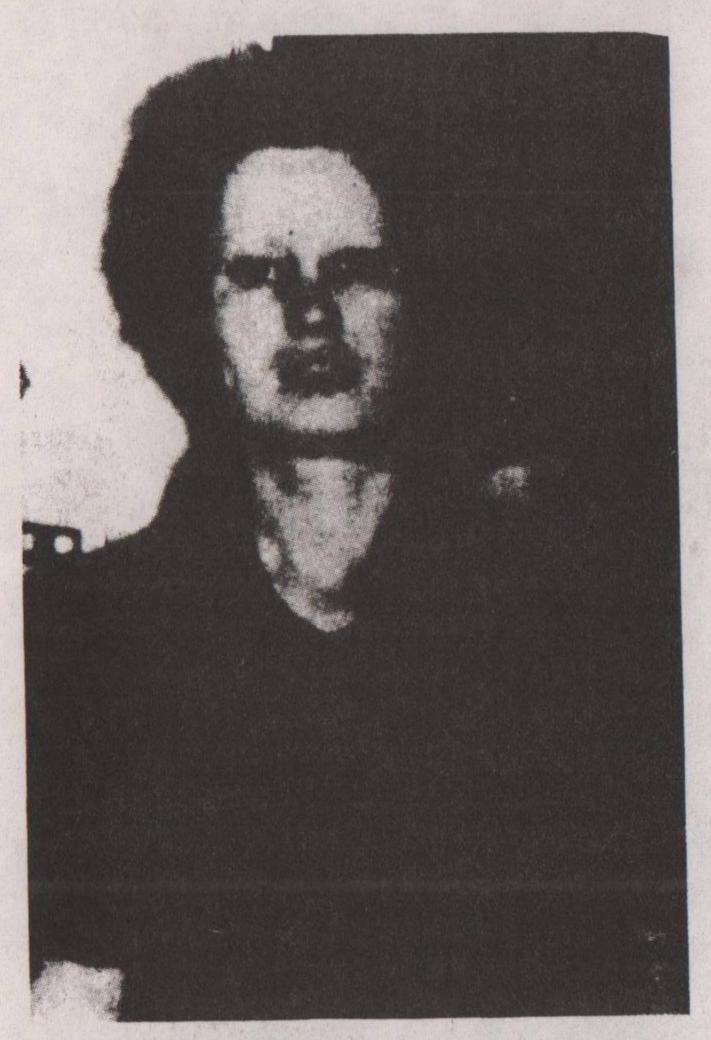
Consider her cell. She was kept in a permanently lighted box equiped with highly sensitive listening devises and cameras, all recording every movement and sound she made. How could she have hanged herself without the watchmen operating the controls noticing her actions and giving the alarm?

When you consider that the vast majority of judges, prosecutors, prison wardens and polic officials served under the Nazi regime, you get a clearer perspective of what goes on in West Germany.

Karl-Heinz Roth, a young doctor, is another German radical accused of belonging to the RAF guerrillas. In May 1975, the police pumped his belly full of bullets in an ambush. Since then he has been slowly dying in prison without adequate medical attention. His bowels have stopped functioning; only harsh purges move his food, further weakening him. He has collapsed numerous times, blood pressure at critical level. As a praticing physician, he is diagnosing his own slow death. Yet the prison doctor says he needs no treatment and the warders call him a malingerer... Justice in West Germany.



Verletzt: Karl-Heinz Roth



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PRISON DEATH IN CANADA:

Robert Landers, 29, serving a 12 year sentence for armed robbery, was found dead in his segregation (isolation) cell in Milhaven Penitentiary (near Kingston, Ontaric). A note beside his body complained of chest pains. The panic button in the segregation cells has not worked

