

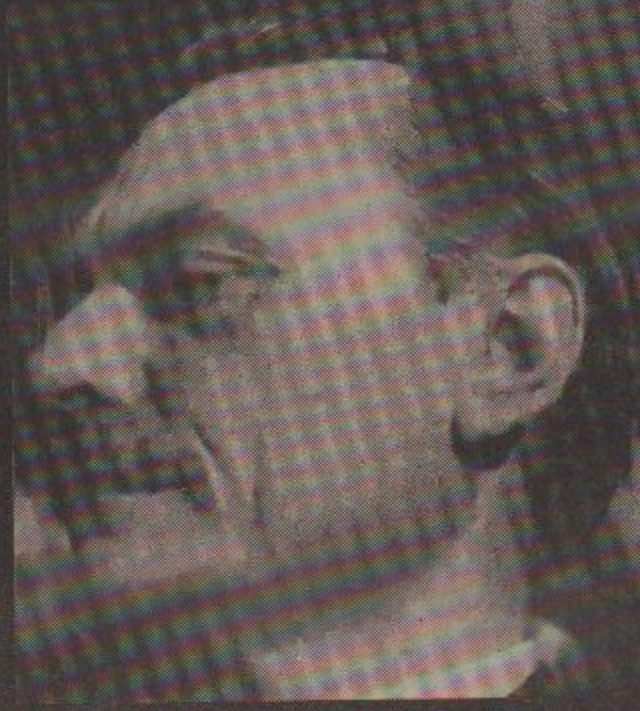
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SOUTHALL Demonstration against Racism:
 This Saturday, 12 June, assemble 12 noon, Bridge Road, Southall, West London.

WANTED



**Enoch Powell MP
 FOR**

MURDER

YES, for murder.

Three murders so far. Of 19-year-old Dinesh Choudhri and 22-year-old Rishi Alhadidi in South Woodford, Essex three weeks ago, and of 18-year-old Gurdip Singh Chagger, in Southall, West London.

Not that Enoch Powell himself struck the cowardly blows that cut down these three youngsters.

Powell is strictly a background boy. He specialises in inciting white people against blacks and Asians. His recent speech in parliament has done just that.

Nor does he act alone. He has accomplices who run newspapers all over Britain.

Papers like The Sun, which treats it as a major scandal when half a dozen persecuted Malawi Asians arrive in Britain, but never mentions the one-hundred white immigrants from Rhodesia who come in every week.

If you need proof of the murderous role played by Powell and the press just look at the situation in the East End of London.

In the two months before The Sun started the press barrage against the Malawi Asians on 4 May, there was not a single report of a racist attack in the local paper, the East London Advertiser.

But on 7 May the Advertiser reported the first racist incident in the area—an attack on Samiran Holder which put him in hospital.

Rantings of Powell

Since then there have been attacks on Asians reported every week. All this must bring joy to the peddlers of the most concentrated racist poison, the Nazis of the National Front and the National Party.

Even Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, said of the Powell speech: 'We believe there is a logical connection between speeches of this nature, and, as in my own area, coloured lads being stabbed to death on a Saturday night by white hoodlums'.

Fortunately, not everyone believes the rantings of Powell and the papers. It is time for workers who reject such nonsense to stand up and be counted.

We can stop the attacks and the murders.

IF in every factory and workplace a stand is taken against the racists.

IF every attempt of the racists to organise is met with physical resistance.

IF the racist gangs are driven off the streets by defence groups made up of black workers and those white socialists and trade unionists prepared to work with them.

**PROTEST
 Wednesday**

**16
 JUNE**

DEMONSTRATORS from every section of the labour movement will be assembling outside the Recall TUC in London on Wednesday.

While the delegates to the special Congress vote overwhelmingly to endorse the General Council's deal with Healey, the growing

rank and file opposition to the deal will make itself heard outside.

Inside, Miners' president Joe Gormley will cast all 200,000 miners' votes in support of the deal. Outside, there will be representatives of the 90,000 miners who voted against it.

The builders' union conference (UCATT) overwhelmingly rejected the deal. Inside its leaders will abstain. But outside rank and file building workers will be picketing.

The lobby has been called by the London Confed

Number 8 District, the London Co-op Political Committee and the National Right to Work Campaign.

The secretary of the campaign, John Deason, called for maximum support on Wednesday from trade union delegations and unemployed workers. 'It is vital that the unemployed are there in big numbers together with trade union contingents. This is a day of protest against the wages deal, against the cuts, against the continued obscenity of mass unemployment'.

- Assemble outside the Recall TUC at Central Hall, Westminster.
- 2.30pm. March from the TUC lobby to the Department of Education and the headquarters of the National Union of Teachers at Hamilton House, Mableton Place, off Euston Road.
- 4.30pm: Lobby of NUT headquarters in support of student teachers.
- 5.30 PROTEST RALLY, in Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, (100 yards from NUT). Speakers include Dick North (NUT

executive, in a personal capacity), John Deason, secretary of National Right to Work Campaign, Harry McShane (Secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s).

Accommodation on Tuesday night, 15 June, is being provided by some occupied colleges for all delegations to the lobby from outside London that need it. Phone Institute of Education, 01-636 1912, or the Right to Work Campaign, 01-802 0978.

Fight for the Right to Work!

**No Deal with Healey!
 Stop the Cuts!**

Support the Student Teachers!

We've had enough, say Asians

FOUR weeks ago a wave of violence began in the streets of London, Birmingham and other industrial cities against black people.

There were dozens of attacks on individual Asians, families burnt out of their homes, three murders.

The national press barely mentioned these incidents.

On Sunday the Asian community in Southall, West London, particularly the Asian youth, responded to the latest murder by demonstrating on the streets.

The press suddenly woke up. Papers that had hardly mentioned the murder itself now spoke of a 'rampage of vengeance', of a 'riot', of an 'Asian mob'.

Enormous publicity was given to

THIS IS THE WAY TO FIGHT RACISM

minor incidents in which a Jaguar driver was attacked after shouting 'black bastards' and a couple of white youths received minor knife wounds.

What upset the press about Southall was that the young Asians of the area has stood up and said they had had enough—enough of racist attacks, enough of police harassment.

Welcomed

They were following the example set recently in Birmingham and Bradford when black people took to the streets to attack the fascist National Front and the police who protected it.

This development must be

welcomed by every trade unionist, white or black. The racists not only want to attack black people. They also want to destroy trade union organisation.

The new fighting spirit of black youth can make the task of the racists a hundred times more difficult and add mightily to the forces fighting to transform society.

The danger is not that the black communities are beginning to fight back. It is that this fight back will lack co-ordination and direction, that it will be diverted into channels that will be welcomed by the Powells, the Mellishes and the Callaghans.

These people would love it if the fighting spirit was wasted by being diverted into the old blind alleys of lobbying and petitioning. They would be nearly as happy if justified anger at the murders led to random attacks on whites or to fights against the police when the balance of forces are unfavourable.

The experience of the Black Panthers in the US shows that such a development would eventually enable the racist politicians to isolate the black movement and destroy it.

Support

The anger has to be directed immediately to forms of action that can fight off the racists and gain support from the best sections of white workers.

The key now is to form defence groups or vigilante groups from the most militant sections of the black communities and from those white trade unionists prepared to join them in patrolling the streets.

Those most directly threatened by the racists, the black workers, have taken the lead in calling for these. It is up to white trade unionists to argue in their unions, their shop stewards' committees—and their housing estates for support.

□ The newly-elected central committee of the International Socialists has called upon all IS members and supporters of Socialist Worker to support the series of demonstrations against the racists in the next few weeks.

These demonstrations are of exceptional importance, given the continuing wave of racist attacks, and people should do everything possible to support them.



Some of the 400 tenants and trade unionists who demonstrated against the National Front in East London last Saturday.

Black and white must unite to form defence groups

by EUROPE SINGH
International Socialists Black Caucus

LAST weekend in Southall began with a Conference against racism. It ended with pent-up frustration and anger bursting out on to the streets. One success of the march and the picket of the police station that followed was the release of two demonstrators who had been arrested.

But bitter fruits were the stoning of a couple of cars driven by whites and much later an assault on two white youths.

The anger and bitterness of our youths in Southall is justifiable while they are being murdered on the streets by racist thugs. We have to act, but the demands of the Indian Workers Association leadership for more police patrols plus demonstrations to the Home Office and Downing Street provide no real answer.

These should aim to kick the racists off the streets, so enabling everyone else, black or white, to move about without fear.

They have to be organised through squads of black people and white workers patrolling the streets together on a shift basis. Larger numbers should be available with cars, operating from homes with phones so that they can get to any trouble point at a moment's notice.

Join

We know too well the record of the police against black people. And we have seen Callaghan, Mellish and other Labour leaders pandering to the racists.

The only solution lies in blacks organising together with those white workers who see the need to fight racism.

First of all we should organise defence groups.

At the same time, the fight has to be taken into the trade union movement. Local trade union bodies should be asked to join and sponsor the defence groups against the racists. Petitions should be circulated predominantly in white factories calling for action to stop the racists attack and murders.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED...

THE South London Right to Work committee is asking workers in the local factories to sign the following declaration. This idea could be taken up elsewhere.

'We, the undersigned, condemn the racist murders in Southall and

Woodford.

We believe that these killings are the result of the race hatred whipped up by Enoch Powell, the National Front and sections of the press who are inciting workers to fight each other instead of uniting together against the

bosses who are responsible for the present crisis.

We therefore pledge ourselves to combat the activities of organisations like the National Front, and to defend any of our members who are the subject of racist attacks or abuse.'

DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE RACISTS THIS SATURDAY

WEST LONDON:
Assemble 12 noon, Bridge Road, Southall. Smash Racism! Smash the National Front!
Inner West, North West, West and Central London districts of the International Socialists to support.

BRIXTON, South London: 1pm, Brixton Oval, (Tate Library). Defend the Railton 4! Stop police harassment!
South East and South West London IS districts to support.

EAST LONDON: 10.30am, Naz Cinema, Brick Lane. Defend the Bangladeshi community against the National Front!
Inner East London district to support.

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION: Sunday 20 June in London, called by the main Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi organisations, to be supported nationally by IS. Full details next week.

More join Tameside battle

THE battle over the Tory attempt to ditch comprehensive education in Farnside is spreading, linking teachers, town hall workers, postal workers, and parents.

Tameside teachers have already blacked the 11-plus exams. Then the NALGO town hall workers blacked

all letters going out to Tameside parents from the Tory education committee.

The Post Office workers are tuning at the legal restrictions that prevent them from blacking letters to and from the Tory estate agent who is now by-passing the town hall workers.

CHILEAN COPPER MINERS ON STRIKE

Socialist Worker received news on Tuesday of an important strike last week of Chilean copper miners.

The one-day strike at the Chuquicamata mine in Northern Chile was to demand the implementation of wage agreements secured before the bloody coup against the Allende regime in 1973.

This wonderful news indicates a major revival of working-class struggle in Chile.

Already the Chuquicamata miners have received a telegram of solidarity from 10,000 miners in the Chilean El Salvador mine. They appear determined to resist any more attempts by the junta to speed up production and force through rationalisation.

The Chuquicamata miners have also, it appears, forced the removal from office of the notorious right-wing labour leader Medina.

□ Socialist Worker calls on all readers and supporters of the paper to send telegrams of solidarity to the Chuquicamata miners.

COACHES TO 16 JUNE LOBBY

COACHES are arranged from the following areas
BRISTOL: University Union 6am, Christadelphini 6.15am.
LEICESTER: Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate, 6.30am.
LIVERPOOL: Train block booking, meet Lime St 6am.
LEEDS: Corn Exchange, 5.15am.

NUPE offices are churning out leaflets for the working-class parent groups, some of whose organisers are its cousins in COHSE.

COHSE and NUPE are involved in a dispute against another prong of the attack on our class, the cuts in the Health Services. Three Tameside hospitals are now banning all overtime, non-emergency cases, and non-nursing duties.

A meeting last week formed a joint shop stewards committee for the three hospitals.

The Trades Council last week organised its own meeting on the cuts, at which Dick North, executive member of the NUT, fanned the fire in the bellies of teachers and trade unionists.

Local Tory leader Colin Grantham is bleating that the area is packed with Marxists. He'll know they have a fight on when it is.

WAKEFIELD: Bus Station, 5.15am.
BARNESLEY: Railway Station, 5.45am.
WOLVERHAMPTON: Faulkland St, 6.30am.
COVENTRY: Pool Meadow, 7am.
BIRMINGHAM: Hall of Memory, 7am.
SHEFFIELD: Pond St, 6am.

SCRAPHEAP FOR CHILD BENEFIT

THE Labour government has just scrapped its plans to pay child benefit to mothers.

Health Minister Barbara Castle drew up the scheme so that the mother would get both the £1.50 family allowance and the equivalent of the money at present paid to the father through child tax allowances—about £2 a week—in one new flat-rate benefit.

But the government is having to sell its 4½ per cent wage deal. With the new personal tax allowances, the 4½ per cent works out at the grand sum of £3.53 for a married man with two children if he earns £65 a week.

If his tax coding were then to change so that he got £4 a week less, the amount of tax concession on two children, no one would buy this fraud.

For most women the family allowance money is seen as hers in addition to any housekeeping money from her husband. The £1.50 she receives now is not enough.

But if there isn't any more to be had, then at least she should get what money is available.

The money should go to the mother.

Chapeltown trial opens

LEEDS: 12 young men went on trial on Wednesday following the events in the Chapeltown district on Bonfire Night last year when police broke an agreement not to enter the area. They started harassing and provoking young blacks, a number of whom they then arrested.

The whole operation was coordinated by the notorious Yorkshire police chief Gregory, who set up the anti-picketing squads against the miners in 1974.

□ Socialist Worker will be carrying further—and fuller—reports as the trial progresses.

THE NOES: A mighty minority

Hiding the Unpleasant Face of Capitalism



NEXT WEDNESDAY, at the TUC's Special Congress, fewer than a million votes will be cast against the 4½ per cent Healey pay deal.

The Press and television will compare those votes with the three million and more who voted against the £6 policy last year.

But the figures are bogus. Trade unionists' opposition to wage restraint is bigger and more aggressive than it was this time last year.

WHAT WE THINK

Last year, the miners voted 116,076 to 75,743 in favour of the £6 policy. This year they have voted 103,506 to 90,387 in favour. That means that at least 12,500 miners have changed their minds.

The pattern is the same throughout the trade union movement.

At the Special Congress, one and a half million engineering union votes will be cast for the policy as a result of a decision in the engineering

section national committee three weeks ago.

That decision was only carried because three delegates went against clear resolutions from their divisions. The number of resolutions against wage restraint was much, much higher than last year.

In the print union, SOGAT, and the public employees' union, NUPE, branch ballots are being held on the executives' recommendations for the deal.

The signs are that the vote will be closer than either executive had imagined. A number of NUPE branches, including Clay Cross and Eastbourne, have not only voted No to the policy—but censured the executive for committing the union before consulting the members.

Sid Weighell, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, is a champion of wage restraint.

But the union's executive has split 16-16 on the 4½ per cent policy, and the NUR will have to abstain at the special TUC.

Delegates to the building workers' conference UCATT voted by 112 to 89 against the policy.

The executive, which supports the policy, refused to accept the votes because of what it called pressure from extremists, especially International Socialists!

So UCATT will also abstain on 16 June.

All the signs are that as much as 40 per cent of rank and file trade unionists are now against the policy.

This represents a massive array of trade union strength and power.

The official union machine, assisted by the Press, will do their best to minimise and demoralise this vast minority.

Only a rank and file movement can give it the organisation and confidence which it needs—and deserves.

Blame Newson, he can't answer back...

LONDON TRANSPORT'S report of the inquiry into the Moorgate tube disaster—in which 42 people were killed—is scandalous.

It lays all the blame on the driver, Leslie Newson. He was drunk. Or committed suicide. Or he was struck with sudden amnesia.

The doctors and psychologists admit they have no proof for any of these theories. But, like the press, they are quite willing to blame Motorman Newson.

Very convenient for them. After all, Newson lost his life in the disaster, so he can't very well answer back.



