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How to fight racism: Dockers show the way -PAGE THREE

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 welloiled 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 Conhenney

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 satisfac-

tory 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 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

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 Conheeney 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 selfsacrifice 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

☐ The British police, esnecially 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

☐ 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.



commander Mercenary '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 ques-tion 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 mason for the sudden

The reason for the sudden clampdown seems traceable back to the immensely powerful Rank Organisation, which has massive holdings in televi-sion, 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

Rank owns a 371/2 per cent share in Southern Television along with Associated Newspapers and the notoriously anti-union D Thomson. It is from Southern that pressure the 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. one of them from teachers. One of these, and it must be taken sermusty, 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 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 in-dustrial controversy relating to current public

The 1BA 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 Viet-name War.

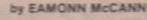
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Photos used by newspapers and television to report the war appear on the screen. We can show the American view' says the commentary, 'but not the North Vietnamese'-and each time the screen goes blank, for newspapers and television never gave the North 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 televisionmust fight for the series to be transmitted, and to demand the so called Insependent 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 ...



ENOCH POWELL'S murderous incitement of whites against blacks in Britain comes as no surpraise to people here in Servicend.

Since the unfortunate day seven years ago when he first intervened in Irish affairs be has been the evil genius behind muny a Loyalist murder gang in Belfest

Of course he doesn't do it

Stop this Terror!

gour males is held under, this Act.

01-603 8654.

IRISH people in Britain, continue to be harrassed by the Presentate 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

This Terror Act should be knocked off the books.

opents. He sternis dissociates himself from individual attacks on Catholic people or

He stays in the background. 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.

his elegantly worded speeches about the prerogatives of the majority have proved as deadly as any blast-bomb or

His aim here as in Britain has been to maintain the power and privileges of small elite by dividing the masses against themselves. And he continues to have a fair amount of success. While unentployment 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

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

nomined into them for years by sel-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 Uster. It can be stopped. But the way to do it, the way

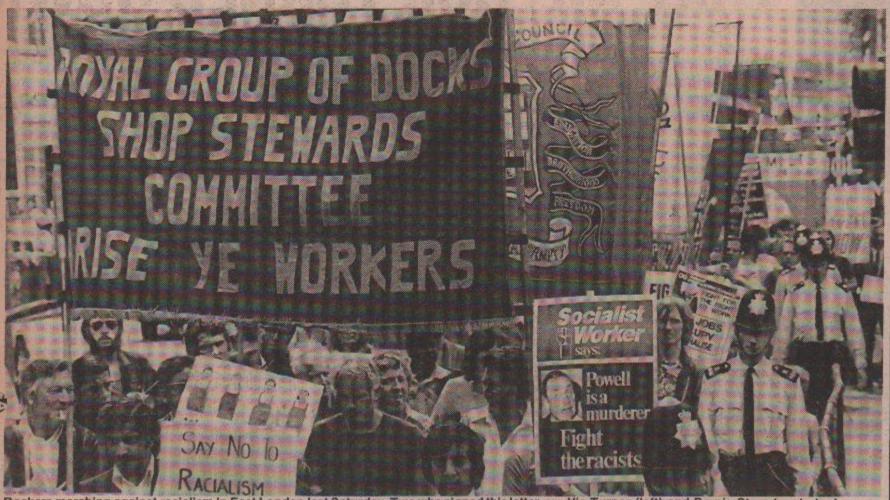
to prevent Belfast being reenacted inn Britain, is to unite in action to stop Powell, his fascist hangers-on and everything they stand for-

STOP PRESS

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



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



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 racialist 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

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

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)

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(TGWU 1/37) Morrie Day (1/6 TGWU, co-chairman joint ar-

(shop steward NASD 6)

Morrie Foley
(TGWU 1/37 chairman No 2 divisional committee)

Teddy Gates Micky Fenn

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(shop steward TGWU 1/6) **Billy Gates** (shop steward TGWU 1/6)

C Garvey (TGWU 1/33)

B Gardenor (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) (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)

(1 NASD) Bob Moon (TGWU shop steward) Tom Mould (NASD 8 shop steward)

Mossie Nichol (1 NASD) Patsy Nichol (1 NASD)

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Alan Phillips (1 NASD shop steward) Johnny Piner (1 NASD)

Fred Roffe (4 NASD: executive NASD)

Jim Spencer (8 NASD shop steward) Derek Sills

Bernie Steer (4 NASD: shop steward; secretary Royal Group stewards)

(TGWU 1/40 shop steward)

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

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: Glasgow has the wo Socialist Worker says 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

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

£255.70 came in this week, bringing

the total for June to £560.23.

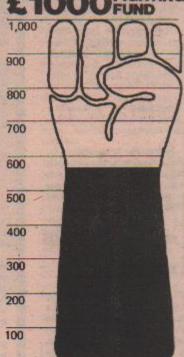
Wardsworth IS £10. North London district IS £74. Southwark Trachers IS £40, Aberdaen IS £30. Norwich Students IS £25, Crawley IS £10. Dumfries IS £10. Turners 50p. P. Jackson £10. Attleborough building workers £1.50, CA Parsons £1. C. Williams £6. Doncaster IS £2.10. Samsley SW supporter £5. Gateshead IS £1.50. SW supporter, Kingsdale School, Southward £5. Oxford SW readers £7. Lowestoff IS £4. Preston SM 15. £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

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Rotherham: They must not pass!

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

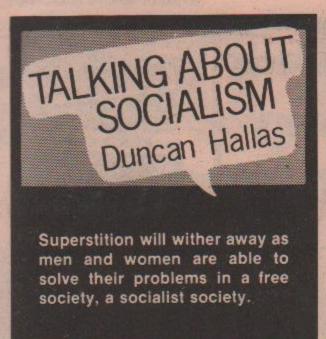
local by-election. He was grabbed by the arm from inside a Front campaign car and dragged 50 yards along the road at speed. He had to have hospital treatment.

The Front plan to march through immigrant areas this Saturdayand the local AUEW district com mittee has called a counter-

demonstration.

DEMONSTRATE Saturday 19 June, 2:30pm, Station Fields, Rotherham. Coaches from: HULL Leaves Serens Way, 8.30am, NEW-CASTLE: Central Station, 9.30am, BRADFORD: University, 12 noon. SOUTHALL: Town Hall, 8am.

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



TALKING ABOUT Will religion die out? A READER STATED & COUNTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

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 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 carned their bread by catching fish and mending tents' to the elaborate salaried hierarchy of the immensely wealthy Roman Catholic

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

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

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

THE

ENOCH

POWELL

ON POLITICIANS: .

calculated.

ON THE MASTER RACE:

I hate the ugly, hate the old, I hate the lame and

-from a poem by

deceives and is required to

deceive, but only in the

sense that every kind of art

involves deception, deliberated and

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

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 Albigensian 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 opp sons to that they as realistic ones.

Rulers

The Albigensian crusade turned Languedoc into a stronghold of fanatical Catholicism, not into a stronghold of reason. Naturally, this has never

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'.

and now. The last thing Marxists want is to

strengthen what we regard as

superstition by persecuting

If our analysis of religi

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 per-

suasion are the means to

this end, not persecution

and not discrimination

☐ What are your

Questions About

Socialism? We want to

Write to Talking

About Socialism,

Socialist Worker, Cor-

bridge Works, Cor-

hear from you.

either.