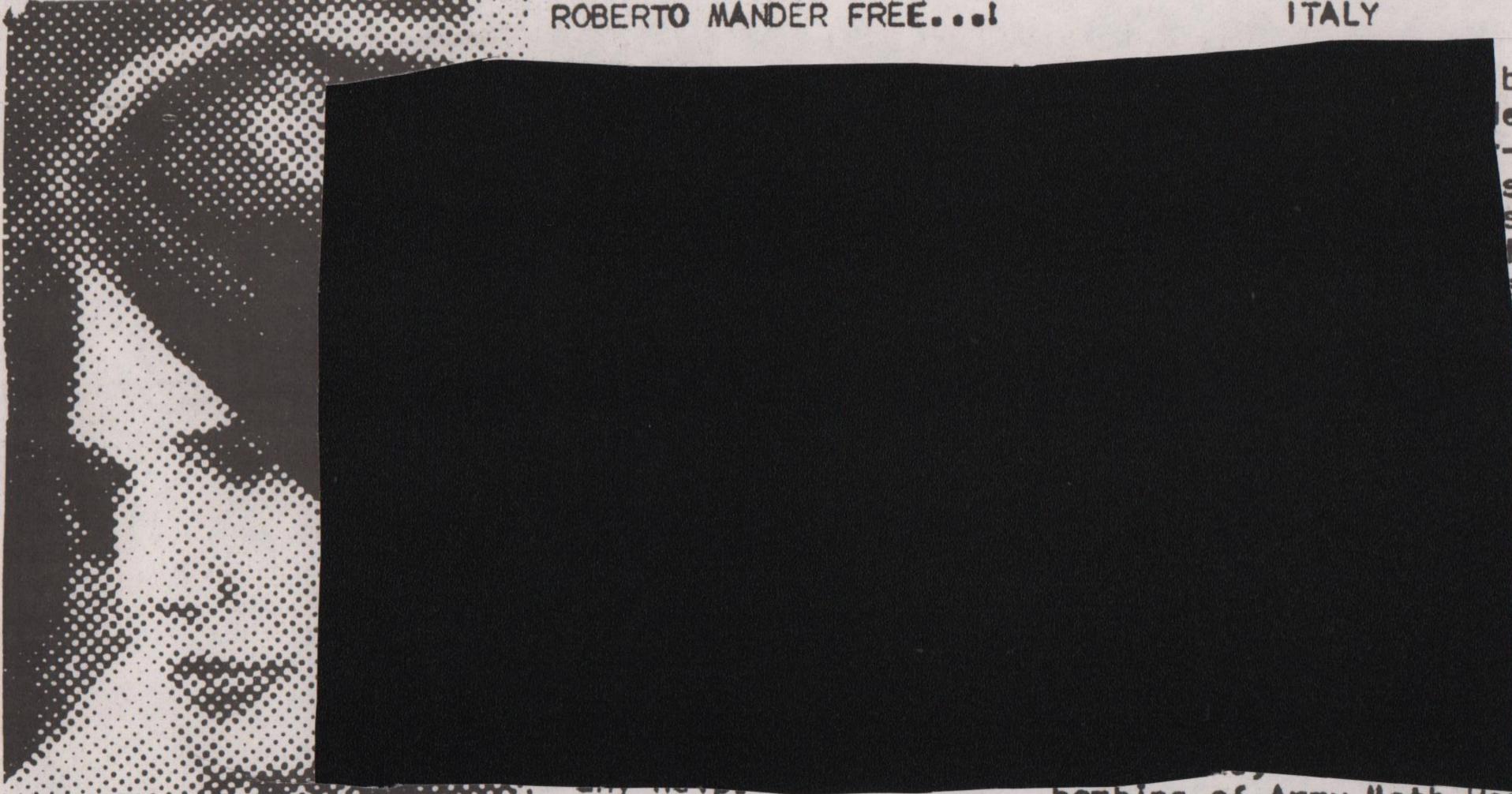
for fiveyears. There is only sporadic guard checks... he died alone, without aid.

Because of his prison organizing and contacts with militant organizations outside, he had been under constant harrasment, switched from Milhaven to Archambault to Laval and back to Milhaven pentitentiary. The prison director said he had been involved in the prisoners right's movement (sweeping across Canadian prisons) and had been transferred from province to province because "he was a bit of a problem everywhere he went." The prison director said he had been placed in segregation because of information received from Laval. The director wouldn't specify. Well, we can. Because an IWW-GDC member had been in close touch - letters & visits - with Landers. Laval prison authorities said that he had been plotting to kill 8 Frenchmen and had

been in contact with an "international organization".

So Landers is dead, at 29. Tragedy is, he was nearing parole, and even worse, there had never been a warrant of commutation on him - a prison snafu - he should have been released

10 years ago.



