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Labour solution to unemployment:

sackings a day!

YES, a thousand sackings a day. That's the truth about unemployment under the Labour government which promised it would 'get Britain back to work'.

In the first eight months of this year, the employers admitted causing 178,000 redundancies, that's 22,250 a month. The real figure is much higher-and will grow during the winter. By next spring, another 250,000 workers will have lost their jobs.

Labour's 'emergency measures', announced this week and based on massive hand-outs to bosses who are kind enough to keep their workers on, will save no more than 20,000 of those jobs.

In fact, fewer jobs will be saved by the new measures than will be destroyed in government-controlled industries through government-inspired policies—in steel, in the Post Office, in the councils

PATHETIC RESPONSE

This pathetic response to the unemployment crisis has been agreed by the trade union leaders. Jack Jones of the Transport and General Workers' Union said this week: 'I am satisfied that the government intends to cut the head off unemployment this winter'

Yet for every head cut off unemployment by

the government, another ten will grow in its place. Relying on Labour governments and union leaders isn't just useless. It's suicidal.

If rank and file workers want to save their jobs, they will have to fight for them. All over the country there are signs that workers are prepared to demonstrate and strike to keep their jobs.

At PLESSEYS in Liverpool, a mass meeting of white-collar workers have pledged themselves to 'use all means, including industrial action' rather than accept the 750 sackings which the bosses plan

On Tuesday more than a thousand council workers lobbied the Greater London Council offices in protest against proposed cuts in council services.

> Southern Region workers on BRITISH RAIL have warned that they are prepared to work to rule

> rather than accept a single sacking.
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> These workers cannot win on their own. Every fight for jobs needs the support of the entire working-class movement in the area. Socialists and militants everywhere msut start to forge links between shop stewards' committees, unemployed workers' and school leavers' organisations for a co-ordinated mass rank and file campaign for the Right to Work.

DEMAND THE RIGHT TO WORK

SUPPORTERS of the National Rank and File Organising Committee in the North will be demonstrating for the Right to Work at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool on Tuesday. This is seen as a mass campaign against unemployment, bringing together the employed and the

bringing together the employed and the unemployed.
Coaches will be going to Blackpool from Liverpool and Manchester sponsored by local trade union branches and shop stewards' committees, so that the unemployed can travel free.
LIVERPOOL: Coach leaves Mann Island, Pier Head, at 9.30am and the Golden Eagle, Kirkby, at 10.15am. Further details phone T Douras 051-521 6224.
MANCHESTER: Coach leaves St Peters' Square at 10am. further details: phone

Square at 10am, further details: phone M Herbert 064-734 7972.



Portugal must not become another Chile!

PART of last Saturday's great demonstration in solidarity with the Portuguese working class. The march was led by a series of banners from trade union bodies, including Coventry AUEW, North Herts AUEW, Glasgow EETPU, Camden Trades Council, Islington Trades Council, Westminster Trades Council, Nottingham and

Westminster Trades Council, Nottingham and District Trades Council, CPSA British Museum, Tower Hamlets NALGO, and a host of others.

Socialist Worker was the backbone of the demonstration. 1500 yellow-and-red placards ran through the entire march, calling for 'No Chile in Portugal', 'NATO OUT', 'Support the

Workers' Councils'

As Joao Goncalves, from Radio Renascenca the worker-controlled radio station in Lisbon, said at the end of the march: 'This march gives confidence to workers in this country who don't support the social democratic betrayals of their government over Portugal.

Socialist Worker thanks and congratulates all its readers and supporters all over the country who travelled to London in such enthusiasm and strength for the great march.
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Socialist Worker placards on the demonstration

PORTUGAL: MAKE IT A CAMPAIGN!

and International Socialists have every right to be proud of the great march on Saturday. But the march proved how important it is to keep up the fight for solidarity with Portugal in the British working-class movement.

The working-class strength on the demonstration was impressive, but it will have to double and treble again if we are to stop the machinations of the Wilson government and NATO

That's why last week's call from the Rank and File Organising Committee for trade union solidarity

campaigning on Portugal is so crucial. Fight within the unions for official support for the Portuguese workers' councils, and raise funds for them.

Set up 'Hands off Portugal' committees of trade union delegates. Counter anti-working class protrade union journals.

Work for a national trade union 'Hands off Portugal' delegate con-

Contact the committee for help with delegations to Portugal and contacts between workers in different companies. The address is Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London N16. Phone: 01-249 1207.



The great march the press ignored

AT least 6000 people marched through the centre of London last Saturday in solidarity with the workers of Portugal.

Not a single word about the demonstration appeared in any of the newspapers the following day. There was no mention of the march on

On Sunday, less than 3000 people marched through London demanding a 'better deal'-lower taxes—for the self-employed. Slogans on the march included 'McCarthy was right!' Pictures of the marchers, interviews with its organisers, and even editorials about it appeared in all the newspapers.

The march was also heavily covered on both

If there was any doubt about the deep bias which distorts the 'news coverage' in the press and television, the treatment of these two demonstrations should settle it once and for all.

The Portuguese Workers Coordinating Committee had gone to great lengths to publicise the demonstration. On the Friday before the march, they called a press conference to hear the speaker from Radio Renascenca. The Guardian and Financial Times correspondents were there when the time and place of the march were stressed.

Both television news services were informed about the march. Neither even bothered to send crews and cameras.

The Press Association and Keystone-two of the country's biggest photo agencies-sent photo-

graphers. Pictures of the march were circulated to all the newspapers-and shelved. The Press Association reporter's account was sent out by teleprinter in good time for the deadline for Sunday newspapers. Not a word appeared in any

On the other hand, the reactionary rantings of the shopkeepers, tax fiddlers and assorted National Front fascists who marched with the self-employed were given front-page treatment.

None of this means that press and television can be ignored in future. On the contrary, we must step up our attempts to get our activities reported. But it does show that, as the crisis deepens, the labour movement will have to rely more and more on its own press for any fair coverage at all.



Solidarity action 'crucial'

JOAO GONCALVES, from Radio Renascenca, Lisbon, told the rally in Hyde Park: 'There are two mutually exclusive freedoms in my countrythe freedom for workers and the freedom for capitalists. Mario Soares and the Socialist Party are opening the door to the second freedom.

'Like the Sorcerer's Apprentice, Soares is unleashing forces over which he has no control. It is imperative to prevent external support for Soares and the social democrats. This is why we welcome this demonstration.

'The best means that you have to struggle for our liberation is to

struggle for your own.'
JUDITH HART, from the national executive of the Labour Party, raised some jeers when she spoke up for Mario Soares and quoted him favourably on two occasions. She attacked the 'international strike of credit and capital' which had been directed against Portuguese socialism.

JACK COLLINS, from the Kent miners, attacked 'right-wing social democracy' in Portugal and in this country. He referred scathingly to the electricians' union leadership which had spoken at the Trades Union Congress of the workers' movement in Portugal as though it were the same as fascism in Spain.

At the end of the meeting, CHRIS HARMAN of Socialist Worker, the only British revolutionary on the platform-though more than half the march consisted of revolutionaries-

A handful of supporters of the Portuguese Communist Party chanted 'P-C-P', intending to 'P-C-P', intending to stop him speaking. But the cry was answered much more loudly with cries of 'P-R-P', and Chris was able to speak, against heavy interruptions.

The situation in Portugal, he said was similar to that in Chile in July and August two years ago. The capitalists were deliberately creating economic chaos so as to turn people against the revolution.

LESSONS

But there was one big difference between Portugal and Chile. A size-able section of Portugal's workers had learnt the lessons of Chile. They recognised that you could not solve a capitalist crisis by compromising with capitalism. The only way to resist the right wing in the army was to combine rank and file organisation within the armed forces with the arming of the

You cannot avoid the dangers of civil war, as some people pretended in Chile, by collecting signatures against it. But the Portuguese working class could defeat those planning violence file in the armed forces against the generals, and armed itself.

To bind together the rank and file organisations in the factories and barracks, workers' and soldiers' re-volutionary councils were needed.

PORTUGAL MUST NOT BECOME ANOTHER CHILE

Socialist Worker public meetings with Carlos Nunes, from the proworkers' council at the Lisnave shipyard, Lisbon, and a Chilean trade unionist.

BIRMINGHAM: Tuesday 30 September,

Digbeth Civic Hall, 7.30pm. Also speaking: Tony Cliff. GLASGOW: Wednesday 1 October, 7.30pm, McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall

MANCHESTER: Thursday 2 October; 5.30pm, the Salisbury Hotel, for Trafford Park workers, and 8pm at the Royal Oak, Stockport.

Friday 3 October, 8pm, Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Phone Manchester TU Books, 061-832 8102 to confirm details/to arrange meetings with Carlos Nunes for your shop stewards' committee.

Disabled children will suffer

deformity because of government spending cuts, a surgeon disclosed last week.

John Sharrard, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Sheffield Children's Hospital, which takes patients from 50 miles around the city, complained that shortage of surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and physiotherapists was causing up to four years delay for children in appear ugly through curvature of

MORE than 500 disabled children desperate need of immediate in the Sheffield area face permanent surgery. The cost of replacement was negligible-a mere £80,000 a

> But the government, after setting up an inquiry, is refusing to pay the money, which has been committed

> for a long time.
> Said Mr Sharrard: 'Meanwhile spastic children will have their hips go out of joint so that they will never be able to walk, children who

THE WORKERS REPLY

Part of the 6000-strong crowd listening to speakers in Hyde Park

HOW can we fight hospital closures? One answer came at an enthusiastic mass meeting last Monday of workers at one of London's big hospitals, the Royal Free. The hospital is under threat of massive cuts from Camden Health Authority, which has announced a freeze on filling all vacancies in all departments.

The mass meeting last Monday voted unanimously to oppose the cuts, and to refuse to cover overstaffing which resulted from them. They also called on management, if they had to make cuts, to stop spending money on the luxury private patient service which the hospital provides.

STOP THE CUTS! the spine will get progressively worse and look twice as ugly, and others cannot go to school because they cannot wear shoes.'

Mothers protest

by Colin Calder
ANGRY mothers blocked the main road near Haverfordwest, South Wales, last Thursday demanding more beds for the local hospital. The Welsh Office has decided to reduce the number of beds at the £5 million Withybush Hospital on the outskirts of the town. There were 24 children's beds in the old hospital. This has been cut to 12.

Lorries were stopped by the mothers, and leaflets were handed out calling on the Welsh Office to agree to their demands.

Workers at the hospital-who have blacked work on the children's

wing until new beds are allocatedjoined the mothers on the demonstration. One of the organisers, Mrs Pam Rees, said: 'We will have more demonstrations like this one to keep up the pressure.'

Research axed

Socialist Worker says

MEDICAL research in several crucial areas has been hit by recent government cuts in grants to universities. A project on cervical cancer at Oxford has been axed after five years' work.

An injection which cures haemophilia, a condition which gives rise to incurable bleeding, has been shelved under the government's Health Service cuts. The injection, although extremely effective, is 'too expensive', they say

ANTHONY CROSLAND has been thinking aloud about the danger of a 'deep alienation' of Labour voters from the government.

In his contribution to the pre-Labour Party Conference speech-making season he pointed out that Labour supporters detest mass unemployment and cuts in welfare and most certainly did not vote for cuts in their living standards, all of which they are getting, and are going to go on getting, under the government of which Crosland is a leading member.

The crucial question, says Crosland, is 'whether we can prevent that dissatisfaction turning into the rampant disillusionment which plagued Labour in 1966 and 1968-70."

The way to stop this happening, he argues, is to 'select a few priority areas, for example, housing and pensions' and actually carry out the government's election pledges with regard to them and 'accept willingly the public expenditure implications involved'.

The timing of this proposal may not be entirely unconnected with the Labour Party national executive elections, in which Crosland is a candidate. But what is interesting is what Crosland takes for granted the government will not do.

Create full employment by taking over and planning the economy? God forbid, that would be bolshevism run wild.

Broken promises, broken party?

Maintain and expand social services by redistributing income? That would never do, it would destroy the 'incentives' for the rich to get richer. The job of a 'social democratic' government is to run capitalismnowadays re-christened 'the mixed economy' to make it sound better. That, for Crosland and all his colleagues, is fundamental.

DECLINE

All the same Crosland is shrewd enough to see that unless working-class voters can see some difference between Labour and Tory policies, they are not going to go on turning out for Labour in sufficient numbers to enable the Croslands of the Party to hold cabinet office. The long-run decline in the Labour share of the total poll-Labour has got fewer votes at each successive election since 1966-will speed up and, dreadful

thought, the revolutionary socialist left will grow. So some gestures must be made to show 'we have not lost our direction, which is a specifically Labour direction'.

Now there is not the slightest chance that Crosland's advice will be taken. There will, indeed, be a great deal of talk at the Labour Party Conference in Blackpool this week about the need to do something about unemployment. There will even be some 'cosmetic' measures announced, more money for retraining and the like. But whatever the Party conference resolves, government policy

Unemployment will go on rising-and the latest economic forecast is that it will not reach its peak until 1977. Spending on welfare-including housing and pensions-will continue to be squeezed. Real wages will continue to be cut under the £6 limit.

All this will happen because it is the price the capitalist class, in Britain and internationally, demand for their cooperation.

Any attempt to reverse these policies would trigger off a run on the pound, a further cut in investment and all the other forms of pressure that the millionaires and big companies can exert under capitalism. Of course they could be countered by taking industry and the banking system out of the hands of the rich. But that is something the 'social-democrats' rule out-permanently.

So Crosland's proposals are, in the most literal sense, utopian. They cannot be carried out by a government committed to running capitalism. The 'deep alienation' that Crosland fears is not going to be prevented and it will open up the possibility of developing a massive opposition to Labour's Tory policies.

It is our job to see that the alienation is channelled constructively, that Socialist Worker becomes the voice of the discontent, that the revolutionary socialist party grows at the expense of declining Labour.

LABOUR'S-MONEY IS ONTHE BOSSES

DOES the Labour Party believe in capitalism? According to the Party Constitution the answer is definitely No.

But according to the shareholdings held by a little known Labour Party company the answer is YES, YES and YES again.

The company, Labour Party Nominees, was set up to buy shares and receive dividends by James Callaghan of the Labour Party executive along with Miners' president Joe Gormley and the well-known financial wizard Andrew Cunningham, now languishing in retirement courtesy of Her Majesty's Prisons. According to the Labour Party,

the company exists to fund pension obligations, though the main purpose is described differently in the company's own articles of association, and the Party has another company to do that anyway.

So far Socialist Worker has established that the Labour Party nominees own shares in 18 of the top 70 companies in Britain. The shareholdings are worth £121,000 at current stock market prices and brought in dividends of around £8000

before tax last year.

The shareholdings, which will doubtless spur workers to still greater efforts, are 6000 Marks and Spencer, 3700 Boots, 4750 Rank Hovis McDougall, 1000 Metal Box, 2700 Bowater, 4300 Imperial Group, 3500 Thorn Electrical, 4400 Shell Transport and Trading 8100 Reed Interport port and Trading, 8100 Reed International, 3300 ICI, 650 BP, 3350 Courtaulds, 4000 J Lyons, 9000 Allied Breweries, 21,000 Sears Holdings, 11,900 Grant Metropolitan and £39,000 in loan stock with Slater Walker.

Apart from the general principle that no serious working-class organisation, should engage in shareholding operations, two special atrocities stand out.

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Labour Party Nominees have 3500 shares in Plessey, which is attempting to sack 1000 workers in Kirkby this year and which has consistently intrigued against the Portuguese Plessey workers.

Even worse the company has 6500 shares in Brooke Bond Liebig. This company has been involved in the most revolting exploitation of tea plantation workers in Sri Lanka (Ceylon). Many have died of malnutrition in the cause of profit and dividends.

So much for the brotherhood of

The company also has an interesting board of directors. It provides a useful focus for property speculator Eric Miller of the Peachey Property Corporation to work side by side not only with Sidney Weighell of the NUR and Harold Hickling of the General and Municipal, but with such alleged left-wingers as Alec Kitson, JP, of the Labour Party executive and executive officer of the Transport and General Workers. the Transport and General Workers



Junior School, North London, where the head teacher, Terry Ellis, and six of the seven other teachers are now on indefinite strike. They are protesting at the decision by the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) to order a special week-long investigation of the school. This follows a campaign of abuse and slander against the school and its teachers by some members of the Labour-controlled Islington Council.