But we want pie in the here

-quoted in The Guar-dian, 5 April 1965. The whole point of their operation has been to force

ON PARASITES: When I see a rich man I give thanks to God. -quoted in The Sun, 26 February 1965

ON CAPITALISM: Often when I am kneeling down in church, I think to myself how much we should thank God, the Holy Ghost for the gift of capitalism.

—quoted in Enoch Powell, The Man and His Thinking, by T E Utley.

ON COUNCIL HOUS-ING: Immoral and socially

-quoted in Daily Telegraph, 23 November 1959.

ON WORKERS: ... the work-spreading, profit-hating, almost Luddite attitude of British trade unionists.

-quoted in the Finan-cial Times, 4 March 1968.

ON SOCIALISTS: Yes, I am a virus, I am the virus that kills socialists.

Daily -quoted in Daily Telegraph, 2 October 1968.

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socialism THE fight for the Right to Work will be going round Manchester by the truckload

Trucks for

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 unemploy-

ment. Dig for Victory. The

play was enthusiastically received at the picket line at

Greenings engineering fac-tory. Warrington, a few weeks

The first week's perfor-

Tuesday 22 June: Metal

Thursday 24 June: First

Estate,

mances are:

☐ Monday 21 June: Massey
Ferguson, Trafford Park.

☐ Wednesday 23 June: Massey Ferguson CPO, Traf-ford Park:

performance at Record Elec-trics and Kearns Richards,

Altrincham. Second performance: Scraggs and Ferrantis, Broadheath Estate,

Altrincham.

☐ Friday 25 June: Manchester

Spanner's programme for the dollowing weeks is rapidly becoming booked up. If you

want them to come to your workplace, phone 061-881

George Davis

GEORGE DAVIS IS INNO-

CENT, OK is the title of a

book to be published by Pluto

Press in October. Written by

two of the campaign activists,

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

and the TV

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 gettign

their facts right, so this could

throw light on how the infla-

tion and the crisis of the West

is affecting the Eastern block.

BILL BRAND, left-wing Labour MP for Leighley,

already shown that betrayal is

the staple diet of parliament, soldiers on (ITV, 9pm).

MONDAY

Money

book...ok?

Box, Bolton.

Broadheath

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

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

ficials stuck-simply to the explanation, Dr Amirteymour had financial worries, they said, because of his gambling activities.

Indian potatoes arrived in this country last week. A ship with £¼ million worth docked at Avon-

firm had sponsored the load, which took three weeks to

retail standards. There was a fleet of lorries waiting at the dockside for

out of the Embassy to talk to Iranian students picketing it. The students say they were amazed at his sympathetic

Just two weeks before his.

death, Dr Amirteymour was

told, in a surprise announce-

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.



"...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 diversification capital policy.

MARK MILSOM 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

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

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 inevitably investments in that well-known land of the free, South Africa.

SIMON ANDREWES

Another body blow for capitalism

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

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

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

thriving businesses into

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

we have local government or workers soviets ruling in Tameside.

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



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

he had died.

Iranian officials im-mediately claimed diplomatic immunity for the body, so precluding the inconvenience of a post-

Meanwhile, in Iran, of-

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

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

YET ANOTHER load of

mouth, Bristol. A Swindon 'engineering'

travel from India to Bristol. Only a third of the potatoes could be offloaded, the rest not meeting the Agricultural Ministry's

more than a week awaiting the Ministry's verdict.



to have plunged dozens of near-bankruptcy.

QUOTE: I wonder whether

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

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.

AINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST V

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

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

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

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



On the march against racism: some of the 2000 Bangladeshis who marched throu

Whitechapel in East London on Saturday.

SATURDAYS LAST protest in Southall against the racist murder was begun by Indian youthand was then taken completely out of their hands.

NST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER

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

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 Com-munist 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 Com-munist Party to form a bridge to the white community since the Labour Party is so racialist, with an 'unofficial' colour bar in the Southall Labout 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 racialists 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 Inter-national 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 cer-tainly 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.

Reign of fear by police

the police in Southall got back into their usual routine. Mohan Singh, for exam-ple, 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

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 Chagger was murdered and youngsters who took him dying to hospital.

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

The youths are being held in custody in Brixton.

Let Nazi Relf rot

TRADE UNIONISTS are marching in Leamington this Saturday (19 June) against Robert Relf, the fascist who is injail 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

Campaign WHAT WE MUST DO

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 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

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

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

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

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

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 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 Internationy Socialists: The Central Committee 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.



Poster seen in the window of an Indian restaurant in

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 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 shoping-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 wer

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.

hy we oppose all immigration controls



ATTACK, the latest report on how the crisis is hitting working people, by Counter-Information Services. 50p including postage

BOOKMARKS, 265 Road. Seven Sisters London N4

SOCIALIST WORKER opposes all controls on immigration.

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

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

The country is not overcrowded. There are vast acres of empty land and hundreds of thousands of empty housesin 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 im-migrants. The highest levels of unemployment are in Scotland-where the number of immigrants is lowest.

If all black people were

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.

thrown out of the country

tomorrow, capitalism would still cause unemployment

among the remaining white

The real objection people

workers at the present level.

make to immigrants has

nothing to do with numbers. It

has to do with skin colour.

And that is what racism is.

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.

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 com-mittee 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 the juvenile court on 22 June in

defence of Joyce Ricketts.

POLICE BEAT

BLACK GIRL

by Manchester

JOYCE RICKETTS, a 16-

year-old black comrade, has

been savegely 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

Several

Flame Group

CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH

Under the shadow UNEM 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 up here in the flat or on the balcony,' one mother told

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

'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

The police chief in charge of community relations' claimed that the amount of racialist violence in London was 'exaggerrated' on television's London Programme on Sunday night. 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

...and

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-

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

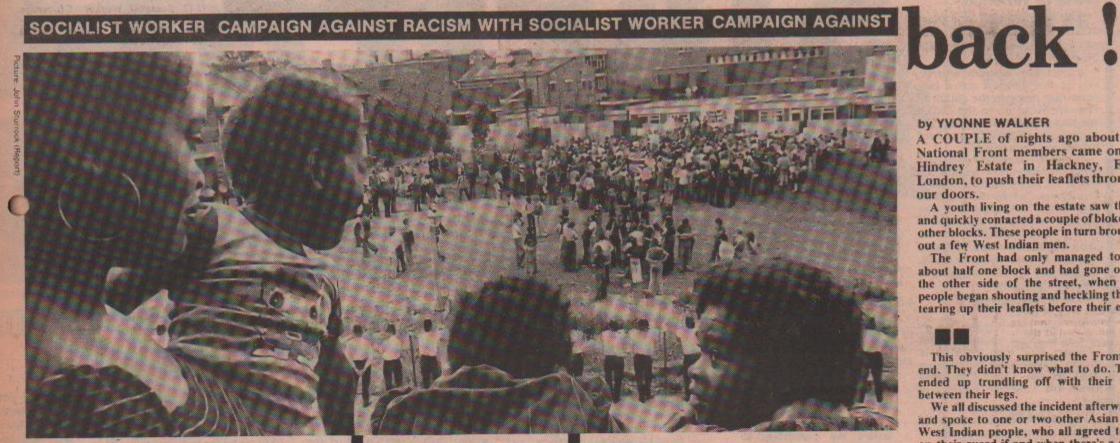
'When we go out there's two black kids with us. Now a couple of the white kids will say, "If they come, I won't because I don't want to be seen with them."