1½ million reasons why Des is innocent

THE NEW Chester telephone exchange, which Des Warren tried to organise against the lump before he was jailed for such activities under the Conspiracy Laws, is to be demolished.

The reason? The sub-standard work put in by the lumpers.

This amazing story vindicates everything Socialist Worker has argued since the Shrewsbury pickets were first arrested in 1972.

It came out this week when the government Property Services Agency announced that the partly completed £1.5 million exchange was to come down.

The contractors, Taylor Woodrow, designed and constructed another triumph for private enterprise construction called Ronan Point, which collapsed in May 1968, killing five people.

No criminal charges were pressed against them

in the wake of these deaths.

By contrast, Des Warren and 24 other building workers were hunted down by the forces of the state for daring to organise effective pickets against gangs of armed lumpers.

Throughout their trial, the Shrewsbury pickets maintained that their fight was for the betterment of the appalling conditions in ghete industry, including the abysmal standard of workmanship the lump inevitably involved.

Now their statements have received the most dramatic confirmation. Union officials believe that as much as two-thirds

of the steel reinforcing due to be put into the exchange was simply left out.

The contractors would, of course, have been paid for all the designated reinforcements, and simply pocketed the difference.

Will dozens of company directors be interrogated KGB style in the middle of the night and then done under the conspiracy laws?

Socialist Worker confidently predicts **THEY WILL NOT.**

After all, there is one law for the poor and quite another for the rich.

WILL YOU HELP US TO FIGHT THE RACISTS?

SOCIALIST WORKER is in need of even more funds than ever if the racialsists are to be answered. Posters, leaflets, demonstrations all need money. And we need it now.

We are asking every reader of Socialist Worker who is prepared to take a stand against Enoch Powell, Robert Reif and their kind to help us in this fight. Any amount, however large or small, is needed.

Every IS district is being asked to raise £5 per member by the end of June. Collect that money now, and send it off immediately to the fund. The total in the first week of the £1000 fund was:

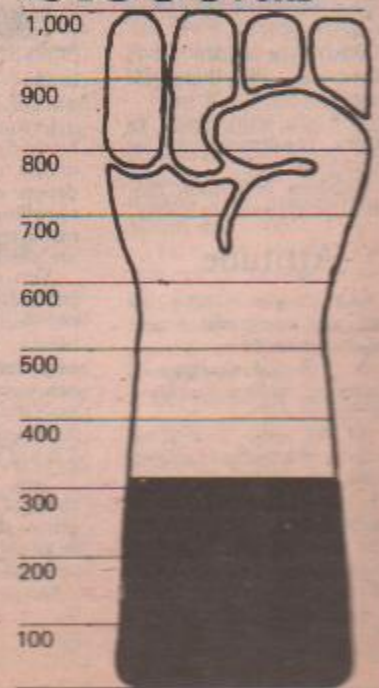
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Our thanks to: Coventry IS £15; E. Reddish £1; H. Newlove £1.50; A. Ward and L. Downing £2; K. Tennent £1; SW supporters Hayfield £5.50; Stockport IS £2; Cardiff SW supporters £1.30; T. Dick £1; J. Ormsby 50p; Newham IS Teachers £29; Cambridge Road Estate Kingston 80p; Anon £18.74; Norwich SW supporters £5.50; Norwich IS £15; E. Loose £1; M. Wagstaff £1; N. Martin £1; Nottingham SW supporters £2.25; P. Wormald £1; S. Porter £1; B. Dean £2; Stockport SW readers £2; York IS £16; Dundee College Socialist Society £10; Glasgow IS £10; IS Conference Delegates £50; NUS member £75.

M. Burns £4.70; SW readers Lowestoft £1.04; Pontefract IS £5; Manor House Hospital SW supporters £5; Central London IS workers £6; Inner West London District IS £4.70; Pat Owen £5.

Send your donation to: Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Socialist Worker £1000 FIGHTING FUND



Is your local paper racist, like this?

IS YOUR local paper racist?

Does it, like the Lancashire Evening Telegraph, run front page stories headed 'ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HELD IN BLACKBURN' one day, and then follow up with a small correction the next day saying, 'Immigrants not illegal'.

The chances are that it probably is. The chances are that its letters column is choked full of racist garbage too. So what can you do about it?

FIRST, you can organise against it locally. Picket the paper and generally make it difficult for those responsible to carry on dispensing the poison. Organise around the issues they refuse to acknowledge—the immigrants who are **conned** by the Social Security, the fact that it's **employers** that cause sackings and landlords that cause overcrowding—not workers, black or white.

Push the local reporters until you get your activities into the local paper as an opposite pole of attraction to the racists, as Blackburn International Socialists have successfully done.

And take the arguments into the letter columns of those papers. When they talk about scroungers, send in a few lines about how difficult it is to get your rights out of the Social Security, never mind anything over and above.

But on top of this front line activity, there is



The Lancashire Evening Telegraph: Banner headlines on 26-27 April brand immigrants as illegal—until it has to admit it's wrong (far right) one day later.



something else you can do. You can force the National Union of Journalists to get to grips with the people in its ranks who go along with the proprietors and editors in sowing maximum confusion in the ranks of working people.

The NUJ has a stern code of conduct which all members are supposed to uphold. This can be invoked in a bid to stop the stream of racist and semi-racist propaganda in the press.

If you keep seeing garbage about immigrant

workers and diseases in the columns of your local paper you are meeting racist reporting. Don't just write in pointing out that for any minor disease anyone might bring in to a country—generally curable by the National Health Service—there are dozens of diseases they are liable to contract in glorious Britain.

Diseases like asbestosis, byssinosis, emphysema and a dozen others—many of which are curable, all of which are caused by the profit system, and most of which are totally ignored by the so-called free press.

Get your trades council, union branch or shop stewards' committee to complain to the NUJ locally. Write to the NUJ's national race relations subcommittee. Send in copies of the offending items.

Send your complaints to NUJ Race Relations Committee, Acorn House, Grays Inn Road, London, WC2.

THESE REPORTS WERE FALSE... BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE SAW THIS TINY CORRECTION?

TO its credit, the National Union of Journalists has taken some action over the recent tide of racist propaganda in the press.

Following the intense propaganda over the hotel owner who was ripping off a local council for £600 a week to house homeless people, the NUJ issued this statement. Predictably, it was not even reported in most newspapers.

National newspaper and broadcasting coverage of the Malawi Gatwick Asians story has been condemned by the NUJ's Race Relations Committee and general secretary Ken Morgan has warned members to think very carefully before they write stories with a race element.

At its 11 June meeting the national executive will be asked to consider taking ac-

tion against journalists who contravened the union's Code of Conduct in their coverage of the Malawi Asians story.

The Race Relations Committee is also writing to all national newspaper and broadcasting fathers of chapels (shop stewards) and their editors and to all branch secretaries. The statement from the committee 'unreservedly condemns' what it calls the sensational and shallow coverage in most newspapers.

Last year the NUJ issued the following guidelines for members dealing with race relations subjects. These are:

- Only mention someone's race or nationality if strictly relevant.
- Resist the temptation to sensationalise issues which could harm race relations.
- Press for equal opportunities for employment of black staff, particularly in areas of extensive minority group settlement.

Refugees

□ Seek to achieve wider and better coverage of black affairs, social, political and cultural.

□ Investigate the treatment of blacks in education, employment and housing and the activities of racist organisations.

Said Denis MacShane, vice-chairman of the Race Relations Committee: 'Some of the headlines were particularly inflammatory and very few of the reports put the issue of the Malawi refugees in the hotel in any kind of perspective.'

'I wonder if similar treatment will be given to white refugees from Rhodesia... if they should arrive penniless and homeless in Britain. I reckon we'll be falling over ourselves to congratulate councils on putting refugees, as long as they're white, in first class hotels.'

People need homes...so we'd BUILD them

THE building industry is a bad old game. In every aspect it shows the true face of capitalism.

The most minimal working conditions have to be fought for over and over again. Job security is virtually unknown. The industry is the playground for speculators and sharks.

So homes, hospitals, just about everything is built—if built at all—with one aim, to make as much money as quickly as possible for the employers.

The corruption that goes with this from top to bottom is so widely known that most regard it as simply part of the process.

What's the result? Hundreds of thousands homeless.

Millions more living in places condemned 50 or more years ago.

Children in schools that are falling about their ears.

Attitude

Sick, people in hospitals that are overcrowded and lacking in facilities.

A desperate shortage of nurseries, welfare centres—the list is endless.

At the same time some quarter of a million building workers are unemployed. The brickfields stacked to capacity with surplus stocks. The cement and steel industry is on massively reduced output.

The effects spiral outwards and all the industries associated with building are

by Bill Kay (UCATT)



laying off thousands of workers.

Even when the industry is booming the results are totally unsatisfactory. The design of most housing is appalling. Little attempt is made to involve those who are going to live in them.

Anyone could have told, and did tell, the experts that the social costs of tower blocks, for example, far exceeded any savings in construction costs. But working people had to prove it by being the guinea pigs in a failed social experiment.

Now the experts have changed their minds. But people still have to live there at an increasing cost to their physical and mental health.

On the construction side the pressure is continually for production at any cost. The toll in deaths and

injuries should be a scandal. Occasionally a particularly outrageous incident hits the headlines. But after suitable murmurings of concern from the authorities the

situation remains much as ever.

As a result of the same pressure the quality of work is often poor, resulting in massive maintenance costs set not against the employers, but against us, through taxes, rates and rents.

Surplus

Most building workers are aware of all this, but feel it is due to the nature of the industry. The attitude is if you don't like it or can't cope with it, then get out.

But the world we live and work in is what we make it. There is nothing in the process of building that has to make it corrupting and dangerous. The cause is the drive for profit.

Nationalising the industry would be a first step. At least it would offer some job

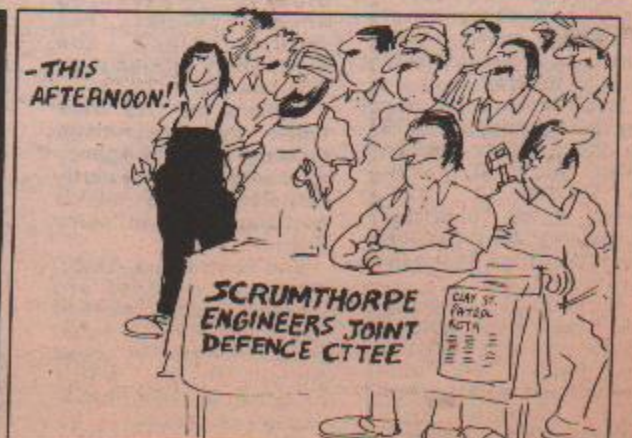
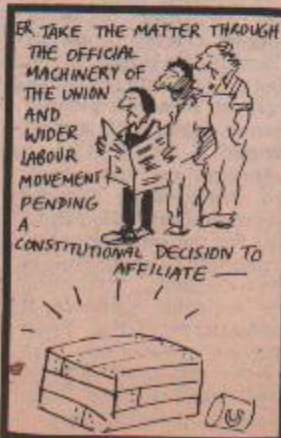
security and some continuity of conditions. But it would not root out many of the other problems.

Only under socialism—when homes, hospitals, nurseries, are built for need, not profit—could these be eradicated.

The answer seems too simple. When arguing with fellow building workers, I'm always challenged to describe in detail exactly how it would all work.

I'm afraid I haven't got a blueprint. But I see building workers in day-to-day practice organise and sort out hundreds of construction problems. Most building workers know how the job SHOULD be organised. Most know what potential lies untapped and rarely used.

I say rarely, because on odd occasions it is suddenly released. In the 1972 strike it was the organisational abili-



ILLUSION NUMBER 1

'We are living beyond our means'

This is a popular explanation with both press and politicians. It claims we are all spending more wealth than we create—going deeper into debt by huge borrowing from abroad.

There is one simple fault with this argument. It does not explain why so little wealth is created.

There are 1,250,000 unemployed who could be working to create wealth if given the chance. There are vast numbers of machines not running and factories closed down. If these were put to work, thousands of millions of pounds of additional wealth would be created.

ILLUSION NUMBER 2

'Public spending has to be cut'

This is the argument of the Tories, the Labour right wing, the Sun, the Daily Mail, the Financial Times. They claim there has been a vast expansion of social services which the government can only pay for by either printing money or massive borrowing.

But Labour Research recently proved that the resources going to health, education and social services have not increased at all in the past five years.

Where there has been an increase, it has been the result of the crisis, not its cause—such as the rise in social security because of the doubling of unemployment.

Few council houses are being built—but total spending on housing has gone up because of rising interest payments to banks and businessmen. Increased interest

charges are the biggest single cause of increased government spending.

In 1970 the government was paying £2000 million a year in debt interest. This year it will be nearer £6000 million, and by 1979 £10,000 million.

The press and most politicians actually support some increased government spending—for instance defence, which costs £5000 million a year and is growing despite talk of 'defence cuts', and aid to industry at £2000 million a year.

The cuts they want, in the social services, would often mean increased inflation. The Sun calls for cuts in housing subsidies and for an 'economic price for school meals'—which means they want higher rents and higher charges for school meals.

How far will that 4½ per cent go?

□ Food prices have just risen by 4½ per cent in one month—last month.

So unemployment will fall?

□ The local authorities have just been slated by the government for not cutting enough off their education spending—they're apparently still £135 million short of the cuts demanded.

The official journal Education commented that this would mean another £1 million cut for each local education authority. There would be no prospect of doing that without massive redundancies among teachers.

ONE VICTIM IN HALF A MILLION



AUDREY BAILEY left Dick Sheppard School in South London last Friday. She wants a job, preferably as a typist. But like thousands of other school-leavers, she can't find one.

There's nothing going. I don't know what I'm going to do. I'll just keep applying,' Audrey told Socialist Worker.

Forty per cent—yes, that's right—two in every five young people in Audrey's area, Lambeth, are out of work.

There were 37,739 school-leavers registered on the dole in mid-May. This was the figure before Audrey and 150,000 other young people left school last Friday.

By the end of the school year in July 584,000 young people will be leaving school and looking for work. Many will have to fight for the right to work.

THE government has no answer to the crisis. Its measures to control prices and to 'deal with youth unemployment' are about as effective as an aspirin would be for a tumour of the brain.

Its wage controls and cuts will increase unemployment without stopping rising prices. They will merely increase profits, to protect the capitalist class from the effects of the crisis.

The capitalist class will then be free to use these profits for speculation or move them overseas.

That is why the National Institute could forecast that even if the wage policy is adhered to, at the end of this year there will be 1,250,000 out of work and prices

DEAD-END 'SOLUTIONS' TO THE CRISIS

THE Special TUC meets on Wednesday. It will be asked to vote for the wage deal with Chancellor Denis Healey, including a 4½ per cent limit on wage rises. It will be told this can answer the crisis, inflation and unemployment.

But the past fortnight has already shown this is false. An overwhelming 'yes' vote at the Special TUC is already certain, yet the pound has suffered an unparalleled drop in value—pushing up inflation and deepening the crisis.

What is really happening?

The popular press have rushed out with their explanations and their answers to the crisis. Here CHRIS HARMAN looks at some of these and shows where they fall down.

ILLUSION NUMBER 3

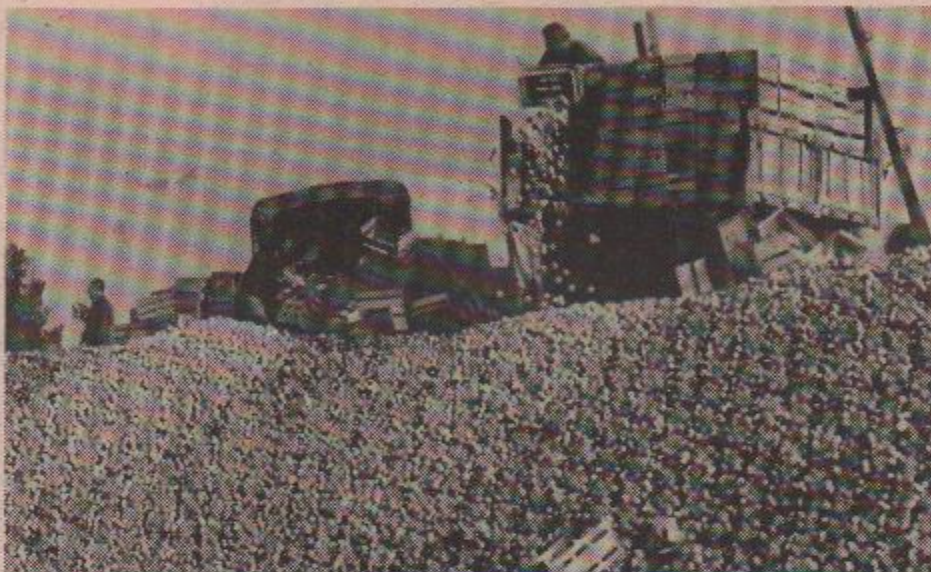
'The pound is falling because "foreigners" lack confidence in Britain.'

