

Sir:

A paper having even the ghost of a pretension to any revolutionary morality would have taken the elementary precaution of checking facts such as the farrago of deliberate lies which you published in your previous issue. ^{without any effect at ascertaining the truth.} We have refrained from replying to previous attacks on Anarchism in your pages. We could have joined the word-duel by raking up all the scandal about you we could think of, but ^{the example in this respect} ~~this~~ does not strike us as ~~being~~ ^{of} great value.

With typical hypocrisy you pretend on one page of your issue to defend those Anarchists on trial. On another page you act quite boldly as an agent-provocateur by making allegations of crooked activity (particularly the suggestion re paper) with an obvious eye on the case. Fortunately, these vile allegations do not stand up to the facts.

(1) It is a thorough lie to state that there is or has been any alteration in the constitution of Freedom Press. It was running for many years even after the publication of "Freedom" as you yourself know. The various pretences made by T. Brown in your issue regarding this can all be refuted merely by looking up ^{sup} of back numbers ^{the} of Spain and the World etc.

(2) For the past two or three years its books ^{have been} were

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regularly audited and checked by the treasurer J. Barker,
of Kingston, and signed for ^{as correct} on behalf of the London group by him,
and not by V. Richards. The books are clear and open to inspection.

(3) The bait thrown out to the authorities "the paper licence was doubled by taking over Revolt" is a lie obviously intended as a contribution to smash an Anarchist publishing concern. In point of fact the production of literature by "War Commentary" and Freedom Press is under one-third of its pre-war figures based on the consumption of paper by "Spain and the World" of which "Revolt" and "War Commentary" were respectively continuations. No effort has been made to double the quantity by alleging to the paper controller that "Spain and the World", ^{or} ~~and~~ "Revolt", or "War Commentary" were separate papers.

(4) ~~However~~ Your correspondent mentions only three comrades - those on trial, singularly enough. ~~However~~ the motivation is obvious. Nevertheless we reiterate that these three are only three within our organisation. They have been singled out by the State merely because they took certain legal responsibilities on themselves. Actually they have no control. Control is exercised by the anarchist movement. Not however that ^{change} group to which T. Brown now belongs. The reason as follows:

As soon as (in 1943, not 1930 as stated) we arranged that

the editors of War Commentary should be elected by the AF London
(instead of those actually producing it plus ~~one or two~~ ^{one or two} ones)
group certain people took an interest in it who had never

contributed one ha'penny to our funds or even bought the paper, namely, various Spanish refugees by the names of Delso, Ruiz,

Polgares etc. They belonged to the CNT refugee group here with

which published a pro-war paper "Cronica Obrera". When they

became members of the executive committee of this group

they declared (to us) ^{their policy} it was anti-war, to their own members

that it was still pro-war. Unfortunately T. Brown fell for

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this statement, but he can no longer sincerely believe it as

they are at present publishing a manifesto ^(the present) calling for a

"democratic alliance" to create a Spanish Government backed by

the Allies. These people joined in approximately a round

dozen. it was clear we weren't going to hand over our movement

famely. Three-quarters of the/London group broke away & our

actions being explained, and needless to say approved, by the ~~the~~ real result

our comrades in Glasgow, Bristol etc. ^{London} You can see how the Party is being infiltrated with

If your foreword to this lying letter is honest you

will admit these pro-war people to your U.S.m. and let them

will admit ones ^{orig} ^{from the} treacherous
the "Word" so that they can propagate their ~~fishy~~ ideas to

take the word use as the
in other countries. The unfortunate division in the civil refugee

~~Spaniards~~ in other countries
is obviously a result of their compromise between the two camps.
So far as the Anarchists are concerned, we

So far as the anarchists are concerned, we

cannot help one or two people like T. Brown falling away.

~~and we are not~~ We nevertheless retain our integrity;

our paper is produced ~~and~~ supported by the same people ^{as always} even if you succeed in framing them

~~effectively attempting to~~ by printing lies intended

to assist the prosecution which attacks them for ~~helping~~

~~the~~ anti-militarist propaganda, there are dozens of others of

us who will ^{go on with} ~~take up~~ the struggle ^{and take the same stand as in the first day of the war.}

This letter goes with the approval not only of those associated with Freedom Press, London, ~~but~~ ^{of London and} of the anarchist groups ^{as well} and ~~also~~ of Glasgow.

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