'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

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

fighting



NO RACIST ABUSE THIS BUS

by DREW CALDWELL

A FEW weeks ago Enoch Powell made a speech which was essentially a call for 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

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 asked to support any member who stops the bus to get racists

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.

OW WE STOPPED

by RICHARD GRIBBIN HUNDRED FOUR and students Radio Metro, workers stopped 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.

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.



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

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—

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

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.

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

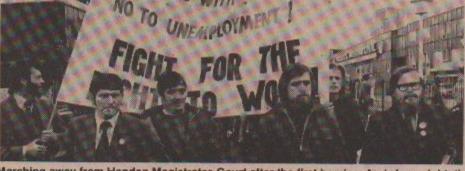






POLICE AGAINST WORKERS: dockers at Neap House Wharf on Humberside (top) where police made dozens of arrests: London docker Charile Alexander before his death at the hands of the police in Red Lion Square in 1974: Shrewsbury Pickets Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson, two men framed by the law.

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THE REPORT OF THE INDEPENDE

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

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.

TRADE UNION INQUIRY

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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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.

ine of police attacks-





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

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

In 1972, they attacked the dockers at Neap House Wharf on the Humber as part of the

Tory government's attempt to break the

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 be-

demonstration has been attacked and assaulted

Demonstration

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by the police.

dockers' fight for jobs.

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

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

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

So-called British Work marchers meant half the march being arrested and more than 60 marchers being in-Kevin Gately was killed jured, some seriously. For the police, it was on a demonstration while the police protected their simply a repeat perfornatural allies, the National Front. mance of previous at-

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 move-Every shop stewards'

cil and trade union branch should discuss the report.

Resolutions should be ecutives demanding they support the 43 and to the Home Secretary deman-ding that all the charges

Every trade union of-ficial 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 cam-

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-



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Every police officer on appointment makes a declaration that he/she will serve 'without favour of affection, malice or ill will and will discharge all the duties of the office 'faithfully according to the law'. On this occasion there was clear first incident evidence that police officers fell short of their sworn standard of riolence. The ad evidence, In this country people may cepts, from

march and demonstrate provided they do so peacefully and do not break any one of a battery of laws, such as the laws relating to the obstruction of the highway, public nuisance, incitement to sedition, unlawful assembly and breach of the peace. In this sense there is a limited right to protest.

The history of protest is full of incidents, some well known, others less so, where marchers and protest meetings have been broken up by the authorities because protesters have broken the law; but equally because the authorities have decided to prevent the march or meeting 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 es-tablishment 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 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

☐ The Committee of Inquiry, set up by Barnet Trades Council, was made

Sydney Bidwell, M.P., Jack Collins, E.C. member Nat. Union of Mineworkers*; Jack Morrish, Group Gen . Sec., Soc. of Civil Servants*; Dolly Sewell, Shop Steward, Patent Die Casting; Chris Soutar, Convenor, Oliver & Thoms Ltd.; Bryan Stanley, Gen. Sec. Post Office Engineering Union*; Mike McGrath, E.C. member Civil and Public Services Association*; Ian Macdonald, Barrister, National Union Journalists*; Chairman Vincent Flynn, formerly Gen. Soc. of Graphical and Allied Trades* · Served in their personal capacity. Graphical and Allied Trades*



SEPTEMBER RIGHT TO WORK MARCH LONDON TO BRIGHTON

Friday 3 Sept to Tuesday 7 Sept Friday 3 September to Saturday 4 September: March to Downing Street from different parts of London. Saturday 4 September: Fraternal march from Downing

Street to the TUC in Brighton leaves London. 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

☐ Fight the cuts

☐ Fight unemployment ☐ Force more jobs

☐ Official overtime bans and campaigns for the 35-hour week, no productivity deals, protect every job.

☐ Militant opposition to all forms of racialism

☐ Equal pay and equal job opportunity for women

☐ Full trade union rights for the unemployed

☐ £20 minimum dole and £6 extra now for every unemployed worker.

☐ No more Shrewsburys. Defend the 43.

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e march. Send £1 fee to the National Right to Work Caompaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N.4. ☐ Fight for the Right to Work ☐ No deal with Healey

☐ No more Shrewsburys



FIGHT FOR THE **RIGHT TO** WORK meetings

DARLINGTON. Rally against unemployment.Saturday 19

SCHOOL STUDENTS and recent leavers day school: Speakers John Deason and Dick North (NUT) Sunday 20 June, 10am-5pm, Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road London N4 Details and registration from Glynis Cousin, 8 Buller Boad, London N1 7.

8 Buller Road, London N17, NORTH LONDON Public Meeting: No Pay Deal Fight For The Right To Work, Speakers Ernie Roberts (AUEW Assistant General Secretary in a personal capacity) and John Desson, national secretary, Right to Work Campaign.
Thursday 24 June 8.00pm in the Lord Morrison Hall, Chesnut Grove, Tottenham N.17.
Meeting sponsored by Edmonton No.1 AUEW branch.

IT'S VITAL READING





Stop the Cuts: 19p (inc postage) from 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

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The National Right to Work Campaign Pamphlet, DANGER: IMMIGRANT WORKERS UNDER ATTACK is out of print. //

HAN HALLEN WITH Socialist Worker

700 SWs SOLD IN SOUTHALI

By John Rose and Neil Davies

SOCIALIST Workers were sold in Southall last week after the tragic racist killing which has shocked the Indian community.

The Asian youth have taken to the streets after years of frustration, while the elders search around in horror for a way out.

We took Socialist Worker door to door, determined to break the isolation of the Indian community.

SHIFT

To see Indian women in their saris rushing out of the house to ask for 'the paper' (as Socialist Worker is now called) gives some idea of the shift in awareness that has taken place.

It's not that we sold the paper. It's that the paper was demanded!

Socialist Worker captured precisely the mood of the new militancy in Southall. Young Indians on the demonstration on Saturday shouted in Pun-jabi: 'Enoch Powell's a racist

Some of the sales

organised for this Satur-

CHESTER: Foregete Street, Gresvenor Hotel, by entrance to precinct, 1.30-2.30pm

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

YORK:
Coney Street outside Woolworths, 11am-3pm, Stohegale, Noon-2pm, Market, 10am-1pm GLASGOW
Central Station, 10am-5pm Oueen Street Station, 11am-4pm, NEWCASTLE:
Northworter, Northworter, NewCastle:

Northumberland Street, 13am Geteshead High Street, 13am Jam.

YORK



Socialist Worker certainly made an impact at Saturday's three anti-racist demonstrations. Not just because of the posters. This forest of posters was along the route of the fascist National Party demonstration in Newham. Socialist Worker sellers were run off their feet getting the paper to all the marchers and on-lookers who wanted copies. Southall sold out—all 700 copies. Sales in the two East London demonstrations totalled nearly 250.

bastard. Enoch Powell's a murderer'.

