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THE JUMP in unemployment is the biggest for July-August since 1948. 90,000 more workers lost their jobs-double the usual figure.

Next month's figures will be worse. The 3000 out of work because of the Court Line collapse and the 700 redundancies announced last week by Robertsons jam are only the start. Firm after firm is making

We're in for a grim winter. The bosses are preparing an attempt to solve the economic crisis the way they solved the crisis of the 1930swith massive unemployment. The Labour Party and the TUC, those great defenders of the working class,

are pretending it isn't going to

Employment Secretary Michael Foot tells us there will be no attempt to seek economic salvation through high unemployment. The TUC says in its latest report: 'It is still unclear whether the recent increase in unemployment is the beginning of a strong upward trend or not.'

But the bosses, the people who decide whether you're going to have a job or not, are clear enough. The

London Business School forecasts a million out of work by winter 1975-76. The Economist heads its latest survey 'Towards two million unemployed'. All the economic forecasts are unanimous in predicting 'a strong upward trend in unemployment'.

Unemployment is written into the small print of the Social Contract. That's what the TUC and the Labour Party, in the run up to a general election, are desperately trying to hide.

For the TUC General Council to admit the facts would be to admit that the Social Contract is a fraud, that TUC policy disarms the working class in the face of the crisis. The TUC chiefs are terrified of the truth. The last thing they want is

to have to fight unemployment or anything else. On inflation, the Report clutches at straws. 'There are however now

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humiliated the Front

THE racialists of the National Front thought they would have a field day in Leicester last Saturday. They intended to march through Highfields, where many of the black workers they hate so much have

But they didn't get their field day. The calling of a counter-demonstration forced the police to tell them to march elsewhere. That was the first victory.

The counter-demo was itself the second victory. A magnificent 5000strong demonstration denouncing racialism and calling for determined

working-class action against fascism marched through Highfields.
Where the Front did march, working-class socialists were also out in force. They mimicked the Front and their fascism, goosestepping and giving the Nazi salute.

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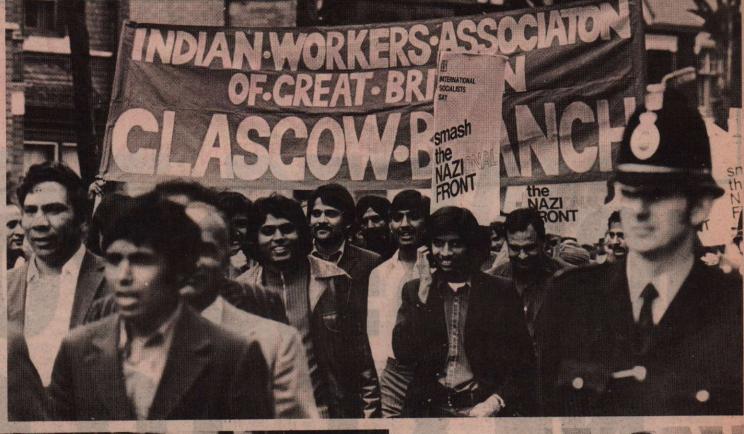
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The invisible killer of Birmingham -CENTRE SPREAD

WE GAVE THEM HEIL!

PICTURES: Christopher Davies (Report)





LEFT and ABOVE: Some of the scores of people from Leicester's Asian community who joined the march in opposition to the National Front and its racist policies.

EVEN the police estimated that there were 5000 on the march against the National Front and against racism in Leicester on Saturday. Leicester Radio, whose correspondent counted the marchers, put it at 6000. Everyone agreed that the International Socialists contingent was more than half the demonstration.

A huge crowd gathered in Spinney Hill Park before the march for the IS rally and meeting. Darshana Tomkinson, from the IS anti-racialism sub-committee, spoke in English and Gujerati: 'We can't just go home. We know what racialists like Amin can do. If the National Front is allowed to grow, are we supposed to jump into the sea? We've got to live here, and we'll have to fight for the right to live without being hounded by cranks and maniacs'.

INFLUENCE

Les Kay, a Blackburn busman, spoke of the growth of the National Front's influence in his town and industry, and how, if socialists stand up to the fascists and argue against their ideas at our places of work, their influence can be cut down, as it has been in Blackburn.

The meeting, which quickly grew to more than 3000 people, gave an enthusiastic reception to Safdar Asrar, Transport and General Workers' Union branch secretary at Barrington

MARCH AGAINST THE NATIONAL FRONT Saturday 7 September Assemble Speakers Conner, Wartble Arch, London, 2pm

20 15 househed to attend

Products, Leicester, where 145 Asian workers have been locked out for claiming a pay rise.

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'We have been locked out but we won't be intimidated by management,' he said. 'We need the support of all trade unionists—and we need the united support of the community. We can't afford splits among workers, whatever their colour'.

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John Deason, who chaired the meeting for IS, called for a massive collection for the Barrington workers.

After expenses, this raised £101.

THWARTED

In a fine speech, Duncan Hallas for the IS executive, traced the rise of the National Front. He said that the organisation for the demonstration had achieved an 'important victory' even before it set off. The intention of the National Front to congregate outside the Imperial Typewriters factory and indulge in an intimidating march through the immigrant areas had been thwarted by the counter-demonstration.

Now socialists were marching through the Asian areas, past Imperial Typewriters, while the Front were being corraled into a tiny recreation ground and a 200-yard march at the other end of the town.

town.

When we marched back into the park at the end of the march, we were rejoined by a band of 60 singing IS members who had gone to picket the Front demonstration.

That evening, the Leicester IS branch held a further meeting on 'Fascism and how to Fight it',

About 100 people came to the meeting, including a number of young Asian men who had seen countiless IS posters and had been impressed by the demonstration. The meeting, chaired in a personal capacity by him Toiton, who is a member of the Leacester District Committee of the AUEW heart

contributions from several white shop stewards and rank and file trade union militants.

The climax of the evening was when a young Asian challenged Darshana Tomkinson's attack on Indian caste leaders in Britain. His speech caused a lively debate among the Asian workers present.

After an appeal from both main speakers, ten young Asians joined

But fascism and racism are not beaten by one glorious demonstration. The Front must be confronted again—for instance on Saturday 7 September when they plan another march in London.

In factories where there is strong trade union and socialist organisation, the National Front do not stand a chance. They thrive only where trade union organisation is weak and socialists are victimised. The best way to ensure the defeat of fascism is to concentrate our efforts on building strong socialist organisation on the shop floor.

'It's time people got it straight.

If we don't fight this thing now, it could grow, possibly as much as it did in Germany'—Stuart

Ferguson, chairman, Junior Works
Committee, Barr and Stroud, Glasgow.

'I'm here because they are directly opposed to the working class. All their pretence about being pro-British isn't on with me. Their fight is against the working class'—Terry Gallacher, shop steward. British Leyland Tractors and Transmissions, and Birmingham East AUEW district committee member.

'Four of us have come from the paint, trim and assembly stewards' committee because we wanted to show our solidarity with the workers of Leicester and the strikers at Imperial Typewriters. These National Front people want to split the working class in order to smash it, and we have to get out and show them where we stand.'—Brian Ashton, shop steward, Ford, Halewood, Liverpool.



Speakers at the IS meeting before the march. Top: Safdar Asrar, TGWU branch secretary at Barringtons, Leicester, recently the scene of a lock-out. Centre: Les Kay, TGWU busman, Blackburn. Bottom: Darshana Tomkinson, speaking for the IS anti-racism sub-committee



Some of the 2500 IS marchers listen to Duncan Hallas, of the IS executive, speaking in Spinney Hill Park

Tory Party and Sir Timothy Kitson, best friend parliamentary private secretary to Edward Heath, the party leader, have got themselves in a terrible state over Court Line, even to the extent of lying openly.

Last week Ian Wrigglesworth, Labour MP for Thornaby, on Teesside, questioned the relationship of Sir Timothy Kitson with Court Line. He referred to the fact, first disclosed by Socialist Worker as long ago as last February, that Sir Timothy is a director of a 'shipbuilding consultancy firm' called A & P Appledore International, which is part of the Court

The Tory Party promptly denied in an official statement that A & P Appledore was a subsidiary of Court Line. 'Only' two-fifths of Appledore shares, said the statement, were owned by Court Line.

Timothy himself. In a statement last Sunday he threatened to sue Ian Wrigglesworth for suggesting that Appledore was part of Court Line.
But Socialist Worker pointed out

two months ago, when Court Line's shipbuilding interests nationalised, A & P Appledore International is, and always has been, a subsidiary of Court Line.

For although 'only' two-fifths of the shares are held directly by Court Line, another fifth are owned a mysterious company called Shipbuilding Services, whose board consists of seven main board Court Line directors and (right again) Sir Timothy Kitson.

Now that Ian Wrigglesworth has started to make a fuss about the Kitson-Court Line scandal, he should go further. He should ask publicly whether or not Heath, at Kitson's behest, went to two lunch parties at the Savoy in summer 1973, when Heath was Prime Minister. The lunch parties were organised by Court Line and their object was to sell



This line was taken up by Sir 23 February: Socialist Worker reveals the Tories' connection with Court Line

Why are the **Tories lying** over Court Line?

by Socialist Worker reporter

the wares of A & P Appledore International to some of the biggest shipowners in the world.

Ian Wrigglesworth may like to ask whether the presence of such busy shipowners as Stavros Niarchos and Fred Olsen at the lunch was due to the 'star' appearance of the

Prime Minister. Or he might like to inquire about the conventions affecting the business associations of parliamentary private secretaries to the Prime Minister.

Sir Timothy Kitson joined the board of A & P Appledore in 1972while serving Heath in Downing Street. He is believed to be the first parliamentary private secretary to the Prime Minister to have taken a job on the board of a private company while serving in Downing

Another area for inquiry which could prove interesting is the £9 million loan granted by the Tory government to Court Line to help them build the Pallion shipyard on Wearside. The loan was granted at very favourable rates of interest-8 per cent, compared with the going rate of 14 per cent-and was followed by a 'further loan' (amount unspecified).

This must be one of the few government loans on record which has been made by a government department to a company with such close links with the private secretary of the Prime Minister.

Five days before the elec-tion, Sir Geoffrey Howe, then Minister for Consumer Affairs, refused to refer the merger between Court Line and Horizon to the Monopolies Commission—at the same time as Heath was flying about in unpaid-for Court Line jets.

Eldon Griffiths, Tory spokesman for industry, said in a recent speech at Luton that the Court Line affair could turn into 'Labour's Watergate'. Before long, Griffiths will find the muck he is throwing coming right back in his face.

Eldon Griffiths' Watergate-page seven.

torture

NORTHERN IRELAND'S STRUGGLE IN THE DARK

by Eamonn McCann, Newry, Sunday.

NEWRY is still dark as a dungeon with no sign of a settlement in the dispute between the British and Provisional armies over control of the town's lighting.

The British control the electricity supply from a command post in the town centre and say this is necessary so as to give night foot patrols cover of darkness. Cars travelling through the area are ordered to put their lights out. The Provisionals want control returned to the civilian electricity board.

The dispute came to a head on Friday 2 August when 24-year-old Michael Hollywood died when his unlit car crashed into a British army barricade in Patrick Street during a black-out. There were widespread protests-and not just from the Provos. Mr Hollywood was the third person to die recently in similar circumstances.

The Provisionals took the initiative declaring that while the British

reign of terror against working-class

of the young, school pupils and stu-

dents, lists 40 verified cases of young-

sters who have been tortured and

interned by the Generals and their

Among the cases documented is that of Hugo Chacaltana Silva, a 16-year-old schoolboy who has been

in the hands of the men of law and order since 4 May this year.

Hugo is in the Tera Alamos prison in Santiago. But he has also been

taken on several trips to one of the junta's many local torture camps, at

38 London Street, Santiago. There

Their statement on the treatment

regard all electricity installations as

'military targets'.

It was this statement which prompted maintenance workers to down tools until the dispute is settled. Reports that the Provisionals had threatened to 'kill' the workers

So Newry suffers on. It is used to suffering. It is an overwhelmingly Catholic town and successive Unionist governments cared little for its development. The figures show that in July one Newry man in six was out of work,

For socialists the issue is whether the British army have the right to seize control of the basic necessities of life to facilitate its military operations here. In this dispute at least the Provisionals are absolutely

Why Harry Murray, chairman of the Ulster Workers' Council,

held control of lighting they would lives in fear-page 14. Sixteen: The age of

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL this week published information on yet another aspect of the Chilean junta's he has been brutally assaulted and

The United States Committee for Justice to Latin American political Prisoners has accurately summed up the reason for this kind of brutality in its recent report on torture in Chile. This shows that the police indiscriminately arrest and torture the young in order to drive fear into the whole local population.

Despite this picture of intensifying terror the resistance in Chile is buildingup. According to Edgardo Enriquez, a member of the political committee of the revolutionary socialist organisation MIR who recently spoke in Paris, the resistance committees are now relatively well organised. But, he said, they need to be strengthened and in this international solidarity

is of great assistance.

this context local Chile solidarity activities become important. As part of their groundwork for the 15 September demonstration in solidarity with the Chilean resistance, the Portsmouth Chile Solidarity Campaign leafletted the Portsmouth Naval

At this event members of the public are invited to survey Britain's latest weapons of destruction. But this time they were met by a Ports-mouth Chile Solidarity Campaign leaf-let explaining what has been going on in Chile and outlining the complicity and co-operation of the British government and its navy.

Chile solidarity demonstration, Sunday 15 September, 1pm, Speakers Corner. March to Trafalgar Square.

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WHAT WE THINK

Jobs: Will yours be the next to go?

FROM PAGE ONE

distinct signs that raw material price increases are slowing down. The Prices Bill and the amendments to the Prices Code will help moderate inflation and so will the rents freeze."

In fact the 'distinct signs' are that inflation is speeding up. The London Business School forecasts a 20 per cent inflation rate for next

So with every other feature of the economic outlook. The TUC General Council serves up soothing syrup. The situation gets rapidly

The object of all this deception is to sell us the Social Contract, 'and so enable the government to proceed with progressive policies in the industrial, economic and social fields,' as the Report says.