Yes, part of the reason is that overseas banks have been selling the pound, switching their funds into other currencies.

But British companies have been doing this, too, or so the Bank of

England believes according to reports last week. The Observer even reported that British firms had been borrowing from the bank 'in order to buy forward foreign currency'.

The Treasury, so keen to cut public spending and to control wages, claims 'nothing much can be done' about industrialists selling the pound to gain a quick profit.



The lunacy of the system: Apples being dumped in France last October to keep prices up.

BUT SOCIALISM HAS AN ANSWER...

will be rising at 14½ per cent—and that without taking into account the recent fall in the pound.

There is only one way to stop this madness. Fight for a policy of socialist planning—a policy which the government rejects.

Socialist planning would mean, for example:

□ Nationalisation without compensation of industries which leave machines standing idle and workers unemployed.

□ Cancellation of the government interest payments to money-lenders, releasing resources to build the houses, schools, hospitals that are needed.

□ Nationalisation without compensation of the banks, so that

their profits are used for the general good, not wasted on speculative ventures.

□ An end to the waste of advertising, Concorde, massive defence spending and so on. The workers and machinery now used for these could then produce useful goods and services.

Waste

□ An end to the vast waste on the luxuries of the rich, such as the consumption of champagne (£9-a-bottle) and caviar at Epsom last week.

□ An end to the movement by the rich of their wealth abroad. This needs the intervention by

workers to check what their employers are doing. It means workers' control.

Such a programme is not going to be carried out by the present government. It cannot be carried through by any government that relies on collaborating with the present owners of the means of production—and with their relatives and friends who sit at the top of the civil service, the Bank of England, the armed forces and so on.

But it could be carried through by a socialist government that used the rank and file organisations of the trade unions to launch an all-out attack on those who run the present system.

ILLUSION NUMBER 4

'Anyway, the decline in the pound is not such a bad thing. It means British exports will be cheaper. More will be sold and unemployment will fall.'

The government itself half-shares this view. That is why it at first encouraged the fall in the pound back in March.

But the argument is full of holes.

The price of two-thirds of what Britain exports is fixed in foreign currencies. A fall in the value of the pound does not make them cheaper for people overseas to buy; it just increases the profits of the big British companies that sell these

goods.

But a fall in the pound does increase the cost of imported food. Effectively, it takes money out of the workers' pockets and puts it into the employers' pockets.

As for creating jobs, all forecasters predict unemployment still above the million mark in a year's time. Any more public spending cuts will make it worse.

ILLUSION NUMBER 5

'The government's "export-led boom" will solve unemployment eventually'

It won't. The export-led boom, even if it worked at all, could only continue as long as the economy of the rest of the world enjoys a boom. Under such circumstances as these, unemployment in Britain might fall to one million towards the end of next

year. But then there is likely to be another international economic crisis, with the boom followed by another slump. Unemployment would start climbing again fast—and neither wage controls nor cuts can stop that.

ILLUSION NUMBER 6

'Higher profits would mean more investment and lower unemployment'

It doesn't necessarily follow. Higher profits go into the pockets of industrialists who can do what they like with them. Last time profits soared, they were used to finance office building and

speculation, not investment.

Profits made last year are now being used to speculate on the run on the pound.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research forecasts 'too much spare capacity makes an investment boom unlikely'.

In an amazing statement in the House of Commons recently, even Prime Minister James Callaghan recognised that 'I do not believe that one can force a large private sector to invest... One can lead a horse to water, but one cannot make it drink'.

In other words, while the economy lies in capitalist hands, high profits do not necessarily lead to high investment and lower unemployment.

Socialists and religion

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM
Duncan Hallas

How would we come to terms with religion in a Socialist society? Would we introduce a Russian-style campaign of repression or tolerate Christianity?

'A SUBJECT that bothers myself and a lot of other people,' writes a reader from Southport is 'the right to dissent in a Socialist society.'

'By dissent I do not mean minor differences of opinion over policy but disagreement with fundamental Marxist beliefs. The dissenters would be religious believers of all kinds, right-wing social democrats, liberals, conservatives and others. What happens to them? ...

'As an ex-religious believer I can tell you how a lot of Christians think you

would treat them. They firmly believe that you would launch a Russian-style campaign of repression against them ...

We would not, of course. But the matter can't be left at that. It is a big and important question which calls for a full discussion.

Catholics

Let us start with the question of the persecution of people because of their religious beliefs—and the milder forms of the same thing, discrimination; as for example against Catholics in Northern Ireland.

Why does any sort of regime practise these things? What purpose, what interests, does it serve?

There is a rich experience of both persecution and discrimination in Christian Europe. Christian rulers have persecuted, often murderously, their dissident Christian subjects as well as Jews, freethinkers and other dissidents.

Indeed, the persecution and discrimination against religious dissenters in 'the West' in the not too distant past has been incomparably more severe than the undoubted discrimination (and occasional persecution) against Christian activists in present day Russia.

I make this point to put the matter in perspective, not to justify in any way the practises of the Russian government. Still, it is worth remembering that the vast majority of Christians who have suffered for their beliefs have suffered at the hands of fellow Christians who have not seen eye to eye with them over some theological question, the supremacy of the Pope for example.

Nor is this a peculiarly Christian villainy. Notwithstanding myths to the contrary, Moslem governments have almost always persecuted Moslem dissenters and systematically discriminated against Christians, Jews and other unbelievers.

In fact, wherever there has been an established religion, those who have actively dissented have suffered for it.

But why? It will not do to say that all this lies in the past and that nowadays we know better. The truth is that there is less strictly religious persecution nowadays only because religious belief is weaker. But the police murderers and torturers of many modern states are every bit as savage and merciless as any agent of the Inquisition.

Exploit

Religious persecution is a form commonly taken by the class struggle in societies where nearly everyone is religious.

The long and vicious persecution and discrimination enforced against the Catholic population of Ireland by the British ascendancy, from the sixteenth century to the twentieth, was part and parcel of the establishment of an alien ruling class of English landowners. What was at stake was not really whether people should go to mass or not, but who should own the land and exploit those who worked it.

Power

Of course it is a bit more complicated than that. We have to distinguish between the activities of ruling classes seeking to stamp out dissent by the rack, the boot and the stake (all liberally used in the British Isles both before and after the Reformation) or by systematic economic and social discrimination (still used in the six British dominated Counties of Ulster) and the occasional religious fanaticism of the oppressed. We need to look at the nature of religion—because that is the key to understanding why Marxists are in principle opposed to religious persecution, whether they are in power or in opposition. (To be continued next week.)

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FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK meetings

DARLINGTON. Rally against unemployment. Saturday 19 June, 11am. North Lodge Park. Organised by Darlington Trades Council.

NATIONAL EETPU RANK AND FILE MEETING: Saturday 12 June, 2pm-5pm, Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham. Transport details from Rank and File Centre, phone 01-802 0978.

EXETER Right to Work Campaign public meeting: No Deal With Healey, Thursday 10 June, 8pm. Upstairs at the Devonport Inn, Fore Street, Exeter.

BIRMINGHAM Right to Work Campaign meeting: No Deal With Healey, Fight The Racialist Solution, Tuesday 15 June, 7.30pm, Digbeth Civic Hall. Speakers: Paul Foot and local trade unionists.

SCHOOL STUDENTS and recent leavers day school. Speakers: John Deason and Dick North (NUT). Sunday 20 June, 10am-6pm, Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Details and registration from: Givins Cousin, 8 Buller Road, London N17.

SOUTH WEST LONDON Right to Work Committee: Next meeting Thursday 10 June, 8pm, at WCCR, 172 Lavender Hill, SW11. Delegates, unemployed workers and observers from potential sponsoring bodies are invited.

NORTH LONDON Public Meeting: No Pay Deal Fight For The Right To Work. Speakers: Ernie Roberts (AUEW Assistant General Secretary in a personal capacity) and John Deason, national secretary, Right to Work Campaign. Thursday 24 June 8.00pm in the Lord Morrison Hall, Chesnut Grove, Tottenham N17.

IT'S VITAL READING

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CARPETS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDED for Right to Work Office. Please contact 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4, phone 01-802-0978

The National Right to Work Campaign Pamphlet, DANGER: IMMIGRANT WORKERS UNDER ATTACK is out of print. If you have spare copies please return them to: Right to Work office, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

CHARLIE'S 'LIFE OF LUXURY'—ON LESS THAN £30

YES, LIFE is just one long round of luxury for Charlie Hallett, the man the News of the World saw fit to label 'scrounger of the week'.

His latest perk from our wonderful welfare state is a cut in his benefit so that Charlie, his wife, Christine, and four children have the princely sum of £30.97 every ten days on which to live it up at the poor taxpayers' expense.

Sacked

Charlie, an epileptic who has about four attacks a week, has been declared fit to work by the DHSS and as a result they have stopped his invalid payment.

They made their judgement regardless of medical evidence and the fact that Charlie has been sacked from a string of jobs because of his illness. His doctor is taking up the case with the British

And it's all thanks to the BBC...

THE LATEST newsletter for members and supporters of the British Campaign to Stop Immigration makes interesting reading. Seems the racialsists are more than a little happy at the results of their recent Open Door TV programme (which the BBC helpfully repeated).

The newsletter says: 'Some 5000 people have written to us, of whom less than 40 are hostile.'

The BCSI was formed five years ago out of a merger between the Yorkshire Campaign to Stop Immigration and the Racial Preservation Society.

A NEW addition to the white South Africans' smash the blacks kit is a very handy little Soto phrase book which allows the employers to talk to the blacks in their own language.

Among the gems that no Fascist should be without are:

'Stand still or I shoot', 'Don't think you are my equal', 'Don't touch my things', 'Bring coffee to my bed', and 'Hurry up and don't dawdle in the street'.

Medical Board.

Charlie has made it clear to the DHSS Gestapo that he is prepared to work so long as he gets an assurance that he won't be sacked for his attacks, but this has been refused.

The News of The World can rest assured that Charlie and his family are having a whale of a time at their council house in Exeter on what is left once they've paid £14.78 rent a fortnight.

ANOTHER TRIBUTE TO OUR GREAT BRITISH JUSTICE

CORRUPTION is a terrible thing—unless it's practised by our 'superiors'. Then it's called 'entertaining clients'.

Gordon Clarke is in no way 'superior'. He is—or rather was—a mere car park attendant.

And so, when he recently admitted to Ipswich magistrates that he had accepted 20p from a driver

for not charging him the full parking rate, the wrath of the law descended.

The chairman of the bench passed sentence: a £100 fine and three months' jail to be.

He got no further. 60-year-old Gordon had collapsed. An ambulance was called and the court cleared.



COLUMN

But the majesty of the law was not to be deterred by this unseemly behaviour.

Before being taken to hospital, the court was duly re-convened and Gordon—still slumped on the floor—formally informed that it was, in fact, 'only' a suspended sentence.

Another victory for law and order ...



THIS PICTURE sums it up—the appalling waste that the system produces.

Merchants were not willing to pay almost twice the Dutch price so 5000 stone of plaice was left to rot on Lowestoft harbour until it was used for fish meal.

At the same time Birds Eye announced that they are investing another £4 million in the East Anglia factories. But to make their new machinery work effectively, they will have to cut the workforce of 2000 by 14 per cent, adding to the mountain of wasted labour.

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Lebanon: Why the 'Syrians' invaded

A STRIKE THAT MAKES OUR TUC LOOK SICK...

THE SYRIAN take-over of Lebanon comes as the climax to more than a year of civil war.

The press present the war as being between 'Christians' and 'Moslems'.

But the Moslem Syrian regime has intervened to maintain in power the Maronite Christian president Sarkis.

Why? Because the civil war has not been about religion, but about the attempt of a small, privileged ruling class to keep power by divide-and-rule.

The old system in the Lebanon concentrated power in the hands of the upper class from some religious groupings, especially the Maronite (Catholic) Christian. Other groupings, such as most of the Moslems and also the orthodox Christians, were excluded from power.

Crush

Side by side with these religious divisions went vast differences between the immense wealth of the rich and the poverty of the mass of people.

The fight back of the oppressed and impoverished minority began with a series of strikes and demonstrations. The upper class Maronites tried to crush the movement by turning murder gangs on them from the fascist Falange party.

But the left wing forces gained the support of the Palestine guerrillas in Southern Lebanon and were able to fight back.

Every device has since been used to prop up a corrupt regime against those who want change. The Falange have



SOME of the 260 workers on strike at Thermo-Plastics in Jamaica. They went back to work on Monday, after winning a £4 pay increase backdated to September.

The workers have barricaded the factory gates and thrown a picket around the plant, in spite of police intimidation.

They are represented by the Trades Union Congress. Right now, it looks as though the British TUC could learn a thing or two from its Jamaican namesake!

resorted to random murders whenever a settlement likely to undercut their power has been in sight. The result has been a death toll so far of 25,000.

Like upper classes everywhere, the Maronite rulers pretended to be great patriots, defending 'Lebanon' against 'foreign infiltrators'. But now that their own forces have faced defeat, they have called in Syrian troops.

They do not mind what barbarities they resort to, or how many deaths they cause. Their only concern is their wealth and their privileges.

They are prepared to destroy society rather than surrender these.

THE BUTCHER'S SISTER

PRINCESS Ashraf, sister of the Shah of Iran, arrived in London on Tuesday. All SW readers who can support the pickets being organised against her should do so.

Ashraf met leaders of the CIA and planned the 1953 coup which brought the Shah to power.

The rulers of Syria have also shown how little they care for their own alleged principles. They have, in the past, claimed to be socialists, and there are still Communist members in the Syrian government.

Invade

They have also claimed to back the refugees driven out of Palestine by the Israelis against Egypt's attempted deal with the Israeli government.

But now the Syrians have invaded Lebanon and attacked the left and the Palestinians. The Financial Times has correctly noted that:

'The original Syrian intervention was undertaken with the tacit understanding of the US and—through the Americans—the grudging acceptance of the Israelis.'

The danger now is that the Syrians will do what King Hussein did in neighbouring Jordan six years ago—wipe out the leftist and Palestinian forces.

Finally, the Syrian invasion should be the moment of truth for the Palestinian guerrillas. The Palestine Liberation Organisation has always believed that it could gain the support of the 'progressive' Arab regimes such as Syria in its struggle to free Palestine.

It has opposed the fight to build revolutionary socialist organisations among the workers in countries like Syria.

This mistake is now going to be paid for in blood.

IRELAND: THE ONLY WAY OUT

By Eamonn McCann

BARRICADES went up in Belfast on Sunday night as fear tightened its grip on the ghettos after a weekend in which 11 men, eight of them Catholics died in bomb and bullet attacks on houses, clubs and pubs.

In the shattered aftermath, Northern Ireland secretary Merlyn Rees announced that 200 of the soldiers withdrawn from Belfast in recent weeks

would be sent back in. At the same time, it was confirmed that representatives of the 'moderate' Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party were meeting in secret with official Unionist leaders in an effort to hammer out a compromise settlement.

The weekend deaths are the latest in the wave of killings which began a month ago when Rees decided, in his own words, 'to assert the primacy of the police'.

He sent the hated Royal Ulster Constabulary back into the Catholic areas from which they have been barred for years.

KILLING

Inevitably, the Provos immediately made the police their main target and, in retaliation, Loyalist paramilitary groups resumed killing Catholics.

Like the Catholics, the Loyalist para-militaries see the RUC not as an 'ordinary' police force but as the armed representatives of their own Protestant community.