This was, of course, the theme- of last week's front

MOOD

In North West London, comrades in Harlesden used the paper to test out the mood of the West Indian community towards events in Southall.

We learned that the younger, more aggressive West Indian boys have been

HIGH WYCOMBE Octagen 10 30am-12 30pm CARDIFF Market, 10 30am-2 30pm NEWPORT Market, 10am-Noon

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

Shepherds Bush Market, 10am-

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

WEST LONDON:

boosted by the young In-dians' lead in Southall and were eager to read about it.

Here again there is a

growing determination to take on racialism. Socialist Worker must continue to become the

mouthpiece of this new black militancy Every district has to have a much more vigorous attitude towards

The paper should be taken door to door and pub to pub in every immigrant area.

SOUTH EAST LONDON Lewisham, "Clock Tower, 11am 12.30pm Woolwich Powis Street, 11am-12

Dartford, outside the new shopping centre 11am 12.30pm Gravesend outside the market entrance, 10.30am 12 noon.

Wood Green High Road, Marks & Spencer, 11am-1pm Holloway Road, Sainsburys, noon-

City Square, 11am-4pm Thursday and Friday evenings 4-

5.30pm.
MANCHESTER:
11am 1pm, Cheetham Hill
Precinct.
Salford Precinct

NORTH LONDON:

DUNDEE:

WIGAN IS invited all the people they've met through selling Socialist Worker on the street to a meeting last Thursday. A speaker from nearby Bolton IS came. Six of the 11 people at the meeting joined ISincluding a woman

Transport Union member, an engineer and a teacher. Four others at the meeting were IS members already.

Urmston Shopping Centre. Stockport Merseyway Centre. Prestwich Precinct.

NORTH WEST LONDON



this year is being held on Tuesday 29 June at TU Books, 260 Deansgate,

best students can move to next year. Students who attend will get student rate

notify National Student Organiser, 8 Cottons Gar-

Attention IS final year students

A MEETING of 1S students who are finishing their studies

The aim is to discuss where

Comrades attending please CAMPAIGN dens, London, E2

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floverigent 15 July The Struggle in Italy At South Bank Poly, Students man Rotary St Details from Gil Dewenstein (622-1090)

CENTRAL LONDON SW Education Classes Women and Socialism. Every second Thursday 6.30pm, at the Rosbuck, Tottenhem Court Road, London, WC1. Creche provided.

17 June The Politics of Women's Oppression Speaker Joy Leman 1 July Women and Socialism Speaker Sheila McGregor.

LEICESTER TEACHERS SW

Thursday 24 June The Communist Parties in Western Europe, All meetings start 7 30pm, Globe Inn, Silver Street.

EAST LONDON SW series of furnightly lectures, starting Friday 28 May Britain in the 1920s

3. Revolutionaries and Trade

3. Revolutionaries and Fade-Unions
4. The Communist International Livingstone House North East London Poly, Livingstone Road, ETS 7.30pm, All readers and SW

HULL Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Every second Sunday, 7pm, at. Socialist Books, 23B Springbank.

Sunday 20 June: Women and

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IEICESTER District SW meeting. The National Front Speakers Paul Foot Autar John Rewander (AUEW annuary Rearts). Compunents, Sunday 20 June, 2 30pm. Highfields Community Centre.

COVENTRY SW public

meetings:
The Communist Party and the General Strike DEBATE with Duncan Hallas and James Hinton, Friday 25 June, 7,30, The Mercia, Cross Cheap

CHESTER Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Tuosday evenings at 7.30cm Railway Inn Brook Street Chester, neet bus and rail staffons.

22 June Trade union leaders and the rank and tile.

29 June Rapialism and the threat from the right.

from the right 6 July Socialism and education

LOWESTOFT SW public meeting: The Labour Government and the Cuts Speaker: Duncan Hallas, Thursday 24 June, 8pm, The Norfolk (upstairs room); Denmark Road.

HACKNEY SCHOOLS SW public meeting. The Struggle in Italy, Speaker Glynins Cousin Monday 21 June, 20m. The Talbot pub, Mortimer Road, N1 (near Dalston Junction).

CENTRAL LONDON SW public meeting: Crisis in Southern Europe—Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece Speakers Ian Birchall and Robin Peterson International Socialists International Committee Luesday 22 June, 6.30pm. The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, WC1 International Committee Luesday 22 June, 6.30pm. The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, WC1 International Court Road, WC1 Int

CIVIL SERVICE SW public meeting: The Law and the State Speaker Laurie Flynn, Wednesday 23 June, 6.30pm, The Plough, Museum Street,

Manchester.

fares paid.

NORTH WEST LONDON 11am to 1pm, Cricklewood Broedway, Kilburn Square, Kilburn Broadway and Jubulee Clock, Harlesdon High Stree. EDINBURGH Princes Street (east end) 11am to 4pm, Thursdays: Entrance to Wester Hailes shopping centre, 4.30pm to 5.30pm BANGOR Entrance to Wellfield Shopping

St John's Road, Clapham Junction, outside Woolworths, 10.30am 1.30am.

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INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION:

The workers create society can only be collectively seize conplan its production and distribution.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the all the wealth under present parliament, capitalism. A new army, police and judiciary cannot be constructed when they taken over and used by the working class. They trol of that wealth and grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling classes against the workers.

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

upon councils of workers' delegates and a workers' militia. At most, parliamen-

tary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

NATIONALISM

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

everything which turns workers from one country against those from other cc ntries. We oppose ucialism and imperiali, m. We. oppose all im mi tration controls.

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

We are for real social, economic and political equality of women.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one coun-Russia. China and

Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist.

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

REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist

To achieve socialism.

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

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

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

We urge all those who agree with our policies to join with us in the struggle to build the revolutionary party. Socialist Worker GREECE-CYPRUS TURKEY group school on Russia Saturday 19 June, Rank and Fise Centre, 265s Seven Sisters Road, London, N4 2pm The Russian Revolution 4pm Russia Today Speaker Tony Cliff Social in the evening. Accommodation available For further details ring 01-272 8270. All Greek, Cypriot and Turkish SW readers welcome.

CARDIFF SW International Day School Permanent arms economy, permanent revolution world crisis solidarity work, multinational companies, towards the revolutionary international Speaker Joanna Rollo, international Socialists international secretary). Suriday 4 July, 10am-5pm, 15 Centre, 58 Bridge Street, Cardiff, All SW supporters welcome

HULL SW public meeting: Does Immigration cause unemployment— We say not Speaker John Taylor from Bradfard. Wednesday 7 July 7 30pm, Stevedores and Dockers Club, Posterngate (off Princes Dock Side).

BIRMINGHAM Flame public meeting: with a Jamaican trade unionist Jamaica Britain Fight the basses! Smash racism Sunday 27 June 2 30pm, Lozzelis Social Club, 1 Finch Road, Handsworth.

BRIXTON Flame public meeting with a Jamascan trade unionist and Danny Evaristo, arrested Right to Work marcher, Jamasca-Britain—Fight the bosses! Smash racism! Thursday 24 June. 8pm, Abeng Centre, Gresham Road.

MANCHESTER Flame public meeting with a Jamaican trade unkinist Jamaican-Britam — Fight the bossest Smash recism! Sunday 27 June, further details next week.

