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THE RAT WHO LEFT

THE STINKING

SHIP

The rodents in the queue

THEY'RE all calling him wonderful, brilliant, humorous, modest, dignified, the finest Labour politician who ever lived.

We call him the rat who left the stinking ship.

They say he 'kept the Labour Party together', 'won the grudging approval of all classes', 'brought energy, talent and loyalty to the country'.

We're more inclined to remember that with Wilson as prime minister:

□ There are more people out of work than at any time since the 1930s.

□ The old age pension is lower today than in summer 1974.

□ The economy is producing less wealth than at any time since 1969.

□ Hospitals, schools, nursery classes, trains and buses are being slashed to ribbons.

□ Food prices are rocketing.

Sycophants

Electricity and gas bills are beyond the reach of hundreds of thousands of people, especially old people, who risk disconnection in the next few weeks.

□ Thousands of millions of pounds—about £450 for every man, woman and child in the country—have been handed out in tax concessions and interest payments to shareholders and moneylenders.

It's bad enough to listen to hacks and sycophants heaping praises on the Great Twister. It's even worse to reflect on the words of Tom Jackson, Post Office Union leader, on the radio on Tuesday:

'I'm sure that Harold Wilson's successor will be of the same character and the same politics.'



DENIS HEALEY: When he became Chancellor he declared he would 'squeeze the rich until the pips squeak'. When Tory economists advocated a million unemployed to control inflation, Healey said 'that is morally obscene'. Now he is presiding over nearly a million and a half unemployed.

He led the battle to cut public spending on schools, hospitals, pensions, and to impose the £6 freeze on wages—the biggest assault on working-class living standards since the 1920s.



JAMES CALLAGHAN, the Junta man, has exactly the right pedigree for Wilson's job. Before he became a minister he was on a £500 retainer to the Police Federation. As Home Secretary he pushed the racist Kenyan Asians legislation through parliament.

He has been single-minded in maintaining British exports of arms and warships to the fascist Chilean Junta.



WEDGWOOD BENN, until recently the darling of the parliamentary left. Took over as Minister of Technology when Frank Cousins resigned in protest at 1966 wages freeze.

Pushed through redundancies in Glasgow shipyards in 1969. Said later: 'It wasn't the government's fault when in the white heat of the technological revolution a man's job was taken over by a machine.' (February 1970).

He became Industry Minister in 1974, giving promises and a little money to workers threatened with redundancy who formed co-operatives. But he abandoned them without protest when made Energy Minister.

He is now backing pit closures and increased electricity charges, and gets on marvellously with the arch-torturer of trade unionists, the Shah of Iran.



ROY JENKINS is favourite candidate of The Times newspaper and the Confederation of British Industry. He is the man for whom the word 'moderate' was invented, because of his decision to keep Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson in prison after Labour returned to office.

His anti-terrorist measures have led to more than 900 innocent people being locked up or deported without trial.



Enjoying the fruits of office. Wilson at the Lord Mayor of London's banquet in November 1974. After a massive meal of five courses and three different wines—cost, £25 a head—Wilson spoke about the need for 'national sacrifice' to create a 'strong and confident stock exchange'.

Support the rally for the Right to Work

THE 80 marchers for the Right to Work are on the final leg of their 350-mile trek to the Albert Hall Rally in London this week.

More than 600 trade union bodies are now supporting the campaign, and support is still coming in.

As the marchers approach London they are still in the best of spirits. The astonishing reception in Northampton on Monday night was a great encouragement.

On the road into the town delegation after delegation returned with news of enthusiastic receptions. Women workers at Church's shoe factory, busmen at the United Counties depot and the NCT garage, students from Nene College all greeted the marchers.

Protest

Five building sites near the town had been using lump labour, but the marchers arrived to find the sites deserted. Brian Higgins, an unemployed member of the building workers' union UCATT, told Socialist Worker: 'We cleared the lump off even more efficiently than they did at Shrewsbury.'

Brian is joining the march for the rest of the way to London.

After a handsome meal provided by Northampton Labour-controlled Council the day ended with probably the largest protest meeting against unemployment seen in Northampton for 40 years.

Councillor John Dickie apologised on behalf of the town's MP, Maureen Colquhoun, who had to attend a vote in the House of Commons.

He said he was furious that unemployed people were forced to march when there was a Labour government. He committed himself and other Labour Party activists to build a strong rank and file Right to Work committee in Northampton.

GREET THE MARCHERS WHEN THEY REACH LONDON

Demonstration, 11am, Shepherds Bush Green, West London (Shepherds Bush tube) on Saturday. Mass rally against Unemployment, 1.30pm, Albert Hall (South Kensington tube)

Full details, including coaches from all over Britain—pages 6 and 7.

Reports of this week's March—pages 7, 8, 9, 10.

HOW TO STOP UNEMPLOYMENT AT A STROKE

'BAN ALL OVERTIME! Force more jobs!'
That's been one of the main slogans of the marchers for the right to work. Now we know exactly how many jobs the employers would be forced to create by such a ban.
Figures released in the House of Commons last week show that in manufacturing industry a complete ban on overtime would provide 359,600 jobs—that's 32,000 more than all the unemployed in manufacturing industry.

	Hours of overtime week-ended 13th December	Column (1) divided by 40	Unemployed December 1975
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Food, drink and tobacco	1,933,600	48,300	35,756
Coal and petroleum products	89,300	2,200	2,258
Chemicals and allied industries	617,900	15,400	15,002
Metal manufacture	1,086,200	27,200	23,756
Mechanical engineering	2,360,400	59,000	39,754
Instrument engineering	214,700	5,400	4,368
Electrical engineering	1,004,500	25,100	27,017
Shipbuilding and marine engineering	713,100	17,800	8,280
Vehicles	1,451,400	36,300	27,060
Metal goods not elsewhere specified	1,123,400	28,100	35,923
Textiles	702,700	17,600	26,300
Leather, leather goods and fur	75,900	1,900	3,538
Clothing and footwear	121,300	3,000	16,286
Bricks, pottery, glass, cement, etc.	716,000	17,900	13,671
Timber, furniture, etc.	593,800	14,800	13,283
Paper, printing and publishing	951,600	23,800	18,725
Other manufacturing industries	629,500	15,700	16,673
Total, all manufacturing industries	14,385,400	359,600	327,650

Liberals: A small business

TWO years ago in a general election six million people voted Liberal. The press was full of the 'bright new image' presented by the Liberal leader, Jeremy Thorpe.
Thousands of workers showed by their votes that they thought the Liberals presented a 'fresh alternative' to the major parties. Liberals, it was seriously suggested, were an honest bunch.

Now we know the truth. Liberal politicians in a leadership crisis behave like starving penguins at feeding time (apologies to the penguins).

At least eight of the 13 Liberal MPs fancy themselves as leaders of the Liberal Party, and are falling over themselves to tell the world why.

There's hardly a Liberal MP who's not keen to discuss whether or not Jeremy Thorpe did, or did not have sex with a male model 15 years ago; whether or not the model's dog was shot by a friend of Jeremy Thorpe's, whether Peter Bessel, a former Liberal MP, likes sex with men, women, dogs, or all together.

No one, however, mentions the real case against Thorpe and Bessel. That both men were up to their necks in shady business deals.

Beams to build Centre Point

The reason is simple. Almost all Liberal MPs, are small businessmen. And all small businessmen know how dangerous it is to go poking at the mote in other peoples' eyes—in case someone discovers a beam in their own.

John Pardoe wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. He is a small businessman in metal manufacturing.

Cyril Smith wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. He is a small businessman in bed springs.

Jo Grimond wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. His family made a fortune out of Dundee jute. Grimond is also a director of The Guardian and a lecturer for the Financial Times.

David Steel wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. He's a director of a Scottish advertising firm.

Emlyn Hooson wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. He's a barrister and small farmer.

Cut, cut, cut—but not perks

Russell Johnston wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. He is best remembered for the free trip he took to Greece in 1968 at the expense of the fascist junta there—and for his kind words ever afterwards.

Richard Wainwright wants to be leader of the Liberal Party. He's a director of three companies, including Leeds and District Dyers.

Need we go on? A more contemptible gang cannot be found anywhere.

The Liberal-controlled council in Liverpool has shown that they are if anything even more savage in their public spending cuts than the Tories.

They have slashed at housing, schools and transport. But they have not slashed their own perks.

On 9 January, the council decided to reinstate first class rail fares for councillors travelling on council business.

Councillor Phil Smyth, Liberal council leader, told the local press: 'It's all very well for people who don't travel to London. But I have to pay the extra to travel first class. It's cost me £800 in a year—and I can't afford it.'

The voice of a true Liberal.

WHAT WE THINK

Abortion: This report is a warning

WORKING-CLASS women face an attack on their health, welfare and rights.

At the beginning of last month, the House of Commons voted overwhelmingly to reappoint its select committee on the abortion law. That might not seem too worrying in itself—until you discover that the terms of reference of the committee are to discuss the Bill introduced last year by James White. This would make abortion impossible for virtually all women.

James White and his friends are admirers of countries where all abortions are illegal.

What happens in those countries was revealed in a recent report by the Worldwatch Institute. Abortions continue—in back streets.

The result is inevitable. Many women die. The largest maternity hospital in Bogota, Columbia, devotes a full half of its beds to cases arising from complications of illegally induced abortions; and Cairo University Hospital finds half of its maternity budget consumed by such cases, says the report.

Secret

Such is the state of affairs that James White wants to introduce into Britain.

If his Bill succeeds, the wives, daughters and mistresses of the rich will still get abortions through expensive nursing homes catering for 'abdominal disorders'. But for working class women it will be a return to the dirty syringe and the broken knitting needle.

And James White will get his way if it's left to the MPs. This was shown by the size of the vote to reappoint the committee.

If working-class women are to protect themselves against the horrors of a return to back street abortion, they have to fight outside parliament.

The National Abortion Campaign has called for a demonstration on 3 April. It needs mass support. Many trade unions and the TUC have passed resolutions against the James White Bill. Now is the time to ensure that their banners are on the streets.

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN DEMONSTRATION

NO RETURN TO BACK STREET ABORTION

Saturday 3 April, 1.30pm Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London.



The torn and twisted London tube train after Monday's explosion

'ANYONE tired of reading about Ireland, should consider the fact that bombs might start going off regularly in London tube trains in the near future'

That was what Eamonn McCann wrote in Socialist Worker last November. Tragically, his warning was proved correct in West Ham on Monday.

Joseph Stephen, a West Indian train driver is dead. Peter Chalk, a post office engineer, lies critically ill. Eight other people are injured.

USELESS

It was pure luck that the bomb did not go off some minutes later. By then the train would have been full of rush-hour passengers and the carnage would have been beyond belief.

Maybe that is what will happen next time a bomb goes off.

The government claims it is trying to stop this happening, with massive police searches, imprisonment of suspects without trial for days at a time, harassment of anyone with an Irish accent, deportation at one word from the police.

But such actions will not succeed. The government has been doing all these things for 16 months, since the passing of the so-called 'Prevention of Terrorism Act'. The bombings have continued.

The Act has led to hardship for more than a thousand people—including more than 900 who the police later admitted were innocent of any involvement in bombings.

But the bombings have continued.

There is a reason repression cannot stop the

HOW TO STOP THE BOMBINGS

bombs. In Northern Ireland hundreds of thousands of people have experienced at first hand the efforts of British troops to keep that province as part of the so-called United Kingdom. In the South of Ireland people have long memories of the hardship, the police terror, the bloodshed, the hunger, that resulted from British rule in the past.

They have grown to hate not merely the British politicians who have given instructions to the British army, but British people as such.

Their feelings are like those of many French people during the German occupation of 1940-44. They welcome bombs in London trains in 1976 just as many French people—or British for that matter—would have welcomed bombs on Berlin in 1942.

Repression cannot destroy such feelings, nor

the misplaced courage that leads to the planting of bombs. It can only strengthen them. That is why even the Gestapo could not wipe out the French resistance.

But there is a simple way to stop the bombings. It is to follow a policy which has the support of the majority of the population, according to opinion polls—the immediate withdrawal of all British forces.

We do not claim that this will lead to a sudden end of the troubles in Northern Ireland and their impact in Britain.

But it will end the main cause of the bitterness in Ireland, and force the Protestant workers of Northern Ireland to consider how they are going to live together with the Catholic majority on the island. It is the only policy that stands any chance of achieving this result.

'We've shown our impotence' - MP



BRIAN SEDGEMORE

ONE MP who abstained in the vote on the government's cuts last week was Brian Sedgemore, MP for Luton West. He spoke to Socialist Worker on Monday:

I think the government's response to our vote last week was unnecessarily hysterical. I think they reacted that way because the Treasury argument had taken a drubbing in the last few weeks.

'It can be seen—even in their own terms—that they aren't going to get the growth they want. I don't think even they believe what they were saying now.

'We demonstrated that the government can't count on blind, unswerving support if they persist in their stupid economic policies.

'We played our trump card. And we've been card. We have shown how impo-

tent parliamentary votes are.

'We can give some sort of minor lead, but we don't have the power. We ought to establish a much closer tie-up with the shop floor—and the trade union leaders. Their policies are similar to ours on paper.

'But they don't meet us—although they have on occasion even seen Mrs Thatcher. I suppose they think they are where the action is, so they don't

need to come to us.'

□ Socialist Worker welcomes the willingness of those such as Brian Sedgemore to speak out against the government's policies and oppose them. We only regret they haven't yet drawn the full lesson from their 'impotence'—the need to organise a rank and file movement to fight the government's policies

Fraud's farewell

HAROLD WILSON'S resignation could not have come at a more appropriate time.

His record has been that of the arch-opportunist, the great trickster. Someone who would tell any lie, make any promise in order to get elected to a position. Then ignore all his promises when elected.

But even he seems to have

discovered that such tricks cannot work for ever. He claims he chose to resign at this time because it is the lull between two sets of negotiations over wage restraint.

He must have reckoned it would be difficult to sell people another 'Year for Britain' when this one has led to the highest level of unemployment since the 1930s, a slashing of welfare services and a fall in the buying power of wage packets by 5p in every £1.

Two things are certain. First, his successor will follow policies essentially the same as Wilson's.

The trade union leaders will demand fine talk about 'socially beneficial' policies. The bankers and industrialists will demand still more vicious cuts, still further attacks on wages and jobs.

But it will become more and more difficult to keep both trade unionists and big business content.

Wilson tried one final trick last

week when he tried surreptitiously to raise prices by devaluing the pound. The result was an international financial crisis and bitter attacks by his European allies.

At the same time, even the normally complacent Tribune MPs felt compelled to vote against the cuts. Whatever he says, Wilson must be glad to be withdrawing from the limelight just as his policies of two years are shown to be bankrupt.

KEEPING LABOUR ON THE STRAIGHT ROAD OF BETRAYAL

THREE men are out to ensure that the Tribune MPs' abstention against the government's cuts last week and Wilson's resignation on Monday do not entail any great questioning of the government's policies.

They are the leaders of Britain's three biggest unions. Jack Jones, Hugh Scanlon and David Basnett have issued a joint statement calling for 'unity' behind the government.

In the past Jones and Scanlon have often been thought of as 'left-wingers'. Basnett, by contrast, comes from one of the most right-wing, least democratic and least militant of all unions, the General and Municipal.

But they are now sufficiently in agreement to issue a statement which is nothing less than an attack on those who voted against the cuts.

Appeal

The Times correctly described the statement as a 'public appeal for united support' for the government. What else could be the meaning of a statement that calls on unemployed workers and those hit by the cuts to 'overcome differences' with those on £10,000 a year or more who are increasing unemployment and causing the cuts?

Unfortunately, some of the left have refused to see what Jones, Scanlon and Basnett are up to. Arthur Latham, chairman of the Tribune group of MPs, said the statement was 'excellent news'. The Morning Star gave the impression that it was something to be welcomed: 'Perils of the Labour rift—Union chiefs sound the alarm' was their headline.

The crisis in the Labour Party shows the need for a different sort of working-class politics to that provided by Wilson and those fighting to succeed him. It will not be provided by those who cannot tell the difference between a pat on the back and a knife in the back.

Economic policies

WORDS: 'You cannot go cap in hand to the central bankers and maintain your freedom of action, whether on policies maintaining full employment here in Britain or on social policies.'

'The central bankers will before long be demanding that Britain puts her house in order and their ideal of an orderly house usually comes to mean vicious inroads into the welfare state and a one-sided pay pause. The government would then launch into savage cuts.'

'The brunt will fall again on wages, on salaries, on the ordinary family struggling to make ends meet with cuts in the overtime that has financed their present standard of living.'

—Harold Wilson, speaking in Edinburgh 12 days before winning the 1964 General Election.

ACTIONS: Soon after he became prime minister, Wilson's government went cap

'Trade unionists will want to ensure that the gains secured for workers by the present government will not be eroded.'

—Call for unity this week by Jones, Scanlon and Basnett.

'In July 1974 the ordinary supplementary benefit scale for a family with four children was £24.25 a week. In November it was equal to only £23.93 at 1974 prices.'

—Child Poverty Action Group Report.

in hand to the central bankers to buy off massive speculation against sterling.

They borrowed again in summer 1965 and again, massively, in 1966.

The results were exactly as Wilson had predicted: massive cuts in the welfare state, increases in health prescription charges, cuts in housing, a one-year wage freeze, a prices and incomes policy directed almost exclusively against pay.

Wages

WORDS: 30 June 1975: 'We will not indulge in panic

measures.'

