



**THE BOTTLED WASP
POCKET DIARY 2015**

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Welcome to the 2015 Bottled Wasp Pocket Diary, a fundraising project in aid of the Anarchist Black Cross network and other groups involved in the prisoner support arena. The aim of the project is to create a self-sustaining template for production that will feature different areas of radical political history and practice each year, and that will hopefully be taken on by a different group from a rotating network of activists.

Last year's edition of the Wasp, with its coverage of the hidden history of the contributions of anarchists and other radicals to both the avant-garde and mainstream arts around the world, with its cover by London street artist Stik, proved something of a success. So, we hope to do even better this year with this anti-fascist history edition, which features numerous individuals and collective actions and events from across the whole history of the resistance to ultra-nationalism, fascism and Nazism; wherever and when ever it has raised its ugly head.

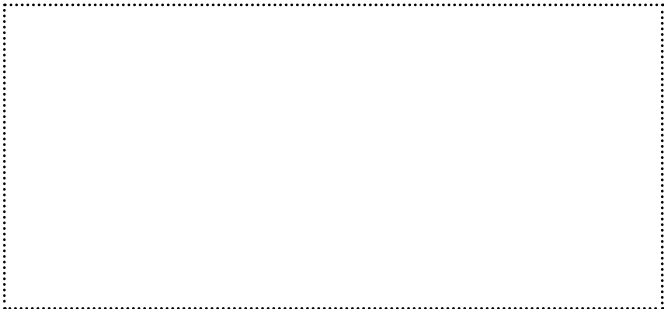
If you enjoy the diary, we hope that you will help spread the news far and wide and help make the Bottled Wasp a success in future years.

"La cosa dannosa del fascismo è che induce gli imbecilli a credersi molto furbi. Quanto più uno è idiota tanto più il fascismo lo fa sentire orgoglioso di sé." [What is harmful about fascism is that it causes fools to believe they're very smart. The more he is an idiot, the more fascism makes him feel proud of himself.] - Osvaldo Soriano in *'Fútbol'* (1998).



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The history of anti-fascist struggle is not necessarily a happy one, and while there are numerous victories, however small and inspiring, there are far too many defeats. And, by the very nature of fascist psychopathy and praxis, this is inevitable; the fascist will only ever target the weak and vulnerable - the scapegoat - and only then when the odds are heavily in their favour. As a fellow-traveller amongst the forces of reaction, the fascist also tends to form alliances with those - the Church and the forces of the State - who seek to maintain the status quo and hence their grip on the reins of power. In this they hope to turn any alliances in their favour, to manipulate these arrangements to either help themselves to seize power or at least become an indispensable element in any new regime; just as they are manipulated in return to similar ends.

As a fellow-traveller, the fascist shares the all-encompassing fear of the reactionary - the fear of the new, as well as their desire for a simpler time when men where men and women knew their place, and when the voice of authority was feared. However, what sets them apart from the remainder of the Right is their fear of the 'other' - those who do not look like them and who do not share what they see as the 'eternal truths' that they claim to hold fast to (and the 'other', of course, does not). This fear drives the fascist's desire to establish a cultural hegemony, to seek to destroy that which they do not, and cannot, understand. It is that fear, combined with the 'will to power' so prominent in fascist ideology, that drives their clanning together into the ever-expanding fascist party grouplets behind the latest führer/flavour of the month.

If history has taught us one thing, it's that when the voice of authority is both feared AND worshipped by the masses, be it a Führer, il Duce, Caudillo, Generalissimo, or whatever, that is when we really have to fear above and beyond the everyday struggle in our communities against the provocations that fascist grouplets bring. This is the one lesson of history that we collectively must never repeat, and it remains the role of the anti-fascist to ensure that the feet of the *übermensch* remain made solely of clay.

PUBLIC UNHOLIDAYS (WHICH YOU MAY OR MAY NOT WANT TO OBSERVE)

January

- 16 US National Nothing Day
- 26 Australia: Invasion Day
- 27 Holocaust Memorial Day
- 28 US National Kazoo Day

February

- 4 Torture Abolition Day
- 5 World Nutella Day
- 20 World Social Justice Day
- 22 World Thinking Day

March

- 1 Nuclear Free Pacific Day
- 6 World Maths Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 15 International Day Against Police Brutality
- 25 International Waffle Day

April

- 3 World Pillow Fight Day
- 7 World Asthma Day
- 17 Palestinian Prisoners' Day
- 22 Earth Day
- 25 African Freedom Day
- 28 Workers' Memorial Day

