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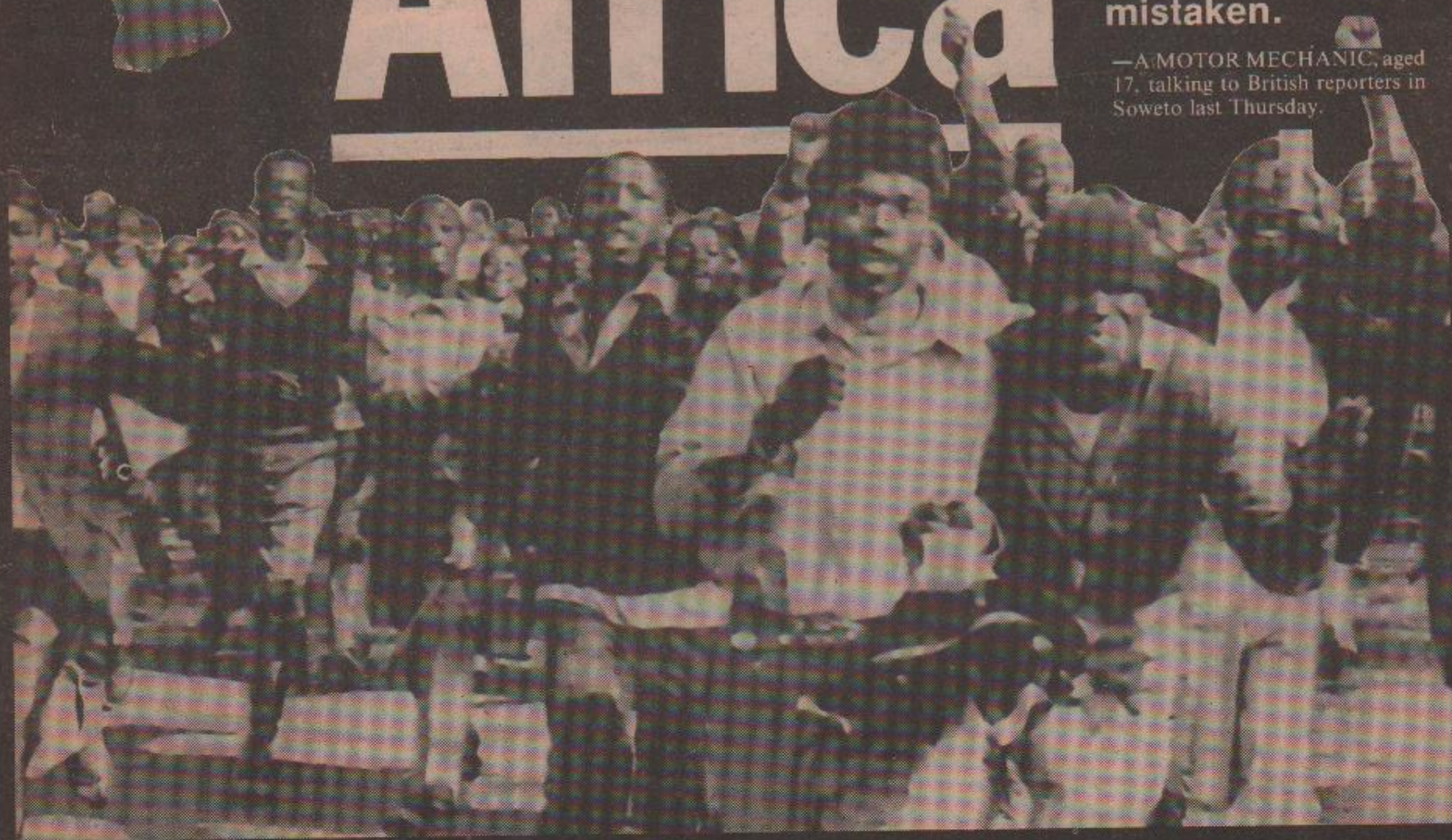
PAPER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS 10p



South Africa

The time has come for bursting out. People are going to get more organised. If the whites think they can get away with their system, they are mistaken.

—A MOTOR MECHANIC, aged 17, talking to British reporters in Soweto last Thursday.



130 MURDERED - BUT THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM GROWS

THE RISEN PEOPLE —Pages 8 & 9

What have these three people got in common?



Turn to pages 2 and 13

YES, I AM A NAZI

THE NEW SIGN IN RELF'S GARDEN...

YES, HE'S OUT and about again. Unfortunately, Robert Relf, founder of the Ku Klux Klan (British section), former bodyguard to British Fuehrer Colin Jordan, was freed from jail on Monday.

He'll be spreading his poison again, to be sure. He'll be saying that while Irish, Scots or Sikh building workers built his house, a stinking racist like himself wouldn't dream of allowing them to buy it.

Not that most so called English people could buy it, either.

They're too damn poor, unless, like Relf and other parasites, they live off the backs of working people, black and white.

What's remarkable is how kind the law is to Adolf Relf, and how harsh to a man like Des Warren, who did nothing more than organise workers to fight for safe working conditions. Or to Frank Stagg who was cynically allowed to die in jail.

Remarkable, too, that while the Gauleiter of Leamington Spa is not, repeat not, prevented from selling his house to whites only, the Race Relations Act is being used to hunt down anti-racist campaigners.

On Saturday in Rotherham, Ann Silverleaf was arrested under the Public Order Act and the Race Relations Act for painting the slogan 'Black and white unite and fight'.

In Coventry, Nick Hatfield and Mairi MacLeod were arrested while putting up 'Enoch Powell is a murderer' posters.

That's why they let me go... and that's why I married Sadie

This picture was taken at a meeting in Birmingham in 1965 to launch the Ku Klux Klan in Britain. The woman on the right is Sadie Relf, wife of the racist 'martyr'. Remember this picture when you next hear the TV news trying to tell you what a decent, ordinary couple the Relfs are.



Relf: free to spread his poison again...



THE FIGHT against fascism came to Nazi Robert Relf's home town, Leamington Spa, on Saturday.

Despite a concerted campaign by the local press, Community Relations Council, churches and Labour Party leaders to sabotage the march and rally—called by Leamington and Warwick Trades Council—500 black and white trade unionists and students marched to the chant of 'racism out'.

The British Movement, of which Robert Relf is a member, planned to hold a counter-demonstration but only managed to raise 12 supporters.

FREAK

The rally was addressed by several local speakers, including Tom Litterick MP, John Fisher, ASTMS organiser, two members of the Indian Workers Association and Right to Work marcher Austin Danks from Chrysler, who called for black and white workers to unite and fight against the real causes of unemployment.

Relf's sign disappeared mysteriously when it was 'blown down by a freak wind' and replaced with another sign saying 'Normal prejudice will be resumed as soon as possible'.

The answer to the fascists was shown at the Massey Ferguson plant where a Relf petition was banned by the stewards. Many workers who had signed have now asked to withdraw their names.

Hitting back at school

Sandy Dunne, 13, a second year student at Hampstead School, North West London, writes:

IN MY YEAR, racialism is increasing dangerously. It's becoming so bad the younger blacks call each other 'wogs' and 'niggers'.

Most of it started when the Asian family were housed. I know people think it, but they have only recently been able to say so without shame, as they feel the government feels it's right.

The kids spend all day calling people 'Paki' and telling Irish jokes and violently attacking them.

My two closest friends are Celonese and the other one is Barbadian, and I'm Irish.

So we spend most of our time arguing and, if necessary, fighting to show people they're not right and we're not prepared to let people treat us like dirt because of nationality or colour.

Answer

The text is partially obscured but appears to be a response to the letter above.



ROTHERHAM: Some of the 4000 anti-fascists who turned out on Saturday against the National Front



BARKING: Black and white workers picketing Enoch Powell last week

Sacked - for fighting racism

HARRISBURG
Francis Gregg, who works as a member of the Harrogate Housing Association, has been sacked for writing an anti-fascist poster for the Harrogate Post.

Mr Gregg is secretary of the Harrogate anti-fascist committee. Immediately after her letter was published the boss man at Harrow informed her that 'such letters do not reflect well on the association'.

Then last Thursday he sacked her on the spot, refusing to discuss his reasons.

PRESTON
Dunstable workers at Weston have collected £70 towards the campaign against racism. Collections were held across the factory. The winding section B shift collected £9, the CSPT B shift £33, the D shift £9, the C shift £12.15.

Asian shops in Preston raised another £3.50.

WOOLWICH
A 500-strong meeting—mainly Asians—was held in the local Sikh temple to plan action against racism. But the platform was given over to respectable,

mainly white, local leaders, including a Tom WP and a white spokesman.

A sense of frustration—which only Right to Work Marcher Danny Evaristo expressed—gripped the young Asians crowded in at the back of the hall.

There is an urgent need for street committees so that the racists can be dealt with immediately if they show their faces in the area.

The fascist National Party has pressurised the local council into reconsidering their decision to ban them from council halls. Greenwich Trades Council and local immigrant

organisations will picket the council meeting to ensure that the fascists remain in the wilderness.

The picket is at Woolwich Town Hall on Friday 2 July, 6.15pm.

CARDIFF
A 150-strong picket called by the Trades Council prevented racists holding a public meeting on Friday.

The owners of the hall withdrew their permission for the meeting when they heard of the picket.

Twenty racists—including National Party members—turned up and

were heavily protected by the police.

NEWHAM

The nine Asians arrested on the local unemployment and anti-racist demonstration on 12 June need help.

Their solicitor needs to hear from anyone who saw the arrests. Newham Action Committee has set up a defence fund to pay court costs and fines.

You can contact the solicitor through the Action Committee at: Canning Town Community Development Project, Barking Road, Canning Town, London, E16.

Demonstrate against racism

Demonstrate with the immigrant organisations

SUNDAY 4 JULY: IS branches in W and NW London, Central London Reading/Maidenhead to support.

SUNDAY 11 JULY: IS branches in W Midlands, E London, N London, SE London, South Coast to support. More details next week.

PICTURES: John Sturrock (Report)

THE SCANDAL THEY IGNORE

'GREAT LEAK scandal'. That was the reaction of the press last week and of the leaders of the Tory, Liberal and Labour Parties.

They claimed that the whole basis of cabinet government and 'parliamentary democracy' was being undermined. Why?

The weekly magazine, *New Society*, had published details of cabinet discussions on the abandonment of the new scheme for child benefits.

'Leak' shows what our great 'democracy' is all about...

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WHAT WE THINK

Before the 1974 elections, Labour recognised this as unfair—unfair to poor families who gained nothing from the large sums handed out in tax relief, unfair to mothers who actually have to pay most of the cost of keeping children but have no income of their own.

The election manifesto promised a new child benefit programme to mothers to take the place of both the family allowance and the tax allowance.

Labour claimed this would be one of its main 'weapons' against 'poverty' and an essential part of the social contract.

Last year, parliament actually passed a law to bring the new scheme into being, but did not say when it would start. In April, David Ennals, the new Social Services Secretary, told the cabinet: 'Children are now getting less

support than under the Tories.'

On the morning of 24 May, the TUC-Labour Party liaison committee declared that it was 'of utmost importance' that the new scheme should provide 'generous benefits'.

Yet Prime Minister Callaghan and Chancellor Healey had already decided to scrap the whole scheme. Callaghan told the cabinet that most MPs agreed to this—although the MPs were not, in fact, ever consulted.

'Parliamentary democracy' did not allow open discussion with elected Labour representatives about dropping an election pledge and a law that was already passed.

Finally, in the afternoon of 24 May, Healey called a select group of trade union leaders to meet him. They, too, agreed to drop the scheme, although only a couple of hours before, the TUC delegation to the liaison committee had been strongly in favour of it.

'Democracy' did not require these elected-for-life leaders to consult with anyone before dropping one of their pledges either.

The only threat to this alleged democracy, it seems, is when the behind-the-scenes manoeuvring that leads to such ignoring of people's wishes is brought to light. Then emergency inquiries are set up and the police are called in.

After all, a few more such exposures and housewives and lower paid families might lose faith in the established, 'moderate' politicians and trade union leaders.

There is one final point to the whole scandal. Why did the Labour and trade union leaders agree to ditch their promises?

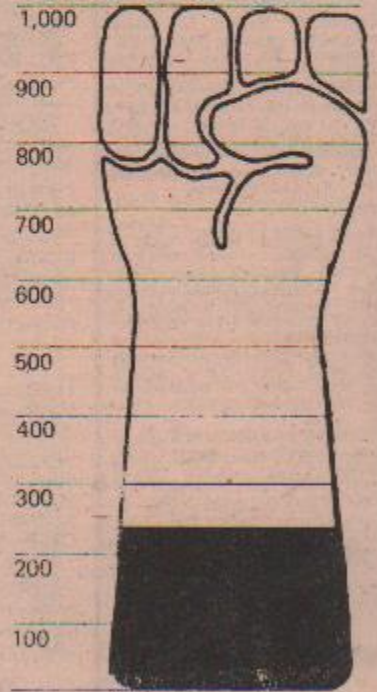
They were afraid that the new scheme would indirectly undermine their wage controls. It would mean that next spring many male workers would pay more tax as the child tax allowance disappeared. Although their wives would be much better off, their own wage packets would be a bit smaller. They might decide to push for bigger wage increases.

Rather than risk this, the government and the trade union leaders were prepared to drop their 'weapon against poverty' and to betray housewives who voted for them.

There could hardly be clearer proof that the wage controls, far from helping the lower paid, make their position even worse.

We've made it!
Now for that second £1,000

Socialist Worker £1000 FIGHTING FUND



WE HAVE had a magnificent response to our appeal last week for additional funds to help us fight the racist poison.

We've hit our monthly target of £1,000—so let's push on to the next £1,000 before the end of June.

Dear Brothers the following delegates attending the NGA conference would like to congratulate Socialist Worker on the fine stand taken against racism and fascism. We say 'Unity is Strength' we enclose a donation of £23.

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| C. Harvey | J. Wood | C. Harding |
| J. Bolton | J. Hend | R. Piddock |
| P. Murray | B. Johnson | A. Leadbeater |
| H. Wynn | A. Jordan | |
| C. Leach | J. Broom | |
| J. Foster | A. Dubbins | |
| A. Brown | E. Bain | |

The letter above from delegates to the NGA conference is only one of many we have received.

The IS districts have, of course, been in the forefront of collecting funds. Edinburgh have already contributed £156.50—60 per cent of their levy target.

Leeds have contributed £100—33 per cent. And Birmingham, with £55, have reached 55 per cent.

Now it is up to other districts to follow suit at top speed, if we are to do what needs to be done in the fight against the racists, and also face up to our normal tasks.

Don't be put to shame by Edinburgh, Leeds and Birmingham!

This week's total of £682.69 pushes this month's figure up to £1242.92.

The members' levy has also produced: Bath £5, Brighton £12, South West £33, Ealing Teachers £32.60, Crawley £10, Walthamstow £75, Newcastle £5, Wandsworth £25, Glenrothes £25.24, North London £50, West Middlesex £6, Halifax £9.50, Maidenhead £10, Stockport £25, Glasgow £6. Readers' donations are still our life blood. We have received:

- Heinz SW supporters £6, David Fraser £5, John Ormsby 50p, Brian Martin £5, Dundee SW readers £3, R. Chadwick £1.50, D. Ohlson £5, Dundee reader £1, Ted Broadsmith 41p, J. Kearney £5, S. Newman £1.50, G. Prince 25p, James Main £3, Royal Free Hospital SW readers, London, £3.50, Ken from Leeds 20p, South Manchester Hospitals SW supporters £1.35.
- Central London district education meeting £64, John Ashe £10, Colchester reader 50p, Poole SW supporter 50p, A. Briggs £5, Glasgow Teachers SW supporters £9, Levellers folk group £2, P. Rao £10.