That being so, 'to assert the primacy of the police' here means to assert the primacy of one community over the other—which is why the Provos go to war to prevent it and the Loyalists shoot and bomb to attain it.

That, in a nutshell, is the political explanation of last weekend's bloodletting. And 200—or 2000 or 20,000—extra soldiers will not stop a

recurrence when the political basis for it remains.

By guaranteeing the continued existence of Northern Ireland and arming and controlling the deployment of the forces who defended it, Britain is in effect prolonging the sectarian agony.

If Britain took out the army and the guns she has placed in the hands of local forces like the RUC and the Ulster Defence Regiment, the immediate result might be, as many fear, a further upsurge in violence.

But it would be temporary. The political log jam would have been broken.

The possibility would have been opened up, at least, of advance towards a free and peaceful Ireland.

In contrast to this perspective, the 'secret negotiations' between the SDLP and the Unionists are a sick farce.

The chief negotiators are Mr John Hume and the Reverend Martin Smyth, Imperial Grand Master of the World Council of the Orange Order.

FAIL

The talks will fail just as every other attempt to square the sectarian circle has failed in the past eight years.

Moreover, the midpoint between the sides in all such talks moves steadily to the right.

For example, the SDLP once formed an executive with Brian Faulkner. The executive fell after attacks from, among others, William Craig.

So the SDLP moved over and last year tried to do a deal with Craig. That didn't work either, largely because men like Martin Smyth fiercely opposed it.

So the SDLP is dragged even farther away from its original stance and now tries secret diplomacy with Smyth.

And all to no avail. Having like British governments, consistently refused to face up to the fundamental issue—the very issue of the existence of the state and the British presence which guarantees it—the SDLP is drawn into the mesh of the murderous sectarian system it originally set out to change.



IT'S LIKE the Right to Work March all over again.

Except that this is Greece. The defenders of 'law and order' left one woman killed and more than 100 people injured after they attacked a recent march by 4000 strikers in Athens. The strikers had defied a police ban and tried to march on Parliament.

THE UGLY FACE OF CHAPPLE'S UNION

and how to change it



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Chairman: George Kelly (EETPU convenor, Glasgow)

Saturday 12 June, 2-5pm
Digbeth Civic Hall, Deritend High Street, Birmingham.

COACHES FOR BIRMINGHAM

CARDIFF: Leaves 9am, Central Station

MANCHESTER: Leaves St. Peter's Square, 11.30am

LONDON: Leaves 9am, ABC Cinema, Brixton Hill, Brixton Leaves 9.30am, Kings X Station forecourt.

GLASGOW: Meet Central Station, 7.15am.

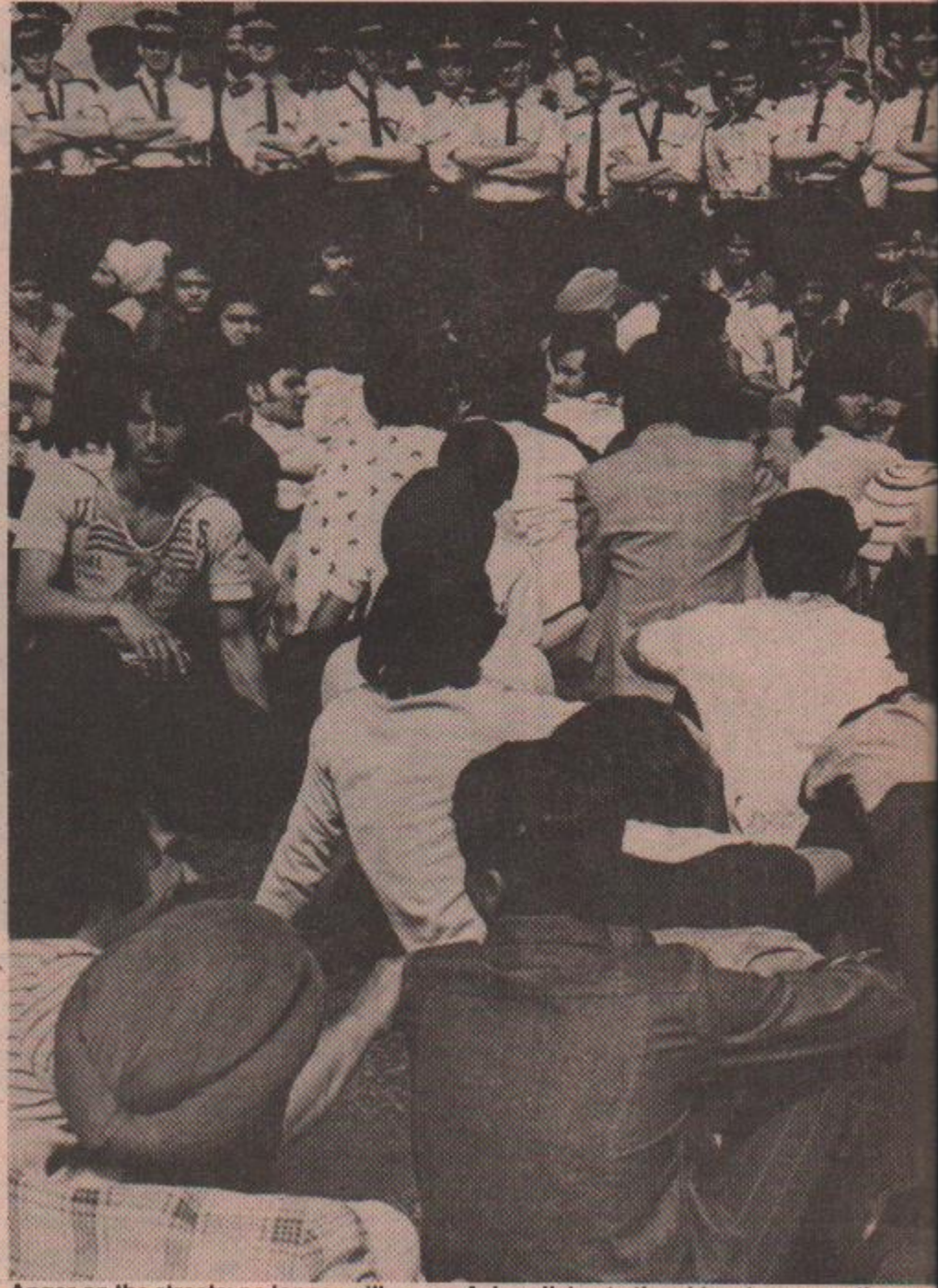
NEWPORT: Leaves 9.45am, Transport House

SHEFFIELD: Leaves 11.30am, Railway Station.

SWANSEA Leaves 8am, Central Library

Picture: Chris Davies (Report)

The day Southall rose up against the racists



Anger on the streets: no longer will young Asians listen to the old and conservative men

JUST SOME OF THE WAYS WE CAN FIGHT BACK

By Phil Jones
NALGO, Gloucester

A COUPLE of lessons on what you should—and shouldn't—do when fighting racialism.

Lesson No 1: A bunch of black kids on a bus recently were having a joke and a laugh—something a couple of white blokes downstairs didn't like.

They were saying 'the blacks are taking over' and coming out with racist insults. They were obviously trying to stir up other people on the bus. I stood up and tried to explain that they were wrong and told them to take back their insults.

They continued to repeat the same filthy ideas, so I said: 'Right. If you don't take it back, I'll see what they've got to say upstairs.'



(Report)

Have you had a good fight with the racists? Let us know about it. Send your reports to **Fightback**, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

I went upstairs and held a meeting. I told the top deck what was going on below and finished by asking 'What are we going to do about it?'

Most of them followed me downstairs to confront the racists with their ideas. After we'd exchanged a few words, the white kids were chased off the bus, having had their backsides kicked.

Me and the black kids congratulated ourselves that we had shown how to fight racialism. I said blacks and whites should stand up and fight together.

Then I got off the bus...

Lesson No. 2: The racists were just down the road. They set about me with head butts and kicks and I hardly got a look in.

I ended up with a broken tooth, a torn jumper and shirt and had some X-rays in the casualty department of the nearby hospital.

HOW WE'RE PINNING THE NAZIS DOWN

By Alasdair McSween,
UCATT shop steward, London

WE HAVE known that there were racists on our site in Lower Thames Street for a year. They put slogans on the bog walls.

We tried intimidation at first. One of the lads stood outside for hours asking who wrote 'kill the wogs'. That worked for a few months.

Then a National Front sticker went up. We ripped it down and another appeared.

We suspected three blokes in particular. They were best known for voting to make their

section of six the worst paid on the site, and for not putting money into collections.

Things were brought to a head by three crude caricatures of Sikhs with 'we want your homes, we want your jobs, we want your country'.

This was taken to the stewards committee. The stewards went straight in to demand that anyone caught putting up racist slogans should be in-

stantly dismissed. There is no open agitation on the site, either racist or fascist.

But the slogans on the bog walls 'NF will get rid of brown shit' go on.

We must pin the Nazis down by forcing them to speak up in a mass meeting or bottle out once and for all.

If they stand condemned as dyed-in-the-wool racists or as fascists, we'll have them off.



By Thelma Kennedy,
unemployed social worker, Bolton

THE FASCISTS are crawling out from under their stones in Bolton.

The chairman of the local National Front branch, James Marshall Bridge, put up a sign outside his mother's house last week which read: 'For sale. Coloured immigrants need not apply'.

The house, of course, was not really for sale. Bridge had erected the sign as a protest against the jailing of Robert Relf. He was quoted in the Bolton Evening News as saying: 'An Englishman should be able to put up any sign he likes in his garden'.

He also said he would be willing to go to prison for his action. Unfortunately, this is not likely to happen.

The Race Relations Board said: 'We have had a rash of these cranks throughout Lancashire in recent weeks. We just ignore them and let them make fools of themselves'.

Faced with this inactivity, Bolton IS members went to the house and removed the sign which, interestingly, was written on the back of a poster for the National Federation of Self-Employed.

We rang the local paper and told them we had taken it down and would do so with any others put up.

They just printed: 'The sign has been stolen'...

We have started to put the Socialist Worker leaflet on immigration into local factories.

We must get across to the people of Bolton that we will not allow our black brothers and sisters to be blamed for the rising unemployment and poor housing conditions.

FURY AND frustration gripped Southall last weekend following the racist murder of a young Sikh, Gurdip Singh Chagger.

Accounts of what happened differ completely from the official police version reported in the press. 'I do not think there were racist overtones,' Det Inspector Ian Sewell told the Sunday Times.

Upsurge

Jaswant Atwal, who is co-ordinating the opposition of white and black socialist organisations to the new upsurge of racism in Southall, told Socialist Worker:

'This is nonsense. A gang of about 20

white ran do shop their Then 'Th is well Indian with racist and th The outside murder red cl A h paint

A MONUMENT TO RACISM



Bloodstains and a red flag mark the spot claimed a young life



who 'lead' their communities

By JOHN ROSE

ouths, mostly boys but some girls, own the main street banging Indian windows and then, with knives in hands, charged at a group of Indians, they ran off.

is in the heart of Southall, where it is known that on warm nights many walk around the streets chatting with their friends. This was a deliberate murder inspired by Enoch Powell's National Front.

is still blood on the murder spot at the Victory public house where the murder took place. It is now covered with a wreath and surrounded by wreaths. The slogan has been daubed in white on the wall: **This racist murder will be**

MENTISM



where, last Friday, racism

avenged. We'll get you, racist scum.

The anger of the youngsters has rocked the arch-conservative leadership of the Southall Indian Workers' Association.

Each wave of racialism in the past has been 'answered' by the Southall IWA calling a day-long Sunday meeting. The meetings usually last six hours and consist of long and boring speeches by Indian businessmen and lawyers pretending to be socialists. At the end, a resolution is passed condemning racialism. Last Sunday was, however, a little different.

Boring

After two such boring speeches, the young Indians who had crowded into the meeting could bear it no longer. Insults were hurled at the platform, drowning the speakers, and the meeting ended abruptly in chaos.

An hour later, the youngsters started their own meeting and decided to march on Southall police station, ignoring the pleas of IWA officials who had tried to squeeze

back onto the platform. Hundreds of young Indians ran towards the police station. Two of them were arrested on the way.

Southall police have a shocking record on racialism. Only last year, Ealing Community Relations Council documented detailed case studies of systematic police persecution of Asians.

The police linked arms across the main Uxbridge Road outside the station. The Indians sat down across the road in front of them, bringing the busy traffic to a standstill.

Eyelid

For three hours, they confronted the police until news came that the two young Indians had been released unconditionally.

Just before they were released, a fire engine suddenly surged down the road towards the sit-in. It was extremely frightening but no one batted an eyelid.

The fire engine screeched to a halt within feet of the squatting crowd. Coke tins were hurled at it and the hoses were ripped away.

For two nights, hundreds of young Indians have stood for hours near the murder spot, some arguing, some

SMASH RACISM!

SMASH THE NATIONAL FRONT!

Demonstrate this Saturday, 12 June, in Southall.

Assemble 12 noon, Bridge Road, Southall (next to Southall railway station).

Demonstration supported by Labour Party, Communist Party, International Socialists, Association of Indian Communists, Indian Workers' Front.

The following IS branches to support: W Middlesex, W London, NW London, Central London, Slough and Maidenhead, Reading.

* STOP POLICE HARASSMENT

Demonstrate this Saturday, 8 June, 1pm, Brixton Oval, Tate Library.

cursing whites and occasionally throwing cans at passing cars. A can hit a Rolls Royce on Sunday night amid cheers.

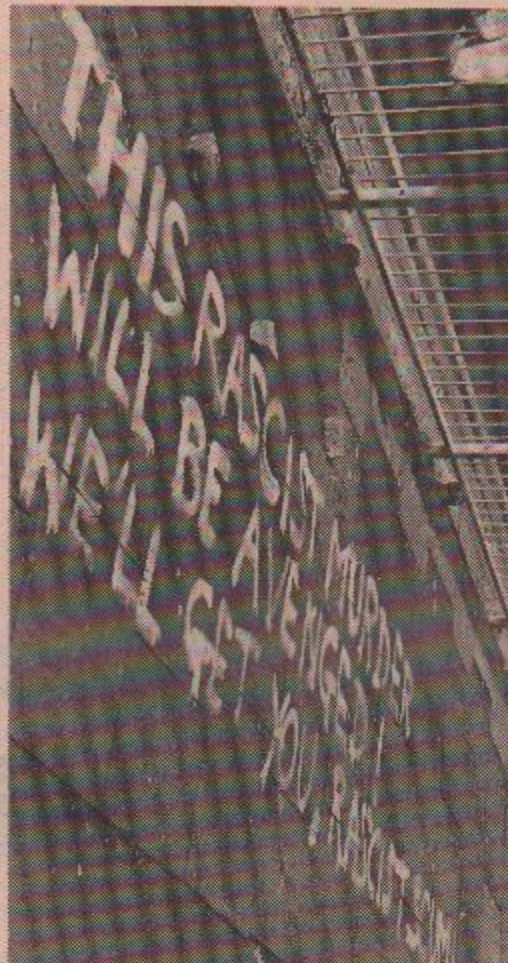
Others just stand quietly, still stunned by what has happened.

The youngsters have rejected all attempts by the older generation to stop their aggression.

When Vishnu Sharma, the best known of the Indian leaders in Southall, told the sit-in that they were there to ask for better police protection in Southall, he was jeered and booed.

A massive campaign will have to be waged among the youths, respecting their new-found self-assertion but re-

Picture: Chris Davies (Report)



Where Gurdip Singh Chaggar was struck down, a simple warning remains...

jecting the dangerous blind alley of turning on all whites as a solution to their problems.

There are already reports of some whites taking a beating.

This will mean calling for disciplined and racially-mixed defence groups patrolling in the town (a demand already rejected by the Labour Party and Communist Party).

Support for demonstrations, such as the one planned for next Saturday, by all the left-wing organisations in Southall, is vital.

We won't work with asbestos!

WE'RE NOT working with the killer dust, asbestos.

The 550 building workers on the Barbican building site in London decided that unanimously on 26 April. They informed their employer Laing's about the decision.