ACTIONS: 1 July 1975: A small run on the pound in the morning. In the afternoon, Wilson's government announced 'panic measures'—including a £6 wage freeze.

Prices

WORDS: 'The central issue in the present election—and we will not allow Mr Heath to escape from it—is prices. More than anything else, he cheated our people on prices. The first priority of the incoming Labour government must be to get prices under

control.'

—Harold Wilson, speaking in Kirkby, Lancashire, 15 February 1974.

ACTIONS: In two years of Labour government since, prices have risen faster than ever before in British history.

Unemployment

WORDS: 'We base all our policies on the right to work.'

—Harold Wilson, House of Commons, 24 January 1972.

ACTIONS: Unemployment under Wilson's government is the highest since the war—and still climbing.

Rhodesia

WORDS: 'Quite apart from the repugnance, which I hope we all share, about negotiating with the illegal regime, the very idea that it would be successful, that we should ask the rest of the world to reserve the policies they carried out at our request, that we could ask other countries to hold their hand while we parley with Mr Smith and his colleagues is the product of the most woolly-

minded thinking I have yet come across.'

—Harold Wilson, House of Commons, 21 December 1965.

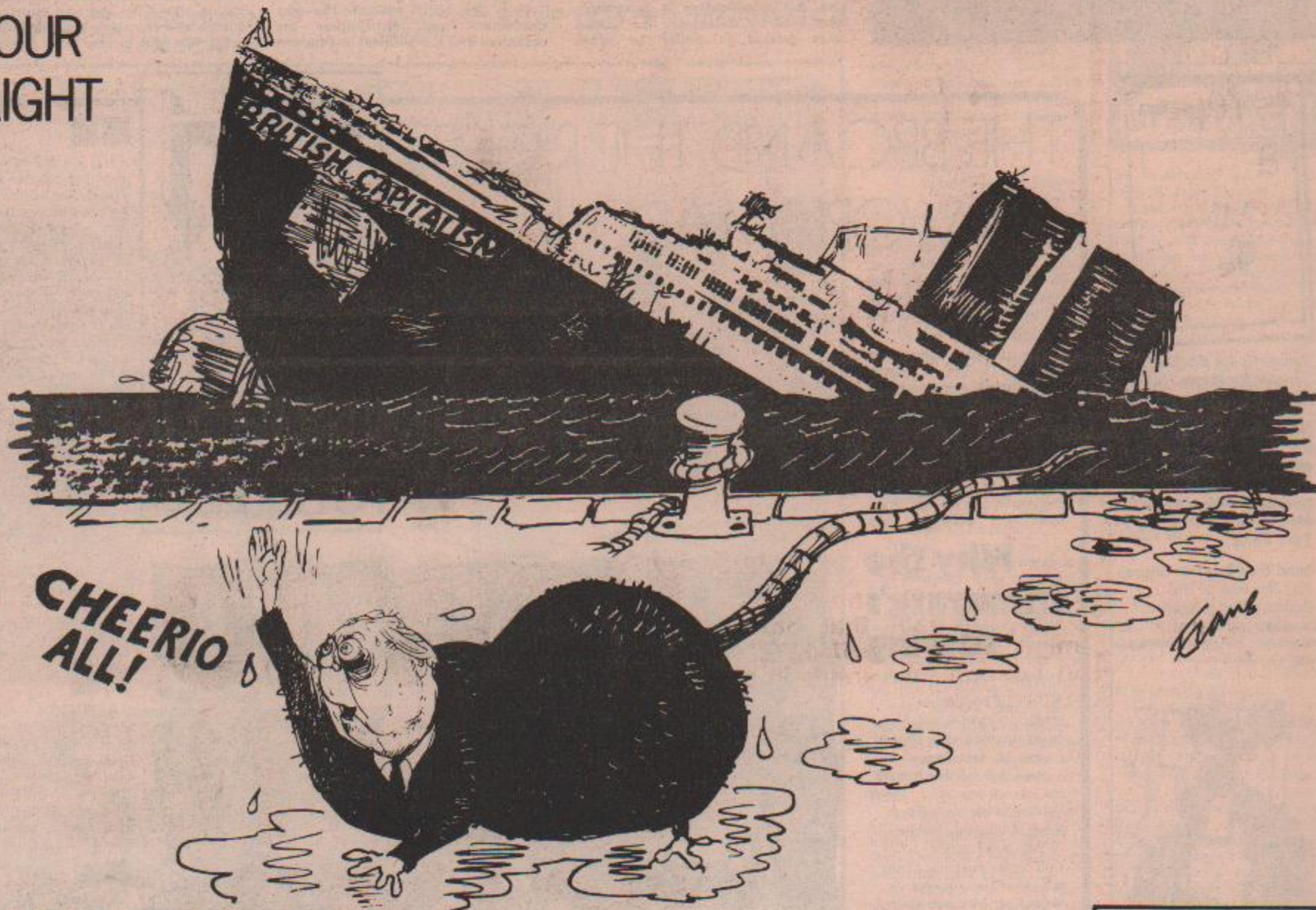
ACTIONS: One year later, Wilson was parleying with Smith on HMS Tiger, and offering him grovelling terms. When Smith rejected the terms, Wilson approached him again with even more offers—in summer 1968.

Still today, Wilson's government is talking to Smith and looking for a compromise with his racist regime.

Housing

WORDS: 'This is not a lightly given pledge. It is a promise. We shall achieve the target of 500,000 houses a year, and we shall not allow any developments, however adverse, to deflect us from our aim.'

ACTIONS: Under Wilson's Labour government, 404,000 houses were built in 1967. The figure has gone down every year since. Now it is below 300,000.



HAROLD'S THIRTEEN WASTED YEARS

SOCIALIST WORKER FIGHTING FUND

THE Socialist Worker Fighting Fund pulled in a total £82 this week. That money is absolutely indispensable to the life of the paper.

It goes for example to pay the fares of our reporters and photographers when they're covering the Right to Work March and the many other struggles of working people.

We realise times are tough. We realise there are many calls on your money. But please find a place for us on your list.

We need to boost the fund beyond this week's total of £82, so that we can produce a better paper.

Our thanks to: Black Country supporters £4.70, Reading IS Disco £2, Charlie McLaughlin, Glasgow 20p, South Manchester Hospitals £1.20, J Harvey £25, Phil Appleby £2.50, Aberdeen IS £7.30, CP Fellows, Manchester 50p, J and S Francis £2, Bangor IS 60p, Glasgow reader £5, Civil Service IS fraction £2, TGWU carworker £10, G Becker, Rushden £1.

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TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Hallas

Pounds are no more capable of sinking than a sausage is capable of frying itself and adding a dash of tomato sauce. They are merely an instrument for the exploitation of the many by the few.

'POUND fights back' said a headline last week.

Actually pounds don't fight; nor do they eat, sleep, make love or speculate on the currency exchanges. People do these things, not currency notes.

Still, we know what the headline meant. Or do we?

Marx wrote of 'the complete mystification of the capitalist mode of production, the transformation of social conditions into things . . .'

'It is an enchanted, perverted, topsy-turvy world in which Monsieur le Capital and Madame la Terre carry on their goblin tricks . . .'

'Social conditions' here means connections or relations between people, and the mystification is beautifully illustrated by statements like 'pound loses ground to dollar' or 'mark

strengthens against franc'.

Of course it is obvious enough, if you think about it, that pounds, dollars, marks and the rest are merely pieces of paper or entries in bank ledgers or data in a computer's memory bank.

They are no more capable of activity of any kind than a sausage is capable of frying itself and adding a dash of tomato sauce.

Useless

Money is merely an instrument for certain kinds of human activity. One of these is the exploitation of the many by the few, of the working class by the rich.

But it is not the pieces of paper and so on that are the source of the power of the rich minority.

It is the social system—the way production and distribution are organised and the political institutions

that protect it.

The paper is the symbol and token of that power. If the power goes, the paper is worthless.

Thus, after the US army had overrun the Confederacy, Confederate dollar bills had no value at all except possibly as curiosities.

Nor are Imperial Russian roubles or the Reichmarks issued under Hitler acceptable at any currency exchange. The regimes that issued them are dead.

The paper can no longer be used for 'goblin tricks'.

But isn't all this, perhaps, too obvious to dwell upon? I don't think so.

Consider this passage from an article by Jan Aitken, Political Editor of the Guardian:

'It was essential to demonstrate to the nation, the City and the gnomes of Zurich and elsewhere that the government was still in charge of events at

Westminster.'

Mr Aitken was writing of the vote of confidence forced through the House of Commons to bring the Tribune MPs to heel.

'The City and the gnomes of Zurich' had to be re-assured that Healey's vicious anti-social cuts would go through, that real wage cutting and mass unemployment would continue.

Concern

If they were not re-assured they would precipitate a financial crisis by 'speculation against the pound'—or so the conventional wisdom has it.

What gives 'the City' and the gnomes this enormous power?

The fact that they command large sums of money—everyone knows that. But like so many things that 'everyone knows', it just isn't so.

Or rather it is only true on the surface.

'The City'—a few thousand rich men—could be made powerless at a stroke by nationalising the financial institutions.

The gnomes of Zurich could be rendered as harmless as the past garden variety by making the pound inconvertible.

And if some 'expert' tells you that this cannot possibly be done, remind him that it has been done before.

The pound sterling was effectively inconvertible for roughly ten years from 1939 on.

Hope

No, it is not the money as such that matters.

The City and the gnomes have power, real power, not the facade that MPs enjoy, because the government (and indeed all the official institutions of our society) are determined to maintain the capitalist system, the system of production for profit.

So it will not take steps that are fundamentally unacceptable to capitalist opinion.

Inconvertibility was accepted, reluctantly, on the occasion I mentioned, because our ruling class accepted that it was necessary to their survival at that time.

Not now. Quite the opposite in fact.

The Labour Party bosses want you to believe that they are forced to bend to the will of 'market forces', currency movements and the like.

Failed

In fact, they want to bend because they want to show that they can manage a capitalist economy better than the Tories.

The gnome with the biggest bank deposit in Zurich can have no more power over a planned economy than the owner of a trunkful of Confederate dollars.

But a planned economy would destroy the power and wealth of the rich.

That is a prospect the Labour Party bosses find too horrible to contemplate.

The 'sinking' £

THE BBC AND THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH

WONDERING why you haven't seen any coverage of the Right to Work March on television?

The answer is simple: the marchers forgot to punch any policemen or smash any windows.

A BBC camera team and reporter were sent to cover the start of the march in Manchester—just in case.

But when they got back to the newsroom the conversation went something like

this: News Editor: What have you got then?

Reporter: Not much. Just the usual crowd of layabouts.

News Editor: Any trouble?

Reporter: Quiet as mice. Just a few shots of the start of the march and some coverage along the route.

News Editor: Forget it.

One senior BBC news man, asked why he wasn't

covering the start of the march on the Nine O'Clock News, said: 'We're not taking part in a bloody publicity stunt for the Morning Star.'

So the Rank and File Movement couldn't even get 30 seconds on the box in a week when the National Front, through the British Campaign to Stop Immigration, captured a whole hour to propagate racist filth.

ED FIXER



THE SIGHT of soldiers crawling all over London's Heathrow Airport in search of non-existent terrorists is now so commonplace that it doesn't even get a paragraph in the Press any more.

Not that that will come as any surprise to socialists who have pointed out all along that the real aim of the exercise was—and still is—to get the public used to tanks and troops on the streets.

Nonetheless, even a Socialist Worker supporter was surprised by the sight that greeted him on London's Circle Line Tube one recent lunchtime.

There, in full battle-dress and with rifles at the ready, were ten soldiers sharing his carriage from King's Cross to Liverpool Street.

His anxiety was not eased by the fact that several of them were half-drunk and eagerly passing a bottle of booze around.

SACRIFICE CORNER: British Rail's massive cuts will not affect those well-known commuters, Her Royal Idleness and the Duke of Edinburgh. The cost of re-fitting their Royal train runs out at a mere £328,000.

ANYONE who wonders why local councils are so poverty-stricken need only look into the £100 million raised on the stock exchange recently by the Greater London Council.

The GLC haven't raised £100 million, only £96½ million—though, true, they will have to hand over £100 million when the stock is repaid in 1983, a deficit of £3½ million for a start.

Total interest repayments between now and 1983 will amount to £91,360,000 which, with the £3½ million 'deficit', makes £94,860,000.

So, far from 'raising' £96½ million, the real amount is £1,640,000, just about enough to pay for a few of those renowned civic booze-ups.

And for that, the GLC will have to shell out £91.36 million in interest.

Without comment

CATCH-PHRASES are continually cropping into the English language. There is a whole class of these incorporating the word 'lobby', as in 'pressure-lobby' and 'anti-abortion lobby'. It is amusing and alarming that such phrases as these can permeate themselves into people's minds, so that they use them unthinkingly. For these particular phrases imply that there are people who are actually in favour of abortion, etc., and that there is nothing particularly out of the way about them. This is not only verbally but morally debasing.

—from the Daily Telegraph, 11 March.

Why the crime rate's soaring

LOOK CLOSELY. This is a picture of policemen—traffic policemen, at that—being obstructed in the course of their duty.

And that left hook from the one on the left . . . well that's just the young lout using threatening behaviour.

You don't believe it? Colchester Juvenile Court did—and the offences helped get him sent to a detention centre for three months.

But they didn't believe Mike Cleary. He told the court that he saw the copper on the left. PC Michael Handy, punch the youth several times.

When he took this picture, the same copper told Cleary: 'I'll get you.'

No charges have been brought against PC Handy.



The picture—taken by Colchester photographer Mike Cleary—on the front page of this month's Journalist, the NUJ paper

THE MAN THE ARMY FRAMED

IT'S A FREE country. British justice is the best there is. And our lads in Northern Ireland are doing a grand job in trying circumstances.

If you're quiet enough to believe all that, you won't have enjoyed reading last Thursday's Daily Mirror.

A member of the Parachute Regiment (remember them?) They murdered 17 people in particular, using circumstances which had passed the Mirror with an interesting little confusion.

He had, he said, led in a Northern Ireland court two years ago—and got a Republican. Edward McClafferty sent down for eight years for possessing a fire arm with intent to endanger life.

The soldier, calling from the Paras' Aldershot

barracks, went on: 'I was ordered to say the man was armed although I knew he was not.'

'He is innocent and should be freed immediately.'

The Mirror report revealed that the soldier's call then 'came to a dramatic end when the phone was taken away from him in mid-sentence.'

'An officer said that that the paragraph was not allowed to see the phone.'

Claim

Throughout the trial, Mr McClafferty presented his innocence.

But such is British justice that, in Northern Ireland, prosecution witnesses (in this case four paratroopers) need only identify themselves by letters such as A.B.C or D, there are no juries—and the judges almost always accept the

word of the British Army. MEANWHILE, the Mirror has been conjuring up a few lies all of its own.

Both its Sunday and Daily editions in Ireland have recently run articles on Miguel da Silva, a member of the PRP, the Portuguese revolutionary socialist group.

Miguel, in Ireland for a public speaking tour organised by the Socialist Workers Movement, had dined briefly after one meeting to a member of the

PETER DAVIES left the Kent Police Force after eight years with an 'exemplary conduct' certificate—and eight police uniforms.

Wearing one, in a stolen Rover, he planned to 'apprehend' £20,000 and 'take it for questioning', a court heard last week. But he lost his nerve half way through and left the job to two masked cronies, so giving himself away.

Now he's doing five years for conspiracy to rob, seven years for armed robbery, and four years for possessing a shot gun. Concurrently, of course.



International Socialism Journal for March/April is now available.

Notes of the month cover the background and effects of Healey's savage cuts, the melting pot of Southern Africa and a look at racism in today's Tory Party.

Mike Buckingham argues that the end of the Scottish Daily News heralds the end of workers' co-operative as a job saviour.



Tony Cliff and Robin Peterson survey the last three months in Portugal and look at the tasks facing revolutionaries in the face of the bosses' offensive.

The Middle East is covered by Terry Povey with a critical look at the role of revolutionaries in the Arab states.

Twenty years after Khrushchev's 'secret' speech concerning the crimes of Stalin, Duncan Hallas argues that a discussion on Stalinism and Communism is relevant today in the light of John Gollan's Socialist Democracy: Some Problems.

David Widgery's book on the Left in Britain is reviewed by Warin Shaw.

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A SPECIAL KIND OF REGIMENT

TROOPS OUT



EAMONN McCANN

THE loudest whisper at Westminster is that after two years as Northern Ireland Secretary, Merlyn Rees is soon to be rewarded with a cushier number and aging whizz-kid Roy Hattersley will take his place.

On top of that he has personal responsibility for creating one of Northern Ireland's biggest problems.

The problem is the Ulster Defence Regiment, the 8000-strong part-time force which 'replaced' the B-Specials.

The 'B-Men'—a truculent, indisciplined private army recruited almost exclusively from the Orange Order—had been terrorising Catholics in Northern Ireland for almost half a century.

So when the Labour government sent in the troops 1969, one of the most urgent demands of the Catholics was that the Specials be disbanded.

It gradually emerged that Labour was not going to abolish the Specials—not exactly.

Expand

The plan was to *expand* it, but under Westminster and Army control rather than Stormont and the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and to change its name to the Ulster Defence Regiment. Catholics were now urged to join while, simultaneously, the Specials were encouraged to transfer to the Regiment en masse!