Socialist Worker NORTH AMERICA Socialist Worker NORTH AMERICA day school coming soon Saturday or Sunday 10 or 11 July. Suggested programme History of the American labour movement, the American economy, the International Socialists (US), the work of the IS North American group. For Turther details contact. Joyce Rosser, IS North America Group, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

SOCIALIST WORKER **EVENTS**

CARDIFF SW supporters' seaside outing Sunday 11 July Phone Cardiff 499579 for details of transport etc. Bring the family, Keep this day

STOCKPORT DISTRICT SW social Medicately 19 June Bon. admission Al proceeds to high high Tube.

NOISS

University of Bradford 1S Society public meeting: Fighting Racism. Speaker Justina Rollo Friday 18. June, Ipm. Room 4. Communat Building

NOISS Summer Schools: Imperialism: Weekend school for overseas students. To be held in London All NOISS contacts should be encouraged to attend. Social on Saturday night. Weekend 10-11 July. Revolutions of the 20th Century. Weekend school for NOISS members and contacts. Sessions include Spain, Russie. Germany. To mark the anniversary of the Spanish Civil War. 17-18 July in London. Regional schools giving a general introduction to IS politics—to be held over the next few months in various places.

Places

For details of all these write to NOISS, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2, or watch this space for details.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

IS Black Caucus Meeting: Sunday 27 June, 10.30am-4pm, in London, For overnight accommodation and further details, phone Kim 01-739 9772.

CHESHIRE adn SHROPSHIRE IS district meeting for ALL members: Fridey 18 June 7 30pm prompt, Wrexham Labour Club, Montgomery Road, Wraxham Inear Queensway Sports Centre). Agenda: IS National Conference report back, Women's Voice and work around women, local activities and SW sales. Comredes in Chester. Shrewsbury. Telford, Wrexham, Crewe and Rhyl should attend, Non-IS members are also welcome.

International Socialists GAY GROUP meeting: 10.30am - 5.30pm, Saturday 19 June, Room 5117. LSE Houghton Street, Advoych London, WC2 (nearest tuber-holborn) Socialist Worker and the gay issue; Gay women GLF and the politics of separatism, problems of being gay at work Social in the evening Creche, For more information contact Socialist Society, c/o Students Union, LSE.

IS NATIONAL WOMENS sub-committee: This Saturday, 19 June, 11am, Cottons Gardens, London E2. Make sure your branch, district or fraction delegate is there, Pooled fare system.

GREECE CYPRUS: Meeting for all IS members working round these countries, Salurday 19 June 11am, Rank and File Centre, 285a, Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

PORTUGAL first meeting of International Socialists Portugal sub-committee, 4 July, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

Engineers' challenge



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'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 41/2

Poole Bay Seafood Cocktail __

Cream Cressonniere

Escalope of Veal Princesse

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Strawberries, Double Cream

Glazed Baby Carrots

Noisettes Potatoes

Coffee

After telling delegates how times were hard, we must all

pull in our belts and support the 41/2 per cent pay deal, the

top brass of the General and Municipal Workers Union

per cent pay policy. The spectacle of our 1976 National Committee supporting such a policy of wage cutting must make many members sick. To call the policy 'voluntary' is taking the oke too far. No one has asked

us if we want our wages cut. Perhaps the right wingers who are so vociferous in their support of the postal ballot for elections should now argue that the membership be given the right through a postal ballot to vote on the Healey

deal. Naturally they do nothing of the kind . . Electricity bills of £82 a quarter or nearly £7 a week clearly showed the need to fight for more money. Yet our union leadership has ab-dicated on the wages front.

And on unemployment the union leadership hasn't made a whisper either. Where is the active struggle for the 35-hour week without loss of pay?



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 organisa-tion. It is the Lord Watkinson/Arnold Weinstock-type asset-stripping operations that threaten jobs and smash organisation.

Yet it is Arnold Weinstock Brother Boyd allows

Engineers' Charter

BOTH Jimmy Rule and Alan Watts are candidates for

Engineers' Charter, the rank and file organisation within

the AUEW. This produces a bi-monthly journal, whose

May-June issue includes articles on British Leyland, GEC,

the aerospace industry—and a debate onthe union and Chrysler between Bob Wright and Linwood shop steward

TWO members of the International Socialists are standing in the coming round of elections in the

Engineering Workers Union (AUEW). 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 Socie-ty, 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 unbut also this corrupt

'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 con-fidently 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 condi-tion 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

Vital

The AUEW 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

☐ 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 disgraceful-



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

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

I've been thinking about the possibilities since I dicovered 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 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 The 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 JENNY JACKSON

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

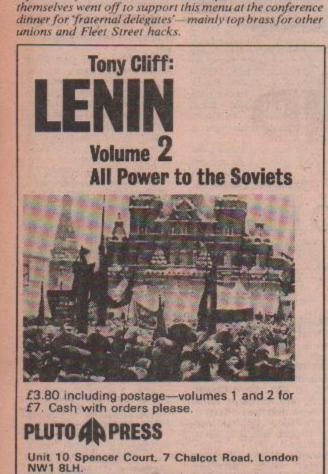
early at 7pm, too.

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

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





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

For those who still narthe 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 landof pensions and plenty; and deliver us from the People. Amen'. Enough said?

Alastair Hatchett,

SOCIALIST WORKER sometimes carries onesided 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

Highbury.

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 in-dividual 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 organisa-

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

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 H.EA.

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 agen-

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 Ex-ecutive, 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 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

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 hetter 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

TASS-THE

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

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 Com-

pany to the disastrous HQ

The comrades in TASS must also fight this battle by

winning the struggle for deom-

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

murder then let's go and get

☐ Terry Stewart, Dumfires.

If we say he's wanted for

cracy in the section.

FIGHT

amalgamation.

proposals.

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 misingormed and his information is totally out of date. There has been a steady expansion since 1917 excluding of course 1941-

Yes, there are massive power stations, cement works, steel works, and Concordski 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 com-parison, 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 Com-munism. 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 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 ser-vants, and women are ex-ploited 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

Kathleen Jones, Shrewsbury.

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 con-cerned about the number of black-skinned people.

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

etters Write to Letters, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works,

Corbridge Crescent

Socialism with SNP?

RF 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 sup-port 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 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.

Nationalisation -only on our terms

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, heating, thereby food, smashing the boss 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

CONGRATULATIONS on that to those who want to one of the best papers ever, build GB Ltd, like the Communist Party. Nobody can do the job for us-we've got to do it ourselves.

☐ Rick Noss, NUT, Jan-nie Borrell, SOGAT; Pete Fysh, Right to Work Campaign, North London.

AT A RECENT meeting of Exeter Right to Work Cam-paign, 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 wellreceived by on-lookers.

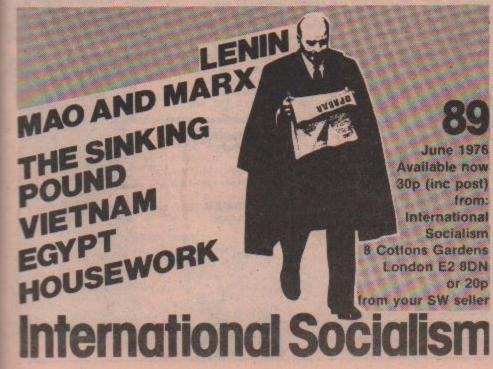
'This meeting calls for a national anti-fascist demonstration to be called by a united front of all relevant political groups, immigrant groups and labour organisations, to be held in Blackburn.