May

- 1 International Workers' Day
EuroMayDay
- 15 International Conscientious Objector's Day
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity
- 24 International Women's Day for Disarmament
- 29 Netherlands: Luilak (Lazy Bones) Day

June

- 4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 16 Bloomsday
- 26 UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
International Anti-Drug Day

July

- 2 World UFO Day
- 8 Canada: THABS Day
- 11 International Day of Solidarity with Long Term Prisoners
- 14 Bastille Day

August

- 10 Prisoners' Justice Day
- 23 Nicola Sacco & Bartolomeo Vanzetti Day

September

- 15 International Day of Democracy!?
- 21 International Day of Peace

October

- 9 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- 10 World Zombie Day
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

November

- 1 World Vegan Day
- 13 International Day for Tolerance
- 17 International Students' Day
- 19 International Men's Day
- 20 Africa Industrialisation Day
- 24 Buy Nothing Day

December

- 1 WRI Prisoners for Peace Day
World AIDS Day
- 2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3 International Day of Disabled Persons
- 9 International Anti-Corruption Day [honest gov]
- 13 Poland: Solidarity Day
- 18 International Migrants Day
- 26 The biggest day in the Hunt Sab's calendar
International Pizza Punx Day
- 31 Global New Year Eve prison noise demos – find out where your nearest one is or organise your own.

CALENDAR 2015

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JANUARY



Charles (Szaja) Rochman



Emile Lovenvirth



Sura Felsenstein



Charles Pasternak



Chaim Abel



Jacob Gutfrjnd aka 'Albin'



Nikolas Lovenvirth



Maurice Rozenwajg



Sandor Weiss



Szmul Potasznik

TODOR ANGELOV

In the period from 1940 to 1943, the mysterious 'Terrorist X' was the most hated enemy of the Gestapo in Nazi-occupied Brussels. A daring and resourceful commander of the Corps Mobile, the mostly foreign Jewish underground partisan fighters who were drawn from the Parti Communiste de Belgique (PCB) affiliated Main d'Oeuvre Immigrée (MOI) Immigrant Workers Movement. Believed responsible for having organised over 200 actions against the occupiers, he was a wanted man. Except the Nazis did not know his identity... and they never would identify Théodore Angheloff as their man, even when he fell into the Gestapo's hands.

Bulgarian anarcho-communist revolutionary and anti-fascist fighter Todor Angelov Dzekov was born on January 12, 1900, to Macedonian parents, refugees from the Greco-Turkish War. A member of the anarchist left wing of Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization and the Bulgarian Communist Party from an early age; in 1923 he took part in the failed and suppressed September Uprising. His experience of negotiating the problems of a united front involving Communists, anarchists and peasants, together with the mendacity of the party leadership, would prove extremely useful in helping him create his Belgian partisan network and maintain a much needed degree of independence for his group.

Forced to flee Bulgaria in October 1925 with his wife and newborn daughter (he was later sentenced to death in absentia), he stayed firstly in Austria before moving to Paris in June 1926, only to have to relocate to Belgium in March 1927 when he came under police scrutiny due to his renewed political activity. In Belgium Angelov joined the PCB, becoming secretary of its Bulgarian political emigrants group. With the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, he swiftly joined the International Brigade, fighting with the Dimitrov Battalion of Bulgarian volunteers from the early days of the defence of Madrid, through the Battles of Jarma, Ebro and Bruno and all the way to the fall of Barcelona.

Interned in various French concentration camps after the defeat of the Republic, he was finally freed in July 1939. Back in Belgium, he became the only foreign member of the Central Committee of

the PCB and actively involved in the MOI. Stunned by the complacency of the party's leadership in the face of the impending German occupation, he began his own planning and, following the invasion in May 1940, he had organised his first mass printing and distribution of anti-Nazi leaflets. By September 1940, official police reports had also begun recording his clandestine activities.

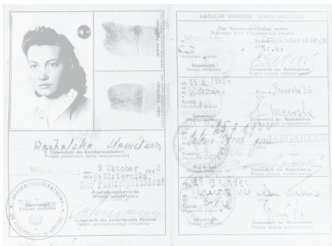
Now known as Théodore Angheloff aka 'Simon', he was instrumental in helping create the Partisans Armés (PA) and its subgroups: the Corps de Brussels, made up mainly of Belgian ex-International Brigade fighters under the leadership of Gaston Hiernaux; and the Corps Mobile, around 25 people organised into 3 Companies: 1st. mainly Polish Jews; 2nd. Hungarians, Romanians and Yugoslavs; and 3rd. Bessarabians i.e. Bulgarians, Moldovans, Ukrainians, etc. Angheloff himself commanded the Corps Mobile and they played a significant role in sabotage and the assassination of collaborators, German soldiers and officers of the Sipo security police.