Hattersley, then Minister for the Army, piloted the Bill setting up the UDR through the Commons. Through an all-night sitting he repeatedly rejected points made by the only MP who fought the measure clause by clause, Bernadette Devlin.

She argued that since sectarianism was the very essence of the state of Northern Ireland any force set up to defend it would inevitably become sectarian.

Six years later it is clear who was right.

At the time of the 'disbandment' there were just over 4000 B-Men. There are now just under 8000 UDR men. With modern British equipment and British Army instructors they are better trained and better armed than the Specials

Murders

They have a large overlapping membership with ultra-right paramilitary groups. They are suspected on good evidence of involvement in dozens of sectarian murders.

To talk of their 'loyalty' to Westminster is laughable. They are loyal to Orangeism. Few in Northern Ireland doubt that the UDR would, if circumstances arose, supply the shock-troops to impose a one-party loyalist state.

And lest Hattersley or anyone else think all this is just Provo propaganda, be it noted that occasionally a UDR man goes a mile too far and ends up in the courts.

9 January: Private Derek

Kennedy charged with burning down a Catholic school at Cookstown.

12 January: Jeffrey Lynn (rank unknown) charged with armed robbery of Knockloughrim Post Office and other offences. Chief witness against him was 72-year-old Samuel Miller. Miller disappeared.

17 January: Corporal James Roderick Shane McDowell charged with the murder of three members of Miami Showband.

And so on. To date more than 80 UDR men have been convicted

Portugal: Approach of a 'night of blood'?

THE only significant plus recorded by US foreign policy during the past year—that is how the International Herald Tribune summed up the events in Portugal since November.

Elections are due on 25 April, and the parties of the right are confident of victory.

Alvaro Cunhal, leader of the Portuguese Communist Party, which has been allied with the right-wing PPD in the government for the past 18 months, spelt out what he thought a right-wing victory would mean.

'The elimination of liberty' would follow, he warned, with 'the use of repression, large scale violent military actions in which people would be surrounded, arrested, expelled, machine-gunned and the country would be plunged into a dark night of terror and blood.'

Fascism

But the confidence of the right wing might be premature. The past few weeks have seen growing strikes and occupations as workers fight to retain the economic gains made in the first 18 months after the overthrow of fascism.

Nurses throughout the country walked out on strike last weekend. They arranged, however, to continue cover for emergency cases, children's wards and maternity cases.

The oil refinery workers have imposed an overtime ban and work to rule which has cut production to a minimum.

Even in the north, there were strikes and occupations. This in a region where petrol and explosive bombs are thrown at those known as left wing.

A small textile factory at Guimaraes has recently been burnt down. Why? Because for 17 months it had been run under workers' control.

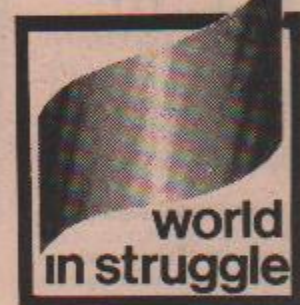
At Facar metal tubes factory the boss was thrown out some time ago. The banks have frozen funds in an attempt to make the workers let him back and petrol bombs have been thrown into the factory.

At Mondex, near Oporto, the workers occupied the factory after the boss tried to promote one of his friends. Now 1200 workers are involved in the struggle.

Strikes

There have been one-day strikes from municipal transport workers in Porto. A one-day strike of shop workers is planned. The water and cleansing workers have just had a ten-day strike, while pharmacy workers are about to come out on indefinite strike.

These economic struggles are of immense importance in Portugal. The employing class want desperately to restore the



full, unbridled power they enjoyed under fascism.

A success in the election will aid the right wing in this but by itself it will not be enough. They also have to crack the spirit and unity of the workers in each factory and town.

This point is taken up and argued at length in an important major article in the latest International Socialism Journal by Tony Cliff and Robin Peterson. This argues that the right-wing offensive can be beaten back, but only if revolutionaries in Portugal learn to unite workers in a determined defensive struggle.

The article points out the danger that the Portuguese left will not give workers the correct lead in this.

Fears

The biggest party on the left, the Communist Party, has insisted that it will 'accept the election results'—even though Cunhal says these could mean a 'dark night of terror'.

The revolutionary left see through this. But even the best of them are making important tactical mistakes that could have fatal consequences.

Cliff and Peterson point out: 'It is only a very short step from defensive and economic struggles to offensive and political struggles. But that step can only be taken if revolutionaries take the lead in defensive economic struggles.'

Struggle

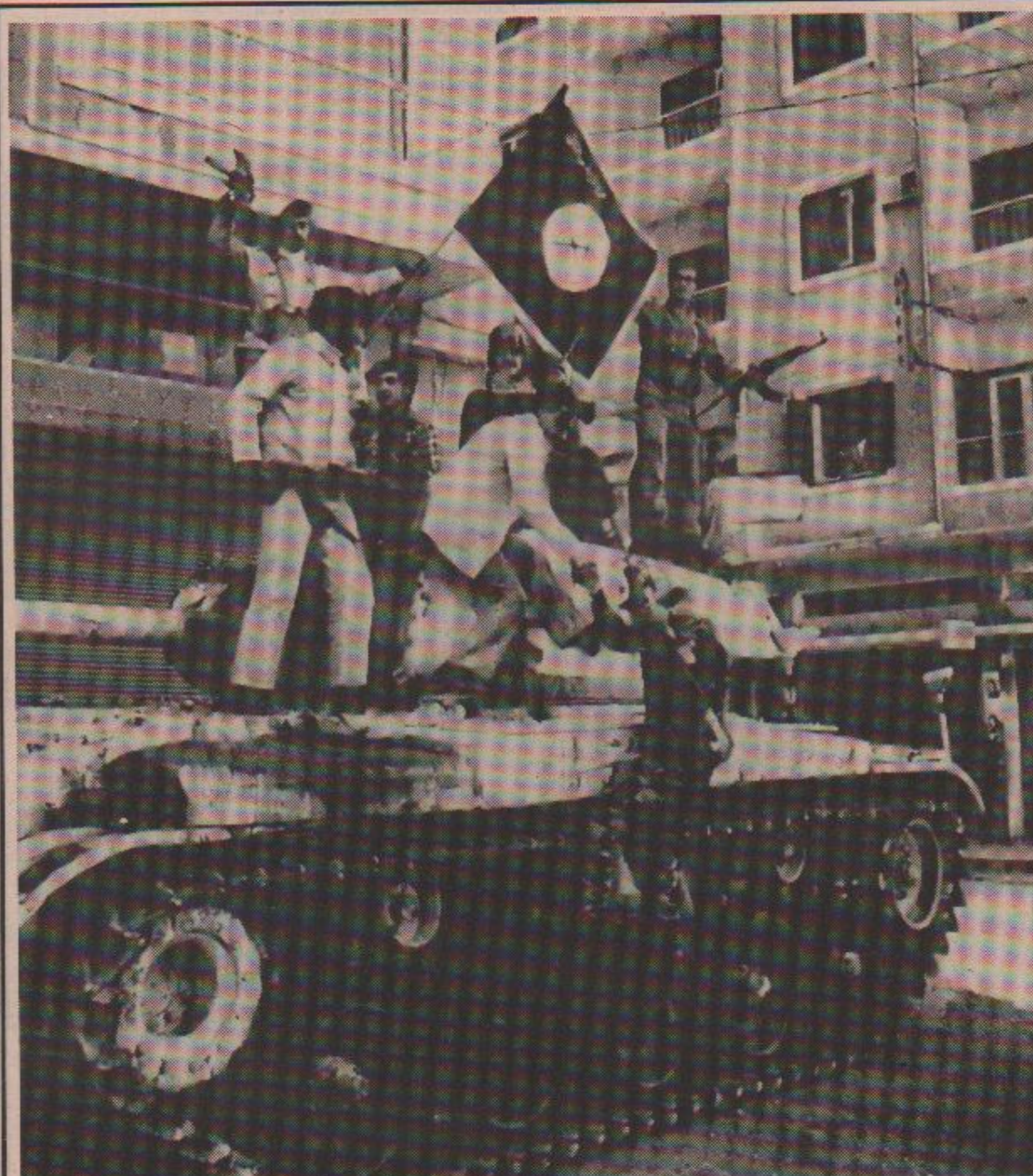
'If they do not, the effect of two years of struggle will have been to have angered Portuguese capitalism without destroying its destructive powers.'

That is why the whole revolutionary process is in the gravest dangers, despite the continuing success of large sections of workers.'

□ The Campaign for Solidarity with the Portuguese Working Class held a successful conference in London on Saturday, attended by more than a hundred delegates, including some from trade union bodies.

□ A delegation of shop stewards from Britain is to visit Portugal next month to make contact with workers' commissions in factories, shipyards and schools—particularly where workers in the two countries serve the same multinational employer.

Delegates will be in Portugal for May Day. There are still places on the delegation—details from the Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London, N16. Phone 01-249 1207.



Armed members of a Lebanese socialist youth organisation seizing a tank last week.

Army split weakens Lebanese right

LEBANON is on the verge of civil war again.

The country has traditionally been run on similar lines to Northern Ireland, with one religious grouping given privileges over others in return for support for foreign domination. In this case, the privileged group were the Maronite Christians, who dominate big business, the army, parliament, and the civil service.

But the right-wing Maronite forces, organised by the National Liberal Party and the fascist Falange Party, received a beating in the fighting that ended a few weeks ago. Last week

they lost control of much of the army, which broke away to form an independent Arab Lebanese Army.

In a desperate attempt to patch things up, Aziz Ahdab, one of the regular army generals, has tried to seize power.

Ahdab is a Muslim, but has managed to work hand in glove with the right-wing Christians in the past. By seeming to satisfy the demands of both left and right, of both Muslims and Christians, he hopes to concentrate power into his own hands.

But at the time of writing, the right-wing Christians, led by President Franjeh, are refusing to accept any loss in power and are threatening a renewal of the civil war.

Spain: The strikes go on

Northern Spain experienced its biggest general strike since the Civil War last week, as workers protested at killings by the police.

The general strike is over. But the wave of economic strikes is continuing and is more and more worrying the owners of big business.

The Madrid Business Council warned on Saturday that the fascist government's whole economic programme was in

danger. Strikes in the first two months of this year have already involved 36 million man hours—twice the figure for the whole of last year.

Faced with this crisis, the government and big business are more and more divided—into those wanting to reform the present system slightly so as to keep control, and those who want to go back to the worst days of the Franco regime.

The only consolation for either is that the biggest workers' parties—the Communists and both Socialist parties—want to aid them in their difficulties and speak of 'national reconciliation' and a peaceful change.

This is hardly the sort of talk which is going to mobilise the millions of workers for a final confrontation with those who ordered the police to open fire in Vitoria.

BOOK BARGAIN Until Easter

Michael Farrell: **NORTHERN IRELAND: THE ORANGE STATE**

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Albert Hall Rally: Where to catch your coach

COACHES to the final day's march and rally are leaving from the following places:

HULL: Ferens Way, 7am. Unemployed free. Phone Hull 792173.

BIRMINGHAM: Outside Hall of Memory, Cambridge Street, 7.15, and AUEW Hall, Holloway Circus, 7.15am.

BRAINTREE: Bus depot, 9.15am.

CHELMSFORD: Bus depot, 9.45am.

BRENTWOOD: Wilson's Corner, 10.15am.

BEDFORD: 9am, for details phone Bedford 854693.

LETCHEWORTH: Railway station, 9.45am, for details phone Hitchin 52975.

SOUTHAMPTON: Cenotaph, 8.30am. £1.10 for those with jobs, 10p for unemployed.

STEVENAGE: Mecca, 10am, for details phone Hitchin 52975.

COVENTRY: Pool Meadow, 8.30am.

LEAMINGTON: Outside Town Hall, 9am.

CARDIFF: Central Station, 9.30am.

BLACKBURN: Foundry Hill, Enam, 7.30am, £3 including packed dinner.

GLASGOW: George Square, 10.30pm, Friday 19 March.

LIVERPOOL: Pier Head, 8.30am, and Golden Eagle, Kirkby, 9am.

MANCHESTER: Prestwich Hospital, 7.30am. St Peter's Square, 7.30am and 8am, Hulme Labour Club, 7.40am, Didsbury College of Education, 7.50am, Salford Precinct, 7.30am, Greyhound car park, Partington, 7.45am.

EXETER: ABC Cinema, 8.30am.

BOLTON: Bus station platform 4, 7.30am.

BURY: Market Place, 7.45am.

STOCKPORT: Mersey Square, 7.30am.

MACCLESFIELD: 7.50am.

ROCHDALE: Town Hall, 7.30am.

OLDHAM: Town Hall, 7.40am.

ASHTON-upon-LYNE: Wooden Spoon, Warrington Street, 7.50am. All inquiries for coaches from Manchester area to phone 061-832 8102.

NOTTINGHAM: The Salvation, Maid Marion Way, 9am.

READING: Reading Station, 9.30am. Unemployed free. Phone Reading 62150.

SWANSEA: Swansea Central Library, Alexandra Road, 7.30am.

FOREST OF DEAN: The Triangle, Centerford, Forest of Dean, 6.45am.

GLOUCESTER: Green Shield Gift Shop, near bus station, 7.35am.

CHELTENHAM: The Quadrangle, The Promenade, 7.55am. Burton Roundabout on the A40, 8.25am. Coach from Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Cheltenham; details phone Cheltenham 28118.

BATH: Laura Place, 8am, 7.5p. Phone Bath 25181.

OXFORD: Transport House, Cowley Road, Tickets £1, unemployed free. More information from John Breedon, phone 0865-735124.



Right to Work: We support it, but...

IT HAS come as no shock to read of the sectarianism of the Communist Party and its mouthpiece the Morning Star in relation to the Right to Work Campaign.

I proposed that my trade union branch affiliate to the campaign. This was seconded and passed unanimously by the members.

Nobody spoke in opposition, not even one of the leading lights of the Communist Party in the Manchester area.

The branch secretary was instructed to send a cheque as soon as possible. Well then, you can imagine my disgust when three weeks later I found that the cheque had not yet been received.

So last Sunday I went along to my branch to find out why. I was informed by the secretary that the branch committee had vetoed this on the grounds that the campaign was not recognised by the TUC.

Betray

This same CP hack who had kept silent at the last meeting then proceeded to reel off the usual lies that have come out of King Street about the Right to Work Campaign.

After listening to him there was no doubt in my mind as to who had put the block on our branch's sponsorship. There then followed a lengthy argument on whether the committee had the right to do this.

This has now been rectified, and the matter will be raised again at our next meeting.

As the meeting closed, a call was made for an individual collection which raised £6 for the march. This clearly showed the disgust of the rank and file with the attitudes both of the full time union official, and Communist Party hack.—B K JONES, 6/27 Branch TGWU, Manchester.

PEOPLE to whom I have shown *Socialist Worker* and *Women's Voice* have said their tone of monotonous irony was boring and patronising.

These people were interested in the information in the papers but did not trust its accuracy, partly because of the lack of debate.

These reservations sabotaged the whole point of having agitational papers, which is to help people understand and take part in the class struggle.—JENNY MILLER, High Wycombe.

DUNDEE SCANDAL

WE NOTICED your front page story (6 March) on Dundee's appalling record of distress and would like to add the following:

Dundee is the worst area for cruelty to children in Britain; children in its schools, including little girls, are receiving more ill-treatment than if they were inmate members of the Devil-worshippers cults;

EAMONN McCann asserts (29 February) that some of the left in Britain have farked the issue on Ireland.

But hasn't he and the Irish left failed to expose the bourgeois nature of Irish republicanism? The right wing politics of the Provisionals and the bombing campaign show them to be a bourgeois nationalist movement.

The only force capable of bringing socialism to Ireland is the working class. Irish socialists should point out to rank and file Republicans the futility of the Provisional campaign in terms of the fight for socialism. —

BRIAN DUNCAN, S E London.

I LIKE the new *Socialist Worker* format. It's the only paper on the left worth reading. Your battles on behalf of British workers and pensioners like myself are much appreciated. Keep up the good work. — **JOHN BEST**, Glasgow

AMONG the crop of slogans bursting out upon the present political scene is the fight for full employment. Both *Socialist Worker* and the *Morning Star* are shown to be 'travellers' along the same path.

The Right to Work's slogan

is economic rather than political, reformist rather than revolutionary. So both groups are advocating a policy which lends itself to shoring up the capitalist system—so evading an outright political attack upon it. — **GEORGE MUNSON**, London SE1.

THE NUMBER of Labour politicians and TUC leaders who have received knighthoods or peerages at the end of their careers is legion. Is it possible that the capitalist system would offer such honours to men who supposedly have been diametrically opposed to it? — **A B**, Bolton.

POSTAL POINTS

Nazi propoganda on the doormat

YOU CAN imagine how angry and disgusted I was to find these National (Nazi) Party leaflets had been dropped through my letter box last Thursday.

But my anger reached new levels when I discovered another leaflet supposedly from the Labour Party had been coincidentally delivered on our estate.

On closer examination, the Labour leaflet is clearly a fake.

It looks to me like a crude attempt by the National Party to undermine the traditional loyalty which exists among workers for the Labour Party—even if that loyalty amounts to little more than the occasional vote.

If this kind of stunt is effective then the results could be disastrous. The original NP leaflets were clearly directed at white workers and are a straightforward attempt to recruit.

Spread

The supposed Labour leaflet might just push a racist inclined worker into joining the National Party—a dangerous dead-end for white workers.