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

Campaign and an immediate co-ordinated effort by all groups concerned is an absolute necessity.

A massive national march in Blackburn would stop the racist bandwagon. We therefore call on readers of Socialist Worker and members of IS to work for such a demonstration.

☐ Brian Willman, NUS, Mike Brokerick, NUT, Dave Bell UCATT, Chris Dowell NUS, Tim Cousins NUR, Arthur Johnson TGWU, Chris Allman GMWU, Martin Holder NALGO, Steve Rowland NUT, Dave Horsler NUS, Barbara Foster NUS, Shareen Campbell, NUS, Exeter.





FOCUS

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

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.



Isthis Some of the 400,000 workers who came out in protest in Milan last December when British Leyland threatened mass sackings at its Halian Innocenti plant. the flashpoint for Europe?

THE working class Italy movement in 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 con-

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. 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 neofascist 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



tried to defeat the workers

movement by other means. That was why they called the referendum over divorce. They thought they could prove that the 'silent majority' of Italians had reactionary attitudes.

But the right were defeated, and in the regional elections last year the parties of the left got 47 per cent of the votes between them.

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

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.



workers on a one-day general strike against inflation. ABOVE: The Pope and Communist Party leader Eurico Berlinguer-Italian Catholics told its 'a sin'

to vote Communist.

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.

Milhons of their middleclass 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

Meanwhile, Southern Italy has remained the most impoverished part of Europe

be Marxist.

to the Tories.

It has two million members and gets 11 million votes. It controls the largest

Italy and already runs the provincial governments in large parts of Italy.

Communist, its programmes

would almost be acceptable

It would keep Italy as a

full and stronger partner of

Yet though it calls itself

trade union federation

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.

and workers in the Italian

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 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 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

an ex-NATO general and a

Common Market Com-

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

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 coali-tion with the Communists.

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NATO. Nationalisation is not to be extended but instead capitalism is to be put back on its feet. Public If the PCI is able to form a government with the Socialist Party despite this, then the Christian Democrats and their friends spending would be cut. Above all it does not want in industry will do their best to form a socialist government, but instead wants a to ensure that the economic 'historic compromise' with crisis gets worse and that, in trying to solve it, the govern-ment rapidly becomes unthe corrupt, right-wing Christian Democrats. The PCI candidates even include

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.

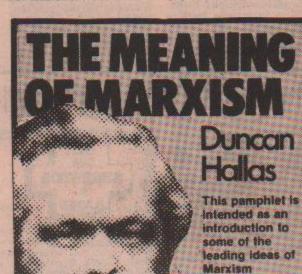
The combined strength of the three groups is much revolutionaries in Britain. Each has a daily paper, with combined sales of 70,000 copies. They control radio stations in Rome, Turin, Milan and Venice.

In the regional elections last year they put up can-didates in half the seats and

got half a million votes.
Their platform for Sun-day's elections demands that the Communist Party and Socialist Party break com-pletely with the capitalist parties and form a govern-ment 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.

Lecture series



GLASGOW: Every second Thursday, 7.30pm, Paisley Town Hall.

Hall.

17 June: The State—Is there a parliamentary road to Socialism? Speaker: Jim Henderson.

1 July Reformism and the trade unions. Speaker: Jimmy McCellum. B July: Baulding the revolutionary socialist party. Speaker: Mike Gonzalez.

EAST LONDON: Every second Friday, 7.30pm, Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, London EB, 18 June: Building the revolutionary party. Speaker: Tony Cliff.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Every second Monday, 8pm Clapham Common Library, Clapham Common North Side.

21 June: The Family. Speaker Joan Smith.
5 July: Minority Movement and the Communist Party. Speaker Duncan Hallas.

19 July: Russia 1917. Speaker Tony Cliff.
2 August: Fascism and Counter-Revolution.

DURHAM: Seven meetings based on Duncan Halles' pamphlet. On the first and third Mondays of the month, 8pm, back room of the Colpitts Pub, Durham City.

SNP: Scabs Now Please

CARDIFF **TENANTS** HIT BACK

By Jill Lovecy

CARDIFF: Council tenants are fighting back after being told they would have to foot the bill for an astonishing bureaucratic bungle.

The tenants, who pay £5 a week for central heating, have been told by the council that their meters have been out of order

And so, on 'an accurate estimate in the memorable words of Hugh Price, the City Treasurer they amounts up to £70.

ANGRY

The tenants, on the new Pentwyn estate, elected an action committee to organise the fightback.

Terry James, the chairman, argued: 'The Council's got a lot of angry people on Pertwyn, It's up to us to use that anger in a concrete way

they will be marching to the Cay Centre this Thursday to picket the City Hall and burn their heating bills. They are

seeking active support.

And they're taking the issue to the local trade union movement to get resolutions of

support. They will begin paying their E5 a week charge into a special bank account opened by the action committee. The money will be paid over to the Council only when their

demands have been met. A pensioner at the meeting summed up the mood when he said: 'The only difference between Dick Turpin and this Council is that he wore a

Notices and meetings

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

TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT: Ope lorum on treland Saturday 26 June.
10am Conway Hall Red Lon Square.
London WC1 Speakers to include.
Alaine Krivine. Tony Cliff, Earmonn.
McCaon. Mervyn Metcaff Ken.
Livingstone. Contributions from J.P.
Satre. Pat Arrowsmith.

NORTH WEST SPANNER are holding open evening workshops. First meeting on Wednesday 23 June. 7.30pm. If interested, phone 061-881. 7845 or Mossley 4672.

WANTED: A JACK THE LAD. Could you play to factory dinnertime audiences, take the aggro and win an audience over? Could you play the accordion riding a one wheeled bike? working-class socialist theatre group, touring but mainly Manchester-based, needs an actor. September start Equity rates. Contact NW Spanner, Drill Hall, Manchester Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, La 061-881 7845 or Mossley 4672.

OPEN MEETING to discuss Radical America: a socialist journal with special emphasis on questions of class, race and women. Speakers. Jim Green (editorial board) and Sheila Rowbotham (assistant editor), Friday 18 June, 7.30pm, Conway Hall.

OPEN FORUM ON IRELAND: The lessons of other colonial wars and the failure of British Government policy Speakers include: Pat Arrowsmith. Speakers include: Pat Arrowsmith, lony Cliff Tang Ali, Eamonn McCann, Tory Kelly, Cloin Sweet, Ken Livingstone, Mervin Metcalfe, Saturday 26 June, 10em, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, WC1. Organised by the Labour Movement Delegation.

LEICESTER National Abortion Campaign working conference: to banch local out-patient abortion clinic campaign. Sheila Abdulla speaking Sunday 27 June, 10.30am-som, AUEW Hall, Leicester.

everyone in Scotland is turning to the Scottish National Party, you should go to Cumbernauld, a dream town' east of Glasgow.

There, in the glittering town centre, there is an awful stink

It's not just the smell of rubbish bags piled high all round the shops. It's the stink of the Scottish National Party who run the district council.