Roberto is free. But

how long?

Left: Mander

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(Vietnam War use), which killed one technician and destroyed computer center, has plea-bargained: guilty plea for 3rd degree murder (instead of original 1st degree). His comrade Karl Armstrong got 25 years.

Unlike SLA & Weatherman, they were mostly working class boys - Armstrong brothers the sons of a militant unionist.

A \$50 donation was ... we'll do same

PRISONERS IN SOUTH YEMEN ?

Amnesty International has accused the Marxist government of the People's Republic of Yemen of holding up to 10,000 prisoners and of torture.

Amnesty has recently made the same charges against the fascists in Chile and Castroites in Cuba.

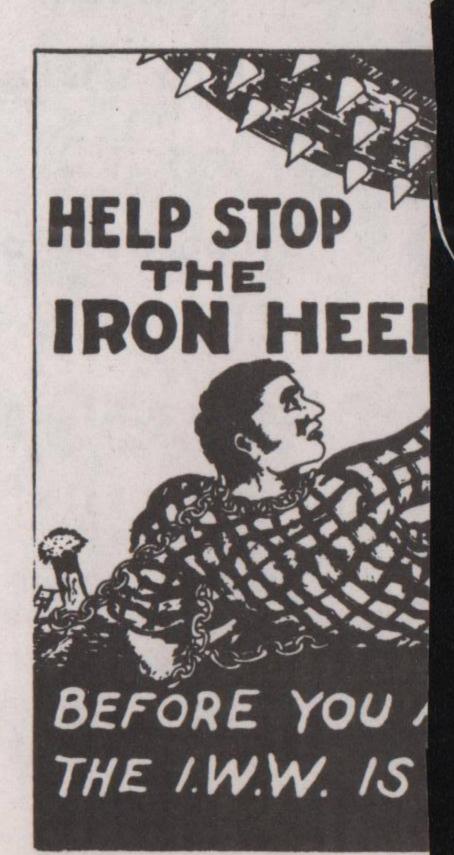
The NLF regime in Yemen is said to be using East German and Cuban agents for sophisticated

torture techniques in interrogations.

Some of the young anarchist 2nd June guerrillas took refuge in Yemen after their comrades effected their release from jail by a kidnapping in Berlin. We hope that the same thing hasn't happened to them that occured with the young Trotskyites from Japan who skyjacked a plane to North Korea and were there "converted" to Kim II-Sung's Juci-Thought...

The Cuban-East German link-up is interesting. Little known is that 3,000 East German troops

joined the 15,000 Cubans in Angola (under the overall command of 1,000 Russians). No surprise, really. A new Stalinist gang emerged from the recent World Communist meeting in Moscow: Brezhnev of USSR, Castro of Cuba, Le Duan of Vietnam, Husak of Czechoslovakia, Stoph and Honecher of East Germany, and Cunhal of Portugal.