But Laing's brought asbestos on the site anyway. The material has the innocent sounding

By JENNY JACKSON

trade name, Durasteel. But, in fact, it is half-inch asbestos composite sandwiched between two sheets of metal. When the sheets are cut—as they had to be on

the site—the asbestos dust is just as deadly as in any other form.

Convenor Jim Franklin told Socialist Worker: 'I think they were trying to bring the least offensive type of asbestos onto the site.'

'Then they could bring on other types later and say 'What are you complaining about? You've been working with asbestos for a long time.'

The men discovered a pile of asbestos dust and scrap on the morning of 26 May.

'The men who cleaned up the asbestos dust didn't know what it was. They had no safety equipment. It was just swept up into a pile and left,' said Jim Franklin.

'We told management to sort it out. We were all off that afternoon to the unemployment demonstration.

Reaction

'When we came back the next day it wasn't put right so we closed the site down.'

The reaction of UCATT regional secretary Len Eaton to the men's decision not to work with asbestos is interesting.

He told them that the assumption that there is no safe way of working with asbestos under site conditions is not necessarily correct.

He added that various building materials contain different levels of asbestos—from five to 30 per cent.

'There is no safe level of asbestos,' said Jim Franklin.

'There is no way to control asbestos on the site. We're building a school, a cinema, a library, a restaurant—they will want to use it in every corner.'

Danger

Factory inspector W A Dolling has not visited the site. He says the asbestos used is at a safe level and that the men working with the material have not complained.

When Socialist Worker asked him if a strike by 550 men was not sufficient complaint, he said no, he wasn't certain if it was a safety dispute or an industrial relations dispute!

The men know what this dispute is about—even if the factory inspector hasn't twigged yet.

They are not going to work with the killer dust, asbestos.

Messages of support to: Jim Franklin, 171 Dersingham Avenue, London, E12.

And it's the same story in Brixton...

IN A SPONTANEOUS outburst of anger, 150 people—mainly black—picketed Brixton police station in South London last week after the arrest of four men and women.

They had marched from Railton Road where, minutes earlier, PC L666 Gunner had been harassing passers-by.

Gunner, who has recently been involved in three other incidents with black people, had eventually picked on Victor Johnson, 61, a local

sweetshop owner.

This is what happened:

Mr Johnson was carrying a box of goods from a local Cash-and-Carry when Gunner crossed the road and, for no reason, started to accuse him of theft.

Mr Johnson offered the receipt and suggested that they walk the few yards to the shop.

Instead Gunner ripped open the box and, when Mr Johnson's two daughters protested, started poking him with his truncheon.

Within minutes ten police cars, two bikes and two vans had arrived. The police made no effort to find out what it was all about.

Dragged

Mr Johnson was hustled away, a man whose foot was run over by a police car was arrested for criminal damage, and a seven-month pregnant woman was kicked in the stomach. Two women were also arrested.

The police in Brixton have never been light-handed. But over the last few weeks they have got much worse.

Pedestrians are being seized for no reason and anyone who protests is dragged off and charged with obstruction.

50 people later picketed Camberwell Magistrates Court, where the case of the four was remanded till 30 June.

And a seven-man Defence Committee has been elected. It is demanding acquittal of the Railton 4, dismissal and criminal charges against Gunner and another policeman, and an immediate end to all police harassment.

Messages of support to: Railton 4 Defence Committee, c/o Abeng Centre, 7, Gresham Road, London SW 2

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HELP US SELL THIS PAPER...

Some of the sales organised for this Saturday:

BIRMINGHAM: New Street Station, ramp, 10am-4pm.

CHESTER: Foregate Street, Grosvenor Hotel, by entrance to precinct, 1.30-2.30pm.

READING: Junction of Broad Street and Union Street, 10am-3pm

YORK: Coney Street, outside Woolworths, 11am-3pm; Stonegate, Noon-2pm; Market, 10am-1pm.

GLASGOW: Central Station, 10am-5pm; Queen Street Station, 11am-4pm.

NEWCASTLE: Northumberland Street, 11am-3pm; Gateshead High Street, 11am-1pm.

LEEDS: Market, 11am-2.30pm.

HIGH WYCOMBE: Octagon, 10.30am-12.30pm.

CARDIFF: Market, 10.30am-2.30pm.

NEWPORT: Market, 10am-noon.

WEST LONDON: Ealing Shopping Centre, Safeways, 11am-1pm; Hounslow Shopping Centre, Woolworths, 11am-1pm.

INNER WEST LONDON: Shepherds Bush Market, 10am-noon.

Portobello Road, Corner of Lancaster Road, 11am-1pm.

SW LONDON: St John's Road, Clapham Junction, outside Woolworths, 10.30am-1.30pm.

EAST LONDON: Walthamstow High Street, Hoe Street, 11am-1pm.

Barking Magistrates Court, 10.30am-1pm; Ilford High Street, Woolworths 11am-2pm.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Lewisham, Clock Tower, 11am-12.30pm.

Woolwich, Powis Street, 11am-12 noon.

Dartford, outside the new shopping centre, 11am-12.30pm.

Gravesend, outside the market entrance, 10.30am-12 noon.

NORTH LONDON: Wood Green High Road, Marks & Spencer, 11am-1pm.

Holloway Road, Sainsburys, noon-2pm.

DUNDEE: City Square, 11am-4pm.

Thursday and Friday evenings 4-5.30pm.

MANCHESTER: 11am-1pm, Cheetham Hill Precinct.

Salford Precinct; Urmston Shopping Centre; Stockport Merseyway Centre; Prestwich Precinct.

NORTH WEST LONDON: 11am to 1pm, Cricklewood Broadway, Kilburn Square, Kilburn Broadway and Jubilee Clock, Harlesden High Street.

EDINBURGH: Princes Street (east end) 11am to 4pm. Thursdays: Entrance to Wester Hailes shopping centre, 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

BANGOR: Entrance to Wellfield Shopping Centre, 10am to 2pm.

WOLVERHAMPTON: Golden Egg, Queen Square, 10.45am to 1.30pm and 12.30pm to 2pm.



Picture: Richard Platt

Into battle against racism

IN the past four weeks members and supporters of the International Socialists in Blackburn have fought like lions to turn the flood of racism.

Central to that struggle has been the Socialist Worker. With the 'THEY'RE WELCOME HERE' issue they were able to do great things.

When they sold outside the dole in Blackburn groups of Asian workers rallied round the sellers, talking and arguing at great length. 160 copies of Socialist Worker were sold.

The Blackburn International Socialists branch meeting that week drew in an extra 20 people, mainly young Asians anxious to help extend the fight against the racists in the town. At last week's meeting they came again in similar



Flashback to the Blackburn occupation last week

numbers. Blackburn IS is now working towards a major Socialist Worker rally against racism.

The Blackburn comrades are also matching propaganda with action.

Last week they were among the Asian and white militants who occupied the

social services department in protest against the appalling treatment of crippled worker Jack Shorrocks. Jack has to sleep in the kitchen because the corporation won't provide a proper disabled person's bungalow or adequate equipment.

More such protests are planned.

A WORKERS' PAPER

THE International Socialists conference decided that the emphasis on workers writing for and carrying the politics in Socialist Worker must be reinvigorated and renewed.

The resolution called for each area to appoint a comrade responsible for coordinating with the Socialist Worker staff to get workers' reports and articles

into the paper. The paper will only grow and improve if the maximum effort is made to make this more than mere words.

If you have suggestions on the paper, ideas for schools and discussion groups write to Laurie Flynn, at Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

ABOVE: A National Front member hurls abuse at Socialist Worker seller Brian Parkin in Leeds last Saturday, where several National Front and British National Party racists interrupted the usual Saturday sales. One totally lost his head and screamed at the sellers: 'Jewish running dogs, Jewish scum!' and other revolting Nazi remarks.

But the Socialist Worker leaflet, 'THEY'RE WELCOME HERE' had a powerful effect on passers-by, and the Nazis, despite superior numbers, soon packed it in.

Some enterprising socialists in Wolverhampton have been changing the racist FREE RELF slogans daubed up on walls to FREE BELFAST, by changing the R to B and adding the last three letters.

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WHAT'S ON

Notices for What's On should be posted to reach Socialist Worker by first post on the Monday before publication. Adverts will NOT be accepted by phone. Send to: What's On, SW, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

SOUTHWARK TEACHERS SW Public meetings:
10 June: Imperialism
24 June: Democratic Centralism
8 July: Theory of the Rank and File Movement
15 July: The Struggle in Italy
At South Bank Poly. Students Union, Rotary St. Details from Gill Lowenstein (622-1090).

CENTRAL LONDON SW Education Classes: Women and Socialism. Every second Thursday, 6.30pm, at The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London, WC1. Croche provided.
10 June: The History of the Family. Speaker: Debbie Tom
17 June: The Politics of Women's Oppression. Speaker: Joy Leman
1 July: Women and Socialism. Speaker: Sheila McGregor

AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF WORK PERMITS-END IMMIGRATION CONTROLS! Meeting on the campaign on the work permits and to discuss the legislation introduced under the 1971 Immigration Act, the Appeals Tribunal system and renewal of permits. Saturday 13 June 11am-4pm. TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Please contact: IS International Department, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2, phone 01-739 9772

WEST MANCHESTER SW public meeting: Stop the Cuts. Wednesday 16 June, 7.30pm, Ye Olde Nelson, Chapel Street, Salford.

LEICESTER TEACHERS SW meetings:
Thursday 24 June: The Communist Parties in Western Europe. All meetings start 7.30pm, Globa Inn, Silver Street.

EAST LONDON SW series of fortnightly lectures, starting Friday 28 May, Britain in the 1920s:
2. Th Early Communist Party
3. Revolutionaries and Trade Unions

4. The Communist International. Livingstone House, North East London Poly, Livingstone Road, E15, 7.30pm. All readers and SW supporters welcome.

HOSPITAL WORKERS National Meeting, for all IS hospital workers and SW supporters: Saturday 12 June, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester, 11am sharp. Please note change of date. Details later.

HULL Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Every second Sunday, 7pm, at Socialist Books, 238 Springbank, Hull.

Sunday 20 June: Women and Socialism
Sunday 4 July: Crisis in Southern Africa
Sunday 18 July: The Labour Party, an obstacle to Socialism

GAY GROUP MEETING: 11am, Saturday 19 June, Central London. SW and the Gay issue: GLF and the politics of separatism: the problems of being gay at work. Social in the evening. If you need accommodation on Saturday night write c/o, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

LEICESTER District SW meeting: The National Front. Speakers: Paul Foot, Aulair Jemel (IWA-TG shop steward), John Newsinger (AUEW convenor), Rearsby Components. Sunday 20 June, 2.30pm. Highfields Community Centre

North London Womens Voice Group public meeting: Equal Pay Monday 14 June, 8pm, Streud Green School, Enns Road, N4 (near Bookmarks, bookshop). Speaker: Carol Douras (former Mother of Chapel SOGAT DRG), plus Womens Theatre Group in 'Work to Roll'. All welcome.

CHESTER SW discussion meetings: 7.30pm, The Railway, Brook Street, Chester (2 minutes from station). Friday 11 June: Why do we need a revolutionary party? All SW readers welcome.

STOCKPORT Socialist Worker public meeting: Fascism, what it is and how to fight it. Speaker: John Penney. Thursday 17 June, 8pm, Royal Oak, High Street, Stockport

COVENTRY SW public meetings: The State in British Capitalism. Speaker: Mike Kidron. Friday 11 June, 7.30pm, The Mercia, Cross Cheaping. The Communist Party and the General Strike. DEBATE with Duncan Hallas and James Hinton. Friday 25 June, 7.30, The Mercia, Cross Cheaping.

COVENTRY Socialist Worker Economics Day School: What is Exploitation? and the Capitalist Crisis. Tutor: Mike Kidron. 10am-1pm, Saturday 12 June, Sidney Stringer School.

SOCIALIST WORKER EVENTS

Build the Fighting Fund-SW Jumble Sales in London area: Crocheted hats available for SW jumble sales etc. Only 30p (cost of wool). Orders and details: 639 9509.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT SW social Disco at the Three Crowns, Macclesfield 19 June, 8pm, 25p admission. All proceeds to SW Fighting Fund

NOISS

NOISS National Committee, planned for 12 June, postponed till further notice.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

NATIONAL IS meeting on Ireland: Saturday 12 June, 1pm, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Delegates to be sent from all districts and branches. Agenda: Northern Ireland, TOM, PTA, SWM, and organisation.

IS COMRADE seeks accommodation from July in South (preferably South West) London. Contact: Tim Roderick, 14 Edinburgh Road, Norwich

CHESHIRE and SHROPSHIRE IS district meeting for ALL members: Friday 18 June, 7.30pm prompt, Wrexham Labour Club, Montgomery Road, Wrexham (near Queensway Sports Centre). Agenda: IS National Conference report back, Women's Voice and work around women, local activities and SW sales. Comrades in Chester, Shrewsbury, Telford, Wrexham, Crewe and Rhyl should attend. Non-IS members are also welcome.

INNER EAST LONDON District IS Jumble Sale coming soon. Start saving your jumble. Further details to come.

IS Black Caucus meeting: Sunday 4 July, 10.30am-4pm, in London. For overnight accommodation and further details, phone Kim 01-739 9772.



10p from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (add 10p for postage).

Will all IS comrades going abroad for their summer holidays and willing to make contacts, take literature with them, please contact the IS International Department, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2, phone 01-739 9772



FOR SALE - NEW BOOTS: As worn by the Right to Work marchers. Style 1376, Burgundy. Price £5.90 for sizes 3-5, 26 for sizes 6-11. Style 1309, Natural tan £7.25, sizes 5-12. Prices including packaging. Send orders with money to SW Mart, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2. State size and number required.

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

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION:

The workers create all the wealth under capitalism. A new society can only be constructed when they collectively seize control of that wealth and plan its production and distribution.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up, or reformed, as the established Labour and trade union leaders say. It has to be overthrown.

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling classes against the workers.

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state based

upon councils of workers' delegates and a workers' militia.

At most, parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

INTERNATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of a world-wide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers

in other countries.

We oppose everything which turns workers from one country against those from other countries.

We oppose racialism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation movements.

We are for real, social, economic and

political equality of women.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country.

Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist.

We support the struggles of workers in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling class.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve socialism, the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party.

Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

We have to prove in practice to other workers that reformist leaders and reformist ideas are opposed to their own interests.

We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

We urge all those who agree with our policies to join with us in the struggle to build the revolutionary party.

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15.

How John Bull filled his bowl



POEM: Mike Rosen

DRAWING: Eve Barker

INSIDE THE BOX

THE CLASS BIAS

EVERY now and then a television programme steps outside the box. BBC2's *Mirror on Class* was such a programme, looking at how television treated the—for them—thorny subject of class.

As Richard Hoggart said: 'Every time you talk about class, you can guarantee someone will stand up and say there's no such thing. It's the great self-deception. The reality of class has hardly changed.'

And the programme quoted situations to show that, now as 20 years ago, the same ruling class road runs from public school to Oxford and Cambridge, and to the controlling ranks of the forces and civil service.

Class hasn't changed, but has television?

Exaggerated claims were made about the daring achievements of a new BBC freed of the Auntie image. Certainly 1950s television looks absurd.

The film of Mrs Phyllis Digby-Morton earnestly answering queries on etiquette from aspiring gentlefolk wishing to avoid getting off on the wrong foot at the tennis club dance was excruciatingly funny.

The Panorama film they showed of Max Robertson asking a secondary modern school-leaver: 'Why on earth did you choose tiling and slabbing?'—as if he was holding out a dead fish—showing Auntie BBC's patronising arrogance

John Bull was an Englishman,
John Bull was a thief,
John Bull sailed across the seas
and robbed an African chief.

John Bull sailed around the world
to look for land to seize.
He stole some islands in the west
and called them his West Indies.

Now John Bull he loved sugar
but there was none in his bowl,
so he looked for willing hands
to cut cane on the land he stole.

To Africa went guns and shirts,
these were John Bull's bribes,
to buy the men and women,
to buy the skills of their tribes.

He went among these people,
he picked them for their size,
then he shipped them across the Atlantic
letting 'em die like flies.

They sowed and reaped the cane,
They ploughed the land he stole.
They loaded the boats they'd come in
so John could fill his bowl.

