

# LIBERTARIAN INDUSTRIAL NETWORK. Bulletin 5, 1976



Second national meeting: to be held at the Centro Iberico, 83A Haverstock Hill, London NW3 on Sunday, May 30th, starting at 11.0am.

Nearest tube for the Centro is Chalk Farm. The situation regarding creche facilities is unclear, but Dave Morris (01-249-7042) may be able to help, if you've got children and want to come to the meeting. An agenda will be drawn up at the meeting - if you can't attend, but particularly want something discussed, then write detailing the points, to the network co-ordinator. The only item so far fixed, is that of choosing a co-ordinator for the next year. (See report of Manchester meeting inside.)

In the Post Office, we're going through a great trauma in which the GPO is cutting services, increasing costs, getting rid of overtime, closing down local offices and threatening to sack large numbers of postal workers. A campaign is being mounted in the telecomms industry at grass roots level, to fight the GPOs lies and cutbacks.

As for myself, just an ordinary postie, our local sorting office is threatened with 'rationalisation' i.e. legal vandalism - that is trying to close it down in the afternoons and move workers up to the central office in the North London region. There is almost no opposition to this move as most of us are demoralised and taken in by the GPOs arguments, and of course the Union is a millstone around our necks which is so difficult to move.

I would still like to hear from other postal workers or any comrade who has similar battles to fight. What we need is a seperate postal group to get out propoganda to all workers in the GPO before the communications in this land is wrecked by the incompetence and insanity of the system of profit.

Dave Morris.

(Note: received with the above was a photocopy of an article from Redder Tape which pointed out that in fact the Post Office made a profit of £360,000, although after juggling with figures this was turned into a loss of £307 million. I wasn't able to include that in this bulletin, as I wanted to keep the costs down so that some money is available for the next bulletin. Had it been included there would have been a blank side. Moral - more money - more articles - both needed. Martyn)

The International Workers of the World, have had a number of special stickers printed. Some of the designs have been used to illustrate this issue of the bulletin, and others will, no doubt, be used to illustrate future issues. The price is 25p per 100 (assorted package, 10 of each design) available from the One Big Union Centre (for address, see back page).



I.W.W., 294, Middleton Road, Oldham, Lancs.

I've deliberately written this from a personal viewpoint as the meeting decided to tape record the Saturday proceedings, and hopefully some kind of transcript will appear.

Altogether about 25 people attended the Saturday session covering a wide range of industries. An agenda of sorts was drawn up on the basis of correspondence sent by people unable to attend. Discussion started on what we meant by "industrial" and whether the network should be restricted to manual workers. Generally speaking people agreed that it was difficult to define the term "industrial" in a strict way. Ron Marsden caught the mood of the meeting when he pointed out that what was really important was that people should only be listed for contacts in their own industries, not for any other.

The discussion which followed, on the 'lump', was more heated, and tended to revolve around the building industry, before widening out to include other manifestations of the lump (eg in agriculture). Nearly everyone was critical of the lump, although J.W. ( of Manchester), attempted to point out that there were some positive reasons for the existence of the lump. Several people took him up on this point, which was confusing as most of them were talking at once, and J tried to answer the points as they were made.

The most damning criticism was that lump labour destroyed site organisation and should be opposed for that reason if no other, although mention was made of how the lump undermined working conditions and often led to slip shod work. Andy ( Manchester SWF) suggested that we should get the lump workers into the union, and minimise the damage to site organisation in this way - a point which impressed me as one of the most important of this discussion.

After lunch the discussion moved on to cover initially the subject of women in the network, but this soon broadened out include who the network was for. Ann Portus pointed out that nearly all students become employed at some stage in their lives, that women go out to work before and after having children - and as a result have a direct interest in what happens in specific industries. Phil McShane, drawing on his own personal experiences, felt that students often become too heavily involved and sometimes attempt to organise other people's struggles for them. Some members of the North West Workers Alliance spoke briefly about their own activities, pointing out that they had not had the same kind of problems that Phil had. The overall conclusion was that it was impossible to draw hard and fast lines about legitimate interest in industrial struggle and the network, but that people should only be listed for contacts in their own industries.

Last topic for Saturday was breakaway unions - and this also covered the closed shop. Ian Sutherland briefly outlined several instances of breakaway unions, most of which seemed fairly 'right-wing' in comparison to existing unions - altho' someone did point out that breakaways could be left-wing. Several people expressed support for the idea of the closed shop and compulsory union membership, and this lead to the fiercest discussion of the day, when Graham (Huddersfield IWW) expressed his opposition to both - opposition based on personal experience in other countries. In trying to explain that it was 'shop floor' organisation which was important, rather than nominal union membership, he mentioned 'tearing up' union membership cards. Several people challenged him on this point, and as before, things became confused as people kept talking at the same time. It did seem to me, however, that both sides were arguing for the same thing but from differing viewpoints. This, and related topics remained bones of contention afterwards in the pub, but you'll excuse me if I don't attempt to summarise that - I hope.

