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Emancipation: Of Latin origin, *emancipatio*, from the root, *man-*
cipium, slave. To emancipate someone is to remove from him the
yoke that enslaved him, to free him, to set loose from any form of
servitude. To emancipate oneself is to free oneself, to set oneself
loose through one's own efforts. The word emancipation means
the passing from the state of enslavement to that of freedom, the
act of liberation of an individual, a nation, a class.

The bourgeois give this word a meaning different from that
which, for us, has to do with the famous prophecy of Karl Marx:
The emancipation of the workers will be the task of the workers
themselves. This simple and clear meaning has been adopted by all
the true emancipators of the proletariat, by those who don't con-
tradict themselves by participating in electoral politics after having
proclaimed the doctrine of auto- emancipation.

All anarchist propaganda is aimed at this goal: the economic and
social liberation of individuals, their individual emancipation.

All the propaganda of revolutionary unions is aimed at the same
goal in specifying that they want the complete liberation of the
workers, the collective emancipation of the producers.

Both thus want the complete emancipation of those who are exploited and enslaved by the capitalist system. Which is to say that they both identically tend towards a social emancipation that can only end in a revolution such as has never been seen, since the Commune of 1871 was defeated and the Russian Revolution was only able to arrive at the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

Advocating libertarian education, guiding the working masses of the cities, the sea and the fields to administer themselves through agreements is to create a popular mentality appropriate to the concept of a free society of emancipated producers. It means training a generation of individuals capable of organizing a free life for free men.

We think that it is thus that the social emancipation of all should be conceived. But in order to emancipate others it is indispensable to first emancipate oneself, by ridding oneself of all the prejudices concerning hierarchy, discipline, etc, that have nothing to do with Freedom, Accord, and Union for Life.

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