Back came the sugar they'd grown
and the barrels of rum they'd made,
into the docks he had built
to carry this glorious trade.

John Bull sat down in his great country house
and sipped his Jamaica rum,
saying 'The price of one Jamaica slave
is one of my Birmingham guns.'

John Bull had money now
to build his ports and railways,
to finance the first steam engine
and found a bank at Barclays.

You see, John Bull was a Christian
and dearly loved his neighbours.
He had made his neighbours slaves
and dearly loved their labours.

Of course his slaves are all free now
(to sow the crops he likes to reap)
or to come to good old England
where there's work he wants done cheap.

John Bull takes what others make
but covers up his tracks.
He goes among the people
saying 'Blame it on the blacks.'

TROOPS

'Quite incredible', said Hoggart. 'A second generation Dimbleby couldn't get away with that nowadays.'

No? But the television news does, several times a day.

An example of derisive treatment was shown: a BBC news report of the Glasgow dustcart drivers' strike that told us nothing about why the men were out but emphasised the hazards faced by strike-breaking troops battling with rats.

More than 100 new bulletins reported the dispute, but none included an interview with a striker.

Both BBC and ITN ignored the drivers' case. Only after the strike was broken were they allowed to comment.

Hoggart pointed out how current affairs discussion too never allowed real conflicts but was neatly managed and the issues resolved by the presenter.

'Shall we move on?' said presenter Melvyn Bragg, smoothly accepting his TV role.

An unchallenged news service is crucial to a ruling group. Consider the difficulties of selling one-sided contracts to the labour movement without news bulletins that constantly report wages as the cause of inflation, strikes as 'disruptive', and rises in share prices as good.

A report in 1971 by the television technicians' union ACTT showed the TV bias against rank and file trade unionists. So has the recent report by the Glasgow Media Project. Yet the TV news is bound by law to be accurate, balanced and impartial.

The trade union movement must organise to demand it.

DANIEL BONNET

PRE-VIEW

SATURDAY
APPLY, APPLY, NO REPLY (BBC2) opens in a cheap cafe where an unemployed graduate is writing yet another hopeless job application.

Sound familiar? Well this is set in Calcutta, and the arrival of two friends—one high caste and offering to pull strings, the other a young militant—provokes what could be an interesting political argument.

SUNDAY
PARTY IN POWER (ITV, 12 noon) says it's going to look at how and why political parties break election promises when they get into office. Considering how the Labour government is being forced to rat on the whole of its 1974 Programme, that could be interesting.

MONDAY
Another possible is WORLD IN ACTION (ITV, 8.30pm), which is about the campaigns of sit-down strikes by the Volga Germans to win the right to leave Russia, and the similar protests of Russian Jews.

This is followed by the second episode of BILL BRAND (ITV, 9pm), about the socialist who sells out along the Parliamentary Road.

WEDNESDAY
TIME FOR ACTION (BBC Radio 4) is about the conflict over the new M64, between Stoke and Derby. What could make it interesting is that the motorway might reroute the traffic past two prosperous, commuter villages. The screams of protest may give the environment lobby away.

Setting a mine under the establishment

THIS SUMMER it will be exactly 50 years since D.H. Lawrence started the most notorious English novel of the century, *Lady Chatterly's Lover*. What of this man who's been called everything from the greatest novelist of English working-class life to a sex-mad fascist?

Women in Love, widely seen on TV in a film version over Christmas, is a good place to begin. The book, written in 1916, is about what Lawrence saw as 'the problem of today', relationships between men and women.

In dealing with this subject he set out to challenge the moral values of an establishment that, as well as organising the First World War, was already hounding him. 'I will do my best to lay a mine under their foundations,' he wrote when drafting the book.

God

What's liberating about *Women in Love* is the way it sees human sexuality as a normal, important part of life. Lawrence rejects traditional, shamefaced justifications of sex of the kind that it's all right because God intended us to be that way.

Behind justifications of that sort lies the suggestion that if, however, God had consulted us we could have recommended more hygienic and less unfortunate ways of doing it!

For Lawrence, sexuality is a delight and the book's celebration of that at a time when it wasn't trendy to do so—the National Purity League had already secured the banning of his previous novel, *The Rainbow*—makes it a pioneering achievement.

TAKE IT AS RED

The book is set in the decade before the First World War, when two groups above all were trying to 'lay a mine under the establishment foundations'—women and miners.

It was the decade of the great suffragette struggles, of the first national coal strike, of women on hunger strike, of miners shot down by troops in Tonypandy.

But Lawrence was tragically unable to see either of these groups as allies. Militant women he regarded as a threat and the book contains a bilious attack on them in the shape of a character called Hermione Roddice. So for all its insights it never gets past domineering male conceptions of women.

Fear

Lawrence was a miner's son. In an earlier novel, *Sons and Lovers*, he had turned into fiction his own battle to escape from the searing deprivations of a mining family to be a writer.

So in *Women in Love* miners are not seen as a

possible solution to the problems of industrialism but are dismissed contemptuously as part of the problem.

This fear of the women's movement and this turning his back on miners' struggles means that the book is written out of a deep sense of isolation, which warps its perceptions.

So it ends trapped within the characteristically alienated attitude of so much bourgeois fiction—that the whole world's crazy except you and me and even you're a bit daft at times—and yet uneasily dissatisfied with that attitude.

Next week I'll look at how Lawrence tries to break out of that trap in *Lady Chatterly's Lover*.

PAUL O'FLINN

Enter stage left

SOCIALISTS in London have a choice of political plays this week.

WE DO IT FOR LOVE, at the Young Vic until this Saturday, brings some of the reality of the struggle in Northern Ireland. Its theme is the eternal triangle of Prots, Teds and British Army.

It uses comedy in an unexpected way—one scene of the bombers preparing their evil device is particularly funny, and then switches quickly to the deadly serious.

The overall effect is to present the people of Northern Ireland as much the same as working people here, showing how the sectarian divide has them at each other's throats when all claim to be protecting

their families and their livelihoods.

LITTLE RED HEN, at the Shaw Theatre, is 7:84 Scotland's story of Socialism in Scotland and how the 'parliamentary process' co-opted and corrupted the 'reds of Clydeside', freezing out the few who managed to stand against it.

But it's not just historical, for the point of it all is to show how the Scottish Nationalists don't have any answer today. There's one really funny scene in which the Scotsnats are made out as the political equivalent of the Bay City Rollers.

Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, London until 19 June.

Racism and Black resistance in Britain

by ROBERT MOORE

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RACISM: The way we fight

Postal Points

IN THE SHORT term a more certain way would be for the government to allow itself to be defeated in its aim to keep down living standards, cutting public expenditure etc as the short term result would be a further reduction in confidence in the economy by the ruling class leading immediately to even higher prices, higher unemployment and the rest.

The logic of this argument is that we should support the pro-profit policies in order to keep the Tories out. The factor left out is of course self-activity of the working class which has to accompany the attack on the Labour government in order to pose an alternative different from the Tories.

□ Chris Barker

Borders cleaners thank RTW

THE EDINBURGH Right to Work Committee, is very proud to have received the following letter from the Transport Union official in charge of the Borders School Cleaners Dispute.

'With the above dispute successfully concluded, I now take the opportunity to write on behalf of our members to express our appreciation and thanks for the very generous effort put in by your Committee in raising contributions towards our strike fund.

It is a fact that the sum raised by your Committee and associations became the backbone of the fund which enabled us to force a successful conclusion. Money aside however, it has to be said that the tremendous effort put in by the individuals who came to the Borders and were seen by our members to be working on their behalf gave such encouragement as would be difficult to express in so many words.

We are particularly anxious that this expression of thanks should be passed to the individuals whose names appear on our donations list but as we do not have any of their addresses other than those of Ruth Morgan Thomas of Stirling University to whom we have written personally, we are enclosing separate copies which we trust you will see to their destination and the names are given below.

Many thanks again and may we wish you success in your present struggles within the Universities and Colleges on behalf of those who are training as teachers and demanding to be employed as such.

□ D R Shoat, District Secretary, TGWU

CP REBELS TAKE NOTE

AS CHRIS HARMAN points out, one of the arguments in the CP pamphlet on Russia is that socialism is compatible with many different forms of the 'state apparatus'—in particular, that there can be socialism even where the working class has no control whatsoever over the state.

The point which deserves emphasis here is this: that according to this argument it is possible to build socialism without the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The attack on the state-capitalist analysis of the USSR is combined with a defence of the so-called 'parliamentary road' to Socialism.

Now there are many comrades in the CP who don't accept the idea of the 'Parliamentary road' and are very worried over the CP's rejection of the dictatorship of the proletariat. These comrades should note, and note well, that the CP's rejection of the dictatorship of the proletariat goes hand in hand with its attack on the state-capitalist analysis of the USSR. To attack the state-capitalist analysis of the USSR is to attack the dictatorship of the proletariat.

□ Bruce Young, Wolverhampton.

BESIDES THE economic argument in determining whether Russia is socialist or not, what about the freedom argument? Does a socialist country lock up its writers?

Andrey Sinyavsky points out in his novel, *The Trial Begins*: 'All he wanted was to free his own people, it was only afterwards that it turned out to be wrong, and even

anti-socialist as well... For this novel he received seven years hard labour.

Other people such as Solzhenitsyn (who I can assure you is the only Yorkshire Evening Post reporter to have been awarded the Nobel Prize, let alone accept it) are elevated to the status of demigods in the West.

But the brilliant anonymous author of *Nobody* remained unknown. The author insists that the stars of the Kremlin are inverted Churchills—telling the Russian people to get stuffed. I repeat—what kind of socialism locks up its writers?

□ Paul Furness, Leeds

NASTY, just plain nasty. That was the action of the sectarian hack who, at the recent conference on youth unemployment, ripped down a poster calling for support for the arrested Right to Work Marchers.

I hope on of his comrades will explain to him that this sort of attitude will strengthen the reactionary policies of the police and the courts.

□ Bernie Wilcox, Partington.

OH NO! A splattering of misery-gutses have written in (last week) to complain about the appearance of a black man called 'Sunshine' in 'Our Norman'. They want the strip to portray an ideal socialist world, not life as it really is. They'll want Norman himself to be a red-hot Bolshevik organiser next.

□ Phil Evans, North London

YOUR COVERAGE of the so called Asian problem in last week's *Socialist Worker* was excellent. Just the sort of hard facts we need to smash the lies and deceit of Powell and his ilk.

When I left school on Tyneside to go straight on the dole it was very easy to blame unemployment on 'the wogs' as I used to call them. Fortunately I met an International Socialist comrade on my site who was prepared to argue with me coolly and rationally over a

long period.

He argued that I had more in common with a Sikh joiner than with the parasites who control this system and exploits us all, black and white. He argued that they were only too happy for us to be fighting one another instead of fighting the real causes of unemployment and bad housing, witless Ireland.

These are the arguments to stress. Under no circumstances should we preach from some supposedly superior moral position.

□ Paul Lannen, UCATT, York

It's a class war

WE'VE HAD SESSION after session where I work on racism. I've tried to explain about the homeless, the bricks and mortar and land that's lying unused. But nationalistic arguments seem to override everything else.

Out it comes. 'They're taking our homes, our jobs and living off assistance from the state' and other variations of the same rubbish. Even when a black worker does get a job it's not good enough for some. They're all capitalists as well—'unemployed immigrant capitalists'.

I don't hold my workmates entirely responsible for these racist views. They are swamped by the Sun, The Mirror, Express and the TV. But we've got a big fight on our hands, not just against the bosses but against the inherited nationalistic racist viewpoint.

I hate and detest racism. And now I'm in a nest of it at work, it just spurs me on to fight what the class war is really all about.

What's more it's the reason I joined the IS.

□ Steve Cedar, Walthamstow

CONGRATULATIONS on your issue 'They're Welcome here'. It was with some trepidation that I went to sell *Socialist Worker* at the Labour Exchange that issue. But it had to be done. We cannot afford not to fight and fight again against the racism that these press campaigns bring out in workers.

I would like to make a suggestion. First the arguments on the front page be produced in shortened form on a large readable poster for fly posting outside every major factory.

We should not use paste but something long lasting like wood glue. We should also flood every factory, school, college and labour exchange with leaflets carrying the same information to counter the press barrage.

Incidentally has anyone else noticed how the 'debate' over the new pay freeze has gone out of the news since the press started their campaign against black immigrants? An accident? I don't think.

□ Ken Collins, East London



'They're Welcome Here' has been reproduced as a leaflet. £1.50 for 1000, 15p for 100 from *Socialist Worker*, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

RE THE nationalisation debate in the Houses of Parliament. Tweedledum and Tweedledee arrived back after the Night Before at the Talking Shop armed with their customary buckets of whitewash so vital to the perpetuation of the system.

The reference to Parliamentary democracy, an entity which has yet to see the light of day, must surely make honest men and women weep. How revolting it all is.

□ Stanley L Hale, Petersfield, Hampshire.

WHAT A sneaky double purpose the new proposed local rates tax has. Not only does it make a mockery of the so called tax concessions agreed in the pay policy, it also makes it easy for the Government to slip in the through the back door and dust up from the files of the forgotten Tory Fair Rents Act. The motto here is 'Help the country and we can stab you in the back.'

Although I understand your reasons for wanting a Labour Government in power I am beginning to think that if the Tories were in we might get a different reaction from the Scanlons and Gormleys, instead of pussyfooting to the government they might do the job they are paid to do. They might put up a solid resistance to the appalling drop in our living standards.

□ William Fleetwood, Kirkby.

BEEF CATTLE are being ruthlessly slaughtered in Australia and the carcasses buried in mass graves: up to week ending 22 May 50,000 had been disposed of; potentially £12½ million worth.

No! It is not disease though it is due to an aberration, not of the cattle, but of the designers of the Common Agricultural Policy and the EEC in general. The Aussie farmers call it 'overproduction'; in a hungry world it is, in reality, underconsumption.

Four years ago Britain imported more than 100,000 tons of Aussie beef—last year 14,500 tons. Reason—Common Market tariff barriers in the Common Agricultural Policy, an instrument designed to maintain high prices in times of abundance, by destruction of primary produce. Predictions are that another 700,000 animals may have to be destroyed.

Aussie farmers are angry: they have, collectively, received compensation totalling £150,000. So who profits? Anti-marketeers may well say: I told you so.

□ C Mc Cann, Buxton

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YOUR FRONT page attack on racismism 'They're welcome here' was an excellent piece of journalism which you should be proud of.

It was courageous, imaginative and provocative, covering in clear straightforward terms the most important aspects of a subject that has shamelessly manipulated by the mass media in an attempt to use black workers as scapegoats for the social and economic problems created by capitalist class rule.

I've pinned it on my union board and hope it will help towards clarifying the confusion surrounding the issue and I am grateful to you for giving me the tool I needed. Keep on working.

□ John Morais, Cambridge

Ode to pawns

A MAXIMUM wage rise of four and a half per cent. A rise you'll find you've already spent. As the cost of living continues to soar. Your standard of living must be worse than before.

Union leaders or so they're misnamed. They are the culprits that must be blamed. To represent the workers they were elected. But their two-faced turn around leaves us utterly defeated.

The Gormleys, Scanlons, and that Mr Jones. Plainly show they're Government pawns. Telling their members: 'We want more production'. And at the same time: 'Take a wage reduction'.

The workers, I feel, must now unite. If the cake is bigger we want a bigger bite. So back on the Scargills, honest, forthright and true. For a better deal for the workers, that's you, you and you.

□ Jack Killner, Barnsley

A parliamentary road? Remember the Curragh mutiny

FOUR YEARS of working-class anger. Four years of trade union and socialist organisation. Years when the ruling class shook with fear of revolution.

That was the climate in England just before the First World War. A time when our rulers thought they might lose their hold—and the time when they taught us a lesson we should never forget.

They tore up the 'great' British Constitution and directed the army against the decision of parliament, to keep their wealth and their privilege.

The Belfast dock strike in 1907, organised by the radical dockers' leader James Larkin, lasted from June until September. It united Catholic and Protestant workers, undermining the Orange Order machine, and had the police on strike for better conditions.