The strikers are demanding an investigation of the school's management committee, which includes right-wing Labour councillors, before any inspec-tion of the school. The ILEA has instructed the strikers to allow the inspectors to proceed by returning to work. This opens the way to prosecutions then for obstructing the inspection of a school'. which carries a £50 fine

Supporters of the teachers' rank and file paper, Rank and File, have formed a defence committee in North London. Wirite to Geoff Hurford, 18 Williamson Street, London N17.

Black defence – against the police

are stepping up their campaign against police attacks on their children. Next week two trials of black school kids who have been assaulted by the police reopen.

Four schoolgirls from Hackney face charges of assaulting the police or obstructing them. This follows an incident at Clapton Park Comprehensive School in July when police were called by the headmistress to remove a girl from another school who had agreed to leave anyway.

They immediately seized the girl with an armlock, grabbed her sister when she protested and two other girls who called out to them to stop. A white teacher who tried to assist the girls was thrown bodily across the road by the police.

In a police van, the arrested girls were punched, abused, showered with racist insults and kicked. At the police station the same treatment continued.

Protest

A majority of teachers at the school have signed a statement saying that the police should not have been called in the first place. Despite this, the girls had to appear in court on 14 July. They face a resumed trial on 1 October. The Hackney Black Parents Movement has been formed to protest at this.

The police in Hornsey behaved

McDonald was picked up in the dinner hour only a few yards from his school. Seven policemen and two police vehicles were used to seize him. He was punched in the kidneys, badly beaten and manhandled. Then he was dragged before Highgate Magistrates Court charged with assaulting the police.

For black people the message is clear. If the police hit you, you can be sure you'll then be charged with hitting them.

Cliff's appeal comes up before the Middlesex Crown Court, opposite Parliament Square, London SW1, next Thursday at 10am, when the Black Parents and Students Movement will be organising a picket.

SOME INFORMATION FOR DISCONTENTED SOLDIERS

This information has been compiled by supporters of the British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland Campaign who hope that it will be of some use to soldiers who have decided not to go to Northern Ireland. We are not recommending any particular course of action. There is no easy way out of the Army, but we hope that by one means or another you will avoid taking part in the killing in Northern Ireland.

IF YOU ARE A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

that is, if since joining up you have developed a religious or moral objection to taking part in any war, you have a legal right to be discharged on these grounds.

-you are advised to contact:

The Central Board for Conscientious Objectors, c/o Endsleigh Street, London,

IF YOU INTEND TO APPLY FOR A DISCHARGE ON OTHER GROUNDS

the following organisations may be able to help:

At Ease, c/o Release, 1 Elgin Avenue, London, W9. 'At Ease' was recently opened to deal with enquiries about all legal ways of leaving the armed forces. Counsellors (who include ex-servicemen) are available at this address every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30pm. 'At Ease' also deals with enquiries by

The National Council for Civil Liberties, 186 Kings Cross Road, London, WC1.
Tel: 01-278 4575. Open daily - office hours. This organisation has considerable experience in giving legal advice to servicemen and representing them to military authorities.

IF YOU HOPE THE ARMY WILL DISCHARGE YOU

-on political grounds, you may be interested in the wide selection of peace literature available from:

The Peace Centre, 18 Moor Street Ringway, Birmingham 4. Tel: 021-643 0996; Housmans Bookshops, 5 Galedonian Road, London, N1. Tel: 01-837 4473.

on sexual grounds, you may wish to contact:

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality, National Office, 28 Kennedy Street, Manchester 2. or their London Information Centre, 22 Great Windmill Street, London, W1. Tel: 01-437 7363. Open from 6pm.
Or phone Icebreakers, 01-274 9590 from 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

-on health grounds, we would advise you not to mutilate yourself, feign mental illness or take dangerous drugs. Some soldiers are doing so in desperation. If you have a genuine health problem, contact 'At Ease' (address above)

IF YOU HAVE DECIDED TO GO ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE

-to Sweden, you will be pleased to know that special arrangements have been made to welcome British servicemen who go AWOL to

The British Deserters Support Group, c/o Bok-Cafe Morianen, Box 16037, Drottninggatan 19, 103 21 Stockholm 16, Sweden, Tel: Stockholm 106063. If you go to Sweden, you will need your passport, your military ID card and about £30 cash (you need this to get through Passport Control as a tourist). You are advised to enter via Stockholm and avoid Malmo and Goteborg, and to enter

as a tourist.
You will need to wait three weeks before going to register with the police as an applicant for political asylum. If you contact the British Deserters Support Group, they will put you in touch with a good Swedish lawyer, advise you on registration procedure, offer you accommodation with sympathetic Swedish people during the difficult three-week waiting period, and accompany you when you go to register with the police.
It is important to make it clear to the Swedish police that you were going to have to serve in Northern Iraland, otherwise you will not be considered for asylum. After

serve in Northern Ifeland, otherwise you will not be considered for asylum. After you have registered, you can then go to the Swedish Social Bureau which will get you a place to stay, give you money to live on and help you to enrol in Swedish

A British AWOL soldier can apply for the type of asylum that has been granted to American and Portuguese AWOL soldiers. It amounts to the Swedish Government giving a man permission to stay on the basis of special circumstances—a type of humanitarian asylum. However, when you go to the police, you are advised to ask for political asylum so as to make sure that the Aliens Commission and not the police makes the final decision on your case.

-to Eire, you should know that this destination has proved to be dangerous for some British AWOL soldiers. Your situation may be exploited by violent extremist groups.

-to other countries you should know that groups in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland are trying to help British AWOL soldiers but if apprehended in any of these countries, you are liable to be returned to the British authorities.

-in Britain, you may have difficulties over employment (no insurance cards) and accommodation (anyone who shelters you is liable to prosecution). You may have to keep moving to avoid arrest. If you are considering going AWOL in Britain, you should therefore plan ahead very

IF YOU INTEND TO REFUSE TO GO TO NORTHERN IRELAND

you are likely to be court-martialled. You are entitled to be represented by a civilian lawyer if you so choose. The National Council for Civil ddresses above) will advise on a good one who is sympathetic to your position.

If you wish your action to be publicised, so as to set an example to other soliders, strengthening their resolve to resist the Government's policy, then please contact the British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland Campaign (address below).

NOTE: If a group of soldiers made this announcement simultaneously, it would make a great impact on public opinion, both inside and outside the Army. Such an action could lead to Court Martial and imprisonment. But if you believe, as we do, that it is wrong for troops to be in Northern Ireland, we ask you to consider whether it is better to be killed for a cause you do not believe in or to be imprisoned for refusing to take part in the conflict.

The opposition of American servicemen forced partial withdrawal from the war in Indochina. The Algerian war came to an end partly because it was opposed by hundreds of thousands of Frenchmen, including soldiers, who refused to take part in it. British soldiers could save lives in Northern Ireland-not only their own lives.

The organisations listed above do not necessarily support the objectives of this Campaign and are not responsible for their inclusion in this

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THE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM NORTHERN IRELAND CAM-PAIGN, c/o 5 Caledonian Road, London, N1. England.

broken the law...

THE INCITEMENT to Disaffection Act was introduced by the right-wing National government in 1934. The Attorney-General explained that it was necessary because of the circulation of two journals-the Soldiers Voice in the army, and the Red Signal in the navy.

A big campaign was mounted against it. An enormous meeting in London's Central Hall was addressed by Clement Attlee, later to become leader of the Labour Party, Harold Laski from the London School of Economics, the leader of the Liberal Party, leading trade union leaders and a host of other dignitaries. The Labour Party in parliament pledged itself to repeal the

Now, 41 years later, a Labour government has given the nod for the biggest prosecution ever staged under the Act. Worse, they are sponsoring a prosecution for conspiracy, to break the Act, which means that the

penalty is unlimited.

Why have the police and army authorities taken so much effort to persuade Mr Sam Silkin, Labour's Attorney General, to promote this prosecution?

prosecution?

Simply, because they are terrified of any ideas or opinions in the army, especially about Ireland.

Instant obedience in the armed forces is fundamental to the survival of capitalist society. Over the last two centuries, the ruling class has grudgingly conceded the right to workers' opinions, demonstrations and newspapers.

But it has used all its ingenuity to protect the armed forces from the limited 'free expression' which it

limited 'free expression' which it conceded to the workers.

It knows that once it has lost the automatic allegiance of the armed forces, it cannot any longer be sure of holding on to its property.

Just for possessing this leaflet, you can be jailed. For distributing it, these 14 people now face unlimited sentences



YOU ARE breaking the law.

Why? Because it is a crime to have this leaflet (left) in your possession.

The Labour government gave permission for last week's prosecution of a Leeds lecturer Andrew Lloyd for possessing a copy.

Despite the judge's prompting,

enough of the jury refused to accept that it was a crime, so Andrew Lloyd is now due for re-trial.

Serious

The government have also given permission for an even more serious trial, due to start in London this week. Fourteen people are charged with 'conspiracy' to distribute the

The trial has been brought under the Incitement to Disaffection Act, which makes it illegal to have in one's possession any document, which if circulated to a member of the armed forces, might 'seduce' him from 'his allegiance or duty to

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Her Majesty'.

In plain English, it is a crime to possess any document that might. make a rank and file soldier question the orders of his officers.

We are reprinting this leaflet, not because we agree with its politics, but because at stake is a basic question of free speech and the freedom of the press.

The desertion of a handful of conscientious objectors will not assist the fight for free speech in the armed forces. These rights will be won only by trade union organisation and militancy.

Socialists and radicals in the armed forces should not desert. They should stay where they are and organise.

Similarly, the battle to Free the 14 will not be won in Parliament or: in the Central Hall, Westminster.

Outcry

When Tom Mann was prosecuted 1912 over a leaflet calling on soldiers not to shoot at strikers, he was sentenced to six months in prison. So mighty was the outcry, that he was released after seven

All sections of the movement must come together on this issue.

Trade union branches and shop stewards' committees must argue now for resolutions and letters to MPs, the Home Secretary and even to Attorney-General Mr Sam Silkin calling on him to

FREE THE 14

ODROP THE CHARGES

12,812 unemployed - this they call a boom!

THE directors of the Drypool group, which builds and repairs ships, can't make any

So they've told the 1200 workers at their three yards and the 100 who work for their suppliers: As soon as you're finished the work you're doing you'll be out of work. The workers are stunned. They have always believed in 'the maximum co-operation with management'. Now

the maximum co-operation is taking them straight to the dole queues.

The dole queue in Hull is already long. Earlier this year the giant multi-national combine Litton Industries national combine Litton Industries announced the closure of Imperial Typewriters, and 1200 Hull workers lost their jobs. Today, more than six months after the closure, 800 of these workers are still without jobs.

After the Imperial closure, a leading Labour councillor was reported in the local paper as saving 'Future

in the local paper as saying: Future prospects for employment in this town are extremely good'.

If this is what they mean by 'extremely good', we're all in the

In Hull there are 12,000 workers on the dole. That's not just the highest since the war. It is the sort of figure which people expected in the worst years of the 1930s.

Everyone is sad about it. We've got two very left-wing Labour The in Hull, and they're worried. The trade union leaders are worried. The employers are worried. Everyone is full of sanctimonious worry.

But worry won't solve the prob-

Fight

Are we going to fight unemploy-ment, or aren't we, that's the ques-

The trade union leaders and the Labour government will not fight for us. That lesson was learnt the hard way at Imperial Typewriters. The workers there placed all their faith in the Industry Minister Wedgwood Benn and the Transport and General Workers Union. And they were

The workers have got to fight themselves against unemployment.

The workers at Dry-pool must occupy the yard and run the occupation themselves. The machinery and boats under construction should be held until the government nationalises and guarantees jobs.

We workers of Hull, employed and unemployed, come together to forge a rank and file committee which will fight every closure and fight for every job.

> REPORT: John Gordon

PICTURES: John Sturrock (Report)







Sid Oliver

ONLY ONE ANSWER

ONE of the established industries in Hull is fishing. If you were prepared to work upwards of 100 hours a week. accept a basic wage of approximately £20 a week, take a chance on the size of the catch before your bonus depends on it, and risk your life and limb in an industry that has the highest fatality rate, any man could got a ich

But no longer is this true—that if you're desperate enough you can go fishing. Things have changed for the

Sid Oliver has been a fisherman for the past 22 years and now, at the age

of 61, he's been thrown on to the scrapheap. Sacked-without a penny redundancy money. Work in the fishing industry is casual, so these workers do not qualify under the terms of the Redundancy Payments Act.

What prospects are there of his getting another job?
Said Sid: 'There's no prospect, What is it now? One and a quarter million unemployed and it's still going

'Mind you in the 1920s and 1930s a man could still get a job fishing. Today you can't! That must be signi-

'There's only one answer to un-employment and that is to change the system that's causing it. The gaffers have run things their way long enough and look at the mess we're in.

'At one time I believed the Labour Party did look after our interests. But it's obvious that they don't.

'I can say this from personal experience. I've wrote numerous letters to my MP-who's supposed to be left wing-and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries about the present state of unemployment in our industry. And I'm sad to say that they could only offer me sympathy-and you can't buy much with that.

One of the most demoralising things in the industry is the amount of corruption that goes on with unemployment. It is not a matter of being good at your job anymore, it's who gives the gaffers' lackay the biggest backhander that gets you a

Socialist Books

Hull International Socialists this week opened their new bookshop. Socialist books, pamphlets and newspapers from all over the world, Come and

238 Spring Bank, Hull.



A family unemployed

old and left school just over a year ago. In that time he has only had one job—as a labourer in the fruit

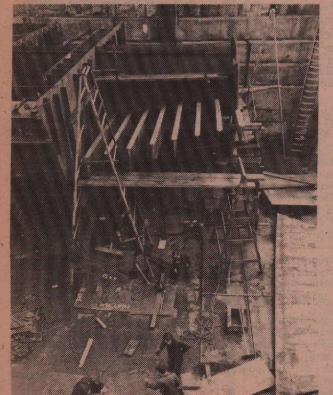
market on £12 a week.
'By the time I'd paid things out for board and so on, I was left with the same as I'm now getting on the dole.

'It's accepted that there's no work in this town so the employment exchange never bother to offer you a job. Fish-houses are the only jobs going: I was offered a job sweeping-up or putting bread-crumbs on fishfingers.

'A lot of my mates have gone into the forces.

'My dad and three brothers are all unemployed—we get a lot of hassle because of being black. The dole office is packed out with kids my age. Many of them get by with thieving records from one shop and selling them to another.

'But you soon get fed up with thieving and fighting-everybody should have the right to work.'



Inside the threatened Drypools yard

Drypools: Save these jobs and give us hope!

TERRY TAYLOR was sacked from Drypool's when he had finished his apprenticeship as a marine fitter just one year ago. Since then the only opportunities have been short periods of casual work.

What will Drypool's closure mean to him as a trades-

man in the shipbuilding industry?
'Today there are 309 shipbuilding workers in this town unemployed. Drypool's closure would throw another 1200 out of work. Jobs are hard enough to find now, if this happens we don't stand a cat in hell's chance.

'The reason for the closure is obvious. The yards are incapable of producing anything efficiently. This is due to the lack of any investment despite government grants. Most so-called new equipment is either second-hand and out-dated before it gets in the yards or unsuitable for the job when it is installed.

'One example of this is when an horizontal boring machine for large work was unable to do the work it was required for, so they scrapped it—after several thousand pounds spent on its repair and installation. This is only one example. Machinery that has been in the yard since the turn of the century is still in operation.

'The long-term solution is for total nationalisation of

the industry now and under our terms-that is, we must say how the job's run and controlled in the future. But Drypool's workers must start the ball rolling. If they can save the jobs then there's hope for the rest of us.'

The democracy that is class rule

WHEN he was asked in a radio interview whether he favoured bourgeois or socialist democracy, Mario Soares, leader of Portugal's Socialist Party, replied: "There is democracy, period. It is of the people, by the people, and for the people, and it is not the dictatorship of the proletariat."

I take this from an American 'social-democratic' publication which, not surprisingly, is highly enthusiastic about it. But what in fact is wrong with the statement? Are not revolutionary socialists for the most consistent and thorough-going democracy? Don't we denounce the Stalinist states because they are completely undemocratic?

Yes we are for consistent and all-embracing

Yes, we are for consistent and all-embracing democracy, in the workplace, in the union, in



the army, in every area of society. But at the same time we disagree completely with Soares. It is simply not true that there is, ever has been, or ever can be 'pure democracy' irrespec-tive of what class interests are served.

The very meaning of the word democracy, in its original sense, takes this for granted. It

comes from two Greek words signifying 'rule of the people' as opposed to the rule of the rich minority, for which the word is oligarchy.