Wages are falling behind prices, working-class living standards are being cut. Unemployment is rising fast and massive closures are

The worst economic crisis since the 1930s is developing and the TUC General Council recommends 'wage restraint', in reality wage cuts in terms of purchasing power, and trust in the government's 'progressive policies'!

There will be no 'progressive policies'. The next government, Labour or Tory, will react to the crisis with 'orthodox' capitalist measures to hold down wages and boost profits. It will try to solve the crisis at the expense of the working class.

The Tories would do it ruthlessly. Labour with a shrug and a

The TUC chiefs are knowingly and deliberately acting as accomplices in the attempt. That is what the Social Contract is about. It is a completely fraudulent device to confuse the minds and paralyse the wills of working people.

It must be fought in every industry and every union. The need to develop a powerful rank and file movement with militant policies and real grass-roots support has been obvious for a long time. In this time of crisis the job becomes more and more urgent. When it comes to the crunch the TUC bosses will behave exactly like their predecessors who betrayed the General Strike. This time they must not be allowed to get away with it.

The working-class movement is immensely strong. It can be

BUSINESS NEWS ECONOMIC FORECAST

A million jobless and 20% inflation

The warninglast week's Sunday Times Business News

defeated only if it is led to the slaughter by treacherous leaders and defeatist policies.

The central theme of these policies is that workers share in the responsibility for inflation and unemployment, so must pay for them. But inflation and unemployment are not the responsibility of the workers. Inflation and unemployment have been permanent features ever since the industrial revolution, trade unions or no trade unions, militancy or no militancy.

The cause of both is the profit system. Because society is run by and for the small minority who control its wealth and its production, its economy cannot benefit the majority.

The system staggers from shorter booms to longer recessions. In the booms, the workers are urged to make sacrifices so as not to spoil things. When, in spite of those sacrifices, the booms turn into slumps, the workers are urged to make more sacrifices to get 'their country' out of

The profit system does not and cannot work for us. If we accept it, we are condemned to the interminable cycle of inflation and

The workers have the power to resist. If they are not to suffer for the faults of a system designed to rob them, they must use that power. If a boss declares them sacked, they must seize the factory, demand its nationalisation without compensation and without jobs lost.

Instead of accepting their official leaders' demands for wage control at a time of price inflation, workers must use their strength to fight for 30 per cent pay rises for everyone.

It's a simple choice.

Out of the social contract and the whining pleas of trade union and Labour leaders comes nothing but a longer dole queue and higher prices.

Out of militant struggle comes workers' confidence in their ability to sack the bosses and run a new social order.

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Having a nazi time in Leamington

I WAS IN a pub in Leamington last week and here I met a fascist, a member of Colin Jordan's British Movement. 'The black filth of this country has reached epidemic proportions,' he told me. 'It's about time we got rid of this black pollution before we're overwhelmed.'

Thus creaks the finest engineer of recorded by mechanist has every

Thus spake the finest specimen of neanderthal manhood it has ever been my misfortune to meet. It, for surely it could not have been human, looked at me through beady little eyes that had never been graced by the light of intelligence. It looked contented as indeed, flushed with its racialist statements, dogma and a skinful of beer it was. The creature uttered again. What do you think then mate?'

My stomach, which for sometime was fighting a losing battle with my lunch, calmed finally as the adrenalin caused by anger and disgust pumped

into my enraged system. I approached the monster as close as I could.

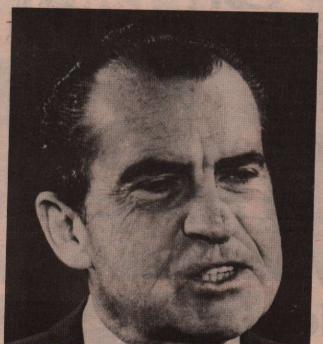
Something flickered in those piggy little eyes. Could it be fear? It took a pace backwards and exclaimed, "Ere, mate, what's wrong? You've

My mind tore this filth apart but in this instant the creature knew. It left its beer on the counter and backed out of the door.

No blow had been struck, none was needed. I pondered on this example of Nazi bravery. If we can expect this kind of reaction every time then

decent people of all creeds and races have nothing to fear.

Unfortunately this is not the case. The day will come when they must not be allowed to run.-TONY BARROW, Coventry.



Nixon, statesman law and order man, crook. He needed a hard hitting law and order man like .



Spiro Agnew, outspoken, two faced, crook. He had to be replaced by an honest, stupid man

Teamsters VOTE

I'D LIKE TO try and answer the points raised by Socialist Worker and Eliseo Medina in the article on the American Union of Farm Workers,

It's not my intention to stab Mexican-American farmworkers in the back. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters represents 35,000 agricultural workers. The boycott of Teamsters produce requested by the 2000 strong UFW would put our members jobs and livelihoods in jeo-

At no time have I claimed that since George Meany was reactionary and supported the UFW that social that the Taylor that the Taylor than the T lists should support the Teamsters. I did say that many British workers see Cesar Chavez, leader of the UFW as a socialist revolutionary—but he is a Christian pacifist.

Teamsters started organising farm workers back in 1945. We haven't signed sweetheart contracts, if the employers wanted to then the big and strong Teamsters union would be their last choice.

To boycott California produce is to boycott 35,000 trade unionists. UFW demands this boycott because the workers have rejected them for another union. In any inter-union dispute it's the rank and file who suffer in the end unfortunately.ADRIAN KARMEL, representative, International Brotherhood of MY EXPRESSED CONFUSION at the International Socialists' 'Vote Labour' policy was not born out of my misunderstanding it, but is a sceptical wince at its tactical value to the revolutionary socialist move-

Little of what the IS said or did during the last election influenced the Liberal gains or the Labour-Tory deadlock. What the IS did do, however, was to undermine much needed support for the communist and revolutionary socialist candi-

What propaganda value is there in voting Labour in preference to Jimmy Reid?-TONY Norfolk.

Weighted down by misfortune

CONGRATULATIONS Socialist Worker for the leaflet on London Weighting. Unfortunately the article on the Civil and Public Services Association was misleading.

There on the front page were articles pushing for £8 for all Londoners and on the back page the article demanded £550 inner and £350 outer. This is just supporting

In defence of NO LABOUR How America took to losing Dicky

NIXON'S forced resignation produced a lot of comment in the British press about this being living proof that the American style of democracy really works. I'm on holiday in the States and it's interesting to find our how many people here think that sort of comment is a load

The system failed pathetically. The only thing that worked was the tape recorder, no one believes that without them the Congress of courts would have been able to get rid of Nixon. And the tapes were pure luck.
As for democracy (the voting sort) President Ford has

never been voted for as president. He was chosen by Nixon when Agnew got the boot. Ford himself has chosen Rockefeller as vice-president. The world's greatest

democracy turns out to be government by appointment

The British press also spent a lot of time praising the new open style of Ford. Not much has been written about his politics. As well as voting against all attempts to limit military spending. Ford has also fought Medicare (a watered down version of the National Health Service) housing bills, raising the minimum wage, attempts to divert highway funds to public transport, grants for education, alleviate pollution, and the poverty programme.

The system that works here is the capitalist system—which now has another of its men at the top.-SM,

the staff side's official claim and puts no pressure on our executive to scrap the inner/outer London

At Newham CPSA our branch has agreed to press for £550 across the board. We've written to our General Secretary the venerable Bill

He replied that he thought the figure 'unreal'! To be fair to the old, wily gentleman he did say he he would do his best!

We, the rank and file at Newham

will endeavour to see that he does. The CPSA London Weighting article in the Socialist Worker special hasn't helped our claim.-DOUG BEESLEY, London E15.

Living in caravans-parked in a vicious circle

CARAVAN SITE owners in this country have almost unlimited powers as there are few laws concerning caravan site tenants. On the bigger sites each resident usually has to sign a contract agreement to obey a long list of rules which can range from not being allowed to hang washing in your own garden to agreeing not to have more children once you're on the site.

Most site owners only have caravans on their site either purchased or rented through them. If a resident wishes to sell his caravan he is compelled to sell through the site owner hefty percentage.

If anyone attempts to sell privately they will be told to take the van off the site. As other sites only have caravans bought through their site owner this creates a vicious circle where the tenant always loses

rights they have-the Caravans Site Act 1968-and possibly to amalgamate with the National Residents Organisation.

Although at the national level the residents are using 'democratic' channels, that is lobbying MPs, at least if residents become organised they will have more chance of fighting back against the site owners who will have no hesitation in evictindividuals who try to fight back.
Some residents' groups

Some residents' groups are attempting to rent land themselves on a co-operative basis as land is often leased to site owners by local ouncils. It is unlikely that this will have much success in a capitalist

Laws protect the rights of people such as site owners to make scandalous profits for providing what should be everyone's right. That is somewhere to live.

This isn't the ugly face of capitalism-it is capitalism.-JENNY BROOK. Nottingham.

ASBESTOS

The dust that kills

has been added a guide to where workers are likely to encounter asbestos, what laws cover its use and how to force management

10p plus 4p postage (10 copies or more post free) from IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

I would urge anyone reading this in the name of profit who lives in a caravan to form a residents association, find out what A new Socialist Worker pamphlet that tells the story of the OPENING UNIVERSIT Glasgow insulation workers' union branch, of the men who have died because of asbestos-and of their fight to save others from it. To the series of articles originally published in Socialist Worker THE OPEN UNIVERSITY are constantly worrying about the low working class intake they've got and how they can increase it. The OU advertise frequently in the Times, the Observer and the Daily Express and so on to

encourage workers to join. After all the workers neip to subsidise the OU. It is 'their' university, OPEN to all.

The working class work longer hours, with frequent overtime to allow them to earn a living wage. So they have less time than, say a teacher. But I feel this handicap could be overcome. Time off with pay for study could be given and 80 per cent of 100 per cent expenses paid.

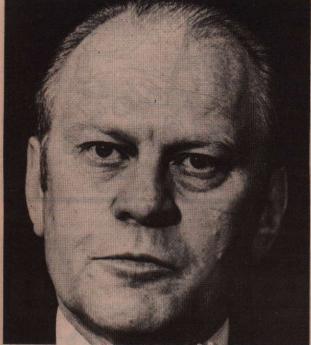
I'm sure that if the Open University knew about Socialist Worker, they would be anxious to advertise to attract shop-floor membership. Why don't you give them the opportunity?-M RUSSELL, Handford.

We don't think the OU would be to keen as you think.

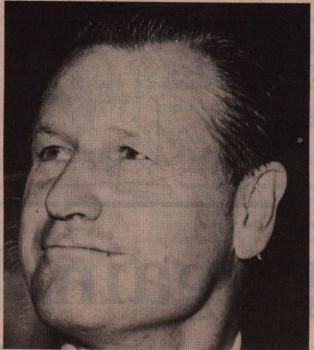
encourage workers to join. After all the workers help to subsidise the OU.



...and how Rocky took America



.... Gerald Ford, so stupid he doesn't know if he's honest, he needed a strong incorruptible man like . . .



Nelson Rockefeller, so rich he doesn't know what honesty is. He owns the law, the order, and the bank.

ONE OF the most famous of modern American business enterprises, the Mafia, still has a problem with some of its

Like all the other great corpora-tions which have made the United States the country it is, the Mafia has big holdings in oil, property and a wide range of 'honest' business concerns.

They also have big interests in businesses which still earn the official disapproval of the United States government. The money is good, but it is dirty.

So they have a process called laundering. The money is shipped out to Switzerland or some other financial haven and then re-imported to the United States to take its place among all the other dollar bills earning a decent living sucking the population. The money has become magically clean.

Survived

But for the older businesses and families a more complex process takes place. For the great old families of the United States don't need to launder their money. They launder themselves instead.

To support Gerald Ford a spotless figure was needed, a man so rich, so powerful, that he wouldn't need bribing. A man who is a byword for wealth—Nelson Rockefeller.

And the laundering that has been

pressive indeed. Night has been turned into day by his family. For crimes performed by his recent ancestors make the financial deals of Agnew look like dirty deeds on a jumble sale white elephant stall.

to us all as Esso.

estimated, conservatively, to have an annual income of 30 million dollars.

His interest in politics may well have been spurred by the desire to emulate his famous grandfather from whom he takes his first names, Nelson Aldrich.

As Republican Party chief whip at the turn of the century. Aldrich made himself a popular figure with many presidents. He gave them large sums of money, passed on by grateful

Nigel Fountain

By 1924, Rockefeller Jnr, was

But this wasn't enough for Nelson. From an early age he set his target as the Presidency of the United States. If you own the company store, he must have reasoned, you might as well have

done for the Rockefellers is im-

Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller was born in 1908, the son of John D Rockefeller Jnr, son of the founder of the dynasty, the man who became the king of Standard Oil-known

your name above the door.

bankers and Rockefellers.

Some of if was retained by the resourceful Aldrich. He had run a wholesale grocery business until

POSTAL POINTS

TOM BEGINS . . . The first public meet- WE COULD ORGANISE A COACH . ing of the Birmingham Troops Out Movement drew an audience of 120 people mainly from the local labour movement The next iniative will be a meeting on the government white paper which has been sponsored by local Labour Party wards, LPYS wards, and shop-stewards committees, and will have speakers from as many tendancies in the labour movement as possible in order to ensure a large meeting. From this meeting it is hoped to set up an ad-hoc committee to mobilise for the national demonstration in October called by the Troops Out Movement/British Peace Committee.-JOHN PARKINSON, Publicity Officer, Birmingham Troops Out Movement.

CYPRUS . . . Both Makarios and Sampson were getting money from the CIA. When thieves fall out information about their operations sometimes leaks out . . . necessary to carry out a determined cam-paign among the Greek Cypriots to discredit Makarios. To often calls for Marxists to wage a joint struggle with such forces only cover class collaboration.-L HOLLEY, Bath.

