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Our n° 3 concrete proposals did not receive many answers. Several publications sent us a number of copies. It is obvious that those copies are merely designed to cover a possible international request, and it is unlikely that we need 100 copies for instance. On another hand we are not tradesmen and it is not necessary to grant us bookseller's rebates : we shall take our costs no more, no less.

We did not receive any answer to our proposal of creating communications between groups having contacts in various factories. On the other hand English comrades related to Pilkington Glass strikers in St Helens had a lot of difficulties to make contact with us. Would it not be possible to create contacts following the mainstreams of capitalistic exchanges ?

We received from "Cahiers du Communisme de Conseils" a letter which can be usefully published in our opinion, since it is clearly developing a widespread conception of practice. We hope this letter will be the starting point of an interesting discussion.

For material reasons, we have decided to reduce our summaries to a few articles having a more general significance ; this decision implies a choice. Moreover, we are going to develop to a larger extent in the French issue texts written in other languages than French, and in the English issue, texts in another language than English.

From a friend from "CAHIERS DU COMMUNISME DE CONSEILS"
(Camoin, B.P.15, 13 Marseille 12)

"Our practice itself is in the likeness of the group, very limited ; it is a practice of propaganda, especially of circulation, that is to say, we circulate the "CAHIERS" as well as ICO, R.I. and other publications forwarded to us by comrades from all places. It does not mean that we believe that our work is limited within this frame, but because we are convinced that all practices are arising from a positive movement , and that the problem is not knowing what kind of action has to be undertaken in an abstract manner, but rather how could we solve concrete problems claiming our attention.

If (...) practical questions are actually bringing about divisions; it is often only because unfortunately many comrades imagine a false idea of practice.

We can't say either that ideologies do separate comrades, but rather their social nature. Of course, workers and students join in these groups . The students' difficult problem is not to see the situation any longer from an university point of view but to adopt a general historical movement position.

But this is all theory. To come back to concrete problems, I think the primary one is that of the class being brigaded by partisan and Union bureaucracies.

The team of the CAHIERS remains faithful to the opinion that only workers' conscious action through daily struggles against exploitation may bring about a revolutionary situation. Therefore, in our opinion, our primordial work is one of demystification and propaganda ; our modest bulletin is clearly a small contribution to this purpose, but it has the advantage of representing a long-term work and an involvement both deeper and more complete for us, and less transitory in terms of practical implication.

It is quite clear that we are ready at any moment to make changes to our purposes in so far as our available means or the social situation itself would change.

Consequently practical action is for us, first of all, the result of a development which remains partly unknown to us and in front of which we have to act, the result and the running of such action being dependent upon the means which can be operated by us.

I think that (...) if you start a debate about the groups' activities, it will give us the picture of the various situations (social, numerical, etc) in which they are.

As for a work of communications, it is a primordial one in our opinion ; in fact, in the same way as strong actions (wild-cat strikes, etc) are meaningless separately, the radical groups existing presently throughout the world can only play a specific role in their totality."

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I N F O R M A T I O N S A B O U T G R O U P S

INTERNATIONAL CREATIVITY (M.Lab, 115 av. de la Bourdonnais, 75 Paris 7)

They have published "For the creation of an international federation of the revolutionary communities"- International Creativity Manifesto.

"This text comes from a group wanting to cope with the lack of organization of the present councils groups. It is divided into 2 parts : the first one deals with masses' ideological alienation and psychical structure. It is the minimal theoretical platform logically bringing about a form of radical organization according to the pattern of an international Federation of the Revolutionary Communities, the account of which represents the second part of our Manifesto".

A PAMPHLET ABOUT LIMBURG STRIKES : "La grève des Mineurs du Limbourg - Classe ouvrière et capital en Belgique - 1970" (37 p.- 2 FF - C. Gutknecht, 168 av. Parmentier - CCP Paris 24.425.40)

It has been realized by an international group under the label "International class struggle". We have here in Brussels a lot of copies we can send you. Summary in our next issue.

From the G.L.A.T. (GROUP OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR WORKERS' ACTION) June 1969 - Michel Dauphin, 4, rue Clavel, 75 Paris 19

For a revolutionary grouping

Trade-unions and parties formed by the working class have been annexed by a class of "specialists". The political and union bureaucracy plays the part of a more or less disguised support of the bourgeoisie. The only solution to the problems of capitalism lies in the increasing enterprise exerted by the state machinery upon economy. Likewise the leading class

domination is brought to be more and more supported by violence only. The overthrow of capitalism is a condition to mankind survival.