The SNP council have just hired a bunch of scabs to break a strike of its own workers, which the council

Six weeks ago, the council, desperately searching around for public cuts (which are not part of their manifesto), picked on the dustmen, the lowestpaid council workers.

They demanded a straight cut of £6 a week in the bonus binmen and dusteart the bonus had been worked out by estimators hired by the council. They refused the cut

So the council, to the tune of Scotland the Brave, coolly cut the entire bonus-about £25 a worker.

This left the men with takehome pay averaging about £22 a week. Needless to say, they walked out on strike.

Crawled

As the weeks went on, the strike grew stronger. The SNP council crawled deeper into the gutter. They called in scabs to move the rubbish around the town centre.

Lorries, unmarked and with no tax discs, were hired from Bradleys Auto Complex, a Glasgow firm based in Mount

Workers were hired in pubs in the Gallowgate, Glasgow. One scab admitted: 'Most of

us were in the pub when a man came in offering us £10 a day to lift rubbish. Drivers were

offered £14. The social securi-

ty 'didn't need to know'.
'It was good money. We didn't realise they wanted to hreak a strike.'
The lawless convoy (the law

was broken at least twice: there were no tax discs, and the scabs were on social security) was escorted into Cumbernauld by the lovers of law and order, the police.

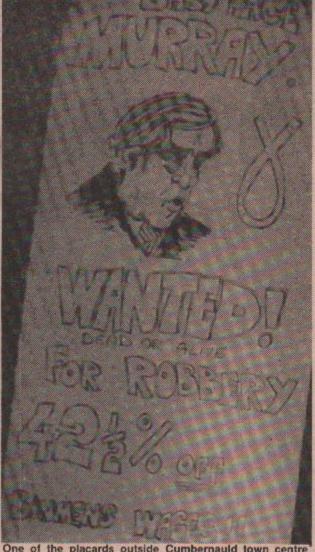
But the strikers had been warned. They were there in force. They were angry and they showed it.

After a pathetic attempt to get to work, the scabs' leader announced: 'We've decided to pull out. We won't be back'

The pull-out was greeted with tremendous cheering from the strikers.

The popularity of the SNP was summed up by a striker. Jim Kilpatrick: 'Christ, I tell you. If that lot ever got control Scotland, the Scottish people will be right down on their knees'

☐ Donations to John Currie, 21 Hillside, Croy,



One of the placards outside Cumbernauld town centre shopping precinct:a flattering portrait of SNP Provost of Cumbernauld, Gordon Murray, who describes himself as a

MILITANT No2 SACKED

been sacked

houseparent at an observation and assessment centre, worked in the department for 25 weeks before being sacked without reason.

It was just in the nick of time for the council to stop him taking his case to an Industrial

Kennedy plans to link up with other victimised social workers to demand an official

Colleagues believe he was sacked because he camplained about back wages and tried to get better food for children at the school.

Last week the city's social workers were on strike over Martin Cumella, another

BIRMINGHAM: Another militant sociāl worker has

Gerry Kennedy, a

Tribunal.

inquiry into his dismissal.

Rank and file links -across the channel

TEN MEMBERS of Rank and File Teacher went to Boulogne recently to meet rank and file teachers active in French schools.

They found that French teachers are also organising to fight the cuts and unemployment by fighting within the schools for classes of 25, security, and a single salary

We want classroom struggle, we want school struggle. We work from the base up' said one of the

By Jeffer Clements, NUT

teachers, who are members of a tendency called Renovation Syndicale.

authorities have a great deal of control over schools, campaigns can be fought in a particular school and locally against the authority.

organised by central govern-

The French teachers felt that the government's teaching programmes are geared toward middle-class children. They are organising their own alternative teaching methods in the interests of working class children.

Like Rank and File, they are aware of the need to build links with other trade unionists both within and outside the schools, if cuts and unemployment are to be

We agreed to meet again in autumn in England. Hopefully, teachers other countries will also be

Anyone interested building such links, or who can put Rank and File in contact with teachers' groups in other countries, should write to 145 Vale Road,

In Britain, where local

In France, education is

fought effectively.

present.

Northfieet, Kent.

BUS CUTS GO AHEAD

Povev?

By Ray Moore, TGWU Eastern National bus garage, Southend. THE CUTS in bus services are

Soldus

out again,

Povey?

By Dave Hallsworth IF WE get rid of Povey and Joe Ninety we've cracked it' said one angry Stalybridge busman last week. Drivers at Stalybridge were fuming as they waited outside the bus offices for local official Povey of the Transport Union to sell them up the river.

Clever-hacks from the Manchester Evening News

had already portrayed the strike as just local resentment at authority. We all know that

after dragging yourself out of

bed at five in the morning you

are not going to give up a day's

pay just because some stroppy

garage inspector shouts at

The Tameside strike on 10

June was the culmination of a

lot of things. Single manning

for peanuts after tax, crappy

ticket machines and buses, schedules worked out by some

nut who has never driven a bus

in his life, canteen meals rising

this week to new ridiculous heights, and, of course, all the

stick busmen get over the sky-

high fares from the

Gestapo

You name it and the lads at Stalybridge have had it, together of course with all

busmen up and down the

Thursday morning saw th local gestapo inspector known to one and all as Joe

Ninety, after the TV character, stalking around telling the busmen that any bus leaving

the garage more than a minute

that morning. The other Tameside depot,

at Ashton under Lyne, lost no

time in coming out in sym-pathy, and all other buses from Manchester and

Stockport turned around at

In the face of some opposi-

tion from busmen, Pove stormed into the bus offices.

At six pm he stalked out again, shouting 'Normal working tomorrow morning',

to shouts from the busmen of

'Sold us out again Povey?' and

'How much did they pay you.

Greater Manchester Transport Authority had better tread softly in Tameside

or learn to drive their own

He had to book them all

late would be booked.

Tameside boundaries.

passengers.

to go ahead with little or no opposition from staff or public. Under the sacred name of economy, the mass media has done its work well in selling the idea that cuts in bus services and loss of jobs is essential at this time.

It is only the beginning. At the Southend depot, where there was a spirited resistance to conversion to one-man operated buses, we feel completely let down after Eastern National delegates voted 14.2 on Friday not to support the Southend line.

Cuts

Our own union had issued a circular asking us to resist oneman operated conversion but when it came to it said they could not 'hold' this line.

This circular, under the signature of Brother Twort, the regional officer, is very specific. Needless to say it was Bro Twort who said the union could not hold the instruction.

It seems to a loval trade unionist like myself that the paid officers of the union should back the workers and not the management.

There must surely be a case for the election of paid officers and re-election on a two-

The firm that's laughing all the way to the grave

GLASGOW lagger John Healy has come up with the ultimate in asbestos horror stories.

BRENTFORD: The equal

pay strike by 350 women production workers at

Trico is still solid after four

The picture shows the strikers being entertained by a

socialist theatre group after their mass meeting on Friday.

The women are claiming equal pay on a job where they

work side-by-side with men, yet earn between £5 and £6 a

wipers for Ford, Vauxhall,

Chrysler and Rolls Royce.

Efforts to organise blacking

mittee is sending delegations

Meanwhile the strike com-

are underway

Trico makes windscreen

weeks.