WE WILL . . . As a pensioner I look forward to your publication every week. It is the only left-wing weekly packing a punch and harassing the Selsden Park skinheads of the Tory Party. Keep up the good work.-J A BEST, Glasgow.

If anyone is finding it difficult to buy sugar from the shops they will have to play bingo in South Elmsall. They are giving away sugar as prizes. Yet in the shops in South Elmsall as you get is 2lb of sugar if you're lucky.-A WOOD, South Elmsall,



THE IRA, OR NOT? . . . It seems generally assumed that all the bombs which have been planted in Britain are put there by the Provisional IRA. Certainly most workers I seem to come in contact with believe this... But looking further it seems to me that all the bombs aren't IRA perpetrated. They've been so many, planted in the wierdest places, lots of them not going off, those which do with no prior warning. A pamphlet written by Conservatives, criticising the Monday Club points out that in situations where the army or state security forces infiltrate a situa can arise where if the agent 'expects his enemy to plant bombs and he is gearing public opinion to such an event and (when) it does not happen, the counter insurgent is likely to plant the bomb . . . ' The implications this theory has for the labour movement and the left are obvious . . . We must make the fight against fascism the major priority before it's too late. MICK BRIGHTMAN, Cricklewood.

1881-leaving it with just 50,000 dollars to his name. Let no-one say that politics is all long hours and self-sacrifice, for he died with a fortune of 12 million dollars. During those years he became known as 'Morgan's floor-broker in the

Morgan was America's best known banker, a man not without a sense of humour. He owned a yacht called the Corsair, whose flag appropriately enough, was the Jolly Roger.

Nelson Rockefeller won the New York State governor-ship in 1958. His early re-putation was that of a 'liberal'. The family had spent years attempting to repair the damage done to its name by its exploitation of other citizens of the United States. They built beautiful art galleries on the sites of slums owned by the family.

Even the United Nations owes its present building to the generosity of the family. They donated the slum land on which the imposing buildings were built. And in doing so pushed up the value of the surrounding buildings.

Fortune

This was a useful bonus for the owners—the Rockefellers...

For 15 years Rockefeller governed New York, only quitting at the end of last year. Among his early aides was Henry Kissinger, who he presented to Richard Nixon in 1968 as Special Advisor on Foreign Affairs, to run the foreign side of the family business.

As the years of governorship passed, So Rockefeller's liberal image faded. Occasionally from within the velvet glove, the scrawny old Rockefeller hand would reach out.

In 1971 there was a protest against the appalling conditions in Atticca State Prison, New York. The prisoners occupied and asked to ne-gotiate with Nelson Rockefeller.

They got their reply. The State Police were ordered to move in, and use their weapons. 43 prisoners

and hostages were killed.

When Rockefeller left the New York State governorship he announced that he intended to devote himself to his new 'Commission on Critical Choices for Americans'. This elaborate charade employs a large number of rich people to decide new ways of fobbing off poor people. Among them is Mrs Nancy Kissinger, whose critical choice on where to spend her honeymoon with Henry was thoughtfully solved by the provision of a private Rockefeller plane.

A congressional inquiry is now investigating the legitimacy of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller's financial affairs. To a less blinkered group than the United States Congress this would be a task similar to looking for a haystack in a haystack.



THE International Socialists are a revolutionary socialist organisation open to all who accept our main principles and who are willing to work to achieve them. These principles

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION

We believe that socialism can only be achieved by the independent action of the working class.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORMISM

We believe in overthrowing capitalism, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it. We therefore support all struggles of workers against capitalism and fight to break the hold of reformist ideas

THE CAPITALIST STATE

The state machine is a weapon of capitalist class rule and therefore must be smashed. The present parliament, army, police and judges cannot simply be taken over and used by the working class. There is, therefore, no parliamentary road to socialism. The working-class revolution needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state, based on councils of workplace delegates.

WORK IN THE MASS ORGANISATIONS OF THE WORKING CLASS We believe in working in the mass organisations of the working class, particularly the trade unions, and fighting for rank and file control of them.

INTERNATIONALISM

We are internationalists. We practise and campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries, oppose racialism and imperialism, and fully support the struggles of all oppressed peoples. We are opposed to all immigration controls.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country. Revolution is defeated by isolation. Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist but state capitalist. We support the workers' struggle in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling class.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve socialism the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party, and all the activity of the International Socialists is directed to the building of such a party by fighting for a programme of political and industrial demands that can strengthen the self-confidence, organisation and socialist consciousness of the working class.

WE ARE

For rank and file control of the trade unions and the regular election of all full-time officials. No secret negotiations. All settlements to be voted on by mass

For 100 per cent trade unionism. Against all victimisations and blacklisting. Against anti-trade union laws or curbs on the right to strike and on effective picketing.

Against productivity or efficiency deals. Against any form of incomes policy under capitalism.

unemployment, redundancies and lay-offs. Instead we demand five days work or five days pay, and the 35-hour week. For nationalisation without compensation under workers'

For militant trade union unity, joint shop stewards committees at plant and combine level.

For the building of a national rank and file movement which will fight for these policies in the trade union movement.

Against racialism and police victimisation of black people. Against all immigration controls. For the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise in their own defence.

For real social, economic and political equality for women.

Against all nuclear weapons and military alliances such as NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Against all forms of imperialism, including Russian imperialism.

For unconditional support to all genuine national liberation movements.

For the building of a mass workers' revolutionary party, organised in the workplaces, which can lead the working class to power, and for the building of a revolutionary socialist international

International Socialists



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It's happened before... and it's

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happening again

THE NEWSPAPERS and television are full of the antics of extreme Right-wing leaders planning volunteer forces to 'take over' in the event of industrial unrest.

Until recently, the articles have concentrated on Sir Walter Walker, a retired NATO General, who is building an organisation called UNISON, and Mr David Petri, leader of the National Association of Ratepayers Groups.

Walker has been quoted as saying that the British 'might choose rule by the gun in preference to anarchy' while Petri has admitted that the rates issue is a cover for building a right-wing volunteer organisation.

But Walker and Petri are political amateurs. Their importance is more in sensing the hysterical mood of the British middle classes, rather than in

their ability to organise something really powerful.

Colonel David Stirling is a different matter altogether. He is trying to organise Great Britain 75 'to keep Britain moving in the event of a serious breakdown of law and order'.

Stirling is no amateur. He has recruited, organised and led mercenary armies in the Persian Gulf. Many of the sheikhs who govern that part of the world owe their kingdoms (and their armies) to the military intelligence and skill

of Stirling.
Stirling has talked openly about 'moving into
State institutions' in the event of a crisis caused

1974: 'Democrats' preparing for rule by the gun

by strikes. His organisation, according to the Daily Express, is 'backed financially by leading businessmen from the City and from industry'. Stirling is far too clever to get his organisation hitched up in the tresses of political organisations like the National Front.

The cause of all this organisation-and the publicity for it-is the economic crisis. The men who own and control property know that their economic system will (at best) stagnate in the coming year.

They are deeply concerned at rising trade union militancy, and they know that before long they are in for a major battle

In this situation, tacit support and not so tacit publicity will be given to the hawks in the ruling class—the men who want to take on the workers at their own game, who want to prepare their resources for strike-breaking on a massive

The champions of law and order suddenly

become champions of men who openly advocate 'rule by the gun' and talk about 'moving into State institutions'. The defenders of parliament suddenly defend armed bodies of men who care not a hoot for parliament.

These men have no official support at the moment. But the State machine is not unprepared. An extraordinary paragraph in last Friday's Guardian announced:

'Senior officers' (presumably of the army) 'pointed out yesterday that contingency plans exist for emergencies, as was demonstrated by the presence of the military at Heathrow Airport and the intervention of the army in the Glasgow firemen's strike at the end of last year.'

In other words, the forces of law and order are gearing themselves through so-called 'exerfor the class battle which is looming.

When that battle breaks out in earnest, these same State forces will refurbish their resources with private armies of volunteers such as those being organised by the Stirling/Walker mob.

The strengthening of the State machine and the open advocacy of private armies are further arguments against those socialists who imagine that we will change capitalist society by co-operating with the military authorities and leaving political activity to impotent representatives in

They are organising their real strength. So



The 'volunteers': Colonel Stirling and, below, General Walker.



1926: Blacklegs by the thousand

IT HAS all happened before. In July 1925, City bankers told the Tory government that to restore the international prestige of the pound they needed . . . wage cuts all

Soon afterwards, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin announced that 'all the workers of this country have got to take reductions

in wages to help put industry on its feet.'
Encouraged, the coal-owners led the attack with wage cuts of up to a quarter and an extra hour on the working day. A national lockout of miners followed. Labour responded quickly with a triple alliance of miners, railwaymen and transport (including dock) workers. A total embargo on the handling of transport of coal was declared.

Postpone

The government, unprepared for this unusual display of unity and determination by the trade union leaders, decided to buy themselves a breathing space. Baldwin agreed to grant a subsidy to keep miners' wages at their previous level, but this was to run for only nine months. As Churchill later said, the government had 'decided to postpone the crisis in the hope of averting it, or if not averting it, coping effectively when it

A top civil servant was discreetly given the job of chairing a small Emergency Committee on Supply and Transport. England and Wales (Scotland was separately) were divided into ten divisions, each to be put under the control of a government minister

By November 1925 the



WANTED, WITHIN NINE MONTHS

The showdown was coming. The government and OMS organised . . . unlike the leaders of the Labour Movement.

plans were complete. Details of transport routes, naval manning of power stations and mobile police squads were worked out in the following two months. Stocks of food. fuel and coal were built up.

Side by side with the government's secret preparations, there appeared in late 1925 an 'independent' organisation of strike-breakers:

OMS, the Organisation for

the Maintenance of Supplies. Led by Lord Jellicoe, Admiral of the Fleet, General Sir Francis Lloyd, Sir Lynden Macassey and other trusted servants of the British ruling class, it soon received public support from the government.

In the 1920 coal strike, 70,000 volunteers had been

By IAN_ HAMILTON

recruited into Defence Units, temporarily attached to the

regular army.
OMS drew most of its earliest recruits from these same people: ex-army officers, upper class students, disgruntled members of the middle classes and the President and Vice-President of the British Fascist Organisation.

Worked

Small and large firms alike made generous contributions and several factories equipped with private railways were made available for training purposes

Just before the General Strike, OMS handed over its list of 100,000 volunteers to the government. From then on it worked closely with the government and its 'emerdivisional organisa-

When the strike began on 3 May, the massive response from the workers underlined the government that only the 'volunteer' blacklegs of the OMS could break it.

Problems soon arose, however. The OMS could not provide the skilled workers needed to carry on many

vital jobs. As a result, the railways system and many other public services collapsed, though the OMS did manage to run many bus ser-

A skeleton service on the underground was also maintained. At many power stations, naval ratings, OMS blacklegs and non-union technicians kept the turbines

To overcome the disruption of transport and to seize the initiative from the strikers, the government's emergency regional organisation moved into action.

The Road Commissioner in each division, usually a senior civil servant, co-ordinated the work of the Haulage Committees to keep essential supplies moving. The docks were opened under military or police protection, and were worked 'of a fashion' by OMS volunteers.

10,000 special constables were sworn in and an appeal for 50,000 more was broadcast on BBC radio.

How had Labour prepared for the battle?

No plans for distributing food to strikers and their supporters had been worked out, nor was there an effective system of communication and regional organisation.

Bevin later recalled 'there had been no preparation for it all.' Baldwin and Churchill were therefore all the more confident of their policy of confrontation.

There was some urgency and determination in the Labour movement, however. The Minority Movement, an organisation of rank and file trade union militants, urged trades councils to form Councils of Action and called on the TUC to convene a National Congress of Action.

In some areas, strike committees took the initiative, publishing strike bulletins and controlling all forms of transport.

Beaten

During a House of Commons debate, MPs were told that in Newcastle 'the OMS has completely broken down . . . the authorities have approached the trade unions and asked them to

take over vital services.'
The OMS was beaten only when rank and file councils had taken the initiative. The strike was sold out by the TUC. But if it had gone on much longer, the OMS could have gone a long way towards breaking it.

The International Wealth Service

PRIVATE health practice is becoming really big business. On 20 August, the London Evening Standard carried the following advertisement:

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Will any group interested in providing accommodation of the highest class for Private Patients by erecting a building incorporating full surgical and medical services and providing for 125 beds (each with bath) plus additional beds for intensive care, please contact the advertisers who own a freehold site, close to Harley Street, W.1, for which full planning permission exists.

This is a profitable field and full technical and management help is available.

Enquiries are invited from Principals

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NEAR THE KNUCKLE

IT IS most pleasing to report that compensation for losing a finger has

gone up—for some.

Craig Callingham, aged four, has been awarded £2000 damages for a finger he lost while in London's University College Hospital.

Craig, aged one at the time, was apparently playing with an electric fire in a reception room when he touched a live connection, severely burning his finger. This fell off during bandaging.

Any power press operator who lost a finger thanks to his employer's negligence would be lucky to get £500.

Craig Callingham is, of course, the grandson of the well-known idler Lady Docker. And as everybody knows an upper class finger is valued higher than a working class one.

But that's only part of the picture. Dentists in practice in the London area were surprised last June to receive a letter which started like this:

> EXCITING PRE-F.D.I. MEETING ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7th 1974 BLOOMSBURY CENTRE HOTEL, RUSSELL SQUARE, LONDON.

on Preventive Dentistry in the U.S.A.

Jerry and Bev Mittleman, from New York, have agreed to give us the benefit of their wide experience in patient education, motivation, etc, and Beverley, with a degree in Nutrition, can answer your questions in this complex field and how to handle Diet Control programmes.

The Meet The Mittlemans Day was advertised for 7 September at the Bloomsbury Hotel. Applicants had to write to Preventive Dental Systems, 15 Rivington Road, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

In July, the same dentists received another notice from Mr L B Lux, the course director of Preventive Dental Systems: It ran:

IMPORTANT NOT ICE.