Send donations and collections to IS National Treasurer, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

PORTUGAL: BIG SUPPORT FOR OTELO

ELECTIONS are due in Portugal this Sunday—for a new president.

The most likely victor is General Eanes. He is backed by all the parties of the right, including the extreme, fascist right, as the man who will finally bring the revolution to an end.

Mario Soares of the so-called Socialist Party supports Eanes as a 'democrat' and 'anti-fascist'—although everything indicates that Eanes prefers open fascists to fake socialists like Soares.

But Eanes' election may face a few difficulties. The prime minister, Azevedo, although a right-winger, has fallen out with him and is standing for the presidency himself.

Security

More significant still is the campaign of Otelo de Carvalho, former head of the revolutionary security force, Copcon.

Otelo is not a revolutionary socialist, and has always wavered between the left and sections of the military establishment.

His programme calls for defence of the gains of the workers, but does not mention the need for democratisation of the armed forces and the election of officers.

But his campaign has served as a symbol for all those in Portugal who want to continue the revolution. Mass meetings in factory after factory have voted to support him.

And he has even had huge meetings in the North, previously thought of as the stronghold of the right.

Demonstrate against the Emergency in India Free the Political Prisoners

Sunday 27 June, 1.30pm, Trafalgar Square, Central London IS to support.



The Portuguese revolution is not dead yet: just one of the many huge meetings for Otelo de Carvalho, the candidate of the left

Italy: Votes won't settle it...

SUNDAY'S elections in Italy have solved nothing. The corrupt, Tory Christian Democrat Party that has ruled the country for the last 30 years has just managed to retain its position as the largest political party.

It has done so by combining support from all the most corrupt elements in Italian society, including the Mafia, with support from the CIA and the Pope who declared it a 'sin' to vote Communist.

But the Christian Democrats' right-wing allies have done badly, and the Communist Party has emerged with almost as many votes as the Christian Democrats in the election for the Chamber of Deputies (although it had done less

well in the Senate elections, where those between 18 and 21 could not vote).

The result is bound to be a long period of political instability. The left has not won the election, but it has enough strength to prevent workers having to pay for the economic crisis and to prevent a strong pro-capitalist government being formed. Its strength in the elections could be magnified a hundred fold if it was translated into industrial action in defence of living standards.

Workers

But the leaders of the Communist Party are not talking in these terms. Instead they are demanding a 'share in the government' with the Christian Democrats—as if the aim of left wingers should be to form coalition governments with Tories!

settle it...

DF FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK meetings

SOUTH EAST LONDON Public meeting Fight unemployment! Thursday 7 July 7.30pm. Bannockburn School, Plumstead High Street. Speakers: Ernie Roberts (Assistant general secretary, AUEW, in personal capacity), John Deason (secretary, National Right to Work Campaign), Anhar Chakravarty (Indian Workers Association, Greenwich branch), Chairman: Laurie Smith, (national organiser, AUEW, in personal capacity).

GLASGOW Right to Work Campaign public meeting: Wednesday 30 June, McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street. Speakers include National Right to Work Campaign secretary, John Deason and chairman, Angela McHugh (AUEW shop steward, Rawplug). Plus Hard Times Socialist Theatre Group in new production 1919. All out on the Clyde. Clyde

NORTH WEST LONDON Right to Work Campaign: A Night with Irish Mist, plus musical entertainment Friday 2 July, 8pm, Royal Oak, High Street, Harlesden, NW10. (Buses 12, 16, 187, 220, 226. Train: Willesden Junction, Bakerloo Line tube and North London line). Bar extension, hot food, raffle. Tickets 70p at door. In conjunction with the Trade Union Committee against the PTA.

SOUTH WEST LONDON Right to Work Campaign jumble sale. Saturday 17 July. Jumble needed urgently. Ring Sam Strudwick 582 1334.

ACTON Right to Work public meeting. Speakers: Ernie Roberts and John Deason. Chairwoman: Dolly Sewell. Thursday 8 July, 8pm, Woodlands Hall, Crown St, Acton, North West London.

STOP THE CUTS



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

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

The National Right to Work Campaign Pamphlet, DANGER: IMMIGRANT WORKERS UNDER ATTACK is out of print. If you have spare copies please return them to Right to Work office, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N7.

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Why do they dig the system out?

'WHY do we dig the system out? Why do we save it? We didn't invent the system. Most of us don't like it very much. So why do we dig it out?'

Norman Willis, assistant general secretary of the TUC, was summing up the two-hour debate at the TUC Special Congress.

A thousand delegates had sat through two and a half hours of general secretaries' speeches about the urgent need for cutting trade unionists living standards.

Willis' question was suddenly, crucially relevant.

'Because our members are in the system' he replied. 'Because they are part of it, and when the system goes down, our members go down with it.'

David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers, put it even more directly: 'We have to save the drowning man first, by the quickest possible means. Then you can develop your industrial strategy and your socialist policies for restructuring the society in the interests of our members.'

Hugh Scanlon, the Engineers' president, in a tragic and pathetic speech, spelt out the implications of this philosophy. He described in detail his 'dramatic experiences' while negotiating the deal with Chancellor Dennis Healey.

'We argued for much higher than 4½ per cent. We tried to bring the date for pension increases forward. We tried to get a tougher prices code.

Powerless

'We didn't achieve what we wanted in any of these. What we came out with was a lowering of the standard of living of working people in this country. But when we met the Prime Minister at 2.30 in the morning, everyone knew what the alternative to our agreement was: a catastrophic run on the pound and a general election.'

Ironically, the other main argument for the deal, voiced again by Basnett, was: 'We are now in a position to negotiate on economic affairs way beyond the dreams of our predecessors.'

Accepting the deal, in short, gave the TUC access to the corridors of power. But when they were in the corridors of power, as Scanlon proved, they were powerless to do anything but cut their members' living standards.

When the capitalist system



PAUL FOOT REPORTS ON THE SPECIAL TUC CONGRESS

is in peril, the TUC leaders are courted for assistance. They respond. They 'save the drowning man'. They 'dig the system out'.

They have the power and the will to save capitalism - by wage freeze and social spending cuts. But they have no power - or will - to change it. They can save the capitalist monster from drowning. But they cannot prevent the monster, once it is saved, from inflicting still more damage or trade union members.

All morning each speech piled on the agony. It was difficult to tell which was worst: Jack Jones' bullying gusto, Hugh Scanlon's bleeding heart, Roy



Picture: John Strarock

ABOVE: Train drivers' leader Roy Buckton arriving for the Congress to be greeted by thousands of demonstrators against the wage deal. LEFT: Norman Willis—his question was suddenly crucially relevant.

general secretary. Three times Daly told the conference that he was born the son of a Scottish miner in a slum house and went to a slum school.

Reeking with proletarian heritage, he went on to explain how inflation had kept to the 1975 rate, the miners would have to get £200 a week to stand still. 'In fact, if we accepted £200 a week we would be selling them down the river, because we would be accepting a wage cut' he said. There were cheers.

Daly is not a miner. He does not live in a slum and he does not earn £2 a week. He is a full-time trade union official. He earns about £180 a week—far, far more than any miner. He lives in a comfortable house in the country. His children do not go to slum schools.

And he has just negotiated a massive cut in his members' living standards.

Small wonder that as the chairman prepared to adjourn for lunch an anguished cry of

Vote! Vote! came from the delegates. The prospect of another row of bleeding hearts and childhood horror memories moved the delegates to uncharacteristic frenzy.

During the morning's orgy of complacency, there was hardly a mention of the million unemployed, hardly a mention of the government spending cuts, hardly a mention of the fantastic food price rises which are predicted by all experts for the next six months.

The huge army of rank and file workers who oppose the deal were represented only by the elitism and chauvinism of Jenkins and Lyons.

Outside

Yet this army does exist. Hundreds of thousands of workers everywhere know that the deal will weaken their trade union organisations and set back their living standards.

Hundreds of thousands did vote against the 4½ per cent deal, only to have their votes cast in favour by the Scanlons, Joneses and Dalys.

The only hope on confidence was outside the conference, among the shouts of No Deal with Healey! Fight for the Right to Work! and, above all, Rank and File Must Organise!

UCATT ballot 'catch'

IN A final effort to tie the majority of building workers to the 4½ per cent deal, the executive of the building workers' union UCATT have issued a long and confusing ballot paper.

They want a ballot that will overturn the resolution passed at the union's annual conference rejecting all wage restraint. The executive have already called the decision 'improper', whatever that means. It would tie them to opposing the 4½ per cent when they negotiate the 1977 wage deal.

But general secretary George Smith and the executive are trying to present the ballot as a vote over the £6 settlement. It asks for support for the £6 policy.

But that increase will be in every UCATT member's wage packet before the ballot closes next Saturday.

EIS leaders sidestep

WITH every teacher training college in Scotland occupied in protest at unemployment among teachers, the fight for jobs should have been top of the agenda for the annual conference of the Scottish teachers' union, EIS.

But the platform fought tooth and nail to prevent it even being mentioned.

They used the 130-year-old constitution to prevent a student representative addressing the delegates. They refused a request from Glasgow delegates. They contemptuously ignored a petition signed by more than 100 delegates asking that a student be heard.

The best way to get more jobs for teachers is for those with jobs not to cover when others go absent. The union executive bombed this proposal out, urging delegates to 'leave it to us'.

Helping train the enemy...

BRIAN MATHERS, the Birmingham regional secretary of the Transport Workers Union, has found a useful way to spend his time. This Thursday he will be the chairman of a conference on 'Worker Participation and Company Law'.

The conference is not for members of the TGWU, or of any other trade union. It is for 'senior executives in line management and personnel'. One of his fellow speakers

will be Jack Whyman, assistant divisional organiser of the Engineering Union.

The conference is held by the Industrial Society. It is one of a host of conferences, mainly for senior management, at which trade union officials are speaking.

Deal

This Tuesday a four-day course began in Reading for managers in industrial relations, personnel managers and general managers. It is a

training exercise on how to deal with shop stewards and trade union negotiators.

One section is titled 'A case study on grievance interviewing—a role play exercise'. Presumably someone plays a shop steward trying to stop a member being sacked and everyone else is given useful hints on how to deal with him.

Among those helping to train up these personnel managers to learn their job is EETPU area official Harry Hughes.

OUR NORMAN



Slaves of the SNP

By LAURIE FLYNN

IAN NOBLE, nephew of Associated Fisheries director and former Tory government minister Michael Noble, is one of Scotland's youngest and richest chieftains.

Noble, a Scottish National Party member, recently withdrew from active participation in the Edinburgh-based oil bank Noble Grossart and set out to give reality to a private dream. The dream is Sabhal Mor Ostaig. On 20,000 acres of the Isle of Skye Noble is out to build a model Gaelic community. In this community everyone from the Chieftain on down to the lowliest member of the clan will be freed from what Noble believes to be some of the most grievous social ills of our times.

Ills like strikes, industrial disharmony and disruption, lack of proper respect for authority and indeed anything else that doesn't suit the book of Noble, including trade unions, are not to be allowed.

Sabhal Mor Ostaig won't be the first SNP-backed dream to turn into a nightmare.

Dreams

Indeed, SNP vice president and industrial policy convenor Tom McAlpine is something of an expert in turning dreams into nightmares.

McAlpine entered the model community field in the early 1960s.

At that time, he was a prominent figure in the Scottish Committee of 100 direct action campaign for nuclear disarmament. This led him to conceive of Rowen Engineering, the factory for peace.

McAlpine raised around £8000 and became managing director of the operation. Ostensibly it was to run according to all sorts of democratic principles. The democracy however, excluded membership of a trade union. According to McAlpine and others, this was no longer necessary.

Deadly

Rowen produced storage heaters in its shabby little factory in Middlesex Street in Glasgow's Govan.

In fact, one of the main things Rowen and McAlpine brought to the neighbourhood was a liberal exposure to deadly asbestos dust.

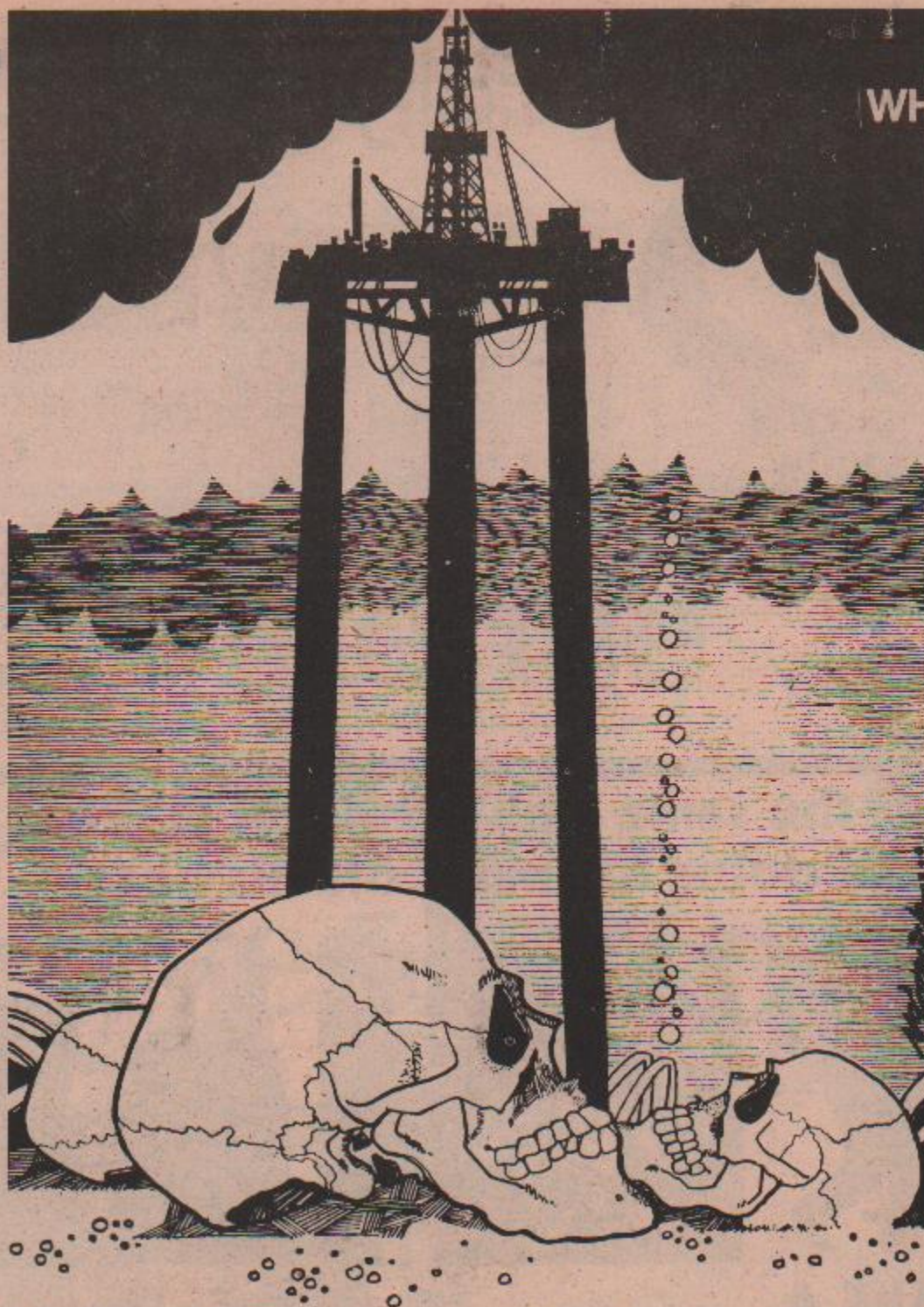
Former Rowen Engineering worker Walter Morrison recalls the situation as follows:

*It's fine when you stand at the door of the dole on a snowy day
To think that you live in the bonniest country in the world
Aye, and the bravest tae.*

*And when you stand waiting for your dough
To sing a wee bit sang
O' the heather hills and the glens below.*

*And when the clerk says 'Nae dole here for you the day'
Smartly to turn,
And think o' the bloody slashin we gave the English at Bannockburn.*

—by the late Joe Corrie, miner and working class poet.



