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WE NEVER FORGET

The fight in Spain accelerates .....



Vicente Iglesias Romero, Edoardo Domenech e Gerardo Jaca Español

Members of the anarcho-syndicalist National Confederation of Workers (C.N.T.) charged with possession of arms, explosives and anarchist propaganda. Domenech and Jaca have been granted provisional liberty pending trial, but comrade Vicente Iglesias remains incarcerated. These are part of the "terrorist" frame-ups behind the facade of "democracy" in Juan Carlos' Spain.



CNT comrade Luis Andres Edo, sentenced to 10 years in 1975 for CNT organizing, has been released! CNT convention in Madrid gives him standing ovation.





IWW Defense Local 2 (Toronto) will not be sponsoring the current Augustin Souchy tour of U.S. & Montreal IWW and anarchist branches. For these reasons: (1) From the start we argued that a younger active CNT militant be brought from Europe, rather than a veteran primarily concerned with the 1930's, (2) due to our small size, an off-season summer visit was not

# CNT CONVENTION

(Editor's Note: This is an eyewitness report of the Catalan Regional Convention of the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo (National Confederation of Labor: CNT) of Spain held last February. The CNT is a revolutionary union, similar to the IWW, which has been increasingly active and influential in recent months. The report is taken from the French syndicalist monthly SOLIDARITE OUVRIERE, which had a correspondent present at the Convention.)

In the last number of "Soli", we reported on the situation of the anarcho-syndicalist comrades involved in rebuilding the CNT. This union, despite many premature obituaries, is springing up all over Spain.

In Madrid, the CNT Construction Workers Union played an important role in the local general strike of construction workers, and there are ten CNT "ramo" or heavy-industry unions in that city. The Levant has a Regional Confederation (form adopted by the CNT to unite the various local federations in a region). In the Asturias, the Communes Revolutionaires d'Action Socialiste (Revolutionary Communes for Social Action, an organization of Asturian miners) has disbanded to join the CNT.

On February 29th in Barcelona, the Confederal Assembly of Catalonia convened with 400 delegates elected by their unions, representatives of the Regional Confederations of Madrid (Central Castile) and the Levante, and observers from the Union General des Trabajadores (General Union of Workers: UGT, smaller than the CNT and under Socialist Party control). The delegates represented CNT unions in the following industries: health care, banking, teaching, textiles, metal working, and construction.

Discussion was on three main points: revising the organizational structure of the CNT; the position of the CNT on the problem of labor unity and diversity; and a course of action for the CNT in the current situation.

The decisions on the first point were:

- (1) Organization of the CNT shall be by job section (union section for each job).
- (2) Local federations of unions will be established to which will be affiliated neighborhood committees which will be open to students and other non-wage workers.
- (3) Job sections will be federated by industry.
- (4) A co-ordination commission will be created.

On the second point, general opinion was for union unity on the job, as with the CNT-UGT alliance in Valencia.

Discussion on the third point was not finished for lack of time.

Speakers to the assembly told of numerous workers and groups of workers who recently were hostile to the union form of organization and now find themselves affiliated with the CNT. The CNT was praised as a union free of the dictates of Civil War exiles. As one delegate present said: "We think that the CNT can appeal to all independent militants who accept direct action on the job and anti-parliamentarianism (opposition to taking part in electoral politics), and who refuse alliances with the ruling class to join it."

Other such assemblies have been held in other regions, as in Madrid. With the resurgence of the CNT comes hope for the Spanish labor movement to regain its freedom after 40 years of dictatorship.

'cost-effective' - we desire another tour this Fall. (3) It is not kosher to alienate our closest comrades: Frente Libertario (left-CNT), who oppose Souchy link with bureaucratic Toulouse, and Albert Meltzer (Black Flag) and John Olcay (Mit-Teilung/GDC) who fought late 40's Rocker-Souchy-French PR anti-Stalin/pro-USA roll-back position.

## A.I.T. CONGRESS

17-19 April 1976 the 15th Congress of the International Workers Association (AIT) met in Paris.

CNT of Spain in exile - 5 delegates

CNT of Bulgaria in exile - 5 delegates

CNT of France - 5 delegates

FORVe of Venezuela - 1 delegate

SWF of Britain - 1 delegate

FORA of Argentina could not attend due to crisis in Argentina. FORU in Uruguay remains in underground

Observers: 1 delegate Portuguese A Batalha (CGT)

1 rep FAI (Federation Iberian Anarchists); 1 rep

SIA (An i-fascist international solidarity); 1 rep

CRIFA (Comm. Relations International Fed. Anarchists);

1 delegate Befreiung (Cologne anarcho-syndicalists).

