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Hallo, comrades.

Your letter did not reach me until now, since I have been locked up in prison. I didn't bring any paper to Venice so it's hard for me to give a clear picture of what I said but I'll try to do my best...

"Comrades. I will be brief. Concerning my ideas about the relationship between anarchism and syndicalism I'll be back later, so there can be some time left for the rest of you to debate and not only for us around this table.

I will start with some plain information about the SAC. We are a little more than sixteentousand paying members spread on onehundred and sixtythree LS (-Lokala Samorganisationer, independent geographical units which organizes all kinds of workers.)

There are a lot of problems for a revolutionary organization in a so-called welfarestate as Sweden. The State has a way of neutralising all opposition using a very deceitful institutionalization. And in a fallacious manner kindly ask all revolutionaries what they want. Kindly listen to revolutionary demands. And kindly walk half-way. And -woops- there did the Train of Revolution just leave. For example it is fairly easy for an anarchist paper to get financial support from the State. But as all libertarians ought to know: in this society you don't get something for nothing. And when this anarchist magazine starts getting dependent on the money they receive from the State they're doomed. That is the nice, kind and deceptive swedish Welfarestate... And it's almost waterproof.

We don't get shot, as syndicalists and revolutionary workers, anyhow very seldom. But it's not rare that we find it impossible to find a job after once loosing one. The State and the Capital try to hold us back by pure black-listing and spreading a fear of employing members of the SAC. I, myself, went to onehundred and thirtysix different employers begging for work. Any other skilled worker in Stockholm would have been better off. I was quite exhausted before I at last found a way of getting a small part of what I produce.

Still, the SAC is very small and harmless to the swedish oppression and we meet the heaviest resistance from the reformistic tradeunion, who want no competitors and threat to their monopoly of the labourmovement.

During the years, next year seventyfive, the SAC has more and more, little by little, developed a tolerance towards the society as a whole. By that I mean developed, or regregated, away from revolutionary syndicalism. Personally I think that is starting to change. Today the SAC is more radical than it has been for the last thirty years. A lot of people are trying to blow some life into the different units. Among the workers in the northern woods the SAC is fairly strong. And in a lot of towns around the country people are beginning to realize that the syndicalists are not dead after all. I do not say this because I want to be demagogic, but because I really beleive it is true.

Futhermore there is one thing I want to make clear: the SAC is and has allways been a proletarian classmovement. It has passed the years been coloured by the rest of the society and from times to times been stuck in traditional trade-unionwork. But it has survived. And now we are taking a new breath. I do not deny that there has been and still are a lot of confusion inside the organization. A number of members do, obviously, not know what the SAC stands for. But if someone says that the SAC is lost, petty-boshwa or dead I'd call him a liar. And if he (or she) said that there is a small topclique holding back the forces of true revolutionaries among the grassroots I'd call her a liar as well. Or in lack and need of information.

The truth is that a lot of people in the SAC is beginning to understand that the main purpose with the organization is not traditional tradeunion-work, but the emancipation of the working classes.

THANK YOU!!

I guess that's about it.

As you very well know these other guys around that table all suffered from verbal incontinence. So after they had been talking their brains out there were no time for the "audience" to discuss. Or for me to continue. If you want my opinion in the subject syndicalism-anarchism for your paper or just your pleasure: Tell me.

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A WET KISS TO YOU ALL