As for black workers, well if they were outraged by the original NP leaflets, they might just feel inclined to accept the invitation to join the Labour Party presented in the second, pink leaflet—an equally dangerous dead-end for black workers.

I hope SW can do something to expose the tactics which the Nazis are now employing.

It makes me so bloody angry that these bastards can engage in activities clearly designed to encourage racial hatred and get away with it. — **FRANK JENN**, London SE5.

PENSIONERS are suffering because of the increases in fuel charges—but so are low income families, and no doubt families where the parents are unemployed.

How can pensioners afford to pay electricity bills when those of us working cannot pay them? Trade unions should fight not just for no disconnections, but for lower fuel charges.—**EUNICE SHARPLES**, Darlington.

Letters

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

Support Israel? Never!

GEORGE TAIT (Letters, last week) wonders why *Socialist Worker* does not support Israel.

But that racist state is no more progressive than South Africa. Not only does Israel discriminate and oppress the Palestinian Arabs, it also treats Oriental Jews as second-class citizens.

Mr Tait confuses the Middle East issue as a war between Arab states and Israel. But the sole cause of the war is the rights of 1½ million Palestinian people who have been forced to live for 25 years in refugee camps in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Israel refuses to let them go back. Yet any Jew from European countries can emigrate to Israel solely

because he or she is a Jew. Israel's policy is to get rid of as many Arabs as possible and to build a state, in Moshe Dayan's words, 'as Jewish as France is French'.

Arab villages are bulldozed into the ground so that new settlements can be built for Jews arriving in Israel.

Mr Tait might educate himself by studying British imperialism, which partitioned and helped create the state of Israel in 1948 to protect its own selfish interests in the oil-rich Middle East.

Support

British imperialism uses divide and rule in Northern Ireland just as it did in Palestine.

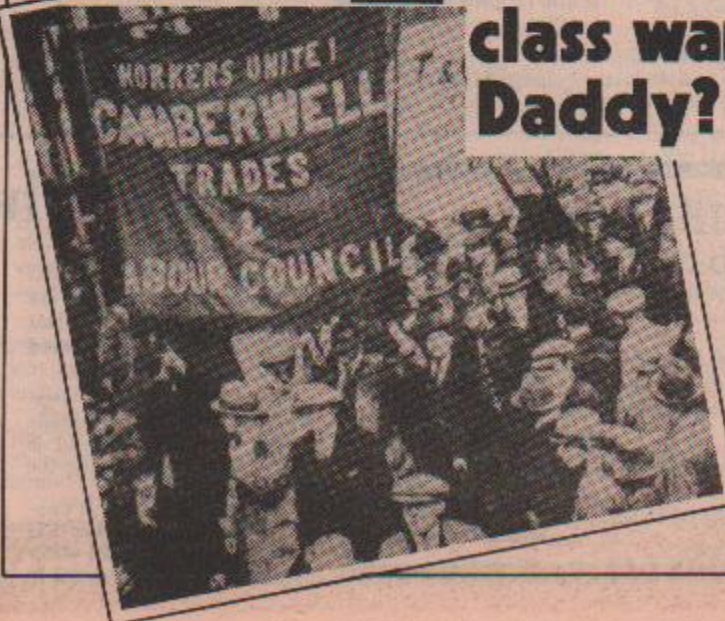
All socialists should support the legitimate rights of the Palestinians to go back to their homeland where a new bi-national state of Palestine would be created, giving equal rights to Christians, Moslems and Jews.

If socialists support Israel, they might as well support United States imperialism, which gives billions of dollars and war equipment to this puppet state to maintain US domination in the Middle East. — **SW READER**, London NW5.



Arab children in occupied Jordan show what they think of Israeli troops: Britain's rulers used divide-and-rule in the Middle East just as they did in Ireland—and the result in both places is bloodshed and misery

What did you do in the class war, Daddy?



We know what the TUC did. They sold out. But for thousands of rank and file trade unionists, the General Strike was a different story.

For them it unleashed the imagination, the determination, the power that, in normal times, our 'democratic' society keeps firmly under control.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the strike, *Socialist Worker* is producing a special supplement. So if you were around at the time, we want to hear from you.

We want your anecdotes, your clippings, your old photographs and strike bulletins. Anything you send us will, of course, be returned.

Contact *Socialist Worker* (General Strike), Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 8DN or phone 01-739 6361.

The marchers on the ASTMS picket line at Colortrend last week. Their action won the support of more than 150 Transport Union workers at the factory. But last Thursday, at a TGWU meeting, union official Trevor Morris announced no TGWU member should support the ASTMS picket. He threatened any who stayed out in solidarity with a £10 fine. Now it's up to local action—to TGWU women in Colortrend and the members of the newly set up Right to Work Committee in Rugeley—to continue the solidarity.



A spark to light the fight back

MARCH FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK
Manchester to London 1976



THE big smiles on the marchers' faces are because they just received a cheque for £214.23 from the workers at Birmid Qualcast in West Bromwich. Satnam Singh (centre) and Sukhjinder Singh (right), chairman of the BAC combine shop stewards committee, told the marchers: 'We're all workers. We should fight together. We support you,' they said. The shop stewards committee had voted that each steward call a meeting on his section and argue for the Right to Work Campaign. The 1500 workers produced the biggest single collection for the campaign yet.

THE picket line at Color Trend in Rugeley, with marchers linking arms with local trade unionists, shows how the March for the Right to Work has been, not a passive march, but an angry flying picket.

The demands of the campaign have been actively fought for all the way. Now, as the march nears its climax at the Albert Hall, the marchers are talking about the campaign to come. From this flying picket of 80 marchers

there will come 80 flying pickets in towns and cities across the country.

'We have shown that unemployed workers can fight,' said marcher Tommy Douras. 'More than that, we have developed new tactics. We've been the spark to force those in work to fight back too.'

The marchers are going back to fight alongside the trade union bodies supporting the campaign. They will be fighting in the unions locally for official action against unemployment.

They will campaign to destroy unemployment and all the policies of the Labour government that have brought it about.

R F Support the Right to Work Campaign!

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Four-page special report by Peter Clark and Jenny Jackson. Pictures by John Sturrock (Report)

HALF the marchers got their breakfast—double helpings—at the Rubery Owen canteen in Wolverhampton. The rest were served bacon, eggs, beans, toast and tea by the shop stewards in Garringtons, Darlaston.

They also got £10 for the funds and their blisters bandaged in the factory surgery.

Sam Handley, AUEW convenor at Garringtons, told Socialist Worker: 'It's criminal for you to have to do this under a Labour government. You'd expect it under the Tories.'

'There's plenty to do round here—what with the eyesores to be cleared up, houses to be built. It's terrible to have people who want to work on the dole.'

'We wish you all the best and will see you in the Albert Hall.'

Two marchers stopped to tear down a racist sticker as the march passed through West Bromwich. The police tried to stop them. Another marcher, Danny Evaristo, went back when he saw the police talking to them.

Solidarity

'Then they pushed me. PC 3739 had been creating trouble from the start,' said Danny. 'Five police were pushing us and blocking the way.'

All 80 marchers immediately went back to the spot. Faced with this solidarity, the officer in charge was forced to reprimand his men.

Before the march moved off again, John Deason, secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign, announced to the police that any racist sticker or poster seen would be torn down.



ABOVE: A delegation of four men and five women from Boucher and Giles, a sheetmetal and spotwelding factory in Holloway Road, Wednesbury, joined the march on its way to West Bromwich. Our picture shows them carrying the marchers' banner. 'We're supporting this campaign. You've got to show that you've got the right to work or management will get on top. You'll lose your freedom of speech, your right to negotiate, everything.'

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Join the marchers for the final day—coaches on opposite page

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'Shopping' that dismayed the police

THE marchers split into groups in Birmingham to visit as many factories and workplaces as possible to argue about unemployment and fight for support for the campaign.

Tarlochan Duley was on the delegation to Art Castings and Stirling Metals.

'We were met outside by one of the shop stewards, Satnam Gill. The whole place stopped work while we explained about the march and the help we wanted from them, and they agreed to help us.'

'Then we went to Stirling Metals. We just walked in past the security guards and they didn't even look up at us. We went right round the factory. Everyone wished us good luck. There was no opposition at all.'

After the marchers reached Birmingham Labour Party Social Club around 5pm, half an hour 'shopping' was announced. The police led escort and left the march when it reached the club.

Ten minutes later 80 marchers appeared in the middle of the passenger area at New Street Station. With megaphones, leaflets and pamphlets they began an immediate meeting for commuters about the railway cuts, calling for support for the strike action on British Rail's Eastern Region that day.

As uniformed and plainclothes police rushed into the station through one entrance, the marchers left another. They rushed down a corridor, passed through the offices of the Transport Police and arrived in the railway workers' canteen.

While some marchers held a meeting with the railway workers, others happened to be standing in the corridor through which the police were trying to pass to stop the fifteen meeting.

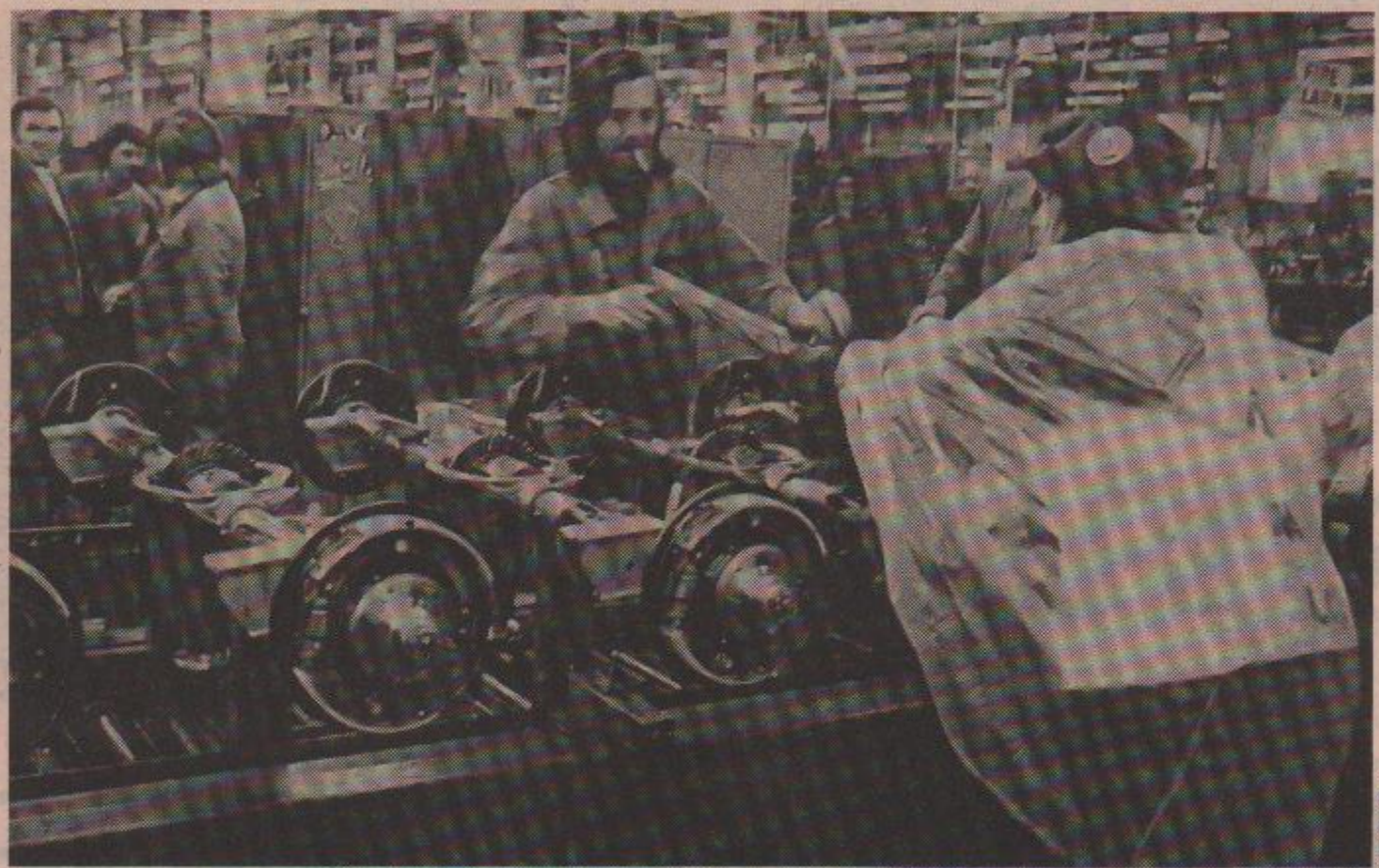
The marchers formed up again, returned to the passenger area and held another brief meeting with commuters before leaving.

Bill Satterfield, AUEW district secretary in Rugeley, held a meeting with the marchers: 'Anyone who disagrees with the demands of this campaign can't call himself a proper trade unionist. All these demands are the official policy of my union. But this march is doing more than my union to fight to carry them out.'



Right to Work pamphlet, available now from Right to Work Campaign, 46 Prince George Road, London N16. Price 19p a copy, including postage. 10p a copy for orders of 10 or more.

R F Support the Right to Work Campaign!



Marchers inside the Triumph machine shop in Coventry. A sharp right turn in Torrington Avenue caught the police unawares and the security guards scattered.

Accompanied by the Chrysler shop stewards' banner, the marchers went into the paint shop and then into the machine shop. The megaphone was used to warn the Triumph workers that overtime for some meant the dole for others. Leaflets were handed out and pamphlets sold as all production ceased.



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Stand up to them — join us!

JEAN and Steve Wilkie, brother and sister, joined the march in Birmingham.

Steve, 19, was made redundant from his job in a warehouse three years ago, and has been out of work since. He told Socialist Worker: 'I looked at the leaflet the marchers were giving out at Corporation Street dole. I said: "I go along with this" and joined up—just like that.'

When Steve went home to pick up his clothes for the march, his sister Jean decided to go too.

Jean, 22, was sacked from her job as cook in a motorway cafe when she refused to work

permanent nights. She's been unemployed for nine months.

'The ads in the paper are for 16 and 17-year-olds. So they can pay them less. They just cut me off when I tell them I'm 22.'

'I was supposed to get married this Saturday—it's my second marriage—but this march comes first. I think it's a really good idea, really fantastic.'

Said Steve: 'My dad's been on the dole for six years. It's disgusting. The Labour leaders are just lying bastards. They promise jobs and don't deliver the goods.'

From Chrysler, Stoke, Coventry, Austin Danks joined the march. He is not unemployed but says: 'Like most Chrysler workers, I have been on never-ending short time and lay offs. The threat of mass sackings are always hanging over us.'

He is marching to London with the support of his TGWU branch.

Two more marchers have been sent on the final week of the march by Hammersmith branch of the Public



Jean and Steve Wilkie: Sister, brother and father on the dole.

Employees Union (NUPE) in West London. Andy Kuttner is a shop steward at Hammersmith Hospital. Joseph Trujillo is a shop steward at Acton Hospital.

Acton Hospital faces closure. Joseph is also on the Save Acton Hospital Committee. Their trade union branch has guaranteed their wages for the week if the hospital management does not give them paid leave.



Chrysler worker Austin Danks

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National Rank and File Organising Committee
RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN
Urgent appeal to all sponsoring bodies

Funds Needed For March

All money collected from:

- Football cards
- Collection sheets
- Sponsorship of marchers

Should be sent immediately to the Right to Work Campaign, 46 Prince George Road, London, N16

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The Chrysler Stoke Joint Shop Stewards Committee banner joined the march last Friday, to be carried all the way to London to the Shepherds Bush demonstration and the Albert Hall Rally. The marchers deserve the support of other trade union banners, both on the road and on Saturday.

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SHOP STEWARDS from the Rover plant at Solihull gave the march a splendid send-off on the road from Birmingham to Coventry.

John Lawson gave a £20 donation on behalf of the Rover confederated shop stewards Committee. Then Doug Gray, chairman of the 5/909 Transport Workers branch at Rover, handed over a cheque for £50 on behalf of the branch.

'I come from Jarrow,' he told the marchers. 'I stood on the pavement and saw the Jarrow marchers set out 40 years ago to march all the way down to London.'

'Tell this Labour government this unemployment is an absolute disgrace and we aren't going to put up with it any longer.'

On the most desolate stretch of countryside before Coventry the loudspeakers on the van started playing music. They picked on Gene Kelly's song 'Singin' in the Rain'. As it finished the stormy clouds broke over the marchers and the song 'Marching in the Rain' could be heard.

Five miles from Coventry a very wet march swung round a bend to discover another delegation of shop stewards. The secretary of the Wickmans joint shop stewards committee, Bert Kingham, gave the marchers a cheque for £78. He promised that the Wickmans shop stewards would give financial backing to all future marches.

He was followed by Jack Sprung, a shop steward

A CHESTERFIELD man who was offered a leaflet by marcher Chris Allman from Exeter said it was no good. He couldn't read.

When Chris explained the march was against unemployment, the man replied: 'First thing you'll have to do is to get rid of this government and get in a socialist one. Workers' control, that's what you need. Only the workers can run things without unemployment.'

'We must rely on our strength'

BEFORE leaving Coventry the marchers held a meeting along with local trade unionists in the Coventry shopping precinct.

Among the speakers was the president of Coventry Trades Council, Colin Lindsay, the deputy chairman of the Chrysler Stoke shop stewards committee, Andy Enever, and Dick Jones from Rolls-Royce, a member of the national executive of TASS.