'The people' in the ancient Greek city states meant a definite class, the free citizens other than the rich. This did not include slaves, the most productive class in democratic Athens, or women-two groups who together made up the bulk of the population. Nor did it include the populations of the vassal states—for Athenian democracy rested also on imperialism, the subjugation of other city states.

Which is not to decry it unduly. For 'the people' proper, Athenian society in the 4th Century BC was indeed a great deal more democratic, even in the popular sense, than Britain has ever been. Given the primitive techniques of production then existing, which made some form of forced labour inevitable,

TORY LEADER MARGARET THATCHER CALLS FOR EVEN

LESS EQUALITY: 'DON'T CUT DOWN THE TALL POPPIES'

Socialist Worker Competition: SPOT THE TALL POPPY

it was probably as 'free' a society as was then

The first point that matters for us is that it was a product of class struggle and itself a form of class rule. In all class societies, including modern ones, every form of rule is in the last resort the rule of one class over

The second point is equally important. To rule means to be active in ruling, to take part in person in the making of decisions and in carrying the consequences. The Athenian citizen had to be a legislator and he had to be

For if either of these functions is 'delegated' if a class of professional legislators or professional soldiers is allowed to become separated from 'the people', then the 'people' soon lose effective power. You cannot rule by proxy or by postal ballots. You cannot rule

unless you participate actively in ruling. In ancient Athens, as in medieval Switzerland, participation was a condition of citizenship.

But is not this impossible in

modern industrial societies? All the defenders of 'bourgeois democracy'for there is such a thing, Soares not-withstanding-claim that it is impossible.

As a matter of fact, the opposite is true. The tremendous productive capacity of modern industry makes it much more possible than ever before for the actual producers, the workers, to rule. But only, of course, if they are organised to rule; if society is reconstructed on a socialist basis, on the basis of proletarian democracy.

Machine

What does bourgeois democracy consist of? First of all there is a state machine, a bureaucratic hierarchy with a system of grades and ranks through which orders are transmitted from the top to the bottom. This hierarchy is divided into military, police, administrative, diplomatic and judicial sections. It is not subject to election.

Second, there is a system of rules or laws which these hierarchies operate and which are built around the notion of private property, and especially private property in the means of production—that is, the right of some people to live off the labour of others.

These two features exist in all forms of capitalist class rule, including fascism. Bourgeois democracy adds a third feature, a legislature—and sometimes also the head of the executive—which is elected and periodically subject to re-election. That is the 'democratic' icing on the

authoritarian cake.

Naturally bourgeois democracy is decidedly superior, from a working class point of view, to military dictatorship or fascism. The existence of an electoral system, and the necessity for the system of the present the system. for the ruling class to pretend that it does not actually rule, give scope for working-class organisation political activity.

Threaten

But it is still capitalist class rule. Governments come and governments go, but the state machine continues regardless. If, as occasionally happens the activities of the elected legislature or government appear to the ruling class to threaten its vital interests then attempts will be made to over throw them by the state machine—as in Chile in 1973, as in Brazil and Greece in 1964.

That is not to say that such attempts will always succeed. Not a all. It depends on the struggle and militancy and political weight of the working-class reaction and the ability of the workers to get arms. But th threat is permanently in reserve.

The truth is that the working class can never achieve power without th destruction of the permanent civi

military and police hierarchies And the working class can never hold power except on the basis of active participation in a network of workers' councils, an armed people with elected officers, elected judge elected officials of all kinds.

And this, in turn, cannot b consolidated except on the basis of the common ownership of the mean of production and a planne

That is proletarian democracy working-class democracy.



Shrewsbury: The friends of McAlpine

SOME interesting facts which help explain the ferocity of newspaper editorials against the Shrewsbury pickets have been uncovered by a

Norwich supporter of Socialist Worker, Tim Roderick.

Tim has just spent a few days going through the shareholders' register for the Sir Alfred McAlpine master company Marchwiel Holdings. McAlpines is the biggest and most ruthless construction tirm in the country, and it was their site at Telford New Town, near Shrewsbury, that the builders of North Wales had the temerity to picket.

Lord Goodman, boss of the Newspaper Publishers Association and Harold Wilson's friend and lawyer, has 1600 shares. Sir Ian Stewart, the director of Beaverbrook Newspaper and dozens of other companies, has just over 1000 shares.

just over 1000 shares. Baron Grimthorpe, a director of the fanatically anti-union Yorkshire Post, has 3600 ordinary shares. The Baron is also a consultant to Sir Alfred McAlpine and Sons, whatever that may mean.

These gentlemen stood to lose a great deal if the builders of North Wales had succeeded in driving the lump off McAlpine's and other sites. Their share dividends would have been considerably reduced.

The following insignificant citizens also hold shares in Marchwiel: Brian Faulkner, former prime minister of Northern Ireland, Lord Rupert Charles Montacute Nevill, treasurer to the Duke of Edinburgh, Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, formerly Britain's director of the Inter-national Monetary Fund.

Interestingly enough, a nice slice of Marchwiel shares belongs to the Vestey family who put five dockers in jail in 1972, with the help of the National Industrial Relations Court. Shrewsbury perhaps, is the Vestey's revenge for their release.

SMITH'S CRISPS, of Southampton Road, Portsmouth, have come up with a novel idea about bonus payments. Not content with pushing the target figure up from 112,000 boxes to 132,000 boxes over four weeks, they are now paying the bonus in . . . GREEN SHIELD STAMPS.

According to management the 133/8 books are worth £10. In fact, at the cover value of 45p a book they work out at about £6 The going rate if you try to sell them for cash is £2.

Another little number they have developed concerns the firm's bus. The morning shift starts at 5.45am. So the only way of getting to work is on the bus they lay on. However, if THEIR bus is late arriving, they dock YOU a quarter of an hour for being late.

There is, by the way, no truth in the rumour that the directors are paid their wages in lorry loads of Smokey Bacon flavour. They prefer good hard cash.



The grand old days of Vintage Port appear to be slipping away as reports continue to reach us from Oporto of the difficult working conditions in the Douro Valley and unrest amongst the lodge workers. We are convinced the political future of Portugal is stabilised. knowledge and experience of blending to produce the deep, rich, powerful single vintage Port rests mainly with English firms whose future in Oporto may be restricted at

Since 1970 vintage was the last declaration LAYTONS feel it is imperative to make a SIGNIFICANT OFFER OF VINTAGE PORTS before the winter months ahead bring certain price increases.

THESE STOCKS - Please respond quickly.

CASE TO ANSWER-YOU

DO you ever dream of winning £100,000? On 28 September last, Roy Stephens, a Jamaican who has lived in Britain for 30 years, put £5.21 on a 14-horse accumulator bet at a William Hill betting shop in Liverpool . . . and they all came home. He thought he had won £100,000, the Hill's limit.

Fifth Column has already reported what happened to Roy when he went to collect his winnings. He was arrested and charged with deception. Then, when magistrates found that there was no case to answer, William Hills disqualified the bet under their old

Their copy of his betting slip had mysteriously disappeared. The company had also—a remarkable stroke of luck this—omitted to microfilm the slip, as is their usual practice.

From the latest ytons wine Merchants catalogue. Place your order for this extra special Layton's offer by phoning 01-353 1170.

The new part of the story which Fifth Column now dangles before you as a solemn warning to all punters is that William Hill belongs to the Charlie Clore Sears Holdings

Richest

Clore is one of Britain's richest men and is becoming richer every year by acquisitions such as Hills, which gave a wonderful boost to the group's £37 million profits last year. A paragraph in Clore's most recent chairman's report mentions the betting business and may help to clarify events in Liverpool.

Clore, says the report 'is hopeful that steps they are taking to contain expenditure will enable them to retain a reasonable margin of profit in the years ahead.

Roy Stephen's speedy arrest by Liverpool police may be explained by the fact that Hill's chief security officer, Jeffrey Leach, is a former superintendent in the Liverpool CID. You never know your luck.

KIM GORDON

The biggest J Arthur of them all

THE tragic news about the brutal victimisation of Rank Executive Graham Dowson is only slightly tempered by the knowledge that he will not have to sue for unfair dis-missal. He's been awarded a little £150,000 sweetener in exchange for a piece of his wedding cake. No similar payments have been made to any of the 10,525 workers Rank has sacked since 1968.

The average wage of those who remain is £27.80 a week, which means that it would take a Rank worker 100 years to earn Mr Dowson's farewell. That's equality.

Rank 'A' shares rallied 12p group a Stock Market value of £250 million. Buyers were anticipating an end to the struggle for power.

Strong pressure from the Bank of England, bankers and leading shareholders for an end of the Rank affair forced the Ibard meeting.

With the Labour Party conference due in ten days, the authorities do not want any more of the scandalous power struggle in this fieldom of Sir John's, which is everything that the GBI says a company ought not to be.

Daily Mail, 18 September

Portugal: Workers

resist right-wing government



All smiles: Soares this week with, left, new premier Azevedo and Guerreiro, leader of the Popular Democrats.

sional government, formed last week, is dominated by supporters of capitalism who want to stop the further extension of the revolution.

Four seats are held by the rightwing leaders of the Socialist Party, two by the right-wing Popular Democratic Party, and two by members of the right-wing group of officers now at the top of the Armed Forces Movement, who say the revolution must go no further.

Force

The government clearly aims to begin depriving Portugal's workers of the gains they have made over the last year. As a senior economist for the Bank of Portugal told a Guardian reporter: 'Force will have to be used and the standard of living driven down. The government must have the political complexion to drive this through.'

That is why the right-wing leaders of the Socialist Party have been so keen on token Communist

been so keen on token Communist Party participation in the government. They want the CP to prevent open opposition to the government from militant workers in the Lisbon

The CP has accepted the derisory post of Ministry of Public Works. It claims it has to be in the government so as to check the drift to the

Solve

But the new government will not be able to solve the economic crisis, and the extreme, fascist, right-wing will exploit rising unemployment to bolster support. Already, it is operating in the Lisbon area, something it would not have dared do a month ago.

Right-wing officers within the armed forces are increasingly assertive, and the government has promised to attack the rank and file soldiers' movement and the armed groups of workers.

By its action, the government is not merely attacking workers' living standards; it is also opening the door for forces much more right-wing than itself.



War veterans on the march last weekend: they chanted Socialism Yes, Misery No.

Party members tear up cards

A NUMBER of workers' committees under Communist Party influence called a demonstration in Lisbon last week. Its aim was to put pressure on the new government, so that it would include more Communist Party members.

But, faced with the threat from the right, this approach had no great appeal to Lisbon's workers.
Only about 30,000 workers and about 150 soldiers and sailors took part-a fifth of the size of demonstrations called around much more left-wing slogans a month ago.

The demonstrators mainly carried the national flag. There were just two red flags on the whole march. And the stewards prevented marchers from chanting the slogan 'reactionaries out of the barracks'.

When it was announced on Friday that the Communist Party was in the sixth provisional govern-ment, rank and file members at the Auto-Reconstruction plant in Setubal tore up their Party cards in

factory has come out in favour of the policies of the United Revolutionary Front, which is made up of government.

and the Sederurgia brickworks, the workers' committees are increasingly critical of the CP line, although rank and file members are remaining

But there is a real danger that workers who have looked to the CP for a lead in the past will now simply drop out of activity into demoralisation, instead of moving to the revolutionary left. Certainly, growing numbers are bewildered by a succession of government crises, of demonstrations and further demonstrations, that seem to lead

By its manoeuvres, the CP is

That is why the development of a movement that builds workers' and soldiers' councils is a life or death matter for the revolution.

ADFA, the war invalids' association, held a demonstration on Saturday of about 5-7000 people, including some soldiers. In the front line were war invalids in wheelchairs being pushed

by shipyard workers.
Slogans were Socialism Yes—
Misery No; We want work, not

Leaflets were handed out saying that if invalids were a dead force for the nation, they were still a living force for the revolution.

The demonstrators went to Belem, but no member of the government came out to talk to

GENERAL STRIKE HITS LAND-OWNERS

THE SOUTHERN agricultural province of Alentejo was paralysed by a general strike last Thursday. Agricultural workers stopped work in defence of the fight for land reform and were backed by industrial and office workers in the towns.

The strike followed an attempt by big landowners, backed by rightwing troops, to seize cattle from workers who had occupied the land.

In the cities of Beja and Evora, demonstrations took place outside the banks, where peasants and agricultural workers protested at the delay in granting credits to those who had occupied the land.

The demonstrators opposed the formation of a government of the right, and demanded a government for socialism, not for social democracy'.

WEST YORKSHIRE SW day school: The Revolution in Portugal, and what we should do. Speaker: Chris Harman. Discussion groups. Bradford Central Library, Saturday 4 October. 1 to 5pm.

SOCIALIST WORKER PORTUGAL



THE CAMPAIGN for solidarity with the revolutionary left in Portugal received a boost last week from the United States. More than 500 people attended a meeting in New York organised by Workers Power, the paper of the American International Socialists, to hear Antonio Silva, a Portuguese soldier active in the movement for workers' and soldiers' councils.

That meeting and another of 300

That meeting—and another of 300 people in Boston the next night—raised 1100 dollars for the Workers Power solidarity fund. Nine more meetings are planned in US cities.

Meanwhile, a meeting last week in Forest Gate, East London, raised £43. One speaker, Tom Hickey, a NALGO shop steward from the London Hospital, told of a visit to a factory under workers' control at which the former manager was forced to act as trans-lator but not allowed to join in the

And in Bethnal Green, nearly 100 people heard John Deason from the IS Central Committee give a full run-down on the situation in Portugal. He spelled out the practical steps which socialists and trade unionists can take in soli-darity with Portuguese workers—like organising a delegation from the shop stewards' committee to go to Portugal for the weekend so as to build direct links, or fighting the boycott that many British companies (listed in last week's Socialist Worker) are operating against

The meeting raised just under £100—half in cash and half in bankers' orders of £2 a month for six months.



THE SOCIALIST Worker Portugal Solidarity Fund enables us to help the Portuguese revolution in many ways. Recently we sent the PRP a video-taped interview with Philip Agee about the role of the CIA in Portugal.

The half-hour film cost us £60 to make—thanks to the expensive hiring charges on video machines—and another £15 to fly to Portugal.



Socialist Worker was also involved in a hefty outlay of money for last Saturday's demonstration. We will, of course, be spending more on the the campaign here.

What's more the money we send straight to Portugal has concrete benefits. £20 supports a PRP full-time worker for a week. £10 prints 5000 leaflets arguing the case for workers' and soldiers' councils and the need to

So keep the donations rolling in, brothers and sisters. Portugal needs every penny you can give.

The total this week is a magnificent

£637.74 of which £193,90 came from sales of posters and badges, much of this on

Saturday's demo. £25 came from three meetings of the Independent Socialists in Canada— at Hamilton, London and Kingston—

while £23 was raised at a South Wales meeting. Other donations: Dudley IS.£3, Leicester students £5, South East London meeting £16, C Jones £25, P Smith £6, Rose a lady in Hyde Park 25p, Livingston SW suppor-ters £1, B Harrison £5, anonymous

TGWU and CPSA collections sheet £6, Swansea IS £2.50, South West London social £26, Croydon IS £13.50, GLC collection £2 and a TGWU NUPE collection at Withington Hospital Manchester, £4.

Help us to raise money for Portugal. We have:

Collection sheets for your factory, office or

Posters of Solidarity with the Portuguese Workers - in three colours for 50p including postage.

Bankers order-forms so you can give a small amount each month, painlessly!

Send your orders and your money to the Socialist Worker Portuguese Solidrity Fund, **8Cottons Gardens, London**

LAWAND ORDER IN IRAN

THE IRANIAN dictatorship so beloved of Lord Chalfont and moderates and businessmen everywhere is to bring in a new and even more ferocious law against opposition.

A statement from the Iranian Confederation of Students in Britain spells out what it means.

NEW

Automatic life imprisonment faces anyone who forms or runs an association with 'communistic policies or aims', anyone who is against the so-called constitutional monarchy or anyone who assists such organisations.

The new law has been specifically framed to cover all Iranians, outside

as well as inside the country. Mandatory death sentences will be carried out against anyone who uses arms against the Shah and his White Revolution.

Benefit for the Confederation of **Iranian Students Defence Fund**

Twenty-one members of the Confederation are facing conspiracy charges following their protest at Iran's London Embassy over the murder of political prisoners in Iran earlier this year. The Confederation desperately needs money

to mount the best possible defence against these serious charges.