During the Liverpool Liverpool dock strike in 1911 the government took fright and sent two gunboats up the Mersey. Trade union membership doubled, and doubled again, as the wave of new unionism took off. Strikes flared up and down the country, from the Southampton seamen to farm labourers, all groups of workers were involved.

In engineering the shop stewards movement, led by socialists, was becoming very powerful. Just how powerful was to be seen in 1915 when Lloyd George had to travel to Clydeside to 'bargain' with them.

Bitter

In 1913 Dublin was paralysed by a combined dock and transport strike. Its leaders were James Larkin and the revolutionary socialist James Connolly. The pickets were later to become the 'Citizens Army', the first Red Army of Europe.

The dispute was long and bitter, and support was widespread. The TUC sent ten shiploads of food and clothes up the river Liffey to the strikers. Each shipment cost £5000!

During the Dublin strike Larkin was jailed, 10,000 packed the Albert Hall to hear the Labour Unrest, Irish Nationalist and Suffragette speakers demand his release. There were protests across the country.

In two weeks his cell door opened, and he set off on a speaking tour.

THE Liberal government knew there had to be changes. But their tax reforms led them into trouble with the block-headed rump of the rich—the Lords vetoed the Bills.

So Asquith retaliated with a Bill to reform the House of Lords.

To do this the Liberals needed the support of the 82 Irish Nationalist MPs. So they struck a bargain: Home



Carson—he lunched with the Kaiser to get arms for the UVF

The day the

generals took over



Rule for Ireland in exchange for reform of the Lords. Get Ireland out of their hair, and oil England's troubled waters, in one go.

Not that Home Rule was designed to do anything for the Irish workers and peasants—its main champion, John Redmond, had a comfortable estate in County Wicklow. It was a farmers' and businessmen's charter.

Troops

But it upset the landowners and the Belfast industrialists. So the Lords still blocked it.

The Home Rule Bill was finally passed three times by the House of Commons. Constitutionally the Lords could no longer stop it, and it was to become law in May 1914.



Redmond—for him Home Rule was a landowners' charter

TORY treason began early. In 1912, the Tory leader Bonar Law, and the Ulster Unionist Sir Edward Carson announced to a packed Albert Hall that the Conservative Party would support the Protestant minority in Ulster to the end.

The message sent to the Orange Order after the meeting minced no words: 'Constitutional or unconstitutional, the Party is behind you.'

Meetings of support for the Orange Order took place in unusual settings. Blenheim Palace, the stately seat of the Churchill family, was host to a small gathering of 15,000, addressed by the Duke of Marlborough.

Brute

Bonar Law and Carson kept in close touch with their contact in the War Office—the Director of Military Operations, Sir Henry Wilson.

The Protestants rejected every compromise as it was put to them, and Prime Minister Asquith predicted trouble. When the date of Home Rule approached, the Liberal government ordered General Paget, Commander in Chief of the British Army



1914: Troops move north to protect the arms depots



ABOVE: General Paget, who refused to mobilise troops from the Curragh (left, armed with rifles and bayonets) to prevent civil war over Home Rule. For it would have meant opposing the massive private armies of the Protestant minority, such as the Ulster Volunteers (right)

in Ireland, to surround Belfast with his troops.

But General Paget knew better. Not one soldier moved.

The War Office then telegraphed another patriot General Friend, to carry out the order. But he must have been talking with Paget, because he didn't move any troops either.

Stop

The government then sent two cruisers to collect the troops, and they finally arrived in Belfast Lough.

General Paget wasted no time. He sped to London to have a gentlemanly word in the ear of the Secretary of State for War, Seely.

Seely obligingly authorized all officers serving in Northern Ireland to 'disappear' if they didn't wish to march on Belfast. A 15th and 16th Lancer resigned, as did a Brigadier and 57 officers of the Third Cavalry, which was stationed at Curragh under General Gough.

Asquith, furious, intended to sack Gough, but was threatened that if he did so every officer in the forces would resign—a neat piece of democratic blackmail.

Asquith then called an emergency cabinet meeting and a compromise was worked out. Instructions went to General Paget that the troops should at least be



seen to support law and order.

By a smart piece of timing Secretary Seely missed the emergency meeting, but he got back from smoothing things over with the King just in time to intercept the Cabinet's instructions to Paget.

Seely simply wrote in permission for the officers to mutiny, got Generals French and Ewart to initial it, and handed the package to trusty Gough, who once more set off for Curragh, to supervise the mutiny.

THERE was considerable commotion next day in the House of Commons, that 'Mother of western democracy'. Asquith dismissed Seely, French and Ewart, but it was too late.

Wilson, mysteriously, never lost his post, although he was known to be in the thick of it. His survival was handy, for he was able to turn an official blind eye to the activities of a certain

Major Crawford. Crawford was in the middle of supplying the Orange Order with 20,000 rifles, 10,000 bayonets, and three million rounds of ammunition. The deal was made in Germany, with the help of the German government, while ample finance came from Tory Party coffers.

The whole lot was safely landed at Larne, and Crawford's achievement received public congratulations from Field-Marshal Earl Roberts. The War Office, of course, kept criminally silent.

Furious

In May 1914, the Home Rule Bill became law and civil war loomed. But by now Asquith had to admit defeat. He instructed the troops not to intervene and Home Rule was suspended when the First World War broke out. The Curragh Mutiny had been successful.

The constitutional granting of Home Rule for Ireland had been prevented by the brute force of the ruling class and their generals. The horrendous toll of sectarian assassinations in Belfast today are a direct result.

Whoever believes there is a parliamentary road to socialism, remember Curragh and learn its lesson.

GLYNN SECKER

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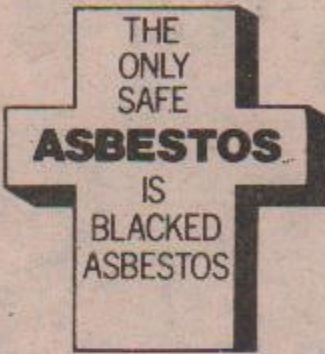
Nigg stewards refuse to back asbestos black

by JOHN HOLMES
SCOTLAND: Supporters of Socialist Worker and members of the International Socialists have been campaigning for months to get asbestos blacked from the Nigg oil rig construction site.

The management's safety officer has told us the asbestos blankets we use are not dangerous, as he has the manufacturers' assurance on this.

The joint shop stewards' committee has been equally determined to keep the workforce using this material, and has repeatedly blocked rank and file efforts to black it.

When presented three weeks ago with socialist geologist Martin Brewer's first report, the committee insisted on sending away their own



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VICTORY FOR LAGGERS

by TONY SHARP
LIVERPOOL: Insulator workers have forced the education authority to take stringent precautions on all future lagging and delaying jobs. They won this only after two rows about the appalling conditions in two schools.

The first row came when, after attending a union meeting on the dangers of asbestos, the Croxteth School caretaker became suspicious of a substance in the boilerhouse. He called in Alan Maclean, who led the recent picket at the United Hospitals.

Alan identified the substance as the deadly blue

asbestos. This had been stripped 18 months ago. But the place was still full of it.

The caretaker did not return to the boilerhouse until it was correctly decontaminated.

The next day Alan was called to Roscoe Primary School. But this time the authorities had panicked and removed the substance before Alan and a factory inspector arrived.

However, a deadly trail of dust which was readily identified, was found.

The row that followed caused a meeting between the Liverpool education chiefs, General and Municipal Workers Union officials and Alan.

They have now agreed that before any insulation is touched in any Liverpool school it will be inspected by an experienced official. Stripping will be carried out only by a

fully qualified insulation company.

What's more, when the job is finished satisfactorily, a certificate of clearance is to be issued.

JUNIPER STREET OUT

LONDON: Workers at the Greater London Council Juniper Street site are on strike against asbestos dust and wage cuts.

Painters on the site had earlier refused to work in contaminated areas. But work elsewhere meant that their bonus was reduced. A substitute bonus was paid for one week but not for the second week that cleaning and vacuuming went on.

After the painters threatened to withdraw from the bonus scheme a site meeting was held. In an excellent decision all the other trades decided they would support the painters. This was because they had benefitted from the action of the painters in challenging the asbestos hazard.

The GLC was given a week to resolve the matter before an all-out strike. The GLC, perhaps anxious to destroy union organisation on site, did nothing. So the site came out.

Notices and meetings

LITTLE RED HEN: A play by John McGrath about the upsurge on Red Clydeside in the 1920s. 7.84 Theatre Company, at the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, 31 May-19 June, 7.30pm.

REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST LEAGUE OF JAMAICA: newspaper Socialist Weekly available from Flame 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2. 10p per sample copy, post free. Also available from IS Bookshops in London and Birmingham.

TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT: Open Forum on Ireland, Saturday 26 June, 10am, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Speakers to include Elaine Krivine, Tony Cliff, Eamonn McCann, Mervyn Metcalf, Ken Livingstone. Contributions from J.P. Satre, Pat Arrowsmith.

JOURNALISTS' CHARTER: supporters: Lobby of NUJ executive meeting, Friday 11 June, 11am, Ivanhoe Hotel (opposite Congress House), No Deal with Healey!

RED LADDER THEATRE: wants more rungs. We are a collective touring theatre company based in Leeds, and we want:

1. A performer—of either sex, preferably with Equity membership and musical skills.
2. An administrator—she/he should have organising experience and knowledge of the trade union and labour movement.
3. A musical director—she/he should be able to play one or more instruments and write and arrange music.

All to start in September. Wage £45 a week. Please write giving details of experience and reasons for interest in the work. Red Ladder Theatre, 20 Westminster Bldgs, 31 New York St, Leeds 2. Leeds 456342.

EAST LONDON ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST THE CUTS: public meeting: Stop The Cuts. Fight For The Right To Work, No Deal With Healey, Monday 14 June, 7.30pm, Bancroft Road Library (off Mile End Road, near Queen Mary College). Speakers: Paul Foot, Jack Aldrich.

LONDON bookshop workers TGWU branch: if there are any bookshop workers in London who are interested in joining our union, please contact Norman Brewerton or Tony Hyams at Dillons University Bookshop (636-1577, ext 4 or 139) during work hours, or Norman Brewerton (249-5136) in the evenings.

LOWESTOFT committee to Fight Education Cuts: Monday 14 June, 7.30pm, Film Show, Fight the Cuts, College of Further Education, St Peter's Street, Lowestoft. Admission free.

WALTHAM FOREST TRADES COUNCIL: public meeting: Action against new London fares—Don't pay the increase! Speakers from TUC, GLC, TGWU, NUR, Ross Wyld Hall, Walthamstow, Thursday 17 June, 8pm.

An evening of theatre about THE IRISH STRUGGLE—with 'The Other Way Round', CAST's new play about the IRA, The Non-Stop Connolly Cycle, and the May Day Theatre's 'Bloody Ireland'. Thursday 17 June, 7.30pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Entrance 50p. All proceeds go towards the Labour Movement Delegation to Ireland.

ROADGANG: touring socialist theatre group based in the North East need actor/musician from August. Equity rates. Apply to 5 Washington Terrace, North Shields, Tynes and Wear.

IRISH CITIZEN ARMY— Giant Commemorative poster (30 in x 40 in) for sale. Three colours—limited edition. Obtainable from Bookmarks for £1 or by post from TOM, i, North End Road, London W14 for £1.10 (cheque or PO). Proceeds to finance Labour Movement Delegation to Ireland.

A series of meetings on CHILE starts this Friday 11 June, 7.30 at Centreprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8. The first meeting is on Education in Chile, before and since the coup. The speaker is a refugee now living here. The meetings have been organised by the Hackney NUT Chile Committee. (Other meetings are on June 25, July 2, July 16. We will be showing films and speakers will cover a wide range of topics.)

SOCIAL WORKERS OUT ON STRIKE



Some of the 250 social workers who picketed the Birmingham social services department for the reinstatement of Martin Cumella (inset, top).

BIRMINGHAM: Hundreds of social workers are on strike for the reinstatement of a militant trade unionist who they believed has been victimised for his union activity.

The case of the social worker who allowed a young boy to spend a weekend at the home of a former prostitute and her hus-

band made national headlines and gave Birmingham Council the excuse they were looking for to sack NUPE branch secretary Martin Cumella.

But his colleagues in NALGO, NUPE and the social workers' association, BASWA, are not fooled. Last week a demonstration of 200 marched through the city demanding his job back and reinstatement of social worker Pam Mansell, who was demoted.

Members of NALGO, NUPE and BASWA, are on strike. NALGO officers who wanted to call off the action have been replaced by rank and file social workers, committed to defending

Cumella's job.

Martin Cumella became NUPE branch secretary last October. For five months he negotiated for all NUPE members, manual as well as social workers. Suddenly, after six months, he was told he could no longer negotiate for the manual workers—who make up nine-tenths of the branch.

This led to a one-day protest strike, when 500 NUPE members from old people's and children's homes came out.

Three days later a story appeared in the local paper, the Birmingham Evening Mail, which accused Cumella of sending a child to live with a prostitute. That same day he was suspended without any reason given.

Suspensions normally only occur for 'gross misconduct', which in the past has meant criminal offences. It has never happened in any other case of negligence.

Cumella has in fact been sacked for being a militant trade unionist.

A departmental inquiry found Cumella and Pam Mansell guilty of negligence. At a disciplinary hearing, the chairman was Mr Foote—who had sacked Cumella. He also put the management's case and sat on the committee which decided the case.

Pocket

The result of the hearing, that Cumella had been sacked, appeared in the Birmingham Post before Cumella heard anything about it.

Cumella, with the rest of his team, had allowed the boy to spend the weekend with a woman who had been convicted of prostitution and her husband because they were the first adults he had responded to since being abandoned.

They were not allowed to become his foster parents.

Bid to remove Rule 14 rebels

CAMDEN, London: Opponents of the TUC's efforts to tighten up bans and proscriptions on trades councils may be forced off the executive of Camden Trades Council.

The new Rule 14 bans trades councils co-operation with any organisation that disagrees with current TUC policy.

The threat to the executive members at Camden does not come from the TUC. It comes from Communist Party members on the trades council.

The left won a majority on the executive after the secretary, Sid Gregory, a Communist Party member, was forced to resign after he collaborated with the TUC's efforts to force the new rule change through.

At last week's executive meeting two other members of the Communist Party, Vic Heath and Ian McDeason, moved that the positions of three other members of the executive be declared vacant.

Their reason was that the branches of the three had refused to accept Rule 14 as the condition of entry to the May delegate meeting. The three have said they will abide by the trades council's new constitution which now includes Rule 14, but they maintain their right to continue campaigning in the labour movement against the TUC's undemocratic bans.

The resolution to remove the three was defeated by five votes to four. The chairman, Bill Lloyd, a full-time UCATT official, then ruled that the votes of the threatened three didn't count. He declared the motion carried by four votes to two.

The chairman then ruled out of order a resolution tabled in March calling for a trades council sub-committee to liaise with other trades councils to call a national meeting to launch a campaign against Rule 14.

A NAVAL DISEASE?

JOIN the Navy and see the world. Or rather the next world, for 52-year-old John Harvey of Hitchin.

An inquest in Hitchin found that this personnel manager and former naval officer had died of asbestosis.

Over the years 200 men from Devonport Dockyard have died of asbestosis and other asbestos-related diseases, according to the Health and Safety Executive. No records are kept of the numbers of sailors who must have died from asbestos-related diseases.

Some people are worried that the socialist revolution might involve some violence. Just think of the violence it would put an end to.

WARNER - SAFE?

LETCHEWORTH: The management at Borg Warner have put up posters saying 'Get to know your safety rep'. The posters even have a special space for the names and sections of each rep—but none of the spaces have been filled in.

Another safety poster informing us of our rights has been covered by a 'Save It' poster that says a small hole in an air hose could cost the company £500 and employees should report them.

A small metal splinter could cost you the sight in one eye. Make sure you save that.

One of us got a rash from working with various oils. The company doctor's solution to the problem was to say we should change trousers once a week, pants once a day, rub cold cream on and bath as much as possible.

What about reducing the amount of oil we are exposed to?

In every factory, safety first means safety is the first thing out of the window rather than effect production. The only protection you've got is the support of your workmates.

Borg Warner has even won several awards for safety. If this factory is good, tell us what's bad!