'What is the Labour government doing about unemploy-

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representing Massey Fergusons. 'This government has done more than any this century against the working class,' he told the marchers.

'The misleaders in the trade union movement are holding the working class back. You are marching not just against unemployment, but against the system that created it. The

time has come to destroy that system for ever.'

As he finished speaking, shop stewards from the Chrysler Stoke factory put up their banner. The chairman of the Chrysler TGWU shop stewards, Gerry Jones, welcomed the marchers to Coventry on behalf of the Chrysler shop stewards committee.

After a brief open air meeting in Coventry centre addressed by Chrysler steward Andy Enever, the marchers were taken to the Chrysler Social Club. As there was a general move towards the bar the police arrived.

If any member was sold drinks at the bar the club's licence would be taken away, they said. Within minutes, Chrysler workers who had been sitting in the bar when the marchers arrived came forward and bought drinks for everyone.

The generosity of the Chrysler workers didn't end there. The Chrysler millwrights arranged a special collection to give the marchers a slap-up four-course meal.



Marchers handing out leaflets in the canteen at Austin Longbridge, Birmingham, where they ran into a lot of hostility. The first shouts were: 'Let us eat in peace! Get yourself a job!' The marchers shouted back: 'That's just what we want! We're marching for the right to work!' The cool reaction warmed up when Austin security police tried to move the marchers out of the canteen. Fifteen pamphlets were sold, and six Austin workers came to the meeting that night.



LOCK UP YOUR WORKERS!

Are the police there to protect the marchers from the traffic and help keep the march on the right road? Not in Coventry at least, where their job was to ride on ahead into every factory and make sure the gates were shut before the marchers arrived.

After the marchers left the Triumph factory, the police rushed ahead to see that gate after gate was locked, with security men standing by. The next day, at Portland Cement, near Rugby, a dozen police stood guard. Cars were put across padlocked gates and more security men were waiting inside.

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Tory Councillor Ken Pearson said: "I say it is certainly not our job to look after these men. After all, the Labour Government caused unemployment, not us."
Councillor Jack Corrin, Conservative, said: "I'm doubtful about the influence of this march, in the same way that I'm not sure the Jarrow March achieved a thing."

WHERE TO JOIN THE MARCHERS

THURSDAY: Marchers arrive Welwyn Garden City 4.30pm, march through industrial estate to 5.15pm meeting at The Campus.

FRIDAY: 12.30pm reception by Barnet Trades Council at St Agatha's Hall, corner of Montrose Avenue and Playfield Road. March Cricklewood and Willesden High Road to 5.30pm reception at NUR Social Club, Old Oak Common Road, organised by NUR branches and shop stewards committees in West London.

8pm-2am: Dance to celebrate arrival of Right to Work Marchers, Acklam Hall, Acklam Road, Ladbroke Grove, London W9. Reggae and soul music. Dave and the Nightingales, The Zanbanis, guest appearance by Ray Williams. Bar extension to 1.30am. Hot food, raffle. Tickets 85p in advance £1 at the door.

SATURDAY: 11am: Demonstration leaves Shepherds Bush Green, West London, one hundred yards from Shepherds Bush tube. (Cheap breakfasts: 7am onwards, St Stephens Church Hall, Coverdale Road, Shepherds Bush).

1.30 PM
MASS PROTEST RALLY
ALBERT HALL

Speakers include Harry McShane (secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s), Ricky Tomlinson (freed Shrewsbury picket), Ernie Roberts (assistant general secretary, AUEW), one of the Clay Cross Eleven, John Deason (secretary, National Right to Work Campaign), a woman member of the Portuguese Textile Workers Union, Roseria da Costa. AND the marchers. **BRING TRADE UNION BANNERS.**

Nursery for children open from 12.30pm in Imperial College building, opposite Albert Hall. Two rooms, one for babies, one for young children.

RIGHT TO WORK Rocker Social: After Albert Hall Rally. Rock bands include Big Front Yard and Popeye. 7.30pm, £1, disco, bar, raffle. St Pancras Assembly Rooms, Bidborough Street, opposite St Pancras Station.

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RF Support the Right to Work Campaign!

'JUST a minute, mate!' Startled, Len Murray stopped in his tracks.

He'd come outside after spouting to Peterborough Trades Council. It had been an easy ride.

Now, on the steps of the city's AUEW Hall, an angry voice was challenging him.

It belonged to Chris Darani. He had waited three hours—in the bitter cold—for this moment.

'Spare me five minutes, brother! I am on the dole. There's 4000 of us round here.'

'Are you implying I am the cause?' thundered Murray.

'Yes! You've sold us out. You backed Labour's social contract. Now we're going back to the thirties.'

Murray tried to get away. But other protesters—mainly from the giant Perkins factory—surrounded him.

Joy

He was forced to have a verbal punch-up in the middle of the road. As the shouting increased, the press and television boys danced for joy. (The protest was seen on Anglia TV. It also made the local front pages.)

Brother Len eventually made a getaway. He waddled off to the nearby plush Great Northern Hotel for a four-course luxury lunch.

Chris trudged home to liver and bacon.

Murray's parting shot? 'Get a resolution through your union branch.'

It was the ultimate insult. For Chris, like most unemployed people has had to leave his union. When he was

The man who had a 'punch up' with Len Murray...



Chris Darani: You've sold us out, Murray!

in work (as a telephone fitter), he had belonged to the Post Office Engineering Union.

Now he's on the dole, they have written cancelling his membership.

Since the New Year Chris has been building a local Right to Work campaign.

The inaugural meeting followed the Murray visit. Chris was unanimously elected secretary.

Thanks to Chris's efforts, the campaign is well known. The Trades Council has sent delegates. Money is trickling in from the shopfloor.

However, progress is slow. The campaign has yet to dig deep roots in the local labour movement.

Chris and his mates are undaunted. They are taking the campaign to workplaces and dole queues. No avenue—shop stewards' meeting, Labour ward get-together—will be unexplored.

In between, he looks for a job.

'In any case, I am known. There may not be a blacklist. But there's certainly a grapevine.'

But Chris's socialist beliefs

were born long before his recent experiences.

'I've always had this gut feeling against capitalism. Emotional if you like. Now my anger has been strengthened.'

He is Literature Secretary and branch committee member of the city Communist Party.

Lead

There is nothing sectarian about Chris. 'I will work with anybody taking a lead. The fight for work is no-one's monopoly.'

'Unemployment transcends political barriers.'

He supports the national march. Together with other Peterborough militants he was walking last Tuesday from Northampton to Bedford.

He will also be at the Albert Hall rally.

Similarly, Chris and the local campaign are backing the London Confed's 27 March Assembly on Unemployment.

'Get the message across. There's no such thing as a secure job in capitalist society!'

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National Rank and File Organising Committee

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN

Calls on all its supporters to ensure maximum support for the London Confed's 27 March Assembly on Unemployment

The assembly is to be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, London. Credentials for delegates are available from 'Assembly', CSEU, 28 Denmark Street, London WC2.



If only Wal could be there...



By HARRY McSHANE

Secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s

EXCUSE ME if I miss someone in the Albert Hall this weekend.

I mean that likeable and courageous Londoner, Wal Hannington—the man who organised the first marches of the unemployed.

I was closer to him than with any other person in the movement.

We were denounced together in 1932 by the Morning Post and by the late John McGovern, Labour MP for Shettleston, in the House of Commons.

I could not have been denounced in better company.

Wal Hannington expected opposition from the establishment and the top bureaucrats such as the late Sir Walter Citrine.

Never

He was sent to prison again and again. He never yielded an inch.

In those days we never thought of marching into the Albert Hall. That is a new and brilliant idea.

Last year I looked through a scrapbook of Wal's. In it are pictures of demonstrations watched over by hundreds of policemen.

The meetings are either in Hyde Park or in Trafalgar Square. There were frequent clashes with the police.

In many respects, the meeting in the Albert Hall will be different. The overwhelming majority of people there will be people in work.

Together

That means that something we always hoped for will have been achieved—the bringing together of employed and unemployed.

Those who, for sectarian reasons, turn away from this effort are making a fundamental mistake. The new spirit now emerging will overtake and torture those who have become bureaucratic and complacent over the years.

While we do not aim at copying what went before, much of the past is worth looking at.

I hope I will be allowed to think back and to dream of Wal Hannington speaking in the Albert Hall.

It is necessary, however, to recognise that we are moving into deeper and more decisive struggles, and that the Albert Hall meeting is a mile stone. There will be more.

You need this pamphlet

THE RESEARCHERS and writers of Counter Information Services are good friends of the working class movement.

In a series of reports on different companies, they have exposed the vicious realities behind the tinsel of the capitalist economy.

But since the economic crisis has unfolded, more and more general questions have had to be answered. CIS have therefore expanded their concerns.

The result is the CIS crisis series, the second part of which—Who's next for the chop (The essential facts on unemployment)—has already sold 4000 copies.

It deserves to sell a great many more.

They show that the unemployment we are now experiencing is not part of some temporary aberration but part of the long-term decline of British capitalism.

Fraud

This is true not only in the industries traditionally renowned for creating unemployment, such as textiles. It's happening across the board.

Post Office workers are, this pamphlet shows, subjected to grand fraud.

This is done via interest charges, dubious accounting methods of the kind guaranteed to turn a big profit into a huge loss, and various contracts with suppliers which can only have been designed to enrich those who are already immensely wealthy.

Who's next for the chop is indispensable to those who want to rouse resistance. That's why every reader of Socialist Worker should get a copy and get it working for them.

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A leaflet put out last week by the Greek-Turkey Committee, a group of activists in this country. It advertises a Right to Work meeting they organised in North London last week.

It was the same with the Jarrow march

IT WOULD be unkind to accuse all the national dailies of ignoring the Right to Work March.

The Daily Mail, that fearless defender of all things decent, gave it one mention under a picture of the Jarrow March.

But, it warned, this is no fight for jobs like the heroic Jarrow Crusade in 1936. Jarrow was decent and responsible.

This march is politically motivated, and should be ignored.

Step back through the pages of history and look at the coverage the Daily Mail ('For

King and Empire') did give the Jarrow March.

Between 5 October and 2 November 1936, it allotted an average of one paragraph a day. On 15 of those days, there was no coverage at all.

Stressed

And that was it. Years later, the Mail began to praise the Jarrow March, and only then, as it stressed in its coverage, because it was non-political.

At the time it was far too busy covering the Spanish Civil War impartially ('Jeering Reds Bury Priest Alive') to notice.

The Right to Work marchers protesting outside the offices of the Coventry Evening Telegraph on Friday over its news blackout of their arrival in the city. They called on the journalists as trade unionists to publicise their fight.

The Saturday edition of the paper carried the news that the Right to Work march had hit town.

The march had earlier picketed the offices of the Birmingham Post.

Several marchers used the megaphone to protest about the biased right-wing coverage. Pip Jones, unemployed electrician from Swansea said:

'The Post says this march is just members of the International Socialists, so people shouldn't sponsor it.'

'Well, they should ask me what party I belong to. Because I don't belong to any party. But I'm bloody proud to be on this march.'

Picture John Sturrock Report

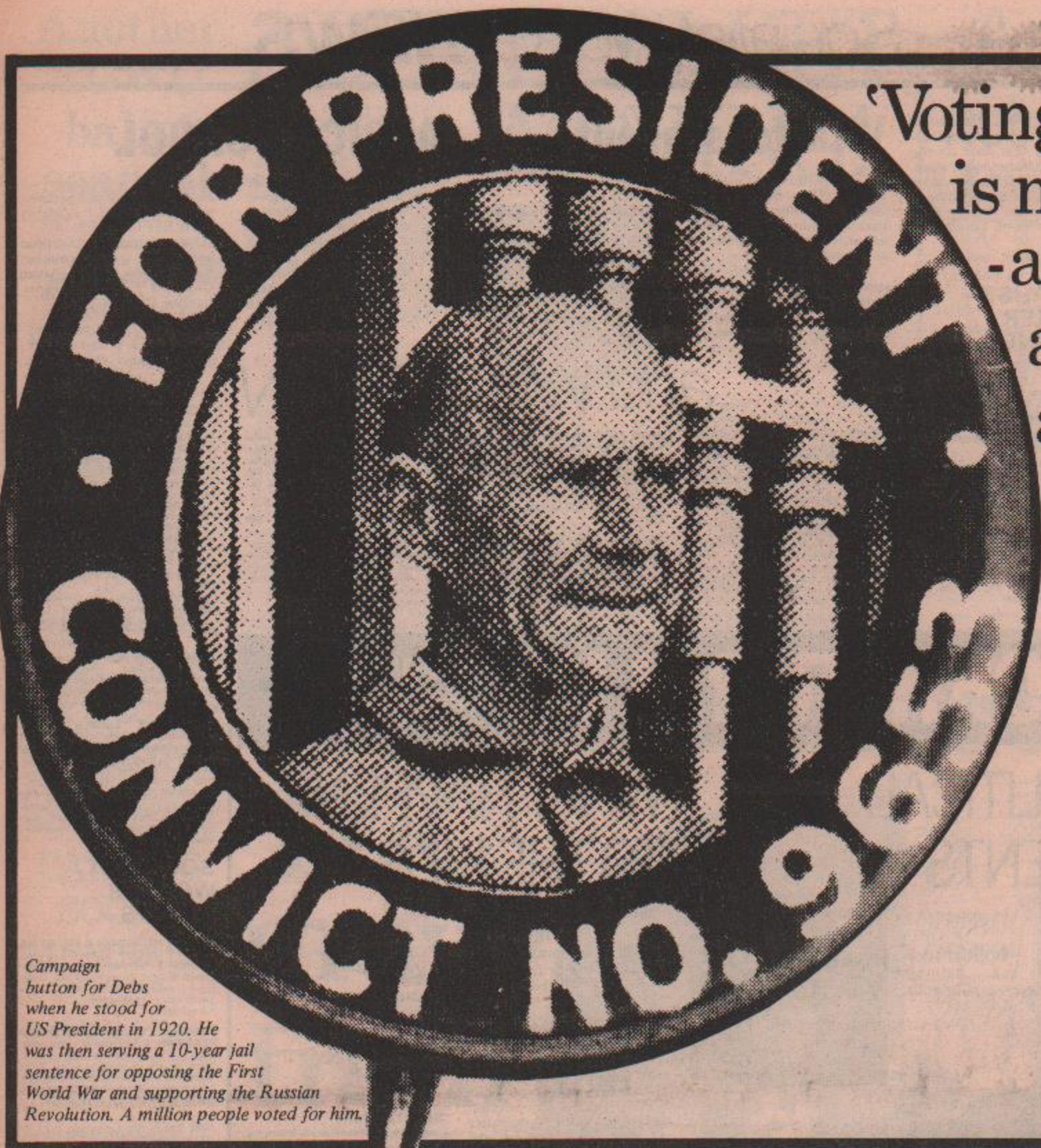
Right to Work meetings

NORTH LONDON Right to Work Campaign: Film showing, 'Salt of the Earth', about a Mexican miner's strike for jobs. Tuesday 23 March, 8pm, Co-op Hall, 129 Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Admission 50p, unemployed 10p.

CENTRAL LONDON Right to Work Committee meeting The Plough, Museum St, W1. Monday 29 March, 7.30pm. Open to all af-

filiated bodies, unemployed and rank and file groups.

DARLINGTON Right to Work meeting, organised by Darlington Trades Council: FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT! Public Library, Darlington, Friday 26 March, 7.30pm. Speakers: John Deason (Secretary, National Right to Work Campaign), Cambell Christie (Society of Civil Servants) and Ted Fletcher MP.



'Voting for socialism is not socialism - any more than a menu is a meal'

-EUGENE DEBS

Campaign button for Debs when he stood for US President in 1920. He was then serving a 10-year jail sentence for opposing the First World War and supporting the Russian Revolution. A million people voted for him.

DID you know there is a revolutionary socialist tradition in America?

Eugene Debs, born 1855, was part of it. He was one of the greatest speakers and agitators in the American socialist movement. His version of socialism was crystal clear.

'You do not need the capitalist. He could not exist an instant without you. You would just begin to live without him.'

'You do everything and he has everything, and some of you imagine that if it were not for him, you would have no work.'

'As a matter of fact, he does not employ you at all; you employ him to take from you what you produce, and he faithfully sticks to his task. If you can stand it, he can; and if you don't change this relationship, I am sure he won't.'

'You make the automobile, he rides in it. If it were not for you, he would walk; and if it were not for him, you would ride.'

Debs spent his life fighting and organising. He organised the American Railway Union over 20 years, starting by being secretary of his local union branch, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in Terra Haute, Indiana.

He came to read about socialist ideas first in 1895, when serving a six-month prison sentence for breaking a court injunction against his leadership of a railway strike involving more than 100,000 workers. He read and read.

From then on the Marxist theory of class struggle was the centre of all he wrote and spoke about.

by JACK ROBERTSON and JENNY JACKSON

hard industrial unionism, loved up to the union bureaucracy and tried to catch the votes of the conservative craft unionists.

Debs fought on. But he had one weakness. He wouldn't fight to build a better, left-wing, leadership. He refused to go to annual conferences or to stand for the Executive. He stayed aloof from faction fights.

President

So, when Lenin and the Bolshevik Party were making a revolution in Russia, the American comrades were floundering.

Debs stood for president in 1920 from the cell where he was serving a ten-year sentence for treason after making a speech against the First World War and for the Russian revolution.