As part of its fund-raising en-deavours, the Confederation is holding a showing of the famous film The Cow, which was banned in Iran and whose directors, author and cameramen were

arrested for daring to make it.

The film is highly enjoyable, with full English subtitling. The showing is at 8pm on Sunday 12 October at the Collegiate Theatre, Gordon Street, London. Tickets are available from the Confederation at 101/103 Gower Street,

Critical The workers' committee in the

At other factories, such as CUF within the Party.

creating the conditions in which many workers can come to see victory for the right-wing as inevitable.

AUEW: Debate is the key to democracy



millionaire newspaper columnist. Please vote for the **AUEW** right moderates, and keep me in the style to which I'm accustomed. Woodrow Wyatt, who plugged hard for the postal ballot



millionaire newspaper owner. I'm spending good money to tell you how to vote in the AUEW elections.

Maxwell, who printed leaflets free for AUEW right-winger Jack Whyman



journalist of £20,000 a year. My programme would like to tell you to vote for the people who'll help keep your wages down.

David Dimbleby, who introduced the programme

IT started with the television Panorama just over three documentary on the Engine (AUEW) turned into an ho paganda stunt on behalf of right wing.

The purpose of the programme outcome of the elections now un union, to drum up votes for the

The programme was biased from John Tocher, Manchester division the union, was interviewed while was being prepared. Not one hour-long interview, in which he against the postal ballot, and for and democracy in the union, was

That's how much the right friends in the media and the employ believe in democracy. That's hor take the outcome of union election

PHILIP HIGGS

Brothers and Sisters,

In standing again for the position of National Organiser, I am doing so in full support of the policy of our union as determined by National Committee.

I am completely opposed to those who seek to denigrate our union through the medium of the Tory press and those who enlist the support of journalists whose loyalties lie with the

Tory Party and big business.

Britain is once again in the midst of a grave economic crisis,
I say once again because none of us can remember a time when we were not being told that things were bad and that sacrifices must be made, however, the sacrifices always seem to be made by the people who create the wealth, that is by the workers and their families who by their effort and skill produce the things

As usual, when we have such a crisis, we are told that moderation and wage restraint are absolutely necessary, however, the apostles of moderation and their friends the employers have never yet solved the economic problems facing

Radical changes are the only things that will improve the position, such changes as our Union's objectives of the 'contro of industry in the interests of the Community' and the con tinual improvement of the wages and conditions of our members with the eventual goal of socialism. We must continue to strive at National and plant level for

the maximum improvements in the wages and conditions of our members, on such things as holiday pay, length and number of holidays and pensions we are lagging behind many of our fellow workers in both East and Western Europe.

Because the problems facing us are akin to those facing workers in other countries with a so-called 'free enterprise' system, and because of the activities of transnational and multinational companies, we need to develop international trade union links both at National and Combine level, and a unified international trade union movement should be one

of our prime objectives.

Industrial democracy is very much under discussion at the present time, there are no easy answers and there are quite a number of problems to solve, however, we do have a shop stewards' movement that is almost unique in the world, this in itself is a step towards industrial democracy. Whilst our union accepts the shop steward's role, I do not think that it yet has found the right formula for involving the shop stewards and the members they represent at factory level in trying to resolve some of the complex issues that face our

I am Convenor at a factory that has some of the best wages and conditions in the country, this has been achieved by good organisation and teamwork and it is this spirit I would like to see at all levels-in our union.

In concluding, I list some of the current positions I hold as an active trade unionict:

Convenor—Rolls-Royce (1971) Limited, Parkside, Coventry.
Member of the Coventry District Committee of our Union.
EC member of the Midlands Regional Council of the TUC. Member of the Industrial Tribunal Panel.

Vice Chairman of the Governors of the Coventry Technical

Yours fraternally, PHILLIP HIGGS

Miember of the Council of Warwick University.
Chairman of the Midlands Regional Educational Advisory
Committee of the TUC.

Election address of Phil Higgs, one of two Communist Party candidates. No list of supporters was given.

WILLIAM LEE

We are now in the most serious economic crisis for the past forty years. The employers' system of society is in a shambles.

The solution advocated by our master is a simple one—we've got to tighten our belts still further. So yet another Tory incomes policy is to be applied by a Labour government. Savage cuts in social services is a further tightening of the screw. Pathetically, the TUC has rushed to negotiate the size of the wage cuts, rather than lead a fight to defend our living

Reduced living standards will not mean less unemployment, but more. More, because those of us who are still in work will be able to buy less. And because we can buy less, output will fall, and the dole queues lengthen.

Over the years, the AUEW has rejected government attempts to hold down wages. But fine words have not been reflected in action. Our national leaders have settled for minimum time rate increases which have little effect on the take home pay of the vast majority of members.

Yet we are a union with immense power. The day we launched an all out strike against the Industrial Relations Act the government and the courts had to back down within hours. But the power has not been mobilised to secure justified wage increases. The engineers are the only powerful section of workers not to have secured a meaningful national wage in-

crease in recent years. Our leaders have abdicated their responsibilities by leaving the wage battle to plant by plant bargaining. We must combat inflation by relying on our united industrial strength nationally. We haven't even got a national wage claim in for this year-that's

worse than a 100 per cent freeze! Instead of long-term package deals, we need the right to renegotiate at any time. We have the strength to win lump sum across the board increases for every member of, say £15. If that strongth was used, then equal pay for women would be a reality-not a slogan.

That industrial strength could be used to defend our jobs. Officially, the AUEW has long been in favour of the 35 hour week. With unemployment rising, such resolutions have to be translated into action. In the press shop at Chrysler Linwood, where I am a senior steward, we have won a 35-hour week. We enforced it. Nationally, we should similarly enforce a 35-hour

At district and local level we must be constantly vigilant against job loss, through natural wastage and voluntary redundancy. District committees should fight for control of employment, registering all jobs, controlling job replacement, monitoring the job queue, and using such powers to stop loss

Strong shop steward organisation that daily controls manning levels, work practices, work speeds, etc, must be encouraged. District committees with real teeth can strengthen such factory organisation. And if this builds up, when companies go bust we can launch fights for their nationalisation, without

UNION DEMOCRACY

Thankfully, all officials are regularly elected by our union. But full time officials should be fully accountable on a day to day basis and paid the average wage of the membership they

When the courts attack our union, they are out to reduce democracy. They want to influence our decisions. So they want us to vote without the benefit of branch debates. In the branch'

their newspaper propaganda can be countered by real argument. They want to reduce the life in the trade union movement. I want to see it increased and therefore support a return

Any official is as strong as the membership, and our union's real economic strength lies in shop steward organisation. National organisers have been too distant from the rank and file. I would seek to transform the job. Assisting the improvement of shop stewards organisation, building representative shop steward combine committees, encouraging rank and file papers, campaigning for support of wage claims and defence of jobs. These should be the priorities of the National Organiser.

In the struggle that lies ahead, we need strong rank and file organisation, plus a principled leadership, prepared to lead. I have never separated politics from such a struggle. I am an Inter-

Out of the struggle to defend jobs and living standards, we can develop a mass movement for a socialist society free from crisis and from want.

The following undersigned wish to urge support for Brother W Lee for the position of National Organiser.

Glasgow: B Fay (Secretary SSC), M Cassidy (Steward), J McCabe (Steward), J MacDonald (Steward) (all at Albion Motors BLMC). T McCarney (Senior Steward, Chrysler Linwood). F Bratchell (Convenor, Wm Brain Company). G Gallagher (Steward, Rolls Royce, East Kilbride), J Cowan (Steward, John Brown Engineering), Angela McHugh (Steward, Rawlplug), H McShane (President, Govan South), T McDonald (Convenor, Matthew Hall Site, Grangemouth).

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Swansea: A Morgan and P Thomas, (Swansea DC), K Merrick (Mid-Glamorgan DC), C Williams (Convenor), J Jones (Steward), W Holden (Steward), (ell at Teddington Components, Pontardulais), C Davies (Convenor, O'Connor and Davies, Llanelli), C Tribble (Convenor, Signode, Fforestfach), R James (Convenor), R Butler (Steward), R Symes (Steward), (all at Bowden Controls, Llanelli), J Lilley and J Braden (stewards at Tom Smith and Clarke, Swansea). B Greaves (Steward, Kenyons, Pontardawe), S Goold (Steward, Mettoys, Fforestfach), P Wrigley (Branch Secretary, Llanelli), S Jones (Branch Secretary, Llanelli), S Jones (Branch Secretary, Swansea No 1).

Manchester: L Blood (Warrington DC), T Taylor (Manchester DC), N Partham, P Riggs, E Patheyson, J McNeil, C Hobin (Convenor), T Shevels (Steward) (both at Kearns Richards), M O'Neill (Convenor), J Owen (Steward) (both at Tilghman Wheelabrator), J Robertson (Steward, Massey Ferguson), P Quinn (Convenor, Huntfield Engineering), P Liston (Steward, Ferson);

Coventry: R Burdett (Convenor), A Kingham (Steward) (both at Wickman), T Lavin (Steward, GEC Turbines, Rugby), R Foster (Hillmorton Branch Chairman), M Lawrence (Steward, GEC Stoke, A Bird (Steward, Rolls-Royce), R McLaney Steward), D Nisbet (Steward) both at Chrysler Stoke.

London: A Watts and D Gilberg (Enfield DC), B O'Connor and M Brightman (London North DC), T Lutterlock (Convenor), (Steward), B Gully (Steward), all at Smith's

Industries).

Yorkshire: T Ferrer (Deputy Convenor, Metal Box, Bradford), H Copland (Steward, Hepworth and Grandage, Bradford), D Lay and D Horne (Stewards at Newton Chambers, Sheffield, C Moore (Convenor), G Parsons (Steward), S Smith (Steward) C Wanack (Steward) (all at Woodheads, Ossett).

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The election address of Willie Lee, who is backed by the rank and file Engineers' Charter group.

JAMES BRADLEY

According to the Rules of the AUEW my term of Office expires October 1976. I therefore ask for your support in the election for National Organiser.

During my term of Office, I have represented the union on several National Negotiation Bodies. These are:

Imperial Chemical Industries,

Chemical Industries' Association, York, Imperial Metals Ltd, Joint Negotiating Committee,

The National Maritime Board (Seagoing Engineers), Esso Tankers and Shell Tankers (Seagoing Engineers)

I am a member of the Chemical and Allied Products Industrial Training Board, the Man-Made Fibres Industrial Training Board and the Chemicals Economic Development

Council and now a member of the TUC Disputes Committee (Inter-Union Disputes).

My record before becoming a Full Time Officer in 1973

was as follows:

Shop Steward Works Convenor Branch Chairman

Sick Steward, and Branch Secretary for 17 years for which I received the Award of Merit and an engraved 8-day Clock from the Branch members.

Final Appeal Court and Labour Party Delegate. 14 years.

During my two years as a National Organiser I have had to travel many hundreds of miles in the pursuit of better conditions for our Members in the Chemical Industry-many times Recently, negotiated on behalf of our Foremen and Super-

recently, negotiated on behalf of our Foremen and Supervisors at a time when a certain body is attempting to infiltrate and destroy our members' loyalty to the AUEW. This, I detest and will fight alongside the JNC to keep our Supervisory members in the Union they belong.

Finally, may I thank you all for supporting me in my last Election for the post of National Organiser and hope you will give me support again.

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Thank you also for reading my address. Yours fraternally

JAMES R BRADLEY.

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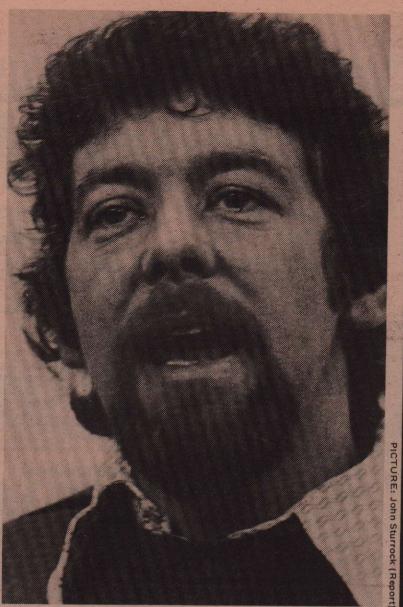
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WILLIE LEE, the Engineers' Charter-backed candidare in the coming election for AUEW national organiser. He is senior steward at Chrysler Linwood, in Scotland, a member of section five of the union and of the International Socialists.

How to vote to keep out the right

IT would be dishonest of Socialist Worker not to make it clear where we stand over these elections, whose outcome concerns every worker in the land.

We believe it is vital to keep the right wing out of office. Office for these people means power to push through pro-employer policies. It means lower wages and meek acceptance of redundancy and unemployment that should be fought and resisted every step

of the way.

That being said, Socialist
Worker wholeheartedly supports
Engineers' Charter campaign in
the AUEW and their candidates Willie Lee and Alan Watts.

Willie Lee is standing on a clear and specific platform which can unite AUEW members in the struggle to defend wages and conditions and the right to work. Every militant in the union should vote for him and for the Charter. which is also running Alan Watts on the same platform as candidate for Enfield district secretaryship. Alan Watts is also a member of the International Socialists.

In the other elections we recommend the following votes to out the right

Executive council elections:

Division 2 (North West): P Bramah.

Division 4 (Manchester and Midlands): Bob Wright. Assistant general secretary:

PORTUGAL

the Engineering Section of the AUEW who is a per of Socialist Worker should take the election tory. Get your mates to do the same. on factory notice boards. Get the shop stewards'

nend left-wing candidates and campaign for them, stal balloting be held in the factory, with everyone a full discussion of the respective merits of the ently of press bias. Discuss the elections at meetings s in sections, across the factories in working hours

upporters can also push for branch meetings to These can be complemented with special district rlies. This way the union elections can be transwere intended to be-a battleground for policies

National organiser: Willie Lee. Divisional organiser No 17 Division (Coventry): T Hartopp. Divisional organiser No 26 Division (Redhill): P Marsden.

Assistant divisional organiser No 4 Division (Clydebank): H Sherriff. Assistant divisional organiser No 21 Division (Suffolk): B Foreman. Darlington district secretary: J Conlon.

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Watts.
Slough district secretary: D Howes. Wigan district secretary:

District Organiser no 18 Division (Swansea) A J Bevan

ENGINEERS' CHARTER MEETINGS

Speaker: Willie Lee, AUEW senior shop steward at Chrysler

LEEDS: Thursday 25 September, 8pm, Trades Council Club, Saville Mount,

NEWCASTLE: Sunday 28 September, 8pm, Golden Fleece, Clayton Street. Further details of Engineers from c/o the Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London, N16.

Turkey is hit by

THE recent earthquakes brought Turkey briefly into the news in Britain. But as usual the newspapers and television failed to get remotely near the real story.

It is possible to build to take account of earthquakes, if the resources are made available. But in Turkey as elsewhere the great god profit is so powerful that little or nothing is done.

Since late last century there has been report after report on how to build in earthquake-prone zones. The reports come from Turkish government departments and from construction engineers, all of whom have answers.

But their reports are left to grow dusty on the shelves. Then when another earthquake comes along-they come once every five years-they are joined by yet another report, yet another expression of 'regret'.

The situation is so bad that there are still many people home-less because of earthquakes in

But if the various governments have been inactive on this front, there is no such lack on another. Since the 1971 earthquake, for example, all strikes in the midwest province of Burdur have been banned. Strikes, you see, must be dealt with promptly. So of course they're banned on grounds of emergency, national security, national interest.

No such prompt measures are ever taken against the business operators who move in after every tragedy. For every consignment of medicine sent by international charities there is a story about certain individuals who have grown rich from its

Top

But the corruption isn't confined to traders on the make. It starts at the top. The members of the 'Nationalist Front' government are deeply involved in all the really profitable arrange-ments, such as the fixing of steel prices and import-export con-tracts. They have learned all the usual tricks from international big business.

But there is another side to Turkey that forever goes unreported in the British press—the struggle at work and in the factories, often British-owned.

Bitlis is an isolated town of some 40,000 in the rural east of Turkey, near to the disaster zone. Just recently the municipal workers of Bitlis have been on

strike for some improvement on their pitiful wages. In nearby Dijabakir too, late in June, the Union of Petroleum Workers called a strike for the first time. They shut off 40,000 barrels a day and discovered their own power.

But the government moved in hard. The strike was banned on the grounds of national security. So was another strike due to be called of all Shell employees

At British Leyland's Izmir plant last month 560 workers occupied the factory to stop the victimisation of two men. Management claimed these were

'troublemakers' who had to go.
The occupation ended in victory for the workers, a very significant development indeed.