Numbers were slightly depleted on Sunday morning, when we shared the Moss Side People's Centre with an obscure 'Children of God' type religious sect ('though we did have seperate rooms). The first part of the session was devoted to health and safety, and an exchange of information and experience. Mike Rowe gave an interesting and detailed account of his work on a work-place safety council, and I hope that he might write something for a future bulletin, on this. This was followed by a general discussion on the subject before we moved on to consider organisational questions, when the following decisions were taken:



That there would be a 'national' meeting of the network three times a year and that a national co-ordinator for the network would be chosen at one of these meetings, elected for a period of one year, and subjected to recall. I was asked to continue as co-ordinator, but asked that the decision be put off until the May meeting, which was accepted. Attempts should be made to rotate production of the bulletin: so far people from London, Hull and Manchester, have all offered to help with production. The co-ordinator is to liase with these people, to assist the smooth transition to rotational production.

It was also decided that someone should take on responsibility for maintaining international contacts. Phil McShane was chosen for this task, and he will request two copies of any bulletin/paper from a corresponding group, one to go on permanent file, the second to be a loan/circulation copy. Any one with suggestions for groups Phil should contact please let him know.

Most of the notes have been written from memory, so I hope I've not put words into people's mouths by mistake - if so let me know and I'll make sure a correction is put in the next bulletin. Certainly, some of the issues discussed should be given a wider airing in the bulletin.

Lastly I'd like to express my personal thanks to Ron Marsden, Dave Thomson and the other members of Manchester SWF for the work they did in organising the meeting.

Martyn Everett.

Money received since last bulletin: Karl Cordell £1-50; Bob Prew £1; Sharon Hayden 3 x 6½ stamps; Peter Good 50p; A McGowan 50p; T Howarth 1 x 6½ stamp; Jim Petty £1; Dave Thomson £1; John Walker £1; collection at Manchester meeting (£4-36½p, less rent and post £3-61) 75½p.



#### PUBLICATIONS. . .

The Labour Research Dept. have prepared a new edition of their pamphlet Picketing: a trade unionists guide, which provides a useful guide to law, rights and strategy. Price 12p (18½p by post). Bulk rates on request. From LRD Publications, 78 Blackfriars Rd., London SE1 8HF.

The Shop Steward's Guide to Workplace Health and Safety costs 60p and comes from Spokesman Books, Bertrand Russell House, Gamble St., Nottingham NG7 4ET, although it should be obtainable through local bookshops.

The British Society for Social Responsibility in Science, now publish a bi-monthly 'Health Hazards Bulletin', which costs £1 per annum. They've also produced a pamphlet on Oil as a hazard at work, to follow up on the one about noise that came out a couple of months back. 9 Poland St., London W1

Anarchism Lancastrium available from 16 Kingsmill Ave., Whalley, Blackburn, Lancs. 7p plus post.

Claimants Union publications presently available include two handbooks, one for Strikers (25p), and one for the Unemployed (35p). Handbooks for Pensioners (50p) and Women (30p) also published. Try your local C.U. or by post from Dame Colet House, Ben Jonson Rd., London E 1.

Social Audit is both the name of a group and a journal dedicated to the idea that companies and government should be socially and financially accountable, and aims to disclose information about a company's activities in the fields of health, safety, pollution, employment policies etc. As I understand it, if any workers group asks them for information on a particular company or topic, they'll try to provide it. Issues of Social Audit are expensive (£5 sub for 4 issues) - so get copies through the library. Social Audit, Munro Hse., 9 Poland St., London W1.

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# INTERNATIONAL



via La Razón, the paper of the Amsterdam branch of the CNT, comes a list of libertarian prisoners in Spanish jails (most are CNT members, but not all). Copies of La Razón are obtainable directly from F.L. - C.N.T., Postbus 12.408, Amsterdam Holland. Sharon Hayden (see contact list) will let you have a sample copy. They all need our help, Sharon says that we can help best by sending "cards, and letters, clothes (2nd hand will do once you know his size), food (non-perishable, obviously!), tobacco, and most important MONEY. You can send it directly to the prisoner, at the prison under which his name appears in the list, as an International Money Order. Best of all is a regular monthly or fortnightly sum, raised by a group. Also, write a note to the prisoner telling him when you expect the parcel or money to reach him, seperately, to arrive a few days beforehand. La Razón says that it's no good sending books or newspapers of any kind, as these are strictly, but also erratically censored. I have asked, and they inform me that there are NO WOMEN libertarian prisoners, there were three known to them, now released awaiting trial."