He has found that a firm of joinery contractors installing Asbestolux ceilings on the new Leven Health Centre is dumping asbestos waste in the usual

haphazard way. The firm is M F Dunsire of Collinsburgh, Fife.

John's researches show that these asbestos murderers have another side to their business ac-tivities. M F Dunsire are also funeral undertakers.

THE whitewashing govern-

the man the sections



TRICO

to local factories in prepara-

tion for a mass picket this

Transport.

Important support has

It is crucial that everything

is done to win this strike fast.

If these women win, it will be a

spur to all those who are still

It will also boost trade

fighting for equal pay.

from London

ment inquiry on asbestos will hold its first meeting, in private like all the others, on 23 June.

Members of this thoroughly impartial in-quiry, which government ministers insist will not be a cover-up, include:

Mr H D S Hardie one of

the directors of top asbestos murderers Turner and Newall.

union organisation in the firm

women's picket line, every day, threatening the whole

future of trade union solidari-

This makes it even more crucial that support be organised elsewhere.

AUEW workers should raise money and support in their shop stewards com-

mittee, branches and districts

☐ All car workers should take

☐ Money and support and for

information about blacking to

the hardship fund to: Trico

Woodlands Road.

Strike Committee, AUEW

Southall, Middlesex.

ty within the factory.

blacking.

House,

1500 men are crossing the

Mr A W Ure, a director of Trollope and Colls, the The Hon Paul Bradbury,

chairman of the Confederation of British Industry Safe-Committee, which devotes itself mainly to making sure government legislation in this field is as ineffective as possible.

BUILDING workers on the Greater London Council Juniper Street site in Tower Hamlets have won their week-long strike.

found on the site. The painters refused to work in the contaminated areas while the asbestos was being cleared away with vacuum machinery.

They were moved to other work for two weeks while the asbestos dust was being removed and they were penalised on the bonus. Now they have forced

the GLC to pay them what

they were due. They are also still negotiating for pay for the week's strike. Building workers at the

Barbican also appear to have won their battle to establish safe working

They blacked asbestos

AUTOMATEJON

By Manchester **Engineers Charter** Group

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

At the Engineering Con-fed, 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 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, workg with the local Right to Vork Committee, have produced a pamphlet aimed at getting maximum support for THEMASS PICKETS

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

Unfortunately, the pamphlet, with an introduc-tion 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 dis-

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 Steward Secretary Ferguson. Engineers Manchester Charter Group: Paul Casey, victimised dur-ing the Roberts Arundel strike. Tom Smith, convenor of Automat

Mather and Broad Left candidate Dougie Daniells, con-venor 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, 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.

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

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 doscuss all

DEPLORE

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'

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

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.

trade union, the EETPU.

The Charter includes the

following points:

All officials to be elected and paid their members'

average wage.

No anti-Communist bans

□ No branch officers to be

appointed officials, branches

to be reduced to a manageable

Size.

☐ An annual Conference,

— harship not

elected on a membership not branch basis, to decide bin-

ding 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 agree-

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

on the Charter. Jim Atkinson.

a former rank and file can-didate for the executive com-

'The lesson of what happen-

ed 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

leadership of Flashlight

For years, many of us in the

organisation in the union.

mittee, said:

Base

Introducing the discussion

within the union.

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.

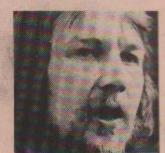
We want to vote for people with our ideas but if they go rotten we want to be able to remove them. That is the essence of trade unionism as I understand it.

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

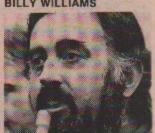
issues like racialism.'

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 Shef-field strike would have enabled them to link up with other electricians working for

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

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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 mands:

The reinstatement of the

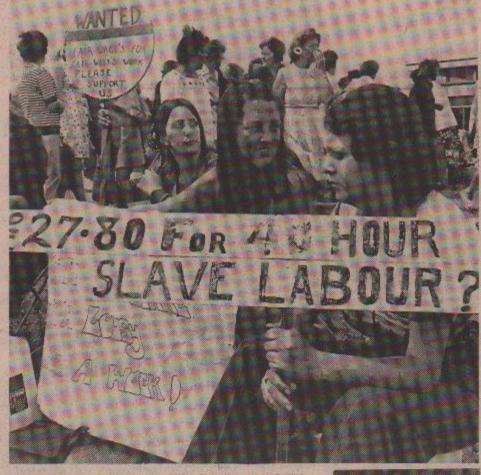
D NUPE members will only cover for three days for sickness, absenteeism or leave, and then only on the agreement of the union

□ No cover after three days management to find replace-

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 an-nounced the victory. The next fight to be taken

by the Fight Committee is in Oldham, where 20 SCNs are to be sacked, and where the Casual-

ty 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 fight against short staffing and



ON THE PICKET LINE at Stability Capacitators 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 Capacitators is a subsidiary of Lucas, which made £21 million in the last six months of 1975

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

nnel employers have federation to break any strength the workers may have. Meanwhile, BICC-Balfour Beatty's multinational parent company-made £32.3 million profit last

In response to this, the men are joining together to resist Last Sunday 600 lunnel 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.

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KINGSLEY-READ'S THUGS GET A SHOCK.

BLACKBURN: Part of what the cup of tea was needed to cool 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

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 dignituries 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

AYO member was pulled in while walking home and charged with obstruction. Police demanded to know if he was a member of a vigilante group.

On Friday, the acting secretary of the AYO was visited at work by the police. He was taken to the station and questioned by Chief Superintendent Billingham. Another leading activist in the AYO has received phone calls threatening his wife and young brother. His number is ex-directory and known only to a small group of friends and the

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PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

disgusting'

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

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

Disgusting, STUDENT absolutely TEACHERS FIGHTON

newly qualified teachers are going to be unemployed.

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

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

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

But their

'leaders'

run away

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

And they went on to refuse to support students at North 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 decided to call off the occupations.

But if the NUS bureaucrats can afford to end the campaign, the student teachers, 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 the majority of the ex-

Occupations must go on

as Moray House, are plan-ning to continue their occupation over the holi-

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 By Lindsay German, IS Student Organiser

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

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



Student teachers in Reading occupy the Shire Hall.



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titudes about the student occupations have emerged in the teacher training colleges over the past

conventional approach—adopted by the Broad Left, the Labour Party and the Communist Partywas 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

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

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

☐ THOUSANDS OF working people and their families lined the streets of Bradford lest Saturday for the Lord Mayor's Gala. Great was the surprise of the police when a 'float appeared out of the blue, sporting a banner 'fight the cuts' on one side and 'support the student occupations' on the other, as well as Right to Work, Fight Unemployment and No Deal With Healey placards. 10,000 leaflets were handed out by students, explaining their case and pointing out that nine out of ten students in Bingley college are unable to get jobs.

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

The Broad Left moved last week to end the occupation, and to leave the fight over the summer vacation to a 'broadbased action committee, in-cluding representatives of the Glasgow Trades Council and the Scottish teachers union the

NOISS proposed amendments to continue the occupation, and to set up 'an action group on unemployment and public sector cuts'

The action group was to consist of employed and un-employed students. Its ex-ecutive 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.