In Istanbul 1300 workers at

-from the workers

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The Kizildere massacre 1972-an example of the everyday methods of the Turkish police.

by Kadir Peker

the BEREC batteries factory went on strike over health and safety at work

But the union was forced to call off the strike because of vicious police repression.

Nevertheless these developments are of great importance. Previously workers who have dared to step out of line have been brutally victimised. There have even been cases where people who stood up for themselves have been gunned down

on the factory floor.

While the British press doles out its fake, 'instant' compassion for the victims of the earthquakes for 24 hours after they happen, they say nothing at all about another kind of victim.

Harun Karadeniz died recently from cancer. Hârun was only one

of thousands of working-class and student militants who rotted in jail during 1971-1973. We call that period 'Parliamentary Fascism',

Throughout that period, which is described in detail in the Pluto Press book Torture and Terror in Turkey*, the prison cells were classrooms for the CIA-trained torturers. On the bodies of our comrades they got their practical training.

Lack

Harun was accused of being a member of the banned Turkish Communist Party. Eventually the charges were dropped for lack of evidence. But in the intervening time a cancer had grown in his arm. He sought permission to get to England for treatment. But the government delayed and delayed.

Finally Harun got away for treatment, but it was too late. His arm was amputated but even this failed to save his life. Now he is dead, another victim of the

struggle for basic rights.

Bulent Ecevit and his Republican Peoples Party respond to this brutal regime with the sorry slogan 'Social compromise'. Like Harold Wilson or Mario Socrat and their Mario Soares and their supporters they seek a few minor changes and positions for themselves.

But the workers of Turkey are not fooled. Despite everything, they are staging strikes and demonstrations, becoming more and more class-conscious and less and less fooled by the expansionist ambitions of the ruling class. They are getting ready for greater struggles in the future.

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SOCIALIST WORKER needs another journalist. Knowledge of subbing and

journalistic techniques is useful but not essential. More important is a willingness to help improve the paper and spread the influence of the International Socialists. Write but do not phone to the editor, including

GET QUICK ON THE DRAW!

DO you find it hard to collect money for Socialist Worker? From this week on your troubles are over. Tickets are going out for a huge Socialist Worker Christmas Draw, with more than 100 prizes, including a television set. The tickets are 10p each. If we sell out—and there's every chance of it—the draw could give the paper just the boost it needs to expand over the New Year.

Every branch and district of the International Socialists will get an allocation of tickets this week.

Every district should appoint one person to organise the sale in the area, and every branch or group should appoint one person to handle the tickets. Names of those responsible should be sent to 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN, as soon as possible.

Money and counterfoils collected should be sent back

SOCIALIST WORKER SUPPORTERS' FUND Promoter: F. J. Nichol, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E.2.

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25 inch COLOUR T.V. (including a licence) PORTABLE COLOUR T.V. (including a licence) STEREO UNIT AUDIO 100 BOTTLES OF WHISKEY

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details of any experience you consider relevant to the job at Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2. **Socialist Worker**

LAMBETH COUNCIL WORKERS Socialist Worker public meeting: Labour policies and the socialist alternative. Thursday 2 October, 12.30pm, Lower Hall, Town Hall, Brixton, Speaker: Paul Foot.

meetings

CENTRAL LONDON SW school on the government cuts: Saturday 27 September, 9.30am to 1.30pm. Friends International Centre, Torrington Place, London W1 (opposite Dillons Bookshop).

NORTH WALES SW day school: The revolutionary party and Portugal. Saturday 11 October, Students Union, Bangor. Evening social. Details from 15 branch secretaries and SW paper sellers.

MERSEYSIDE SW public meeting: Why the system stinks. Friday 26 September, 8pm, Damwood Hall, Central Parade, Speke. Speaker: Paul Foot.

WEST MIDLAND SW day school on Young Workers. Saturday 4 October 11am, IS Books, Deritend High Street, Birmingham, (five mins walk from New Street Station). Murray Armstrong introduces session on The nee: for a revolutionary party. John Clifford introduces session on How to work on the shop floor in your union branch. Speaker to be announced to introduce final session on Local perspectives for work among young workers. Plenty of time for discussion. All welcome.

NORTH EAST LONDON POLY IS Society: Sam the Man, by Cast Theatre Group. Friday 26 September, 7.30pm, Waltham Forest Precinct, Forest Road, Walthamstow (near Town Hall). Admission 25p.

ANYONE in the Chester area interested in coming along to a Socialist Worker meeting or receiving SW regularly, please send name and address to: Socialist Worker, 8 Cottons Gardens. London, E2.

SW YOUNG WORKERS SCHOOL in GLASGOW Saturday and Sunday 27 to 28 September. Saturday in Glasgow City Hall, Candleriggs. I lam to 1 pm: The need for a revolutionary party, introduced by Jimmy McCallum. 2,30pm to 5.30pm: Questions and answers and discussion on work in the trade unions. Sunday in IS Books, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow. I lam to 1 pm: The need for a workers paper introduced by Laurie Flynn. 2pm to 4pm: Practical session on writing for Socialist Worker. 4.00pm to 5.00pm: Perspectives for Young Workers.

YORK 5W public meeting: Out of Work with Labour. Local speakers in NALGO, NUPE, AUEW (TASS). Thursday 2 October, 8pm, The Lowther Hotel, Kings Staith, York.

BIRMINGHAM 'Black Voice' Social: Friday 26 September, 6-11.15pm, Lozells Social Development Club, 1 Finch Road, Handsworth. Soul City Sound and an Asian music group. Handsworth Branch Social to raise funds for the bookshop.

ATTI: National meeting for SW supporters and members of the International Socialists in the ATTI: Saturday 4 October, 11am 4pm, Roebuck pub, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (nearest tube Warren Street).

TEACHERS: All-London meeting for SW supporters and IS members: Friday 26 September, 6pm, Earl Russell, Pancras Rd, London N.I' (near Kings Cross Station).

PETERBOROUGH SW public meeting: Labour and the Crisis. Speaker: Paul Foot. Wednesday 8 October, 7.30pm, The Grey-hound (upstairs room), Cathedral Square, Peterborough.

DURHAM SW public meeting on Portugal. Wednesday 15 October, 7pm, Elvet Room, Dunelm House, New Elvet, Durham. A speaker just back from Portugal.

ISLINGTON Council Workers SW public meeting: Portugal—Revolution or Defeat. Wednesday 1 October, 5.30pm, 5 E Library, Essex Road, Islington, London N1. Speakers: Chris Harman (editor, Socialist Worker) and a Portuguese trade unionist.

BANGOR SW open meeting: Internationalism—what does it mean? Monday 29 September, 8pm, Gwynedd Hotel,

BLACKBURN SW public meeting: Why the System Stinks. Speaker: Jim Nichol. Thursday 2 October, 8pm, Veteran Hotel, Foundry Hill, Blackburn.

EAST LONDON SW afternoon meeting: Inflation, unemployment and wages. Saturday 27 September, 1.45pm, Forest Gate School, Forest Lane, E7. Creche and tea provided (ring 505 0684).

SOCIALIST WORKER Circulation Department, normally 01-739 2639, wish to apologise for the fact that their telephone has been out of action over the past ten days. The fault should be fixed soon. In the meantime if you do not get an answer from this number please ring 01-739 8600.

International Socialists

NATIONAL IS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: next meeting 11 October. Delegates from IS districts and fractions please. Could fractions telephone to let us know who is coming. 01-739 6273. Meeting: Saturday 11 October, 11am, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

MANCHESTER day school on Women: Saturday 27 September, 10.30am University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester. Morning: IS, the National Abortion Campaign, the Working Women's Charter, Speakers: Margaret Renn and Sheila McGregor. Lunch: 1 to 2pm. Afternoon: Perspectives for IS. Speaker: Sheila McGregor. Creche available, but places must be booked. Delegates attending should phone the Manchester bookshop, 061-832 8102. Every district in the north should send two or three delegates. Pooled fare scheme.

WANDSWORTH & DISTRICT SW Jumble Sale: Saturday 4 October, St Peter's Church Hall, Beechcroft Road, Tooting SW17. 2.30pm. 5p. Jumble collected—ring 767 2537. Proceeds to SW Fighting Fund.

ANYONE interested in setting up an IS China group—especially anyone with a knowledge of Chinese—please contact IS China Group, c/o 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN'

NORWICH IS Student Branch first meeting: Tuesday 30 September, 2pm, University House (Room 1.33). ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

GREECE—CYPRUS—TURKEY. An IS Committee has been set up to cover this area and the communities in Britain. If you have any contacts, or can speak Greek or Turkish, or have a Cypriot or Turkish community in your area, contact GCT Committee, c/o 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

MERSEYSIDE IS wants to buy a good second-hand electric typewriter suitable for offset litho work. Contact IS Books, 28 Berry Street, Liverpool 1.

NALGO ACTION Group Conference: 18/19 October, UMIST Buildings, Manchester. All IS members in NALGO to attend.

STUDENTS: Most colleges go back next week. If NOISS is to have the maximum impact on new students, various things must be organised now. The name of one person from every college where there are members of IS, even if there is only one member, should be sent to the IS Student Organiser now at 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Orders for SW must be sent to the local district SW organiser. Affiliation fees to NOISS must be sent to the NOISS Treasurer, c/o Students Association, Stirling University, Scotland.

IS Steelworkers' national meeting: Saturday 11 October, Sheffield. Open to SW supporters by invitation. For further details and agenda write to IS Steel Section Secretary, c/o 8 Cottons Gardens London E2 8DN.

LARGE ROOM in a flat near Barons Court tube, West London, for October and November. £6 a week for IS comrades. Box SE, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

LOST on the Portuguese demonstration—one. Loud-Hailer, with a label: 'Hired from Tannoy Rentals, West Norwood'. Whoever has this hailer, get it back to us at once, or it will cost us dear.

IS national meeting on BLACK WORK: Saturday 27 September, IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (Finsbury Park tube). Agenda: 11am-12noon Chingari—its impact so far. How to develop it. 12-1pm Introducing Flame. Lunch. 2-3,30pm Recruiting and Integrating Black Workers. 3,30-5pm The 1971 Immigration Act—how it affects immigrant

delegates and black IS members only.

ROUGE FETE—18/19 October: The LCR (French section of the FI) is organising a fete in Paris. A large number of political organisations in Europe, including IS, Lotta Continua, Revolucion, LO and AO, have been invited to send contingents. There will be debates on Women, Marxism Today, the Economic Crisis, the Press/Mass Media, Social Democracy and Portugal, a pop festival in the evening. A creche and a miniforum for kids is being organised.

Although IS has major disagreement with the FI and many of the organisations invited to the fete, this is an opportunity to discuss with and influence their members. IS members and SW supporters interested in going should contact the International Sub-committee, & Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN as soon as possible.

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Now things are looking up! FROM all over the country

comes news of a sharp up-turn in activities and sales around Socialist Worker. Jimmy Rule, AUEW steward at

Holman Brothers, CAMBORNE, CORNWALL, writes: Six more Socialist Worker readers at Holmans have taken out supporters' cards and have agreed to contribute regularly to the Fighting Fund. However, two long-standing readers, Charlie long-standing readers, Charlie Crocker and Dickie Bolt, although they have given money to the paper, refused to take out cards because they said they did not always agree with what was said in Socialist Worker, especially on Ireland and

During a long discussion, it was stated that the paper should produce longer and more detailed articles on Ireland, if the socialist case is to get across to workers. This also applied

to other subjects, like the £6 freeze.

A C Evans, Socialist Worker organiser for RHYL, NORTH WALES, writes: We would never have got an International Socialist organisation here in Rhyl if it hadn't been for selling the paper on the streets. In the first week we sold one paper but in first week, we sold one paper, but in two months we have built up a regular sale of 25, and have got ten IS members out of that!

If we can do that here, who knows

what the prospects are?

PHILIP AGEE, the former CIA agent, has been speaking at a series of successful Socialist Worker meetings up and down the country. He spoke to 120 people at COVENTRY and 200 people in EDINBURGH. He also addressed a number of workplace branches of the International Socialists – at a hospital in MANCHESTER, Albion Motors in GLASGOW, and CHRYSLER LINWOOD.

These meetings are becoming more and more popular not just because of his descriptions of what went on inside the CIA, but for his clear programme for dealing with labour movement spies.

At all his meetings, he insists that CIA involvement depends on the involvement of only a handful of trade unionists. The best antidote to

infiltration is a strong rank and file.

At BOLTON, 140 people packed into a pub in the centre of the town to hear Paul Foot of Socialist Worker. The meeting consisted almost entirely of industrial workers from factories where Socialist Worker already has some influence, and 12 people took away IS membership cards after the meeting.

The peak of the meeting came during discussion when Jim Homewood, an APEX member, said he had been a member of the Labour Party for 40 years, and had always been told it was best to try to change the Party from the inside.

'That's like telling a zoo-keeper that the best way to deal with an escaped tiger is to allow it to eat you and then try to change it from inside,' he said.

Sales of the paper are going up almost everywhere. Last week they were given a boost by a tremendous effort on the Portugal demonstration. Almost 1000 papers were sold. Into the bargain, 1200 Solidarity with Portuguese Workers badges were sold -at a hefty profit for the Portugal Solidarity Fund.

More than 300 copies of Socialist Worker's sister paper Women's Voice were also sold.



Don't forget to tell us every week about how the paper and the Socialist Worker Supporters' groups are going. Building the paper and the party depends on sharing our experiences

Flame is burning! Spread the fire!

ON the street corners of West Indian areas on the street corners of west indian areas in Britain, a new paper is on sale this week. It is Flame, a paper for West Indian workers, especially young workers.

The first issue is packed with stories about the struggles of West Indian workers.

There is an interview with Cecil Sampson, who went to jail after being attacked by North London police, a statement by a young unemployed West Indian in London, and a fine article by Ann Cumberbatch about what it's like to work in a non-union sweatshop.

There is also an area by area round-up of stories from the West Indian com-munities, including some stories about the police which you won't read in your local

Flame is one of the most important developments in the British West Indian community for years. It is written and edited by West Indian socialists in this

BUY IT and SELL IT. It will build the

confidence of every West Indian in Britain who wants to fight.

What we stand for

SOCIALIST WORKER is a revolutionary socialist paper that seeks to organise its supporters around the following principles:

Independent working-class action only be achieved by the independent action of the working class.

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

The smashing of the capitalist

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 con-

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 immigra-

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation. Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist but state capitalist. We support the workagainst the bureaucratic rulling

The revolutionary party To achieve socialism the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revo-lutionary socialist party, and Socialist Worker aims to build towards such a party by fighting industrial demands that can strengthen .the self-confidence organisation and socialist consciousness of the working class.

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 meetings.

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 picket-

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

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

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 workplace, which can lead the working class to power, and for the building of a revolutionary socialist inter-



Some in the audience cheered... Anugly film for ugly people

THE KLANSMAN is an ugly film.

It starts by showing a dozen Ku Klux Klan members 'having a little fun' one afternoon. They pay a mentally-retarded black man a dollar to rape a black woman while they stand in a circle ripping off her clothes as she tries to escape.

The sheriff (Lee Marvin) gets there and breaks it up, but makes no arrests. As he says: 'I just try to keep things cool. If I arrested people every time they did something, everyone in the county would have a record as long as your arm.'

The film is frightening, filled with violent action: burning houses, castration, rape, murder. It's plastic

Hollywood action though.

More frightening was the reaction of the audience in the cinema. This was in Dalston, East London, where the National Front are organising. Some people in the audience were cheering for the Klan-not surprising since all the familiar rot was coming out. 'We're just good patriotic country boys. We don't hate blacks—we just want to make sure they stay in their place. Who do they think they are—registering to vote? We need racial purity.

The Klan have been quiet in the States for the past few years. Black militancy drove them underground. But with the economic crisis, the scum are surfacing again.

In Louisville, Kentucky, the Klan are in the forefront organising against bussing, which would integrate the schools. They are using that as the excuse-just as the National Front here use muggingto stir up race hate. Blacks are being sworn at in supermarkets and on city buses.

Brick

When a black woman and her children left an integrated neighbourhood by car, they were forced off the road by four white men in a car, and a brick was thrown through their windscreen.

What is encouraging is that the opposition in Louisville is totally different to that in the film.