Carcel La Modelo de Barcelona: Vicente Iglesias Romero. Carcel Trinidad de Barcelona: Núria Ballart Capdevila. Carcel La Modelo De Barcelona: Luis Burro Molina; Ramón Carrión Sanchis; Enrique Conde Martinez; Simposiano Fernández Fernández; Manuel Jurado Arjona; Juan Jordi Vinyoles Vidal; Luis Andres Edo; José Maria Huertas Clavería; Oriol Solé Sugranyes. Carcel de Lerida: José Campos Otero; Carcel de Segovia: Ramón Caballero Delgado; Carlos García Solé; Miguel Jiménez Hinojosa; Miguel La Cueva Miguel; Ramón Llorca López; Manuel Pérez Esquerra; José Luis Pons Llobet; Floreal Rodríguez de la Paz; Frederico Sánchez Juliachs; David Urbano Bermúdez; Carcel de Palencia: José Parisi Sans; Francisco Tubau Subirá; Cordoba: José Gabarra Lozano; Emilio Salinas Rosario; Fernando Carballo Blanco. Alcala de Henares: Montserrat Cervera Blanco. Granada: Andress Misse Fensa; Cartagena: Miguel Inglés Pedrero. Carcel de Jaen: José Luis Alonso Pérez; Juan Antonio Giró Adán; Tomás González Pardo; José Masana; Angel Muñoz López; Alvar Noguera Calvet; José Maria Palomas Santa-maria; Juan Miguel Seijó Armada; Salvador Soriano Martínez. Carcel de Zaragoza: Domingo Humbert Maestre; Eusebio González Romero; Rodolfo Hoyuelos Cámara. Carcel de Alicante: Fernando Carballo Blanco.

Financial aid can be sent either directly to the prisoners at the jails as above, or by sending the money to Francisco Moreno, at the Amro Bank, Amsterdam [Rekening nr. 43.50.48.201] (that is the account no.) saying which prisoner its intended for. Assistance can also be sent through Solidaridad Internacional Antifascista, calle 4, Rue de Belfor, TOULOUSE, France.

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Mario Munoz Salas, 36 year old founder and leader of the Aconcagua Union of Mineworkers, helped in the formation of the cordones industriales (local councils of workers and miners and peasants, and was forced to flee to Argentina after the coup, where he assisted in the organizing of the Chilean refugees. Now following the coup in Argentina he is on the run from troops with orders to shoot him on sight, and a defence committee has been set up: Committee to Save Mario Munoz, c/o BCM Box 4272, London WCIV 6XX. Note, Mario Munoz was an active member of the Socialist Party of Chile.

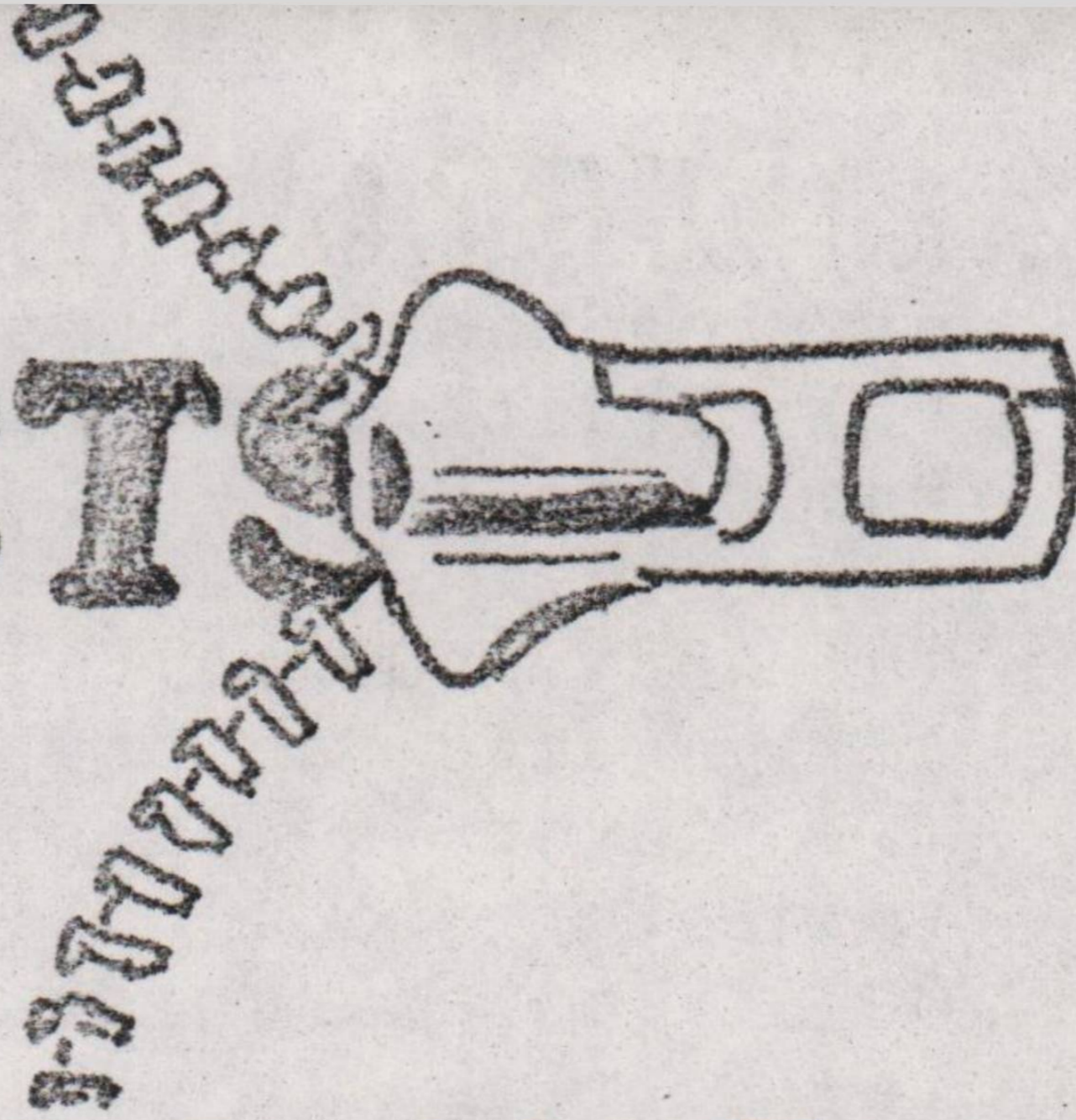
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The International Marxist Group are appealing for help on behalf of Sabino Arana who is suffering from tuberculosis in Carabanchel Prison Hospital, in Spain.