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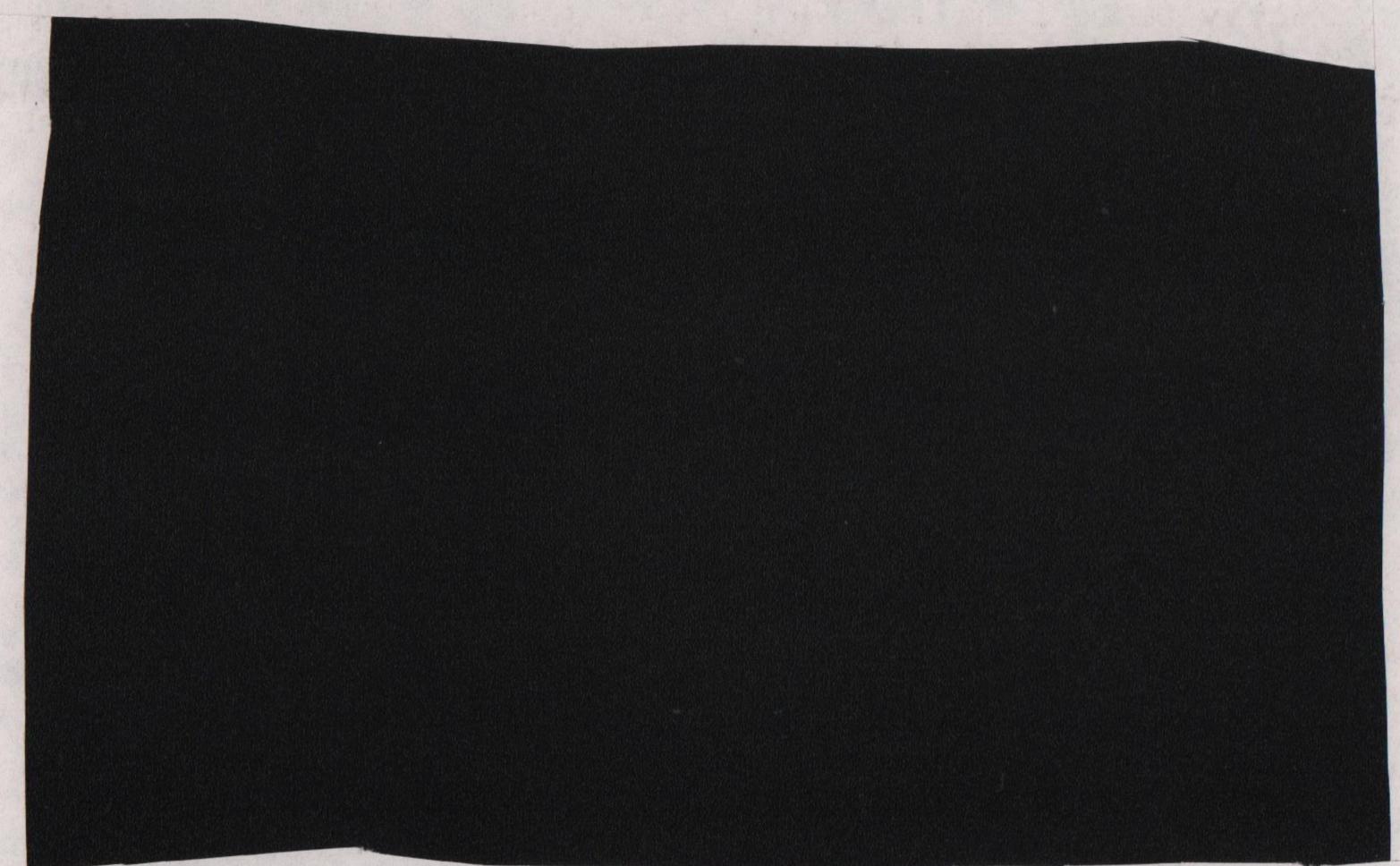


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Confederación Nacional del Trabajo de España en el Exilio

# ASOCIACION INTERNACIONAL DE LOS TRABAJADORES

SPAIN: Anarcho-syndicalist CNT Strikes Again!



Members of the C.N.T., Regional Committee of Catalonia, the anarcho-syndicalist union federation in Spain. These three unionists were jailed in September, charged with possession of arms, explosives and anarchist propaganda material.

Communication:

Fellow workers:

1.3.76

FIRST ... BIG NEWS FROM SABADELL (Catalonia) which is a stronghold of the CNT - always was... always is... always will be... strong textile town (boast: Tarrassa and Sabadell can equal English cloth... the "Manchester" of Catalonia)... a general strike throughout the town solidly CNT and the CNT proves to be the only union base in the whole district of Llobregat. The Communist Party decisively rejected. This is a reaffirmation of what we've been saying about the CNT and ... cont. next page

its role in Catalonia.... incidently this was a CNT guerrilla base thru the 40's and 50's.

Joke Camache (Communist Party leader, ostensibly Workers Commisions leader) since the remarkable manifestations in Catalonia has said WE MUST REBUILD THE CNT AS WELL OF COURSE ... which (says Sindicalismo) has caused an outbreak of laughter which could be heard in Peru...

Incidently what a blow to the Communist Party but remember they broke up the collectivisation in Llobregat.. people don't forget that in 40 years.