Congress urged creation viable anarcho-syndicalist alternative world-wide; intensive agitation militants inside and outside reformist unions. Brochure to be published detailing work and history of AIT - the revolutionary syndicalist international est. Berlin 1922.

## CNT split in 5 factions:

1. Rightists - Santillan, etc.

2. Centrists - Bureaucratic "officials" (MLE/CNT en Exilio/ FAI/ Espoir/AIT/ SIA) under Montsenny in Toulouse, France

3. Left-wing - Frente Libertario in France & Spain

4. Neutrals - Majority of locals in Spain. Most pro-left, but await open Convention vote

5. Extreme leftists - FOI, MIL, GARI, etc.

IWW Defense Local 2 has received clandestine communication from Frente Libertario Madrid on our \$ aid.

And from a relative of comrade Rodriguez thanking aid.

Case of Floreal Rodriguez de la Paz is critical.

Given 16 years for clandestine propaganda in 1968, he is denied work in prison, living on starvation rations & CNT prison collective. Wife & daughter ill, cannot work.. We've sent \$100, part of \$1000 to CNT comrades over two years, but more needed. Please send us \$1.

"Situation very fluid.. alters day to day. Some making selves known, others remain illegal.. Problem is that CNT is so established in hearts of workers, UGT (Socialist) and CCOO (Communist) just can't get off ground.. One suspects the Communists Party in accord with usual tactic will try to pre-empt the name "CNT" which has been done before (with CGT in France for instance). This threat will only be met by some real fighting... I wouldn't like to be the insurance broker for anyone wanting to sell out." Black Flag 22 June 1976

3 members of the CNT Libertarian Youth in Valencia - Priego Garcia, Javier Serrano and Juan Ruiza - have been jailed, tortured and charged with "terrorism". First charged for subversive literature ("terrorism" in Spain), the police changed the charge to "arms and explosives." The "new freedom in Spain", eh Juan Carlos, Gerald Ford, and CIA pimp Eric Sevareid..?



IWW Defense Local 2

Gary Jewell:

I received your missive and the \$30, which has helped me very much. If its possible, could you send me some magazines or books on the protection and history of the forests and wildlife of Canada, in the French language if possible. I have met someone here whose lectures on such subjects are a great comfort in my solitude.

Cordial and fraternal greetings to all in the union

To you I remain firmly united  
Salud

F. Carballo

From Alicante Prison "Spain"  
16/7/76

IWW Defense Local 2

My dear friends,

After receiving your letter dated 29.4.76 I did not want much time to pass without giving you some news and my many sincere thanks for your donation.

Ficreal Rodriguez has been transfered from Segovia to Jaen, for reasons unknown, from where there is no possibility of escape. The plight of his wife and daughter is most pitiful. Life each day is more difficult and in order to merely live so much is necessary.

This is all I'm able to say... I am Ficreal's sister.....

An affectionate saludo

..... Rodriguez

Fellow workers: please send a donation - even \$1 - to help the desperate situation of our imprisoned CNT comrades and families ... in other words, its time to translate your beliefs into action.



Defying 10 year prison sentences, CNT comrades march through Barcelona on May Day 1976

FRANCE - Pedro Astudillo, Spanish anarchist war-resistor, is being held illegally in a French prison and is threatened with imminent deportation to Spain where he faces death at the hands of the Spanish military, who have had their filthy hands on him before his incredible escape.. The French bourgeois swine in Paris have got to be bombarded: send a very strong protest to Giscard d'Estaing President de la Republique, Paris, France.... and a copy to comrades Maitre Boutonnet, 16 rue Segulier, 75006, Paris or John Neko, 2 rue Bellart, 75015, Paris, France.... TODAY.

ARGENTINA The military has seized power. Our anarcho-syndicalist comrades of FORA are again driven underground. They had reorganized to the point of being the 4th largest union body in Argentina - a small but determined union challenging the Peronists, Communists & Socialists and surviving the bomb attacks by AAA fascists. Now, again, they are illegal. But organizing continues.... FORA has named IWW Defense Local 2 their contact for Canada and request the aid of our defense network. A bundle of La Protesta got thru the mail to us and was distributed. But more money is needed for the underground to continue the battle.... that money must come from you - even \$1 - send it now



... he shall not be forgotten





WHY DON'T YOU SHAKE THEM OFF?