Angheloff was also personally responsible for the saving of numerous Jewish children, who he placed with Catholic families, in hospitals and on farms. One of his most daring operations, co-organised with Charles (Szaja) Rochman, leader of the 1st Company, was the raid on the Judenrat in Brussels where 2 German-speaking partisans claiming to be Gestapo employees tricked their way inside and held the staff prisoner, whilst PA members burnt all the records, saving thousands of Jews from inevitable violent deaths.

Despite the partisans' successes, 1943 proved a black year for the Résistance, with Gestapo raids decimating their ranks. Angheloff himself was arrested on January 19, 1943, on his way to a clandestine meeting. He was interned in the Fort Breendonk concentration camp where he was tortured for nearly 11 months, without revealing any information. He was executed on November 30, 1943, and as they led him out to be shot, he was heard singing '*Orl'o, orl'o, gorsko pile*' ('*Orlyo, orlyo, forest chicken*' [colloquially: outlaw or footpad]): "*Orl'o, orl'o, daǐ mi tvoite krile, da se vūrna v bashtini dolini*" (*Orlyo, orlyo Give me your wings to get back to my father's valleys*). 'Terrorist X' was dead but his legend lives on.

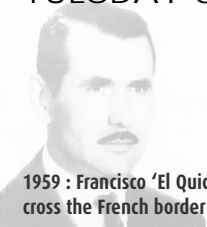
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MONDAY 29



1921 : Vladka Meed (Feigele Peltel; d. 2012), Polish member of the Jewish resistance, who famously smuggled dynamite into, & children out of, the Warsaw Ghetto, born.

TUESDAY 30



1959 : Francisco 'El Quico' Sabaté and his *guérilla* group cross the French border into Spain for the last time. All will be killed within the week.

WEDNESDAY 31

1902 : Nikos Ploumpidis (d. 1954), Greek leading member of the KKE (Communist Party of Greece), the wartime anti-Nazi resistance & the ensuing civil war, born.

THURSDAY 01



1937 : The Public Order Act (1936) comes into force designed to curb the almost daily street clashes between fascists & anti-fascists in Britain.

JANUARY

FRIDAY 02

1918 : Willi Graf, German medical student & Weiße Rose (White Rose) resistance group member in Nazi Germany, born. Beheaded on October 12, 1943.

SATURDAY 03

1892 : JRR Tolkien (d. 1973), English writer, poet, & author of '*The Lord of the Rings*', born. His anti-Communist views led him to support Franco during the Spanish Civil War.

SUNDAY 04



1886 : Armand Guerra (José Maria Estivalis Cabo; d. 1939), Spanish anarchist, filmmaker, typesetter & C.N.T. member, born. Fought fascism with a camera.

THIS WEEK - JANUARY 1, 1898

Viktor Ullmann (d. 1944), Silesia-born Austrian-Jewish composer, conductor and pianist, born. He was deported to the Theresienstadt (Terezín) concentration camp, with its associated ghetto and "model Jewish settlement". The latter was an essential part of the Nazi propaganda machine, created to try and camouflage what was really taking place in concentration camps across Nazi occupied Europe. There, in 1943, Ullmann wrote his last work, an anti-Nazi opera '*Der Kaiser von Atlantis oder Die Tod-Verweigerung*' (The Emperor of Atlantis or The Disobedience of Death). When the SS camp commander witnessed its rehearsals, Ullmann was swiftly dispatched to the gas chambers.

JANUARY

MONDAY 05



1945 : Róża Robota (b. 1921), one of the women who had smuggled gunpowder into Birkenau in advance of the October 7, 1944, Sonderkommando Revolt, is hanged.

TUESDAY 06

1920 : José Luis 'Face' Facerias (d. 1957), Spanish anarchist who fought in the Civil War & the *guérilla* resistance to Franco, born.

WEDNESDAY 07

Hurrah for the Blackshirts
By
VISCOUNT ROTHERMERE

1944 : Jan Verleun (b. 1919), Dutch CS-6 resistance group fighter responsible, for the assassination of many NSBers (Dutch Nazi party members), is executed in The Hague.