The Mittlemans' are altering the format of their day Course in the light of the present Health Service They will include the following vital items:-

- 1) Converting a patient to Private Practice.
- The role of a deptal staff in a development of Private Practice.
- The relationship between a preventive orientated practice and increased denand for Crown and Dridge work.

This really does make the event unique and not to be missed.
Post your chaque NOW as numbers are definitely limited.

A Socialist Worker correspondent plans to go to the course to meet the

Just what the

Mittlemans and report fully on their disgusting enterprise.

dock Tory ordered

IT IS difficult to write the words Eldon Griffiths without vomiting. As Tory spokesman on Industry, he is constantly putting out loud-mouthed and reactionary statements about the current political scene.

Last Friday, for instance, Griffiths made his way to Luton where he spoke to workers thrown out of work by the Tory directors of Court Line.

The Court Line business, trumpeted the appalling Griffiths, looks like turning into Labour's Watergate.

Before Griffiths goes around accusing his political opponents of corruption, he ought to look into his own cupboard at the golden skeletons that

A few weeks ago, I reported that Mr Griffiths had been appointed as 'consultant' to Howard Machinery, a farm machinery firm which employs about 3000 people in East Anglia.

For some reason the people at Howards were very shy about talking to me about how much Mr Griffiths was paid to advise them in between fighting for his constituents in parliament and for the Tory Party on television.

I reckoned then that he probably took home an extra £3000 a year for a few days' work for Howards.

It obviously wasn't enough. The other day Griffiths was whining about the government's plans to nationalise the ports, or rather, some of the ports.

After some standard rant about the advantages of free enterprise, Griffiths then produced the following rather curious statement:

'The best port in Britain, private enterprise Felixstowe, in which I must declare an interest, will be levelled down to the standards of Hull.'

Note the crucial phrase 'in which I must declare an interest'.

Only last month, without any official statement being put out from Conservative Central Office, Mr Griffiths joined the board of Felixstowe Tank Developments Ltd, a

Eldon Griffiths lecturing Court Line pilots and stewardesses last week on Labour's 'Watergate'. Not bad for a man with some golden skeletons in his cupboard.

subsidiary of the Felixstowe dock

company.

Felixstowe Tanks, as it is known to its friends, specialises in oil storage tanks, and its profits shot up under the last Tory government (in which the revolting Griffiths was Minister for Sport) from a mere £52,000 to £102,000.

A Mr Palmer at the Felixstowe docks, who answers questions from the Press, couldn't tell me why Mr Griffiths had been appointed a director. He assured me that Mr

Griffiths had no connection whatever with the company in the past.

For some reason, moreover, Mr Palmer wouldn't say how much Mr Griffiths was going to get paid for being a director of Felixstowe Tanks. 'About as much as the others' was all he would say, when pressed.

Well, there are six directors of Felixstowe Tanks-who last year were paid a total of £10,000: that's only

£1500 (£30 a week) each. But some of the directors are also on the main board of Felixstowe

Docks-where eight directors got £48,000-£6000 (£120 a week) each.

Let's be charitable to Mr Griffiths and say he gets paid about £60 a week extra which he can add to his £150 a week for being an MP.

What a decent bonus for a man of

initiative and enterprise. And how cheap for Felixstowe Docks, considering that their newly-hired director has access to the national press any time he likes to describe the company which pays him as 'the best port in Britain'.

Trade Fair profits great

THE newspapers have been full of pictures of Princess Alexandra and her husband, who is a businessman called Angus Ogilvy, walking about smiling in anticipation of the British Trade Fair in Brazil, which is on all this week, and which the Princess opened with customary charm and

No newspaper has reported the fact that Mr Ogilvy, a former director of Lonrho, whose name was closely associated with some of the dealings of that company in 'illegal' Rhodesia, is a director of a number of companies which have been making the

running for the big markets in Brazil.

Brazil's balance of payments deficit is so huge that the country's traditional dislike of foreign capital has been shelved.

Over the last year, foreign capital has been bribed into Brazil in huge quantities. The rush is likely to turn into a stampede if the Brazilian military junta lifts its ban on foreign shareholders taking profits in unquoted Brazilian companies out of the country.

One company likely to benefit from all this increased trade is the Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance company, one of Britain's 'big six' insurance companies, which has been operating in Brazil since 1806 but whose business there has increased hugely recently. One of the directors of GREA is (you've guessed it) the Rt Hon Angus Ogilvy,

This will not be the first time that the smiling Princess has acted as PR woman for her husband's companies. When Swaziland was declared independent in 1967, she represented the Queen at the independence celebrations.

A year later, she went out again with her husband to attend the first anniversary of the celebrations. Many observers were surprised at such dedi cation to a tiny Commonwealth country by the Royal Family—until it emerged that the Rt Hon Angus Ogilvy had somehow managed during his visit to clinch a crucial mining concession deal for Lonrho with the King of Swaziland.

PS. It seems, incidentally, that the British trade fair will not greatly assist the people of Brazil. In an article about the Princess' visit last week, I read the following:

While the economy has been booming the living standards of most Brazilians have fallen. Real wages have dropped again and again, while inflation, artificially held at 15 per cent. last year, is officially forecast to reach 32 per cent. this year.

The minimum wage has been raised only 20 per cent. It is now £23.50 a month (the price of a restaurant meal for six) for long working hours.

This is probably a heavily biased account. It came from the Daily

Walker on the right

AMONG the buffoons who have written to retired NATO general Sir Walter Walker, offering their services to his planned volunteer force Unison is Mr Raymond Selkirk, secretary of Sunderland Flying Club.
Sunderland Labour Council leases

the airport to the flying club, and one or two Labour councillors were heard to object to the idea that their airport could be used for these purposes. So Mr Selkirk explained everything to the local press.

'I am a middle-of-the-road Englishman,' he said, 'and am in complete agreement with the General, but neonle seem to think we are

but people seem to think we are going to mount machine guns on our aircraft and shoot all left-wingers.

This is not so.'
Of course not. Not all left-wingers,





In the shadow of Spaghetti Junction: while the levels of lead in the blood of people living nearby soar, the 'experts' turn a blind eye

SPAGHETTI JUNCTION, opened in Birmingham two years ago as a masterpiece of constructional engineering, is slowly poisoning thousands of working-class people unfortunate enough to have to live nearby.

While the powerful roadbuilding lobby rejoiced over the millions it had made them, and local big business counted up the savings in transportation costs, the warnings of the human cost were ignored.

No-one took any notice of the socialists, environmentalists and academics who said the enormous concentration of traffic at the motorway interchange would cause unacceptably high atmospheric lead levels because of the large amount of lead in petrol,

and so create a serious health hazard to the residents. In April 1972, just before it opened, 100 residents were found to have an average lead level in their blood of 12.2 microgrammes per 100mls. By last January, that level had more than doubled.

Protect

Yet the residents knew nothing of this until recently. Then the local press published a report de-livered to the Birmingham Health Committee by Dr S G Phillips, Senior Administrative Medical Officer for Environmental Ser-

The residents immediately set up an action committee. They demanded to know how dangerous the increased lead levels were-and how could they organise to protect themselves and their children.

They have canvassed local MPs, doctors and councillors but each time have been fobbed off with the advice: 'Don't worry-there's

no danger yet.'

The truth is very different.
The published figures are only average figures and so conceal the real extent of the danger to indi-

In one household of five living about 200 yards from the interchange, the latest adult readings are 39, 27, 49 microgrammes per 100mls, an increase of three times since the Junction was opened.

Birmingham's Medical Officer of Health and his deputy said they could not remember the extent of the range of the lead levels measured between last October and January.

The figures also conceal the dangers to children, pregnant

By RAY OSBORNE

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A Birmingham hospital doctor

women and the sick, who are much more likely to suffer ill effects from high body lead levels than a healthy adult.

A pregnant woman risks damage to the central nervous system of her unborn baby. Lead in her blood can pass into the baby's bloodstream.

And the official response to all this? Birmingham's Medical Officer of Health Dr Millar, and his depu-ties, have indicated that the highest

levels are 'not a cause for concern' The Chairman of the Health

Committee, John Charlton, has said: 'We are naturally concerned at the sharp upward trend but none of these people are in immediate danger and there are no plans to rehouse them.'

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Danger

Dennis Howell, Labour MP for Small Heath and Minister for Sport, made a spectacular visit to Spaghetti Junction in the company numerous TV cameras and reporters-only to reassure residents that there was no need for public alarm at present. He added: The lead levels shown are not at any danger point.

Dennis certainly has no personal cause for concern. He lives in an expensive detached house in a pollution-free area of middleclass Moseley, many miles from Spaghetti Junction and his constituents in working-class Small-

To satisfy local opinion and quieten the protests he set up a working party largely composed of 'experts' from the Department of the Environment to look into

the problem. We didn't have long to wait to see which way the 'experts' would jump. They declared that all was well. The atmospheric lead levels were normal for urban areas and the blood lead levels were 'physiological', ie normal.

But to talk about a 'physio-logical' level for a known poison such as lead is absolute nonsense. Have you ever heard of a 'physiological' cyanide level?

After such an 'official' pronouncement, it was obviously expected that the local people would keep quiet. Instead they demanded further meetings with the local 'boffins', who obviously hadn't got a clue about lead poisoning, and then set up a new Action Committee, with a representative from each street, to continue the fight.

The point is that they know something is very wrong. During the rush-hour, a thick blue smog hangs over the houses and you can smell the fumes. Every gallon of premium petrol contains three grammes of lead. And yet it only takes about three milligrams to raise the blood lead level from 40 to 100 microgrammes per 100 mls and so to poison you.

Reassure

Indeed the lead is so dangerous that workers have been killed while adding it to the petrol. Meanwhile the oil companies continue to reassure us that we needn't

The real reason why nobody, least of all the oil monopolies, want to change things, is because it would mean investment in new plant and machinery to produce

lead-free petrol. Howell admitted this recently when he said it would cost Britain an extra £300 million a year to buy lead-free petrol. The money, of Sturr

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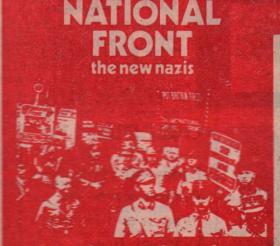
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Socialist Worker pamphlet **OUT NOW**

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Pollution? Blame

THE FAMILIES of Spaghetti Junction are not the only ones in danger of lead poisoning.

Last year, high lead levels were found in the blood of many children living near Lucas' Formans Road Battery factory in Sparkhill, Birmingham. The average level measured was 26 microgrammes per 100 mls, but 14 children had levels of more than 36. The parents of six of these children worked at the factory, and four children were later referred to specialists for further investigation.

Very high levels of lead dust were found in the playground of the Ley's Secondary School next door to the factory where most

of these children go to school.

In 1972, Lucas spent £12½ million on 'Research and Development'. Last year its pre-tax profit was £26 million. A fraction of this vast wealth would have safeguarded the health of local people, yet nothing was done until the residents began to organise and fight back.

They challenged the company's re-assurances at a series of lively public meetings, but soon found that they were fighting not only the company but also the local press, the health authorities, and local bigwigs such as Roy Hattersley, Labour MP for Sparkbrook.

The management was so frightened by the public outcry that it sent a lengthy letter, written with the full approval of the

the workers

Area Health Authority and published in the local press, to Lucas workers and local residents.

The letter said the lead levels measured were 'generally satisfactory' and implied that the responsibility for lead pollution lay not with the company but with individual employees who were taking lead home on

On both counts, the truth lies elsewhere. Average blood lead levels of 26 are certainly not satisfactory, and it is difficult to see how Lucas workers could be responsible for high

Lucas workers could be responsible for high lead dust levels in the houses of families who have nothing whatever to do with the factory.

However, as far as Mr Hattersley was concerned, the company was blameless. He issued a statement to the local press 'reassuring' parents that there was 'no danger'.

The local residents are furious at the indifference of the authorities and the company, and fed up with empty promises from people like Mr Hattersley. They are particularly incensed that the Lucas management was told about the very high blood lead ment was told about the very high blood lead levels measured in three local children before the parents!

Struggle

They are angry that the promise to provide free school milk to local children has not been fulfilled, since the calcium in milk reduces the likelihood of lead poisoning.

They want to know exactly how the company is spending the £500,000 it promised to spend last year on reducing the lead hazard. They also feel let down by the stewards' committee inside the factory, who have done little to help them.

However, they are well organised and determined to continue the struggle until they have endured that their health and that of their children is no longer at risk.

Trade unionists and socialists elsewhere can learn from the experience of these workers and should demand:

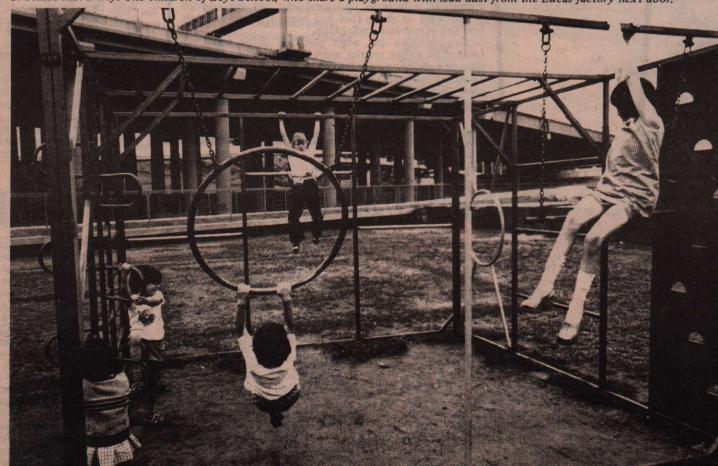
Measurement of atmospheric and human pollution from lead in those areas in which there are high concentrations of traffic or industrial plants using lead.

Full public disclosure of the facts.

Complete abolition of lead in petrol now! Adequate safeguards in all factories and work places using lead (guidance on this can be obtained from the Department of Employment Code of Practice for Health Precautions).



It comes that-a-way. The children of Leys School, who share a playground with lead dust from the Lucas factory next door.



Children play amid the fall-out of exhaust fumes. They are among the most vulnerable to lead poisoning.

