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ONE PENNY.

"LET US ASSURE THE SOCIALIST PARTY HERE THAT THE ANARCHISTS ARE NOT "REVOLUTIONISTS" OF THE RAMSAY MACDONALD OR EVEN FORMER RAMSAY MACDONALD SCHOOL. THEY ARE BITTER, EARNEST, SINCERE REAL REVOLUTIONISTS..."

DAILY EXPRESS.

THE RAPE OF SPAIN.

The practicability of Anarchism cannot be denied by anyone who has been in, or has any knowledge of, Free Spain between July 19th 1936. and May 1st, 1937. The workers of Barcelona smashed Catalan Fascism. They took over the control of production and distribution to an amazing extent - it spread throughout Anti-Fascist Spain - and collectivised the farms and socialised the industries according to the Anarchist communist and revolutionary syndicalist theories respectively, under the banners of the C.N.T. (Syndicalist Unions) and the F.A.I. (Anarchists).

The workers' militia rushed to the front - names like Durruti, Ascaso, Cipriano Mera, shone out as militia leaders who were not authoritarians, or militarists. World Fascism threw its subject hordes against Spain - because of the C.N.T.-F.A.I., they could not pass.

Stalin, Emperor of Red Fascist Russia, was perturbed at the phenomena, and he inaugurated the "Non-Intervention" Pact to see that the Spanish workers could not get arms from the capitalist firms in the democracies (who could have supplied them, at a price) but that Franco could and then offered to sell Spain arms himself. They had no alternative than to accept. History will tell whether or not Stalin had arranged the whole affair with the Fascists.

Then came the counter-revolution. First the International Column was captured by the Communist Party, and the militants joined the Spanish brigades - but the newcomers were segregated from the Spanish revolutionary workers and even warned against them. Then the Communist Party gained strength by enrolling the Spanish Fascists (the anti-proletarian dispossessed land-owners, brothel-keepers etc. as distinct from the feudal

aristocracy and the foreign Fascists on Franco's side). They built up the U.G.T. (Spanish T.U.C.) in Catalonia, Catavellero and the U.G.T. outside Catalonia did not follow them. But the P.S.U.C. (Socialist Party) did.

And with the aid of these bodies, with the aid of the notoriously Fascist "L'Etat Catold" Party, with the aid of the Government forces and with support from France and Russia, the bourgeoisie made a push in May on the pretext of co-ordinating command. They raided the Telephone Exchange (C.N.T. stronghold) with the excuse of liquidating the artificial, small and insignificant Pown (Spanish I.L.P.)! Barricades were built. The workers came out on the streets.

But the C.N.T. representatives in the Government (although they were only there to see that it did not interfere with socialisation) appealed to the workers to cease the fighting, lest Franco should take advantage. Unfortunately, the C.N.T. listened to this reason. And what followed?

Mass Stalinist butchery. Murders of C.N.T. members, of Anarchists, of International Brigadiers. The smashing up of collectives and of locals with all the ferocity of Fascism, by blood-crazed mercenaries, by the "Lister" and "Karl Marx" Brigades, by yellow unions. The restoration of Capitalism at the cost of maybe losing the war.

We are heart and soul for the C.N.T. for the F.A.I. But we are afraid they are not listening to the call of anti-militarism. The Libertarian Youth (together with the "Friends of Durruti" group) are on the right road.

Why fight Franco if Negrin is to be the alternative? Hitler or Stalin, dog or hog, what does it matter? There is a gallows for such dictators.

If Madrid is to be the tomb of Fascism, Barcelona must be the tomb of the Popular Front.

Against Governments, as always.

E. McCULLOCH.

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ED. COMM.

Their impossible and impractical theories of wage values have turned prosperous countries into prison-houses. Now they suggest as remedies Charity, Private Assisted Enterprise or State Management.

Look no further than the hospitals. Charity has pauperised them. Private Enterprise would exploit them. The State would dehumanise them.

What else is there? The doctors, the nurses, the general staff. Let them run the hospitals.

How would they live? It would be the same for all - their good would be produced by the agricultural communes: their houses would be built by the construction unions: the transport workers would drive them to and from work.

As there would be no exploitation, there would be no incongenial conditions of employment (or unemployment)

And from this syndicalist society Free Communism - the sharing of wealth to each according to his needs, and the division of labour from each according to his capacity - would evolve.

Far-fetched? An agricultural anarchist commune could be begun tomorrow by ten men and an acre of land. Four hundred agricultural anarchist communes were begun twenty months ago, together with huge syndicalist - industrialised centres, by millions of men and women and half Spain.

Of course it is possible. Whatever old prejudiced professors say in their dictionaries, it is power that is chaotic.

World Anarchy means Freedom for All. International Government means one big boss. Which shall it be?

A.M.

S C O T S P A G E .

BELLAHOUSTON.

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Bellahouston is the last word in parliamentary socialism. The challenge must be answered by organised action on the part of the workers of Glasgow.

(From B.E. Leaflet 2) Guy Aldred.

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