Regards - Albert Meltzer, BLACK FLAG, London

CORRECTION: Well, folks, events transpire so fast, info floods In, we try to get the IDB out to your hands: mistakes will be made. We incorrectly named Cipriano Mera a construction worker recently killed in Madrid ... No, Mera died in France last October at the age of 87. He was a bricklayer and helped found the Madrid Construction Workers section of the CNT in the early 1930's. Cipriano Mera He fought in the Confederal Defense Groups and, with Durruti, was one of the 1933 Revolutionary Committee (he was imprisoned); elected to the Strike Committee in 1936 he was rejailed, but released when the CNT and left-UGT workers defeated the fascist military uprising of July 18 in northern Spain.
With the CNT worker militia, he fought at Guadalajara, Siguenza and Cuenca and was elected military commander of the central province sector. After the death of CNT military leader Durrutti, he was elected leader of the 14th division and played a key role at Brihuega and Guadaljara, where the Italians were defeated. By war's end, he led 4 army corps. With the victory of Franco over the Liberal-Communist-Socialist republican government in Madrid, the CNT combattants dispersed. Mera escaped to North Africa, jailed by Vichy & Franco. 1946 entered France. Until ill health forced him to retire at 72, he worked as a bricklayer. In the early '60's he helped reform the secret Confederal Defense Groups, and later the rebel-CNT publication Frente Libertario. In 1968 he fought on the student-worker barricades in Paris. He was a fighter to the last.

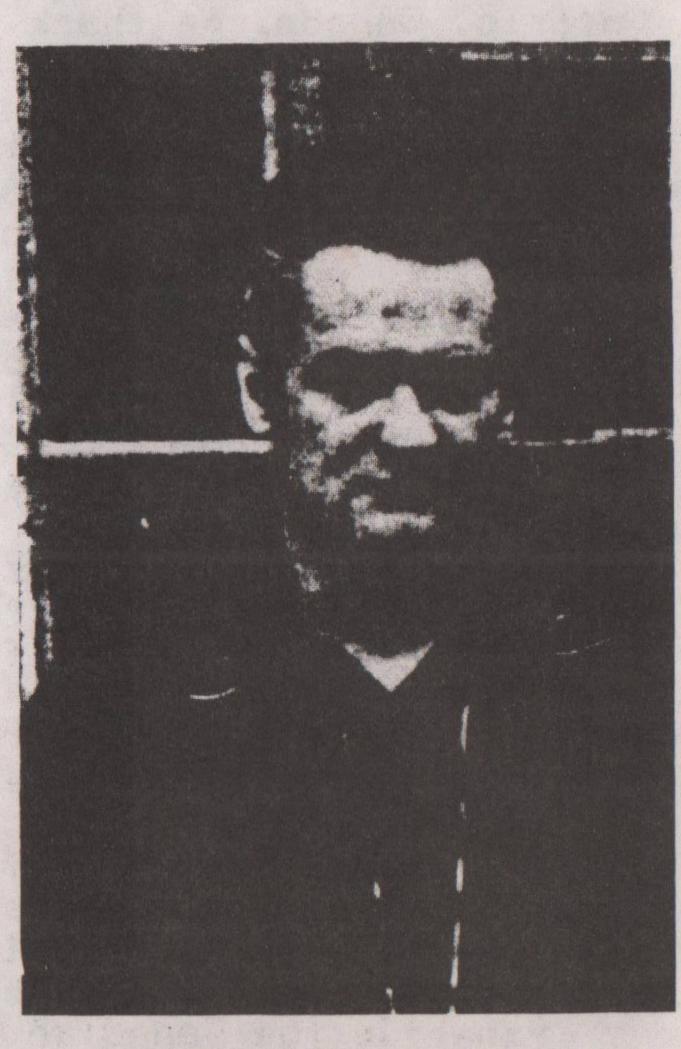
\*APPEAL: PLEASE SEND DONATIONS: IWW DEFENSE LOCAL 2 Box 306 Stn. E Toronto 4, Ontario, CANADA "Request to make: There is a sick comrade in Spain in urgent need: Floreal Rodriguez de la Paz. He has been supported in prison (starvation rations) partially by his wife but now she is sick and so is her daughter. He hasn't had much aid (partly because he has diverted aid to others in prison).. making an appeal for him, could you send what you can to his wife.. He is in jail with David Urbano and they share all they get)." Bik Fig 1.3.76



"Julian Milan Hernandez may be released and you should preen your feathers a bit on this since a lot of the work on his behalf came from the IWW Defense fund you organized..lift up a glass"

Black Flag 1.2.76





Sentenced to 10 years for organizing CNT David Urbano e Luis Edo, militanti anarcosindacalisti, condannati nello scorso febbraio a pesanti pene per i "reati" di propaganda e asociacion ilicita (C.N.T.).