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THE LEAD **HAZARD IN** BIRMINGHAM Speaker: Ray **Osborne**

Friday 30 August, 8pm Wagon and Horses, Warwick Road, Birmingham

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On being a have-not

THE MAJORITY OF US spend the best part of our lives working to keep a roof over our heads, to buy a few clothes, to have food to eatwith little or sometimes nothing to

At the end of our working lives we get a small pension—and accept an even lower standard of living. No matter how hard we work, the poor

are always the losers.

I was born in the 1920s, in a part of Coventry that has now disapp-

I remember when I was five my father taking me and fetching me from school. He would come to see

The best things in life may be free-but the rest costs a packet. KAY, goes out to work and has a daughter at school, writes about the struggle of being a one-parent family and about what has made her

me at playtimes. I would rush over to the playground railings, it was the best part of my day! I realise now that he must have

been unemployed for long periods.
But I was too young to know.

He died when I was 10, leaving
my mother with my four year old brother and me.

I remember the cold most of all having no fire in winter, going to bed during the day to keep warm, sitting with a single candle burning because there wasn't a penny to put in the meter.

There was the walk to school, often with holes in my shoes.

Mother would cut a piece of old line and put it inside the shoes but the snow would still come through. I

remember having clothes given to me. It must have been far worse for my mother than I ever realised. Sometimes she would get into terrible rages, we soon learnt to recognise the look on her face and keep out of her way. Now, years later, I can understand the pressures and anxieties of a single parent family.

Possible

My daughter was three when my marriage broke up. My ex-husband just disappeared. My dealings with Social Security were shattering. I had always thought the welfare state was there to help people in need. I soon learnt that the help given is the least possible, enough to exist but

not to live.

In a way I was lucky, I has only one child and eventually she got a place at nursery school, so I started working part-time. The wages were low, but at least a little better than social security. I was free of the continuous battle with the Social Security for every penny and the humiliation and despair that goes

I went on the housing list and after three years got a council flat. I remember the day we moved in. We had two old chairs, a kitchen table and two stools, two divan beds, two suitcases and the rest of our belongings in cardboard boxes.
School holidays were always a

problem, finding someone to care for my daughter while I worked.

Another worry was when she was ill.

I would stay home to nurse her.
But here a mother who has to work is really torn in two. You have to nurse a sick child but you are always aware of the shortage of money.

Walked

School uniforms are a big expense. And then there are all the extras needed for school. Remembering my own school days I try to provide my daughter with the money and items she needs. But there are times when I have not succeededsuch as when her only pair of shoes fell apart and I walked home from work every night because I had spent the money for the bus fares on new shoes. It takes me exactly one and a

half hours to get home!
Shopping I have grown to loathe, always having to look for the cheapest food. This is my biggest problem now. With rising prices I find myself spending more money for less food. Meat, bacon, and fresh fruit are now have rise instead of the every day things. luxuries instead of the everyday things

they used to be.

Even worse is the constant awareness that every penny is needed. That I have to plan everything I buy. And that I have to go on doing this, not just for a few weeks but all my life. Of knowing that some of the things people take for granted are not for me-a washing machine, carpets on the floors, holidays, even buying clothes because one likes them and not because they are needed.

Drastic

So although I am better off then my mother was in the 1930s—the gap between the 'haves' and 'have nots' is widening. Both Tory and Labour governments have introduced measures that are supposed to help the poor sections of our society. In actual fact very little is done so we always remain poor.

Only a really drastic change in

our society can help. We need a society which values people more than things. A society that will help us now, not make promises for a

future that never comes. I believe only socialism can do this and that is why I am a socialist.

Is this good for your soles? LADIES!-if you want shoes that last a few days, give your aching ankles and an empty pay packet try the British Shoe Corporation.

The British Shoe Corporation is only one of the subsidiaries of Sears Holding Ltd, which is owned by none other than Sir Charles Clore. Recently Which?, the consumers guide magazine, did a survey on women's shoes and came up with the news that those shops belonging to BSC were, overall, worse than average on

BSC includes shops we'll all have bought from at some time-Dolcis, Saxone, Freeman Hardy and Willis

etc.
Which? showed that one in seven women had problems with shoes they bought and the majority of these troubles appeared only one or two weeks after buying them-which goes to show the shoddy manufacturing we pay as much as £15 a pair for.

One shoe shop assistant pointed out that in Saxone, where he worked, the policy of the shop was always to avoid giving the customer a cash refund—although the customer is entitled to this under the Trades Descriptions Act. But too many women just grin and

bear a badly fitting shoe.

'Platform shoes which have polyurethene soles are brought back all the time,' said the assistant, 'because there is no bend at all they frequently break, and they

also come apart at the sides. When shoes are brought back by customers we have to remind them that their complaint is against the manufacturer and not the shop-hard to swallow when your heel's just fallen off!'

So-if you've just bought a pair of platform shoes that have already fallen apart—cheer up, you're not alone. A London local paper recently featured 'Hip Youngsters Slam "Shoddy Mod Shoe Makers" '. It gave a report of local girls who had bought platform shoes, usually costing £14 a pair, which had fallen apart within

A local manufacturer blamed the young people themselves, for demanding a fashion that was im-

practicable and unnatural. Unnatural they may be, but when there is so little difference between one style of shoe and another it is difficult to buy anything else. Unless you're Sir Charles Clore—then you have your shoes handmade to fit. If we don't like hobbling along five inches above the ground and twisting our ankles every time we get off a bus, we're forced to resort to Hush Puppy brogues and the one or two styles offered

to our grandmothers.

Platform shoes are a health risk. Doctors receive hundreds of women complaining of mysterious pains in the legs, back and buttocks. The style of the shoes forces women to walk in an unnatural way, not the way we would walk in shoes that had been fitted to suit our

feet and ourselves as individuals. Anyone who has worn platform shoes will have noticed how they restrict movement. Try running for a bus, or walking upstairs, or just bending down-it's quite an effort-an effort that makes women stop and think about what they look like to others, instead of just getting on and doing what they want-unrestricted.

JACQUY HAYMAN

There are still a few copies left of the bound edition of International Socialist Journal issues 36 to 55 (April 1969-February 1973). It includes articles on Ireland, fascism, the Communist Party, women, racism, the Minority Movement and many other important issues.

Price £7, plus 35p postage (UK) or

IS Journal, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London

Now they want to shut the garden up

ONE OF THE resolutions on the preliminary agenda for this year's Trades Union Congress comes from the Society of Civil Servants. They call for the winding-up of the TUC Women's Advisory Committee and the Women's Conference. They say these are out of date, because the problems of women workers will only be given the right amount of attention when they're seen as problems of workers and not of

They are right-in theory. For donkeys' years the trade union donkeys' years the trade union leadership have been shrugging off the real problems of low pay, job opportunity, lack of training and discrimination as being only 'women's problems' and not the concern of the whole trade union As one of the delegates said at the 1972 Women's Conference, 'They shove us off to play in our own-garden and then won't let us

play in theirs.' In 1972 several white collar unions (mostly having equal pay) sent in resolutions to the Women's Conference calling for its abolition. Very heated opposition came mostly from the manual unions, who argued that women workers were so ignored and neglected that if the Advisory Committee and Conference were scrapped they'd be left with no voice at all.

Many delegates pointed out how few women got the opportunity to speak at Annual Congress or their own union conferences, and how difficult it was to get resolutions about women workers on conference

agendas.

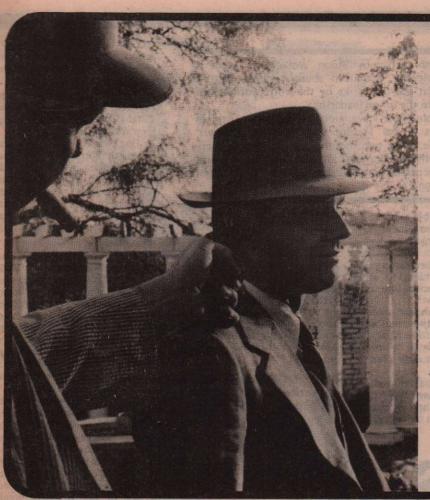
There is much truth in this. But how representative is the Women's Conference itself? Many of the delegates are full-time officials, executive members of their unions or executive-appointed. Most union branches aren't invited to nominate delegates or send in resolutions, so these are left to the full-timers to formulate. Trades Councils can't submit resolutions either, and their delegates don't even have a vote.

Problems

But the worst aspect of all is that many excellent resolutions which are debated and passed at the conference are never followed up. There's never any attempt at all to implement them either at national or grass-roots level. Many of the real problems of organising and involving women in the trade union movement are ignored or glossed over. The Advisory Committee can only advise.

So, we certainly don't want to retain the Conference in its present form. If there's a need for a TUC Women's Conference at all (and many women trade unionists certainly feel there is), we must fight to change it through our union branches and trades councils. It must become a genuinely representative body which fights for the power to carry out its decisions and organise at grass roots level in the broad labour movement, Only then will the broader trade union movement begin to take it seriously and take up its demands as their

NANCY HALL



The deadly city

IF THE PRESENT is unpleasant, go back to the good old days. This is the current motto of the film industry.

Since Bonnie and Clyde the 1930s has been ransacked for stories of hardworking gangsters and conmen making a go of it against the odds, the economic system, the mafia or the bankers.

Recently The Sting, set in 1937 and starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman, has been a huge boxoffice success.

Chinatown, also set in 1937 and also likely to be a smash hit, makes The Sting look like a gnat-bite. It uses the old Hollywood private eye film formula and works brilliantly at two levels. It is an excellent thriller, and a parable of the development of the American system.

While The Sting used economic injustice as a backloth Chinatown

injustice as a backcloth, Chinatown

Perhaps I don't know any thing after all . . . Private detective J J Gittes thinks twice as the revolver hits his

NIGEL FOUNTAIN REVIEWS THE FILM CHINATOWN

takes that injustice as the central theme. It shows that the injustice isn't an aberation, but the core of the

regime of gangsters that is capitalism.

The hero is J J Gittes, played by Jack Nicholson, who is hired to investigate an adultery case involving water engineer Hollis Mulwray. Before long he is investigating murder. As the story develops it becomes clear that he is dealing not with a random killing, but a small fragment of a huge conspiracy.

Corrupted

It is a conspiracy concerned with the growth of the city of Los Angeles. A conspiracy central to the way the system expands, to the way the city grows, to the way people are ruined and other people concentrate vast power in their hands. As it happens everyhody is corrupted. everybody is corrupted.

Some more than others. John

Huston plays Noah Cross, the man who with Mulwray had developed the privately-owned water system of the city. While Mulwray had been the public-spirited engineer who wanted to sell the water system 'in the public interest', Cross had resisted-but then appears to accept the municipal take-

But capitalists don't give up that easy. If the business is to be taken over by the public authority-why then, take over the public authority.

As Cross expands across the city and the state, more and more lives are ruined as money and power seep back towards him.

He accumulates and accumulates. To survive he must go on, on till he has consumed and ruined the earth. Inside his own family, he sexually accumulates and consumes his children and their children . . . driven by the same compulsion.

If Cross is evil, then in an imperfect world, Gittes is what passes for good. He has, the film indicates, learned his trade as a city detective in Chinatown. That is a place where you cut the corners, are violent or have violence used against you, bring the 'law' of the white establishment to the Chinese. Out of it Gittes has developed a primitive but workable

moral code.

A lot of Americans learned their trade in Chinatown. Only now it's called Vietnam. A lot of Americans have also learned through that experience who sent them there, and

why.
Gittes learns the hard way.

Power

Robert Towne, who wrote the screenplay, describes Gittes as 'a guy who was sophisticated enough to be cynical about people but who thought there were limits to how bad people

The film isn't just fiction. The financial fraud which Gittes investigates did take place—but in the 1920s, not the 1930s. The man who perpetrated it may have passed on, but their sons and daughters are still there, more powerful than ever. The orange groves of Southern California are still the power base of the far right of the Republican Party.

The director, Roman Polanski, has done a brilliant dissection job on power in America. He has shown how

good is turned to evil, how the future is corrupted by the past and how power and profit accept no limitations at all except brute force.

There is no easy answer in the film. He dangles the enigma of the title, Chinatown, as an escape routeand as a threat to the corruption of the United States. But the Chinese just look on.

Go and see it! It is a magnificent

Chinatown is showing at the Empire, Leicester Square, London. After pre-release showings it will go on general release in late September, October.

On the box

SUNDAY

ITV: 10.15pm. What should be the priority viewing of the week, OCCUPATIONS by Trevor Griffiths. It is a play set in Turin, Italy in 1920. The tide of factory occupations led to the possibility of socialist revolution. The failure of the movement was to lead to Mussolini's triumph in 1922. This excellent play by one of this country's only marxist playwrights, centres on the discussion and arguments between an agent of the Communist International and Gramsci, the great Italian revolu-

TUESDAY

ITV: 10.30pm. Ray Davis of the Kinks wrote and stars in STARMAKER 'a rock comedy with a sting in its tail'.

Coining-it-in Street

WITH few exceptions, those responsible for what is shown on TV are middle class and so most of the programmes reflect their view of the

Part of this view is the assumption that to be middle class is desirable, and that if we were all middle class then most of our problems would be

When the working class is portrayed on TV, the image is of a sort of middle class 'reserve team', whose best members will eventually play for the 'first team'.

play for the 'first team'.

Some series like On the Buses,
Love Thy Neighbour and Thick as
Thieves, depict workers who will
never make the grade because they
are too clownish, stupid or criminal.
These shows degrade workers in
general since they uphold the middle
class picture of workers as figures of
fun, good for nothing but laughing at.
Other programmes however ask

Other programmes, however, ask to be taken seriously because they seem to be realistic in showing the day-to-day life of workers, and Coronation Street is the most obvious example. This 'idea' by Tony Warren, who is probably laughing all the way to the now amounts to nothing more than building in a studio what looks like a working class street in Manchester, putting in a lot of middle class actors and getting them to play at being working class.

