

## 19<sup>th</sup> of July

We remember the Spanish revolution of the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 1936. “Here in Fraga [a small town in Aragon], you can throw banknotes into the street,” ran an article in a Libertarian paper, “and no one will take any notice. Rockefeller, if you were to come to Fraga with your entire bank account you would not be able to buy a cup of coffee. Money, your God and your servant, has been abolished here, and the people are happy.” [quoted in *The Spanish Revolution: The left and the struggle for power during the Civil War* by Burnett Bolloten, p71. The paper was *Die Soziale Revolution*, published by the Deutsche Anarchosyndikalisten (DAS) exiles. Issue three (and the others) can be read at <https://www.anarchismus.at/zeitungen-bis-1945/die-soziale-revolution>. More on the DAS at <https://libcom.org/library/the-foreign-legion-revolution>.]

We have just posted the poem ‘Barcelona 1936’ by Hugo Dewar  
‘They too were storming heaven – do you think they fought in vain;  
that because they lost a battle they would never rise again;  
that the man with the leaflets, the woman with a gun,  
did not have a daughter, did not have a son?’ <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/2fr0d9>

19<sup>th</sup> July was also the date (in 1968) of the first issue of the *Bulletin of the Anarchist Black Cross*, which would become *Black Flag* from volume 2. Thanks to our comrades at CIRA (<https://www.cira.ch/>) Libcom’s archive of *Black Flag* now has this and other early issues <http://libcom.org/library/black-flag-vol-01-01-july-1968>

## 25<sup>th</sup> of August: Happy birthday, Dan Chatterton

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 it is the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dan Chatterton, publisher of *Chatterton’s Commune, the Atheistic Communist Scorcher*

‘We Are Too Hot for Hell. Too Mad for Hanwell. The Scorcher not Go Broke. A Quire of Yellow Tissue, Sixpence and A halfpenny-worth of Ink. Pull that Lot. Repeat Quantum. Pull again. And untill Issue of paper is Out. To do this means Stern determination, In long hours Night after Night, Very little gain But No Loss. Expenditure Two Pounds - per Year. Income, Three Pounds. Now Isn’t I A Scorcher? I am Seventy Years of Age, - Going for that other Fifty, deaf and near blind. Yet never daunted, Bring me my Compeer. But Remember What I can do, So can You (Go and Do It). Then Our World - will be A Scorcher Too.’

*Scorcher*, no.25 [January 1891. Hanwell in west London was the site of a large lunatic asylum.]

To mark the occasion Andrew Whitehead has just produced a podcast and walking tour devoted to him. Get that and a biography of Chatterton via <https://www.andrewwhitehead.net/dan-chatterton.html>. Mat Kavanagh’s tribute to Chatterton (1934) is at <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/b8gv5n>.

## Joseph Lane

**Worth a Second Look No. 1. Joseph Lane: An Anti-Statist Communist Manifesto. London: Joseph Lane, 1887 by Barry Pateman**

Time on our hands has meant we have gone back to re-read anarchist material. Here’s thoughts on Joseph Lane’s *An Anti-Statist Communist Manifesto* from 1887. It is a sobering thought that there weren’t too many working class voices in British anarchist writing at this time. There was, of course, Dan Chatterton (see above) and Lane. The *Manifesto* is a good opportunity to hear the voice of a tireless working class organizer and propagandist. Stilted in places, certainly, but its passion

can't be ignored as well as an experience of living that would challenge some of his more erudite and educated comrades!! If you have any anarchist publication that you think is 'Worth A Second Look' write it up and send it on!! <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/4f4s2z>

## The Spanish resistance

### **Elio Ziglioli, an Italian in the anarchist guerrilla struggle: the story of a return by Argimiro Ferrero**

The story of his death at the hands of the Civil Guard in 1949 and how his family learned his fate sixty years later. <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/ncjvmm>

### **Changes to the grave of Francisco Sabaté Llopart aka Quico, plus other anarchist fighters by Argimiro Ferrero**

A history his grave in in Sant Celoni and of the commemorations there. <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/q575cc>

### **Back in the days when your name might bring you to grief by Imanol**

'Are you José Pascual Palacios? Yes. More slaps and questions. Do you recognize the person in this photo? No. When did you come down from France? I've never been to France. More punches and more questions. After a lengthy stay at the station, he was committed to the prison, ending up in the daunting Modelo Prison in Barcelona.

'In response to his repeated answers, the BPS personnel decided to question their "plants" inside the CNT in exile. Their replies left them astounded. José Pascual Palacios was still in France, a patient in the Les Villetes TB sanatorium in Paris...' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/jm65k1>

## Three pamphlets now online

### **Stanley's exploits, or, civilising Africa by David Nicoll (1891, reprinted 2001)**

David Nicoll was an anarchist militant, active in Sheffield and London, who was never afraid to give the powerful the sharp side of his tongue. Here he berates Stanley and his cheerleaders in the press who thought that massacring Africans in the cause of 'civilising' them was a price worth paying! <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/xd265n>

There's an account of Sheffield anarchists distributing *Stanley's exploits, or, civilising Africa* at a meeting of Stanley's on the 15th of May 1891 at:

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/CHP18910619.2.44.5> '[A man was] handing about pamphlets from a large bag. On the cover was "Stanley's Exploits, or Civilising Africa." The book was thought to be at first one of Stanley's lectures, but it proved to be a violent attack upon him.'

### **The Hungarian Workers' Revolution by the Syndicalist Workers' Federation (1957, 1984)**

'Physically, the Hungarian Revolution was crushed by overwhelming Russian military force. But the flame of freedom kindled by the Hungarian working-class during October-November 1956 is still alive, showing the way forward to workers, not in the Communist dictatorships alone, but throughout the world.' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/kkwjw4>

### **What's Wrong with the Unions? A Syndicalist Answer by Tom Brown (1955, reprinted 1962)**

'All parties, capitalist or "labour", and all social relationships except Syndicalism, are at one in opposing the principle of control from below. All are willing to fight to the last ditch to preserve the principle of control from above, the relation of master and servant. Communism, Conservatism, Labourism, capitalism, business (big or small) – all are bound and rooted in the master principle, as were the previous systems of feudalism and chattel slavery.'

<https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/79cq0w>

## Lucio Urtubia Jiménez 1931-2020

News has just reached us of the death of Lucio Urtubia, anarchist militant and forger. We hope to post a longer piece soon. Kate Sharpley Library, July 2020. [www.katesharpleylibrary.net](http://www.katesharpleylibrary.net)