# 8. The following letter was published in the July-August issue of La Protesta of Buenos Aires:

Comrades:

On Wednesday, the 25th of June, 1975, at 5 o'clock in the morning, the children, men and women of the Comunidad del Sur of Montivideo, Uruguay were awakened at gunpoint. For nearly 20 years, these people had led a life of total co-operation. Their source of income, a printing press operated by anarchist students and workers, was their attempt to crystalize, in words and practice, the thoughts that had been only theory for so long. They sought to express and experience individual autonomy, conscious and responsible sharing in daily work and a life which integrated political ideals with practical realities.

Of the community's 36 members, 12 were detained, all of them involved in the operation of the printshop at 1484 Canelones Street, Montevideo. Their imprisonment closed the printshop and left alone on the community's farm only children, adolescents and an 86 year old man to fend for themselves.

The comrades detained without cause are new additions to the tragic list of victims of the dictatorial regime which has oppressed Uruguay since the military took power and established the brutal tyranny that has bloodied the country for four years. Juan Maria Bordaberry is a grotesque puppet in whose name the military thugs walk all over human rights. Torture, prison, kidnapping and murder are the means in which they - the infamous Fuerzas Conjuntas - dominate the small republic. Through terror, demagoguery, daily propaganda and censorship, Uruguayans heroically resist the enroachments of fascism, seeking out liberty and the return of human values.

These lines are intended to alert comrades and the whole world so that they can demonstrate their solidar ty, both ideological and economic, with the Comunidad del Sur in its time of need. The adress of the community's farm is:

Montevideo, Uruguay

We send fraternal greetings to all comrades.

--- Comite del Ayuda a la Domunidad del Sur

A recent letter from Buenos Aires tells us that seven more members of the community, having escaped to Argentina, have been detained by the Argentinian authorities without cause -- further proof of the anti-libertarian alliance between the Argentinian and Uruguayan 'gorilla' regimes.

Aid for the Community can be sent c/o The Committee for the Defense of the Comunidad del Sur, Toronto, P.O. Box 429, Station "E", Toronto, Ontario, Canada. We thank you for your solidarity.

Update: June 12, 1976 the Uruguayan military ousted their puppet Bordaberry and announced the creation of a fascist corporatist state: 3 years of military rule followed by a civilian government composed of the 2 conservative political parties and a chamber made up of business and "labour" representatives. All leftist parties and unions are to remain banned.