In the film the opposition is one

or two individuals acting on their own. A local black (J D Simpson) who picks off one Klanner after another (without getting a scratch!) A cripple who owns a mountain (Richard Burton), who tears down Klan posters and lets blacks live in shacks on his land rent-free. The sheriff who wavers back and forthtrying to keep the Klan's behaviour

JENNY JACKSON

Well, I guess you wouldn't expect Hollywood to show a rank and file coalition of blacks and whites. That is what is being built in Louisville. It is called People United, and includes Louisville International Socialists and the Black Panther

Party among other groups.

They have a difficult job, needless to say. Three unions—the electrical markets trical workers, machinists and carworkers-support the anti-busing campaign. Tension is increasing between black and white workers at General Electric-and the company is taking this opportunity to attack working conditions.

Represent

But, as Abdul 'Brother Ben' told Workers' Power, the paper of the US International Socialists: blacks we know what the Klan stands for. They are no more than murderers. The city officials want us to think they are just a few funloving guys, draped in pissey sheets, that will go away if ignored.

'We know they represent the repression of black and white

workers, their unions, and the geno-

organisations to keep us organising attempts and to educate the masses so we can move toward the issue in terms of a base of black and white unity among all those unaffected

by these killers.

'But we can't be totally involved in looking at the Klan, which is a diversion from the real enemy. the rich capitalist class who support any movement that divides workers, and their power. While we are watching the Klan, reactionary white racists without sheets are beating on our heads.'

THE Knave of Clubs, in the East End of London, re-opened on 11 September. The club was formed by a left-wing theatre group called provide a platform for theatre and

singers in the East End. It has built up a good reputation for presenting a wide range of entertainers from Ireland, Chile, France and India as well as from

Britain. The club meets every Thursday at the Knave of Clubs pub in Bethnal Green Road. If you have a spare evening in London, drop in.

ON THE cide of all non-Anglos.

'What's needed is for progressive

The only real highlight of the week is the last part of DAYS OF HOPE, by Tony Garnett and Ken Loach, of Cathy Come Home. The Big Flame and Kes fame. This last episode reaches the 1926 General Strike and the climax of the campaign in the class war that took place during and after the First World War. Everyone should The rest of the week has little of interest to recommend it. As usual the old films are marginally better than anything

SATURDAY: If you want to take a

gamble the midnight movie on BBC-2 is COME FILL THE CUP, with James Cagney. SUNDAY: WEEKEND WORLD (ITV midday) is back again. This 'current affairs'

programme is sometimes accurate and contains , serious information—which is presumably why it is on at such a strange THE EXPLORERS (BBC-2, 7,25pm) is

on Henry Stanley, the man who found Livingstone. More important, Stanley was one of the leading Victorian explorers who smashed his way into Africa armed with guns, gin and Bibles. In his famous expedition across the continent hundreds of porters died, thousands of blacks who resisted the expedition were massacred, and whole new areas of Africa were opened up to exploitation.

CHIPS WITH EVERYTHING (BBC-1 at 8.15pm), by Arnold Wesker, was a famous trendy left-wing play in 1962. It probably hasn't stood the test of time, like the people who praised it.

THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE (ITV 9.10pm) is a film about the attempt to bill office the people who praised it.

to kill off a character in a radio series. Well thought of by some in the Socialist Worker office. But the best old film of the night is probably REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE (BBC-2 10pm). It stars James Dean in a famous American film of the 1950s. It was widely denounced at the time for corrupting and depraying Ameri-

MONDAY: For night-shift workers with afternoon insomnia the BBC is bringing non-stop live (sic) coverage of the LABOUR PARTY-CONFERENCE.

Classified

Adverts for this column must arrive by first post Friday, eight days before publication date. We cannot, unfortunate ly, take them over the phone. Send cash (3p a word) with copy to Classified, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

HALF-PRICE tickets for the Chile Committee for Human Rights concert on 30 September with Inti Illimani Quilapayun, if you volunteer to help with interval collection. Phone Susan Carstairs, 01-226 1545.

FACE THE CUTS IN THE NHS: One-day conference organised by idedical Committee against Private Practice, sponsored by more than 10 trades councils and 20 union branches. City University, St John's Street, London EC1, Saturday 11 October, 10am. Chaired by Jack Collins (NUM executive). Speakers: Audrey Wise (Tribune) and Dr Dominic Costa (MCAPP) Maximum time for debate and discussion Delegate forms and information from Dr Paul Stern, 55 Bridge Lane, London NW11. Closing date for application 29 September.

VICTOR GRAYSON public meeting: Tuesday 7 October, 7.30pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC2. Admission free, Reg Groves talks about his new book on the life and mysterious disappearance of Victor Grayson, the revolutionary socialist MP. The Strange Case of Victor Grayson (£2) published by Pluto Press, Unit 10 Spencer Court, 7 Chalcot Road, London NW1. Phone 01-722 0141.

PEOPLE who reject the nuclear family seek others (possibly with kids) to explore a viable alternative. Phone 01-348 3475.

ANTI-FASCIST STICKERS: 1) N(Swastika)F stands for state thuggery and race hatred. 2) The Jews in 1939... black immigrants now. Don't let racism divide the working class. £2,50 + 25p for 1000, 25p + 10p for 100 from Anarchist Workers Association, BCM N.LON AWA, London WC1.

ENGINEERS' CHARTER: Any AUEW branches, stewards' committees, district committees or groups of individual members wanting further information or speakers on the Engineers Charter contact Engineers Charter, c/o Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London N16 8BY.

SHREWSBURY AND THE CONSPIRACY LAWS. Public meeting: Saturday 27 September, 2pm, St Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, London EC4. Speakers include Ricky Tomlinson. Admission 35p. Organised by CPSA London Area Committee No 4.

BLACK PARENTS' MOVEMENT. Appeal for Cliff McDaniel case. 10.30am, Thursday 2 October, Middlesex Crown Court (Westminster tube, near Parliament Square), London SW1. As many people as possible needed for picket of court. ONCE MORE ALL BLACKS ARE ON TRIAL.

PERMANENT REVOLUTION No 3 now out. A Trotskyist discussion journal: price 30p, from 98 Gifford Street, London N1 ODF.

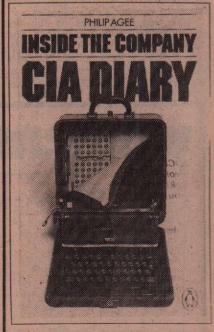
KNAVE OF CLUBS Folk Club, corner of Bethnal Green Road and Club Row, London E2, every Thursday, 8pm, admission 35p.

HARROW Troops Out Movement: Thursday 2 October, 7.30pm, Victoria Hall, Sheepcote Road, Harrow. Film 'Behind the Wire', followed by meeting. Entrance 25p. All welcome.

CRICKLEWOOD National Abortion Campaign and Barnet Borough Trades Council: Free, Legal and Safe Abortion on Demand. Demonstration Saturday 25 October. Assemble Crown, Cricklewood Broadway, NW2, 1pm. March to Kilburn. Rally with speakers: local doctors, Barnet Trades Council, NAC.

SAM Is back. CAST have their new play ready. Lasting 75 minutes, it needs a largish audience. Contact CAST, 11c Cabbell Street, London, NW1.

HACKNEY TRADES COUNCIL 75th Anniversary dance and social: Bar, music, 7.30pm to 12 midnight. Saturday 28 September, Stoke Newington Town Hall, Church Street, London, N16. Admission 50p on the door.



The book on the CIA by Philip Agee, the former CIA agent who has been speaking at meetings organised by Socialist Worker, has been reprinted for the fourth time. £1 plus 10p postage from IS Books. 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

THE socialist theatre group CAST have two plays they are ready to put on for readers of Socialist Worker. Both are suitable for performances at Socialist Worker meetings and for trade union bodies.

Samuel Kier Hardy Muggins, the first, traces the career of a 'left' Labour MP through 30 years at Westminster. With a lot of humour it shows Sam trying to square the circle of being a socialist and a Labour MP.

Time and again he chases after the mirage of the latest left-wing figure to appear on the narrow horizon of Westminster-from Bevan to Benn, Sam keeps his faith in the possibility of getting socialism through parliament. The play puts the case against the left MPs and for a real workers' party in an amusing and interes-

ting 75 minutes.

CAST would like to start the play off with a few big meetings, so if you can get a large hall and a large audience, they will be glad to let you have the world

Come in Hilda Muggins, the second play, is about the treatment of women in the newspapers and on TV. The play is on a smaller scale and lasts 30 minutes.

Both plays can be booked from: CAST, 11c Cabbell

Write to LETTERS, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2

Portugal: Get it right, SW!

THERE must be many, many Socialist Worker supporters like myself, who would be happier about sending money to the Portugal Fund if only your reports from the scene and editorial comment were more satisfactory

In the issue for 23 August, your correspondent refers to a Copcon document written in collaboration with leading members of the PRP, which is apparently your fraternal organisation. He mentions that it of it again on 30 August, when we are told that a slogan of the march of 150,000 was 'Immediate Implementation of the Copcon Document'.

I read some months ago, in a French journal, that 'Carvalho and Company are no more 'left' than Boumedienne or Tito, and their manner of being 'left' is merely a 'left' way of saving Portuguese capitalism.' Now, if this is correct, then why the hell are leading members of your fraternal party writing Copcon's do-cument for it?

Sour

Again, the 'United Front' is hailed' euphorically on 30 August, but by 6 September things seem to have gone sour. We learn that it marched under the slogan of 'Down with the Social Democracy'

Even your own reports have indicated that many workers-and not always the worst elements-remain in the Socialist Party. And organisa-tion on this exclusive, not to say hostile basis, goes against the grain of everything we have learned about united fronts!

But much more serious is the news that the Communist Party has been 'expelled' from the United

So of what, then, does the United Front actually consist? The PRP and the Maoists and the LCI? And in



Part of the United Front demonstration on 27 August: but what about the Communist Party?

that case what part can it possibly play in drawing Socialist Party and Communist Party worker-members away from their illusions in their leadership?—A READER, Plymouth.

The Copcon document was not produced nor supported by General Otelo da Carvalho, but by some left-wing officers in Copcon. It was important because at a key point in the political crisis it offered an alternative to many workers quite different to the Communist Party supporters around Goncalves. However inadequately, it stressed the need for carrying the revolution forward to socialism as the only way to solve the economic and political crisis.

It is precisely the people who organised around this document a month ago who are now calling for the arming of the workers and organising the rank-and-file

The point about a United Front is not that people forget their political dif-ferences and behave like friends, but that they unite their efforts in the face of a common enemy. The Communist Party refused to do this. Instead it tried to to Goncalves-who had promised to return Radio Renascenca to the Catholic Church and whose government used troops against the telephone strike-and to Costa Gomes-

who was organising with the right.

As for the Socialist Party, the role of its leaders had been to demand that workers give up their arms give up their control over the media and accept economic 'sacrifices'. Hundreds of thousands of Portuguese workers are united in seeing this, whatever their other political dif-ferences. That is why they chant 'Death to the CIA! Down with Social Demo-

Since the expulsion of the Communist Party, the United Revolutionary Front has continued to organise large demonstrations of thousands of workers.

But for more information on all these

points, read the special issue of the Inter-national Socialism Journal, Portugal at the Crossroads, by Tony Cliff. EDITOR

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO

equality of wealth until I became a waiter at the Royal Berkshire Hotel in Ascot.

I started what I thought was a 40-hour week. My wage was £26 before tax, £19 after tax. Instead of a 40-hour week, we managed 80 hours over seven days.

We expected the owner to pay us our fair due. She did not, and said there is no such thing as a 40-hour week in the hotel business.

The previous day I served a meal to four upper-class persons, who had ordered wine and cigars. One bottle of wine came to £30. The total cost of the meal before the 15 per cent service charge was £80.

After a second week of this I refused to work. I also refused to leave the staff house until I got paid my overtime. The owner held out for four days and then got the

A strong catering union is desperately needed. Some of the wages are atrocious. One man is getting £12 a week. Any ideas, friends, on how to start up such a

People like my last boss would soon be put out of business. Mind you, they can afford to be.-MARK CORBLUTH, Norwich.

Any hotel and catering workers wanting to take up Mark Corbluth's call for a strong union should write c/o Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2. We will post letters on.

THE VIEW FROM INSIDE COMPREHENSIVE

I STARTED my first teaching job last week at a so-called comprehen-

Comprehensives were supposed to end selection and give an equal education to all children. I have discovered that this doesn't happen in my school.

On their arrival, first year pupils (11 year olds) are given an IQ tes which asks the meaning of such everyday words as 'droll' and 'dietetic'. On the basis of this test, the kids are grouped into top, middle and bottom classes.

Not surprisingly, the children

placed in the bottom group (predominantly working class) feel failures, don't work or try, and so become 'failures'.

Those in the top group, however (predominantly middle-class) will go on to take eight or more O-levels. Those in the bottom group may take CSEs. The top forms use the best text-books, and tend to have the best teachers. The lower forms use the most inadequate text-books

Sympathy

I am expected to teach without textbooks in halls and stockrooms; I must 'be careful' with the paper and stationery supplies. Another teacher has to teach two different levels at the same time!

And, of course, the cuts are beginning to bite. At the moment, they are felt in small ways-we are told that the Education Committee are cutting down on in-service training for teachers. But we can expect plenty more cuts in the next year.-Name and address withheld.

So much for the miracle...

I'VE JUST read a newspaper article about unemployment in Japan,

One-fifth of the 1619 major Japanese companies have cancelled entirely their new employment plans for the Spring. Another 500 companies have still not decided to engage new staff.'

I've been on the dole for several months. The mass media tells me I can't get a job because the Japanese or someone else 'works harder' or gets more 'realistic' wages.

Now it seems that many of these very people are in the same boat as myself and one and a quarter million others in this country

Maybe it's something to do with wolcanic eruptions on the sun!-LAIN BROWN, AUEW, London N15.

Who wants the 'right to work'?

THE CLAIMANTS' Union Movement, which consists of thousands of people who are not in employment, rejects the 'right to work'.

Unemployment gives us the op-rtunity to challenge directly the nature of employment within capitalism. We have been producing cars when there is a shortage of buses. We have been building office blocks

when there are no houses for homeless people. There have been demands for 'workers' control' of factories building Concorde, and for more jobs in shipyards constructing warships for fascist governments.

It is poverty which makes the unemployed 'sign on' at the Labour Exchange each week, and not their enthusiasm for the 'right to work'

The Claimants Union Movement is not demanding a reduction in unemployment, which is merely a by-product for the ruling class. We are demanding a 'living income-job or no job'.-JULIA MAINWARING, JOAN TWELVES and HENRY WALTERS, press officers for the National Federation of Claimants'

Women's Voice is the only women's paper that campaigns against the government cuts, that will defend the workers' revolution in Portugal, that has interviewed Rose Davis, wife of George Davis, jailed for 20 years for a crime he didn't commit,

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You can get copies of Women's Voice at 6p from your regular seller of Socialist Worker or by writing to: Women's Voice, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Price 6p plus 6p postage.

Sell it to your workmates, friends, on your estate. Take copies into your newsagent. Help us to sell Women's Voice.

I THINK Socialist Worker has improved over the past six months, but it's no use just being destructive about the capitalist system. You've got to go into the alternatives thoroughly and be constructive and clear about your aims. What replaces the present set-up? How do we exist in the world as it is? Who will we ally with, for we shall need allies?- M R, New Malden,



I FOUND it difficult to believe the evidence of my own eyes. There it is in black and white in your paper, a statement by David Bunch asserting that 'IS is the only socialist party rooted in the workplace.

Come off it! Have you never heard of the Communist Party? The facts of yesterday and today and the enmity of the hysterical driticisms directed at the Communist Party by the capitalist press, all show that the Communist Party has its show that the working class and their roots in both the working class and their place of employment.—H CUNNINGHAM,



IT IS obviously right to spotlight the hypocrisy of Ian Paisley, but how is it helping to list the misdeeds of the brothers of his election agents? Surely there is enough to write about Paisley without resorting to the saide tactics of Fleet

womens voice





PARTICIPATION NO, CONTROL YES!

THE PEDLARS of workers' participation schemes got a kick in the teeth last week from Felixstowe dockers.

Larry O'Donnell, for six years the full-time Convenor at the docks, accepted a directorship with the company.

'I thought I could do both jobs well', he said. But when the shop stewards' committee told him that he would have to choose between the two, he chose the directorship.

The right wing press was full of indignation at the shop stewards' attitude. So too was Peter Partridge, District Officer of the Transport Workers' Union, who said: 'We need strong union representations at the top to help make decisions—instead of waiting at the bottom for results'.

The idea of warker directors is official policy.