Talent

The word 'play' is meant literally, since in Coronation Street the real and serious problems affecting the working class are ignored.

The action dwells upon rivalries, quarrels and antagonisms that are treated always as a clash of personalities. Those who show the best talent for compromise and conciliation are the ones who 'get on', or in other words get into the first

This is a totally false picture of a society in which class discrimination is still the main factor in deciding not only who 'gets on', but also who

Crossroads is another example.

'It all began as an elaborate joke. When I first created Coronation Street, people always talked about it portraying life as it is really lived in the industrial north. Well, that was as false as the six new noses and the two facelifts which some of the 'ordinary' folk down Coronation Street have had over the years. The truth is I simply invented a jokey North Country language after listening to Northerners talk.

'My nickname for Coronation Street is "the sequined purse" because it's such a magic money machine.

Tony Warren, 'creator' of the

Again the story line revolves around personal intrigues, secrets kept or given away, romances or marriages that are on or off. The dialogue never gets beyond the discussion of trivia nor above the level of bickering.

Big moments are usually indicated by one of the characters speaking the words: 'Now let's get one thing straight . . . 'Only middle-class actors doing the job just for the money are capable of going through the puppet-like motions which is all that this serial requires of them.

What Coronation Street and Crossroads have in common is the way they reduce all conflict to a personal level. Although many workers must watch these serials, what they are watching is not put on for their benefit, but for those who make a profit out of TV and those who need the reassurance of comforting, cosy, middle-class ideology.

All TV portrayals of the working class ignore the reality of class conflict, in fact they take it for granted that this is a myth. But one day the first team and the second team will be in the Cup Final . . .

John Prance



How His Imperial Highness

THE strike by Asian workers at Imperial Typewriters in Leicester shed a good deal of light on the activities of Reg Weaver, the convenor and TGWU branch secretary in the company's plants.

Little has come out, however, about his previous record. It is every bit as interesting.

Weaver, with his aides on the shop stewards committee and TGWU district secretary George Bromley, worked over-time to break the Asian workers.

But this was not the first excursion into the field of crushing anyone or anything which pointed towards the emergence of genuinely independent trade unionism.

Weaver, a founder member of the union at Imperial's, has

The three-month strike by Asian workers at Imperial Typewriters, Leicester, produced abuse from the factory convenor, a racist one-day strike by the white workers and indifference from the union leadership.

Uncomfortable facts have emerged that may explain why the report of the Transport and General Workers' Union inquiry is, after two months, yet to be published. LAURIE FLYNN has done his own inquiry for Socialist Worker-and uncovered some of the facts the TGWU might rather want to ignore.

closest of all possible relationships with the management.

So much so that he has his own office. The only access is through the personnel department of which, to all intents and purposes, he is

Weaver has always been conscious of any possible threat to his position. Some years ago, members of the staff asked him to help them get organised.

seriously. He spent 90 minutes trying to persuade them against any such move.

The probability is that he simply didn't want a section of the union which he did not control to emerge.

Imperial Typewriters' management, too, might have been a factor in the calcula-tions. They certainly didn't want to be bothered with staff unionism.

BUT THERE were other interesting moves. Workers in the Imperial Auto Shop were to the fore among many who

felt that the whole system of representation was chronically inadequate, if not actually pro-management.

Those who were members of the Engineering Union sought to get an AUEW shop

steward recognised.

But Weaver and the company lined up against this and recognition was refused. Stymied on this front, the AUEW members resigned from their union and tried to join the TGWU. Weaver then refused to accept them into membership.

This wasn't the end of the Auto Shop's battle with Weaver. It is still going on and explains why the Auto Shop was the one section where a vote on whether to support the Asian workers was taken and where there were a good number of men who refused to join Weaver's one-day racist strike after the Asians went back to work.

The Auto Shop went on strike 18 months ago over almost identical issues to the Asian workers-bonus and union representation.

Weaver called in the strikers and read out a letter from the management. It involved a loss of £8 to £12 a week

The workers staged a sit-in get negotiations and, magically, the company agreed to talk directly with them. They petitioned for a special branch meeting. Weaver tore it up. But the dispute was spreading and they got vital blacking support.

Strike

At this point, George Bromley was brought in. He got guarantees of mutuality on the bonus, and no victimisation. These were put to a meeting and the strike was

called off.
Subsequently, the employers reneged on almost ployers reneged weaver did everything. Weaver did nothing. Bromley was never available to protest about the broken guarantees, never mind enforce them.

AFTER THIS there were moves to change the whole union set-up in the plant. White workers denied any possibility of adequate union representation made common cause with Asian workers who

were in the same situation. Control over the shop stewards was always the centrepiece of Weaver's operation. He enforced a branch standing order that two years' membership were needed before anyone could become a shop steward, a

Weaver didn't spare himself. He took the possibility of staff joining the clerical been convenor and branch secretary for around 21 years, section of his own union very rules the workers.



Asian workers set out to picket the T&G'S London HQ. They sought official backing . . . and met indifference.

Laurie Flynn's report in Gujerati

शिमरीयव टार्भरार्टियमां आमहारा के च हडलाज याडी हती ते जारामां वर्षे यालाम्युं तो हशे ४. केशियत SIMERIA 201 ESOLU GOIMOI त्रा भारता यादी हती.

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कार्य शास्त्रातीस्य पडेरे था कालकां पात भव तपाम शर इरी कार् ते तपासमां के जहार कारयुं डेपीवर यान जोमानी कोशियनो ने हडलाम उपर गया हता लेमना तर्ध लह र भराज रीत वर्ता करें न नहि पदा वर्षा दर्शनयान आमहारे อา รานะเด วาเท ฐนาโกา วาเยิดา नी तर्द्रधारी देरी है.

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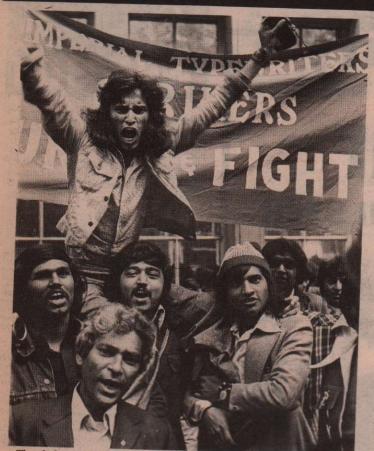
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नगरे उह हिन्हूं मेन रिष्ट्रशही हुउर हुए। नेरी अमानित ही में हीहा हे भारिक प्रमेर्फ रिभाग उँ में पड़ीबार्म का मकरा में कित्र की भाम बेंग ही अंतरिय



The defiance of the strikers: when white workers struck over the same issues 18 months earlier, they ran into a brick wall called Reginald Weaver.

standing order which is not mentioned in the TGWU rule book and which is not applied in most other TGWU branches.

He said people were too 'immature' to be stewards and insisted that some people could not stand since they were already represented.

This was despite the fact that they worked in a different shop from the gentleman supposed to be their shop steward

Last summer, antagonism against this regime—a regime which helped to foster increasingly low wages, bad conditions and high profits for Litton Industries-built up to such an extent that a branch meeting was the focus for a vote of no confidence in the shop stewards.

It had been intended to move a vote of no confidence in Weaver as branch secretary. But Weaver was, surprise, surprise, not at the meeting.
And his faithful district secretary George Bromley would not allow any comment on him since he was absent.

But the vote of no confidence in the stewards went ahead and, as they resigned and walked out, the 300 members at the meeting burst into cheers.

The intention after this was to run an alternative candidate against Weaver at the next branch meeting. But next morning Bromley was down in a great hurry. The resigna-tions were withdrawn.

At this point, the company came to Weaver's rescue. A large number of workers were declared redundant soon after the meeting. The redundancies were stopped and people's jobs changed round so that they lost rather large amounts of money.

Crudest

A good number of those who had been so militant left in disgust. Others, including the front-runner to replace Weaver as branch secretary, were made redundant. Weaver was back in the saddle.

The period that followed looked like being a favourable one for Weaver. A good many of the best white trade unionists were gone and Litton Industries were rolling in the superprofits from the Asian workers, who were as often as not tyrannised by the crudest kind of racist abuse.

BUT THE Asian workers were on the move and soon their pent-up disgust and anger exploded. There was a chance that at least some of the white workers could have been brought into the struggle.

But Weaver and Bromley worked overtime against such a development and enlisted the aid of racialism to prop up their operation at Imperial and beyond.

At the same time Bromley was hard at work doing a smaller scale but very similar job on the Leicester busmen, who had just got rid of their branch secretary. Bromley announced that since no successor had been elected, the one deposed would still be recognised.

Last week, at a branch meeting, Weaver and Bromley tried once again to do down the Imperial workers.

They announced again that no-one could stand for a shop stewardship without two years' union membership. They also insisted that the branch could not change this rule, although it is a purely local one, and is nowhere mentioned in the union's rule

Front

True, there was a regional inquiry into the goings-on at Imperial when the strike was at its height. But that has come to nothing yet and may well not even be published.

Certainly, the silence on the Weaver front is in marked contrast to the way the same regional committee moved into British Leyland, Oxford, and steamrollered changes through against socialist shop stewards.

But then Weaver is not a nobody. He is a big fish who has been on the top committees of the union, as a member of the executive and of its inner cabinet, the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Weaver and his ally, Bromley, are colleagues on the magic circle of law and order in Leicester, the magistrates' bench.

His close links with Bromley are particularly advantageous since Weaver is not a full-time appointed official and can well do with the protection of one who is.

But Weaver is also getting another kind of protection from the union nationally. This comes more in the form of passivity and inaction rather than anything remotely resembling outright support. But it is still very comforting.

Weaver's one problem now is that the Asian strikers have not been smashed and have returned to organise against

But he can count on some support in this his time of

Litton Industries used him when the Asian workers first struck. But they turned aside and negotiated a settlement when it was clear the strikers would not give in.

Fear

Now they are dressing their operations up jargon of equal exploitation. They still want

Weaver type regime.
It denies the Imperial workers proper representation and that, not equal opportu-

nity, is what Imperial fear.

Little will be gained by relying on the upper echelons of the TGWU to clean up the Imperials branch and the Transport Union in Leicester.

It is going to be up to the workers of Imperial themselves and their colleagues in other TGWU organised in-dustries in Leicester, to do the job-a job that has needed doing for a long time and which has now been begun.

If they pool their forces they can ensure that the rules are changed so that non-elected officials and self-perpetuating cliques no longer the show around Imperial run the show around Imperial Typewriters.



Malcolm Vass: 'Take the attack on Socialist Worker seriously

DEFEND YOUR PAPER BY **BUILDING IT**

ABOUT 40 people attended meetings in Southampton last week to hear Jim Nichol, IS National Treasurer, and Malcolm Vass, from the former strike committee at Strachans, speak at a Defend Socialist Worker meeting.

Malcolm spoke about the consistent support Socialist Worker had given to Strachans during the long dispute and lock-out. He delighted the meeting with an account of his constant brushes with the law while the dispute was on.

It was not just that the Special Branch, agents of the law, had wormed their way into the factory during the occupation. It was that the law had stopped the picketing, had thrown them out of the factory and had even prevented them taking a short

had thrown them out of the factory and had even prevented them taking a short cut to town through Strachans' car park!

If the law is so obviously 'neutral' in industrial disputes, it wasn't surprising it turned against papers who supported strikers, like Socialist Worker. Malcolm urged the meeting to take the attack on Socialist Worker seriously and to raise the matter in trade union branches and shop stewards' committees.

Jim Nichol explained that the attack on Socialist Worker were chiefly because we had broken the rules of the system. The ruling class maintain their position in society partly because 90 per cent of Joe Soaps know and believe that they are nothing better than workers.

SUPPORT

'Socialist Worker breaks the rules by telling workers not to accept that position.' Another Defend Socialist Worker meeting and social was held in CAMBORNE, Cornwall on 16 August, where Paul Foot spoke at the meeting chaired by Jimmy Rule, convenor of the large Holmans' factory in the town. Several Holmans'

workers turned up and expressed their support for Socialist Worker.

In PRESTON, the small IS branch organised a successful social on 23 August to raise money for the Socialist Worker Defence Fund. More than 80 people turned up at the Caribbean Club and watched an excellent performance by the Next West. excellent performance by the North West spanner theatre group, which gave a special performance of The Sinking of the National Health Service.

Anna Paczuska from the IS National Committee spoke about the attack on the the paper both from the law and from the press barons, who were pushing up the price of newsprint. She explained the case for the price increase, and urged everyone to dig deep to help the paper. After all expenses had been paid, £30 was sent to

The IS EXECUTIVE meeting last Friday, endorsed a circular to all branches urging them to sponsor meetings and

socials around the theme: DEFEND THE SOCIALIST WORKER.

The meetings will be addressed by someone from Socialist Worker. Printers, layout artists, compositors and other workers in Corbridge Works are prepared to speak on the subject. A speaker from the local working class movement should also be on the platform. on the platform.

The Executive took the view that the The Executive took the view that the best way to protect the paper from attack was to build it in the working class movement. Forms have already been prepared committing trade unionists or shop stewards to selling extra papers as part of the campaign to protect it from the attacks of the authorities.

Special collection sheets are also available from the printshop. The collection sheets refer to the attacks on the paper, and call on trade unionists to help us pay

and call on trade unionists to help us pay the massive costs we are accruing in de-fending ourselves in almost every court in development. downwards.

A letter has been sent to leading trade unionists calling on them to support the campaign.

In next week's IS page, we will be printing suggested speakers' notes for these meetings, and outlining resolutions which can be passed through trade union branches.

Cyprus campaign

FINSBURY PARK IS organised a meeting in the Co-Op Hall, Seven Sisters Road, last Friday as a start in a campaign to involve Cypriots in Britain in the International

More than 1000 leaflets and more than 30 posters in Greek were distributed and posted in the Finsbury Park area for the meeting, and a number of Cypriots, including a handful of Cypriot shop stewards, attended. Chris Harman spoke about the division of Cyprus by NATO imperialism and the need to fight within the countries responsible to get all imperialist hands off the island.