The glories of North Sea Oil—the skulls represent dead divers killed in the rush for profit; there are skeletons as well as skulls in the SNP's cupboard.

WHAT WE THINK

THERE are two Scottish nations, a rich one and a poor one.

The rich are only too anxious to tie the poor ever closer to themselves through the Scottish National Party, or any other scheme that will give them shelter from the storms ahead.

The distribution of wealth is even more scandalous than in England, where a mere 7 per cent of the population own 84 per cent of the wealth.

They can put up with an Assembly or even a full-scale parliament in Edinburgh's Royal High School because they know that real power and influence is exercised elsewhere.

And the economy they control is as closely integrated with the world market as that of their partners in England.

Fifty-nine per cent of workers in manufacturing industry in Scotland are employed by companies based outside Scotland.

If working people are to control their own lives and abolish scarcity and want, they are going to have to throw off their masters whatever their accent, whatever their country of origin or domicile.

To do that the workers of Clydeside need not only their brothers and sisters of Birmingham, Liverpool, Sheffield and London, but increasingly their brothers and sisters of Turin, Madrid and Lisbon.

A parliament in Edinburgh will not help us one inch of the way to freedom.

It will be as big a sham as the one at Westminster on which it is modelled.

THE AMAZING STORY OF ROWEN ENGINEERING

'Yes, there was a terrible lot of the dust about downstairs where we stored the stuff. But it was also stored outside, thereby allowing local children the chance to play with it, to kick it up and down the street, use it for chalking walls and putting down the marks for the street game, peevers.'

Morrison increasingly began to think that what was necessary was union organisation. Before he'd done very much about it, though, Thomas McAlpine Esq was into him.

McAlpine manoeuvred a change in works practices through a meeting and Morrison was sacked for being off sick for more than six weeks.

After a fair old legal tussle, Morrison extracted a court decision that he had been wrongfully dismissed in defiance of the Rowen Con-

stitution. Compensation was fixed at £400.

In June 1968, however, in the course of the negotiations for a settlement, SNP lawyer and Rowen trustee Keith Bovey attempted to get Morrison to give an extraordinary undertaking, as part of the deal.

Morrison, Bovey urged, would undertake to give his story no publicity.

Kilt

Bovey's desire to avoid publicity is only too understandable, given the rise of Thomas McAlpine and the growing involvement of the SNP in Rowen Engineering.

By this time, McAlpine had abandoned his 'Ban the Bomb' sign and donned the kilt. He had become industrial policy convenor of the SNP.

Willie Woolf, another front rank SNP man, now

party chairman, had become a Rowen trustee.

What's more, in February 1968, the SNP had just launched a £50,000 appeal for funds for a second Rowen factory. In his piece in the Scots Independent, Willie Wolfe launching the appeal, made some rather extraordinary claims for Rowen.

The headline set the style: 'Rowen sets the pace for economic salvation'.

This was followed by all sorts of outlandish guff about Rowen and the glories of SNP-backed 'industrial democracy' and 'participation' about how Rowen factories could solve the unemployment problem.

'The whole Rowen conception opens up vistas of hope for a better and happier life' wrote Wolfe.

Before long, these great hopes were being cynically dashed. Rowen workers were made redundant.

Launched

And since then the whole Govan operation has been quietly liquidated. There has been no obituary from Willie Wolfe and scarcely a murmur from McAlpine.

On the contrary, another similar operation has been launched, this time aiming to raise £50,000.

This is based in Livingstone and goes under the name of Chieftain Industries. Once again, no unions are allowed.

Meanwhile Tom McAlpine is busy writing articles in the Scots Independent claiming that the SNP is 'the defender of the working man'.

With defenders like McAlpine, who needs to be attacked?



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.

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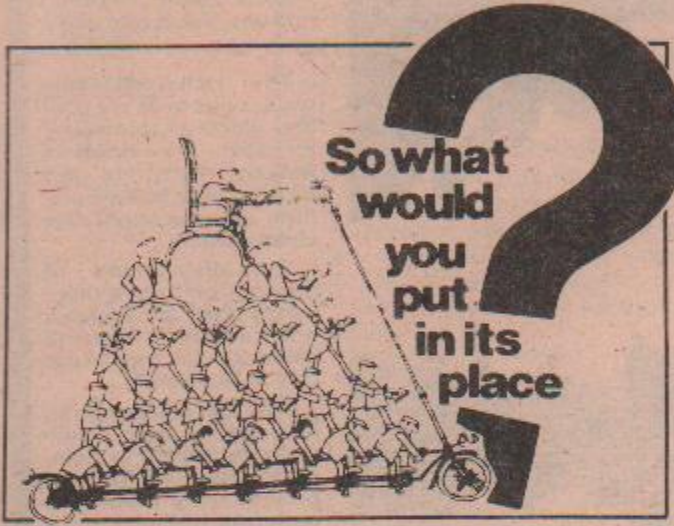
To all trade union organisations: Join the Downing Street lobby. Send mass delegations on the march and to the Tuesday 7 September lobby. Sponsor the march. Send £1 fee to the National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N.4.

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



Rowen Engineering trustee and party chairman Willie Wolfe (centre) with two leading SNPers who claim to be socialist—George Reid and Margot MacDonald. Earlier this year Margot announced that the SNP was socialist. The SNP immediately issued a statement disowning her claim. George Reid then went on record that Margot meant that the SNP was 'social democratic'. The SNP leadership immediately issued yet another statement, this time disowning Reid's views. You couldn't get it any clearer than that!

...and then it really will be a free press



By JEAN GRAY

LIES, distortion and sensationalism. That's what the capitalist press means to the working class. It's an insult.

Anyone who doubts the power of the press to influence thinking should consider the results of the infamous '£600-a-week Malawi Asians' stories recently. It makes a mockery of the capitalists' 'press freedom'—their freedom to incite racial hatred with lies.

Freedom

It is freedom for only the eight major corporations who control 90 per cent of the press in this country to project their views for the purposes of profit and power.

It is an editor's freedom to

say whatever he likes in his paper, whether or not his staff or the public are harmed by it. He can—and often does—censor content, but there is no uproar from the bosses about press freedom then.

Just take a look at the Newham Recorder in East London, which covers an area with large Asian, West Indian and Chinese communities. How much space do their events and ideas take up in its columns? Very little.

Yet the announcement of a fascist National Party match got splash coverage on the front pages.

Only under socialism can the newspapers ever be purified, and believe me, it will take a good dose of carbolic to do it.

We have to change com-

pletely our attitude to the press and what it should be. We must get away from the false, Hollywood image that radio, television and newspapers have acquired, the illusion that only the elite few are capable of running this glamorous business.

What is news and who owns it?

Exploited

Do we really want to read about Richard Burton's sex life? Do we want women to be exploited as the Sun does every day?

The bosses tell us that is what the people want, but have they ever asked them?

There is little in the capitalist press that I really want to read or that I feel is honestly presented, but there is nothing I can do about it.

If I'm on strike and my case is misrepresented, that's tough. Under socialism there must be strict control of the press by the people being written for and about because news is public property.

But more important, we should all have access to the press. It shouldn't be just the privileged few who have a monopoly on broadcasting their opinions.

New technology, which now threatens the livelihood of thousands of printers, could, under workers' control, be a great asset. It gives minority groups access to the printed word because it is relatively easy to operate.

There is, in fact, no reason why we would need journalists as we know them now at all. Why cream people off

to tell us what to think and to specialise in interpreting events?

Why can't schools, instead of trying to turn us all into authors of long, boring essays, teach us to present our ideas simply and concisely and in a readable form?

Dangers

I'm not suggesting that there would be no censorship. I think we all realise the potential dangers that there are in allowing groups like the National Front their so-called democratic rights. Literature is a powerful way of influencing thought so there has to be some control, but if we are going to have censorship let's have censorship by the working people and not the privileged proprietors.

Is this the same man - and if it is, what was he doing 100 miles off his beat?



NOW TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



Three pictures... two different police punch-ups 100 miles apart... but is it the same copper in all of them? Sharp-eyed Socialist Worker reader John Helps says it is. And he's unquestionably right about the first two, both of which were taken during the attack on the Right to Work Marchers in North West London in March. But is it the same copper in the third picture, helping to haul away a black youth during the anti-National Front demonstration in Winson Green, Birmingham last month?

It seems suspiciously like it. Look at the shape of his nose, the jawline, the hair, the eyes. And his build is the same. Our guess is that it is the same bloke. And if it is, we might reasonably ask how his beat extends all the way from London to Birmingham. Unless, of course, he's been given a novel type of 'beat'... one with blacks and trade unionists on the end of it.

CUT TO SHREDS

ANOTHER splendid example of the Labour government's devotion to capitalism—and to cutting its own supporters' throats—comes from Chase Farm in North London.

A new mentally handicapped unit has just been built at the local hospital. The consultant psychiatrist was installed and new staff recruited.

Then along came the government, in the shape of the Department of Health and Social Security. Cut, cut, cut, they cried. You've got your unit—but don't expect any money to run it. And so, from next March, the promised £600,000 to run the unit will be cut to £9,000, virtually, nothing.

The outcome? Severely retarded and handicapped school leavers will have to remain in their own homes, day in, day out, without nursing, therapy, or relief for their families.

Remember this when you next hear Denis Healey talking about the 'need for cuts in public expenditure'.

A SECRET report on the 'threat' of trade union organisation among the 25,000 civilians who work for the police service has fallen into Fifth Column's hands. And it shows that police chiefs are worried sick about it.

The report, compiled last year by the Association of Chief Police Officers, notes that 'without them (the civilians) the police just could not function.' And so 'consideration' has to be 'given to the effect on law and order of a mass or even partial

withdrawal of labour'. In other words, how the hell are the police going to crack down on strikers if they've got them in their own ranks? Nice one.

And the police recognise that it's not an impossibility. The report is aware that NALGO, which organises a large number of the civilians, is not quite the trade union laughing stock it used to be. 'Straws in the wind' are quoted, such as the 'widespread discontent... among fingerprint officers.'

But the police have a solution. They

discuss the possibility of making strikes by their civilian workers illegal—but shrewdly reject it because of 'the present difficult climate of industrial relations'.

Instead 'some form of Joint Council' is proposed to draw in the unions and castrate them. 'Acceptance by the unions would mean recognition of the right of staff concerned in the Joint Council machinery opting out of militant action without being subject to union discipline or opprobrium.'

Clever bunch of sods, the ruling class...

The Lords: Collect your beer money and go

DENNIS Skinner, MP, failed last week in his attempt to get the House of Commons to bring in a Bill to abolish the House of Lords. But his speech revealed some interesting facts about that paradise for parasites.

The Big Four banks have 21 Lords representing them in the House. The other banks have 23 more.

Insurance companies have another 28.

The top 50 companies have another 25.

Of the 1100 peers, 432 went to Eton, and another 255 to other public schools.

Only a quarter of those 1100 turn up for 'work' at the House of Lords, a figure in 1974-75 averaging 262, of whom only 130 stayed to vote (the others,

in Skinner's words 'got the £13.50 tax-free attendance fee, went for a drink in the Bar, and went out of the side door'). Lovers of capitalist democracy might care to ponder the fact that the House of Lords is not elected—and that, despite Skinner's speech, the House of Commons voted last week to keep it that way.



Fight racism - and win a prize

IF THERE'S one thing the National Front are good at, it's spreading their poison about.

Turn on any radio phone-in programme or pick up the letters page of any local paper and you can bet the racials will be there.

It's about time we hit back. Fifth Column is offering a monthly prize of a new book to the best anti-racist speech to be broadcast or letter printed.

So get cracking comrades—and let's hear of your successes and also, freedom of expression being what it is in this country, your failures. Write to Fifth Column, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

Nervous

All the phone numbers you'll need to know are printed below, along with the times of phone-in programmes. And if you're nervous about ringing them up, why not simply read out the front page of the They're Welcome Here edition of Socialist Worker?

BIRMINGHAM: BRMB Radio, Mon-Fri 6.30pm-7.30pm, Phone 359 4011

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GLASGOW: Radio Clyde, Friday 6.30pm-7.30pm, Phone 204 0261

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PLYMOUTH: Plymouth Sound, Mon-Fri 10am-Noon, Phone 27651

READING: Thames Valley, Mon and Wed, Phone 413131

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WOLVERHAMPTON: Beacon Radio, Phone 754123

SEVERAL pupils have been expelled and two teachers sacked from schools in Leningrad after teenagers distributed leaflets calling for a 'new revolution'.

The incident, according to the latest issue of the Russian dissident journal Chronicle of Current Events, occurred on 24 February, the day of the Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

THE ASBESTOS Information Council plans to spend £½ million on advertising this year—five times last year's figure.

Good news? Well, not exactly. The Information Council is run by Britain's three major asbestos manufacturers, Cape Industries, Turner and Newall, and BBA. Between them, they control 98 per cent of the market—and commit most of the murders.

The massive advertising campaign, notes a journal for admen, 'is thought to be designed to counter recent bad publicity'. You could say that...

THREE million homes in England and Wales are either unfit or lack one or more of the standard amenities that most people take for granted, a report by the Building Research Establishment revealed last week.

PRICE OF LABOUR

JUST IN CASE you take seriously the Labour government's talk about bringing down prices, consider the following:

The Common Market Commission are preparing to cut subsidies on food imported by Britain

The Labour government is preparing to phase out food subsidies.

In 18 months' time food

prices will, as a result, soar sky-high

As the Guardian reported on 17 June: 'By the beginning of 1978, the price of butter is likely to rise to about 70p a pound, and cheese to about 75p a pound.'

Bread and milk are likely to rise steeply as well.

Wonderful thing, the Social Contract...



ABOVE and LEFT: Chapeltown, the immigrant area of Leeds and one of the city's most deprived

Evidence in court gives lie to press 'mob' reports

ANOTHER major attempt by the forces of law and order to crush the resistance of young blacks to racism is under way in Leeds.

Nine young blacks and one young white socialist are on trial on charges including criminal damage, assault, causing grievous bodily harm, and affray—all of which carry possible jail sentences.

All the charges arise from incidents last November in the Chapeltown district

They are being tried by an all-white jury and a white judge. All the crucial evidence against them comes via white policemen.

The whole police operation is being controlled by West Yorkshire Chief Constable Ronald Gregory, notorious for his attacks on the miners' flying pickets and his defence of the National Front in Bradford.

The Chapeltown Bonfire Night incident received a lot of publicity: dramatic pictures of a crashed police car, an action-packed story of yet another brutal assault by a rampaging West Indian mob on policemen doing their duty. A rather different story is emerging in court, one that the national press is studiously ignoring.

Chapeltown is the immigrant area in Leeds. It is no

Peter Green reports on the trial of the Chapeltown 12. Pictures: Richard Platt

different from any immigrant area in the country. It has the worst unemployment—an estimated 60 per cent of young West Indians leaving school in the past two years haven't got jobs—the worst housing, some of the poorest schools and amenities in Leeds.

As one black prosecution witness said: 'There's enormous frustration. It's like a ghetto, like Brixton. Young people feel let down—not wanted'.