□ The Rank and File Centre organises Safety at Work Schools round the country, with experts giving advice on how to fight to make your workplace safer for everyone. Details from Roger Cox, 214 Roundwood Road, London NW10 (phone 01-451 0739), or from the Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

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Sparks' stewards back defence fund

A MAGNIFICENT sum of £32 has been donated by the electricians' shop stewards committee at the Arndale site in Manchester to the Right to Work Defence Fund.

After the 21 May court hearings the costs of defending the 43 accused marchers are still rising. One, John Deason, is to appear in court on Friday 18 June to be committed for trial at a later date.

The other marchers are due in court on 17 September. Many will have to make several trips to London before then to discuss their defence with their lawyers.

Collections and donations have come from:

University of Warwick library staff £4, Paul Stevens £1, York ASTMS £5, Independent Film-makers con-

- ference £13.35, Reading Branch NUSMWC&HDE £2, Frenchay Hospital NUPE SSC £5, Eccleshall AUEW £3, Chelsea College £10, Tile Hill College of FE and Hereward College of FE, Coventry £7.50.
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- TGWU Northfield 5/908 £10, Haldane Society £5, High Wycombe social £25.22, Hammersmith and Kensington TASS collection £1.90, ASTMS Div 2 collection £2.80, ASTMS Harlow and District £10, NATFHE conference collection £21, East Anglia NALGO members £22.83.

□ Donations to Right to Work Defence Fund, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Sacked sparks need support

20 MEN from various building sites, mostly in the Sheffield area, are still out on strike against pay cuts and victimisation of 18 of them.

The dispute arose ten weeks ago when electrical contractors N G Bailey arbitrarily decided to end travel expenses for sparks working on the extension to Barnsley Hospital.

The sparks, members of the EETPU, took industrial action. This included half-day strikes. Management responded by sacking 18 of them.

The other 12 came out in sympathy. Flying pickets called out other sites in the area, and 18 sites are now affected.

The central Sheffield branch of the EETPU has voted support for the strike, and asked head office that it be made official.

Response

Delegations have been visiting other sites and factories putting their case and asking for solidarity, and financial support.

The response has been good and collection sheets are in a number of local factories.

Although many of the strikers are in the fifth week of strike, the Social Security are still, to say the least, unhelpful.

Money is still urgently needed, no matter how small. Invite a speaker to your workplace.

□ Collections to: Strike Treasurer, 69a Carr Road, Sheffield 6.

□ The Sheffield Right to Work Campaign has organised a Benefit Disco on Friday 11 June, 8pm, at The Lion, Wicker. All supporters welcome. Tickets 25p.

TRICO: HOW IT CAN BE WON



BRENTFORD: The 350 women production workers at the Trico car components factory are still fighting for equal pay.

They have been on strike for three weeks.

They earn £5.25 less than the men on the production line, and want the money made up in full, now.

Last Wednesday the whole factory came out on strike for the day in support of the women.

REALITY

The Southall Engineering Union district committee have made the strike official and said that the men should also be on strike. But now they have to make that a reality. With more than 1000

workers still in the factory, the women are going to feel isolated on the outside.

The men's stewards are being called to the district office, and a vote on a full-scale stoppage is expected before the end of the week.

□ Trico supplies windscreen wipers for Ford, Vauxhall, Rolls Royce and Chrysler. If these plants black the supplies the strike could be won quickly.

□ AUEW shop stewards committees, branches and districts must organise blacking and financial help for the women now.

□ The strikers have now organised a hardship appeal fund. Send collections and messages of support to: Trico Strike Committee, AUEW House, Woodlands Road, Southall, Middlesex.

Chapple will rule - but it won't be OK

By Steve Jeffreys

COUNTING began this week in the key election for General Secretary of the Electricians and Plumbers' Union (EET-PU).

Frank Chapple is standing for re-election and, if successful, will remain General Secretary until 1986.

An extreme right-winger in the trade union movement, Chapple was plucked by Woodrow Wyatt in the Sunday Mirror two weeks ago.

Wyatt, printer of the EET-PU Union newspaper, wrote of Chapple's two opponents, that Harold Best, the Yorkshire EC member was 'supported by the Communists' and that Billy Williams, the rank and file candidate, 'wanted revolution even more quickly than the Communists'.

Win

This kind of red-scare tactics in the mass media does not deal at all with the policies on which Chapple's opponents are standing.

Aimed at raising renewed fears of the Communist Party ballot-rigging of 17 years ago,

it is likely, unfortunately, to be effective. Chapple is virtually certain to win.

Billy Williams said: 'Of course, Chapple will win. I've made that clear from the start.'

'But what my campaign has done is to bring home to many thousands of EETPU members throughout the country that it's both possible and necessary to build a real rank and file opposition in the union.'

'I see this election as the start, not the finish. That's why I'll be at the National Rank and File EETPU Meeting in Birmingham on Saturday.'

The meeting is in Birmingham's Digbeth Civic Hall from 2-5pm this Saturday 12 June.

The electricians and plumbers present will be discussing the fight against unemployment, wage controls, the JIB and how to build a rank and file movement within the union to fight for real democracy.

□ Coaches to the meeting — Page 7

NALGO SAY YES

THE HUGE NALGO conference—more than 2000 delegates—voted for the government's wage restraint policy this week.

But the early sessions of the conference at Eastbourne showed signs of rising anger and militancy in several sections of the union.

For instance, the executive announced to cheers that 10,000 NALGO members will strike on 24 June in Glasgow and the surrounding areas in protest against the cuts in educational television.

The union's local government section also voted by a large majority to support a campaign for strike action by social workers in protest against long hours of unpaid overtime.

With more and more NALGO members reacting angrily to the cuts at local level, the pressure for rank and file organisation and for a political alternative to the Healey deal is mounting.

These were the themes of a public meeting, called by Socialist Worker, on Monday night.

Eastbourne's trade union centre was packed to overflowing with delegates who came to hear Paul Foot speak on the cuts—and the rank and file alternative.

Glasgow jobs fight

AUTOMAT WEEK 21

SWINTON: A meeting of Confed stewards at Automat has called for a daily 24-hour picket of the plant where the strike for union recognition is in its 21st week.

Engineers Charter, is organising a public meeting to discuss the dispute on 21 June at 8pm in the Beehive Hotel, Clifton.

The Confed stewards also agreed to tighten up on blacking and to set up an organising committee.

□ Messages and donations to: Tom Smith, Automat Convener, AUEW offices, The Crescent, Salford, Lancs.

WORKERS at Holliday Hall sites across the west of Scotland are out on strike again in defence of the agreement they won after a four-week stoppage in March.

They won a closed shop agreement, recognition of their shop committee and senior shop steward.

Management also said that a major oil rig job at Portavichie had to close. But they won a pay-off deal for those who wanted it.

They also won a shift to other jobs for most of the men, including the two shop stewards.

In the last couple of weeks management have refused to recognise the senior shop steward.

Then the men heard that

By Peter Porteous, Glasgow Branch Committee, EETPU

Portavichie was starting up again.

When the senior steward pointed out that they had an agreement on who should be on the job, they refused to discuss it with him.

A few days later two shop stewards got the bullet for an unofficial break. The lads were writing out their time sheets when they were sacked.

A £25 WAGE CUT? NEVER!

BISHOPBRIGGS: 280 members of SOGAT, the print union, are on strike against a wage cut at Collins printing, binding and distribution plant.

The management want to transfer 20 skilled men to non-skilled jobs with the loss of up to £25 a week in bonus.

Alan Earle, one of the strikers, told Socialist Worker: 'This is the first strike involving our chapel since the Fifties and the response of the members has been excellent'.

Some Glasgow Transport Union drivers are going through the picket lines because the strike is not yet official. It has the backing of Glasgow SOGAT branch.

Fircroft campaign

BIRMINGHAM: The first conference of the National Fircroft Campaign will be held at Birmingham University this Saturday (12 June).

The campaign has been set up to force the re-opening of Fircroft Trade Union College.

Details from David Hodgson, Ruskin Hall, Old Headington, Oxford.

But the men at Holiday Hall know what management are up to and are on the streets again to protect not just these men but the whole closed shop they won in March.

The trade union officials, naturally, are as scarce as water in the desert.

□ To help the men to win, moral and financial support should be sent to: Tom Carty 565 Dunbarton Road, Glasgow G11. Phone 041-334 9626

About 200 SOGAT jobs have been lost at the plant during the past two years through natural wastage.

□ Messages and donations are needed urgently. Send them to: Collins Strike Fund, The Typographical Club, Clyde Street, Glasgow.

NO WAGES—SO SPARKS PICKET COUNCIL HQ

250 maintenance electricians from Glasgow District Council picketed the City Chambers and the Head Office of the Building Department over non-payment of wages last week.

All 6000 workers on the Building Department are affected.

The dispute arose when wages due to be paid out on Thursday morning failed to arrive at various workshops throughout the City.

Computer operators who handle wages paid to District Council workers are operating an overtime ban against the

GLASGOW: 630 workers have taken over the Weirs Yoker pump factory after the company threatened to close it and transfer jobs to their other factories. Work is continuing as normal but nothing is leaving the plant.

The fight began a month ago when the company announced closure with the loss of 300 jobs. Shop stewards immediately mounted a demonstration through Clydebank to get support from other trade unionists.

They aim to involve all workers in the West of Scotland in a fight against unemployment and the struggle to save jobs.

A mass meeting rejected any move to accept redundancies, even though the company has doubled the voluntary redundancy pay.

An action committee has been set up—and it recognises the need to step up the campaign and involve workers at the firm's other two plants.

□ Messages of support and donations to: Brother Mellon, Weirs Yoker Action Committee, Weirs Pump, Yoker, Glasgow.

Maldon: All-out strike

MALDON, Essex: After a series of one-day stoppages, council dustcart workers are now on all-out strike against a threat to give their jobs to private contractors.

The 11 strikers, members of the General and Municipal, are getting no support from the union.

One of them told Socialist Worker: 'The men have just about had all they can stand, both from their own union and the council.'

'What sort of union is it that won't back its own members threatened with the sack, even when other unions have pledged support?'

The 11 men are picketing a local refuse dump and are asking the public not to leave their rubbish there. Nine out

of ten are agreeing. □ Messages of support and donations to: Alan Rusby, 3 Pumpmead Close, Southminster, Essex.

No wage cut!

CUMBERNAULD: Another attempt to get the 80 dustcart drivers, dustmen and road sweepers back to work has been unanimously rejected by a mass meeting.

The men are in the fourth week of a strike against attempts by the newly-elected Scottish Nationalist Party majority on the council to introduce wage cuts of between £12 and £24 a week.

They are determined to stay out until their wages are guaranteed.

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High Court threat to occupation

STUDENTS at North East London Poly received a nasty shock on Friday.

Their Board of Governors decided to apply for a High Court injunction to end their occupation against unemployment and overseas students fees.

On Saturday morning, they received a telegram demanding they vacate by noon on Monday.

This was seen by students as an attempt to frighten them out over the weekend. Support was called for at the Manchester conference and, by Monday morning, there

were delegations at NELP from colleges all over London, showing support for the occupying students.

This seems to have called the bluff of the governors and

the director—George Brosan. So far no injunctions have arrived—and if they do the students will be ready to resist them.

FURZEDOWN: The occupation has also been under threat from a vindictive principal.

Last week she threatened to stop exams if the students continued their occupation.

But Frank Shaker, from the occupation, told Socialist Worker that this threat had been defused with the help of the campus trade unions, NATFHE and GMWU.

'We are staying in till the 16th, and will continue the campaign in different ways after that. Of course we'll support mobilisations before that, but our main effort is being put into the 16th.'

HERTFORD: Student teachers occupied the chief county education offices on Tuesday in protest at the education cuts and the growing unemployment among teachers.

About 20 students began the occupation, but were supported during the day by many more from Hatfield Polytechnic, Wall Hall College of Education and Balls Park College of Education.

The decision to occupy was taken on Monday night by the Hertfordshire Student Council in a unanimous vote. The occupation aims to be indefinite.

STUDENT TEACHERS TO DEMONSTRATE ON THE 16th

London Action Co-ordinating Committee of Occupied Colleges Meeting for trades council representatives and all trade unionists. Thursday 10 June, 7.30pm, Sidney Webb College, Barrett St (nr Selfridges).



Saturday's conference voting for action on 16 June—and against the NUS leadership.

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DEMONSTRATE in London on 16 June.

That was the call from a conference in Manchester Colleges of Education and other colleges occupied in protest at unemployment.

The conference, called by the NUS executive, rejected by a narrow majority the executive's attempt to call a demonstration on 15 June.

Backed

This would have split the student movement from those trade unionists who will be demonstrating outside the Special TUC the next day.

The conference also called upon teachers to take action against unemployment, rejecting the executive's argument that this was 'interfering with the tasks of another trade union'.

Clearly, the executive were worried of action in the fight for jobs which might embarrass them in their relations with the full-time officials of other unions.

The attitude of these officials was shown on Monday

at a joint NUS-NUT press conference.

Fred Jarvis general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that his union 'would not tolerate unofficial action' by teachers who 'refused to cover for absent colleagues'.

Yet such action could create thousands of jobs for student teachers immediately.

The majority of the NUS executive put friendship with people like Jarvis above the interest of student teachers looking for jobs.

At the end of the Manchester conference, the NUS president Charles Clarke summed up on the amended motion calling for action on the 16th and for support from teachers. He did so, he said, in the interests of 'unity'.

But since the conference, the NUS leadership has proceeded in a way that can only disrupt such unity.

Split

Its supporters in the Scottish and Welsh Area committees of the union and in a paper body in London, the London Student Organisation (which has done nothing to help the student teachers) have said they will still be demonstrating on the 15th.

Rather than see a massive united demonstration on the

16th that might embarrass Jarvis, they are trying to split the movement.

They are claiming that the Manchester decision does not count, because it was 'very close'.

On that basis, you might as well stop taking votes at any conference.

They are also claiming that the conference was 'not representative' because some universities were represented. They do not mention that those universities voted in the main with the executive.

Action

The resolution at Manchester calling for the 16th was moved by Moray House (the first college in Scotland to occupy), Southlands (the first college in England to occupy) and Didsbury (the first college in Manchester to occupy) and supported by many other colleges.

The London Coordinating Committee, made up of representatives of the occupied colleges in the capital, has announced that it is organising a demonstration on the 16th from the Central Hall (where the Special TUC is meeting) to the Department of Education and Science, and the NUT headquarters.

The demonstration has

been backed by the National Right to Work Campaign.

The occupied colleges should now work to get support from all sorts of students and from teachers for this demonstration, as agreed in Manchester.

If, however, the splitters go ahead with their plans for a separate demonstration on the 15th, there has to be a flexible response to restore unity.

Students should argue that any contingents brought to London for the 15th should stay en bloc overnight in occupied colleges and take part in the demonstration on the 16th as well.

NORTHAMPTON: DON'T LET THEM SMASH OUR UNION

NORTHAMPTON: Workers at J Blackwood Hedge, the world's largest distributors and manufacturers of heavy earth equipment, are on strike in defence of six jobs.

Management refused to recognise Ken Butterfield as a shop steward and then sacked him and five others. Strike action followed.

Before the sackings, 120 workers had worked 600 hours overtime a week—easily enough to keep the six in work.

Similar cases where militants have recently been victimised have been noted and this dispute is recognised as a test case to stop the rot.

As a leaflet distributed by the strike committee says: 'Don't let them smash our union—fight for full employment'.

Send donations or requests to speak to J B H Strike Committee, AUEW—TASS Office, Giles Street, Northampton.

ON THE FILES - RACISM

ONE REASON why students at North East London Polytechnic are so angry is the interesting file of racist material they stumbled across during their occupation.

It proves that there—have been some nasty goings-on behind closed doors that the students believe ought to be out in the open.

For instance, a memo from the office of Director Dr George Brosan to another director asks for a breakdown 'on the total number of inquiries and admissions of non-white students.'

Then there is this gem in a report to a meeting of the Directorate in January by one of the students service officers:

'It was also considered that an increasing proportion of overseas students would have serious implications for the attractiveness of the institution to English students and staff.'

Students fear that there might be moves to get rid of the overseas students, and consequently to close courses.