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How to fight racism: Dockers show the way

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RIGHT: A demonstrator on the 7000-strong march through Southall last weekend. Full report and pictures - pages 5,6 and 7.



'One down, one million to go'

KINGSLEY READ of the National Party, referring to the racist murder of Gurdip Chagger in London last week.



'We're building a well-oiled Nazi machine in Britain'.

MARTIN WEBSTER, of the National Front



BRITAIN'S ADOLF HITLERS



This is where racism leads: to mass murder and genocide, the physical liquidation of the old and the young, like these children of the Nordhausen concentration camp in Nazi Germany.

STOP THE RACISTS while you've still got the chance

£60,000 THAT'S THE BOSSES' BRIBE THAT ARTHUR TURNED DOWN



Arthur Conheeny

ARTHUR CONHEENEY, the Engineering Union convenor at Greenings, Warrington, was offered 13 years full pay—that's £60,000—to accept the sack while his mates were on strike to reinstate him.

He turned it down.

The amazing £60,000 offer was made by Greenings industrial relations director, Bullen, to the AUEW divisional organiser, John Tocher. Bullen wrote to Arthur: 'In an attempt to bring the present dispute to an

by **LEN BLOOD**
Secretary, Greenings strike committee.

end, we are prepared to discuss a satisfactory financial settlement'.

Arthur heard through Tocher that this offer was worth £60,000.

He said: 'If I was to take their money, then every time I would have thought about it, I would have felt like vomiting'.

So much for the 'greedy workers' we're always reading about in the newspapers!

Last week Arthur got ten weeks pay for the weeks he'd been sacked. He doesn't want

the money. He's going to pay back to the union the strike pay he received. And he's going to use the rest for an after-strike social to thank all our brothers and sisters from Warrington and elsewhere who supported us during the strike.

Arthur and Geoff Bailey, who were sacked on a safety issue, are now suspended on full pay pending negotiations about a new dispute procedure.

We've gone back to work—but it's not a 'total victory' as John Tocher called it. We want Arthur and Geoff back in the factory.

And we don't want a dispute procedure like the one AUEW president Hugh Scanlon drew up for the employers' federation—which allows them to victimise without an automatic return to the status

quo. If we'd had that, we could never have fought for eight weeks as we did at Greenings.

The lads, members of the AUEW, EETPU, and GMWU, have been magnificent on the strike. They've picketed regularly every hour of the dispute, without flinching.

We've won the first part of the battle—with the help of workers at J.F. Brown in Sheffield and Plesseys at the Isle of Wight.

Let's make sure we win the next half. Arthur Conheeny is worth more than £60,000 to us. He's worth our dignity and our standard of living. Let's back him up with the courage and self-sacrifice he showed to us.



FLASHBACK: Mercenaries leave London's Bishopsgate police station on their way to Angola.

ANGOLA: Others who should be on trial

THIRTEEN thugs are on trial for crimes of violence against the people of Angola.

The crimes were committed during the war for Angolan independence last year. The mercenaries were recruited from abroad—ten from Britain.

These men should be on trial. And the proceedings show that there are others who should be tried with them.

□ The British police, especially the London police

who released mercenaries after taking their passports—and then sent them on their way to Africa.

□ The British immigration officers, racist to the core, who deport immigrant women to India for the smallest breach of the rules—but who let the mercenaries through to Africa without passports or papers.

□ The British press, especially the Daily Mail, Telegraph, Express and Sun,

which passed on the phone numbers of recruiting agencies to any cut-throat who rang them up.

□ The British government, which made no attempt to stop this murderous traffic.

The police, immigration officials, press and government all wanted to see the Angolan people beaten by the armies of the American CIA and the South African racists. They are as guilty of the resulting atrocities in Angola as are the mercenaries themselves.



Mercenary commander 'Callan', a former British Army paratrooper

Schools TV series banned—after Rank pressure?

by **DANIEL BONNETT**
A SCHOOLS television series has been ordered suppressed by the broadcasting authorities, the first time ever.

The series, Viewpoint, aimed to bring children to question the view of the world presented by newspapers, films, radio and television. It points out that all these give somebody's view of the world.

Whose do they give? The series, produced by Thames Television, has already been transmitted once. It was due to be repeated this autumn when the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) moved in.

The reason for the sudden clampdown seems traceable back to the immensely powerful Rank Organisation, which has massive holdings in television, films and advertising.

Decide

Rank is mentioned in programme eight of the series, which examines how film, television, newspapers, print and publishing are coming more and more under the control of a few giant companies, which decide what we're allowed to see, hear and read.

Rank owns a 37½ per cent share in Southern Television along with Associated Newspapers and the notoriously anti-union D.C. Thomson. It is from

Southern that pressure has been put on the IBA.

Last week the IBA was denying this, but a confidential IBA memo, which was leaked in the magazine Time Out last week, reads in part: 'There has been four complaints about the series, none of them from teachers. One of these, and it must be taken seriously, comes from the Board of Management of Southern Television'.

When challenged on this by Socialist Worker, the IBA press office then said 'they believed there had been some representation from Southern'.

Outcome

The series has been banned under a section of the IBA Act that requires 'impartiality' in programmes dealing with 'matters of political or industrial controversy and relating to current public policy'.

The IBA claims the series has not been banned, but merely 'suspended', until the outcome of discussions with 'educational advisors'. Yet they also admit, as the memo says, that there have been no complaints from teachers. In fact the series was widely welcomed by teachers when first transmitted last year.

One programme of the series itself examines the 'impartiality' of television and newspapers. Part of it looks at photo coverage of the Vietnam War.

Blank

Photos used by newspapers and television to report the war appear on the screen. 'We can show the American view', says the commentary, 'but not the North Vietnamese'—and each time the screen goes blank, for newspapers and television never gave the North Vietnamese side.

Other programmes in the series examine the stereotyped, sexist portrayal of women, advertising, the news, and the control of television and newspapers. Most of the programmes use songs and visual examples to make their point and are far in advance of most children's educational programmes.

Trade unionists—particularly teachers and those working in television—must fight for the series to be transmitted, and to demand the so-called 'Independent' Broadcasting Authority to explain its ban. For what is it if not the restriction of television in the interests of big business?

POWELL, DEADLY AS ANY BOMB...



by **EAMONN McCANN**
ENOCH POWELL's murderous incitement of whites against blacks in Britain comes as no surprise to people here in Ireland.

Since the unfortunate day seven years ago when he first intervened in Irish affairs he has been the evil genius behind many a Loyalist murder gang in Belfast.

Of course he doesn't do it

openly. He sternly dissociates himself from individual attacks on Catholic people or property.

He stays in the background, but his pronouncements supply the Loyalist killers with political excuses and lend their activities an aura of intellectual respectability.

WILDER

He has opposed every move which would have enabled people on both sides to live together—and fight together for a better life. He has insisted that Catholics must rigidly be excluded from power and that any who refuse to accept such a set-up should be stamped into the ground.

It is not surprising that some of the wilder elements in Protestant areas should take him at his word and go looking for Catholics to kill.

In the back streets of Belfast his elegantly worded speeches about 'the prerogatives of the majority' have proved as deadly as any blast-bomb or bullet.

His aim here as in Britain has been to maintain the power and privileges of a small elite by dividing the masses against themselves. And he continues to have a fair amount of success. While unemployment spirals past 12 per cent the workers, being divided, have been unable to mount a real fightback.

Over the past few years many people in Britain, white and black, have looked across at Belfast in wonderment at the apparent craziness of its people.

But craziness has had nothing to do with it. People kill one another because political poison has been

pumped into them for years by self-interested Tory politicians.

It is inevitable that things will work out the same way in Britain. Violent racism is not as deep-seated as sectarianism in Ulster. It can be stopped.

But the way to do it, the way to prevent Belfast being re-enacted in Britain, is to unite in action to stop Powell, his fascist hangers-on and everything they stand for—now.

STOP PRESS

200 angry pickets, mainly black workers, forced Powell to enter Barking Town Hall on Tuesday by the rear basement entrance. The local International Socialists leafleted both day and night-shifts at Fords calling for support for the anti-Powell picket.

TROOPS OUT

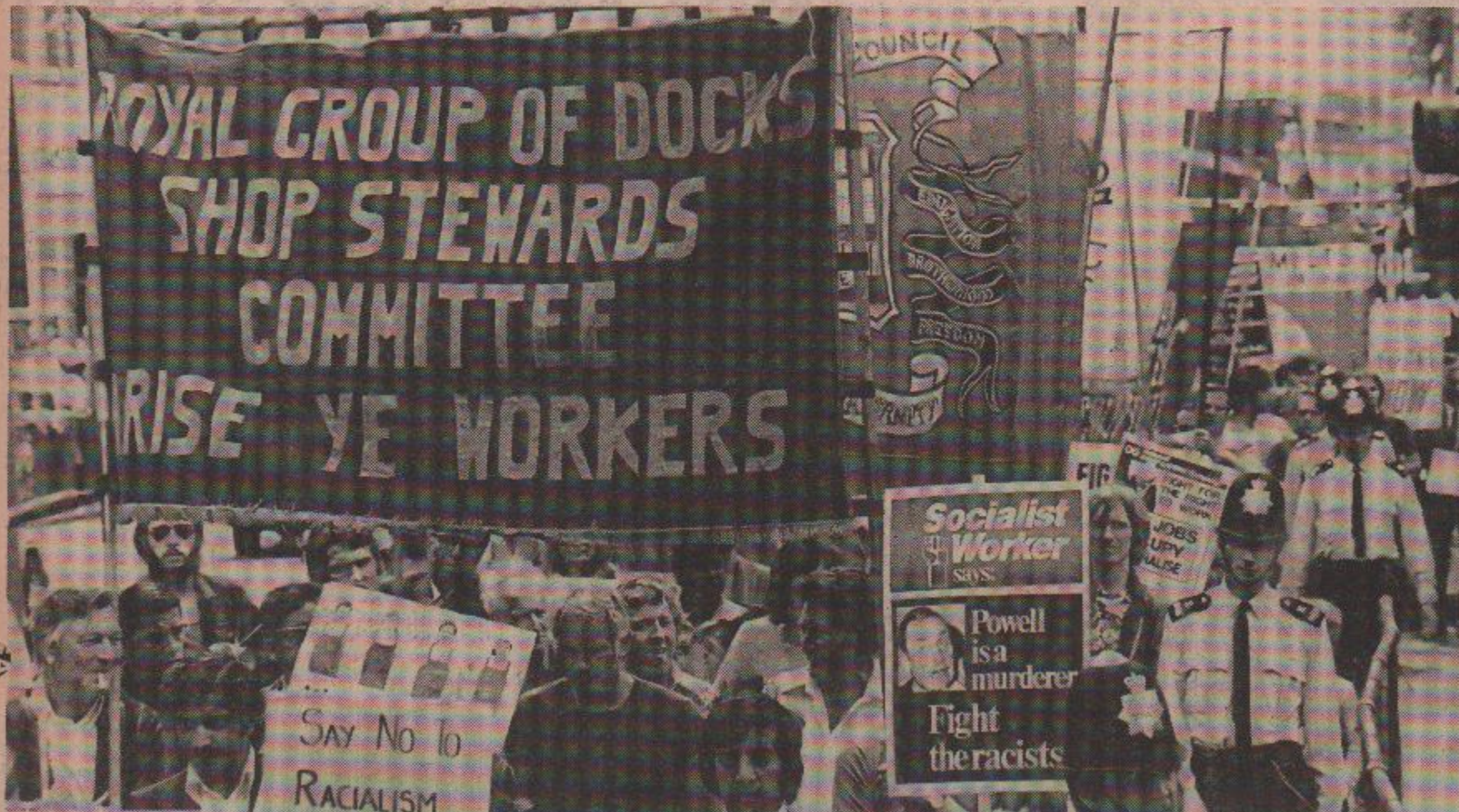


Stop this Terror!

IRISH people in Britain, continue to be harassed by the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Up to 21 May, 1615 people have been held under the Act. Of these only six have been charged under the Act. 77 more have been charged with other offences—nothing to do with the Prevention of Terrorism Act. This Terror Act should be knocked off the books.

It divides worker against worker, white against black It is anti-trade unionist and must be fought by every worker holding a trade union card

Picture John Sturrock (Report)



Dockers marching against racialism in East London last Saturday. Two who signed this letter are Vic Turner (left) and Bernie Steer (centre) who are two of the Pentonville Five dockers jailed for picketing in 1972.

WE are docks shop stewards and rank and file dockers.

We would like, through the pages of Socialist Worker to express our disgust at the racist campaign now being carried out by the national press and television against Asian immigrants, which has resulted in racial violence.

This violence has been encouraged by fascists like the National Front and National Party to confuse and divide the working class.

In areas like ours in East London, with one of the highest rates of unemployment and immigrant population, scabs like the National Front fester on racialism. Every wrong can be aimed at the black man and Asian. Bad housing, high unemployment, bad schooling, poor hospital services, everything that brings racial tension—East London has them all.

But they were even worse in the 1930s when there were no black or Asian immigrants.

But then the Nazis blamed the Jews, and before that the Irish.

They smell, they eat smelly food, they breed like flies, they don't wash, they have parties all night, they don't work, they keep animals in their houses. Part of an National Front leaflet about blacks?

NO! A quote from Frederick Engels describing the opinions of London workers on Irish immigrants just over 100 years ago.

These are the same Irish workers who built the London Docks, and many of us signing this letter are the descendants of these so-called 'dirty immigrants'.

DOCKERS AGAINST RACISM

With dropping living standards through wage freezes and price rises, with mounting unemployment, the real enemy of the British worker, the employing class, need a scapegoat to shield themselves from the mounting anger of the working class.

They will use immigrants first. Next will be trade unionists. Racialism is the tool of the employing class to divide worker against worker, black against white; it is anti-trade unionist and must be fought by every worker holding a trade union card.

