

# LIAISONS INTER - NATIONALES

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To all comrades,

This paper is the first issue of the group which has accepted, during ICO international meeting of July 1969 to create an international communications organ for comrades more or less in accordance with ICO positions. From now on we shall publish it regularly, that is, momentarily, one issue each 6 weeks.

Please look at these beginnings with some indulgence : we have not received all the information we hoped to, not only well-established publications but also documents issued besides of them leaflets, isolated texts, small groups bulletins... We must say this fact allowed us to speak more of some articles. When a normal level is reached in this field we shall try to improve this paper by translating and redistributing important texts. But, in our opinion, our efforts would be rather useless if they would not bring about practical communications between groups of different countries ; we are ready to help anybody who wants such communications. We ask you :

- to make any suggestion or remark which could improve or make more realistic our work.
- to send us regularly any publication, any interesting document you have
- unfortunately we ask you too to help us by sending money ; 35 BF is really a minimum, especially since belgian post tariffs have been increased.
- to be indulgent for our english

Please, tell us if you want French or English issue.

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We have received recently the following publications and documents :

B E L G I U M

Liaisons monthly review - n° 1 - december 69 - 5 BF - M-C Gilles  
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A worker tells about his working day- Notes about the "help" given to Tunis by the Belgian Army -

Workers Councils : "popular" article about Workers Councils (their progressive development from a situation of general strike).

About Federalism : the idea of federalism is used in Belgium to hide genuine problems and is a starting point for the development of political and trade-union bureaucracies.

The limits of student revolt : one has not to overrate the part played by students in a revolutionary process.

Workers' informations : Citroën-Forest - Jenatsy (Liege)

Impôts, taxe, T.V.A. c/o Bernadette Nicolas, 109, rue du Trône, 1050 - Bruxelles - 15 BF.

T.V.A. (taxe à la valeur ajoutée = an indirect tax levied on each portion of value added to a product) is already existing in 4 countries of the Common Market, and will be soon imposed upon in Belgium.

This measure had to be taken in January 1970. It has been postponed, only as a way to give profit to a certain part of the population and to prevent popular reactions.

This booklet explains the disastrous effects of T.V.A. upon the whole population and the advantages of T.V.A. for capitalists.

It is well-informed on the subject and illustrated with concrete examples ; it explains how direct and indirect taxes are levied, and how they maintains inequality between citizens. The political and economical consequences of T.V.A. are carefully analyzed, the collusion State-employers and employers-trade-unions appears clearly (trade-unions did not even protest against this measure and tried to convince delegates and affiliated members to accept it).

F R A N C E

Anarchisme et non-violence! Anita Bernard, 22, Allée de la Fontaine, 93 Le Rancy - CCP Viaud, 2.298-84 Marseille.

A translation of "About Anarchism" of N.Walter (Anarchy n° 100) has been published under the title "Pour l'Anarchisme" with the cooperation of CIRA (International Anarchist Research Centre), Beaumont 24, Lausanne, Switzerland.

A good account of traditional anarchism.

Archinoir Jean Francoz, 29, rue des Champs-Élysées, 38 Grenoble  
Issue n° 2 : two introductions, numerous remarks about leftism and  
the Left in general, correspondance, some texts of Bakunin and an  
article about the misappropriation of walls in our society.  
A first introduction with, as a conclusion, the fact that the real  
activity of the revolutionary movement is made through the formation  
of small autonomous groups.

The second one is about Revolutionary Action and the Intellectuals.  
It puts in its right place "small groups of politicians and  
revolutionarists who think they make the working class aware of  
its exploitation. It advises to get out of "one's small cultural  
surrounding" in order "to stop being culturally bored".

The following articles give original positions about the Action  
Committee, Desire and Love, about a "leftist" paper distributed in  
Grenoble, about the part played by theory (which "must come from  
practice, cannot be separated from it unless it risks to become an  
ideology"), about some activism in the institute of Eastern  
Languages ; at last, we have a few notes about language and Antonin  
Artaud.

Cahiers du Communisme de conseils Camoin B.P.15 13 Marseille 12  
nr 4, july 69 ( 2 NF)

About the Chinese revolution (by B. Cajo) B.Cajo, from the Dutch  
Councils Communist group "Acte et Pensée" shows that in China, as  
in Russia, there is no "Socialist State" but a "State Capitalism"  
where workers are exploited just as they are in western capitalis-  
tic countries, where a new class struggle sets the proletariat  
against bureaucracy (that is, against collective capitalism).  
In this way China takes part to imperialist domination competitions  
at a world scale ; bureaucracy plays the part of bourgeoisie ; the  
ideology being aimed to the maintainance of a production stimula-  
ting revolutionary faith.

This article is a lesson of history too. B.Cajo makes a parralel  
between economic and social evolution of China from the beginning  
of the century, and the evolution of the Chinese communist party,  
as well as between Chinese revolution and Russian revolution.  
At last, it is a lesson of analysis method ; it helps bringing out  
the significance of often contradictory informations coming from  
China. Through analysis and history, B.Cajo shows that an active  
minority always tries to impose a direction on revolution, an  
alienating ideology. These revolutions have always been a mean for  
a new leading class which claimed to start a socialism for the  
people.

I.C.O. - Informations Correspondances Ouvrières P.Blachier, 13 bis  
rue Labois-Rouillon, Paris 19 - (12 NF for 12 issues - ICO  
20.147-54 Paris)

n° 88 Texts from Italian friends about the situation in Italy.  
Holland : about the "trade-union" minorities in the class struggle.  
Ireland : notes about economics - Correspondance.

n° 89 : Informations about social conflicts and enterprises.  
-in France : The dockers of Marseille - book industry - FNAJ in Paris - La Concorde - Héraud and Sorgues - Palais-royal-Service-Grenoble rolling-mills.  
-in Great-Britain : an article written for Solidarity by a driver of the Wembley depot - Ford.  
-news from Italy  
-Belgium : the strikes at Citroën-Forest - Jenatsy (Liege).  
Discussions and Correspondance - groups related to ICO.