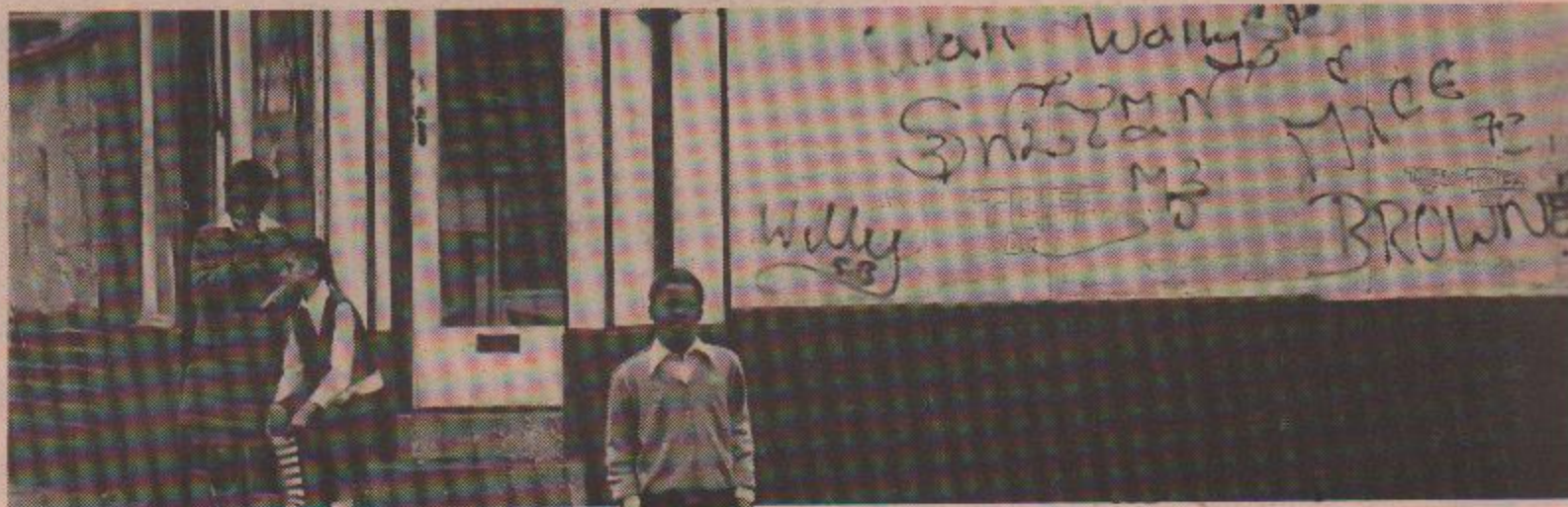
Heaviest

Judge Christopher Beaumont's comment on this was: 'I don't know these areas... but is this relevant?'

Chapeltown also has the heaviest police presence in Leeds. I live there. There is no way in which you can walk 100 yards at night without seeing a couple of cops.

Even the police admit that their record in the area is bad. It does, after all, include the murder of an African, David Oluwele, by two of them.

More recently it includes the breaking-up of private parties with dogs, the denial of late licences to local clubs, and physical assaults on blacks whilst 'investigating' trivial



motor offences. For Bonfire Night itself a 'low profile' presence in the area had been agreed.

This meant that there were only one police personnel carrier, two dog patrol vans, a motorway car, two panda cars and one unmarked car patrolling the area of a traditional kids bonfire before a single incident occurred.

No aggression occurred until a police car trying to drive at speed through the crowd was greeted with a shower of stones.

Evidence

What were they supposed to do? Walk away from their bonfire quietly and quite likely be arrested anyway? For once, as the police convoy drove up the very crowded road the 200 or so youth hit back.

Of a crowd of 300, which included many young whites, only 12 were arrested, 11 of them black. How were they selected? It was a dark night. There were no identification parades.

The only concrete evidence comes from the police and statements from some of the young people extracted by the police either by dragging kids out of the classroom at Primrose Hill School, or down at the police station with no parents or lawyers present.

On the second day of the trial a key witness, a 17-year-old black schoolboy, Wendell

Pitt, had to be treated as a 'hostile witness' when he disowned his earlier statement. His identification of two of the accused was a 'lie' extracted by the police with a trick.

The police had told him that one of the two had identified him as being involved and 'he had better tell the truth'. His statement identified the two out of 'revenge', he said.

The one white to be arrested was Max Farrar. Max was photographing the events for Chapeltown News. He was arrested when he protested at a policeman beating him over the head and trying to stop him taking photos.

As the Chapeltown News comments: 'At first Farrar was charged with threatening behaviour. Five months later the charges of assault, incitement and affray were added. Why?'

'Because he is a socialist and over the past three years has helped develop Chapeltown News into a campaigning paper devoted to counteracting racism and exploitation.'

The violence on Bonfire Night was entirely the result of police provocation. The aggression accumulated over years of continual harassment and oppression of young

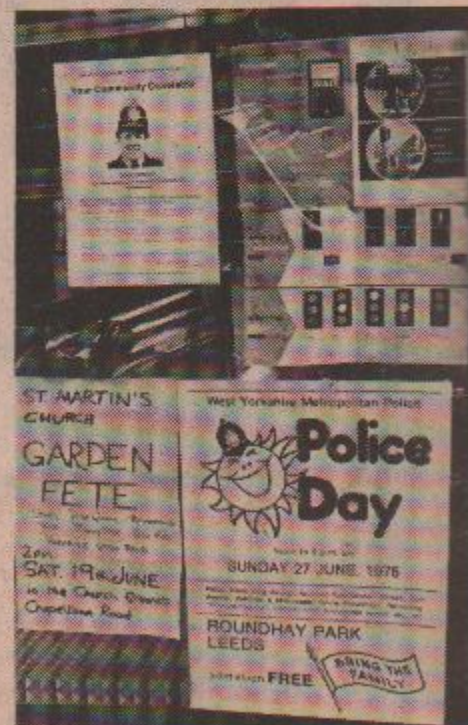
blacks was directed solely at the police.

Like the Shrewsbury pickets trial, like the coming Right to Work trial, this prosecution can only be fought by mobilising the maximum support in the black community and the labour movement.

Fought

There has been too much delay already. Certain of the older and more respectable figures in the community seem to feel that bringing in black lawyers—whose skills and reputation are not in doubt—is all that needs to be done. Chapeltown News and the local black militants organised around the International Socialists black papers Flame and Chingari are insisting that the whole trial be seen as part of a state attack on the black working class of this country.

□ The Chapeltown 12 need all the help and support they can get. Messages of solidarity, trade-union resolutions and money should be sent to the Chapeltown News Defence Appeal, 188 Roundhay Road, Leeds 8. A regular bulletin should be produced on the trial and will be sent to all concerned.



The police weren't so friendly when they moved in to break up Chapeltown's Bonfire Night.

Council panders to prejudice

BAD HOUSING, high unemployment and a decaying education system. Those are the real enemies of the working class in East London.

People there are angry. Angry that there are no jobs, that homes are difficult to come by, that industry is pulling out.

But the poison put out by the racists in recent weeks has managed to turn some people's anger away from the real targets and against black people—who suffer twice the problems that white East Enders have to face.

It is easier to blame black people for the problems of a dying area like Newham, where industry has been systematically leaving for the past ten years, virtually unopposed by the government and local council.

Jobs in the docks have been reduced by 40,000 in ten years and unemployment is high.

Newham Council recently pandered to people's prejudices by changing the housing points system so that newcomers to the area got less priority than those who had

been on the list longer regardless of housing need. One reason was the 'influx' of Asians to the borough.

But figures released by the council this week prove that it was nothing more than panic and pressure from local people who had used the black community as scapegoats.

Of the 4667 families on the waiting list, only a quarter have been registered for less than four years, and there are no figures for what proportion of those are immigrants.

Wonder

There are people who have been on the list for 25 years. Is it any wonder that when they see Asians, West Indians and Chinese people in the borough, they get angry because they have had to wait so long for a council house?

Especially when the council and the government, instead of explaining that the majority of immigrants live in private, rented accommodation or own their own homes, add fuel to their blind prejudice by making a token change in the system.

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South Africa:

The risen people

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THE EVENTS in Soweto last week have been variously described in the press as a 'riot', a 'rampage', 'mob rule'. In fact, only one word adequately describes them: an uprising.

The so-called township is a million strong city, one of the largest in Africa. The people who live in it are expected by the racist South African regime to put up with every indignity for the 'privilege' of working in nearby Johannesburg as cut-price labour in the factories or as cut-price servants for the white population.

Last week the black schoolchildren rebelled against the final indignity—having to do their studies in the foreign language, Afrikaans, spoken by their masters. When police shot them down in cold blood, the whole city rose in revolt.

The protests spread to the black universities, to the township of Alexandria on the edge of Johannesburg's white suburbs, and Pretoria, and to the townships of the Rand.

The rioters focussed repression—government employees of the racist beer halls.

The South African government picture of 'agitators' discredited. Western press has been African government. It to 'improve relations' be prevent a repetition of S

By an Asian woman who recently visited Soweto

PLACES LIKE Soweto are necessary to keep white industry going. They are built outside the big white cities, and separated by a large area of desert country. These towns are carefully planned to help the oppressors.

Soweto is surrounded by a single tarmac road. Along the perimeter are 'anti-urban units' staffed by soldiers always on the alert for any sign of uprising.

The egg-box like houses are built in rows from one end of the tarred military road to the other. Only about 15 per cent have any electricity or running water. There is one cinema for a million people, four government-owned beer halls, two food shops, no post office, no hospital, no clinics, no sports facilities, no swimming baths.

Life in these towns in sunny South Africa is probably as comfortable as in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany.

EDUCATION: There are 140 schools in Soweto. Average spending per pupil is £17 a year (compared to £320 a year for white children).

The schools are controlled by boards which used to include five members elected by the parents. Since September 1974, these elected board members have been systematically sacked for opposing teaching in Afrikaans.

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Massive children's demonstrations and school strikes had been going on—without a word in the British Press—for nine weeks before the explosion last week.

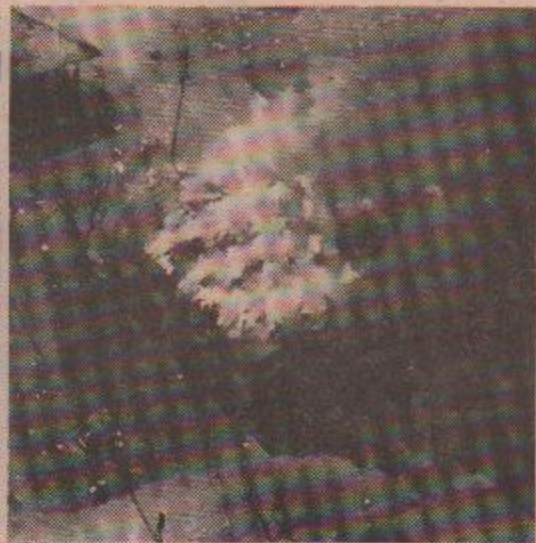
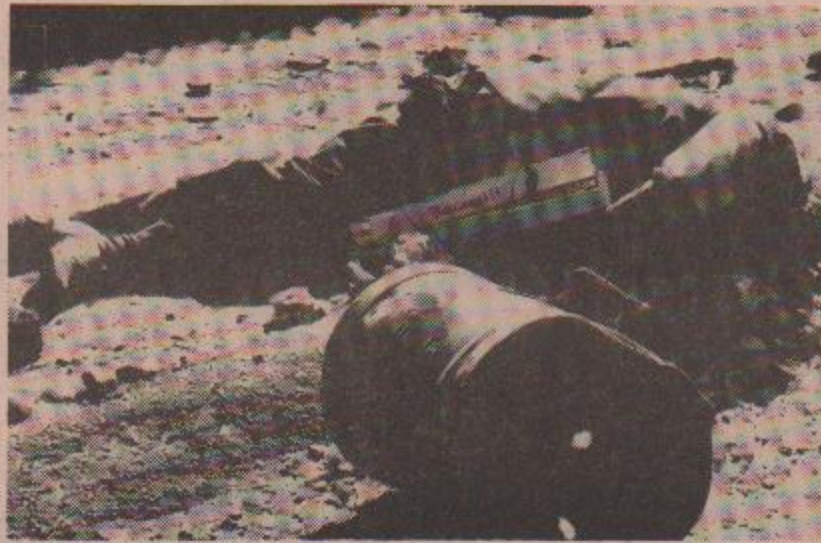
HOUSING: In 1973, there were 14,250 'qualified' families on the waiting list for houses in Soweto.

You can't qualify unless you're a man, unless you've lived in Soweto for 15 years or worked for one employer for ten years.

All divorced, widowed, and unmarried mothers are automatically struck off the waiting lists. Divorced or widowed women without dependent children cannot remain in their homes unless they marry a man with the necessary qualifications.

JOBS: 54 per cent of adult workers in Soweto are out of work.

TRANSPORT: Hardly any of the black workers in Soweto work there. About a quarter of a million of them—that's almost all of those with jobs—travel by train every day to work in the factories in Johannesburg.



The broad masses of Soweto are perfectly content, peaceful, and happy. —MANIE MULDER, chairman of the West Rand Administration Board, quoted in the Rand Daily Mail

BLACK PEOPLE have never taken the blows aimed at them by South Africa's white rulers without striking back. As far back as 1912 the African National Congress (ANC) was set up to resist white oppression.

In the 1950s the ANC led a massive and peaceful campaign by urban blacks against the apartheid system. Despite brutal police persecution, hundreds of thousands of black men and women took part in the passive resistance movement.

In 1959, the Pan-Africanist Congress (PAC) split off from the ANC and mounted a more militant campaign against the pass laws. On 21 March 1960 at Sharpeville,

thousands of blacks peacefully assembled outside the police station to demand that they should be arrested for destroying their passes.

The police opened fire on the crowd, killing 69 and wounding 180.

Sharpeville was the last upsurge of a wave of struggle that was already on the decline. The ANC and PAC were banned and thousands of their members arrested.

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But South Africa's blacks have now developed a new confidence. The fall of the Portuguese colonial empire in Africa, the liberation of Mozambique,

MPLA's victory in Angola, the guerrilla campaign in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) have all served to strengthen the morale of South Africa's blacks.

They are now showing their heroism and militancy in the face of Vorster's army and police.

The ANC recently organised a demonstration outside the courts in Johannesburg against a political trial. Black workers spontaneously joined in. The police had to draw their guns to disperse it.

Other organisations fight in the underground. The Unity Movement of South Africa had a number of members sentenced to long jail sentences in 1972 for their work among black peasants.

And new organisations have been thrown up. Young blacks

angry with the conservatism of their elders have created the 'black consciousness movement'.

It originated among militant black students who formed the South African Students Organisation. SASO members went on to found the Black People's Convention, and the South African Students Movement active in Soweto.

The black resistance bases itself on the seething anger of the townships, anger that exploded dramatically last week.

But the real test of the resistance will be its ability to build on the strength of the black working class.

In early 1973, tens of thousands of workers in the industrial areas of Natal and the Western Cape rebelled against their starvation wages and went on strike.

Despite brutal oppression, trade union organisation has since grown rapidly.

South Africa's rulers have built up a strong industrial economy based on sweated black labour.

In doing so, they have also created a black working class with the strength to overthrow them.

As that working class grows in organisation and confidence, the days of apartheid will be numbered.

Growing fast - the power that can destroy apartheid



The legalised k... its own story

Lesson Soweto

But relations between white and black in South Africa are not relations between workers of different colours. They are relations between oppressor and oppressed.

Merely to have a white skin in South Africa guarantees a share in the massive wealth created out of the sweat of the black people.

It is not like Britain, where white workers and black workers both toil to create wealth, although the white workers often have better jobs and slightly more tolerable living conditions.

In South Africa white 'wages' in mining are 20 times higher than black wages; in manufacturing, five times higher. All whites live off the backs of the blacks. They share in the exploitation.

A movement is needed to overthrow the whole structure of white rule, not clever arrangements to tie sections of the black population into this system of oppression and exploitation.