Here's part of that speech: 'You remember that Theodore Roosevelt visited Potsdam when the Kaiser was there. He knew then that the Kaiser was the Beast of Berlin. And yet, he permitted himself to be entertained by that Beast of Berlin; had his feet under the mahogany of the Beast of Berlin; was cheek by jowl with the Beast of Berlin.'

'They were hilariously intimate with each other and slapped each other on the back.'

Jails

'Roosevelt was the guest of honour in the White House of the Kaiser, while the Socialists were in the jails of the Kaiser for fighting the Kaiser. Who then was fighting for democracy? Roosevelt?'

'Now, after being the guest of the Beast of Berlin, he comes back to this country, and wants you to send ten million men over there to kill the Kaiser; to murder his former friend and pal. Rather queer, isn't it?'

'And yet, he is the patriot, and we are the traitors.'

You can read more of Debs' speeches and articles in the book Eugene V Debs Speaks*. It's exciting. It's worth buying just for the introduction by James P Cannon, which clearly argues the need for a party—which Debs tragically did not understand.

* Pathfinder Press, £1.40 including postage, from IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

PRE-VIEW

THURSDAY

HEARTS AND MINDS (BBC2), an Oscar-winning film, produced by the man who made Easy Rider, attacks US involvement in Vietnam. A good episode of THE WORLD AT WAR (ITV)—Red Star—the story of the 890-day siege of Leningrad. 830,000 Russians died, but the Red Army went on to beat the Germans.

FRIDAY

They're going everywhere—mercenaries even got on CANNON (BBC1). THE QUESTION OF ULSTER '76, (BBC1) is a 90-minute programme (to show how seriously the BBC takes the problem).

MONDAY

PANORAMA: THE BAD NEWS FROM GHENT (BBC1) 'explains why the Sidmar steelworks in Belgium is so much more productive and profitable than Llanwern in South Wales. Don't believe a word of it.'

TUESDAY

On BBC2 we have INSIDE STORY: THE CUPBOARD OF CRUG Y BAR. How antique dealers make lots of money by buying antiques cheap from Welsh farmers who don't realise the value.

THURSDAY

TOMORROW'S WORLD on Tomorrow's Scotland (BBC1) is a live broadcast from Irvine in Scotland—an experimental approach to cast a new light on the tangled question of devolution'.

INCLUDE ME OUT!

STUCK in bed with flu last week, I rediscovered this black box that's been lying round the house for ages and that makes noises when you twiddle knobs.

Apparently it's called a radio. It's nicer than the telly when you're ill.

Anyway, one evening they did a dramatised version of Conrad's novel *Under Western Eyes* on this radio. As I listened, it struck me as one of the most appallingly significant books of the century.

First published in 1911, it's the story of Razumov, a Russian student living in St Petersburg. He's 'lofty and solitary', 'alone in this world', without family ties of any kind and quietly studying for a silver medal prize.

Shelter

His private life is disrupted first by Haldin, a fellow student who's just assassinated a government minister and bursts into Razumov's lodgings looking for shelter. Razumov gets rid of him by betraying him to the police.

But this doesn't free Razumov to resume his studies, because the police then insist on using him as a



spy to report on revolutionary exiles in Geneva.

Fed up, Razumov eventually confesses to the revolutionaries that he's a spy. They beat him up and burst his eardrums. He's left stone-deaf—at last totally cut off from the intrusions and demands of his fellow men and so finally able to live in seclusion, free and 'strangely peaceful'.

What's remarkable about this story is the deep break that it makes with 19th century thinking.

For Marx in the 1844 manuscripts says that the worst kind of alienation that capitalism induces is the way people are cut off and secluded from each other.

Many of the great 19th century novels reflect this

notion. What sours Heathcliff in Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* is his rejection by normal society. His resulting isolation rots his whole personality and turns it towards satanic destruction.

Part of the reason why so many of these novels end with a great bang and clatter of wedding bells is the writers' desire to push their heroes and heroines past the alienation and estrangement that surrounds them into fruitful relationships.

Tragedy

But for Conrad and 20th century capitalism, alienation is not a tragedy to be avoided but it is instead sought as freedom.

It's as though capitalism accepts that it's so loathsome that it's compelled to hold out to people the possibility of

escape into lonely, tightly insulated, jealously guarded and utterly private lives as the highest possible form of liberty.

Razumov's cry when Haldin tries to drag him out of his private study into public life, into commitment, is: 'I beg to be excused.'

It's become the great cry of the 20th century. Include me out. I don't want to get involved. Sorry, I can't make it this evening because there's this programme on TV...

The point is that alienation, isolation, privatisation can only be seen as freedom in a society that's so awful that this sort of escape from contact becomes desirable. Marx saw that in 1844. It still hasn't occurred to capitalist society in 1976.

Paul O'Flinn

Book of the Week

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ANTI-CUTS FILM

FIGHT THE CUTS, the film made with the help of the Rank and File Organising Committee, is now released. It's ideal for showing at lunchtime meetings in factories, hospitals or colleges, and evening meetings in town or on housing estates. Useful to build the local campaign. It lasts 55 minutes.

Definitely available from 1 April. Contact CIS, 9 Poland Street, London W1 (phone 01-439 3764) or CDP, 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1.

MAY DAY GREETINGS

Socialist Worker is including a special supplement this May Day—the 50th anniversary of the General Strike—for the many trade union bodies, shop stewards committees and other labour organisations who wish to send May Day greetings.

The rates for advertisements will be:
 'Special' Classified insertion (up to 20 words) £1
 Semi-display, per single column inch (1in by 1½in) £1.50
 Display, per single column inch £2.

Advance space may be booked now by telephone. Ring 01-739 2639. All copy or art work must be received by Friday 16 April.

Send to Socialist Worker (May Day), 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

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SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

CENTRAL LONDON Socialist Worker series of six fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: Tuesdays, 6.30pm, The Roebuck pub, Tottenham Court Road (nearest tube Goodge Street). Open to all SW readers.
 30 March—The revolutionary socialist alternative

CENTRAL LONDON PUBLISHING SW Public Meeting: Struggles of the unemployed between the wars. Speaker: Alistair Hatchett Thursday 18 March, 7pm, The Baynard Castle (Corner Queen Victoria Street, and St Andrews Hill, nearest tubes Blackfriars and St Paul's). All SW supporters welcome.

Vital for students

AN IMPORTANT meeting for all NOISS delegates and observers to the NUS Llandudno Conference has been called for Saturday 27 March in Birmingham.

Pete Gillard, NUS Executive member and NOISS candidate for National Secretary, stressed the importance of the meeting if we are

to intervene effectively at conference.

There should be a big effort to send at least one representative from each delegation.

Questions to the executive report have to be in to the NUS by 26 March. If there are any problems with these or with the meeting, phone 01 739 1878.

AFRICA SCHOOL

THE ANGOLAN war and the growing guerrilla campaign in Zimbabwe have highlighted the importance of Southern Africa for revolutionaries in Britain.

The Socialist Worker Africa Group is organising a Day School on Southern Africa on Saturday 3 April in

Birmingham. Sessions will include general perspectives, workshops and solidarity work.

Each district should send at least one representative. Registrations to SW Africa Group, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

...and WHAT'S ON

SOUTH WEST LONDON Socialist Worker series of fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: Mondays, 8pm, Battersea District Library, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, SW11 (Buses: 19, 37, 49, 77, 168, 249). Open to all SW readers.

29 March—The meaning of Marxism. Speaker: Tony Cliff.

12 April—Marxist Economics. Speaker: John Ure.

26 April—Racialism and imperialism. Speaker: Nigel Harris.

10 May—The State. Speaker: Paul Foot.

EAST LONDON SW series of six fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: Livingstone Road, Stratford, E15, 7.30pm.

Friday 26 March: What is a revolutionary socialist party? Speaker: Tony Cliff.

BRIGHTON SW Public Meeting: Labourism or Socialism. Debate between Stuart Holland and Duncan Hallas (SW). Wednesday 17 March, 8pm, Brighton and Hove Trades and Labour Club, Lewis Road.

HUYTON SW public meeting: After two years' hard Labour. Speaker: Paul Foot. Thursday 1 April, 8pm, Huyton Suite, Huyton Village, Liverpool. Bar facilities. Buses 89, 11, 75, 40, 6C, 92, H6, H8, H12.

SOUTHWARK TEACHERS SW Public Meetings: Thursdays 6pm, Borough Polytechnic Students Union, Rotary Street, London, SE1. 11 March meeting cancelled 18 March Ireland. 25 March: Permanent Arms Economy. Further details ring G Loewenstein 01 622 1090.

MIDDLESEX & INNER W LONDON DISTRICTS SW series of fortnightly lectures on THE MEANING OF MARXISM: 8pm (prompt) Kings Head, Acton High Street, London W3. Every other Tuesday.

23 March: World Communism: History of the CP—Ian Birchall.

6 April: Basic Marxist Economics—John Ure.

20 April: Why Capitalism's in Crisis—M Kidron.

4 May: What is Imperialism—N Harris.

18 May: History of the Labour Party—D Hallas.

1 June: Building the Revolutionary Party—T Cliff.

NEWHAM Womens Voice and SW public meeting: Abortion—What Now? Speakers: Margaret Benn and Dr Ron Singer. Thursday 1 April, 8pm, Lawrence Hall, Cumberland Road.

SOUTHWARK Socialist Worker public meeting: On the docks with Labour. Speaker: Tony Cliff. Thursday 18 March, 8pm, Manor Place Baths, off Waltham Road, London SE17.

BANGOR SW Public Meeting: The situation in Southern Africa. Friday 19 March, 8pm, Liverpool Arms, High Street, Bangor. Non members especially welcome.

SOCIALIST WORKER EVENTS

NORTH LONDON WOMENS VOICE GROUP: Jumble Sale, Saturday 27 March, 3.00pm, Stroud Green School, Ennis Road, N4. If you have any jumble, bric-a-brac, etc, we could use it! Please phone 348 2041 for collection.

Socialist Worker AGITPROP BULLETIN: First issue is ready, with ideas for using posters, tapes, slides, films, music in political work. Send stamped, addressed, large envelope for a copy, to SW Agitprop Group, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

FOR SALE: SW Collection from No 207 to date (few missing). Private Eye No 235-350 (few missing). Ink (all but 2). Proceeds to Fighting Fund. Rush offers to 46 Westport St, London E7.

WOMENS VOICE BADGE: Abortion: our right to choose. White on red. Price: 17p inc postage. 10 or more 10p each, post free. Money with orders please. from Womens Voice, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

NOISS

NOISS meeting for all NOISS delegates and observers to NUS Llandudno conference: Saturday 27 March in Birmingham. Important that all delegates attend. Details of time and place to be announced.

Could any NOISS/IS student/Lecturer well placed to sell some Chem/Physics text books (2nd hand) to raise money for the fighting fund please contact 46 Westport St, London E7.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

WORKERS AND NORTH SEA OIL: New Socialist Worker pamphlet published by Edinburgh 'IS' on conditions offshore and onshore and the role of the trade union leadership in the Oil Boom. 6p (plus 8p p&p—10 copies post free) from Rosie Smallwood, 9 High Street, Edinburgh.

EETPU Fraction EC meeting: Saturday 3 April, 2.30pm. Details from Fraction Secretary or Industrial Department.

WOMENS VOICE is out now. Collect your branch's copies from the stations with this issue of Socialist Worker.

IS BLACK CAUCUS MEETING: Lozells Social Development Club, 1 Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. Sunday 21 March, 11am. All black members welcome. For accommodation Saturday night, ring Birmingham bookshop, 021-643 5717.

PUNJABI CHINGARI out now. Lots of news and views from India. TUC, unemployment and work-permits. The Education Act and Immigrant children. Send in money for the last issue NOW Chingari, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

SUMMER TRAINING SCHOOLS: 21-24 June: IS full-timers' school, 19-22 July: Women's Voice School, 2-5 August: National Cadre School (Manchester), 23-26 August: National Cadre School (London). Details from Training Committee, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

SOCIALIST WORKER RALLY

Skegness
16 April

ABOUT SKEGNESS...

FIRST of all, you don't have to participate in anything.

Many, many activities, social and political, have been arranged, but if you prefer to walk along the beach, swim, sit in one of the five pubs on the camp or just 'do your own thing', it is up to you.

There is a wide range of political events and entertainments.

Most of the political meetings will have free hand-outs from the speakers.

In the evenings, there will be a choice of live music—Reggae, ceilidh band, trad jazz, or folk. Plenty to choose from, and what's more, it's FREE.

The number of children we can cater for needs careful explanation. Socialist Worker is restricted by the camp to a total of 280 children.

This is the number that will fit into four dormitories where, with the exception of babies, the children will sleep. Adults are restricted to 1280.

To be as fair as possible, we allocated numbers of adults and children to the towns in which Socialist Worker is sold.

Most of the kiddies' places are now taken, but ask your Socialist Worker seller. There remain some adult places, so book quickly.

POLITICAL EVENTS

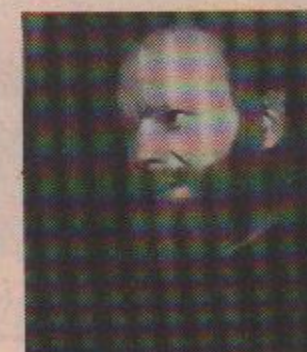
MICHAEL KIDRON on the changing nature of Capitalism



LAURIE FLYNN on Law and Order



TYRIL HARRIS on The Ideas of Wilhelm Reich



PETER SEDGWICK on Madness, Mental Illness and Marxism

With a discussion of Jack Nicholson's film One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (sorry, we can't get the film)

IAN TAYLOR on Football and its 'hooligans'

Ian Taylor has spent years, some say decades, looking at football and the working class. In 1968, he interviewed Pete of Brazil.

Other speakers include Tony Cliff, Paul Foot, Nigel Harris, Duncan Hallas, Ray Challinor and Colin Sparks.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE KIDS

THERE is a permanent Day Nursery from after breakfast to 5pm.

Parents will be responsible for feeding their children. For babies still being bottle fed, there is a feeding centre with SMA milk and baby foods provided free.

The nursery is supervised by four qualified nursery nurses.

Children over four years will sleep in dormitories, where they will be looked after by two nurses through the night.

Zoo

Also arranged are several events in which the kids can take part—craft, games on the football pitch or beach, weather permitting, silk screening—demonstrations and practical sessions—craft making, visits to zoo and nature reserve.

Older kids may also want to enact and make costumes for a number of historical pageants of events in workers' history, to be shown to the camp on Sunday evening.

There will be cartoons and colour telly for the kids to watch too.

Provisional programme for kids:

FRIDAY 16
 Afternoon
 Sign up for other events
 Nursery

SATURDAY 17
 Morning
 Visit to the Zoo

Discussion for pageant
 Craft making
 Cartoons/tele
 Outdoor games
 Nursery
 Afternoon
 Nature Walk
 Preparation for pageants—costumes etc

Craft
 Cartoons/tele
 Outdoor games
 Nursery

SUNDAY 18

Morning
 Nature walk
 Rehearsals for pageant

Craft
 Outdoor games
 Cartoons/tele
 Nursery

Afternoon
 Final preparations for pageant

Craft
 Outdoor games
 Cartoons/tele
 Nursery

Evening
 Pageant in Theatre

Donkey

We are also trying to organise a Donkey Derby, and any kids who want to take part in games throughout the weekend can arrange to do so.

The kids, of course, can attend any of the films on show in the theatre, or any of the discussions taking place throughout the weekend.

There will be a disco in the evening for kids, too.

Socialist Worker FILMS FOR THE CHILDREN

- Laurel and Hardy
- Cartoons
- The Red Balloon
- The Running, Jumping and Standing Still film (starring The Goons)



NEXT WEEK: Details of live

Reggae, Ceilidh, Folk, Jazz and other gigs (all free).

Come to the Socialist Worker Rally, Friday 16 April to Monday 19 April at the Derbyshire Miners Holiday Camp in Skegness. £16.25, covering all meals, accommodation and entertainment. Children free. Book your place through your local seller of Socialist Worker.

Another TGWU ballot scandal

THE TRANSPORT Union ballot scandal reported recently in Socialist Worker is not an isolated case.

The entire vote from Ford's, Dagenham for the No. 1 Region vehicle and automatic trade group committee has been disallowed.

The scrutineers reported: 'A large number of ballot papers were clean and unfolded and had never been in ballot boxes.'

There were three separate incidents of 'a number of papers altogether identically marked'. These had been disallowed, the report said.

Resist

It is to the credit of the regional office that this ballot was disallowed, despite an attempted cover up by officers of 1/107 branch.

But this is no guarantee against future malpractice. No other ballot is planned.

These abuses can only weaken the union. Already one right winger is making capital out of the affair.

The TGWU should put its house in order and ensure that the method of balloting at Dagenham complies with Rule 13.

CALLING SOGAT MEMBERS

By SOGAT IS Fraction

THE PRELIMINARY Agenda for SOGAT's Biennial Delegate Conference this May will be discussed by branches in the next two weeks.

We urge all members to support, in particular, the following resolutions:

RULE REVISION:

□ All resolutions calling for an Annual Delegate Conference (R.11 on through).

□ For the abolition of trades conferences (R.63-66) and their integration into the ADC (R.29).

□ For the yearly election of the NEC (R.112); against the appointment of organisers (R.114) and for their election (R.127).