Our address in I.C.O. is wrong : it is Ixelles 2 and not Bruxelles 2

Le Monde Libertaire, 3, rue Ternaux, Paris 11 - it is the organ of the French Anarchist Federation - a monthly issue : 2 NF - for 12 issues : 28 NF - Publico, Paris 11289-15.  
January 1970 : articles about repression and attempts in Italy.

Noir et Rouge Lagant B.P. 113, Paris 18 - CCP : Paris 20.020.93 of Pascal Claris (4 issues 6 NF) (do not mention "Noir et Rouge".  
Number 45 - November/December 69

-an article about the constitution of an action committee against class justice and its repression of political activities, and against repression in everyday life.

-an analysis of the Irish situation at the end of summer 69, made by an English. For him, the religious problem is but a tool in the hands of province leaders.

Noir et Rouge underlines the part played by P.D ("People's democracy"), an organization derived from C.R.A., where Anarchists and Socialists meet. Afterwards, it speaks about anarchist campings, and the position of a few participants to a camping organized last summer in the South of England.

There is the following of articles about trade-unions and workers' struggles.

Another article, "Syndicalisme enseignant" explains why a mass movement among intellectuals or middle-class cannot be revolutionary. It makes a stand against trade-unionism, "a demanding movement based upon material and moral interests of a corporation". At last we can find in Noir et Rouge considerations about May 68, the starting of strikes, the part played by trade-unions, the workers' daily practice of absurd and the libertarian character of May in its first period.

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A French comrade living presently in Latin America is ready to provide you with information about these countries. Apply to us for further information.  
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Our friends

LANSART, Hôtel Terminus, Place Paul sémard, 95-Argenteuil and  
PAUTARD, 20, rue de la Vieille-Monnaie, 25 Besançon

sent us a text :

"Démarche à propos d'actions possibles" - "Discussion à la suite  
d'une action proposée".

They would like to meet friends, "in a pub, if possible".  
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G E R M A N Y

Republikanischer Club e.V. Berlin 1 Berlin 15 - Wielandstrasse 27

We have received :

-an information paper about Czecho-Slovakia (september)  
-a statement of the ideology commission of Czecho-Slovak socialist  
revolutionary Party (August)

Documents in German have been received too ; they are not yet  
translated.

G R E A T-- B R I T A I N

Agitprop Information 160 North Gower Street NW 1 01 387.5406

It is a service of information for the Left in general.

Agitprop sent us a list of publications (about education, labour,  
imperialism, Latin America, Middle-East, Eastern Europe, sexual  
oppression, arts, and so on), a list of addresses, and an informa-  
tion sheet named "Red Notes" which announces shows, films, demon-  
strations, conferences, etc... which could be of interest for the  
Left. They have the intention to publish in a future issue a  
comprehensive film list.

Solidarity H.Russel, 53 A Westmoreland Road, Bromley, Kent.

Solidarity sent us a number of pamphlets :

The meaning of Socialism (Paul Cardan) 6d.

a new analysis of the objectives of Socialism and it rethinks its  
strategy and its methods of action.

The Workers Opposition (Alexandra Kollontai) 3/.

One of the "forbidden document of Bolshevism", about the Thesis on  
the Trade-Union question, submitted by the Workers Opposition to  
the 10th Congress (march 1921) of the Communist Party.

Kronstadt 1921 (Victor Serge) 6d.

From bolshevism to bureaucracy (P.Cardan) 6d.

Znaczenie Socjalizmu (P.Cardan) in polish

Socialism or barbarism 6d.

a text issued in May 1961, after a meeting in Paris between members of "Socialisme ou Barbarie", "Unità Proletaria", "Socialism Reaffirmed" and "Pouvoir Ouvrier Belge".

The labour government versus the dockers - 1945/1951 6d.

The crisis of Modern Society (P.Cardan) 6d.

crisis of science and education values, crisis in the interpersonal relations, etc...

The Kronstadt Commune 2/6 contains a full bibliography.

The death of CND as performed by the Grosvenor Square demonstrations under the direction of themselves alone - 6d.

Paris - May 68 1/.

The great flint sit-down strike against GM 1936-37 (1/.)  
a criticism of the Communist Party during the GM strike of 36-37.  
Methods and tactics.

Hungary 56 3/6

Modern capitalism and revolution (P.Cardan) 3/6

Solidarity sent us a lot of its monthly issues. We shall speak of the last two ones :

(one issue : 6d. - 10/. for 12 issues)

September 69 : contains an article about the wildcat strike at the Mahwah Ford Plant in New Jersey in April 69. Describes the various steps of the struggle and analyses the new forces emerging on the industrial scene in America. It underlines the need for international links at rank and file level.

An article about SDS : notes about the SDS convention held in Chicago in June 69 and the discussions between two factions, the Revolutionary Youth Movement (whose aim is fighting against US imperialism for national liberation wars and especially for blacks) and the Worker-Student Alliance (whose aim is class consciousness ; the black problem is not a special problem, it is that of the whole exploited working-class)

The new proletariat tries to prove that the traditional proletariat becomes slowly a largely non-manual middle-class, easily manipulated and hardly revolutionary.

November 69

Analysis of the Liverpool GEC factories strike. Lessons to be drawn from the failure.

An interview from a founding member of the KAPD about German workers-councils.

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