- Kevin Ashby (1/37 TGWU)
- Tony Bamfield (shop steward 1/6 TGWU)
- Len Burley (shop steward; NASD chairman Port of London Authority shop stewards; national executive)
- Len Barnard (chairman 1/6 TGWU)
- Harry Brown (1/550 TGWU)
- Jim Carpenter (TGWU shop steward No 2 Div, No 1 Docks Group)
- P Castle (TGWU 1/19)
- Ken Collins (TGWU 1/6)

- B Callaghan (TGWU)
- Jim Clark (TGWU 1/6)
- Tony Delaney (TGWU 1/6)
- Dick Desmond (shop steward; 100/TGWU)
- Dave Dowsett (shop steward; TGWU)
- Bill Daniels (TGWU 1/37)
- Morrie Day (1/6 TGWU, co-chairman joint arbitration committee R/D)
- Micky Fenn (shop steward NASD 6)
- Morrie Foley (TGWU 1/37 chairman No 2 divisional committee)
- Teddy Gates (shop steward TGWU 1/6)
- Billy Gates (shop steward TGWU 1/6)
- C Garvey (TGWU 1/33)
- B Gardener (TGWU)
- Kevin Gahagan (TGWU 1/550)
- Kevin Huzzey (1 NASD; London Rochester area committee)
- Bill Hooper (TGWU 1/22)
- Len Hampshire (shop steward TGWU)
- Ted Jones (branch secretary, 1/6 TGWU)
- Alan Kirkby (shop steward NASD 6)

- Bill Knight (TGWU 1/6)
- John Lear (TGWU 18/55 official)
- Bob Light (TGWU 1/6 shop steward; No 2 Division delegate)
- Phil Lunn (TGWU 1/550)
- Danny Lyons (TGWU 1/6 shop steward; 2 Division delegate)
- Johnny May (1 NASD)
- Bob Moon (TGWU shop steward)
- Tom Mould (NASD 8 shop steward)
- Mossie Nichol (1 NASD)
- Patsy Nichol (1 NASD)
- Brian Neale (TGWU 1/32)
- Tom O'Leary (TGWU 1/550)
- Ian Olley (TGWU 1/37)
- Eddie Prevost (TGWU 1/6 shop steward; 2 Division delegate)
- Alan Phillips (1 NASD shop steward)
- Johnny Piner (1 NASD)
- Fred Roffe (4 NASD; executive NASD)
- Jim Spencer (8 NASD shop steward)
- Derek Sills (TGWU 1/40 shop steward)
- Bernie Steer (4 NASD; shop steward; secretary Royal Group stewards)
- Johnny Sullivan (TGWU)
- Geo Scott (TGWU 1/6 shop steward)
- W Sands (1/112 TGWU)
- Pete Turner (TGWU 1/6)
- Vic Turner (TGWU 1/37 shop steward; 2 divisional committee; 1 Docks Group)
- W G Thompson (TGWU)
- Geo Thompson (TGWU 1/6)
- Graham Thackham (TGWU 1/37)
- Dave Woods (TGWU 1/6)
- Jim Wilkinson (TGWU shop steward; 2 Division delegate)
- Micky Watkins (TGWU 1/37)

Socialist Worker says
Don't be fooled: Fewer blacks are hired each week than whites

Socialist Worker says
Don't be fooled: Glasgow has the worst housing in the west

Socialist Worker says
Don't be fooled: In the '30s they blamed the jews. Today they blame the blacks

Houses & Jobs for everyone!

Send money now to help fight racism!

SOCIALIST WORKER is fighting the racists.

Last week we printed 1200 placards, 30,000 posters and 80,000 stickers to fight the poison being spread by Kinglsey Read and other filth.

It costs money. And it's just the beginning. We are going to flood every town and city in Britain with leaflets, posters and stickers.

No one else will do it. Help us. First, by sending money for the posters and stickers. Second, by putting them up in your factory, your estate, all through your town.

Stop the racists now—before it's too late!

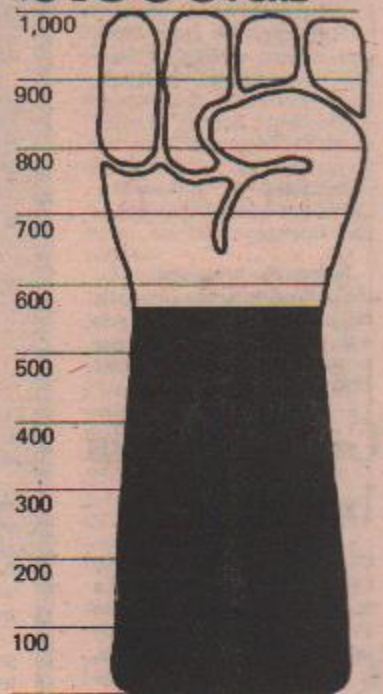
£255.70 came in this week, bringing the total for June to £560.23.

Wandsworth IS £10, North London district IS £74, Southwark Teachers IS £40, Aberdeen IS £30, Norwich Students IS £25, Crawley IS £10, Dumfries IS £10, T Turner 50p, P Jackson £10, Attleborough building workers £1 50, CA Parsons £1, C Williams £8, Doncaster IS £2 10, Barnsley SW supporter £5, Gateshead IS £1 50, SW supporter, Kingsdale School, Southward £5, Oxford SW readers £7, Lowestoft IS £4, Preston IS £1 50, Neil Breward 50p, Central London women's education class £2.70, Wolverhampton SW supporters £1.40, Dudley SW supporters £7.

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

Anti-racist stickers (five different wordings) from Socialist Worker, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Cost: £1.50 per 100. (Money with orders please).

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£1000 FIGHTING FUND



Rotherham: They must not pass!

A YOUNG anti-fascist, Johnny Donachie, was attacked by Nazi thugs in Rotherham on Saturday when distributing leaflets against the National Front candidate in the local by-election.

He was grabbed by the arm from inside a Front campaign car and dragged 50 yards along the road at speed. He had to have hospital treatment.

The Front plan to march through immigrant areas this Saturday—and the local AUEW district committee has called a counter-demonstration.

DEMONSTRATE Saturday 19 June, 2.30pm, Station Fields, Rotherham. Coaches from: HULL: Leaves Serens Way, 8.30am. NEWCASTLE: Central Station, 9.30am. BRADFORD: University, 12 noon. SOUTHALL: Town Hall, 8am.

All Yorkshire and North East branches of the International Socialists to support.

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM
Duncan Hallas

Superstition will wither away as men and women are able to solve their problems in a free society, a socialist society.

Will religion die out?

A READER started a discussion last week on the right to dissent in a socialist society and, in particular, about the position of people who reject the whole world-outlook of Marxism because of religious beliefs of various kinds.

Built

I said that marxists are fundamentally opposed to the persecution of people on account of their religious beliefs and that this opposition is built into the Marxist view of the nature of religion.

Religion is a complicated matter. On the one hand, all kinds of emotions are expressed in religious forms; on the other hand, all sorts of ideas about this world and other supposed worlds.

On top of this there is organisation, the role of the professionals; priests, prophets, muftis, rabbis, shamen and the like.

These range from 'those ancient bishops who earned their bread by catching fish and mending tents' to the elaborate salaried hierarchy of the immensely wealthy Roman Catholic church.

However, from a social point of view, there are two sides that matter most in religious systems.

There is religion as a consolation to believers for the misfortunes and oppressions of this world.

And there is religion as a means of social control, as an instrument to aid ruling classes to maintain their rule.

The first aspect is fundamental. In certain kinds of class society—most kinds in the past—the mass of the people express their hopes and fears in myths and rituals that give them relief from grief and pain, some pleasure, some explanation of their present lot and some hope for the future.

Decline

This is what Marx meant when he said religion was 'the heart of a heartless world, the spirit of unspiritual conditions... the opium of the people'.

This is what gives religion its vitality and power. The decline of religion in modern industrialised societies is above all because of the fact that secular

means of satisfying these deeply felt needs are increasingly available.

But as long as class society exists, some sections of the population will seek consolation in religions of one sort or another.

The fact that in Russia the government feels it necessary to harass dissident Christians—notably Baptists—is a sure indication that the social problem is not solved.

That oppression and alienation are still felt and express themselves, among other ways, in religious forms is an indication that the USSR is a class society, not a socialist society.

Otherwise, why on earth should a man be imprisoned—as happened recently—for the 'crime' of 'illegally' printing and circulating Baptist literature?

Now you can persecute people out of a particular religious belief—if the persecution is sufficiently savage and prolonged.

That has been proved again and again by Christian rulers in Europe.

The Albigenian heresy in Southern France in the 13th century was, literally, drowned in blood.

'Kill them all, God will know his own,' St Dominic is said to have told his soldiers when they asked how to tell the Catholics from the heretics.

What cannot be done by persecution is to kill the religious way of thinking, to free people from illusory ways of seeing their oppression so that they are realistic ones.

Rulers

The Albigenian crusade turned Languedoc into a stronghold of fanatical Catholicism, not into a stronghold of reason.

Naturally, this has never worried persecuting rulers.

The whole point of their operation has been to force people out of relatively dangerous beliefs (dangerous to the rulers, that is) into relatively safe ones which, to put it very crudely, emphasise that 'there will be pie in the sky when you die'.

But we want pie in the here and now. The last thing Marxists want is to strengthen what we regard as superstition by persecuting believers.

If our analysis of religion is right, then superstition will wither away as men and women are able to solve their problems in a free society, a socialist society.

Experience and persuasion are the means to this end, not persecution and not discrimination either.

What are your Questions About Socialism? We want to hear from you.

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PREVIEW

Trucks for socialism

THE fight for the Right to Work will be going round Manchester by the truckload this summer.

North West Spanner, the socialist theatre group, plan to use the back of a truck as a stage at factory gate meetings in the industrial estates around Manchester for their new play against unemployment, Dig for Victory. The play was enthusiastically received at the picket line at Greenings engineering factory, Warrington, a few weeks ago.

The first week's performances are:

- Monday 21 June: Massey Ferguson, Trafford Park.
- Tuesday 22 June: Metal Box, Bolton.
- Wednesday 23 June: Massey Ferguson CPO, Trafford Park.
- Thursday 24 June: First performance at Record Electrics and Kearns Richards, Broadheath Estate, Altrincham. Second performance: Scraggs and Ferrantis, Broadheath Estate, Altrincham.
- Friday 25 June: Manchester Dry Docks.

Spanner's programme for the following weeks is rapidly becoming booked up. If you want them to come to your workplace, phone 061-881 7845.

George Davis book...ok?

GEORGE DAVIS IS INNOCENT, OK is the title of a book to be published by Pluto Press in October. Written by two of the campaign activists, it will look at how George Davis was framed and how the campaign forced his release—because people stood up to fight for what they thought justice was about, and weren't afraid to use any means to get this.

and the TV

FRIDAY THE SHOP WINDOW OF COMMUNISM is the title of this week's Money Programme (BBC2), which takes an economic look at Bulgaria. The Money men have a reputation for getting their facts right, so this could throw light on how the inflation and the crisis of the West is affecting the Eastern block.

MONDAY BILL BRAND, left-wing Labour MP for Leighley, already shown that betrayal is the staple diet of parliament, soldiers on (ITV, 9pm).

THE STRANGE DEATH OF IRAN'S ENVOY...

THE RECENT death of the Iranian ambassador to Britain, which passed almost unreported in the Press, raises a few awkward questions.

The body of Dr Mohammad Amirteymour was found in his London flat two weeks ago. There was no blood or indication of how he had died.

Iranian officials immediately claimed diplomatic immunity for the body, so precluding the inconvenience of a post-mortem.

And they announced that the Ambassador had committed suicide—and also, in direct contradiction, that his death was accidental.



Meanwhile, in Iran, officials stuck simply to the suicide explanation. Dr Amirteymour had financial worries, they said, because of his gambling activities.

Which was true—except that the Ambassador's biggest loss, £10,000 at a recent night on the London gambling tables, amounted to no more than a month's pay.

A rather more convincing explanation might lie in some recent intriguing events at the Embassy.

YET ANOTHER load of Indian potatoes arrived in this country last week.

A ship with £¼ million worth docked at Avonmouth, Bristol.

A Swindon 'engineering' firm had sponsored the load, which took three weeks to travel from India to Bristol.

Only a third of the potatoes could be off-loaded, the rest not meeting the Agricultural Ministry's retail standards.

There was a fleet of lorries waiting at the docks for more than a week awaiting the Ministry's verdict.

Just two weeks before his death, Dr Amirteymour was told, in a surprise announcement, that he was being replaced as Ambassador and would have to return to Iran, a humiliating demotion.

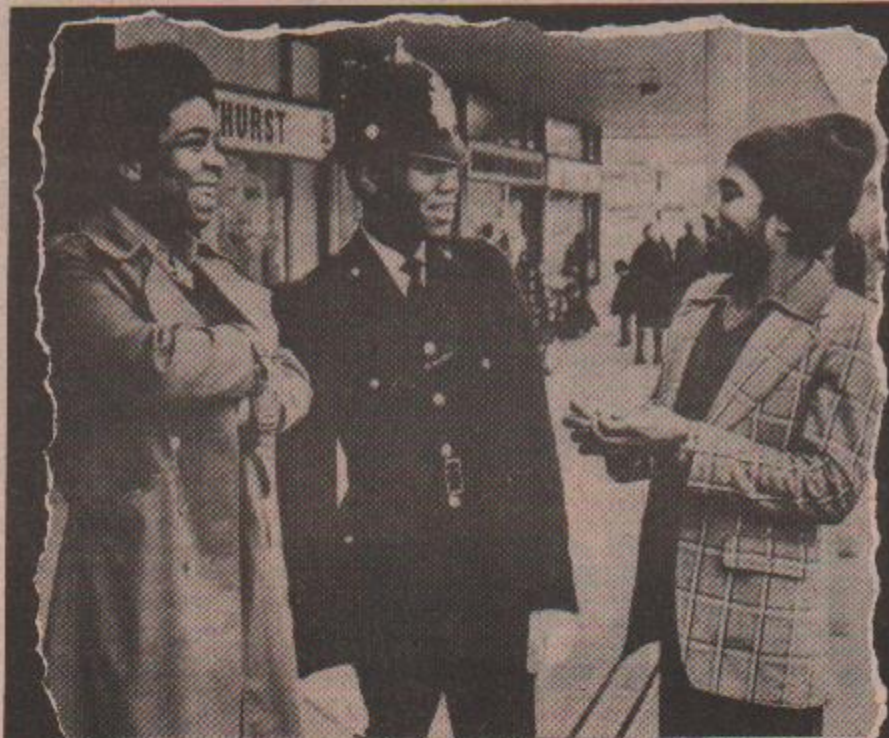
Two days before his death, he took the unprecedented step of walking out of the Embassy to talk to Iranian students picketing it.