□ For the yearly election of FOCs/MOCs (R.223) and for federated chapels (R.232).

All of these resolutions would improve union democracy by increasing the accountability of chapel officials, full-timers, NEC and general officers to the rank and file.

We also urge members to support:

R.307 but to amend it by deleting 'Selective import controls'

R.262/312 for liaison between branches covering subsidiaries of multinationals.

R.291 against regrading of women's jobs by job evaluation schemes.

R.294/317 against overtime working particularly where one factory in a group is facing redundancies.

R.295/6 for the shorter working week.

R.332/333 against cuts in the social services.

R.346/7 against financial support for the Chilean regime.

R.348 supporting the struggles of the Spanish working class.

R.352 for abortion on request.

WHOSE Engineering Union address contains the following sentence: 'I am a reasonable and in the proper sense of the word a moderate person.'

ANSWER: Jimmy Reid, candidate for the union's Scottish Regional Officer.

ABORTION: GET MOVING!

THE FOLLOWING resolution on abortion has been passed at the Colindale site of the Kilburn Poly branch of the lecturers' union, NATFHE, in North West London.

Support from all three sites would make it branch policy. This branch, in line with past NATFHE policy, opposes the attempt to restrict women's rights to choose to have and freely obtain an abortion.

Illegal

It therefore supports the demonstration called by the National Abortion Campaign for 3 April.

It also deplores that Mr Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea and sponsored by NATFHE, voted for the continuation of the James White Select Committee whose aim is the restriction of rights to safe and free abortion.

It therefore calls on NATFHE to withdraw its sponsorship for him.

There is still time for many trade union branches to move



Alan Williams: withdraw his sponsorship!

similar resolutions for support for the demonstration on 3 April.

When moving the resolution remember:

□ The TUC Congress last September agreed: 'Congress calls upon the General Council and all affiliated trade unions to campaign actively in the labour movement

To defeat the Abortion (Amendment) Bill

For the right of all women to adequate service for contraception and abortion on request available free of charge on the NHS.'

□ If the 1967 Abortion Act is changed abortions will not decrease in number, they will simply become illegal, and more dangerous.

Vote

□ Women should be able to decide for themselves when they need abortions without being forced to break the law. THE Working Women's Charter Campaign is holding a delegate conference in Coventry on 10-11 April. Applications for credentials should be sent to: WWCC Conference Secretary, c/o Helen Gurdon, Flat 4, 39 Newbold Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warwick. Delegate fee, £1.50.

A society of humans, not emotional cripples...

PRODUCTION is carried on for profit, not for use... Technological progress frequently results in more unemployment rather than in an easing of the burden of work for all.

The profit motive, in conjunction with competition among capitalists, is responsible for an instability in the accumulation and utilisation of capital which leads to increasingly severe depressions.

Unlimited competition leads to a huge waste of labour, and to a crippling of the social consciousness of individuals...

This crippling of individuals I consider the worst evil of capitalism. Our whole educational system suffers from this evil...

I am convinced there is only one way to eliminate these grave evils, namely



So what would you put in its place?

By ALBERT EINSTEIN

through the establishment of a socialist economy, accompanied by an educational system which would be oriented toward social goals.

In such an economy, the means of production are owned by society itself and are utilised in a planned fashion.

A planned economy,

which adjusts production to the needs of the community, would distribute the work to be done among all those able to work and would guarantee a livelihood to every man, woman and child.

The education of the individual, in addition to promoting his own innate abilities, would attempt to develop in him a sense of responsibility for his fellow men in place of the glorification of power and success in our present society.

These words were written by the great scientist, Albert Einstein.

If you think he was some 'rare genius', look at his track record under capitalism.

Against

Aged 13, one of his teachers told him he would 'never amount to anything'.

Aged 15, he left school in despair since he could no longer stand learning by rote.

Aged 16½, he failed the entry exams for the Zurich Poly—so he proceeded to develop his interest in science by his own endeavours.

Aged 23, he finally got a job as a clerk in the Patent Office, where he illicitly worked on his calculations in his employers' time.

'I have no special gift—I am only passionately curious. This is not a question of heredity,' he told one of his biographers.

Aim

Einstein knew what he would put in the place of capitalism—so what about YOU?

From next week, rank and file workers will be explaining how their industries could be run in a society controlled by workers.

AIRPORT workers from London's Heathrow will tell how half the airline seats are empty—and how they could be filled by giving free holidays for people such as the poor and the old.

An ELECTRONICS worker will tell how the highest quality electronics is reserved for arms production—while defective goods are produced for the likes of us.

Work

Many other similar examples from other jobs could be given. Why not write about yours?

HEALTH WORKERS would be able to devote more and more resources to research into previously incurable diseases. Let's hear from a health worker on this subject.

FIREMEN, instead of trying to put out fires, could try to prevent them by using their knowledge and skill in the design, construction and furnishing of houses. Let's hear from some firemen.

But whatever job you do, we want to hear from you with your ideas.

Write to Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 8DN, or phone Laurie Flynn (01-739 6361).

All aboard! It's a TUC gravy train



the unions

WHAT DO the TUC leaders do with their spare time?

They're all very busy, but not too busy to fit in the regular round of cocktail and dinner parties specially arranged so they can meet 'important' people.

On 24 February, for instance, the General Council were invited to a 'reception' at the French Embassy. These 'dos' have a very good reputation and there was nearly a 100 per cent turn-out from the TUC.

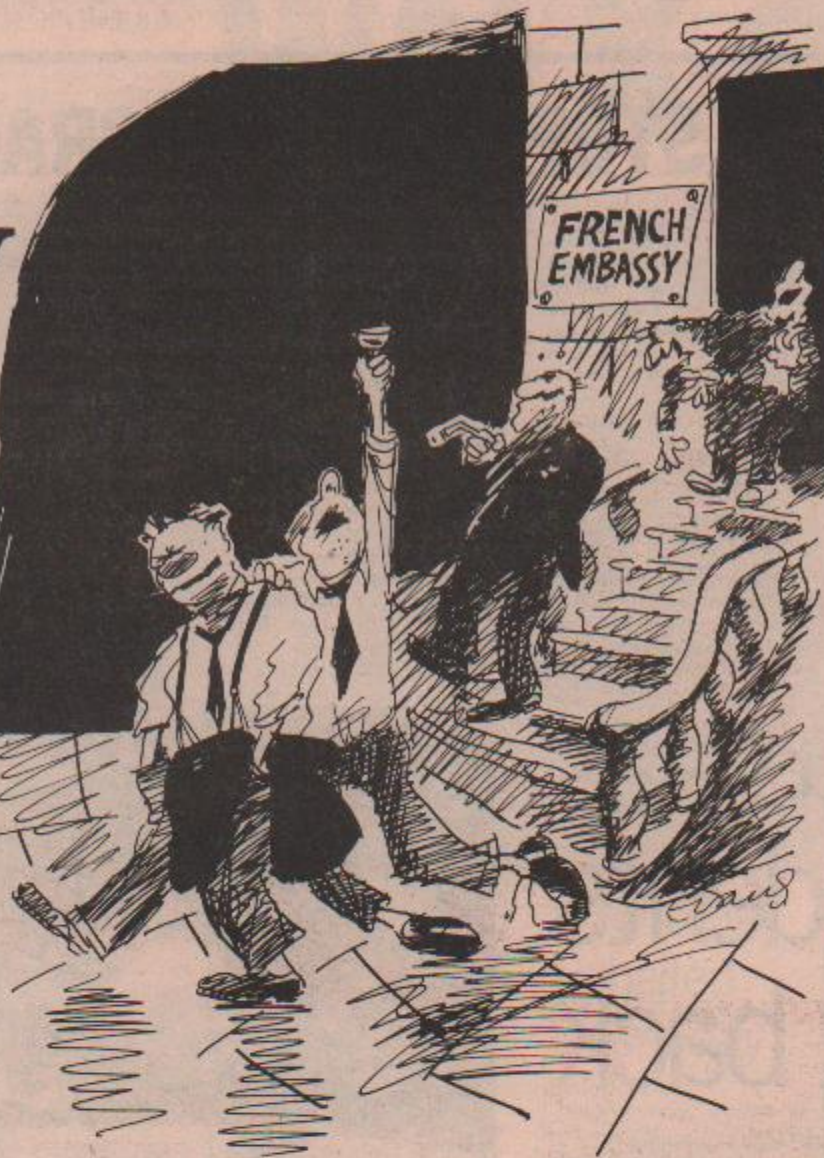
Concern

A journalist present was amazed at their behaviour. 'They went straight for the food and drink,' he said.

'And they didn't rest until completely sated. We had to do all the talking to rather surprised French officials.'

Then there was the curious affair of the Admiralty dinner last Thursday. The host was Frank Judd, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Navy.

All the top admiralty brass were there, including the Navy Chief of Staff, Sir Edward Ashmore, and at least five other



admirals.

'The theme of this dinner, an Admiralty spokesman explained to Socialist Worker, 'is industry. Industry and the trade unions.'

The guests of honour were well-known bosses Sir Eric Yarrow, Sir Iain Stewart and Sir Arnold Weinstock.

Alongside, neatly dressed in stuffed shirts and black ties, were three union leaders, Frank Chapple (electricians),

Danny McGarvey (boilermakers) and Hugh Scanlon (engineers).

Hugh Scanlon's appearance at this horrible feed-in has poured fuel on the flames of a little local difficulty in his union offices at Peckham Road in South London.

Apparently even some of Hughie's closest associates are getting a little worried at his continuous appearances at expensive luncheons and conferences.

OUR NORMAN



Notices and meetings

Notices for this column must be posted to arrive by first post the Monday preceding publication. We cannot take them over the phone. Send cash with copy (5p a word) to CLASSIFIED, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 9DS. No invoices can be sent.

Australian Socialist Alliance Public Meeting. Thursday 25 March, 7pm, The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London. Speaker Sue Chilly, a leading black Australian woman militant who has been attending the 'crimes against women conference' in Brussels.

AFTER THE Right to Work Rally come to a social Wandsworth Rank and File Teachers have an entertainment by London Waiting. Raise your Standards (to be made redundant?). Saturday 20 March, 8.30pm, Foresters Arms, Mitcham Road, SW17. Admission 50p (40p in advance). Late Bar. Music. Profits to William Tyndale Support Fund and Rank and File.

WOMEN UNDER APARTHEID: Speakers: Hi-Hilda Bernstein, Shanti Naidoo. Sunday March 21, 8pm, Westway Lunch Club, London W10 (side Ladbroke Grove St) West London Anti-Apartheid Group; Sharpeville Anniversary Meeting.

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION Sunday 25 April—Against cuts in the NHS—Ban all private practice. Called by: National Co-ordinating Committee against Cuts in the NHS. Sponsors include: NALGO, Socialist Medical Association, NUS, AUEW District Committee, Sheffield, March from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square. Finishing with a rally. For further information and copies of mobilising literature posters etc, please contact Dr P Stern (secretary), 55 Bridge Lane, London NW11.

EAST LONDON TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT PUBLIC MEETING, 24 March, 8pm, The British Army in Ireland, why it should be withdrawn now. Central Library Bancroft Road (off Mile End Road), E1. Speakers: Neil Davies, ex-paratrooper.

MEETING to organise against hospital management's policy of not renewing work permits. Sunday 21 March, 4pm, Tavistock Clinic, 92 Tavistock Road, London W11. Campaign for Repeal of Immigration Act.

BENEFIT for Islington NAC featuring: West London Theatre Workshop with their new play and a film and music. Old Red Lion Pub, St John's St, EC1, 26 March, 7.30pm.

WANTED URGENTLY: Men to help run canteen for National Women's Conference, Newcastle, 23-25 April. Contact—Claudia Seaton, 14 Beverley Terrace, Cullercoats, Tyne and Wear.

JOHN AND MARGARET LLYWARCH invite you to a North Wales country holiday. Walking, fishing, pony trekking and more besides. Stamped addressed envelope please to Bryn Iddon, Bryn y Garth, Oswestry, or phone Chirk 2272.

FIGHTBACK bulletin of East London Action Committee Against Cuts No 2. Just out. Articles on hospitals, Education, Right to Work, Housing, Immigrants. Sp. each from 71a Vallance Road, London, E1.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR on How to Fight the Education Cuts. Saturday 3 April, 10.30am, University of London Union, Malet Street, London, WC1. Sponsored by TUC South East Regional Council, leading Labour Movement speakers to open and close conference. For delegates credentials, organisations should apply to Paula Lanning, NATFHE, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London, WC1H 9GH.

FOUR BEDROOMS in friendly guest house—self-catering. Write for brochure to Mary Connolly, 22 Highfield Road, Ilfracombe, N Devon.

Local labour movement CONFERENCE ON UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE CUTS: Saturday 3 April, Stockwell Hall, Stockwell Park Walk, Brixton, London SW2. Creche provided. Details and delegates/visitors credentials from V Wiseman, 23 Saunders House, St Martins Estate, London SW2. Organised by Lambeth Trades Council, Norwood Labour Party. Sponsored by Battersea/Wandsworth, South West Trades Councils and South West London Right to Work Committee.

A SKILLED JOB IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY

SW Litho are offering an apprenticeship as a compositor, to work in the pre-print department, which handles copy preparation, typesetting and page make up for the reproduction of magazines and newspapers. Training will be given in works on a whole range of techniques, and also by day-release education at a printing technical college. Applicants should be 18 or under, and must be prepared to undergo a written examination and an interview (plus a medical examination) held by the union. The job will be offered subject to the applicant's successfully meeting the requirements of the above examinations. Write for further details and/or interview to SW (Litho) Printers Ltd, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS. Telephone 01739 1413/1870.

KNOWSLEY: FIGHT THESE SACKINGS!

LIVERPOOL: Knowsley Borough Council have a backlog of 25,000 repair jobs that ought to be covered by the direct works department.

Their response is to try and sack 181 men in the department. As a result, all 579 men are now out on strike.

But the council's decision goes even further. For every £4000 they appear to be going to overspend on next year's estimates, one man will be sacked—so if they are incapable of managing we must suffer the consequences.

We have now given notice that, before any return to work, the redundancy notices must be withdrawn, and the chairman of the direct works Council Committee must apologise for his accusations that a trade union official is a liar and the trade unions are not trustworthy.

Spread

Two weeks before this dispute, there was a strike in the engineers department over the redeployment of four refuse collectors.

This dispute quickly spread through mass meetings to involve other council workers, including sports centre staff, parks and garden workers and cleaners.

A mass meeting was then held in Kirkby and the related workers there joined the dispute. The NUPE full-time official was approached and he agreed to support the strike.

Management gave way. An effective combine committee building this sort of response will be important to our dispute.



The journalists turn back a sympathetic Post Office worker; a mass picket has been called for this Friday

STOP THIS TUC CRACKDOWN!

THREE trades councils in the Manchester area have approved the change in Rule 14.

This means they will be stopped from co-operating with any organisation opposed to TUC policy, or in campaigning against the £6 wage limit.

The TUC are threatening to disaffiliate any trades council which refuses to accept the rule change.

Silent

Communist Party members on the Manchester Trades Council have welcomed the change with a silent 'yes'.

In Islington, North Lon-

How has your Trades Council reacted? Socialist Worker will print reports on this issue. Write to us at Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 8DN.

don, the Communist Party bureaucracy voted for the new rule 14 amidst blatant steamroller tactics.

In the 20s and 30s this rule, in its old form, was used to exclude CP members.

We now see them using this very same rule against the only delegates with any wish for action.

Not only that, during the

rejected it if given the opportunity, it was presented to the Trades Council as an accomplished fact that delegates had no choice over.

Some delegates are now planning to argue for the Trades Council to reverse this decision and give support to the other councils who are already fighting this rule.

□ The Greater London Association of Trades Councils, to which all the rebel Trades Councils belong, refused even to discuss the issue. They argued that they didn't have to make up their minds until the next Annual General Meeting.

□ Barnet Trades Council has not opposed the change, as reported in last week's Socialist Worker.

meeting one comrade was accused of disruption and, even before the new rule had been passed, threatened with expulsion.

Although a majority of delegates were opposed to the rule and would have probably



Some of the 5000 students—the vast majority from overseas—who marched through London last week to protest at the increases in overseas' students fees.

government's spending cuts. Hattersley was jeered when he sat down to a free dinner with assorted academics and local dignitaries. He had to be smuggled out the back way afterwards to avoid the students.

Members of the University's women's group were also protesting at the presence of local MP Kevin McNamara, a well-known anti-abortionist who is on the Commons Select

Committee on abortion. The campaign may help to explain the high vote of NOISS candidate Stirling Smith in the presidential election. He came second, with 574 votes, to a Tory.

LONDON: All but 20 of the 149 staff at the Social Science Research Council were on strike on Friday. All four civil service unions—C.P.S.A., S.C.S.,

ASTMS and CSU—supported the action. They were protesting against staff cuts for the coming year.

THE NATIONAL Union of Students held a week of action against corporal punishment last week. Besides being degrading and humiliating, it is ineffective.

Students lobbied Parliament. But NUSS needs to build more support in the schools.

Hammersmith journalists locked out

LONDON: Six journalists, all NUJ members, are picketing their offices at Addison Bridge Place, Hammersmith, for the second week running in an attempt to force publisher Barrie Scott of Appointment Publications to resume negotiations over a conditions of service agreement.

The six, who have been locked out, are backed by the NUJ.

The union is providing strike pay, planning a big picket this Friday and exploring other ways of intensifying pressure on management.