That means more uprisings like Soweto, more movements like the great strike wave in the factories of the Rand two years ago, but better organised and directed so that the death toll of the black population is lower and the destruction to the police state much greater.

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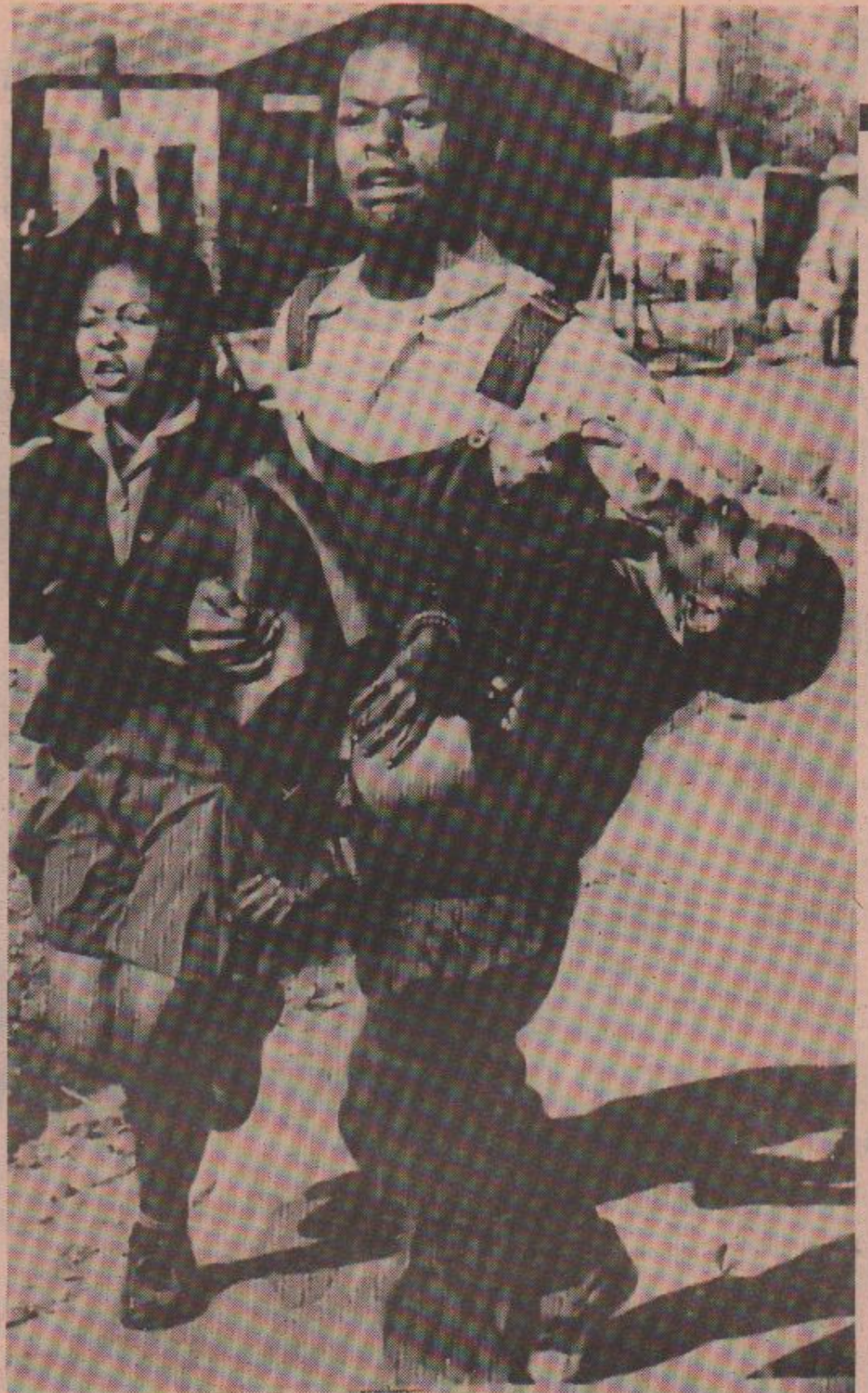
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Britain's blood money

FIRMS WHO PROFIT BY STARVATION

IN 1973, after a series of articles in The Guardian about starvation of workers employed by British companies in South Africa, a House of Commons Select Committee conducted an inquiry.

It found that 63 British companies employed 77,475 South African black workers at rates below the notorious 'poverty level'. This 'level' was best described by one rural worker on a farm owned by Slater Walker:

'If you're on the poverty level, you're lucky to live till the age of 40. You're very lucky if your children survive over the age of five.'

Furthermore, 98.15 per cent of all the workers for 146 British companies—that's nearly a quarter of a million workers—were paid below what is known as the 'minimum effective level': that is, just enough to eat one full meal a day and pay the rent.



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CAMPAIGN

WITH THE *Socialist Worker*

BECAUSE I AM A SOCIALIST, I'VE JOINED...

by **TIM DUKE**
Steyning, Sussex
I FIRST bought Socialist Worker at Collett's bookshop in Central London in September last year. I was buying various other socialist papers, but Socialist Worker was the best.

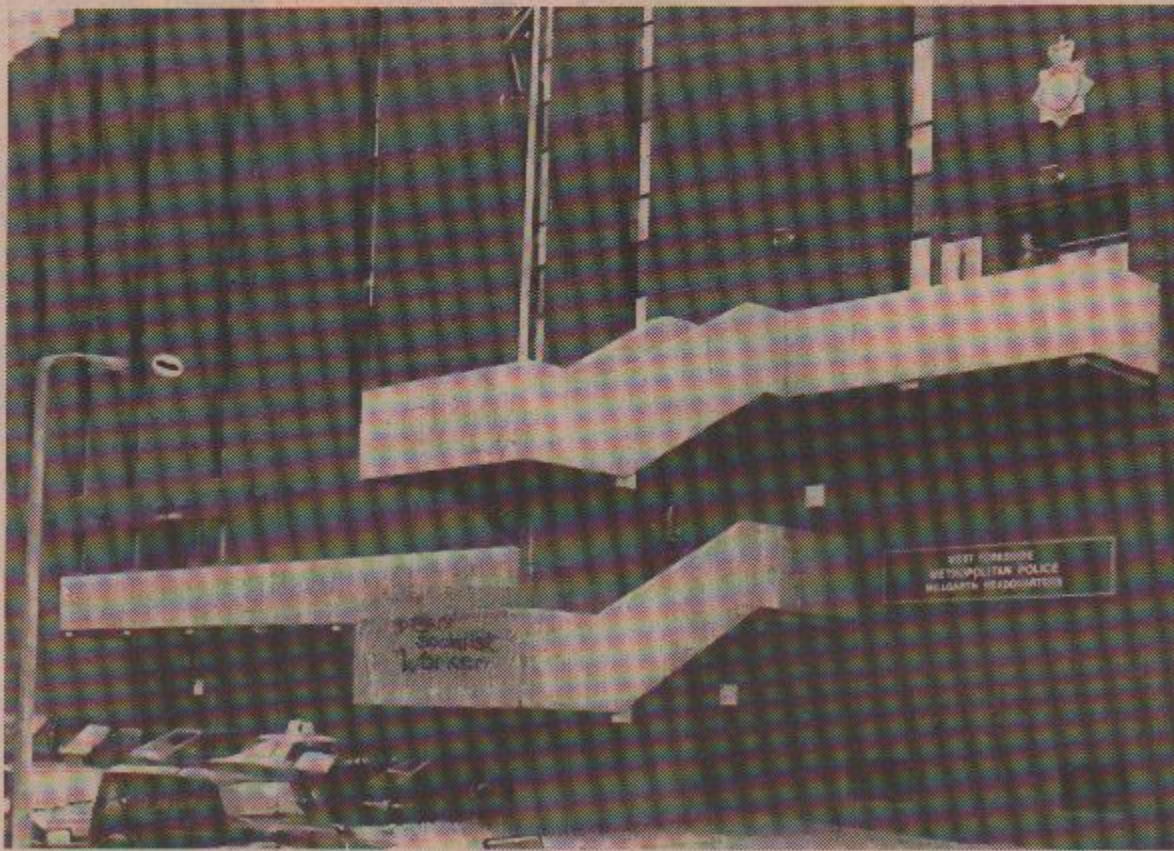
I sent off the slip for more information and got a visit from members of the International Socialists from Brighton. I went to some meetings, started selling the paper and joined IS about two months later.

I joined because I am a socialist. I'm a socialist because I'm angry—angry at the way people are used and abused by capitalism.

Joined

Three of my friends have now joined IS. We have built a National Union of School Students (NUSS) branch in our school, with 32 members. We have had setbacks, but interest is growing. Recently the Equal Opportunities Commission ruled that headmasters had the right to decide if girls could wear trousers at school. This must be fought! Our NUSS branch has joined the local Right to Work Committee—we'll be working hard for the Right to Work March on the September TUC in Brighton.

*** THE Transport Union shop stewards committee at Homerton Rubber in Treforest, South Wales, is taking five copies of Socialist Worker a week, delivered to the factory for the members to read.**



PICTURE: RICHARD PLATT.

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- GLASGOW:** Central Station, 10am-5pm; Queen Street Station, 11am-4pm.
- NEWCASTLE:** Northumberland Street, 11am-3pm; Gateshead High Street, 11am-1pm.
- HIGH WYCOMBE:** Octagon, 10.30am-12.30pm.
- CARDIFF:** Market, 10.30am-2.30pm.
- NEWPORT:** Market, 10am-Noon.
- WEST LONDON:** Ealing Shopping Centre, Safeways, 11am-1pm; Hounslow Shopping Centre, Woolworths, 11am-1pm.
- INNER WEST LONDON:** Shepherds Bush Market, 10am-noon; Portobello Road, Corner of Lancaster Road, 11am-1pm.
- SW LONDON:** St John's Road, Clapham Junction, outside Woolworths, 10.30am-1.30pm.
- HARLOW:** 10.30 am-12.30pm, the Trigon statue, Broad Walk.
- INNER WEST LONDON:** North End Road, outside Woolworths, 10.15am-noon.
- ALLOA, Clackmannanshire:** Shopping centre, 11.30am-2pm.
- HACKNEY:** Ridley Road market, 11am-1pm.
- BOLTON:** Precinct, 11am-4pm.
- BURY:** Precinct, 11am-1pm.
- WIGAN:** Makinsons Arcade, 11am-3pm.
- READING:** Junction of Broad Street and Union Street, 10am-3pm.

- CHELLENHAM:** 10.30am to 1.30pm, outside Boots on the Promenade.
- SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Lewisham, Clock Tower, 11am-12.30pm; Woolwich, Powis Street, 11am-12 noon; Dartford, outside the new shopping centre, 11am-12.30pm; Gravesend, outside the market entrance, 10.30am-12 noon.
- NORTH LONDON:** Wood Green High Road, Marks & Spencer, 11am-1pm; Holloway Road, Sainsburys, noon-2pm.
- DUNDEE:** City Square, 11am-4pm; Thursday and Friday evenings 4-5.30pm.
- MANCHESTER:** 11am-1pm, Cheetham Hill Precinct; Salford Precinct; Urmston Shopping Centre; Stockport Merseyway Centre; Prestwich Precinct.
- NORTH WEST LONDON:** 11am to 1pm, Cricklewood Broadway, Kilburn Square, Kilburn Broadway and Jubilee Clock, Harlesden High Street.
- EDINBURGH:** Princes Street (east end) 11am to 4pm; Thursdays: Entrance to Wester Hailes shopping centre, 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

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WHAT'S ON

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

CARDIFF Socialist Worker public meeting: Wage Restraint—Can we beat it? Wednesday 30 June, 7.30pm. Four Elms. Speakers: Rod Reynolds (Jamaican National Union of Workers) and Billy Williams (EETPU).

EAST LONDON Socialist Worker meeting: Crisis in Italy. Speaker: Mike Rossiter. Friday 25 June, 7.30pm, Livingstone House, North East London Poly, Livingstone Road, London E15. All readers and SW supporters welcome.

SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

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

CENTRAL LONDON SW Education Classes: Women and Socialism, Every second Thursday, 6.30pm, at The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London, WC1. Crèche provided.
1 July: Women and Socialism. Speaker: Sheila McGregor

HULL Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Every second Sunday, 7pm, at Socialist Books, 23B Springbank, Hull.
Sunday 4 July: Crisis in Southern Africa
Sunday 18 July: The Labour Party, an obstacle to Socialism

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 Cheaping.

CHESTER Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Railway Inn, Brook Street, Chester, near bus and rail stations.
29 June: Racism and the threat from the right.
6 July: Socialism and education today.

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

HULL SW public meeting: Does immigration cause unemployment?—We say no! Speaker: John Taylor, from Bradford. Wednesday 7 July, 7.30pm, Stevedores and Dockers Club, Posterngate off Princes Dock Side.

TOWER HAMLETS Socialist Worker meetings: Wednesdays, 8pm, City of London Poly Students Union, Aldgate (TV room, 3rd floor).
30 June: The Labour Party
14 July: The Communist Party
28 July: The break-up of the Fourth International.
11 August: Revolutionaries in the United Front.

HACKNEY SCHOOLS SW public meeting: Black people, unemployment & the fight against racism. Speaker: Kim Gordon (editor of Flame). Tuesday 29 June, 4.30pm, Centreprise, Kingsland Road, E8. ALL WELCOME

HACKNEY SCHOOLS SW public meeting: China—before & after Mao. Speaker: Nigel Harris. Monday 12 July, 8pm, The Talbot public house, Mortimer Rd, N1. ALL WELCOME

SOUTHWARK Socialist Worker public meeting on racism and the fight against it. Tuesday 29 June, 8pm, Manor Place Baths, off Walworth Road. Speaker: Europe Singh.

HARLOW Socialist Worker public meeting: Smash Racism! Wednesday 30 June, 8pm, Tye Green CA, Bush Fair, Harlow. Speaker: Martha Osamor.

Central London ACTS (TGWU) Socialist Worker public meeting: The Healey Deal, Cuts in Public Expenditure—What Alternatives? A meeting called by ACTS (TGWU) members. Tuesday 29 June, 7pm, Skinners Arms, 114 Judd Street, WC1 (3 minutes from St Pancras Station). Speaker: Shaun Docherty (Rank and File Teacher national executive).

SOCIALIST WORKER EVENTS

SW AFRICA FORUM: Focus on East Africa. Tuesday 29 June, 7.30pm, The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (nearest Tube: Warren Street).

SOUTHAMPTON Flame/Chingari meeting: Stop the Racists. Thursday 1 July, 8pm, St Matthews Hall, St Mary's Road. Speakers: Kim Gordon (Flame) and local speaker.

ALLOA Socialist Worker public meeting: Parliamentary Road to Socialism? Thursday 8 July, 7.30pm, The Royal Oak Hotel, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.

SALFORD Socialist Worker readers and members of the International Socialists meet: Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Ye Olde Neilson, Chapel Street, Salford.
30 June: Portugal
7 July: Spain
14 July: Communist Party and the British Road to Socialism
21 July: Racism.

HACKNEY Grand Mid-Summer Party in aid of the Socialist Worker Fighting Fund! Good music, food and company. Tickets: £1, from Hackney Socialist Worker sellers or phone 806 5903 or 254 4370.
Friday 2 July, 8pm onwards. Bring your friends.

Socialist Worker NORTH AMERICA day school: Saturday 10 July, 10am-5pm, Bedford College, Regents Park London NW 1 (room 107, Tuke Building). Sessions on: Prospects for American capitalism, The American Labour Movement, Industrial Struggle, The Black Movement, Links Between the International Socialists in the US and in Britain. For overnight accommodation and further details, phone 01-254 3952.