The students say they were amazed at his sympathetic

attitude. He even promised to take up with the Iranian Foreign Minister the cases of 50 or 60 of them made stateless because of their political activity.

Dr Amirteymour seems to have been moving in a liberal direction.

And that, for servants of what Amnesty International rates as the world's most brutal regime, is usually very dangerous...



“...and we're still the best of friends.”

—from WESTINDIAN WORLD, 17 June

When the Swindon engineering firm were asked why they were speculating in the vegetable market, they said: 'It is part of our present capital diversification policy.'

MARK MILSON

AIMS of Industry—or Aims for Freedom and Enterprise, as they now ludicrously call themselves—have an enviable fighting fund.

In 1974, receipts from members (who probably include your boss) totalled £607,466, nearly £12,000 a week.

In the same year, Aims spent £576,723 promoting free enterprise and fighting socialism.

And, sad to say, they had to hand over the crippling sum of £1,849 in tax, about 0.3 per cent of their income. They must have felt their pips squeaking...

The directors of this thriving little business have a list of other business interests as long as your arm, including—invariably—investments in that well-known land of the free, South Africa.

SIMON ANDREWS

Another body blow for capitalism

TAKE PITY on the capitalist class. Once-proud men have been reduced to shuffling, emotional cripples by one of the most savage laws this vindictive, class-hatred government has bestowed on itself: the Health and Safety at Work Act.

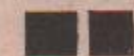
According to shock figures announced in the Commons on 27 May, as many as two employers have been inflicted with the full, merciless, maximum fine of £400.

And the number jailed is only two fewer than that. Such is this new Gestapo-like threat to all our dearest freedoms.

The average fine—a terrifying £95—is reported

to have plunged dozens of thriving businesses into near-bankruptcy.

Once again, the doctrinaire Marxism of the Labour government—prisoners as always of their own left-wing—is driving this country towards East European-style totalitarianism. Wake up, Britain!



QUOTE: I wonder whether we have local government or workers soviets ruling in Tameside.

—Tory MP Rhodes Boyson, speaking in the Commons debate on education, 8 June.

Without comment YACHT CHARTER.

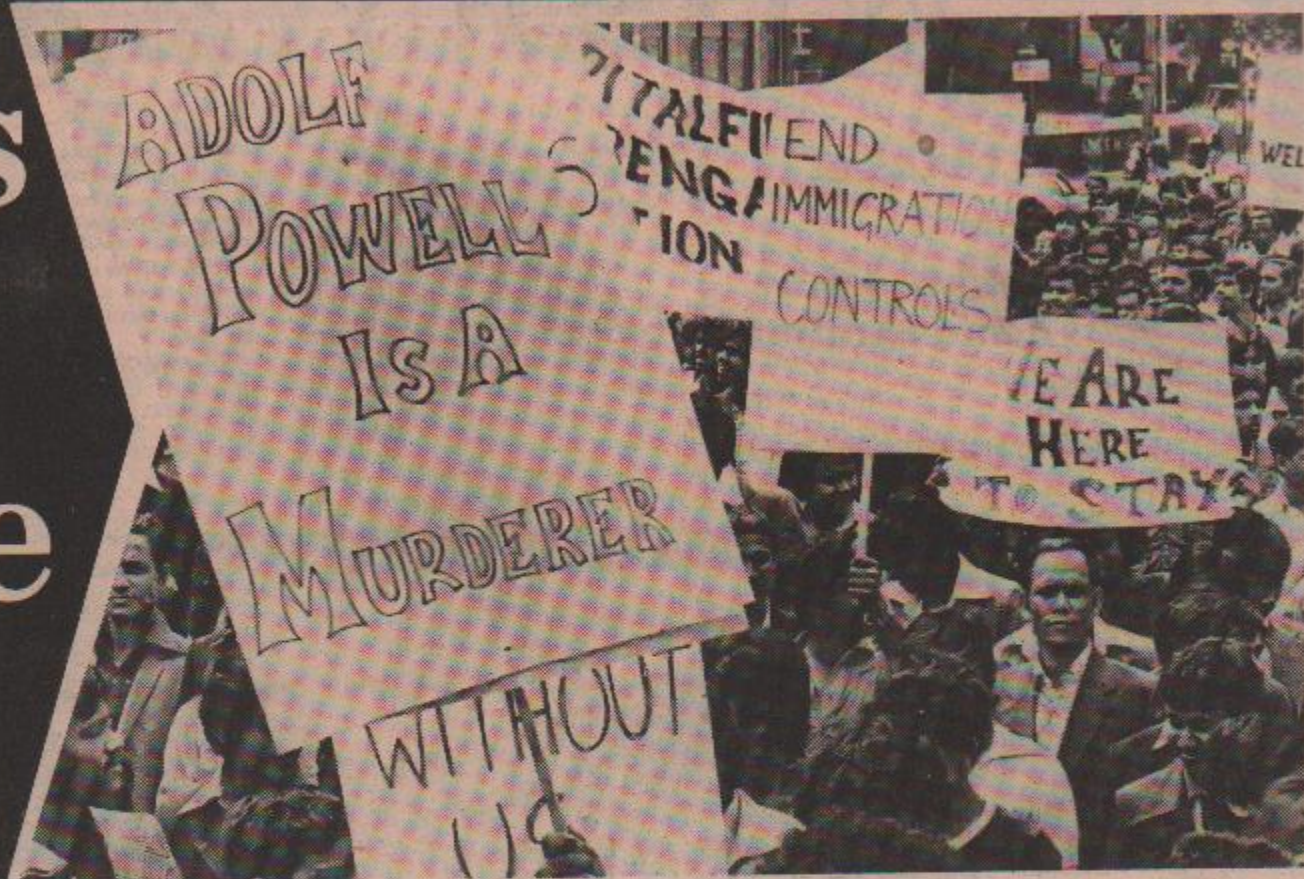


12 guests, 30 crew, Western Med. Charter rate high season £27,600 per week approx.

—from this month's Yachting World

CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN

Thousands march against the racists



PICTURES: John Sturrock (Report)

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SOUTHALL gave its answer to the racists on Saturday. And what an answer: 7000-strong, the Asian community, supported by hundreds of white trade unionists and socialists, came on to the streets.

The teenagers were there by the hundred. Asian women joined in the demonstration in significant numbers. Everywhere the demonstration went people came out to wave, to cheer and to join in.

The young people were very militant indeed. They took the slogan 'Enoch Powell is a murderer', and chanted it in Punjabi.

On its way back through the main street the march passed the spot where racialism struck Gurdip Chaggar dead. The 7000-strong march went absolutely silent.

The same eloquent silence descended again when the march turned into the street where Gurdip lived.

Meanwhile, the borough has promised to send a sizeable contingent on the forthcoming national demonstration against racialism.

Southall has spoken once. Its voice will be heard again.



PICTURES: John Sturrock (Report)

On the march against racism: some of the 2000 Bangladeshis who marched through Whitechapel in East London on Saturday.

Reign of fear by police

AFTER the demonstration the police in Southall got back into their usual routine.

Mohan Singh, for example, was stopped twice in his car. First he was asked if he had any offensive weapons.

On the second occasion, he was asked for his address and proof of car ownership.

For a moment, it looked as if Southall was being sealed off by the police. It was extremely sinister.

'Why don't you stop the National Front?' Mohan asked. 'Because they aren't here,' came the reply.

'As I was stopped,' Mohan told Socialist Worker, 'I watched white drivers passing me without incident.' His passenger, Balwinder Singh, added: 'They seem now to be trying to frighten Asians.'

Last Wednesday, the police arrested an Indian youth, Somnath Bagha, and, at the time of writing, had still not charged him.

According to Saturday's Guardian: 'He is said to have been denied access to a solicitor.'

Four other Asian youths have been arrested and charged with affray, including the young man who was stabbed at the same time that Gurdip Chaggar was murdered and youngsters who took him dying to hospital.

Many Indian youngsters in Southall believed that the police hope to show that Chaggar's death was the result of a gang fight started by an Asian gang.

The youths are being held in custody in Brixton.

The fury of the young

LAST SATURDAY'S protest in Southall against the racist murder was begun by Indian youth—and was then taken completely out of their hands.

Unfortunately Mike Hicks, for the Communist Party, told the first organisers' meeting that we needed the Churches and Tories on our side and, by Christ, we got them.

An anti-racist demonstration was transformed into a Procession for Peace with even a bid by the Church leaders to ban any militant anti-racist slogans.

The youth did win one victory, however. Syd Bidwell, the local MP, and other local big wigs who say a lot and do nothing, did not risk appearing on the platform at the end.

NEGLECT

It's well known that the youngsters are fuming at their 'leaders' virtual neglect of the continuing police harassment of Indian youth and their inability to cope with the growth of racism.

Unfortunately the Communist Party lined up with

the elders in the Indian community, the religious leaders and the small business people, who simply want peaceful integration into this society as it is, and would tolerate present levels of racialism.

They look to the Communist Party to form a bridge to the white community since the Labour Party is so racist, with an 'unofficial' colour bar in the Southall Labour Club.

But the elders are having great difficulty in restraining the young ones. The youngsters are in an aggressive mood. They're

staying in the country whether the racists like it or not and they intend to make life a bit more pleasant for themselves.

Even 14-year-old boys screamed 'Enoch Powell's a racist bastard' in Punjabi.

A militant delegation of youth formed near the top of the demonstration and shouted their own slogans.

FIGHT

And scores of Indian youngsters joined the International Socialists' contingent with the slogans and

placards **Smash the National Front, Enoch Powell's a Murderer, Black and White Unite and Fight.**

The elders are referring to their own 'youth'—as though you need a membership card to join. And they are extremely panicky.

The last week has seen a mass radicalisation of Southall's youngsters, with many hundreds itching to have a go at the racists.

The urge for self-assertion and self-protection will certainly manifest itself in the form of defence committees in the next few weeks if

racialism continues to rear its ugly head.

There is also a demand for a 24-hour Incident Centre, where young Indians picked up by the police can be guaranteed immediate legal assistance and public support.

ATTENTION

There is every likelihood of squads of youngsters deliberately seeking out National Front and National Party demonstrations for special attention.

And a massive withdrawal of labour can be expected on the day of the funeral.

Let Nazi Relf rot

TRADE UNIONISTS are marching in Leamington this Saturday (19 June) against Robert Relf, the fascist who is in jail for refusing to sell his Leamington house to blacks.

The march has been called by the local Trades Council who are distributing 1,000 leaflets in Urdu and 7,000 in English.

The march leaves the Eagle Recreation Ground near Brunswick Street at 11 am.

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Campaign against racism
Smash the National Front
All out Sunday 4 July, for mass demonstration in London
Support demonstration 11 July

Campaign against Racism! End Immigration Controls! Smash the National Front!

These are the slogans that Socialist Worker and the International Socialists demand that every one of our members and supporters campaigns on. Our aim must be to take this campaign into the heart of the labour movement.

Our local supporters should try to get a campaign room in every area where

the racists are active.

A plan of action must be drawn up for each area to include the following:

Factory leafletting of every factory of any consequence with a new leaflet that we will be printing in half a million copies.

Posting on such a scale that every worker knows an opposition is being built to the racists and that he or she can join this.

Picketing of any meeting by Enoch Powell, of the local newspaper or radio station if they carry racist filth, of local racist politicians. Above all, picket the police and courts where black people are being held or racist trials are being organised.

Campaign in the unions. Win fellow trade unionists to the cause. Follow the example of the London dockers in getting workers to sign petitions. Stop racist filth circulating in the factories.

Raise local funds for the campaign. Issue leaflets and take collections door to door, in cafes and at street meetings. Everyone who buys Socialist Worker should be asked to contribute.

This means collections, however small, from all readers in the factories. Ask individuals for money outright. There are many who will not agree with

us on all other issues, but will be anxious to aid the fight against racism.

Set up local campaign funds. Fix a target—£25, £50, £100 or whatever, and campaign for it. Each area will have to buy posters, stickers, leaflets and so on.

Organise for 4 July. Book coaches now for the demonstration in London. Approach trade unions and immigrant workers' associations. We will advertise coach details free of charge in Socialist Worker.

Door to door Socialist Worker sales. Get our arguments to the widest possible number of people. 700 were sold in Southall last week, 150 in Brick Lane, 350 in North West London.

Organise sales systematically. Keep lists of buyers and visit them again and again.

Street sales and street meetings should be held every Saturday.

Write for Socialist Worker. Don't be shy. Your experience fighting racism could help others in the struggle. There are a wealth of untold stories that should be sent to Socialist Worker.

Tell Socialist Worker of any demonstration and activity in your area. We can only let everyone else involved in the fight know what's happening if you let us know first. Drop us a line or give us a ring.