THURSDAY 08

1934 : The 'Daily Mail', at the behest of its owner Lord Rothermere, enthusiastically backs Oswald Mosley with the infamous headline "Hurrah for the Blackshirts".

JANUARY

FRIDAY 09



1890 : Karel Čapek (d. 1938), Czech playwright, writer, philosopher & staunch anti-fascist, who is probably best known for introducing the word 'robot' to the world, born.

SATURDAY 10

1926 : The CPGB Executive Committee calls for the creation of a countrywide Workers' Defence Corps to protect striking workers against the police, strike breakers & fascists.

SUNDAY 11



1934 : Italian-born anarchist & anti-fascist militant Carlo Tresca (b. 1879) is assassinated in New York City by unknown assailants. Suspects included the Mafia & the NKVD.

THIS WEEK - JANUARY 9, 1915

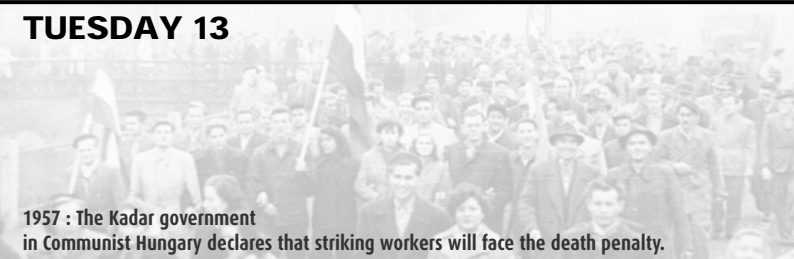
William Herrick (born William Horvitz; d. 2004), US author of the classic Spanish Civil War novel '*Hermanos!*' (1969), which depicts the Communist Party's machinations during the Spanish Revolution through the eyes of various International Brigade members and CP apparatchiks, born. A CPUSA member, he joined the Abraham Lincoln Battalion and rapidly became disillusioned with the Party's role in the Civil War, the incompetence of its officers and its treatment of others on the Republican side, including the anarchists and POUM. On February 23, 1937, during fighting near Madrid, Herrick was shot in the neck. The bullet lodged millimetres from his spinal cord, and could not be removed.

JANUARY

MONDAY 12


1900 : Todor Angelov (d. 1943), Bulgarian anarcho-communist & anti-fascist combattant in Spain & Belgium (labelled 'Terrorist X' by the Nazis for his Résistance activities), born.

TUESDAY 13



1957 : The Kadar government in Communist Hungary declares that striking workers will face the death penalty.

WEDNESDAY 14



1914 : Emmy Andriess (d. 1953), Dutch resistance fighter & De Ondergedoken Camera (The Underground Camera) group member, who documented the Nazi Occupation, born.

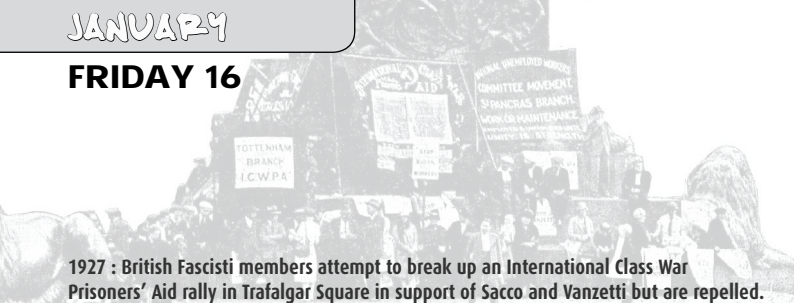
THURSDAY 15



1948 : 43 Group members John Wimborne and Gerry Flamberg are freed by a UK court after prominent fascist John Preen falsely claimed that they tried to murder him.

JANUARY

FRIDAY 16



1927 : British Fascisti members attempt to break up an International Class War Prisoners' Aid rally in Trafalgar Square in support of Sacco and Vanzetti but are repelled.

SATURDAY 17



1928 : Vidal Sassoon (d. 2012), iconic English hairdresser, who was one of the youngest members of the anti-fascist 43 Group, born into a family of Sephardic Jews in London.