Two publications are affected: the weekly Public Service and Local Government, which has taken an increasing chunk of local government recruitment advertising in the last four years, and the monthly The Architect, bought from IPC last Christmas.

Stake

A chapel spokesman continued: 'Union recognition is at stake here.'

The dispute burst into the open two weeks ago when Scott, a former IPC advertising salesman, said he saw no point in continuing negotiations on a house agreement—despite a signed commitment to do so.

Prestwich sit-in victory

MANCHESTER: 150 nurses, porters, domestics and canteen staff occupied the Sector Administrator's office in Prestwich Hospital last Thursday.

We were protesting at management's refusal to negotiate over a grading dispute in the staff canteen, which had resulted in no meals being served for two days.

Management seemed prepared to let this situation continue, perhaps hoping that the CoHSE nurses who use the canteen would turn against the NUPE ancillary workers who were in dispute.

The recently-formed joint shop stewards committee called a mass meeting on Thursday afternoon at which the call for an occupation was put forward.

Hungry

This action completely changed the situation. The Sector Administrator came back from his dinner to find his office packed with hungry—and angry—workers.

He scuttled off to the Area Health Authority headquarters and an hour later the negotiations, which we were told were impossible, were now suddenly possible.

They resulted in an agreement which includes the upgrading of two ancillaries—the taking on of two new workers and the promise to look at all grading anomalies in the hospital.

So thanks to the united action of the hospital workers at Prestwich, there will be two less people on the dole in Manchester.

Overseas students hit back

STUDENTS at the London School of Economics staged a two-day occupation of their director's plush office last week to protest at any proposed increase in fees for overseas students.

Failed

The action came after a picket of the academic board had failed to win any concessions from the authorities.

BRISTOL: 21 students at the university face possible fines or even expulsion following a sit-in two weeks ago.

The sit-in was called to demand a nursery for student parents. It ended after a day with a commitment by the Vice-Chancellor which went most of the way to meet the students' demands.

Since then Senate—the leading academic body—has been demanding action against militants. It has been backed by the Western Daily Press which, in a series of vicious editorials, has called

for mass expulsions. Now it looks as though its cries for blood will be answered.

The Students Union, determined to fight the issue, has adopted a policy of non-cooperation with the disciplinary tribunal—which was called a 'kangaroo court' this week by one lecturer.

Students are also mounting a large scale campaign in defence of the 21. One of the first steps will be a demonstration of all Bristol colleges this Friday, 19 March.

□ Messages of support to Students Union, Queens Rd, Bristol 8.

HULL: Roy Hattersley—a Minister at the Foreign Office—got a nasty shock when he visited Hull University last week to open the new student union building.

Cuts

He was followed inside by 200 students and supporters of Hull Right to Work Campaign. The demonstration protested against the

Picture: Andrew Wiard (Report)

NOW IS THE TIME TO ROCK THE BOAT!

Right to Work public meeting

Speakers: Len Blood (AUEW), Billy Williams (EETPU) and Jimmy McCallum Milton Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, Tuesday 23 March, 8pm

Holliday Hall: Now let's get together!

By Peter Porteous, Glasgow Committee EETPU

THE HOLLIDAY Hall strike has ended after four weeks on the streets.

It involved 15 major sites in the West of Scotland and started when management tried to move an electrician from a job in Glasgow to a large oil rig building complex at Portaviche in the Firth of Clyde, nearly 100 miles away.

The company refused to give the man any more than the £24.50 basic Out of Town Allowance as laid down by the Joint Industry Board—though they admitted that the site is so inaccessible that the cost just to get there would be about £25.

The brother asked for a sub on his wages of £50 to see him through that week. The management refused, and when the brother refused to go they sacked him on the spot.

The lads on his site, the Alhambra House, struck immediately. Even the foremen came out with them.

Spread

Within the week, 15 sites of men and chargehands were out and delegates were sent out all over the country.

While the lads were out, the job at Portaviche was closed by the government's cuts. The boys went down and put the boot in and got a pay-off agreement starting at £200.

The company also agreed to pay some money to the man they had tried to move.

People who don't know the electrical contracting industry might think this is not much after four weeks.

But what these brothers have done is organise a contracting firm that links up site to site.

They have set up a Shop Stewards Committee, made it a closed shop and wrung an agreement out of Holliday Hall Co that there will be no redundancies without the Shop Stewards Committee being informed.

What's needed is for sites up and down the country to be linked up. Any stewards or sparks with Holliday Hall get in touch with T C Cary, 565 Dunbarton Road, Glasgow G11 6HU. Phone 041 334 9626.

Stand by for Post Worker...

By a UPW member
POST OFFICE workers in the UPW are getting together to bring out a new rank and file paper, the Post Worker.

The UPW, under the leadership of Tom Jackson, are co-operating with management in introducing 18,000 redundancies.

In a number of UPW branches, rank and file workers are getting together to fight for a more democratic union which will defend jobs, wages and conditions.

Struggle

A rank and file paper will be an essential part of this battle. For example, we are told that the Post Office makes a huge loss.

This is a lie that our paper can expose. If the accounts were made up in the same way as private enterprise they would show the Post Office made a huge profit of £350 million last year.

All UPW members interested in helping out to produce the Post Worker, or in writing articles or letters, or who would like more information, should write to Post Worker, care of the Rank and File Organising Committee, 46, Prince George Road, London, N16.

Chapple's last election: 2 rivals?

By Steve Jefferys

FRANK Chapple, EETPU General Secretary, is now likely to face just two challengers in his last election battle in May.

The field in the race for nominations has narrowed since the exclusive report in last week's Socialist Worker.

Demand

Candidates wishing to stand have to win at least 12 nominations at special branch meetings held this month.

Among the nationally-known figures who are not standing are:

□ Southern Counties EC member ERIC HAMMOND, who stood against Chapple for

the elected job (now abolished) of General President in 1972.

□ Former Kent Area full-time official, BILL BANNING, who resigned to stand for the EC last year.

□ Two former Flashlight group rank and file candidates: FRED GORE, who stood against Chapple for General Secretary in 1971 and CHARLIE MONTGOMERY, who beat the sitting Scottish EC member in 1970 only to have that election result scrubbed by the EC.

□ JOHNNY BYRNE, the Liverpool militant who led the

IRO strike for three and a half years.

□ JIM DORMER, the SLL/WRP candidate for General Secretary in 1971, who last year declared he had 'come back to earth' and is now in line for an appointment as a full-time official.

The field for nominations is thus believed to have been reduced to Chapple himself, Harold Best, Yorkshire EC member and former appointed full-time official; and Billy Williams, rank and file member and Secretary of Cardiff No 2 branch.

The last-minute decision of leading Communist Party

figures within the Flashlight group to split from its traditional position of backing rank and file policies with a rank and file candidate has taken many active EETPU militants by surprise.

Unfair

It was a rushed decision, taken without any prior rank and file consultation at a small meeting of the Flashlight 'leadership'.

Even then it was only carried by a 2 to 1 majority.

The failure of the Flashlight leadership to carry on the fight to build a rank and file opposition to Chapple will not prevent such an opposition from growing.



BILLY WILLIAMS

STEEL MEN GET TOUGH

By a steelworker at Ravenscraig, Motherwell

THE RECENT strike by almost 5000 workers at Ravenscraig, Motherwell, represents a new era in rank and file militancy against the bureaucratic Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, and the reactionary management of the British Steel Corporation.

The Ravenscraig workers have, in the past, been noted for their complacency and 'I'm all right Jack' attitude, both to other workers outside Ravenscraig and among the different work groups.

Concern

The strike is a major step forward because of the solid, united action in which workers leapt to the defence of the 120 cranimen and others who were the main cause of the dispute.

The dispute of the cranimen had its origins in a claim lodged over a year ago, to operate new plant and machinery.

After taking their claim through the procedure and back and forward to their Executive and the so-called 'neutral' committees, the workers had had enough and took militant action.

The immediate action of Arthur Bell, ISTC Divisional Organiser, was to do a Pontius Pilate, leaving the way open for BSC to sack the strikers.

This BSC tactic was tried a few years ago in Ravenscraig, only then they waited much longer before sending sack notices.

Support

Now all 150 men are reinstated pending negotiations, because of the prompt strike action across the plant.

Had the BSC been permitted to get away with these tactics, as the time span between the start of the strikes and the sack notices has been getting shorter, then the next lot of 'unofficial' strikers would most likely be sacked immediately.

Of course, perhaps this new hard face attitude by Ravenscraig management is not so unexpected since the foyer of their Industrial Relations building is littered with leaflets from that well known Tory front organisation, The Economic League.

ROVER TOOLROOM WORKERS WALK OUT

THE 350 TOOLROOM workers in the seven Rover plants—Cardiff, Solihull, Perry Barr, Tyburn, Tyseley, Springfield and Acocks Green—have been out on strike since last Thursday to defend the national toolroom agreement.

It is the last agreement to have been concluded through collective bargaining left in British Leyland. All other workers in the Rover plants and in the rest of Leyland are covered by domestic agreements.

As Brother Barron pointed out from Rover Solihull: 'If the company is able to break national agreements like the Toolroom agreement, which has been in existence since 1940, then the situation doesn't look very rosy for other domestic agreements.'

The importance of defending the agreement lies in the fact that the toolroom workers at Rovers are the only workers to have fought successfully all attempts at measured day work, time and motion studies and the like.

The fight to defend the agreement is a fight to defend working conditions and wages.

If the company were to succeed in breaking the toolroom workers in Rover's, it would be the end of the last independently negotiated wage levels and therefore the last independent yardstick for wages in Rover and British Leyland.

Support among production workers is spreading. So far the plants at Tyburn, Tyseley and Perry Barr are closed and many other workers are refusing to cross the picket line.

The toolroom workers, members of the Engineering Union, feel that if the company can get away with breaking this national agreement then no agreement will be safe.



SWINTON: A mass picket of 250 outside Automat last Thursday. It succeeded in closing the factory for the day.

The picket was called by Salford Trades Council and supported by Eccles Trades Council, the Manchester Confed, and Gardners Joint Shop Stewards Committee.

The firm, who have been continuously blacked for the last four years by AUEW/TASS for past victimisations, fired seven Engineering Union members, including the convenor, nearly

Automat halted for a day

two months ago. Unfortunately, despite official support, the picketing has been low key and last Thursday was the first serious attempt to close the firm.

Much more of the same will have to follow if Automat are to be brought to heel.

PICKET BROKEN

CARDIFF: The combine-wide strike of Rover toolroom workers took an ugly turn at Pengam.

Members of APEX, TGWU, EETPU (including the new elected shop steward) and roughly a third of the AUEW production workers crossed the picket lines on Friday.

This reflects both the dangerously craftist attitude

of the Toolroom (they don't even attend mass meetings unless 'it's to do with them') and the appalling lead given by the AUEW shop stewards over the last few months.

Since the stewards' committee sold out the strike for an overtime ban last month, the shops have been split down the middle and leadership, which was previously weak, is now almost non-existent.

WE WON'T HANG OURSELVES!

CARDIFF: 26 Transport Union members at S A Brain struck last week to protect the jobs of three of their members.

The three, including the TGWU shop steward, were threatened with redundancy, even though Brains—a brewery firm—were demanding weekend and overtime working from the rest of the transport section.

Sell-out

As one striker told Socialist Worker: 'When you ask a man facing redundancy to work a Saturday, that's like telling a condemned man the hangman hasn't turned up yet, do you

mind hanging yourself, just to help out?'

The transport section of the new brewery is the only unionised section of the Brains

Victory at Gray's

WHILE thousands of workers were demonstrating on 5 March against the cuts and redundancies in Dundee, Gray's, the building firm, were sacking five workers on the Wellgate site.

It was a clear case of victimisation. The bosses had discovered a history of trade union militancy in the background of Tom Powell. He has recently been pushing for more money and better conditions on the site.

After a week of strike action by 35 workers in the building workers' union, UCATT, to defend these jobs, the management requested that the case be referred to a local joint council meeting. This was a face-saver for Gray's. The union side had a complete victory and the men were reinstated on Tuesday.

empire, which employs 1322 people.

Although a few pub managers and tenants crossed the picket lines, most drivers

delivering to the New Brewery turned away.

After seven days, the company backed down and offered a compromise—reinstatement of the three men, recognition of the elected shop stewards, but continuing talks about redundancy.

The men reluctantly accepted this—but only after voting to cut out weekend working to protect the three threatened jobs.

The crucial need now is to build the union among the rest of the workforce.

Brains have had it all their own way for 90 years, carefully preventing unity among the workers.

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IT'S not only in Britain, of course, that workers are fighting for the Right to Work.

These Belgian trade unionists are taking up exactly the same battle.

They thronged by the thousand in the centre of Brussels on Monday to make their protests felt.

And the message came over loud and clear: we didn't create this crazy crisis—and we're not going to pay for it!

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Len Blood steps up campaign

LEN BLOOD, Engineers Charter candidate in the election for assistant general secretary of the AUEW, has been continuing his campaign over the past week.

After returning from a week on the Right to Work March, during which he spoke at meetings and visited factories throughout Yorkshire, Len has been hard at work on the picket line at Chiswick and Wright in Risley.



Len Blood: hard at work

100 engineering workers are on strike there for a living wage.

The domestic rate for process workers there is a princely £31.09—and the bonus is constantly eroded by breakdowns.

Last October, the workers joined the Engineering Union.

The company, part of the huge Tube Investments combine, immediately joined the employers' federation.

The strike is official and a meeting of the local Right to Work campaign voted unanimously to raise support.

BACK TO THE BAD OLD DAYS

THE AUEW'S NEW procedure agreement with the Engineering Employers Federation has been hailed as a triumph.

But Socialist Worker can reveal that the version of it printed in this month's Engineering Union journal is not, as is claimed, the full version.

Union leaders have, in fact, held an extra meeting with the employers. And they have quietly agreed to insert two extra clauses, which do not appear in the journal. These clauses could make the agreement a new ball and chain for rank and file activists.

The new agreement comes five years after the unions ended the old one, or the infamous York Memorandum.

Under this, employers had been able to delay trade union action on a grievance by up to two years.

In connivance with right-wing union leaders, they were able to use this procedure to stifle trade union action in support of victimised militants.

When Hugh Scanlon became the union's president, a determined campaign was

launched to modify the York memo.

The main demands were for a 'status quo' clause to inhibit any managerial change which did not have union agreement until the procedure was exhausted.

A strict time limit on the procedure was also sought, with only one stage outside the domestic level.

The employers, after years of negotiation, refused to concede either of these demands until finally, in 1971, the CSEU terminated the agreement.

Wages

Victimisation sackings then became much less common unless the employers could rely on a tacit conspiracy against a socialist activist.

And the employers also had less control over local wage drift.

With this in mind, you would think that there would be extreme reluctance to get involved in any new agree-



Victimisation: so easy under the old agreement—and now it could be returning

AUEW leaders sign hush-hush deal that will worry every militant

By Ian Morris AUEW shop steward and member of the Southall District Committee

ment similar to the York memo.

But the two extra clauses the unions have agreed may well put a good deal more power behind the employer's elbow than they had when there was no agreement.

The two extra clauses are 5a and 5b:

Instant dismissal: 'In any case of gross industrial misconduct which necessitates instant dismissal then it is open to the dismissed person to contest that dismissal but the person will no longer be an employee of the company as from the time of dismissal.'

Dismissal with due notice: 'Where notice of dismissal is given (other than instant dismissal) it is open to the dismissed person to contest that dismissal and if necessary

to call through the union for an EXTERNAL conference and until such a case the person will remain an employee of the company until such time as either agreement is reached or the procedure is exhausted.'

Some disturbing questions are raised by this agreement and these additional clauses.

Resist

Why, after a five-year period without a procedure agreement, should we have this one thrust upon us with such indecent haste before the National Committee has even had an opportunity to discuss it, bearing in mind that it meets in a few weeks' time?

In the absence of points of guidance does the ambiguity of clause 4, as reprinted in the Journal, mean that District Committees can no longer

negotiate on holidays and hours?

Why, after completing the Agreement as claimed in the Journal, did our leadership meet the employers again and agree to have these two pernicious clauses (above) added, which then read in conjunction with clauses 5 and 7 virtually rule out any chance of official union backing in the case of a victimisation strike?

It is particularly disturbing that these moves should be taking place now after the national press has been able to secure a right-wing majority on our present executive through the postal ballot.

Locally the Broad Left has accepted this situation with guarded enthusiasm. This underlines the need to campaign for a candidate of the calibre of Lenny Blood who would have no truck with signing these inhibiting agreements with the employers.

SUPPORT THE BLACKMAN'S SIT-IN!

By NSMM members

been agreed to hold the factory until a just settlement is wrung out of GEC.

A minor setback has been the cutting off of electricity, enforced with a warrant from the Electricity Board. However, suitable provision has been made for alternative heat and light, and the inconvenience this petty management move has caused has been overcome.

It is now clear that before the occupation GEC were carrying on a skeleton operation, and that this tactic,

though not enough in itself, has been far more effective than a picket.

But it's still important that the Blackman workers are not left in isolation. We feel that our fight has been one of the most determined in recent months, and we want to call on the support of the whole labour movement.

A 'day of action' with a protest demonstration has been called at the GEC headquarters on 17 March.

Urgently needed financial support can be sent to Bro Jim Pickering, Suite 3, Second Floor, 128-136 High Street, Edgware, Middx.



Flashback to the last picket of GEC: these workers must not be left isolated

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