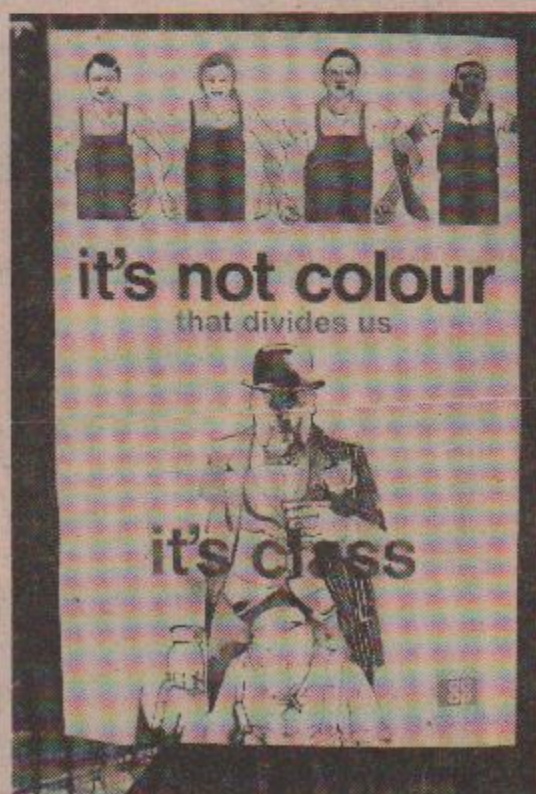
Advertise your anti-racist meetings in Socialist Worker free of charge—providing you let us know about them by first post Monday.

To members of the International Socialists: The Central Committee of IS consider that for weeks ahead the fight against racism will involve each and every one of our members. There is no other organisation to carry the campaign. The responsibility is ours. There is no compromise on our slogans: Fight Racism! Smash the National Front! End Immigration Controls! Build the International Socialists!

□ Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 9DS. Phone 01-739 9043/6361/0185.



The Railton 4 Defence Committee banner leads the demonstration through Brixton.



Poster seen in the window of an Indian restaurant in London last Saturday

300 march in protest against police attacks

Racism and Black resistance in Britain

by ROBERT MOORE/
 Government policy on immigration has swung hard to the right. This book tells why, it tells how immigrant workers are humiliated at the frontiers, how they are harassed by officials discriminated against at work—and how they are fighting back
 75p plus 15p postage
 PLUTO PRESS, Unit 10
 Spencer Court, 7
 Chalcot Road, London, NW1.



Victor Johnson, who was beaten up by the police, addresses the protesters

'Muggers in Blue . . . out'. 'Stop the racist attacks'. 'Active resistance now!'

These were the slogans that rang through the streets of Brixton, South London last Saturday, as 300 people marched in protest at recent racist attacks by Brixton police against four black people. They marched under the banners of the Railton 4 Defence Committee and Lambeth Trades Council.

Two local policemen known for their harassment of the black community sauntered down Railton Road in Brixton, known locally as 'the line'. They picked on a 61-year-old Victor Johnson, who had just been shopping—accused him of shoplifting.

He asked to be allowed to return to the shop and prove his innocence. The police

refused. Passers-by intervened on his side, and carloads of police reinforcements were called.

They arrested four people, including a woman who was seven months pregnant.

Hysteria

The woman was carried through the corridors of the police station by two police. When she was in the police car she was held down by three police with her head forced between her legs.

With the present wave of racist hysteria, the police are really going to town, and the temperature in the community is rising rapidly. The demonstration on Saturday is clearly the beginning of what is going to be a long hot summer in Brixton.

Why we oppose all immigration controls

SOCIALIST WORKER opposes all controls on immigration.

This makes our attitude very different from many other people who say they oppose the attacks on black people.

Members of the Labour Party and the Communist Party—and even many established leaders of the Asian community—argue that they are completely opposed to Powell and the National Front, but that immigration has to be controlled.

Unfortunately, they are falling into a racist trap.

For to say that immigration has to be controlled is to say that immigrants are a problem

for this country.

But as Socialist Worker has proved in the past, the country is not over-populated. More people leave every year than enter.

The country is not overcrowded. There are vast acres of empty land and hundreds of thousands of empty houses—in the hands of a small wealthy minority who keep them from being used.

Immigration has not caused unemployment. There were more than three million unemployed in the 1930s when there were no black immigrants. The highest levels of unemployment are in Scotland—where the number of immigrants is lowest.

If all black people were

thrown out of the country tomorrow, capitalism would still cause unemployment among the remaining white workers at the present level.

The real objection people make to immigrants has nothing to do with numbers. It has to do with skin colour. And that is what racism is.

View

Some of the 'anti-racist' supporters of immigration control virtually admit this. They let drop their view that there are 'too many' Asians or West Indians in a particular area. They say that there is no need to worry about immigration now because it is very tightly controlled.

They even go so far as to say the government is to blame for the latest wave of racist attacks for 'not telling the truth' about the numbers of new immigrants.

Those who use these arguments are all saying, in effect, that they are not against black people—providing there are not too many of them.

Socialist Worker disagrees completely. We believe that what matters is class, not colour or numbers.

There is only one group of people who have anything to gain by dividing workers into those who are white and those who are black. These are the employers, the big businessmen, the land speculators, the profiteers.

While we argue over colour, they will go laughing all the way to the bank.

Their society has created unemployment, miserable housing, slums. They are now trying to make sure it means still more cuts in hospitals and schools.

Create

Such problems could be ended tomorrow, if white workers united with black workers to fight back against the big business system. Then we could ensure that 'empty factories did not stand next to crowds of people looking for work. We would be able to create massive extra wealth. And we would welcome

anyone from anywhere in the world who was prepared to come and create still more wealth for all our benefits in a socialist Britain.

Those who say that there are 'too many immigrants' are diverting our class from this struggle. They are turning on other workers instead of attacking those who run society at present and who profit from our divisions.

Those who say immigration has to be controlled are like those who say wages have to be controlled. They blame workers for a crisis produced by the employers' system.

CRISIS SPECIAL REPORT
WOMEN UNDER ATTACK, the latest report on how the crisis is hitting working people, by Counter-Information Services. 50p including postage from BOOKMARKS, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4

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Under the shadow of racism...

WHAT'S it like to live on an estate where the National Front are strong?

The Colville Estate in Hoxton, East London, has been a stronghold of the Nazis since the days of Mosley in the 1930s. Socialist Worker spoke to women on the estate to find out the effect the National Front have on the lives of black people and white anti-racists.

'Black kids can't use the playground. My kids have to play up here in the flat or on the balcony,' one mother told us.

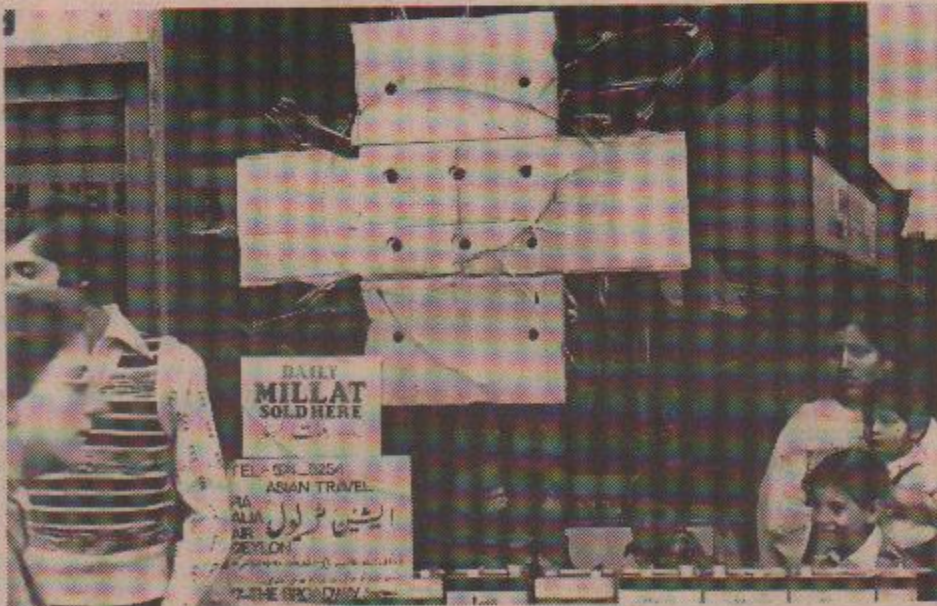
Nerves

'My girl's a bag of nerves. She's got a nervous rash.'

'Last Saturday, my boy went out on the balcony to play. Five minutes later a white kid was kicking him and saying 'Get out, you n-dian'.

'When I want to go across the road for a packet of fags, I have to get someone to go with me. The National Front like to keep you inside.'

'The Front pushed a burning paraffin rag through my letterbox. They shout at me "nigger lover" when I go down the street. Two of them



Picture: Chris Davies (Report)

The police chief in charge of 'community relations' claimed that the amount of racist violence in London was 'exaggerated' on television's London Programme on Sunday night. This shop window in Southall, broken by 'hooligans', gives the lie to him—as do the more than 100 assaults on Asians in East London in the past couple of months. No wonder young Asians are calling for defence groups.

tried to climb through my top bedroom window.

'They push rubbish and shit through the door. Also the window in the door was smashed in. The police claim this is ordinary vandalism.'

'I was on sedatives for ages, but I'm off them now.'

'We scrape the National Front stickers off and the kids

next door paint over the slogans.

'My usual babysitter won't come any more. Her father won't let her come out in case there's trouble. She's half-caste.'

A 15-year-old schoolgirl explained how things have been getting worse since the 'Four-star Asians' story in the

press. 'When we go out there's two black kids with us. Now a couple of the white kids will say, "If they come, I won't because I don't want to be seen with them."

'It's a right shame. Before it all started, we all used to go out together. Now you get white boys who spit at the

black girls. A few months ago they were going out with them.

'Not everyone agrees with the National Front. But they will say they do just to avoid an argument. They don't want to be on their own in the argument.'

'I reckon it will get worse.'

POLICE BEAT UNEMPLOYED BLACK GIRL

by Manchester Flame Group

JOYCE RICKETTS, a 16-year-old black comrade, has been savagely beaten up by Manchester's muggers in blue. She joins the long line of unemployed young black people in Moss Side, Manchester, who have been picked on and assaulted by the police for daring to walk round the shopping precinct. Joyce was hauled out of a group of young people by the police, systematically beaten up in the precinct—and then again in a car park.

Needless to say, she has been charged with assaulting the police.

She comes up for trial at the Juvenile Court, Crown Square, on Tuesday. A mass picket has been organised for 9am.

Several black

organisations are trying to publicise the case, but only the Flame Group are trying to carry the fight to our white brothers and sisters; to argue against their prejudices and to get something done.

We gave out leaflets around the precinct on the Saturday after Joyce was beaten up—and we had a mass sale of Flame and Socialist Worker. We are contacting as many trade union branches and shop stewards' committees as possible to persuade them to pass the following resolution.

'This shop stewards committee firmly opposes the recent spate of racist lies in the press and television and police harassment of black people. We commit our total support to the mass picket outside the juvenile court on 22 June in defence of Joyce Ricketts.'

...and fighting back!

by YVONNE WALKER

A COUPLE of nights ago about 20 National Front members came on to Hindrey Estate in Hackney, East London, to push their leaflets through our doors.

A youth living on the estate saw them and quickly contacted a couple of blokes in other blocks. These people in turn brought out a few West Indian men.

The Front had only managed to do about half one block and had gone on to the other side of the street, when our people began shouting and heckling them, tearing up their leaflets before their eyes.

This obviously surprised the Front no end. They didn't know what to do. They ended up trundling off with their tails between their legs.

We all discussed the incident afterwards and spoke to one or two other Asian and West Indian people, who all agreed to be on their guard if and when there's a next time. A leaflet was written, produced and given out the next day, stating clearly who the Front are, what they're trying to do and why we should keep them off our estate and all estates.

A few people objected to the contents of the leaflet but we feel that these people are definitely a tiny minority.

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Picture: John Surroca (Report)

NO RACIST ABUSE ON THIS BUS

by DREW CALDWELL

A FEW weeks ago Enoch Powell made a speech which was essentially a call for violence by whites against blacks. On 20 June London Transport's bus fares will rise by a quarter.

The two events may not seem related. But if you're a black bus conductor you'll soon find they are.

There is no doubt that openly displayed racist abuse has infected large sections of white workers. Being in contact with more than 1000 people every day makes you aware of it.

Most assaults on London Transport occur over arguments about fares. So when fares go up, how would you like to be an Asian bus

conductor explaining to someone who suffers from poor bus services that they must pay 20p instead of 16p? I recently had to stop my 73 bus when some middle-aged white men started shouting abuse at an Asian family. I told them they had to shut up or get off.

CAMPAIGN

That time they shut up. It might not be so easy next time. At our next union meeting a resolution is being put by a white worker and a Pakistani demanding that the union begin a campaign against racism. The branch will be asked to support any member who stops the bus to get racists off.

The fascist National Party held this meeting after their demonstration through Newham last Saturday. The police refused to allow left-wing counter demonstrators anywhere near the meeting. But they and the Nazis reckoned without this West Indian family who live in a flat overlooking the meeting field. The family were able to heckle the Nazis effectively.

HOW WE STOPPED RADIO FASCIST

by RICHARD GRIBBIN

FOUR HUNDRED workers and students stopped Radio Metro, Newcastle's local radio, from giving a platform to the local fascists last Thursday.

Cars full of protesters, organised by the Tyneside Right to Work Committee and the Socialist Centre, converged on Metro's HQ and a picket was set up in front of the building when we heard of a programme plan to include the National Front. Then, half an hour before the programme time, it was announced that Abe Murray, the local National Front organiser, was 'indisposed'.

But we still had no guarantee that the open phone line would not give air time to the racists. We waited, ears glued to the transistor radio.

Then the first phone call came in. It was predictably from an England-for-the-English pig. We had to take action.