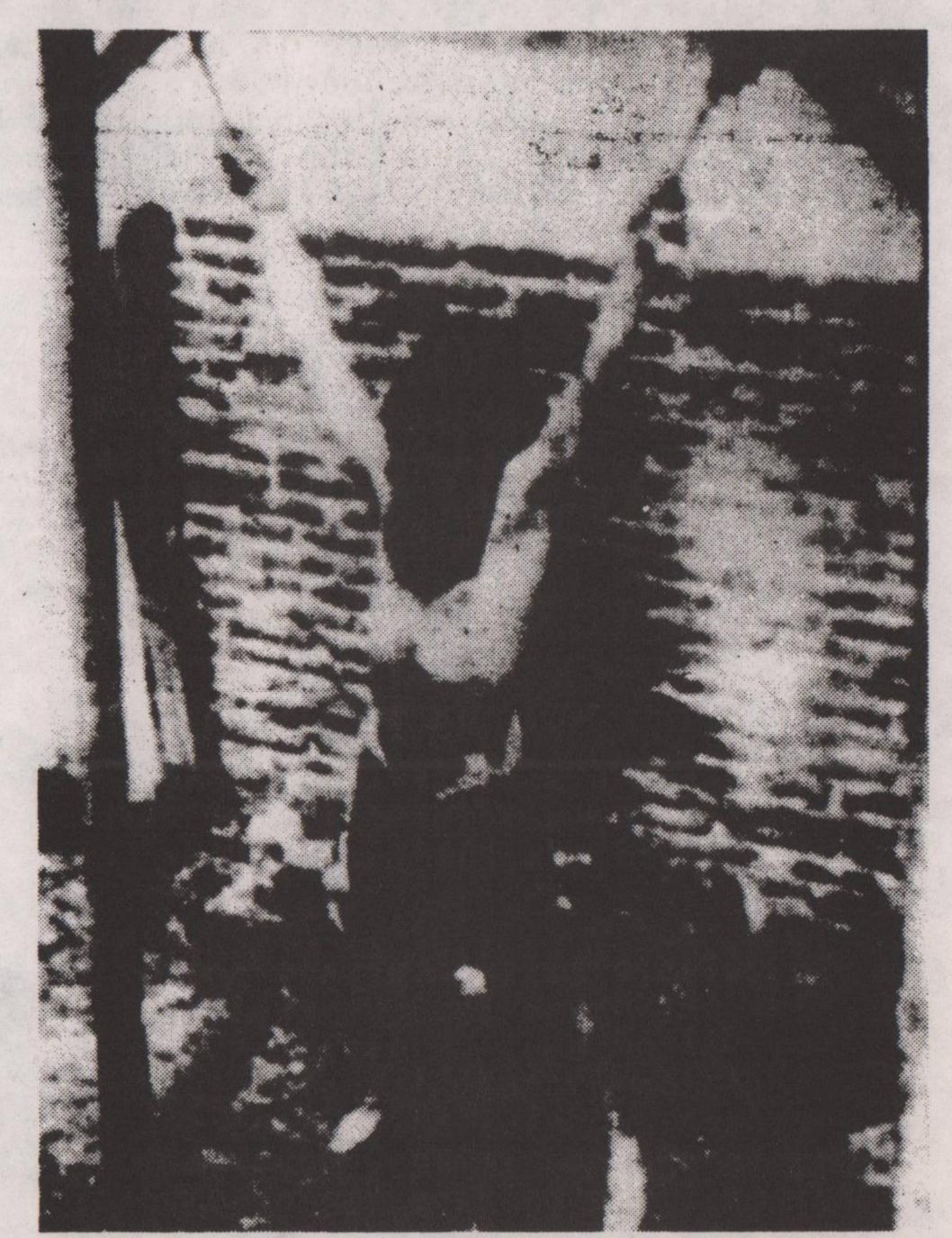
Earlier this spring, the Argentinian military ousted the orrupt regime of Isabel Peron and instituted a military dictatorship. The AAA fascist terror squads have begun the wholesale kidnap and murder of leftist exiles from thruout Latin America who had sought refuge in Argentina.

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Thus the lives of our Uruguayan comrades are threatened from two sources. Your help is desperately needed.

We are concerned too of the welfare of our Argentinian fellow workers, members of the anarchosyndicalist FORA (who published La Protesta, etc. and whose union halls have been bombed by the AAA).

Meanwhile the Canadian government continues with its deportation of 2 Uruguayan Socialists, maintaining that political dissent is tolerated in Uruguayan



AMNESTY International released this photo believed to show a torture victim in Uruguay.



### IWW GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

WHY JOIN? - TWO REASONS -

Number 1. SOLIDARITY - A MUCH ABUSED WORD. IF YOU MEAN IT, SHOW IT.

Number 2. DEFENSE - IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN TO YOU? ACT NOW, DON'T BE SORRY LATER.

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LOCAL 3 ARKANSAS, USA

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### PREAMBLE

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide defense and relief to members of the working class who are being persecuted for their activity in the class strugg le.

Co-ordinating our efforts will enable the General Defense Committee to oppose the viscious enslaught of the master class with a powerful defense, especially when labor is engaged in industrial strife.

It has been found in past labor struggles that the lack of adequate defense has resul- . ted in many of the most active fighters for labor being arrested and imprisened for long periods of time or being legally murdered by the employing class.

It shall also be the purpose of the General Defense Committee to publish and distribute literature exposing false and reactionary propaganda.

By erganizing the many and centralizing their efferts in each instance, laber will be given the protection of the entire working class, thereby making an injury to one the concern of all.

LOCAL 2 TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

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