SUNDAY 18

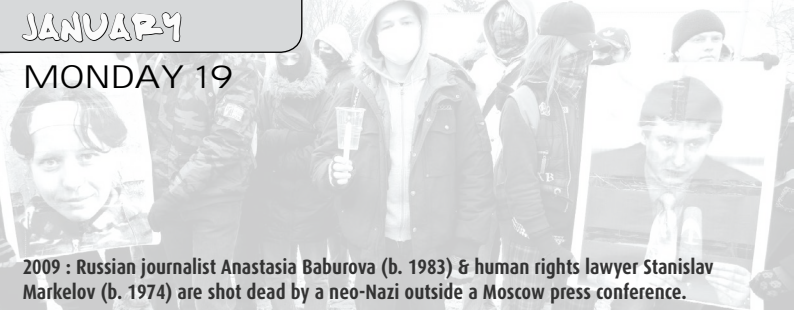
1934 : CGT Portuguesa calls a General Strike against the dictatorship of Antonio Salazar.

THIS WEEK - JANUARY 18, 2008

Jan Kucera (b. 1990), an 18-year-old anti-fascist member of SkinHeads Against Racial Prejudice (SHARP), is stabbed in the groin and back at around 11 o'clock at night. Tensions had been running high in the area after anti-fascists successfully prevented a neo-Nazi rally in November in Prague's historic Jewish quarter marking the anniversary of Kristalnacht. Jan had confronted local neo-Nazis who were trying to provoke a group of young punks and anti-fascist skinheads by giving Nazi salutes. Jan's assailant, 20-year-old neo-Nazi Jiri Fous, stabbed him with a large military knife, severing his femoral artery. Despite being rushed to a nearby hospital, Jan died the following morning.

JANUARY

MONDAY 19

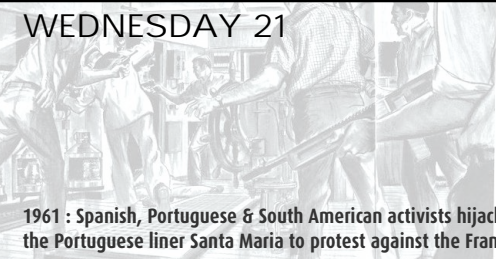


2009 : Russian journalist Anastasia Baburova (b. 1983) & human rights lawyer Stanislav Markelov (b. 1974) are shot dead by a neo-Nazi outside a Moscow press conference.

TUESDAY 20

1942 : Nazi officials hold the notorious Wannsee conference in Berlin deciding on a 'final solution' calling for the extermination of Europe's Jews.

WEDNESDAY 21



1961 : Spanish, Portuguese & South American activists hijack the Portuguese liner Santa Maria to protest against the Franco & Salazar dictatorships.

THURSDAY 22

1900 : Friedrich Wilhelm Ernst Busch (d. 1980), noted singer & actor in Weimar Germany, who fled the Nazis & performed for the International Brigades in Spain, born.

JANUARY

MONDAY 26

1924 : Following its founding by the CPGB, the People's Defence Force issues a statement calling for a "*corresponding force pledged to resist*" the British Fascisti.

TUESDAY 27

1916 : Stjepan Filipović (d. 1942), Yugoslavian communist & anti-fascist partisan, whose execution during WWII was captured in an iconic photograph, born.

WEDNESDAY 28


1995 : In Manchester at the EDL's second 'national gathering', anti-fascists occupy the EDL 'pitch' in Piccadilly Gardens, forcing the nationalists to the edge of the gardens.

THURSDAY 29

1933 : Mass demonstrations take place throughout Germany as workers protest Adolf Hitler's nomination as German Chancellor. He assumes office the next day.

JAN / FEB

FRIDAY 30



1943 : The paramilitary Milice Française is formed by the Vichy regime to help fight the French Résistance & to do the Nazi's dirty work.

SATURDAY 31

1910 : Giorgio Perlasca (d. 1992), Italian anti-Nazi civil servant, who saved 5218 Jews from the Holocaust by posing as the Spanish consul-general to Hungary, born.

SUNDAY 01



1980 : Basque anti-fascist Yolanda González Martín (b. 1961) is abducted, tortured & killed by the right wing paramilitary Batallón Vasco Español in Madrid.

THIS WEEK - JANUARY 30, 1979

Self-styled nationalist 'race' martyr Robert Relf is sentenced to 15 months in prison for incitement to racial hatred and displaying abusive or insulting notices for a series of racist leaflets distributed by him and his fellow fascist, ex-British Movement organiser Michael Cole (given a suspended sentence and fine). Relf immediately went on 'hunger strike' in prison [though sympathetic prison officers secretly fed him Complan]. On March 13, 1979, the Court of Appeal reduced Relf's sentence to nine months, with the judge commenting, "If he wants to commit suicide, that is up to him. We are not going to be blackmailed by people like Relf merely because they are going on hunger strike."

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