About 20 of us forced open the front door and stormed into the building. The control room wasn't difficult to find and the astonished James Whale suddenly found himself surrounded.

Our demands were simple. No more air time for fascists and that our spokesman, Jim Brady, a local busman, be allowed to broadcast a statement from the picket. Radio Metro agreed to our demands.



PRAGATI, the new paper produced in Bengali by the International Socialists. 10p a copy (please add 7p postage) from Pragati, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

The latest in a long

THIS is what happened when the police attacked the 1976 Manchester to London Right to Work march. 43 unemployed workers now face threats of heavy fines and imprisonment. The Inquiry set up by Barnet Trades Council has now reported. *This is what they say—*



POLICE AGAINST WORKERS: dockers at Neap House Wharf on Humberside (top) where police made dozens of arrests: London docker Charlie Alexander before his death at the hands of the police in Red Lion Square in 1974; Shrewsbury Pickets Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson, two men framed by the law.

THE COMMITTEE was particularly concerned to establish, if possible, the cause of the outbreak of violence.

The first incident took place at Staples Corner, the junction of Edgware Road and the North Circular Road.

A new flyover is under construction at this junction and a long ramp runs south in the middle of Edgware Road on to the flyover and back on to Edgware Road. The construction is partially completed but not yet open to traffic.

The march was proceeding south along the Edgware Road and had continued up the ramp and on to the flyover, where the marchers held an impromptu meeting with workers working on the flyover.

They turned back down the ramp after the meeting to rejoin the Edgware Road. It was at this point that the first incident which led to violence took place.

STAPLES CORNER



Marching away from Hendon Magistrates Court after the first hearing. And above right the first police attack on the Right to Work March: the police can be seen grabbing a



FINDINGS

We had the evidence of 17 witnesses (none police). Four witnesses gave their evidence in person. Having taken the evidence into account, the Committee makes the following findings of fact:

(a) The first incident took place as the front of the march came off the ramp and turned back on to Edgware Road to continue south;

(b) at the time the traffic was already stopped, and

there was therefore no need for the marchers to be halted because of the traffic;

(c) the incident touching off the whole sequel of violence was an attempt by the police to take hold of one of the march leaders and to seize the lead banner.

(d) there was no evidence before the Committee to justify such an action and in the absence of police or other evidence the Committee was unable to establish why the police acted as they did.

The Committee had evidence of an incident earlier that day, at about 11am at a place called Stirling Corner, south of Hatfield, at the junction of the A1 and A41.

The march had come down the A1 from Hatfield without any police escort. One witness told the Committee that shortly before reaching Stirling Corner a police vehicle came up to the march.

Several police, including an inspector, came out of the vehicle, approached one of the leaders, and told him to stop the march. The man refused, and invited them to walk with him to discuss any

problems. The inspector put his hand on the marcher's shoulder.

Other witnesses' account differ only in detail. One says that the police tried to grab one of the march leaders to take him out of the march. Another says that the police attempted to surround the man and arrest him for no apparent reason. A fourth says they

tried to pull him aside. The Committee was satisfied that such an incident took place.

The refusal of the march leader to stop and the failure of the police to arrest him then, if that was their purpose, may have led them to try later at Staples Corner, where they were directly outside the Hendon Police Station and in far greater numbers, but in the absence of further evidence the Committee can reach no firm conclusion on this.

The Committee also had evidence that one policeman tried to arrest one of the march leaders during the impromptu meeting on the flyover shortly before the first incident.

ATTEMPT

While the Committee accepts that this happened, it cannot reach any firm conclusion on these two earlier incidents other than to say that there was evidence that the police were interested in arresting one of the march leaders before the attempt which sparked off the first outbreak of violence. This needs further investigation.

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 Throwing a newspaper's notebook

Beating up a van
 Telling a man you fuck off to

Indiscriminate
 Kneeing a man and delivering a neck

Jumping on a the police station
 Telling a man station to get a crawl to the cell

How the DPP tried to stop the Inquiry

WITH THE knowledge and support of members of the Labour government, the Director of Public Prosecutions appears to have tried to stop the Inquiry from meeting.

The day before the Inquiry was due to meet, the secretary of Barnet Trades Council, Ken Montague, received a letter from Sir Norman Skelhorn, the Director of Public Prosecutions. Sir Norman Skelhorn is the man who ordered the prosecution of Des Warren, Ricky Tomlinson and the other Shrewsbury pickets.

His letter states: 'I have assumed

responsibility for the conduct of the Court proceedings arising out of events involving the 'Right to work' march on 19th March.'

The letter makes it clear that Sir Norman was not acting on his own initiative.

Agrees

One sentence reads: 'I have now had an opportunity of consulting with the Attorney General concerning your proposed inquiry and he agrees with the views expressed in this letter.'

The Attorney General is Sam Silkin, MP, a member of the

Labour Cabinet.

The letter goes on: 'An Inquiry, even if held in private, could have the effect of prejudicing the fair trials of those who have been charged with the offences.'

'And any such prejudice, whether it be to the detriment of the prosecution or of the defence, might in those circumstances be regarded by the Courts as constituting a contempt of Court.'

The central purpose of Skelhorn's letter becomes clear in the next paragraph. Skelhorn writes: 'I would therefore especially advise against the publication of

any findings until the conclusion of all the relevant criminal proceedings.'

The Daily Mail, the Daily Express and other newspapers have already done their best to 'prejudice' the hearings in their extensive coverage of what they claim happened at Staples Corner.

To their credit, the members of the Inquiry went ahead in spite of Skelhorn's letter.

And to their credit, the Barnet Trades Council have released the report as the most effective answer to the press attacks on the marchers.

Line of police attacks



...ing attacked on a May Day demonstration: another black being harassed: Kevin Gately minutes

EVERY trade unionist should be made aware of the conclusions reached by the independent inquiry set up by Barnet Trades Council.

The inquiry has clearly established that the marchers did not provoke the police attack. They did nothing to provoke any trouble on the building site, the flyover or back on the road.

Before the Shrewsbury pickets came to trial, there was no independent inquiry. Many trade unionists, particularly full-time officials, hid behind claims of 'not knowing the facts' or being 'worried about the violence.'

The general secretary of the building workers' union UCATT, George Smith, even announced that there was no need to worry because he had every faith in 'British justice'.

The result is that one of the pickets, Des Warren, is still in prison today.

So-called British justice for the Right to Work marchers meant half the march being arrested and more than

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60 marchers being injured, some seriously.

For the police, it was simply a repeat performance of previous attacks.

In 1972, they attacked the dockers at Neap House Wharf on the Humber as part of the Tory government's attempt to break the dockers' fight for jobs.

In the last few years, strike after strike has found the police lined up on the picket line to protect the employers.

Last year, at Woodheads in Ossett, pickets were amazed to find mounted police being used.

Demonstration after demonstration has been attacked and assaulted by the police.

Kevin Gately was killed on a demonstration while the police protected their natural allies, the National Front.

The whole black community is subjected to constant police attack. The raid on the Carib Club in North West London was carried out by police from the same division who attacked the Right to Work March.

The Inquiry's report contains all the information to convince rank and file trade unionists that the attack on the march is a threat to the freedom of the whole labour movement.

Every shop stewards'

committee, trades council and trade union branch should discuss the report.

Resolutions should be sent to trade union executives demanding they support the 43 and to the Home Secretary demanding that all the charges be dropped.

Every trade union official and executive member should be asked to support the 43—the basis of the Inquiry.

The other half of the defence of the 43 is to carry on the campaign for the Right to Work and against the Healey Deal.

It would be a considerable victory for the police and their masters if they managed to divert the Right to Work Campaign into a defence campaign.

It would also make the defence more difficult.

Massive support for the September march on the TUC and an ongoing campaign for the Right to Work in every locality will ensure that the police and their masters cannot attempt any more Shrewsbury-style frame-ups.

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...arch banner.

on one pretext or another or to provoke some incident as an excuse for breaking it up.

In all these cases the protest has been seen as hostile to the establishment of the day.

Since the time of the Peterloo massacre, the Hyde Park and Trafalgar Square riots, and the unemployed meetings and marches of the 1930s, the right to protest has only been established in the face of the repressive violence of the authorities.

If the Committee had clear evidence that on 19 March the violence had been caused or provoked by something the marchers had done, it would be difficult to say that there had been any interference with the right to protest. But the evidence before the Committee is to the contrary.

DISCREDIT

An unjustified attempt to seize a march leader and grab the lead banner makes no sense unless the aim is to break up the march, discredit the marchers' cause, and stifle their protest.

The Committee is conscious of its limitations and therefore demands that a full inquiry into the events of 19 March 1976 be instituted as a matter of urgency and serious public concern.

On behalf of the Independent Trade Union Committee of Inquiry,
Vincent Flynn
 Chairman

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Tuesday 7 September: Mass Rank and File Lobby of the Trades Union Congress. Send mass delegations from all trade union organisations and all areas. Provide transport for the unemployed.

- Make the TUC fight
- Fight Healey's wage controls
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- Fight unemployment
- Force more jobs
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- Militant opposition to all forms of racialism
- Equal pay and equal job opportunity for women
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- No more Shrewsburies. Defend the 43.

JOIN THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH TO BRIGHTON

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To all trade union organisations: Join the Downing Street lobby. Send mass delegations on the march and to the Tuesday 7 September lobby. Sponsor the march. Send £1 fee to the National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

- Fight for the Right to Work
- No deal with Healey
- No more Shrewsburies



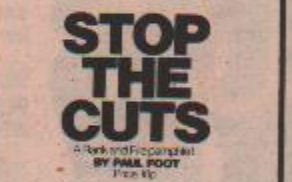
FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK meetings

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

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 Glynnis Cousin, 8 Butler Road, London NT 7.

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Engineers' challenge



'Electricity bills of nearly £7 a week clearly show the need to fight for more money. Yet our union leadership has abdicated on the wages front. On unemployment the union hasn't made a whisper either.'

by ALAN WATTS

RIGHT-WINGERS, the so called moderates, have even taken the union to court rather than use the union's machinery for sorting out disagreements.

It is they who have been responsible for the union's support being given to Healey's 4½ per cent pay policy.

After telling delegates how times were hard, we must all pull in our belts and support the 4½ per cent pay deal, the top brass of the General and Municipal Workers Union themselves went off to support this menu at the conference dinner for 'fraternal delegates'—mainly top brass for other unions and Fleet Street hacks.

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TWO members of the International Socialists are standing in the coming round of elections in the Engineering Workers Union (AEW). Both are supporters of the Engineers Charter, the rank and file group in the union. Here we publish extracts from their election addresses.

JIMMY RULE, a shop steward at Holmans, Cambourne, in Cornwall, is standing for Divisional Organiser in Division 22.

ALAN WATTS, who works at MK Electric, North London, is standing for Assistant Divisional Organiser in Division 20.



space in our union journal!

We have yet to see an article in our journal that shows how fights for jobs have been won, let alone articles condemning racialism or about the many groups of women fighting for Equal Pay...

The economic mess that the employers and their financial speculators have got us into will not be solved by working class sacrifice. We need a fundamental change in Society, to a sane, socialist, planned society under our control, workers' control.

To that end I am a member of the International Socialists.

As Assistant Divisional Organiser I would seek every means possible to generate rank and file involvement. At the end of the day it is rank and file confidence that will guarantee the defence of our living standards and the fight for the Right to Work.

And it is from such rank and file strength we can not only transform our own union, but also this corrupt society.

Suffer

Fighting back against wage cutting and unemployment is the same struggle. Otherwise our trade union organisation begins to suffer. The big stick of mass unemployment coupled with 'voluntary' wage controls castrates effective trade unionism.

This leads us to a situation where through frustration some members look for any outlet and this often finds expression in racist ideas.

It is not blacks who are a threat to jobs and organisation. It is the Lord Watkinson/Arnold Weinstock-type asset-stripping operations that threaten jobs and smash organisation.

Yet it is Arnold Weinstock that Brother Boyd allows

Engineers' Charter

BOTH Jimmy Rule and Alan Watts are candidates for Engineers' Charter, the rank and file organisation within the AEW. This produces a bi-monthly journal, whose May-June issue includes articles on British Leyland, GEC, the aerospace industry—and a debate on the union and Chrysler between Bob Wright and Linwood shop steward Willie Lee.

□ Engineers Charter, 17p including postage, from Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

'OUR union was built by the many fine but unknown rank and file members who went out and organised, despite laws against them, and if we are not to lose every right that struggle must continue.'

by JIMMY RULE

FOR all the hypocritical cant about the 'sliding pound' and 'giving a year for Britain', the wage cuts now being forced on the workers can in no way help to solve the fundamental problems that are causing the crisis in British capitalism.

They only reflect its declining state.

That is why we can confidently predict that the next boom will quickly end in another major dispute for the working class unless we organise against it...

Our union was built by the fantastic struggles of the many fine but unknown rank and file members who went out and organised, despite laws against them, and if we are not to lose every right and condition that has been won over the last 150 years, the struggle must continue.

There needs to be a break from the weak-kneed and compromising leadership that has consistently failed to face up to the struggle.

The engineers are the only large group of workers who have not won a meaningful wage increase over the last few years. Our plant bargaining system has dangerously fragmented us. Large and well-organised factories may benefit, but others go to the wall.

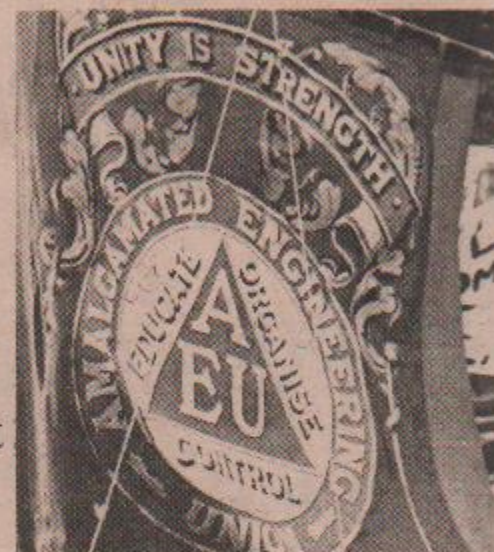
We need to fight together nationally, as we did against the Industrial Relations Bill, for realistic across-the-board increases...