The idea of worker directors is official policy in most unions. And increasing numbers of managements see the idea of having one or two tame trade unionists on the board as attractive if it helps to reduce shop floor militancy, while By Brian Mulvey and Dave Handley

achieving 'union co-operation' at the top.

The company have found O'Donnell another job, advising on safety. And, of course, he keeps his directorship.

Felixstowe is the largest privately-owned port in the country. Profits are up by 13 per cent this year. While other ports have lost 25 per cent of their trade, Felixstowe's has risen by 15 per cent -thanks to containerisation.

O'Donnell proudly boasts of 'high wages', but with the uniquely high productivity in the world's most modern container port, the level of exploitation is higher. It is not surprising that Felixstowe is known as 'The Bosses' Haven'.

O'Donnell is a staunch right-winger, a firm believer in private enterprise and an opponent of nationalisation. Although he denies any political affiliation, he has sat on the management committee of the local Tory Club.

Under his leadership, the Felixstowe dockers have been slow to give adequate support to national dockers' struggles. A full-time convenor of this sort would be an asset to any Board of Directors. One docker told Socialist Worker 'It's like having a friendly bank manager in the wardrobe'

'Workers' participation' at Felixstowe would have meant a full-time convenor holding a directorship, sitting at closed, confidential meetings, and responsible not to the members who elected him but to the bosses who appointed

The notion-promoted by Tony Benn, Jack Jones and others-that a trade unionist can also be a boss, has to be rejected. Felixstowe dockers

have shown the way. We don't want directorships. We don't want phoney 'participation'. We want control.

£30,000 missing! Police ignore it

NEW EVIDENCE came to light this week about the disappearance of £600,000 from the Rangladesh Fund, of which John Stonehouse, the Labour MP and strong swimmer, was a trustee.

Sir Denys Lowson: Gone to the big boardroom in the sky ...

Lowson: His

condition is

satisfactory

IT WAS with great sorrow that I read in The Times' obituary column of the death of that fine upstanding citizen, 69-year-old Sir Denys Lowson, city financier and former Lord Mayor of London.

Sir Denys must, like so many other pensioners, have died a lonely man. He fell out with his old friends last year when his clever business deals were investigated by inspectors appointed by the Secretary for Trade and Industry.

Poor Sir Denys soon discovered that there was no truth in the old saying about 'honour among thieves' as his City friends deserted him. He set off on a recuperative cruise on

set off on a recuperative cruise on the QE2 around the world.

Sadly, the cruise didn't have the desired effect and on the tenth of

this month Sir Denys went to the Big Boardroom in the sky,
Spare a thought for Sir Denys then, the lonely OAP, Remember, though, that he did have one consolation in his rationment, the £5

solation in his retirement-the £5

million he made in his last big deal

is enough to keep 8289 pensioners for a year on their full £11.60 a week pension.—JIM STEPHENSON, Newcastle.

In praise of

Labour? Ugh!

working people for years.

Keep it up!

Bristol.

THE RECENT letter from E

Phillips praising the Labour Party

and criticising IS was a pain in the

arse. Stupid, ignorant buggers like him have allowed cowboys in the TUC and the Labour Party to con

But now we've got a newspaper with the ability and courage to counteract the lies of our capitalist

rulers and to re-educate the likes of

Good luck, comrades.-A B,

THE LAST edition of Socialist

Worker was the best I have seen. I

doubt if there has been a paper to

Socialist Worker can be proud that

we have held our organisation to-

gether through a terrible time.—MIKE PEARCE, Rolls Royce,

I think everyone connected with

beat it since the Bolsheviks.

Effect

The fund, set up in 1971 during the invasion of Bangladesh by Pakistan, raised more than £1 million from British Bengalis for the defence of their country.

But the Fund accounts-published much later-showed that only £376,568

was transferred to Bangladesh.

A group of Bengalis in this country have since been trying to get the police to find out who was responsible for the missing £600,000. The police have consistently refused to do anything.

This week, we received this statement from S U Mullik, K R Chowdhury and K U Shahabuddin, president, secretary and treasurer of the former Bangladesh Action Committee in Liverpool:

At the time of Bangladesh freedom movement, we along with others

movement, we along with others formed the Action Committee for the Republic of Bangladesh. We collected and deposited direct to Bangladesh fund the amount of £1532.33 plus £238.85 totalling £1771.18.

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We also paid £1200 through Bangladesh Association (Lancashire and adjacent counties). Bangladesh Fund was £2971.18.

John Stonehouse, Abu Sayeed Chowdhury and Donald Chesworth were the trustees of the Bangladesh Fund. The Bangladesh Association (Lancashire and adjacent counties) of Stockport Road, Manchester acted as their agents.

The trustees and the members of the Steering Committee produced a fraudulent account and circulated it among their chosen people. We had no knowledge that such account was had been produced.

had been produced.

Later on it came to our notice that our contribution from our com-

mittee has not been receipted.
We demand that the authorities concerned in this country gate the affairs of the Bangladesh Fund.

Details have also been provided of collections for the Fund in

In Burnley, £1618 was collected. In Chester, £1565. In Hyde £3353.



Taking candy from a baby: John Stonehouse, MP, back in Walsall

In Haslingden and Rawstenstall, £3679. In Rochdale, £3900. In St Helens, £265. In Stoke, £1213.

In all these cases, not a penny was recorded in the Fund Accounts. In Oldham, £11,725 was collected, of which only £1573 appeared

Disappeared

in the accounts.

Altogether, in these places, more than £30,000 was collected which disappeared after being sent to the Fund.

All these facts and a lot more besides have been passed on to the police.

After much pressure, the Company Fraud Squad sent Detective Constable Don to interview the Bengali spokesman for the Bengalis who want a public inquiry.

He took a lot of names and addresses, and showed no interest

On the same day, Scotland Yard, on the orders of the Director of Public. Prosecutions, sent two inspectors to inquire into the donation of about £500 from a student committee in North London.

Socialist Worker will print any letters or comments from Bengalis about this Fund, and will continue to campaign for a full inquiry.

£50 to the miners? Scotland Yard swoops

By Lindsay German

IN ANOTHER exclusive report last Friday, the Daily Express revealed that Scotland Yard was investigating the finances of the student union at North London Polytechnic.

This 'news' was on the front page. What made it so important? Had the union handed a £150,000 golden handshake to one of their employees?

Not at all. The police were investigating something much more serious. According to the Express, union cash has been 'used by left wing militants to further extremist organisations'.

Paid

Money has, in fact, been paid out to the following 'extremist' organisa-

• The National Union of Mineworkers, during their strikes of 1972 and 1974.

• The Upper Clyde Shipbuilders occupation of 1971. • Gasworkers during their strike.

The Fine Tube strikers.

Local hospital workers at the Royal Northern during their strike.

The Troops Out Movement.
The Chile Solidarity Campaign. • The families of the Shrewsbury

All donations were democratically

agreed by the proper bodies of the students union. The amounts are a pittance—about £50 on average. Complaints have been made by Lord Annan, the Provost of Uni-

versity College London, and a Tory MP, Robert Adley. And one of the reasons behind the complaints is that the presidents of North London Poly Students' Union for the past few years have been members of the International Socialists.

Militant,

That is certainly the real reason behind the Express 'exclusive'. Students at North London Poly have a reputation for being among the most militant in the country. They have constantly battled against the right wing director, Terence Miller.

He is the man who a few months ago said he would like to hang student militants. The Inner London Education Authority is finding his outbursts too much of an embarrass-

But Miller is trying to rally his support in an effort to hold on to his job. He knows that to do this he must attack the main opposition -the student union.

A police investigation of its finances is a good way of doing it.

The Express article seems carefully timed to coincide with the arrival of new students for the beginning of term next week. A new book defending Miller and written by right wing members of staff is also due out then.

It seems the right-wing is planning a campaign in defence of Miller. The students must be ready to fight them all the way and get Miller thrown out.

BOOTED FRONT IATIONAL

TEN NATIONAL Front members were unceremoniously thrown out after they had burst into a meeting West London Campaign against Racialism and Fascism last Sunday.

The meeting was called to discuss anti-NF activity, especially the NF Annual General Meeting on 11 October at Chelsea Town Hall.

As soon as our meeting began, the thugs came in, announcing them-selves as NF members. The meeting exploded as angry delegates turned on the Front and forced them out the door.

The police, who took their time coming, charged one with criminal damage, allowing nine others to

All London IS members to support.

Demonstrate outside

Chelsea Town Hall,

Kings Road (Sloane Square Tube) Saturday 11 October, 9am

slip away.

The incident underlines the urgency of building up a campaign against the Front's 11 October meeting. Chelsea Town Hall, Bastion of Reaction, is now the only one the

Front can book. Local protest is mounting. Last Wednesday, members of NALGO

Action in the borough protested against the council's decision to let the Front hire the Town Hall. And Hammersmith Council has

called a demonstration outside the Town Hall on 11 October, With proper support, it can be turned into a full-scale picket.

Inner West London International Socialists are distributing 10,000 leaflets and hundreds of posters in support of the campaign. This weekend we will be organising street meetings, broadcasting throughout the main shopping area with a loudspeaker car, and campaigning on the estates. Throughout next week we will be holding factory-gate meet-

SHREWSBURY

MANCHESTER: 100 police with teams of dog handlers stormed into a social at Hulme Labour Club on Friday in a blatant attempt to put the frighteners on Shrewsbury picket Ricky Tomlinson. The raid was described by the police as 'normal enforcement of the licensing laws'.

But Ricky Tomlinson, who with his wife Marlene was there as a guest of the Building Workers' Charter, told Socialist Worker:

T'm convinced that it was aimed at me and the Shrewsbury Campaign and so is everyone else because they've never had any kind of trouble at that club

clearly the role of the police. One young copper spilled the beans. When asked by one of the Transport Workers' Union officials what was it all about, he replied: 'I don't know. This isn't an ordinary raid. It's political'

'If they think they can frighten me off like that', Ricky continued, 'then they can think again. I'm going to continue to fight for the release of Des Warren in whatever way I can.

The reason for the raid, said the police, was to check if all the guests were either members of the club or affiliated CIU members. When challenged about the use of dogs, they said they were there to protect their vehicles from vandalism.

The room had been booked for a private social. But the police still insisted on everybody signing the visitors' book, which they later took

away.
With Ricky Tomlinson inside the club, the police were obviously trying to provoke a confrontation during which they could have framed Ricky which they could have framed Ricky on some minor charge. If this had happened, it would certainly have led to his parole being revoked.

UNABLE

Unfortunately for the police, they were unable to provoke any incident and had to make do with the names and addresses of most of the building worker militants in Manchester.

There was considerable anger at this open harassment, but as Walter Wainwright, a building worker and member of the North West Regional Committee of the TGWU, told Socialist Worker:

'There could not have been a better illustration for all the building workers present of the real role of the police and judiciary.

Trade unionists in the Manchester area should protest through their unions in the strongest possible terms.

A farce, NALGO!

By Pete Roscoe, NALGO

DELEGATES from branches of NALGO, the local government workers' union, attended an equal rights conference in London last Saturday. It could more accurately have been described as an equal rights charade.

Last year, the union set up an equal rights working party, whose report clearly showed how the tructure was not at all accountable to its women members, who make up 40 per cent of the total membership.

The union's National Executive ignored demands to allow the equal rights conference to decide policy, so that any resolutions passed would

only be noted.

Motions included demands for equal pensions benefits, the formation of shop stewards' committees, child care and nursery facilities at work, shorter working hours, the maintaining of adequate staffing levels, and social services giving free contraception and abortion on demand.

Resolutions were also submitted to reject the government's incomes policy, and the cuts in public spending. One delegate argued that NALGO members must not take responsibility for the effects of the economic crisis.

However, in spite of many useful contributions from the delegates, the day's debate could be dismissed as hot air; a sop from the union leadership to its women members.

SOCIAL RAIDED BYPOLICE



Tomlinson: They can't



SWANSEA: -On the picket line at Morganite Electrical: 40 members of the Electricians Union and the Engineering Union are on strike for staff status.

After lengthy talks, management tried to suspend some of the men. 'It was a straight set up,' they told

They tried to contact the local AUEW official, but, say the men: 'He's lost, we can't get in touch with him at all. You can't get nothing from him. He won't come near the place.

They are staying out until all the men are reinstated

BRISTOL: NURSES WIN ONCE AGAIN, strong trade union FIGHT FOR JOBS

organisation among nurses at Glenside has gained a considerable victory over a stubborn management.

This time the issue was over 12 full-time nursing posts to cover the extra holidays and bank holidays awarded by the Halsbury Report.

Management said we couldn't possibly have the posts because 'there was no money to pay for them, national crisis, tightening one's belt, blah. blah.'

CRITICAL

At ward level, the situation was becoming critical and patients were suffering. There were only two nurses on the acute admissions ward with several suicidal patients needing close observation.

After several meetings with

management, a full branch meeting decided to give them until the following Monday to come up with the goods. If not, we instructed the shop stewards to call what action they felt necessary to achieve our

By David Bridge, NUPE student nurse, Glenside Psychiatric Hospital, Bristol

Hey Presto! By late Monday, management had agreed to finance the 12 posts and were also considering the re-opening of some of the wards that had been closed because of staff shortages. This would be done in full

DRASTIC

care for patients.

It is interesting but also sad that in most general hospitals where the Royal College of Nursing is the main nursing organisation, with all its 'the patient must not suffer', 'we can't take industrial action', management are getting away with drastic cuts in nursing levels and hence patient care.

ning the staffing level.
So, by strong trade union organisation, we were able to save 12 jobs in

a time of high unemployment, with

prospects of some more jobs in the future. We have also improved the

working conditions which in time will

lead to a better level of service and

The only way to stop the cuts is through the trade unions. At local level, the strong psychiatric nursing branches must approach the small number of unionised nurses in the general hospitals and organise a joint campaign, if necessary backed up with industrial action by the stronger

Spennymoor: Courtaulds strikers battle on

SPENNYMOOR: The strike of 160 Engineering Union members at Courtaulds is now in its 14th week. The men are demanding the full £6 a week pay rise.

There has so far been no news of the negotiations between national union officials and management in London. The mood of the pickets in Spennymoor makes it clear that any sell-out will be totally rejected.

Members of the Bleachers and Dyers Union, who have been laid off during the strike, have now been manning the picket line with the

Links are also being strengthened with stewards in other Courtaulds factories in the North. There will be

another combine meeting in Wigan this Saturday to discuss the dispute.

The Engineers' Charter meeting at Spennymoor next Thursday should go further to strengther rank should go further to strengther rank and file organisation between Engineering Union members in the area. Donations to Brian Gibson, AUEW convenor, 7, Magdalene Place, Ferryhill, County Durham.

Merthyr women walk out

MERTHYR:-300 women, members of the Tailors and Garment Workers' Union, walked out at Kayser Bondor last week in support of their demand for a £6 rise. The rise is due in November, but the women decided to strike while the order books were full so as to put maximum pressure

on management.

Luckily for Courtaulds, who own the firm, full-time union official Lillian Teague persuaded her members to get their noses back to the

grindstone and 'save their money'.

Teague told Socialist Worker: 'One factory coming out against a giant like Courtaulds stands no chance of success'. Even so, the union is committed to go for the full £6 at national level.

Obviously the union executive will not lead a real fight for the £6 but workers at Merthyr can take one leaf out of Lillian Teague's book. They can link up now, at shop-floor level, with other factories within the group and prepare for a joint fight.

Police finger in the PYE

By Mick Hignell, POEU

CAMBRIDGE: - Law and order is being maintained in Cambridge. International Socialists were handing out leaflets to workers leaving PYE Unican last Friday when, in response to a management 'phone call, we were visited by a police constable.

He made it clear that there were so many offences we could be 'got' on, that it wasn't worth while stopping (we had run out of leaflets

Besides, even more serious was the fact that my mate and I just happened to fit the description of two people loitering the previous day, at the time of a bomb hoax!

The leaflet that made PYE panic warned workers of the likelihood of further redundancies and called upon them to become fully and actively unionised.

Celebrate the workers' victory over

Mosley in 1936
Saturday 4 October: 3pm, All-Nations Club, 2 Martello Street, Hackney, London E8.

Speakers: Chris Searle, Jack Dash, Putuse Appollus (SWAPO Women's

League), Althea Lecointe, Mickey Fenn, Andy Bevan. Film, Namibia: The Liberation Struggle and Freedom Songs.