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

NOISS

NOISS WEEKEND SCHOOLS
This year in addition to our regional schools—planned for Sheffield, Bristol, Lancaster and Glasgow—the National Organisation of IS Societies (NOISS) is planning two weekend schools.
One is specifically for overseas students—on Imperialism—to be held in London 10/11 July.
The second, a week later, is timed to mark 40 years since the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War. Titled 'Revolutions of the 20th Century', it includes sessions of Russia 1917, Germany 1923, Spain 1936, Hungary 1956 and Portugal today.
Details of the school from NOISS, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN, and will be published on this page.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

SW Litho Are offering a PRINTING APPRENTICESHIP to start as soon as possible. Applicants must be under 19 and have a mechanical aptitude. Applications in writing to: Training Officer, SW Litho, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

Meeting for all IS members of NALGO in London, Tuesday 29 June, 7pm prompt, at the Ordnance Arms, York Road, London SE1 (opposite County Hall, Waterloo and Westminster tubes).

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

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

IS Gay Group urges comrades to support the Gay Pride march, Saturday 26 June, Leaving Temple Green, Embankment at 1.30pm. For more information, ring 01-790 2454

BLACK COUNTRY IS camping weekend in Wales. Friday 18 June—Sunday 20 June. For further information contact Dudley 50389

MEETING for all IS members of the TGWU in Greater Manchester area: Saturday 3 July, 2pm, Manchester TU Books, 260 Deansgate. For further information phone Les Kay, 061-832 8102.

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WHERE WE STAND



INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION:

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

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

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

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

INTER-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 countries.

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

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

We are for real, social, economic and

political equality of women.

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

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

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

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE TRAP

'THE Russians have discovered something that will do the job of a hundred men . . . a hundred women', quipped the awful David Frost on one of his awful TV shows.

The audience fell about laughing.

But it's not really a funny joke. The only reason people laughed is because it clashes with the stereotype images of men and women that we are brought up with.

We learn that men work, and frail feminine women stay at home. The laughter shows how deep that conditioning is.

It has its effect in other ways too. How many times have you asked your modern man about the house to help, and got one of the following replies?

(1) Yes, I'll give you a hand but I've got something important to do right now.

(Meaning he'd rather be reading the newspaper.)

(2) Yes, I'll give you a hand—but let's both do the things we're best at. Meaning he'd rather be changing a light bulb while she washes dishes.)

Never

(3) Yes, I'll give you a hand but you'll have to show me how to do it. (Meaning I've never cleaned the oven—and I don't intend to start now.)

(4) Yes, I'll give you a hand—but I'm going to do it my way. (Meaning if I do it my way the dishes get done once a week, not after every meal.)

(5) Yes, I'll give you a hand—but if you want it done better than this you'll have to do it yourself. (Meaning I'll make such a mess of it that it'll be quicker if she does it herself.)

(6) Yes, I'll give you a hand—but if you think I'm going to do that, forget it. (Meaning you won't catch me cleaning the lavatory.)

(7) Yes, I'll give you a hand—but I'm

What did you learn in school today, dear little girl of mine?

I learned how to cook and sew. I learned that's all girls need to know. I learned that men go up in space. That man is the word for the human race. That's what I learned in school today. That's what I learned in school.

Here is an example of what girls actually learn in school, one question taken from a CSE Housecraft exam paper.

Your brother and his friend are arriving home for breakfast, after walking all night on a sponsored walk. Iron his shirt, that you have previously washed, and press a pair of trousers ready for him to change into. Cook and serve a substantial breakfast for them, including toast. Lay the table ready for the meal. Make your mother and yourself a midday salad meal, with a cold sweet to follow.

not that fussy about how the place looks, and who's going to notice this anyway? (Meaning I'll annoy you by sweeping under the carpet.)

If it makes you feel totally frustrated at your pathetic inability to convince even the one person in the world who cares about you, then at least you can console yourself that you aren't the only one. The book which printed the 'Man's guide to avoiding the housework' shows just how familiar the problem is.

But although it's a common problem, it's difficult to solve. People don't like to discuss such apparently trivial problems in public.

Yet discussing the problem openly is the only way to stimulate discussion about the alternatives. That's what the book has been designed to do. The authors have collected many interesting and amusing items about women's role, and produced a

book designed for discussion by school kids, students and parents.

But it's not a dry text book. Its questions are the very ones that socialists and feminists are asking all the time.

Although the book doesn't give any answers, it does point to some of the alternatives.

Do you remember those reading books you had at school—the ones in which boys did all the exciting things and girls helped Mummy with the washing up, boys did all the brainwork and rescuing and girls never did anything worthwhile?

They still exist, but today there are alternatives. Here's one of the examples quoted in the book.

'Little William wants a doll; other boys call him "sissy" and his father brings him a basketball and an electric train. William enjoys them but still he wants a doll. Finally his grandmother buys him a doll. "He needs it," she says to William's father, "to hug and to cradle and to take to the park so that when he's a father like you, he'll know how to take care of his baby. . ."

From WILLIAM'S DOLL, by Charlotte Zolotow.

It gets you thinking.

There's plenty more in the book which is ideal for use in the classroom, local Socialist Worker discussion group, women's group, or just for shutting up your village sexist when he starts off.

We need that sort of discussion. It's vital if we are to build a revolution that happens not just on the barricades, but in people's heads too.

ANNA PACZUSKA

*THE GENDER TRAP—Education and Work, by Carol Adams and Rae Laurikietis, Virago, £1.25.

□ All three books are available by post from Bookmarks, the International Socialists' London bookshop, 285 Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Prices including postage: The Gender Trap £1.40, Women under Attack 55p, Rights for Women 75p.

Through the legal tangle

WOMEN are winning their rights—so the newspapers tell us. 'Look, you've got the Equal Pay Act and the Sex Discrimination Act', they say.

But getting a law passed through parliament and getting your rights are completely different things. There was a law passed against blue asbestos 40 years ago—but it's still killing people today.

Besides, have you ever tried reading the Equal Pay Act—let alone winning your rights through it? It's written mainly in incomprehensible legal jargon.

This is quite deliberate. The ruling class likes to pretend it is cleverer than anyone else, so it is the only class fit to rule. That is why it pays its servants—such as judges, lawyers, MPs—to make and interpret laws that only a few people can understand.

So even laws that are meant to affect the lives of workers—and even to improve them—are incomprehensible to most people.

And because they are worded vaguely, there will be all sorts of loopholes that will allow the bosses to get round them.

Advance

This is particularly true of the Sex Discrimination Act and the Equal Pay Act. Although there's loads wrong with them, they are an advance for women because they can be used as a lever to fight for better pay and conditions.

But that's where the disadvantages begin to show. Both are full of loopholes which the employers have already taken advantage of—because they have lawyers employed to do just that. How many working women can afford lawyers?

That's where this book comes in. Patricia Hewitt has written not only on the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts but on other lesser known laws affecting women—pensions, maternity leave, unfair dismissal, and of course redundancy.

The book goes through each law in turn, explaining what you are entitled to under them. Then there are sections on what procedures you have to go through to get your rights, and how to get help with your case if you need it.

All this is written in simple, straightforward language which tries to make the law understandable to anyone.

The book gives no idea about how to fight for equal pay and better conditions. But it doesn't set out to—and as far as it goes it is invaluable.

At 65p it won't sting your pocket too much—even if you don't get equal pay.

*RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, by Patricia Hewitt, NCCL, 65p.

Also useful are the Home Office pamphlets on the Sex Discrimination Act and the Equal Opportunities Commission. Free from HMSO, High Holborn, London WC2.

LINDSEY GERMAN



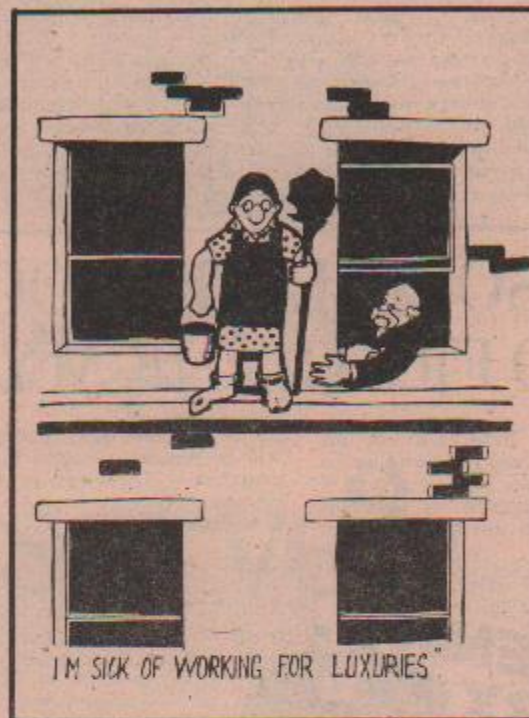
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I'M SICK OF WORKING FOR LUXURIES"

Drawings by ANDY JOHNSON from The Gender Trap

This proves the bosses' hypocrisy

Today is Equal Pay Day . . . it marks the successful outcome of the women's campaign against discrimination in terms of their pay. . . Here is proof of the action's will to ensure that women at work get the fair deal they deserve.

THAT was Employment Minister Michael Foot speaking on 29 December last year, equal pay day.

And here is a pamphlet which proves that whatever the nation's will, the Labour Government and the employers have no intention at all of seeing that women at work get the fair deal they deserve.

Women at work are low paid, more than ever work part-time, fewer and fewer serve apprenticeships or get any sort of training.

Women are in fact a surplus pool of labour. They are drawn into work when the economy is booming, and are the first to get kicked out when times are hard.

But then they get kicked

both ways. Not only do they lose their jobs, but the nurseries are closed, the hospitals send the sick home, 'community care' becomes the new policy. Women stand in as the welfare state gets cut back.

Every woman who reads Socialist Worker, and every man come to that, should have a copy of this pamphlet. It's full of the facts you need to write a leaflet, speak at a meeting, move a resolution.

As the pamphlet says: 'Women's vulnerability is a gift to employers and their government supporters. They nurture it, reinforce it, feed off it'. We must use this pamphlet to organise ourselves.

* WOMEN UNDER ATTACK, CIS Crisis Special Report, 45p.

MARGARET RENN

I DON'T THINK IT IS VERY SERIOUS EMERSON. ALL YOU NEED ARE A COUPLE OF SELF-LOCKING NUTS—TO KEEP THE COTTER-PINS FROM DROPPING OUT



SUNDAY

A SUMMER DAY ON THE SOMME (Radio 4) records the lunacy of war, the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, when 21,000 British soldiers died in one day after being ordered into battle by Lord Kitchener.

MONDAY

The work-in at Bryant's textile mill is a problem for BILL BRAND (ITV 9pm) in the fourth of Trevor Griffiths' serial about a Labour MP trying to reconcile socialism and parliamentary politics. Episodes so far have



been excellent. It's a must.

Give us bread

Readers in London have the chance to see a play by

Brecht not seen in English until now. THE BREADSHOP is about a group of unemployed workers in the 1930s who, driven to desperation in the search for work and food, stage a protest—until two are killed by police.

It's being performed for four days in London by the Bristol-based Avon Touring Theatre Company before a tour of the West Country.

□ Half Moon Theatre, 27 Allie Street, London E1. Wednesday 30 June to Saturday 3 July, 7.30pm.

Postal Points

ME AND my mates took some Flames to the local pub where—mostly black people go.

Being white, I was not sure how to sell the paper. In the end we sold 11 copies in as many minutes.

Then we went to a reggae disco and sold 13.

This is how we did it. First: 'Have you seen this paper?'

Then: 'It's called Flame—written by blacks for blacks.'

Some people were suspicious, most were keen to buy it.

Many of those who bought it borrowed five pence off someone else. We've also sold ten in the factory.

Go to wherever there is a group. It sells better that way.

Sell Chingari in the same way. If you don't understand Chingari, don't worry. The paper, like Flame, sells itself.

□ Matt Salisbury, AUEW, Hitchin.

Song of the grubby red mole

Please Sir, Mr. Government Education Man
Who teaches the teacher how to perform
To sign on the dotted line and conform
To teach all the necessary drills and skills
To prescribe to pupils and students your ideology pills
A perfectly natural way—it seems—to deform

Tell us Mr. Government Spokesman Man
Who taught you what education is—
Middle class moral citizenship—eh
'Nick off' its a swizz as every working class kid knows
It's a miserable seed that capitalist education sows

And tell us Mr. Government Spokesman Man
With what crummy lessons you'll prepare us for our role
For being unemployed on the misery of the dole
You'll never know the force of capitalist contradiction
Consciousness of which is teaching a whole new diction
To those who surface today as the grubby but strong red mole.

□ Alec Gordon, Leeds

Letters

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CAUTION IN THE REAL WORLD

IT IS WEAPON technology that determines who shall win and who shall lose when the chips are down. China falls down badly on this score. The Soviet Union on the other hand does this rather well I think.
What one must realise is that we live in a real world and

those who succeed best are those who remain within the realms of activity.
The Soviet Communist Party does do this, the Communist Party of China does not, and in consequence will one day pay the price. The same goes for all the other idealistic socialists, cranks,

creeping Jesuses, who make up the idealistic left.
What Socialist Worker wants is that the Soviet Union should cast fortune to the winds. As a man who believes in caution I feel that this course of action would be nothing short of suicidal. And as a socialist with conservative

tastes, I do not back losers. This is what the entire left-wing cause would become if the vampourings of the idealists were to be given any airing both inside the Soviet Union and outside it.
Either one has a fair and egalitarian society, with restrictions on so called freedom, or one has a grossly unequal society, and no restrictions. One can not have them both. The people of the Soviet Union has realised this and they are acting accordingly.

□ Robert Briggs, Hinckley

Use the press and tell SW

PARTINGTON Socialist Worker group recently had a letter published in our local paper—the Stretford and Urmston Journal—on unemployment.

I feel it is very important for local SW groups and IS branches to send letters to their local press at least once a fortnight.

They may not always get published but when they are they give us a valuable outlet for our politics and help us to get away from the fringe group image of our past.

Socialist Worker could help us in this by starting a letter of the month feature giving an IS book token or something as a prize for the best letter from the local organisation to their local paper.

□ Bernie Wilcox, Partington.

EDITOR: Great idea, comrade. Get writing the letters and we'll be giving away a prize for the best one next month.

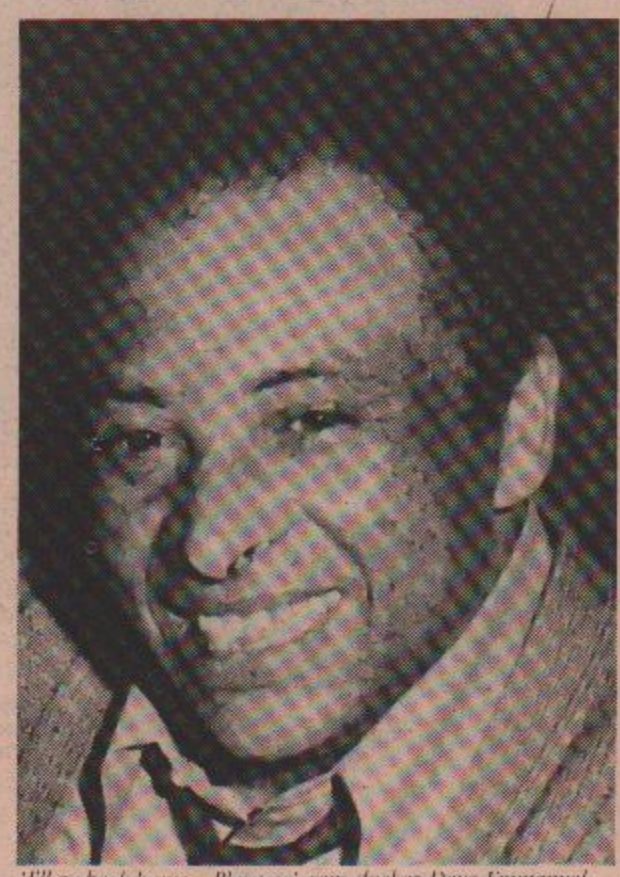
KIERAN GRANT (Socialist Worker May 1) links support to the present day Scottish Nationalist Party to the heritage of John Maclean.