No leading class has ever been thrown down from the power by something else than violence. But if a revolution must happen, new social relations have to exist before the overthrowing of the present ones, at least in embryo. Consequently, conditions for a revolution mature in so far as the proletariat succeeds in managing its own activity. It is doing so during big strikes and workers' rebellions. But in the meantime, progress is often supplanted by long flowing back.

Outside the periods of social crisis, the proletariat cannot dispose of any mass organization of its own. Therefore proletarians take part in capitalistic institutions or refuse this participation thus demonstrating an apparent apathy. The most combative elements themselves have no other alternative than being inactive or forming groupings not representative of the class. We can only consider as revolutionists those who promote the development of communist social relations by theoretically formulating proletariat's historical experience and by practically supporting its self-emancipation through practical proposals aimed to the setting up of a workers' democracy in the direction of the struggle.

The basic principle of the revolutionary organization is that the decisions must be made by all the militants without the existence of a specialized leading body.

COLLECTIVO CINEMA MILITANTE (C.P. 7238 Roma Nomentano)

These friends "have the intention to supply a few classes -especially workers and students - through pictures, with documents and informations generally hidden by the communication means dominated and handled by the bourgeoisie."

They have a bulletin we have not yet received.

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P U B L I C A T I O N S

X = copies available from us here in Brussels

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CHILE : Agapito Bravo Morales, calle 5 sur 1 y 2 Ote 850, Talca-Chile, Chile, would like to receive a lot of material in Spanish, English and French, in order to develop the libertarian movement in Chile among his friends and the workers (pamphlets, booklets, sheets, papers, reviews, postcards, texts, books, posters). He is ready to pay everything as soon as received.

D E N M A R K

NEWS BULLETIN FROM THE DANISH VIETNAM COMMITTEES

n° 2 - May 1970
Grønnegade 37, 1, DK - 1107 Copenhagen K

F R A N C E

ACTION-TOURS Libertarian communist paper, from the Tours Libertarian Communist Movement (Michel Desmars, 2 allée de Cheverny, 37 - Tours)

Contents : Repression is an aspect of class struggle - Nanterre, year 3 - Boussac - Czechoslovakia : re-stalinization - Craftsmen's situation.

L'ANARCHO-SYNDICALISTE (n° 96 - Marc/April 70. - 6 FF for 10 issues - Guy Raynal, 12 rue Béchade, 79 Chef-Bartonne, CCP : 20.94.49 Bordeaux).

Publishes a study from the Nantes Council about Unions. (Conseil de Nantes - B.P. 324 + 44 Nantes) : "Common places against trade-unions".

X INVARIANCE (comes out quarterly - second year, n°8, october december 69 - "Transition" - corr : Librairie Chikwembo, 52 rue de Maubeuge, Paris 9) - 4 FF, 40 BF, 500 L., 6/. - CCP : Camatte 21.460.91 - Paris

Contents : Transition - about the role of the party in a proletarian revolution (theses of the KAPB) - Bergman's intervention (KAPB) during the debate about Union problem at the IIIrd Congress of the C.I. (1921)
-Jehan : War in Spain - Relativity and determinism (about Einstein's death) - Program of the integral communism and marxist theory of knowledge (meeting in Milan, June 1962) of the Italian communist left) - Chief meetings of the Italian communist left movement from 1951 to 1966 - their publications.

X LA FEUILLE ANARCHISTE (Finster, 122 av. de Choisy, Paris 13 : 1 issue : 1 FF, 10 issues 9 FF - 8 printed pages)
related to the Anarchist workers' Alliance

Dialogue between Marx and Bakunin (2 FF, same address) by M. Cranston (broadcasted in 1962 by the BBC)

X I.C.O. (INFORMATIONS CORRESPONDENCE OUVRIERES)
(P. Blachier, 13 bis, rue Labois-Rouillon, Paris 19
subscription for 1 year : 15 FF - CCP : Paris 20.147-54)

n°91-92 gives a report on the National Meeting of "Solidarity"

This meeting took place in February (7, 8) in Manchester. Two mainstreams were in opposition : one wanting to base the movement upon the autonomy of the existing groups (with frequent contacts among them) ; the other wanting a more precise centralizing organization (with only one national paper).