Vital

The AEW is a great union with a fine history of struggle in defence of the working class. It is also one of the most democratic unions. So it is vital that we fight to maintain and extend that democracy by campaigning for:

- Average engineering wage for all full-time officials, and full accountability to the membership.
- A majority of shop stewards on the district committees, for bi-monthly district shop stewards meetings.
- For combine committees.
- Meaningful amalgamation of all our four sections at shop floor, district and national level.
- Junior workers' committees in each factory with the right to negotiate on wages and conditions.

I support the Right to Work Campaign and the National Assembly on Unemployment, as these have been the only serious attempts so far in the fightback against disgracefully high unemployment.



AFTER the revolution, we'll be taking over the factories and the buses will be free and run on time.

But I want to see other things changed too. All those boring, day-to-day jobs such as doing the laundry.

I've been thinking about the possibilities since I discovered a council laundry in Hackney, East London. It is built on the ground floor of a council block. It costs 15p to wash a load, soap is free, the spin dryer is free, and ten minutes in the dryer is 2p.

So it costs 19p to wash and dry a load. It cost 47p in the commercial launderette I used to go to.

Help

Not only is it cheaper. It's cleaner. There are two or three assistants and a mechanic around to help. There is plenty of room so you don't constantly knock into people. There are tables to fold clothes on. There are big roller irons to do the sheets quickly and easily.

In other words the drudgery has been reduced to a reasonable level.

And more important, the machines are cheap enough so families who need them most can afford to use them.

There are problems in this council laundry. The big

It'll come out in the wash

washing machines that take a 24lb load have been out of order for the past six months. The laundry closes early at 7pm, too.

But it does show the possibilities. Why should we have to scrimp and save to buy a dinky washing machine that breaks down all the time? A machine that is used a couple of times a week, and sits there taking up space the rest of the time?

The alternative to that is to go to the outrageously priced launderette. Or wash the clothes by hand, when the money is tight.

It's crazy. And after the revolution, we'll organise it in a commonsense way. Public laundries on every block with sturdy, reliable machines. Low cost (to cover maintenance)—or why not even free? Open late at night—possibly 24 hours a day.

We've got the technology. But we're going to have to smash the system to use it.

JENNY JACKSON



Postal Points

WHEN WE read Wilson's resignation honours list we might be tempted to think that Labour had changed little since the days when Lloyd George sold peerages, around 60 years ago.

For those who still nurture the view that parliamentary change is the answer perhaps this parody of William Hone's, very popular around 1820, might be relevant.

'Our Lord, who art in the Treasury, whatsoever be thy name, thy power be prolonged, thy will be done throughout the Empire as it is in each session. Give us our usual sops and forgive us our occasional absences in divisions, as we promise not to forgive those that divide against thee. Turn us not out of our places but keep us in the House of Commons, the land of pensions and plenty; and deliver us from the People. Amen'. Enough said? □ Alastair Hatchett, Highbury.

SOCIALIST WORKER sometimes carries one-sided items about union activity in Jamaica.

Please do not think I am union-bashing—I am an EETPU member—but we should not lose track of the fact that the whole of the Jamaican establishment, including union leaders, are backward reactionaries to whom the slightest form of social change is looked upon as an attack on their privileges. □ V C Lamong, Acton

THE ESTABLISHMENT has been kicking up quite a fuss lately over Michael Foot's closed shop bill.

To take successful employment in a profession you have to be a member of an institution. It costs around £50 a year and you have to abide by the rules.

There's no fuss or outcry about freedom of the individual then—most of them get a Royal Charter. □ Bernie Wilcox, Manchester

IT IS traditional at this time of year for Socialist Worker sales to drop slightly as many of the NOISS members go home or lose contact with the organisation.

To counteract this every IS Society should make a list of people wanting to buy Socialist Worker over the summer.

If this is done properly then the drop in student sales should be kept to a minimum and NOISS members and supporters should be given a wider perspective of IS's work. □ Alan Donnelly, Sheffield.

NUT DEMONSTRATION MAY SPLIT STUDENTS

AS ONE OF the million and a half unemployed who has been working voluntarily for the London Students Organisation while attempting to get back into college, I was disgusted by your attack on that organisation in the last issue of SW.

Far from being a 'paper body' as you sneeringly allege, the LSO has organised a whole number of campaigns over the past year, most notably on discrimination against overseas students—which IS was singularly inactive on apart from an absurd attempt to occupy Ashley Bramall's offices in the ILEA.

This merely ruined the

much better prepared attempts of LSO to disrupt the ILEA meeting and force the item dealing with cutbacks in overseas students off the agenda.

As for the current campaign on unemployment and the wave of student occupations, the LSO has done almost nothing except work on this campaign for the past fortnight, following a motion passed at LSO Conference in May—a motion supported, incidentally, by colleges such as Southlands where IS has considerable influence.

By calling a demonstration on June 15, the LSO Executive, far from acting as Splitters, were carrying out

the spirit of that mandate. LSO also mobilised for the lobby of the TUC on the 16th.

The real splitters are those who called the demonstration on the afternoon of the 16th to march, not against those responsible for unemployment—the government—but against the National Union of Teachers!

□ Malory Davies, Islington.

EDITOR: There is no point in replying to your slur that NOISS was not involved in the overseas students campaign. Thousands of overseas students know otherwise. At the moment, it is NOISS

members who are leading the occupation of NE London Poly over this issue among others.

As for the NUT, at the moment it is trying to discipline teachers like Bernie Kirkham in East London who have been waging a no cover campaign to create jobs for unemployed teachers.

Demonstrations are needed to tell the NUT to stop attacking no-cover action and instead to push it through as national policy.

The only people frightened of that are NUS bureaucrats who expect full time trade union jobs for themselves in future.

Russia - give us the facts

THE FACTS that I have about Russia convince me that we would be very fortunate if we had such a system here in this country. What disturbs me is the article written by Chris Harman.

It would be better if he were to use a full page with facts and information which would corroborate his misinformation, and which the readers could check.

He asks: 'Does the Russian worker have economic power in the same way as a Western Capitalist?' and then replies so authoritatively 'of course not'. Obviously Chris did not know that it took the whole Soviet

nation over two months to discuss the requirements for the next five years, and that they, the people, decided on what they considered were the priorities.

Chris states that all modern states plan their economies. I say they do not. As far as the Soviet plans are concerned, Chris is sadly misinformed and his information is totally out of date. There has been a steady expansion since 1917 excluding of course 1941-1945.

Yes, there are massive power stations, cement works, steel works, and Concorde's flying overhead, all part of a plan and a lot more that Chris has omitted to mention. The Russian worker he says 'has a living standard much lower than the British worker.' Let's have some facts, Chris. Tell us how much he does receive, how much his rent and utilities cost and what his food costs, let us have a proper comparison, please. And whilst we are on the subject of wages, please Chris, how much do the present Rulers of Russia receive as salary?

Gains

He says the Russian economy is in continual competition with the economies of other countries. The Soviet Union is fortunate indeed that it has no need for any other country in the world. It trades with other countries to enhance and accelerate it's ability to become true Communism. It has to plan its defences against imperialist attack, but it is the first to suggest that armaments be reduced.

Any gains made by the people must be defended, and those who have lost to the people will naturally try to take back what they have lost. This is a law which we would do well to observe at all times.

It's so easy to destroy, and to pull to pieces, but let's see what he has to offer that is so different from the existing socialist systems. □ Peter Eserin, Hertfordshire.

SOVIET ARMS ARE A BONUS

THE RUSSIAN economy is best described as state capitalist. It contains great inequality of wealth which is invested in the state, the poor have to work for the rich, sometimes as domestic servants, and women are exploited as unpaid workers in the home.

But this state capitalism does not appear to be imperialist-like because capital can only be invested in the state. Russian actions which have been described as imperialist in neighbouring states have been defensive due to military build up on all sides and the fear of attack.

Indeed, Soviet arms have been used to halt aggression. Without them South Africa would be in possession of Angola and even the amazing resilience of the Vietnamese could hardly have dealt with the devastating blow from Yankee imperialism in South East Asia. □ Kathleen Jones, Shrewsbury.

Socialism with SNP?

RE THE Socialist Worker article which called for a supplement on Scotland (30 May), as a member of the Scottish Nationalist Party I welcome a supplement though I doubt whether any International Socialists would support this addition of a Scottish dimension.

I welcome the possibility of IS members examining the policies of the SNP—perhaps they will discover why we have been scoring major electoral successes recently.

The policy of the IS is to support all national liberation movements everywhere in the world except, it seems, Scotland.

In opposing the SNP's demand for independence, the IS line up with the CBI, the TUC bureaucracy, the CIA, the National Front and all that is conservative in British politics.

Independence is a progressive step towards greater self-control and community democracy.

Two struggles—that of the Scottish nation for liberation—and that of the working class for a socialist reconstruction have a common element in the Scottish working class culture.

Socialism must come from the Scottish working class who are supporting the SNP in such numbers that in-



Bob Wright, AUEW Executive member, being lobbied by Paul Foot outside last year's National Committee.

dependence seems very near. IS have not succeeded in attracting support except in a narrow circle of young people and students and are not generally accepted nor acknowledged among the broad mass of Scots. □ Andy Scott, Dundee.

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

Letters

Nationalisation — only on our terms

CONGRATULATIONS on one of the best papers ever. But just a minute. A really good article on the ways we're being conned (30 May) was marred at the end.

Of course socialism has an answer. That answer is that ordinary people take over their factories, offices, mines, schools, and produce houses, food, heating, thereby smashing the bosses' stranglehold on our lives.

Socialist Worker is right to point out that a programme of nationalisation under workers' control is not going to be implemented by any Government that relies on collaborating with the present owners of the means of production.

What it didn't make clear is that it's not going to be carried out by any Government.

It can be carried out by workers taking control for themselves. We can build that movement through the Right to Work Campaign and by fighting with socialist policies.

It can't be carried out by a socialist Government. Give

that to those who want to build GB Ltd, like the Communist Party. Nobody can do the job for us—we've got to do it ourselves.

□ Rick Noss, NUT, Jannie Borrell, SOGAT; Pete Fysh, Right to Work Campaign, North London.

UNITE TO FIGHT

AT A RECENT meeting of Exeter Right to Work Campaign, the following motion was passed unanimously:

'We note that racism and fascism are on the rise once again. The most blatant example of this was the recent National Party march through Blackburn which was well-received by on-lookers.'

'This meeting calls for a national anti-fascist demonstration to be called by a united front of all relevant political groups, immigrant groups and labour organisations, to be held in Blackburn.'

The fight against racism and fascism is central to the building of the Right to Work

TASS - THE FIGHT

PAUL FOOT'S article on the AUEW hit the nail on the head. The unwillingness of the TASS leadership to democratise its rule book re election of officials, has given the Boyd and Weakley gang a golden opportunity for killing amalgamation.

It is vitally important that all SW supporters in TASS organise an effective campaign in the union to fight for the rank and file elections of all officials.

Our brothers and sisters in the engineering section must, through the Engineers' Charter, mount an effective battle against Boyd and Company to the disastrous HQ proposals.

The comrades in TASS must also fight this battle by winning the struggle for democracy in the section.

□ R Blundell, Southall AUEW-TASS

I'M PLEASED to see the strong action the paper is taking against racism, but why not have a go at Enoch himself. Let him have a taste of mass working class anger against racism with a demonstration at his home or office.

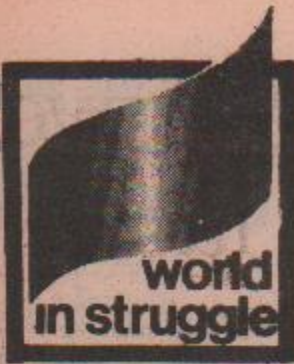
If we say he's wanted for murder then let's go and get him.

□ Terry Stewart, Dumfries.

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EVERYTIME I switch on the television or read a newspaper there is talk of Asians pouring into the country. I have a sneaking feeling they are really concerned about the number of black-skinned people.

If we are to have a true and genuine socialist society, then racism must be opposed at all costs. □ David Keates, Stockport.



FOCUS ON ITALY

What could be Western Europe's most important election since the war takes place in Italy on Sunday.

The party that has preserved Italy for capitalism for 30 years, the Christian Democrat Party, could face defeat.

This will not produce a socialist revolution. Far from it. The main opposition parties, the Communist and Socialist Parties, both want a coalition with the Christian Democrats. Both say they want to reform Italian society, not revolutionise it.

But a defeat for the Christian Democrats will throw Italy further into political crisis. Big business fears a mobilisation of workers that the leaders of the Communist and Socialist Parties will not be able to control.

Millionaires who benefited from the corruption of the Christian Democrats have already begun smuggling their wealth abroad.

The US government too is worried. It fears that Communists in the government will weaken NATO. There are already suggestions that it will resort to the methods it used against the Allende government in Chile.

If the parties of the left win a majority next Sunday, then the choice between socialism and fascism could be posed in the heart of Europe within two or three years.



Some of the 400,000 workers who came out in protest in Milan last December when British Leyland threatened mass sackings at its Italian Innocenti plant.

Is this the flashpoint for Europe?

THE working class movement in Italy exploded in revolt in 1969. Almost every major factory in the country was either occupied or on strike.

There were an incredible 40 million strike days in disputes over the renewal of the three-yearly wage contracts.

Factory committees were set up, elected by all the workers whether in the union or not. The revolutionaries were able to build base committees (CUB), a political rank and file movement within the factories.