Maclean, it should be remembered, came to support Scottish nationalism for one reason only—at the time England was the primary imperialist power and a bastion of world capitalism.

He linked the destruction of the English empire to the growth of the international revolutionary movement. He saw the nationalist movements in Ireland and India as well as Scotland not as an end in themselves but primarily as a contribution to the destruction of British Imperialism.

It was a matter of tactics not principle.

□ David Donegan, New York.



'I'll go back home—Plastow', says dock worker Dave Emmanuel.

THE PRICE of butter has increased by around 4p a pound, yet huge surpluses of milk products are accumulating in the EEC.

Obviously, as the price rises, consumption decreases proportionately but what will be done with the surplus? This is a crisis of underconsumption yet the Queen told us in her Commonwealth Day speech that we must press forward with the War On Want.

The policy of the EEC does not accord with the Queen's sentiments. The Commonwealth is a mockery. It fell apart when Britain joined the Common Market and we lost our preferential status for imports of cheap agricultural products from the Commonwealth.

□ C. McCann, Buxton.

ENOCH POWELL has now promised a situation that would make even Ulster where he has currently been active, seem amateurish.

The Tory owned free press of our liberal society have failed to inform the British public of the real facts. The Asians from East Africa would not have been uprooted from those countries today where they had lived for generations but for the actions of successive Tory governments that also consisted of Mr. Powell and Mr. Duncan Sandys, who permitted the issue of U.K. Passports (so-called British) to these Asians thus effectively blocking them from accepting African citizenships as their second choice.

□ P.R.K. Rao, Tottenham.

'I feel sorry for these racist fools'

I HAVE BEEN in the docks for 30 years. I was born in Custom House, East London after my father came to England from Jamaica and in all that time there has only been one incident of racialism against me.

That was when I went onto a South African ship in the dock and the crew stopped work because of my colour, and my mates in the dock decided to black it.

It hurts me to see people like the National Party and the National Front trying to stir up trouble and I feel sorry for the people who fall for their lies. It is simply ignorance.

Fifty white people could walk past my door and unless you spoke to them you wouldn't know what nationality they are but you can see that there is something different about a black person on sight and that's why these people cash in on it.

My friends in the docks—all white—don't even think of me

as black because they have known me so long and I have the same life style as they have. It's always been like that for me in the East End and for my family. I hope it always will be.
I hope we are not going to let another wave of Powellism turn people against each other through ignorance.

Racism the real villains

AS SOMEONE who was brought up in the East End, I was sickened by the behaviour of some people who watched the unemployment march through Newham.
It disgusted me to see the people I grew up with shouting abuse at Asians marching against unemployment and racialism.

They don't consider that industry has been

I don't know where Enoch Powell and the National Front would like to send me back to, but for £2000 I'd be willing to go back 'home'—two miles down the road from where I live now.

□ Dave Emmanuel, Plaistow.

systematically withdrawing from Newham in the past ten years. We have among the worst housing, education and employment problems in the country but they don't blame the real villains—the bosses.

The workforce in the docks where I work has been cut by 40,000 in ten years and there are only a handful of black workers

□ Jimmy Carter, Plaistow.

A SOCIALIST PROGRAMME TO FIGHT THE MYTH

CHRIS HARMAN in his article Dead End Solution To The Crisis states that even if unemployment is brought down to one million by an

export-led boom next year it will be pushed up again by another international economic crisis.

He gives no evidence of

what will cause this next crisis. Many workers hang on to the hope of a return to the 'never-had-it-so-good' years and sincerely believe that a year or two of sacrifice will bring them back.

It is not good enough for Socialist Worker to piously assert that 'there is likely to be another crisis'—the evidence must be given.

LIVING

However, I should like to praise Chris Harman for his brief attempt to present a socialist programme at the foot of the page. Although Socialist Worker has carried some excellent articles in the 'What Would You Put In Its Place?' column, these are no substitute for a programme of socialist demands.

Obviously, such a programme must be a living thing adaptable to local situations.

Without a political programme the genuinely socialist government which Chris Harman speaks of will never become reality.

□ Andy Wistreich, Partington, Manchester.

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International Socialism

The unacceptable 'Visual amenity' — unemployment

THE EDINBURGH Right to Work Committee produced some fine posters for the demonstration in the city on 26 May. And some trade unionists took it into their heads to fly poster them.

The next day, the Right to Work Committee had a visit from the city planning department! It would seem that the posters spoil the 'visual amenities' of Edinburgh.

The Committee pointed out to the official that many of the posters that he was complaining about were in slum areas and down by the dole. The inhabitants of such areas and the unemployed going to sign on were not really noted for their appreciation of the 'visual amenities' of the gracious city.

The Committee claimed that the existence of thousands of unemployed in 'beautiful' Edinburgh was of rather more importance than the visual amenities.

'Maybe so' said the official, 'but it is not covered by the Town and Country Planning Act'.

All of this reminded us of the stories that we had heard of the hunger marches to Edinburgh in the 1930s. Harry McShane had been one of the leaders of a hunger march, which actually camped for three days on fashionable Princes Street. The unemployed breakfasted on the pavements and shaved (wearing only bathing trunks) using

the mirror of the shop windows.

The Edinburgh middle class was horrified. 'Our beautiful city!' they moaned in the letter columns of the Edinburgh Evening News.

Their point of view was straightforward enough. They were terribly sorry that so many people were out of work but did these people really have to come and spoil their city's charming streets with 'so-called' hunger march.

The reply then was the same as the reply now: 'Yes, the parasites will be made to see what they are trying to destroy'.

□ Steve Faith, Edinburgh.

LET'S GET THE FOREMAN IN

PHIL EVANS' letter of 12 June has prompted me to write about something that has niggled me for years. If 'Norman' aims to portray life as it really is, why doesn't Norman's foreman join a union?

I have worked in three different engineering factories in three different parts of the country and in each case the white collar workers, including supervision, have been in a trade union.

Of course there are dif-

ferences. Management call foremen 'section managers' to maintain the illusion that it is the first step on the stairway to the stars.

But the aim of the political cartoon should not only be to portray life as it really is, but also to generate unity within the class.

To this end a dialogue ought to be started with Norman's foreman, aimed at getting him into a union.

□ Mick Buntin, ASTMS Group Secretary ITT, Harlow.

RACIALISM

WHERE does racialism come from? And who gains by it?

The beginnings of an answer, for Britain at least, can be found in a little-known Act passed exactly 380 years ago.

The date was 11 August 1596. The years of Tudor rule were drawing to a close. They had seen a massive shift of wealth towards the rich—and the birth of marked poverty. Capitalism was finding its feet.

Decline

In the 110 years after 1530, prices rose 500 per cent, while wages were often frozen by law. The decline in the living standards of the poor was, according to one historian, 'catastrophic'.

On average, every fourth year before the 1620s was a year of shortage.

David Livingstone, the famous missionary, once admitted that he went to Africa 'to make an open path for commerce and Christianity'—in that order.

—quoted in *The Missionaries* by Geoffrey Moorhouse

Not surprisingly, there were widespread rumblings of discontent and even signs of open revolt. 'What can rich men do against poor men if poor men rise and hold together?' an Essex labourer asked in 1594.

What indeed. But the 'rich men' had an answer: make sure the 'poor men' don't 'hold together'. They passed a Poor Law—the equivalent of today's social security—and then, with sentiments uncannily echoing talk of 'scroungers' today, insisted that only the 'deserving' should benefit.

Colour

They built 'houses of correction', which the poor hated more than the jailhouse, and they set up flogging posts to beat down those forced to live by begging.

But while they made slaves of their young working class, they made attempts to offer them a scapegoat for their misery: slaves of another colour.

Since 1556, a steady trickle of

We did not conquer India for the benefit of the Indians. I know it is said at missionary meetings that we conquered it to raise the level of the Indians. That is cant. We conquered India as the outlet for the goods of Great Britain. We conquered India by the sword and by the sword we should hold it.

—William Joynson Hicks, Tory Home Secretary, 1926

black slaves had been brought back to Britain by the rich to act as servants. They numbered no more than a few hundred by the turn of the 16th century.

And so, in August 1596, in words which Enoch Powell would relish, the Privy Council turned to racialism:

'Her Majesty, understanding that there are late divers blackmoors brought into this realm; of which kind there are already too manie, considering how God hath blessed this land with great increase of people of our owne nation... those kinds of people should be sent forth of the lands.'

And sent forth they were.



HOW THE KU KLUX KLAN WAS BORN

The Ku Klux Klan at work: the Klan was formed in 1865, within weeks of the defeat of the Southern States in the American civil war and the freeing of the black slaves.

It was quickly taken over by the Southern ruling class, the planters who had taken fright at the sudden upsurge of radicalism among not only the blacks but also the poor whites.

The Klan used terror to preserve the planters' superiority. Lynchings of 'uppity' blacks and scalawags (Southern white radicals) destroyed the radical movement. The number of lynchings rose year by year, until 1892's record figure of 255. Racialism had done its work—setting poor whites once again at the throats of the blacks, and so keeping both in their place.

How did it begin? Who did it serve?

IN 1655, Jamaica and its sugar plantations were captured from Spain, providing a base for the slave trade, which Britain soon came to dominate.

By 1729, a commentator of the day could say: 'All this great increase in our treasure proceeds chiefly from the labour of negroes in the plantations.'

Squalor

The slave trade was the most profitable of all branches of British commerce, slaves being sold in the West Indies for five times what they had cost on Africa's aptly-named Gold Coast (a rate of profit which made bearable, for the traders, the deaths of up to a fifth of the slaves in

the squalor they were forced to endure while crossing the Atlantic).

For an allegedly civilised, Christian country, the dehumanisation of millions of unsuspecting black Africans needed to be justified. It was done by presenting the black man as sub-human, as a savage, a fitting object for commercial rape.

The ferocity of this racist propaganda reached a crescendo towards the end of the 18th century. And it began to be directed against the growing numbers of slaves brought back to England by their 'owners'. By 1789, for instance, the 'West Indian' population of London was 20,000, bigger in relative terms than today.

These slaves had, by various legal rulings, become free men and women. But many found it impossible to get work.

When the government's attention was drawn to their plight, its answer was to repatriate some of them!

And so, in 1786 for instance, a number of blacks were bundled off to Sierra Leone in West Africa, where they founded Freetown.

These were the years in which Britain's rulers seized vast amounts of territory throughout the world and systematically looted it.

Bled

They had a remarkable record of pillage and exploitation to justify. In the last half of the 18th century, for example, an estimated £1,000 million worth of treasure was looted from India alone.

And that was only the beginning. As the Secretary of State for India, the Marquess of Salisbury, said in 1875: 'India must be bled'.

She was—with the result that an economy in many ways as advanced in the 18th century as Britain's became 'backward' and 'underdeveloped', a process which the

British 'explained' by the 'fecklessness of the native'.

India was bled in other ways. The Indian Mutiny of 1857 was answered with unbridled violence. One writer has described how 'the city of Delhi was put to the sword, looted and sacked with the ferocity of a Nazi extermination squad in occupied Poland'.

Wholesale murder could only be justified on racist grounds. 'To bag the nigger' became a favourite phrase of India's military sportsmen. 'Pea-fowls, partridges and Pandies rose together but the latter gave the best sport'.

As it was in India, so it was in Africa. And all the time the pillage was justified by racist propaganda the White Man's Burden, the Noble Savage, Britain's civilising mission—which the British ruling class succeeded in permeating through every layer of society.

RACIALISM was born out of imperialism, out of the need to rationalise the conquering and the crushing and the looting.

And it had its practical uses whenever the ruling class had their backs to the wall.

In 1919, the year in which Britain came closer to working-class revolution than at any time, before or since, there were race riots in nearly every major dock area of Britain: Cardiff, Manchester, Glasgow, Hull, Liverpool and London. In the Cardiff riot, 2500 whites went on the rampage; one black seaman was murdered. In Liverpool, 700 blacks were removed to jail for their own safety.

Numbers

At that time there were just 30,000 blacks living in this country. It was not a question of numbers then. It is not a question of numbers now.

For them, it is a question of race, the last refuge for a ruling class which knows it has nothing to offer its victims who happen to be white than the skins of its victims who happen to be black.

For us, it is a question of class, a question which that Essex labourer posed nearly four centuries ago:

'What can rich men do against poor men if poor men rise and hold together?'

Cardiff tenants burn their heating bills

CARDIFF: More than 100 tenants burnt their heating bills outside Cardiff City Hall last Thursday after a march in protest at the defective council-run central heating system.

The tenants pay £4.95 a week for heating and hot water from the heating plant. When the Council came to settle the rebates and surcharges, hundreds of tenants

received bills of up to £50. These were all estimated as the council admits the meters are faulty.

Estimates are calculated solely on the type of house that is occupied, so a pensioner living alone is being told to pay the same surcharge as a large family. The council claim the estimates to be 'fair and accurate' yet one tenant has received a bill for a further £1.33 although there the heating system has never worked.

The burn-in was organised by the newly-formed Pentwyn Tenants Action Group as part of a campaign demanding cancellation of all alleged arrears' and the setting up of an independent investigation into the heating and metering system—at Council expense.

Killer

A large number of tenants have agreed not to pay both the surcharge and the weekly heating charge until the council gives in. Pentwyn Tenants Action Group is seeking support from other tenants' groups and trades union organisations.

Colin Bishop, a member of the Bakers Union, told Socialist Worker: 'Pensioners are going to be afraid to turn their heating on. In winter months this could be a killer. As a tenant and a trades unionist I am not prepared to stand by and see pensioners on this estate die of hypothermia.' Tenants on the next door Llanedeyrn Estate attended the demonstration in support of the Pentwyn tenants.

As Terry James, Pentwyn Tenants Action Group chairman, told the tenants: 'Due to cut backs, rents will increase by £3 in the next two years. We will be paying £20-a-week rent by 1978. We must organise ourselves and fight back and not rely on councillors and other officials.'

Messages of support are vital—most tenants have never been in trade unions—so please send all letters of support to: Terry James, Chairman, Pentwyn Tenants Action Group, 51 Bryn Celyn, Pentwyn, Cardiff.



The rubbish piling up in Cumbernauld—the SNP would like the army moved in

Scotsnats pile on the rubbish

CUMBERNAULD: Rubbish is piling up as the Scottish National Party councillors continue with their attempt to cut the wages of the town's dustmen.

Despite attempts by union officials to get the men back to work, despite a witch-hunt by the press, the strike is still solid in its sixth week.

The SNP-controlled council demanded that the dustmen take a straight cut of £6 a week in their bonus. When the men refused, the council cut of as much as £25.

Two weeks ago, the council tried to break the strike by hiring scab labour—but the picketing was so effective that the scabs turned tail and haven't been back since. Since then the council, and Provost Gordon Murray in particular, have tried a vile propaganda campaign in the press and on television.

The Evening Times, owned by SNP member Hugh Fraser, published a lead story last week which lied about International Socialists on the picket line and was a clear attempt to discredit the dustmen's case.

Tommy Canavan, a miner from the nearby Cardowan Colliery told Socialist Worker: 'About 90 per cent of the dustmen's support



Some of the dustmen on the picket line—they are fighting £6 wage cuts

comes from the local mining villages of Croy and Condorrat, and both of those communities are right behind them.

The Croy miners' welfare club has collected £50 for the strike fund and the Condorrat Social Club has given £50. On top of that we've collected £102 from the local pits.

support of trade unionists, then there's no doubt they can win.