1 March 1975 - 20 August 1976

Spanish Resistance	
(CNT: FL & prisoners) .....	565.00
Mit-Teilung (IAT/GDC London) .....	144.00
Ralf Stein (Befreiung) .....	71.00
David Fine (forwarded) .....	50.00
Portugese A Batalha .....	45.00
Prisoners Rights .....	40.00
Lopez; Sanchez; Sostre;	
Lander; Belgrado; Mick .....	60.00
TU de BFI .....	10.00
Askatasuna .....	9.00
Uruguayan Defense .....	10.00
Argentinian FORA .....	30.00

G. Jewell, secretary IWW Defense Local 2  
IWW GEB officer 3-60-76

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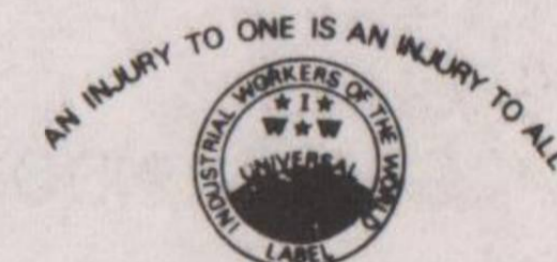
Benefit	
Artistic	
Sostre	
IWW F	
Span.	
Marini	
Fiasch	
M.L. P	
Sugranyes D	
Alberola et al Df.	252.00
Lopez Defense	5.00
Total	1,698.00

NOVEMBER 1, 1974 - DECEMBER 20, 1974

Benefits Paid Out	
Alberola et al Defense	126.00
Swedish 403 Defense	10.00
M.L.P. Fund	25.00
Millan Hernandez Df.	25.00
Lopez Defense	5.00
Total	191.00

Total Benefits Paid-Out 12/21/74-3/1/75

Alberola & comrades	\$12.
Belgrado	\$10.
MLP-CGT	\$ 5.
Sugranyes	\$ 5.
Spanish Resist.	\$ 5.



G. Jewell del. 74-77, secretary IWW-GDC Toronto

Left: from THE MARCH TO DEATH (Freedom Press, 1943) by the Anglo-German revolutionaries...





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.

GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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 struggle.

Co-ordinating our efforts will enable the General Defense Committee to oppose the viscious onslaught 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 resulted in many of the most active fighters for labor being arrested and imprisoned 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 propoganda.

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

LOCAL 1 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA

LOCAL 3 ARKANSAS, USA

LOCAL 5 SYDNEY, NSW AUSTRALIA

MEMBERS:

USA, CANADA, ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, W. GERMANY, HAWAII & GUAM, AUSTRALIA, NORWAY

GROUPS:

GDC LONDON & GLASGOW

LOCAL 2 TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

LOCAL 4 GUAM, PACIFIC, USA

LOCAL 6 HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA

LOCAL 7 LOCAL INTERNAC NUEVO YORK

LOCAL 8 NEW YORK CITY

LOCAL 9 MADISON, WISC

Organized 1917

JOIN: DO YOU SPECIFICALLY AGREE WITH THE GDC PREAMBLE? DO YOU GENERALLY THINK THE IWW CONCEPT OF WORKING PEOPLE CONTROLLING THE EARTH - THEY AND THEY ALONE - IS RIGHT?

IF SO, THEN WHY NOT JOIN? OPEN TO ALL, WETHER IWW MEMBER OR NOT. YOU RUN YOUR OWN LOCAL - NO BUREAUCRATIC INTERFERENCE. INITIATION: \$1 and \$1 QUARTERLY (EACH THREE MONTHS) DUES.... YOU GET RED CARD, INDUSTRIAL DEFENSE BULLETIN, AND PRISON RELIEF IF JAILED...YOU ARE EXPECTED TO HELP AID YOUR FELLOW WORKERS IN JAIL AND UNDERGROUND.

GET 4 OF YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN AND YOU FORM A LOCAL - KEEP 50% OF INITIATION & QUARTERLY DUES IN YOUR OWN TREASURY, START EXPANDING AND REPLICATING THE DEFENSE WORK

DO IT TODAY - THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE...SEND APPLICATION BELOW AND \$2 or MORE TO THE ORGANIZING DELEGATE AT IWW DEFENSE LOCAL 2.

GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE  
IWW DEFENSE LOCAL 2

P.O. BOX 306 STN. "E"  
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INITIATION: \$1  
QUARTERLY DUES: \$1

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