Organised by Hackney Committee Against Racialism, East London Anti Apartheid Group, West Ham Trades

consultation with the union concerlorthallerton defeat

NORTHALLERTON: -60 members of the Transport Workers Union at York Trailers have lost their five-week battle for the re-instatement of sacked shop-

steward John Bacon.
The men voted 2 to 1 for a return to

work affer management's threat to close the factory permanently when the picketing and the blacking began to bite.

The dispute has been sabotaged from the start by the local Engineering Union organisation, which refused to fight for the raintstatement of their own scaled. the re-instatement of their own sacked steward. He and John were sacked after taking up the issue of the fire hazard in

the spraying chamber.

Local full-timer Bob Stephenson encouraged his members to accept management's offer of compensation, and this, plus the union's failure to come up with strike pay during the five-week official strike, undermined the members' fighting

TGWU members in Northallerton have discovered that, in their fight to maintain decent working conditions, they need to organise against not only a ruthless management, but also against the passivity of their own union officials, who declared the strike official and then dumped them.

And AUEW members all over the country will be sickened by the actions of a bunch of scabs among the local membership who did a better job of breaking the strike than the bosses!

The fight against unemployment

Clapham guards chalk up a victory

SOUTH LONDON: Railway guards have defeated British Rail's attempt to break a national agreement on guards' duties at Clapham Junction.

Ernie Andrews, a guard, had informed the Roster Office that he was not available for work before his proper rostered duty. He was allowed to do his normal duty on Monday and Tuesday but

was sent home on Wednesday.

In a second case, Guard Grogan's duties had been agreed with Roster Office to avoid a week of duties that the union regarded as totally unreasonable because of a greatly varied mixture of starting times. There were three proper turns of duty vacant, which he could

have been given.

He was also allowed to work normally on Monday and Tuesday and was ordered home on Wednesday.

In a leaflet from the Local Delegate

Committee giving the facts to the other guards. Eddie Croal, the committee secretary, said: 'Management have no regard for the disciplinary machinery. By their actions they show contempt for the national agreement and slight regard for their employees on the rail-way.

Conditions

'They are exploiting guards for their own use. The guards at Clapham Junction are left with no other alternative, considering the management's action, but to put into effect immediately a work to rule and a 24 mmediately a work to rule and a 24

hour stoppage.'

The strike was averted when management agreed to pay the men in full for the time when sent home and to take no disciplinary action. British Rail have in effect admitted they were wrong, and have lost this particular battle.

Robert Owen, one of the guards,

Robert Owen, one of the guards, told Socialist Worker: 'The younger told Socialist Worker: 'The younger guards, some with as little as one year's service, will not put up with conditions that the older guards have had to accept over the years. We are not happy about the fact that we get far more than our fair share of night work.'

This latest attempt by management to gain greater flexibility of hours without agreement is part of a policy of attacking the Clapham Junction guards who have built up a strong trade union organisation in the past year or so.

Manchester **builders** win jobs

MANCHESTER: Building workers at the Market Street development site are on an overtime ban to get building workers off the dole queues and onto the sites.

They have created seven new jobs on their site alone. So a cowboy contractor who tried to move with non-union labour met stiff

As the men, who are employed by C A Coates of Chorlton on contract for the Great American Sandwich Company, came onto the site, they were met by the convenor, John McCabe, and his deputy, the joiners' steward, who told them it was a union site with a permanent overtime han manent overtime ban.

The men refused to join the union on those conditions. They were confronted by the whole of the site's wor-

In the argument which followed, it came out that the contractor had agreed a deal with Great American Sandwich that his men, who were shopfitters, would finish the contract in six weeks.

This would have meant all of them working 25 hours a day at normal speed, so they were obviously out to break all

the hard-won site agreements.

The boss of Great American Sandwich, working on the principle that any publicity is good publicity, is going through the motions to get an injunction restraining the site workers from stopping

Despite this threat, the men have pledged to down tools and occupy the site if any non-union labour comes on

GLASGOW RAILMEN: WE'LL RESIST CUTS

RAILWAY WORKERS in Glasgow are preparing to fight back against British Rail's plans to introduce cuts in services and redundancies. Four rank and file railmen spoke to Socialist Worker.

Dave Mitchell, a member of ASLEF, the train drivers' union, who work in the Polmadie Depot, said: 'The first thing that hits you is the sheer lunacy of it all. If British Rail pay off drivers and secondmen, it means that if there is an upturn in the economy, there'll be nobody there to work the trains-you can't just start a man and send him out to drive a train.

'But I don't agree with the union leaders that the only way to save jobs is to convince the government of the justice of our case. When it

by SW reporter

comes down to it, it's not the justice of your case that matters-it's whether or not you're prepared

Geoff Heaton, an ASLEF member at the same depot: 'The Labour government's managed to have it's cake and eat it. When we got the extra 2½ per cent in August, we were told we'd have to pay for it by redundancies.

Under attack

'Now it turns out that the 2½ per cent is going to be taken off whatever we get under the £6 freeze. Sid Weighell knew this well when he spoke in favour of the £6 limit at the NUR conference. We can't rely on our 'leaders'—they've already agreed to voluntary redundancies.

dancies.

'So, although it's footplatemen that are coming

under attack first, what we need is a rank and file move-ment that can link up the people that are actually threatened, and fight off management's attempts to divide and rule.'

Bosses' crisis

Ian Emmett, a member of the railwaymen's union, the NUR, at Freightliners in Glasgow: 'Although Freightliners are no longer part of British Rail—we were hived off in 1969—what happens to us depends on what happens on the railways.

'It really makes me sick when I hear Sid Weighell talking about "inflated wage packets from working excessive overtime", especially when it's his and others' sell-outs that have meant so many of his members having to work long hours to make a living wage.

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'If you accept the bosses' arguments like that, you're sunk. The only real way we're going to fight sackings is by saying "it's the bosses' crisis, and we're not going to pay for it".'

Duncan Brown, of TSSA, the railway white collar union: 'A lot of railwaymen think that what's wrong is that the railway is "over-manned" with white-collar staff workers.

'I think that's a dangerous attitude

'I think that's a dangerous attitude to take. It shifts the blame away from where it really lies—with the bosses and their system and British Rail management, who are trying to prop up that system by attacking the workers.

'What's wanted is a united fight by all railwaymen against the carve-up of the industry'

industry

While the unions hesitate, rank and file railwaymen can take action through their branches. In some sections redun-dancies will be announced. In others there will be attempts to introduce voluntary redundancies and so reduce manning

This should be met by an immediate ban on overtime and a withdrawal of co operation. Resolutions should also be passed demanding that these measures be adopted as the minimum response by ASLEF and NUR nationally.

Rockwell sit-ins

IN ONE SWOOP, 260 ASTMS members last week occupied 40 offices and depots across Britain. The men are service engineers for electronic office equipment.

They are fighting against threats by Rockwell International, an American company, which is threatening redundancies and closures.

Tom Foley, the national convenor.

Tom Foley, the national convenor, explained to Socialist Worker: 'The com-

explained to Socialist Worker: 'The company found it against the grain that we were getting together.' They want to shut ten depots and sack 16 men.

Tom Foley explained: 'We are prepared to carry on the service. It's a skilled job and takes six months to train an engineer. It's the company who are preventing the work being done. Savings can be made without sacking anyone. We're prepared to do the work, with or without the company.'

He continued: 'They are part of a multinational company. Every worker should look out and prepare to resist this sort of thing from these big companies.' Messages of support to Tom Foley, convenor, 102-8 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1.

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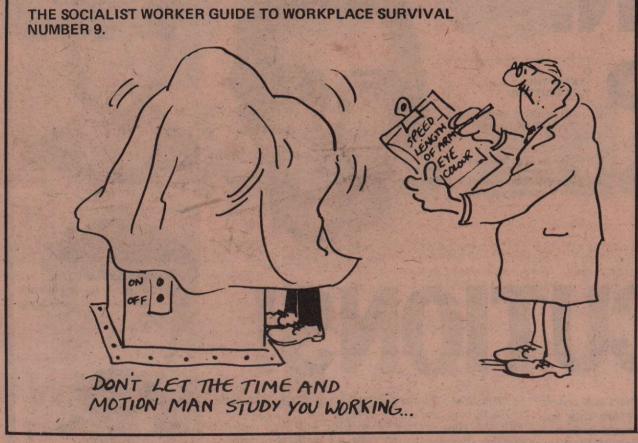
ADLER GETS HIS ANSWER

COVENTRY: Denis Adler, the local fulltime official of ACTSS, the white collar section of the Transport Workers' Union, suggested last week that employment contracts which guarantee staff workers their monthly or weekly earnings should be suspended. This would allow com-

be suspended. This would allow companies to put staff on short time working.

There are already 17,000 on the dole in Coventry. Further redundancies are threatened in British Leyland and GEC. The meeting of the ACTSS District Committee which followed Adler's statement was in uproar. His views were

If the current level of unemployment is to be reduced, positive action will be needed by those in work to help those unemployed. The situation will not be eased by union officials like Adler looking for an alternative to redundancy which is acceptable to the bosses.



aunched - the campaigns against sackings

ing more than 20 different unions met last Saturday to discuss unemployment.

The conference was addressed by Jimmy Milne of the Scottish TUC, who quoted current unemployment figures and said that the trade union movement would not accept unemployment. But the TUC platform limited itself to pres-surising the Labour government on issues like selective import controls and

reflating the economy.

At no point did the platform talk in terms of fighting redundancies by tactics such as strikes or occupations. Supporters of Socialist Worker who were delegates addressed themselves to the realities of fighting redundancies and cutbacks in public spending on the shop-floor.

Reliance on rank and file initiative, they argued, was the only way to defend jobs. When 800 workers were recently sacked at National Cash Registers, the Engineering Union leadership did no-

Harry McClevy, convenor of Caledon Shipyards, criticised the Labour government's wage restraint policy, pointing out that it only caused more unemploy-

Ian Lins, a NALGO delegate, called for a campaign against the cuts in public spending. He showed how the Dundee Regional Council were cutting back on old people's homes, new houses and

by John Newsinger

LEICESTER: The local trades council held a special delegate conference on unemployment last Saturday. Eighty delegates attended.

A resolution from the floor stressed the need for unity across the unions, to support those resisting redundancy, and of the danger of placing any trust in the Labour government.

400 PICKET GLC

400 GREATER London Council workers picketed the GLC council meeting on Tuesday. The Council was discussing implementing cuts which will lead to the loss of 1600 jobs.

The lobby, called by the GLC Branch of NALGO, the local government workers' union, was supported by NALGO branches from Islington, Tower

The GLC Staff Association instructed its members not to attend, but some members led by the rank and file 1970 Group defied the instruction. Some departmental committees also attended.

The lobby was addressed by speakers including Colin Boatman of the 1970 Group and Will Fancy, a member of the NALGO Executive. The lobby marks the beginning of the fight back against the cuts in London.

A resolution was carried opposing cutbacks in the health, welfare and edu-cation services and seeking solidarity action from unions outside the public

The Trades Council policy of advocating factory occupations, opposition to voluntary redundancy, and to productivity deals, and the call for a 35-hour week, was carried. It was decided to hold a recall conference in November.

NEWCASTLE: 80 people, 50 0f them young unemployed teachers, met last week and set up a campaign against unemployment. The chairman of Gateshead Young

The chairman of Gateshead Young Teachers, who organised the meeting, pointed out that it had had to be fought for within the National Union of Teachers against people who favoured 'gathering the facts' and general passivity.

The unemployed must push the NUT to fight their cause. It was clear that the meeting had drawn together only a small proportion of the qualified teachers on the dole.

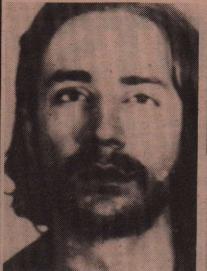
To launch the campaign, Gateshead

To launch the campaign, Gateshead Young Teachers advertised in the local press and gained publicity in the paper and on the local radio. If this is repeated all over the country by supporters of Rank and File Teacher, NUT members can be roused to fight for the right to work in the job for which they are trained.

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

Garrotting-the barbaric death facing these eight



CONDEMNED Manuel de Gracia, 21



CONDEMNED Ramon Sanz, 27



CONDEMNED Jose Sollas, 21



CONDEMNED Maria Penellas, 20

SPAIN STOP

STOP THE EXECUTIONS

SOLIDARITY WITH THE SPANISH WORKING CLASS

Picket the Spanish Embassy, This Saturday, 2pm to 5pm, Hans Crescent, London SW1, near Knightsbridge Tube.



CONDEMNED

EXECUTIONS!

ELEVEN OF OUR Spanish brothers and sisters are set to die this week. They are due for execution by the most barbaric means known.

One by one, they will be dragged from their prison cells. Each will be bound down and an iron collar clamped around his or her throat.

Then a screw will slowly be turned on to tighten the collar, until the victim eventually dies from strangulation or a broken neck

The last person to be killed in this way, the anarchist militant Puig Antich in March last year, was in agony for 11 minutes before he died.

Two of the condemned are pregnant—but that is not deterring those bent on judicial murder.

The crime for which the eleven face execution is one any Socialist Worker reader would be proud to be proud to be accused of: active opposition to the regime of General Franco in Spain, a regime spawned in the 1930s through the efforts of Hitler and Mussolini and with the mass murder of socialist and trade union activists. Now in desperate crisis, it is trying to perserve itself by a new bout of mass murder.

APPEAL

The laws under which the eleven have been con-demned allow no fair trial or of any normal process of appeal. But one thing can stop the murder of our comrades. The activity of working class organisations,

including those in this country.

The Spanish government was able to murder Puig Antich last year because there was not enough working class protest and action. By contrast, international protests stopped the murder of Basque nationalists in Burgos five years ago.

A similar wave of protest is already under way against the plan-ned execution of the eleven. In France, the dockers' union has blacked Spanish shipping. In Italy, dockers and airline workers have blacked all Spanish-bound traffic.

In Spain itself, where the forces of the left have to work illegally under the threat of the same laws used to hunt down the eleven, workers have united in committees against the death sentences.

STRUGGLE

It is up to working-class organisa-tions in this country, where con-ditions are much easier, to throw our weight into this struggle. It could be decisive in preventing the Franco murderers from carrying into effect their last desperate, murderous

That is why we appeal to every Socialist Worker reader to fight for the lives of our Spanish brothers and



CONDEMNED Manuel Chivite



Jose Alonso



CONDEMNED Vladimiro Tovar

sisters. Make sure your trade union branch, shop stewards' committee or trades council has made its feelings known in no uncertain terms.

If there is a Spanish consulate or tourist office in your town, make sure it is picketed. Try to get commitments for immediate de-monstrations if the date and time of the execution is announced.

Above all, follow the example of those Socialist Worker supporters who are leafletting their fellow workers who deal with goods or ships for Spain, calling for industrial action as the best way to make their horror at these sentences turn into real pressure on the Spanish

FLEET STREET **PROVES** IT-WE NEED **YOUR** CASH

'I ENCLOSE £5 for the typesetting fund', a reade from Rochester wrote on Monday.

'We do need a free and democratic press. It is obvious from the media that the solidarity march with Portuguese workers on Saturday did not materialise and that all those gentry with cameras were not from the press, but from the police."

That was just one of the many letters we have received contributing towards the funds we need to print more material, more quickly, by buying phototypsetting

This week, the typesetting fund brought in

£125.95

When you add that to the more than £500 we received for our separate Portuguese Solidarity Fund, you can see how ready our readers are to make a financial commitment to the struggle for socialism.

£20

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Donations do not need to be big to provide us with the help we need to build up our printing facilities.

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BIRMINGHAM **WOMEN FIGHT ON**

BIRMINGHAM:-Eight women have been picketing the Power Development Company for eight weeks. A few days after joining the Engineering Union, they were

joining the Engineering Union, they were threatened with the sack for asking for normal holiday pay.

When they checked their wage packets before the holiday they found the full-timers had all been paid short. When they queried this, their boss, Jane Fuller, took back all the wage packets and removed all their holiday pay, leaving them with only one week's money.

The women challenged her right to take their money and were sacked on the spot.

the spot.

The next day, three of the women got their notices in the post. Some were offered their jobs back, but they wrote and told the owners they were only prepared to return if everyone got their

All the remaining women have since had their notices by post. The owner of the firm, Neil Fuller, is a Tory councillor

the firm, Nell Funci, is a 1617 for Sutton.

The women get only 50p an hour, less than half the AUEW minimum rate.

This strike is official. For further information, messages of support and donations, write to Margaret Martin, 183 Bridal Lane, Streetley, Birmingham.

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