The Italian working class was revealed to be one of the most militant in the world and the bosses and their parties were scared stiff.

Tension

The response of one section of the employers was to turn to the fascists and their contacts in the police, the army and the ruling Christian Democrat Party. There followed a series of bomb explosions in trains, city squares and against demonstrations.

The aim of the right was to create a climate of tension that would enable a military coup. The head of the secret service, Miceli, was involved in these, and is now a neo-fascist candidate.

But the majority of the employing class knew that the workers' movement was too strong for a coup to succeed. So while using the fascists as a convenient excuse to strengthen the powers of the police, they



LEFT: Rome workers on a one-day general strike against inflation. **ABOVE:** The Pope and Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer—Italian Catholics have been told it's 'a sin' to vote Communist.



be Marxist.

Meanwhile, Southern Italy has remained the most impoverished part of Europe and workers in the Italian cities have to put up with appalling housing.

The Christian Democrats were helped to maintain this state of affairs by huge subsidies from the American CIA and the open support of the Pope and Cardinals.

Mafia

Even in the present elections, Catholics are being told that it is 'a sin' to vote against the party that has produced poverty and corruption.

Where the CIA and the Pope have not alone been sufficient to keep a Christian Democrat stranglehold, the party has turned to another ally for support—the Mafia.

But the Christian Democrat political machine is now in crisis. The great strikes and struggles since the 'hot autumn' of 1969 have broken large numbers of people from its hold.

This was shown dramatically two years ago when the majority of the population ignored the church and the Christian Democrat leaders and voted in a referendum for divorce. One reason for the present elections were called was fear by the Christian Democrats that a referendum on abortion would produce a similar result.

THE Italian Communist Party (PCI) is the largest party in the West which claims to

an ex-NATO general and a Common Market Commissioner.

It tries to justify this line by pointing to Chile. It says the only way to avoid another Chile is to win all 'democratic parties' around the government, including the pro-capitalist ones.

The PCI simply ignores the fact that Allende was overthrown after trying to follow an identical policy, holding back the workers' movement to placate the Chilean Christian Democrats.

THE three main groups of the revolutionary left, Avanguardia Operaia, Lotta Continua, and PDUP (Party of Workers Unity), are running a joint campaign in the election under the title Workers Democracy.

The combined strength of the three groups is much greater than that of revolutionaries in Britain. Each has a daily paper, with combined sales of 70,000 copies. They control radio stations in Rome, Turin, Milan and Venice.

In the regional elections last year they put up candidates in half the seats and got half a million votes.

Their platform for Sunday's elections demands that the Communist Party and Socialist Party break completely with the capitalist parties and form a government of the left. Unfortunately it does not make it absolutely clear that only a revolutionary programme can solve the crisis.

But if they get a sizeable vote, it will represent a big step forward.

Coalition

The policy is unlikely to be any more successful in Italy. The employers just cannot afford the reforms that the workers who vote Communist want. They will be unwilling to allow their party, the Christian Democrats, to form a coalition with the Communists.

If the PCI is able to form a government with the Socialist Party despite this, then the Christian Democrats and their friends in industry will do their best to ensure that the economic crisis gets worse and that, in trying to solve it, the government rapidly becomes unpopular.

'Inside out' strike

UNEMPLOYED workers in Rome staged an 'inside-out' strike to protest at being out of work. They marched into one of the biggest hospitals in Rome, put on overalls and started to clean up the hospital.

This was to disprove the claim of the hospital administration that there was no work available. The tactic is spreading and has already embarrassed the health and local authority administrations so much that in some places unemployed workers have been offered full-time jobs.

THE Christian Democrats are the Italian version of the Tories.

They have protected Italy for capitalism for the past 30 years by building a party that penetrates every area of Italian life. They control not merely the government, but also the nationalised industries, insurance, the civil service and the universities.

Millions of their middle-class supporters have been rewarded with profitable jobs in the massively overstaffed state apparatus. Vast sums handed out to pay for reforms, for example in improved housing, have ended up in the pockets of politicians and their hangers-on.

The upper classes have managed to get away with paying virtually no tax. Graft has become a way of

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AUTOMAT: JOIN THE MASS PICKETS!

By Manchester Engineers Charter Group

SWINTON: The Automat strike for trade union recognition is now in its 21st week.

At the Engineering Confed. meeting last Monday, Engineers Charter supporters pushed for the setting up of an action committee of delegates from the strike committee, district committee and convenors present at the meeting.

This proposal, by Jack Robertson, shop steward from Massey Ferguson, backed up by leading rank and file militants in the district, was accepted—along with a call for mass meetings throughout the district to co-ordinate daily mass pickets outside Automats.

PAMPHLET

A mass meeting and picket will be held at 7.30am this Thursday (17 June).

And third party blacking will now begin against Automat's bosses.

Charter supporters, working with the local Right to Work Committee, have produced a pamphlet aimed at getting maximum support for

the strikers.

It tells the history of the strike, and draws the comparisons between the Automat and the famous Roberts-Arundel strike ten years before.

Unfortunately, the pamphlet, with an introduction by Automat convenor Tom Smith, has come under heavy criticism by local Broad Left AUEW officials.

They are protesting because the pamphlet criticises Wally Mather, the District secretary, over his handling of the dispute.

Bro. Mather is a notorious right-winger, a Boyd supporter, whose name has been linked with the right-wing organisations TUECDS and Common Cause.

The Broad Left have pressured Tom Smith to withdraw his support for the pamphlet on the grounds that it will adversely affect the forthcoming election between

AUTOMAT: 22 WEEKS ON STRIKE
Engineers Charter public meeting
8 pm Monday 21 June
 Beehive hotel, Clifton, Swinton, Manchester
 Speakers include **Jack Robertson**, Shop Steward Massey Ferguson, Secretary Manchester Engineers Charter Group; **Paul Casey**, victimised during the Roberts Arundel strike. **Tom Smith**, convenor of Automat.

Understandably, Tom Smith has been forced to concede.

Manchester Charter Group have decided to withdraw the pamphlet because of the situation the Automat strikers are being placed in by the district committee officials.

DEPLORE

But we are making it quite clear that we do not agree with the tactics of the Broad Left, and deplore the pressure they are exerting on the Automat strikers.

At the mass picket and meeting called for this Thursday, we will be issuing a leaflet explaining our position and our reasons for withdrawing the pamphlet.

We will also be advertising a forthcoming Charter meeting to be held on Monday 21 June, where we hope to discuss all the issues.

Mather and Broad Left candidate Dougie Daniells, convenor at Chlorides. In our opinion, a rather strange conclusion to draw.

But the pressure the Broad Left leadership can exert in these situations is immense.

Prestwich victory over cuts

By Marion Townshend

THE 24-HOUR strike of NUPE members at Prestwich Hospital, Manchester, has won a fight against the cuts and short staffing.

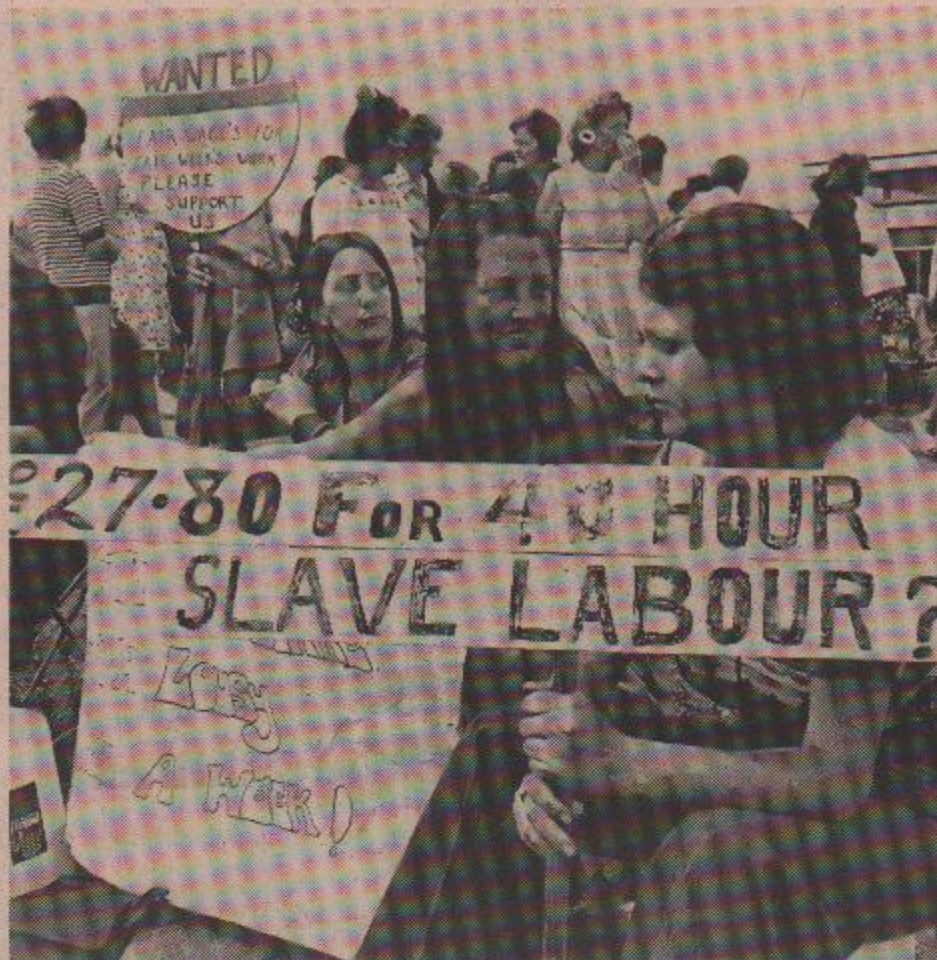
Management gave a night cook the sack because he refused to carry out extra duties, such as portering. Immediate action by NUPE members, leaving emergency cover only, won the following demands:

- The reinstatement of the cook
- NUPE members will only cover for three days for sickness, absenteeism or leave, and then only on the agreement of the union
- No cover after three days—management to find replacements

The Area Health Authority put a circular round all the hospitals denouncing the cook and the union. Manchester Fight the Cuts Committee responded quickly with a counter-leaflet which announced the victory.

The next fight to be taken up by the Fight the Cuts Committee is in Oldham, where 20 SCNs are to be sacked, and where the Casualty is to be closed at night.

NUPE members will be taking action for the nurses' right to work. We take the lead from the Prestwich Hospital workers who have proved that militant action can win the fight against short staffing and the cuts.



ON THE PICKET LINE at Stability Capacitors in Basildon, where 150 women are on strike for a £6 pay rise. Convenor Dot Horgan (right), told Socialist Worker: 'We are really strong—I'm proud of the girls'. The women joined the union—the TGWU—at the end of March and immediately started chasing the management for the pay rise they've been promised for nearly a year. The firm have told them that they can't afford to pay the £6 because they only made £91 profit last year. The truth is rather different. Stability Capacitors is a subsidiary of Lucas, which made £21 million in the last six months of 1975.

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KINGSLEY-READ'S THUGS GET A SHOCK...

BLACKBURN: Part of what the Asians are organising against became clear on Friday night. Two leading lights of the National Party broke into a private meeting between the deputy Indian High Commissioner, the leaders of the Liberal, Labour and Tory parties, and the Indian Workers Association and Pakistani Welfare Association.

The two thugs started to shout abuse. The Deputy Mayor decided that a nice

cup of tea was needed to cool the situation, so the meeting was adjourned while everybody had a brew.

DRINKING

It seems likely, however, that the fascists had been drinking something a bit more potent because one of them proceeded to belt a Labour councillor. While the white dignitaries looked on horrified, the Asians at the meeting acted. One picked up a chair and the

other a drinks tray and the two fascists were promptly laid out.

One recovered quickly but the other had to be taken to hospital. When he finally woke up, who should be dressing his wounds but a Nigerian. He fled from the hospital in horror and, unfortunately, survived.

Racist attacks have been growing in Blackburn. As a result, young Asians have organised themselves into the Asian Youth Organisation.

Blackburn's police don't seem to be keen on this idea. Last Thursday, an

Sparks launch Charter to change Chapple's union

by a Socialist Worker reporter

TO NO-ONE'S great surprise, Frank Chapple has been re-elected General Secretary of the electrical and plumbers' trade union, the EETPU.

The results have not been announced but it is believed that Chapple got 85,000 votes. Harold Best, the executive member supported by the Communist Party, received 26,000 votes, and Billy Williams, the rank and file candidate, got 10,000 votes.

Last Saturday, 65 EETPU members from all over the country met to discuss the building of a strong rank and file organisation in the EETPU. They agreed to launch a new rank and file paper to fight for a Charter of democratic reforms.

The Charter includes the following points:

□ All officials to be elected and paid their members' average wage.

□ No anti-Communist bans within the union.

□ No branch officers to be appointed officials, branches to be reduced to a manageable size.

□ An annual Conference, elected on a membership not branch basis, to decide binding policies.

□ A rank and file Appeal Committee

□ Local area committees to link branches and sections.

□ No agreement to be signed or branch/ lodge amalgamations to take place without rank and file agreement.

The new paper is to be called Rank and File Contact.

Introducing the discussion on the Charter, Jim Atkinson, a former rank and file candidate for the executive committee, said:

Base

'The lesson of what happened before is that you need more than left leadership.'

'Flashlight began as the organ of left-wing opposition once Chapple and Co began the real clampdown. There was tremendous enthusiasm from rank and file electricians.'

'But even in the first issue of Flashlight, an article attacked the idea of a rank and file organisation in the union.'

'For years, many of us in the leadership of Flashlight argued that we should develop a branch and workshop base.'



COLIN SIMPSON

The experience of the TGWU and the AUEW is that the election of left-sounding officials to the leadership is no solution to the problems of the rank and file.

