

Russian Anarchists

Mark Mratchny

Malcolm Archibald of Black Cat Press has found a photo of Mark Mratchny (of the Nabat Confederation and stalwart of solidarity campaigns with anarchists imprisoned in the Soviet Union) in the Pierre Ramus papers at the IISH. See

<https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/t4bbfr>

Feldman

Abram Feldman was one of the anarchists deported by the Bolsheviks in 1922. We have put up a short biography of him by Voline (from 1923) and his questionnaire as printed in *Letters from Russian Prisons* (1925) <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/tb2t9k>

Emma Goldman on Peter A. Kropotkin

The original English typescript of Goldman's obituary of Kropotkin has been discovered in Russia's Presidential Library. More information at:

<https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/qbzbnbn>



Remembering Albert

The 7th of May 2021 was the 25th anniversary of Albert Meltzer's death. We posted a couple of his articles and a link to a tribute written by Phil Ruff: "Don't forget me – or I'll be back!" Those were Albert Meltzer's final words to Stuart Christie, his closest friend and collaborator, in a letter which he left with his last will and testament. In a perverse way I wish I could forget Albert, so that he would come back. But not a day goes by without me thinking about him, so I know he will remain where he is, in the anarchist back-room saloon bar of Valhalla, telling outrageous stories and guffawing loudly at his own jokes, surrounded by his awkward squad of fallen angels, Billy Campbell, Stuart and Brenda Christie and Miguel Garcia.' See

<https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/6q58k6> and

<https://freedomnews.org.uk/2021/05/07/remembering-albert-meltzer-25-years-on/>

Obituary

Hate is Not Enough – the passing of a class warrior

We have recently posted an obituary of Alan Pullin (1949-2021) of Bristol Class War by John Casey 'With the increasing strategy of the ruling class and their stooges to atomise our communities and society into helpless and fatalistic individuals, Alan's legacy to us is the importance of ideas, having a story of hope to tell, caring for each other and being involved in community work – these things are now more important than ever.' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/7d7z20>

Louise Michel

Thanks to Luc Nemeth (and Paul Sharkey) we can bring you Louise Michel's First Article in *Le Libertaire* (November 1895) 'When one has exhausted one's resources and spent one's last few pennies from the recent whip-round raised by comrades, covering the distance by rail is no longer an option, so one musters all one's courage and off one goes, worn-out shoes on one's feet, shabby clothing on, "on the tramp" ...' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/nvx2b5>

Imanol's list

A Roll-Call of Spanish Anarchists in the French Resistance and Escape Lines

'We have always been told that anarchist involvement in the French resistance was very small. Today we are going to help dismantle that fiction.' Read part one at:

<https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/0vt5kt>

Anarchist militants look at history

Makhno's Opinion of Lenin and Leninism

'For a start, and especially in the states making up the Union of Soviet Republics, there is a deafening and nonsensical clamour to the effect that: "Lenin is the guide of the workers in every land and he has constructed a theory for them and shown them the real path to liberating revolution."' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/ksn1s7>

The Struggle Between Marxism and Anarchism in the Russian Revolution by Aleksandr Savelevich Levandovsky

'Personally, my own opinion is that the anarchist movement in Russia was active, vigorous and full of high hopes, but lacked purpose. To be sure, it encountered huge difficulties in its efforts especially in the shape of the persecution that hindered its progress; but it must be admitted also that the anarchists themselves made huge mistakes.' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/1zcswr>

The Hungarian Communes (March 1919-March 1937) by Aldo Aguzzi

'Is history repeating itself? No. History never repeats itself. It merely replicates comparable situations, raising the same issues and offering an old or new, mistaken or proper solution, depending on whether upcoming generations have or have not successfully learnt their lesson.' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/tmpj2p>

Lest the Spanish Revolution Finish Up Like the Russian by Nicholas Lazarevitch, Ida Mett and David Grigor'evich Polyakov

'The lesson of the Russian experience will not be missed by the proletariat in Catalonia and Spain; it will achieve its emancipation through its own efforts; it will keep faith with the CNT; it will shun the flattering appeals emanating from the supporters of bureaucratic dictatorship, no matter what labels they may flaunt.' <https://www.katesharpleylibrary.net/bk3ks4>

Updates & Publications

The Stuart Christie Memorial Archive: An update

The Stuart Christie Memorial Archive is based at London's Mayday Rooms and online. Stuart's film archive is going online at <https://kolektiva.media/video-channels/stuartchristiearchive/videos>

New Books

Copies of *Insurrection: The Bloody Events of May 1937 in Barcelona* by Agustín Guillamón are now available in the UK <https://www.akuk.com/insurrection-the-bloody-events-of-may-1937-in-barcelona.html>. *Anarchism in North East England 1882-1992* (from our comrades at the Tyneside Anarchist Archive) will very soon be available from Active Distribution (500 pages for £9!). Photos at <https://libcom.org/news/anarchism-north-east-england-1882-1992-23052021>. Black Cat Press have just published Berkman's *Kronstadt Diary* and *Young Rebels Against the Empire: The Youth Memoirs of Nestor Makhno and Voldemar Antoni*. Details via <http://www.blackcatpress.ca/Form%20Price%20List%20May%202012pmd.htm>

Edward Colston: two links

An analysis by Randell Brantley from The Bristol Radical History Group of the 'The Colston Statue: What Next?' exhibition at the M Shed of the (toppled) statue of Bristol slave-trader Edward Colston: <https://www.brh.org.uk/site/2021/06/the-m-shed-colston-consultative-display-whats-in-and-whats-out/>. An online fundraiser has been set up to help cover the legal costs (estimated at £12,000) of the four 'topplers' who have been singled out and charged with 'Criminal damage'. You can read more and contribute at <https://gofund.me/e49428cb>

Sending you all our best wishes

Kate Sharpley Library collective (July 2021)