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German anarcho-syndicalist Ralph Stein was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment but has for the moment been released: Letters of solidarity c/o R. Aurand, 5 Koln 30, Tieckstrasse 49, Germany.

# CONTACT



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33. (a) Sharon Hayden (b) 90 Hamilton Place, Edinburgh EH3 5AZ (c) none (? NUS) (d) AWA (e) rather isolated types of work I do - not much (f) student/ housewife/ nursing auxillary. (g) as occupations

(a) name (b) address or where you can be contacted (c) union (d) affiliation (e) what influence have you at work (f) occupation (g) industry

Note: For a variety of reasons many contacts have asked that their names and addresses are not published, so if there are no contacts for your industry listed here, write to the network co-ordinator, who will try to put you in touch - or why not get your own name listed?  
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Group contacts etc.

Anarchy, 29 Grosvenor Avenue, London N5

Anarchist Black Cross, and Black Flag, 10 Meltham Rd., Lockwood, Huddersfield.  
Centro Iberico, 83A Haverstock Hill, London NW3. Immigrant Spanish and Portugese workers - contact centre (esp. catering). Also London Committee to help reconstruction of the CNT in Spain (Federacion Obrera Iberica) contact: Miguel Garcia (Assistance also to French & Italian workers in finding jobs). Note, this address may change soon.

Anarchist Workers Association, 13 Coltman St., Hull (paper: Anarchist Worker)  
Confederation of British Anarchists c/o 84B Whitechapel High St., London E 1  
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Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). Members in Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, Belfast, London, Farnham, Craven Arms (Salop), Bath, Preston and round the world. Contact through the One Big Union Centre, 294 Middleton Rd., Oldham, Lancs. Papers: Industrial Unionist & Industrial Worker. Songs of Unemployment. price 3p each plus postage (SAE) or £1.20 for 50, inc. post.

Solidarity. National working group c/o 15 Charles St., Oxford. London: c/o 123 Lathom Rd., London E6 (paper: Solidarity), Coventry: c/o 48 Arden St.

Social Revolution c/o 83 Gregory Crescent, Eltham, London SE9; Flat 12, 152-154 Spring Bank Hull; c/o Box 23, 163 King St., Aberdeen. (Papers: Social Revolution & Libertarian Communism)

Syndicalist Workers Federation (SWF): Box 101 c/o 84B Whitechapel High St., London E 1; Manchester .. c/o Grassroots, 109 Oxford Rd. Manchester (Paper: Direct Action)

Libertarian Women's Network c/o Alison Malet, 1 Lynnwood Place, Dundee.

Libertarian Students Network c/o A. Richards, 25 Maidcroft Rd., Cowley, Oxford. (in formation)

Scottish Libertarian Federation c/o Bob Gibson, 7 Union St., Edinburgh 1.

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