Following the meeting the Finchuse.

Following the meeting, the Finsbury Park branch plans a campaign of activity round the Cyprus issue.

SPEAK UP, COMRADES

THE IS EXECUTIVE decided last Friday to draw up a comprehensive speakers' list. This should not only be a catalogue of academics, experts and experienced speakers, as in the past. IS organisers and branch secretaries are urged to supply the names of many newer members who must be pressed to travel to other branches to speak. The list should be compiled well in advance of the year's biggest 'speaking season', October and November.

Punjabi

मार कारिक में वि कुंबं मेरेनमेंट के आप्पूर कुंब्र भिया करत करी विध्या मिला में। मर भारिम रे ह्वामं ते जिलामर सर्म री नेमाम मीठी में रीहमें कुरुं हिंड बर्म र कुरुं रहा सरी ममझामा विक्रिक हिन्दू का भी विक्रिक हिन्दू का भी भीमका चूहा स्टेरों निमने रिमरा बरी देस स्टी . । पहिरु

इंसीमह इठवरं ही दिस उत्रश्रह रे छिंव माछ परिशेष १ १ १७३ है सुरु रे के अरीहे छींच करेटी ही हिरुव भीटी जेरी निमम हिंच रिट्न भाराज उस भारतमहाम स रिह्ह हे रिट्टप भारतमहाम स प्रमार (no copyalence) पाम श्रीम विशास भारतमहाम स महाभाग्छम के नी नमेरी हे भामडीवा दे दिंगा । माजियां है घर्मी धर्मी हाल कि दें महेरा म राम अपने राम राम राम राम की मार्थ मार्थ मार्थ मार्थ की मार्थ स्थाप स् स्मे। पर रिम टिनम् डिमहीवट मत्र उठ घुमारे है भाग महागावन करेरीरा भागडीटा हायम है किला। भिम दें कार बार नहिरी सीटर रिडमदीन हें

2 338 (redundancies) 21 वर रिटेंड में डितुहे राम ही में हिला । पर हरेगां है केम घरते मार हाँ भारे विमे हूं पैन पैंड उटडाहा र दिने हूं रिम उँ हुँप ह्नगार रहे हाँगा। रिफा उन्ने हम्बन्हें बेभ ई डूँद भामाञ्चन मीर्ज (gent हाउमार जारा है है के मुंदे हिंची माने हारी माने में कि माने माने माने माने ही स्वापी के कि माने ही स्वापी के माने हैं। कि T. G. W. प ने अत्र अस्य हिन्द्र नार तहा क्रियार ही अक्षारी अंदे हम्मर विक्रमार की अक्षाही मेरे हमने उपने रिकंड ने हे हुई भाउ रिम और हूं दूउ नगर प्राथित के उप के का प्राथित कर में भाग्यते भेजवागर की अक्षाही हिंदी सद्भी मेरी।

Why Harry Murray—

'I GO to bed every night not knowing if I will wake up in the morning,' Harry Murray told me, and it is not the IRA I am afraid

I spoke to him in his home in Bangor while, a few hundred yards away, supporters of Mr William Craig met to unveil their 'Third Force'-the re-constituted B Special organisation which Craig says is necessary to smash the IRA.

'This is a private army they are forming,' said Mr Murray. 'Protestants as well as Catholics will have to speak out against it.'

Harry Murray is a grey-haired, fiftyish man who works and serves as boilermakers' shop steward in the Belfast Shipyard. He is hardly a militant: rather a sound 'middle of the road' trade union activist whose basic attitudes would not be out of place in any union branch in Britain.

They talk about aspirations to a united Ireland, aspirations to a link with Britain. You can't eat aspirations. You can't eat sentiment.

'My loyalty is to the working class people around me. That's what trade unionism is all about, fighting for better pensions, better conditions for the workers.'

He talked quietly and earnestly in the broadest of Belfast accents and it is difficult not to accept his sincerity or to be impressed by his fervour: 'Surely the time has come for us, the working class people of this sad province, to reach out across that river and say, "Come home brother, isn't it time we were getting down to it'

Crude

None of which would be especially remarkable if Mr Murray were not chairman of the Ulster Workers' Council, the group which organised the Protestant strike and brought down the power-sharing Executive in July.

changed Things Sixties. Rapidly increasing British investment in the Catholic South of Ireland made crude anti-popery redundant to the needs of British big business. 'Liberal-unionism'liberal by Ulster standards, that is-

made its appearance.

Many Protestants saw 'Liberalunionism' as a sell out of the old cause, and they saw the strike as a triumphant affirmation that the liberals had been defeated and that the old cause still lived.

Many of them believed thatand bourgeois commentators unanimously concurred-that a new unionist block had been created to replace the old, with Craig, Paisley and West at the head and the UWC and the para-military groups operating to integrate the

It has not worked out like that.

lives in fear

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER **WORKERS' COUNCIL** TALKS TO EAMONN McCANN



'Unity' began to crumble only days after the victory rallies as the class tensions within the alliance came to the surface.

Mr Murray stands in the eye of a storm which is gathering strength in the Protestant community here and which almost certainly, will not blow out until the 'unity' which characterised the strike he led is shattered.

During the strike almost every Protestant grass-roots organisation in the province came together in an impressive show of strength. Para-military groups like the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force backed the stoppage from the beginning-and supplied the shock troops who beat and browbeat into line anyone who

Established right-wing politicians like Craig, Paisley and Harry West clambered aboard as the bandwagon started to roll. And the middle classes came over en masse once

lan Paisley, one of many who climbed on the UWC bandwagon. Two to his right, Lindsey Mason, the National Front's Belfast

'victory' was in sight.

At the rallies afterwards which celebrated the executive's downfall, the politicians stood shoulder to shoulder with the rank and file leaders and there was much talk that the Protestant community was once again united in a common purpose.

This sense of all-class communal

solidarity is deeply important to many Protestants. For generations they had held together in a monolithic alliance which set its face like flint against any suggestion of an all Ireland state.

Their leaders—invariably men of property—urged the masses to believe that only thus could the threat of 'Rome rule' be defeated.

Many republicans and socialists characterised the strike as 'fascist'. And indeed there were fascists-or potential fascists-among the leadership and these could yet emerge as the dominant elements. Some of them are close to the National Front.

Within Northern Ireland, they look mainly to William Craig for leadership, a man who combines hysterical anti-catholicism with an impeccable right-wing record of anti-trade union activity.

Recruit

It is Craig and his henchmen who are forming the Third Force. They seek 80,000 men willing to arm to 'put down subversion' and the labour adminstration here is standing idly by as they recruit openly and get their force together. Craig needs the Third Force not

only to 'put down subversion' but also to take the initiative away from the existing Protestant mass organisations whose leaders, he claims, are 'unsafe'. He is thinking of men like Harry Murray and some in the hierarchy of the UDA and the

The mayhem and bloodshed of the last five years has, in the absence of a well rooted socialist organisation, driven many protestant workers towards the far right.

But it has also caused some to ponder more deeply on their situation, to realise that the ferocious loyalty they have to generations of bourgeois unionist leaders was never really reciprocated and to draw vaguely 'radical' conclusions.

Harry Murray is one of these. He genuinely does not believe that the strike was in any way anti-catholic and is quickly angry at suggestions that he would welcome a return to sectarian one-party rule. As he sees it, the strike was simply against violence'. Which is not at all the way very many others saw it.

Deadheads

The resulting tension within the Protestant organisations has led to a complicated series of internecine squabbles within and between the UDA, the UVF and the UWC and on occasions this has led to assassinations. It was this uncertainty about what way the organisations would go which convinced Craig that the best tactic for the far right was to ditch them and build his own 'private army'

Although he didn't spell it out. it is that private army which Harry Murray fears at night.

Commenting on calls for Protes-

tant, anti-catholic 'unity', Murray told me: 'We were led by dead-heads and dodo-birds for years, we are not going back to that.'

But Mr Murray and his co-

thinkers are much less clear about what they do want to go back-or forward-to.

And therein lies their weakness. Craig knows what he is doing. His opponents articulate vague, instinctively working-class attitudes but have no discernible perspective.

Nor will they find one unless and until they break definitively with 'loyalism' and realise that it is with the Catholic workers of Ireland, North and South, that they must line up if they are serious about a fight against ultra right demagogues.

Their lack of any clear line of policy could mean that they will be swept aside by the proponents of the Third Force who offer devastatingly simple answers to a deeply confused people.

WHAT'S ON

ENTRIES for this column must be posted to reach Socialist Worker by Monday morning—and remember the 'first class' post takes two days as often as one. Due to pressure of work we cannot take What's On entries over the phone. Entries here are free for IS branches and other IS organisations.

IS public meetings

MERSEYSIDE IS discussion meeting: The Revolutionary Party. Speaker Tony Cliff on the history of the Bolshevik Party and how it led to the Russian Revolution of 1917. Andreas Nagliati on the Party IS is building. Saturday 31 August, 11am, Stanley House, Upper Parliament Street. Followed by social at Strand Hotel, Brunswick Street (opposite Pier Head): disco, bar extension to 11.30pm. Admission 40p at the door. All welcome.

SOCIALIST WORKER DEFENCE FUND Folk Concert: Alex Glasgow and Claymore, Saturday 7 September, 8-11.30pm, Centrepoint, St John's Road, Epping. Admission 50p.

LEWISHAM IS public meeting: The fight against fascism. Speakers: Martin Tomkinson (IS) and Mike Rodda (TGWU convenor). Tuesday 3 September, 8pm, Davenport Hall, Davenport Road, Catford.

CHESTERFIELD IS public meeting: The Struggle for Socialism. Speaker: Paul Foot, editor of Socialist Worker. Thursday 5 September, 8pm, Room 1, Chesterfield Market Hall (entrance facing Spire). All

Meetings for IS members

WOMEN IN STRUGGLE
A special national day school for all working class women 15 members.
Saturday 31 August
10.30am to 5.30pm
Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham
(Five minutes walk from Birmingham New Street station)
IS branch womens' convenors should attend, branches without womens' convenor should send delegates. Sessions on Equal Pay and Women in IS. John Deason, of the IS Industrial Department, on IS prespectives. For overnight accommodation ring Birmingham 426 2872.

IS AUEW FRACTION executive: Saturday 31 August.

BRITISH LEYLAND IS factory branch delegate meeting: Sunday 1 September.

IS North London Building workers' fraction meet Tuesday evenings, 7.45pm at the Enterprise, opposite Chalk Farm tube.

IS IRISH CONFERENCE: Sunday 8 September, 8 Cottons Gardens, starting 10.30am sharp. Resolutions to Irish Subcommittee by 4 September. All branches requested to send at least one delegate. Admission by membership card.

Socialist Worker worker writers' school: Saturday 7 September in Manchester. Speak to your branch secretary or phone SW editorial office for more information or last-minute details.

NATIONAL IS teachers' aggregate: Sat 14 September, 11am-5pm, in Birmingham. All IS teachers to attend. Details next

LONDON IS TEACHERS'
AGGREGATE
Sunday 1 September, 11am, 8 Cottons
Gardens, E2. All London teachers to
attend.

MEETING for all IS members in enter-tainment unions to discuss union work: 8 Cottons Gardens, E2, Sunday 1 Sep-tember, 2pm. If out of London and unable to attend, please write to Industrial Dept.

IS Notices

CHINGARI, latest issue now out (both Punjabi and Urdu editions). Includes articles on Imperial Typewriters strike, Leicester, Portugal, The crisis in the Health Service. Price 3p per copy (please add postage) from Europe Singh (Punjabi), 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2, or J Engineer (Urdu), 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Silk-screen posters for IS public meetings: 'The government attacks the left-wing press—defend Socialist Worker. Speakers from SW and trade unions'. Plus cartoon, Space for time, date, place etc. £1. per 100 (inc p&p). Money with order to: Jon Tipple, 26 Blackberry Terrace, Bevois Valley, Southampton S02 OED. All proceeds to fighting fund.

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Birmingham Chile Solidarity Campaign public meeting. Trade union and Chilean speakers, plus film, Sunday 1 September. 7.30pm, Digbeth Civic Hall, Lecture Room

Brighton Chile Solidarity Campaign public meeting. Chile and the British Labour Movement. Speaker: Jack Collins (Kent NUM) Tuesday 3 September 7.30pm, King and Queen pub.

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COVENTRY:-The strike of the two Chrysler subsidiaries continues after three weeks. Auto Machinery and Hills Precision strikers are still manning the picket lines in their attempt to force the company to keep their promise of parity with the Stoke and Ryton rates. The Auto Machinery dispute has been made official by the engineering union. The majority union, the T & G, is likely to follow suit.

Parity will mean increases of between £4 to £15 for the Auto workers. For both Ryton and Stoke factories are due for increases in two stages. The first was the 7 per cent Phase Three increase (this was also paid to Autos): the second was £3.16 paid when the pay laws were lifted.

BL strikers 'in

the front line'

BIRMINGHAM: -3000 direct workers on both the

day and night shift at British Leyland's Trans-

mission Plant voted unanimously this week to continue their strike for a substantial pay increase. Management have dressed up their £4 package but it merely means 30p taken off holiday pay and put

Arthur Harper, AUEW convenor, said: 'We're in the spearhead in this one and it's going to be the pattern for all British Leyland workers. If anyone

thinks he's going to get money out of this management without a strong fight, he's living in the clouds. Peaceful co-existence is finished.' The workers will meet again on Monday to decide their

The impact of this vital strike is already being felt in other plants. At the Austin plant, the Mini lines have ceased production and the Allegro and

other lines are likely to finish in the next day or so. Meanwhile, at Austin Longbridge, talks on the

pay claim are still dragging on and stewards are beginning to realise that more militant action is

CHRYSLER: £15 battle goes on

between them and Auto yet the company offered a third towards parity. For most of the Auto workers this did not amount to £3.16 and so was not enough even keep the gap the same.