'The leadership should be responsible to the rank and file. We mustn't elect leaders and let them become privileged sections of the community beyond control.'

'We want to vote for people with our ideas but if they go rotten we want to be able to remove them. That is the essence of trade unionism as I understand it.'

George Kelly from Glasgow said: 'We have a programme of what we want to achieve, but we can't expect to carry everything at once. We have to walk on two feet on issues like wages and conditions and on issues like racialism.'

Colin Simpson a shop steward from the Sheffield electricians in the fifth week of their strike against a £5 a week wage cut made an appeal for help.

The executive member for the area was Harold Best. He hadn't been near the strike, but rank and file candidate



BILLY WILLIAMS



GEORGE KELLY

Billy Williams had been down there to offer his support.

Another striker, Brother Leonard from Holliday Halls in Glasgow, appealed for help in their four-week-old dispute.

A collection raised over £44. Billy Williams from Cardiff said the new paper would provide the link up between rank and file electricians. 'The paper will be truthful and hurtful.'

Weapon

'An article about the Sheffield strike would have enabled them to link up with other electricians working for Baileys.'

'The paper will be the weapon to fight for the Charter and build a strong rank and file organisation within the union.'

An editorial board representing the various areas of the country was unanimously elected.

□ For more information about Rank and File contact, write to the Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

DARTFORD TUNNEL MEN STRIKE

By John Hardy

THE 54 TUNNEL miners working on the Essex side of the new Dartford Tunnel voted unanimously on Monday to come out on indefinite strike over unsafe working conditions.

The only person at the meeting who was against a strike was the full-time Transport Union official, who wanted the men to go back in the interests of 'peace'.

The men are refusing to work faster as instructed by employers Balfour Beatty, as it would make already extremely hazardous working conditions even worse.

Tunnel employers have formed a federation to break any strength the workers may have. Meanwhile, BICC—Balfour Beatty's multinational parent company—made £32.3 million profit last year.

In response to this, the men are joining together to resist. Last Sunday 600 tunnel workers from sites in

London, Newcastle Preston and Horsham met to discuss a federation.

That meeting was an excellent beginning that should be followed by regular delegate meetings to monitor conditions and fight for joint demands.

A safety committee has

been set up in the South Essex area.

Next meeting is on 6 July at the Committee Room, Swimming Pool, Basildon, 7.30pm.

□ Messages of support to the strikers: Jimmy Kavanagh, 93 Adare Walk, Streatham, London, SW2.

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'Disgusting, absolutely disgusting'

STUDENT TEACHERS FIGHT ON

MORE THAN 30,000 newly qualified teachers are going to be unemployed.

But their 'leaders' run away

□ Brian Altringham, Manchester Polytechnic: We think the decision is disgusting. That was the unanimous view of an occupation meeting. We deplore the NUS executive's attempt to claim credit for the campaign when they've done bugger all.

□ Paul Chapman, Ethel Wormwood College Liverpool: People kept asking 'Why is the campaign over? What have we done all this for?' Well the campaign isn't over. We're hoping to keep at least one occupation going through the summer.

□ Andy Strouthers, North-East London Poly: We're absolutely disgusted. We went down to the executive meeting on Sunday and they gave us no indication of what they were going to do. They're just chicken.

□ Tony Granger, NELP and a member of the Labour Party Clause 4 group: I was appalled at the way they sold out the colleges that following their lead—'lead' in question mark, quote the question mark. But we are not going to call it off. None of our demands have been met.

□ Steve Kendall, Bedford College of Education: The executive talk of splitting. But there's already a split between the executive and the activists. The unwillingness of the NUS leadership to embarrass the leadership of the NUT and the TUC has caused them to frustrate the campaign all along.

That was the finding of a National Union of Students' inquiry released at the beginning of the week.

The figures revealed in the starkest terms the need for student teachers to maintain and step up their fight for the right to work.

But even as they were being released, the executive of the NUS were dropping a bombshell: they advised the 120 colleges involved in the fight for jobs to end their occupations.

Intentions

Only a week before, there had been a conference in Manchester of colleges of education and other occupied colleges.

The executive did not dare whisper about calling the campaign off then. They did not reveal their real intentions until late last Sunday.

But they had already ignored the conference's deci-

sion not to have a London demonstration this Tuesday separate from trade unionists demonstrating outside the special TUC on Wednesday.

They refused to support Wednesday's demo called by LACC—the Action Committee of occupied colleges in London.

And they went on to refuse to support students at North East London Poly who have been threatened with writs if they continue their occupation.

No wonder students who picketed last Sunday's meeting of the NUS executive were bitter.

Disgust

The three National Organisation of IS Society members on the executive walked out in disgust, and the executive had to throw out observers before it could decide to call off the occupations.

But if the NUS bureaucrats can afford to end the campaign, the student teachers, who face a bleak and jobless future, cannot.

They did not wait for the NUS before they started occupying—and they are now going to have to carry on the campaign despite the attitudes of the majority of the executive.

TWO DISTINCT attitudes about the student occupations have emerged in the teacher training colleges over the past month.

The conventional approach—adopted by the Broad Left, the Labour Party and the Communist Party—was to confine the action to a handful of leaders.

These people talked about 'spreading the occupations into the broad labour movement'. In practice, this meant lobbying trade union leaders

Occupations must go on

By Lindsay German, IS Student Organiser

SOME COLLEGES such as Moray House, are planning to continue their occupation over the holiday.

This idea should be taken up by other colleges. We can't let the campaign slip just as we are building links with teachers and other workers.

The next month should be spent using occupations as a base from which to go and visit every school in the country, to urge the teachers to implement the policies of no cover and smaller class sizes which would immediately provide jobs.

We need to keep up the pressure on the government

over the summer. We have to show them the campaign is far from dead.

That can be done through pickets, occupations of government buildings, marches of unemployed students and demonstrations.

We need to build strong links with trade unionists to win support for a campaign against the cuts and unemployment.

This can lead up to the Right to Work march in September from London to the TUC in Brighton.

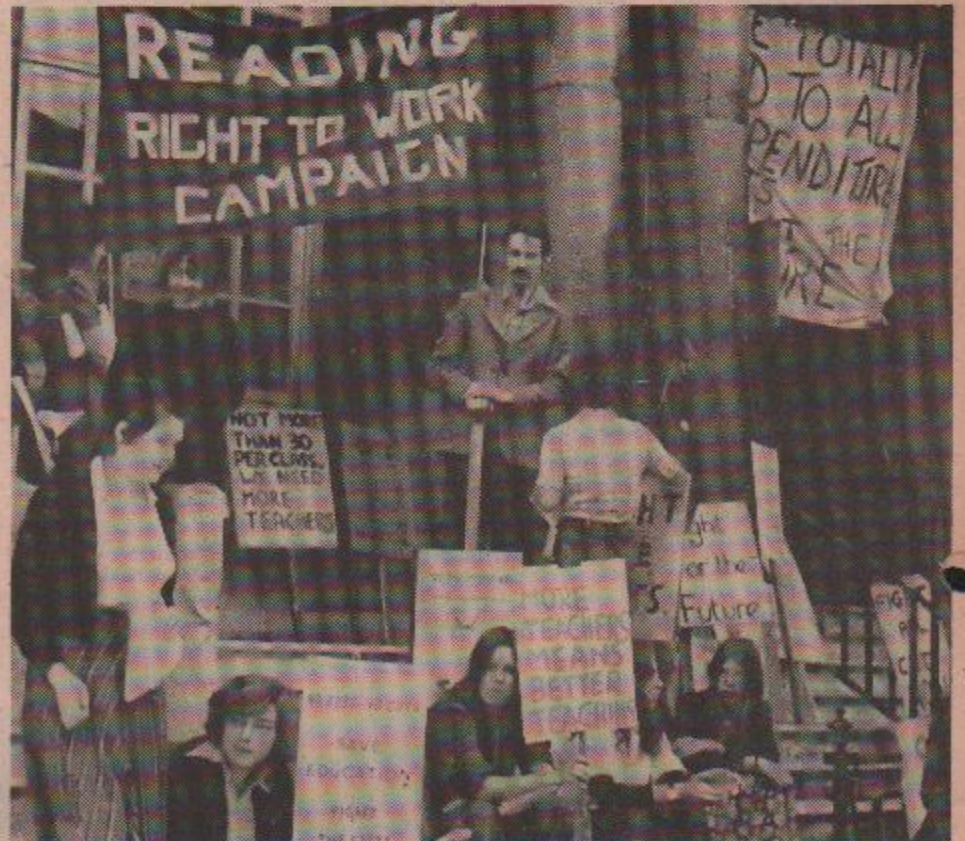
We must start the new term

with a national campaign involving all students against the cuts and unemployment, using occupations, rent strikes and boycotts to win our demands.

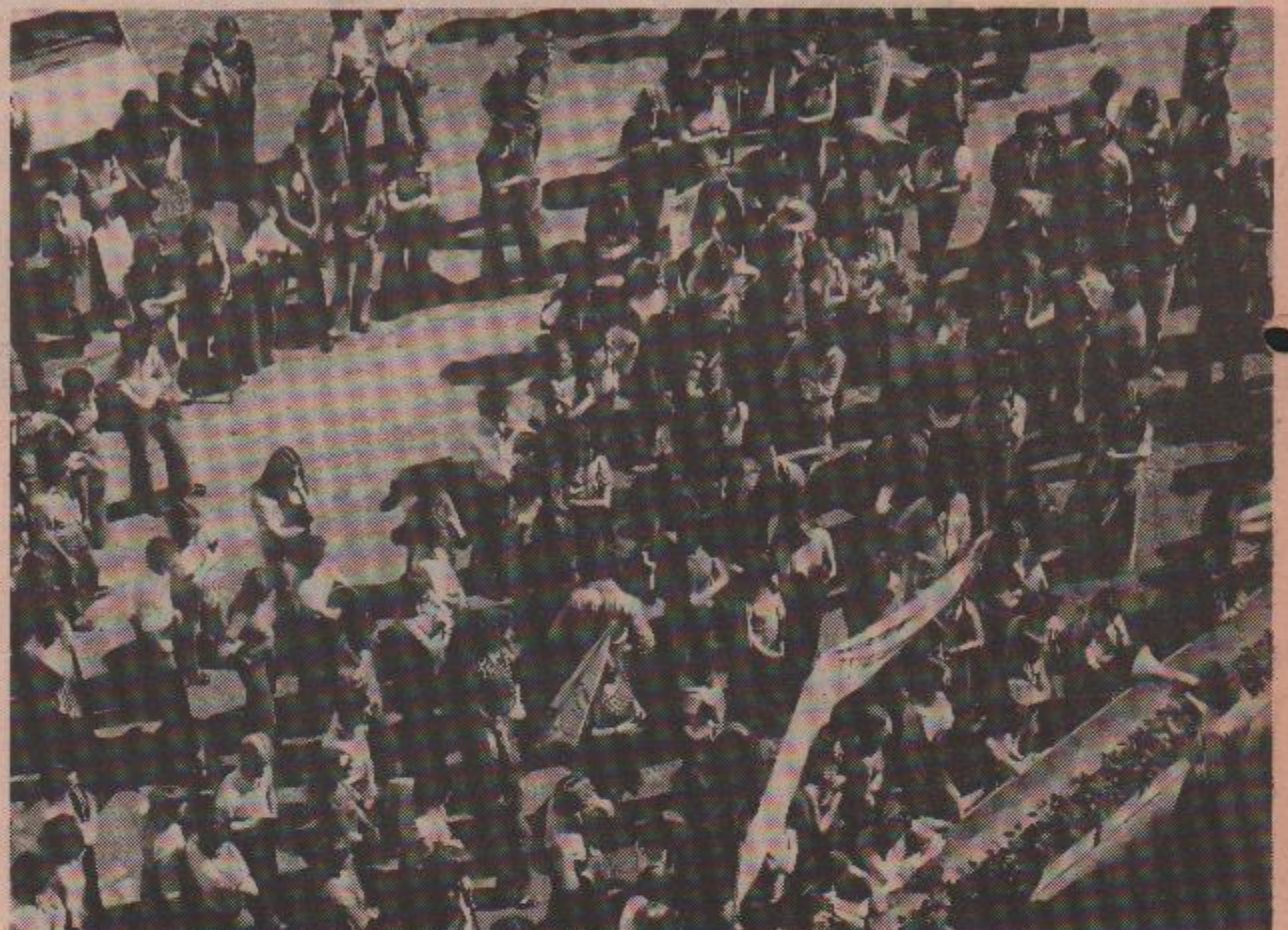
And we have to link that with a national campaign involving those teachers willing to fight for national no cover and smaller class sizes.

Occupations over the summer in regional centres can provide a base for all these activities—and give us the impetus next term so we don't lose everything we've done up to now.

We can't rely on the NUS bureaucrats. We have to organise now if we want to win.



Student teachers in Reading occupy the Shire Hall.



Student teachers in Cheshire demonstrating in Chester.

THE LESSONS OF THE STRUGGLE

and MPs.

The other attitude, which was pushed by the National Organisation of IS Societies, called for maximum involvement of all students engaged in the occupations—and the spreading of the ideas to rank and file teachers and rank and

file workers.

For instance, at Jordanhill College in Glasgow—one of the biggest teacher training colleges in the country—the Broad Left leadership of the students union concentrated almost exclusively on 'keeping in touch with our friends on

the TUC'.

The organisation of delegations and meetings at schools and factory gates was undertaken almost exclusively by NOISS members.

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The action group was to consist of employed and unemployed students. Its executive was to be elected and subject to recall.

These amendments were defeated by a narrow margin—165-150 votes.

When the occupation started, NOISS members were regarded as the lunatic fringe. When it ended, they were winning the votes of nearly half the general meeting.

Why? Because at every stage they preferred to trust the argument to general meetings of students, rather than act behind their backs in a caucus.

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