It could be noticed that the discussion was trying to reach a provisory practical solution whereas between French groups such discussions generally take a political turn and a passionate aspect. Solidarity is oriented towards concrete things. Its action is characterized by informations and explanations and by the refusal of agitation; in various working groups comrades exchanged experiences with the only purpose of discussing them and coordinating their activities. The groups' activity is not limited to enterprises, but their basic aim remains the class struggle in the enterprises. For Solidarity, alienation can only be stopped by abolishing labour and exploitation.

n° 93, May 1970 : end of "Class struggle and revolutionary movement (comes from Francoz, 29, rue des Champs-Élysées, 38 Grenoble)

Workers' information : Renault (Billancourt) - Manufrance in St Etienne - Berliet - Road transport - Vallourec (Aulnoye) Wild-cat strikes in Belgium - US post-office employees' strike - Raton-Munch affair, etc...

LA BASE Citroen Action Committee - J. Renault, 73, rue Blanche
Paris 9

LUTTE DE CLASSES (GLAT)
Michel-Dauphin, 4 rue Clavel, 75 Paris 19

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

AGITPROP 160 North Gower Street NW 1/ 01 387 5406
Agitprop Informations and Red Notes

BIG FLAME 78 Clarendon Rd, Wallasey Cheshire.

Weekly paper - 1 issue ./6 - related to the workers of Mersey-side industry, especially Ford. - gives workers' informations

n°2 (march 70) : increase in bus transportation - housing shortage - about Liverpool Echo, Vauhall, Ford

n°3 (april 70): about unemployment, Ford, bosses, General Motors

n°4 (april 70) : about Pilkington wild strike (glass trust of St Helens, Lancashire) - unemployment - EE - the dockers

n°5 : about May Day - Pilkington, EE,

n°6 : an analysis of the oppositions to Pilkington strike

SOLIDARITY(NORTH LONDON)

c/o Heather Russel, 53A Westmoreland Rd, Bromley, Kent

Contents : an article about the economics of self-management
-an article about nurses : analysis of their situation, salaries, hours, working type and conditions, training, shortage, unions present campaign, claims, result, future.

H O L L A N D

DAAD EN GEDACHT (ACTION AND THOUGHT)

Postgiro : 307695 - Outshoornstraat 1', Amsterdam W.
subscription : what you want

n° 3, march 70 : wild cat strikes in Sweden - about factories occupations - workers/unions relations in England - trade-unions and capitalism (by Igor Cornelissen, as announced in February issue) - what the C.P. says about Pannekoek - a warning to Fré Meis (leader of the cardboard strike) from the central committee of the C.P.
-about social regime in enterprises.

n°4, april 70 : about Czechoslovakia - Bakunin and putshism - discussion with Broekmeyer about Yougoslavia - about State - Councils of enterprises in the bosses' interest.

I T A L Y

LINEE PER UNA RIVOLUZIONE LIBERTARIA (Luigi Pelliscari, - via Ugolino, Forli 31 (FO)

April 19, 1970 : bulletin of Forli, Rinini and San Marino libertarians, second year, issue 1,

Contents : Italy, april 70 - internal communications - ambiguity of "Lotta continua" - children's exploitation and class schools -

-about the "cases" of Mouglin, Raton and Munch - EEC rational agriculture - Russian rational agriculture.

POTERE OPERAIO comes out weekly -1 issue : 100.L.

n°20(april 70)

- about a theory of organization and the strength to practice it.
- class interest against reform initiatives.
- political struggle and militant involvement
- letters to Pirelli and Fiat comrades
- proletarian revolt and workers' discipline in collective struggles.
- Let us create in the factory class unity organization

n°21 (May 2)

- Unitarian proposal to factory workers' avant-guarde about organization
- Fiat class situation
- proletariate and social wealth.

S W I T Z E R L A N D

PREMIER MAI(May Day)

Cassarde 19, Neuchâtel

A pamphlet about May Day significance - workers'situation - credit and publicity - housing - profits - foreign workers - trade-unions - Swiss "neutrality" etc... in a Swiss optics and with Swiss informations.

U . S . A .

NEWS AND LETTERS 415, Brainard Str. Detroit, Michigan

n°4, vol 15 : women's liberation movement - about Fleetwood, Ford Rouge - totalitarianism in U.S.A. - the events in the University of California in Sta Barbara.

n°5, vol 15 : Union of white and black through US strikes - informations about Ford, Flettwood, etc...

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