The company have been planning for this dispute for weeks. The Auto stewards are furious because Chrysler were bringing thousands of con rods into the Stoke plant from the Americanowned Umbrako factory weeks ago. At the same time, they ran down produc-tion on the con rods bolt section in

The Auto stewards have appealed to the Stoke workers for blacking. The possibility of a link-up between Hills Precisions and Autos is an obvious move

but there are big difficulties.

The Chrysler bosses have been promising parity to Autos for more than three years. The strikers are demanding full parity NOW. The Hills negotiators

want Chrysler to offer a move towards

want Chrysler to offer a move towards parity which means they will settle for considerably less than full parity.

Yet Hills are in a stronger position. Already Ryton, Linwood and half the Stoke works are laid off on two-thirds pay. The Autos dispute will only have an effect if their brothers at Stoke black work done by Umbrako. Until now, this has not been done.

This could be a long struggle.

This could be a long struggle. Chryslers have thousands of unsold cars and it is likely that they intend to liquidate much of this stock at the expense of home market production.

With no wages law, the strikers want full parity now. To achieve this they need your support. Messages and financial support to: Auto Machinery Shop Stewards, c/o 34 The Boxhill, Stoke Aldemoor, Coventry.

FORD'S: Big support as ban hits hard

LEAMINGTON:-Several mass meetings at the Ford foundry have recently decided by large majorities to back the four-night

The night shift has since refused to work Friday nights and has instructed its stewards to get management to respond to their demands.

The result until now has been a stony silence from the company. This was coupled with massively increased overtime for the day shift, once the company realised that no production workers were coming into the factory on Friday nights.

Bulletin

They even asked the day men to put in overtime over the Bank Holiday weekend, showing how hard the four night week is hitting them.

The Ford Leamington IS branch put in a bulletin last week drawing attention to this and arguing that management were out to obstruct the four-night week. The only way to fight them was for all workers to stay out on Friday night-including the to stay out on Friday night-including the men doing preparatory work for the weekend shift.

But some right wing stewards seem to be upset by this and may even try to reverse the decision on the four-night issue at a future mass meeting. They are unlikely

As one militant put it: 'Even if they do vote against the four-night week, none of the people supposed to do the work on the fifth night will turn up in any



Factory gate meeting at Auto's: the stewards have appealed for blacking support. PICTURE: John Sturrock (Report) case.

Attacked picket arrested

on the rate.

next step.

ROMFORD, E London:-Another struggle has broken out among catering workers to get themselves organised against lousy wages, long hours, conditions and tyrannical management.

25 waiters and kitchen staff at the Wimpy and the Texas Pancake House in South Street walked out last Wednesday after the sacking of their two stewards, Cengiz Cakiroglu and Ertan Faruk.

The workers, members of the Transport and General Workers Union International Branch, are demanding the re-instatement of the two stewards and full recognition of the union.

The sackings followed the successful organising of the shops six weeks ago. Organisation has led to increasingly strained relations with the employers, the London Eating Houses Group who see their profits threatened.

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Before union organisation, the workers were doing a 95-hour week for £25. They were fiddled out of their holiday pay.

Typical of how London Eating Houses

operate was the management's tactics after the workers first went on strike at Romford. They denied that the strikers had ever been employed in the shops.

Confident

But after three days of intensive picketing despite a police demand to limit the pickets to two to each shop, management agreed to the workers demands relating to the Wimpy Bar. They have also agreed

to meet union representatives over the Pancake House dispute.

Ertan Faruk one of the sacked stewards, who has worked at the Pancake House for four years, is confident they will win all their demands.

The determination of the workers to win this battle and continue expanding the organisation of immigrant workers in London's catering trade has been hardened by the attack on one of the pickets by a The strikebreaker, armed with knife, was brought in from an unorganised shop. The picket naturally attempted to defend himself. The police, as always, jumped in to support the strikebreaker.

The picket was arrested and charged

with himself possessing an offensive weapon

The workers have called for a picket by representatives of the local labour movement to be held outside Romford Magistrates Court on Thursday 29 August when the arrested picket was due to

Cengiz Cakiroglu summed up the dispute as being about 'gaining our respect as workers no matter what race, rather than being slaves to the employers.

UNION UPHOLDS BAN ON IAN GIBSON ASTMS executive member lan Gibson holding any office in the union has been upheld by

the union's four-man appeal court.

The ban was handed out by the executive at their July meeting after they decided that for Ian Gibson to express his opinions on the state and direction of the union in the pages of Socialist Worker was 'contrary to the interests of the union.'

At its meeting last week, the appeal court claimed the article Ian wrote was 'substantially incorrect' 'against the interests of the

lieved to be three to one) upheld the

In fact the Appeal Court retried the case with Muriel Turner, the

assistant general secretary, prosecuting for the NEC. General secretary Clive Jenkins sat in as 'adviser'. National officer Reg Bird was a witness.

The basis of their argument was again that the article was full of lies, and gave 'misleading impressions' to members of ASTMS and other unions. A responsible member of the executive, they claimed, would have known that the statements were 'fallacious'.

The prosecution stated that they welcomed criticisms in the ASTMS journal. They also welcomed fractions within the union provided they were not the National Front. This is good to hear. The one slight problem is that these statements of principle

were used to clear the conscience of those on the Appeal Court so they would stick the knife in on another issue.

They were bamboozled and uninterested on the defence line which concentrated on the feelings of the membership of ASTMS in East Anglia and the possible flouting of the rules by the NEC.

They could not or would not see that the issue is really one of reaction to any opposition within the union which openly criticises the policies of the Executive and the General Secretary.

The argument around the details of the article is a smokescreen to prevent the real issues being discussed. Membership control at any level frightens the union leaders and they have used this case to demonstrate their power.

They have said that the EC can

depose elected members, whereas only those who elected them should have any such power.

The other shameful feature of this affair is the sources from which Jenkins and Co have been getting backing to put the bar on Ian Gibson

Support in this witch-hunt has come from people such as A Sier and others on the EC, S Apto on the Appeals Court, R Bird, national officer, who are all members of the Communist Party.

Their notion of political work appears to be to move the odd resolution, cuddle up to the union léaders and, by means including getting rid of so-called left-wing agitators, keep hold of their lofty positions.

57 VARIETIES OF SOUPERPEOPLE

By members of Heinz IS NORTH LONDON:-Workers at Heinz do not seem as happy as the company claims. When it advertises for labour in the local papers, the company wants you to 'Join the Souperpeople' who are, by their account, one big happy family.

Trouble in the family—with the children'—led to four fights last week. Three

were alleged assaults against a foreman

and two managers.

The three fights with management all involved black workers and so meant instant dismissal for the men involved. The fourth, between three white workers, merely led to suspension of all three for

There is frustration in some departments over conditions, new machinery and efforts by Heinz to speed up lines and reduce manning. Process workers also resent the company treating them like children, and if the union, the T&G continues failing to control management effectively we can expect more incidents where people decide to take things into their

Victory as busman wins his job back By JM Ali

BURNLEY:-Bus driver Mohammad Bhatti, who was sacked for refusing to do overtime, has been re-instated with full back-pay.

The decision, by the National Joint Industrial Council, followed strike action by 58 Asian busmen.

Since going back to work I have felt quite depressed at times by various comments and actions by some members of the public and our fellow trade unionists.

Many were saying they would have supported Mohammed Bhatti if we strikers had gone through the proper channels. Unfortunately none of the members is given any guidance as to what to do in situations like this. He had been sacked and we needed speedy action to get him

Apparently, most people feel we drop-ped a right clanger. And, of course, the non-strikers have never made a mistake in their lives. Anyway, our brother is still

So we strikers are being punished for our naughty actions. Since we are too big to be out over anyone's knees and have our backsides slapped, our fellow trade unionists have decided to send to Coventry those of us who fought for our victimised At the canteen in Burnley, we were confronted with a typed list of strikers' names placed behind the management's notice hourd Same notice board. Some so-called trade unionist who likes to remind us about going through the proper channels has written 'Sack 'em' and 'Thank you'

My friend Subham Khan, on his return to work, found his ticket machine holder had been smashed, possibly by another lover of procedure. His cash bag was also slashed.

The public seemed quite relieved the strikers were back at work. Plenty of 'pleases' and 'thank yous' were flying about.

One early morning passenger said to me: 'I see you're back at work, then. Is the strike over?' But on leaving the bus the same passenger said: 'He should do as he is told, you know lad.'

Another striker was told: 'I see all the

Pakis are back then'. To which he replied: 'What do you mean by Pakis? Do you mean me? I am one of them!'

My wife, while waiting for a bus

overheard a bloke say: 'I thought all of them were having the sack' as soon as he saw a black driver.

I was in a Burnley pub and met a man and his wife who asked if I was a 'paki' as I 'spoke very good English'.
'And you're very dark', they said. I replied that I was born under Bow

Bells in Stepney, East London, my father was an Indian and my mother Welsh. So that made me a Cockney-Welsh-Indian. This guy then said: 'I don't like Pakis'. How can he tell the difference?

I intend to organise a children's party for human beings who do not think, venue the Burnley canteen. They should place their names on the list provided. Priority goes to our trade unionists who like ignoring the strikers, smashing their machine holders and slashing their bags.

There will be free balloons and party

hats and a nice surprise—big lolly pops. I am sure they will find the way there. There are a few sheep around and the rest could well follow.

Since our trade unionists aren't on speaking terms with us strikers they can fill their mouths with the lollipops instead.

Good God! Not ANOTHER rotten apple_

by Nigel Fountain
ONE PERSON deserves the credit for the discovery that 25-year-old Mangalsinh Jadeja was wrongly convicted five years ago of possessing

an offensive weapon: God.

Detective-Sergeant Grant Smith confessed last week that he had planted a knife on Jadeja at an anti-South African rugby tour demonstration.

Smith did so to advance his career. But since meeting God he now

considers honesty the best policy.

But God is not blameless. While introducing himself to Smith and thus bringing about his salvation, he seems to have been exceedingly unwilling to get acquainted with the rest of the constabulary.

Vicar

Peter Hain, chairman of the Stop the Seventy Tour Campaign, claims the police planted evidence on at least 30 demonstrators. One of them, apparently, was a vicar who was 'discovered' with drugs.

Smith admits having planted drugs on two people—both black. Among the 30 planted demonstrators was a pacifist accused of wielding a broken beer bottle. And at a match in Newport a demonstrator was accused of having LSD.

It is difficult for the media to accuse Det-Sg Smith of being a lying, biased left-winger with a dislike for the law and order brigade. In all the other cases round the country where socialists, trade unionists and black people have been framed, beaten-up and sentenced to jail, nothing has happened.

Biggest

Occasionally, the police hold an impartial inquiry, conducted by the police, on behalf of the police. Usually the accused sits out his or her sentence or pays the fine. Right now, for instance, Horace Parkinson and Lloyd James of Brixton are doing just that after their conviction doing just that after their conviction over last year's Brockwell Park affair.

Short of the biggest conversion since the Sermon on the Mount hitting the British police force, this situation is going to continue. But there must be continuous publicity aimed at exposing these affairs. If it has happened to you, when it happens to you-let us know.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

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ONES

by Eileen Healey, USDAW LIVERPOOL:-Women at the Wingrove and Rogers electrical components factory at Old Swan have been on strike for nine weeks now over threshold payments.

Their last rise, 12 months ago, won them 66p. At that time management promised to introduce a bonus scheme and brought the time and motion men into the factory to fix a rate.

But the study wasn't quite finished when the management realised how much they would have to pay out. So they scrapped the scheme.

All the workers have been offered is

£2.75 as the yearly rise. And this in-

cludes the 66p they got a year ago! So in reality they are only getting £2.09.

No matter how much they have to do, the basic pay of £20.09 is all they get. After tax and deductions they are lucky to take home £15.

Sylvia Finney, a member of the strike committee, told Socialist Worker that the only way they can try and keep

up with the rocketing cost of living is to go for the threshold.

The conditions in the factory, she explained, are disgraceful. There are holes in the roof and if it rains you get soaked. The place is filthy and toilet facilities inadequate, Management refuse to do anything about it to do anything about it.

At the moment, non-union labour is

being escorted in and out of the plant by management, who have done all they can to intimidate the workers into going

Women have been visited in their homes by foremen who try to 'persuade' them to go back to work.

All the women have had their cards sent to them. The firm claim they have breached their contract by going on

But the management have also said that they can have their jobs back if they all return to work on the firm's conditions. The women are determined to stick it out. But they need all the support they can get, particularly from Liverpool docks and airport and British Rail, who handle Wingrove and



The butchers Labour supports

THE Chilean Junta is not the only dictatorship the Labour government is treating with more than a little consideration.

British diplomats in Seoul, the

capital of South Korea, are systematically declining to associate themselves with any protests against the brutal repression being unleashed against trade unionists, students,

According to the Guardian reporter, Robert Whymant, there is an unusually familiar reason for this stand. South Korea is a land of great opportunities for British businessmen.

Shut

Protests against the arrest, torture and judicial murder of dissidents won't do those golden opportunities any good. So the British ambassador and the civil servants out there are keeping their heads down and their mouths shut. Except about business opportunities, that is.

This of course is exactly what happened in Chile during the Junta's bloody coup. Then the British embassy refused to give asylum to any of the Junta's victims in case it would damage other profitable business relations.

Possession

That was under a Tory government. Now Labour is in office-but it makes little difference.

Big business decides the priorities for those in possession of office because it is in possession of power.



DEFEND SOCIALIST STEVE JEFFERYS, a member of WORKER

the IS executive, being arrested in Leicester last Saturday. He was arrested after complaints by NF members.

Steve has been charged with 'actual bodily harm'—which can be a serious offence. (The two men charged with the attack on Martin Webster have been charged with assault.)

This arrest and charge adds another to the long list of state attacks on Socialist Worker. It will be another case which

must-and will-be vigorously defended.
It is another case which will cost money. Another case which means that SW readers must step up their efforts to

swell the Fighting Fund.

Last week we got £298.34, making
August's total so far £1400.76. That's still a long way from our £2000 target with only a week to go. Keep it up, and we can do it. Thanks are due to:

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