It's clear who's to blame. Murray's the man who started it. He wanted the wages cut, he brought in the scabs—now he's on about violence on the picket line and outside agitators.

As far as local people are concerned the SNP have made complete fools of themselves.

At the weekend the strikers were talked into

going to the Conciliation and Arbitration Service, but afterwards it was clear the dustmen will not end their strike without a cast iron guarantee about their wages.

The SNP Council has already asked the government to intervene. It says, in a document obtained by Socialist Worker: 'The district council therefore requests the government to approve and support action by the district council to have rubbish removed to their coup by private contractors or government or service agencies, to prevent health and fire hazards.'

Case

Last year the Glasgow dustmen were beaten when the Labour government sent in troops to move rubbish. If they fry it again the local trade union movement must act. The dustmen's stand against wage cuts is vital for all workers.

At present the government seems reluctant to intervene, especially since the Cumbernauld strikers' case is so clear cut. Every trade unionist should raise this issue as a priority in their branch or shop stewards' committee, with the aim of getting cash and messages of support to the strike committee.

Donations and messages to John Currie, 21 Hillside, Croy, Dunbartonshire.

DEFEND THE 43!

SHOP STEWARDS at Crosfield Electronics, North London, collected a magnificent £50 for the defence of the 43 arrested Right to Work marchers this week.

Other collections and donations have come from: Wycombe Trades Council £3.33, Woodside School, Newham, £5.65, Royal College of Art Students Union £5, Arondale site, Manchester £12.50, Newton-le-Willows £2.50, Liverpool CPSA member £4, Trinity College, Cambridge, £5.25, Shoreditch School NET £3, Oxford Right to Work Committee £21, Liverpool AUEW £5.55, Downside Primary School, Hackney, £1.74.

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

SHEFFIELD SPARKS: WHY WE HAVE LOST

SHEFFIELD: Eighteen electricians, sacked seven weeks ago by building contractors N G Baileys, have been re-employed.

But they have not been reinstated. Instead they have to fill in new application forms, they must accept that they were fairly sacked; they will not be re-employed on their old site, and they must accept any employment offered them by Baileys, no matter where or what.

The 18 sparks, on the Baileys site in Barnsley Street, had been sacked after a series of half-day token strikes against wage cuts. The other 12 sparks on the site came out with them. Another 130 electricians on other sites in and around Sheffield struck in support.

The attitude of the union was clearly shown at the following Sheffield central branch meeting. For the first time in the memory of a lot of the members a show of cards was demanded to gain entry. This was clearly a method of stopping militants from questioning the statements of the local official, Chatman.

He said there was no way the union would support the strike.

But the strike continued. Delegations were sent around sites in the North of England. Generous aid was given by many sites, in particular BSC Scunthorpe, Insk Power Station, and Arndale Centre, Manchester.

At another meeting, Chatman made sure there was no chairman. There was a lot of confusion, and the meeting ended in deadlock.

So the strikers voted to give Chatman a chance and we returned to work.

This shows the need for the sort of Rank and File organisation that was discussed in the Birmingham rank and file electricians' meeting in the last week of the strike.

Gas offices overtime ban

by CHRIS GORMAN
Edinburgh NALGO Gas branch

A BAN on all regular overtime by staff in the gas industry is being called in an attempt to force the employers to take on more staff in the face of mounting unemployment.

The ban has been called by the Gas Group Conference of the government workers' union NALGO. The action has to have the approval of the union's executive, but we are looking on this as a formality. There is no money involved—which is the usual stumbling block when trying to get official backing in NALGO.

The ban should start on 1 August, and the conference delegate who moved the resolution called on delegates not just to vote, but to go back and prepare action.

Every NALGO gas branch must get organised. The fight against unemployment will be won in the workplace, not the conference hall.

Army kills teacher in the ambush that never was

by EAMONN McCANN

Liam Prince, a 27-year-old County Down teacher, was shot dead as he drove past a British Army patrol near Newry on 12 June.

An Army spokesman claimed that Prince had driven into crossfire between the patrol and Provisional IRA ambushers. But the Provisionals say there was no ambush.

Local people claim they heard only one volley of shots and the army has been unable to produce any evidence of IRA involvement—such as spent cartridges.

On 14 June RUC men opened fire with pistols and a sub-machine gun on a taxi driver in the Falls Road area of Belfast. Amazingly, at a range of 50 yards, they missed.

The only explanation offered was that the taxi had earlier done a U-turn before reaching a police check point in the city centre. No charges have been made against the driver.

On 16 June three young Belfast supporters of the Official Republican Movement, Peter Hands, Jim Scullion and Frank McAlorum, told a press conference that they had been

TROOPS OUT



tortured in Springfield Road RUC barracks after being arrested for questioning about the killing of a Special Branch detective the previous week. Peter Hands had signed a confession to the killing after three days' questioning'. He was later released.

An RUC spokesman, who confirmed that all three had been cleared, could not explain why one of them had made a confession. The Provisionals have admitted the killing.

Last Saturday, Northern Ireland Secretary Merlyn Rees dismissed all such complaints as coming from 'rumour-mongers and purveyors of propaganda'. But in the past three weeks such allegations have been steadily increasing.

Dead

Rees frequently claims that the troops must stay in Northern Ireland to prevent an even greater sectarian holocaust. But the sectarian killings continue unabated—four more dead at the weekend—while the army and police focus their attention and their gun sights on prospective subversives and innocent passers-by who, fatally, have given them offence.

Any connection between ending sectarian killings and the activities of the security forces here is not just a coincidence but a positive contradiction.

BUILDERS PICKET LUMP SITE

HATFIELD: Building workers in three Hatfield and Welwyn branches of the construction union UCATT have launched a campaign to drive out labour-only subcontracting from the area. They are calling on building workers throughout the country to do the same.

Labour only subcontracting is a legalised form of the lump. It means low pay, bad conditions and is an attempt to break trade union organisation on sites.

Their campaign began with a mass picket at the Marshall Andrews viaduct site, where 150 council homes are being built for the local authority. They are keeping a daily picket of four on the site by raising £1 a week from each member.

So far materials have been stopped from entering the plant thanks to the co-operation of TGWU and GMWU drivers.

The move was immediately successful when subcontractors left the site, but Marshall Andrews said they would bring in new lump contractors.

The action has been spread to other council sites.

Notices and meetings

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

NORTH WEST SPANNER an 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 dinner-time audiences, take the agro and win an audience over? Could you play the accordion riding a one-wheeled bike? Just some of the qualities we are looking for. North West Spanner, the 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, Lancs 061-881 7845 or Mossley 4672.

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

LEICESTER National Abortion Campaign working conference: to launch local out-patient abortion clinic campaign. Sheila Abdulla speaking. Sunday 27 June, 10.30am-5pm, AUEW Hall, Leicester.

EAST LONDON Rank and File Teachers Social: Saturday 26 June, 8pm-Midnight, St Hilda's Community Centre, Club Row, London E2. Disco, group, late bar. Tickets 65p.

Hackney NUT meeting on Life and Death in Chile, prisoner adoption, humanrights. Film: Message from Chile. Friday 25 June, 7.30pm, Centreprise, 147 Kingsland High Road, London E8. Speaker from Chile Committee for Human Rights.

NORTH WEST SPANNER socialist theatre truck tour: Factory gate performances of the latest play against unemployment, Dig for Victory, in and around Manchester. Friday 25 June: Manchester Dry Docks.

Monday 28 June: GEC, Openshaw. Tuesday 29 June: Carborundum, Trafford Park.

Wednesday 30 June: Shell Chemicals, Urston. Thursday 1 July: Pochins building site, Oxford Road, Manchester. Friday 2 July: Magnesium Elektron. Plus evening benefit performance for Automat strike fund: 8pm, Stocks Hotel, Swinton. For details of other performances, phone 061-881 7845.

International Communist League/International Marxist Group joint public meeting on 'Building a Trotskyist International'. Friday 25 June, 7pm, Conway Hall. Speakers John Ross (IMG) and Sean Magamna (I-CI) and representatives of the leaderships of both organisations. Admission 10p.

HARLOW Chile Solidarity Campaign: Saturday 26 June, 8pm, AUEW Hall, Herberths Road, Harlow. Twelve Shifts of Gear, a play by Chilean playwright Juan Vera about life in Chile before the coup. Tickets 50p on the door.

The Irish Republican Socialist Party has changed its address to: Box Six, Rising Free Bookshop, 142 Drummond Street, London NW1.

TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT social after conference. Green Man, 383 Euston Road (nearest tube Great Portland St.), 8pm to midnight.

NUS/Anti-Apartheid Movement annual conference on Southern Africa. 9-11 July, Sheffield City College. Registrations from AAM, 89 Charlotte St. London W1.

OCCUPATION!

But police and union official remove Automat strikers

SWINTON: 40 strikers and unemployed workers attempted to occupy the Automat plant after a mass picket last Thursday.

But their brave show of strength was smashed by police.

Some pickets forced the main door and barricaded themselves into the canteen. They opened the door only to let AUEW divisional organiser John Tocher in, but police followed. Tocher

then managed to talk most of the occupiers out of the building.

At a meeting outside, Tocher attacked the occupation, saying there are times when an occupation is a good idea, but this was not one of them.

The occupation would have immediately stopped any further production and left pickets free to help in organising the blacking campaign. Workers at Automat are in the 23rd week of their strike for union recognition.

The strikers' morale was given a boost by the arrival of hundreds of Manchester engineers on the mass picket.

150 workers from Massey Ferguson

marched to the picket line under their banner in response to the call by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. Workers from nearby Gardners and Robinsons, two engineering firms, started the picket at 7am.

Police have begun to harass individuals active on the picket lines, visiting their homes and making veiled personal threats.

Ended

The mass pickets are to continue with factories being asked to provide pickets on specified days.

On Friday, strikers and workers

from Chloride, Manchester, successfully ended the Automat contract with Chloride, Southampton. Some of the women workers in Southampton offered to strike if necessary. They are holding a meeting this week to make sure that Automat products are blacked.

□ Support this strike. Send donations to Tom Smith, Automat Convenor, AUEW Offices, The Crescent, Salford.

□ Right to Work Campaign Social for Automat strikers: Friday 2 July, 7.30pm, Beehive Hotel, Clifton, Swinton. North West Spanner and Disco. 70p. Free buffet.

Teachers force school to remove asbestos ceiling

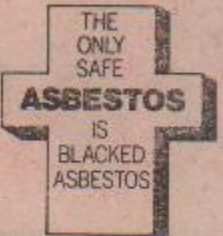
by LES TATE (NUT)
SOUTH LONDON: Nobody here at Kingsdale School realised that we were holding assemblies under a flaking asbestos roof.

When someone finally noticed the danger we realised that with so many children and teachers exposed to the fine threads of asbestos dust there must be a chance of someone developing cancer.

We held an emergency union meeting and banned the use of the hall. That didn't please everyone. Where would we hold the exams?

The hall roof was quickly covered with thin sheets of paper! Mind you, it wasn't the whole roof. Only the parts where the flaking was obvious.

We were all then asked to use the hall with just a few flimsy sheets of paper between



us and possible cancer. Again the union refused.

This time some experts were sent round and admitted that the danger was much greater than they had originally thought. We are now waiting for men in full protective clothing and breathing gear to enter the hall and take the asbestos down.

Hospital battle

NORTH LONDON: Workers at the trade union-backed Manor House Hospital are involved in a bitter struggle over asbestos. Following the discovery of leaking lagging in the boilerhouse and hospital laundry, management agreed in principle that the lagging should be stripped and a substitute installed.

Management's response was to put up a piece of plastic sheeting. But this didn't even seal off the offending lagging, a fact that infuriated Transport Union branch secretary, Jose Caba.

It showed that management not only trifled with workers' health but thought they were fools. He and his fellow union officers set up an emergency meeting to discuss the situation.

Jose also invited patients' representatives to the meeting since their health was also at risk.

At this, management moved against Jose, claiming he had no right to inform patients about the potential risk to their health. So-called moderate opinion among the workers was mobilised and a motion of censure against Jose was passed at a union meeting by one vote.

On Tuesday, after a petition for another meeting signed by more than 60 Manor House workers, the branch was to meet again. Before this meeting Jose Caba was called in for a meeting with management and full-time union officials.

Socialist Worker will report the outcome of these meetings

Pickets tour Vibroplant

COUNTY DURHAM: Engineering workers have been on the picket line at Vibroplant in Washington for eleven weeks demanding their jobs back. All 13 men were sacked when they began a work-to-rule against the victimisation of a shop steward.

Two members from the picket line and an unemployed member of the local Right to Work Committee travelled down to the lobby of the TUC last week. They spent three days travelling back to Newcastle via Vibroplant depots at Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Nottingham, Rotherham, Bradford and Leeds.

At every depot the pickets from Washington stressed the urgent need to join the union and build links with other Vibroplant depots throughout the country. They had a good response everywhere.

Social work case appeal

BIRMINGHAM: The social workers have called off the strike which followed the sacking of NUPE Secretary Martin Cumella and the demolition of social work team leader Pam Mansell. An appeal hearing will take place.

The decision to call off the strike was taken at a mass meeting after the social workers' association (BASWA) and NALGO had shown reluctance to support any action.

□ A public rally, to draw together the support for the two victimised trade unionists, will be held this Saturday, 26 June, at 2pm in the Digbeth Civic Hall.

Victory for journalists

GLASGOW: Collins, the publishers who rate the Holy Bible among their best sellers, have just been smitten after breaking their covenant with the National Union of Journalists.

The 69 journalists were fighting for union rights for all grades within the office in the face of a management refusal to recognise the union's right to negotiate for NUJ members in the higher grades.

When the management ripped up the agreement only signed in January, the journalists decided to strike. They strengthened their hand by liaising with some members of the print union SOGAT, also in dispute, and by effective picketing.

Within three days the journalists were back inside, every one of their demands met

Students to sit in through summer

by LINDSEY GERMAN
International Socialists student organiser

'I WENT down the Edinburgh dole today and it was full of Moray House students signing on. We haven't won anything yet.

That's why it's important to keep the Moray House occupation going over the summer. We need to keep up the campaign by visiting workplaces over the next two months.

The National Union of Students has shown it wouldn't fight on our behalf—now we have to turn it into a campaigning union, which really represents its members in struggle.

That's what Rosie Smallwood, of the Moray House teachers training college occupation, told Socialist Worker this week.

Fight

At the other end of the country, John Lomas Clarke of Southlands College in South London, said: 'We're holding a meeting of active colleges in South West London this Thursday to try to get students to keep one college in the area occupied over the summer. We need to keep students—particularly college leavers—involved in the fight for jobs.'

Those are two students who want to continue the college occupations. Several colleges, including Moray House and CF Mott in Liverpool, have already made the decision to go ahead. There may be others.

These colleges gave a lead in occupying during term time—now they can do it again.

Activity and support from other student teachers are the key to keeping the occupations going. Every



ABOVE: Part of the 3000-strong demonstration that besieged the National Union of Students last week. The march, included student teachers, trade unionists, unemployed workers who had come from lobbying the Special TUC, 250 teachers from 10 schools in Lambeth who came out on strike for the day.

occupation should plan how to fill its time. Visits to schools, factories, other workplaces, occupations of local education offices, pickets, leafletting dole queues can all be used to spread the campaign and gain support.

Forty-four unemployed students have already signed up for the Right to Work march from London to the Brighton TUC in September—no doubt more will follow.

The Right to Work Campaign can play an important role, providing help and links with the trade union movement.

Poly sit-in battle ends

STUDENTS at North East London Poly, Barking, have just ended their occupation against discriminatory fees for overseas students and against unemployment.

Two weeks ago the governors obtained injunctions against the occupation. But the students stayed firm and the governors never dared to enforce the injunctions.

The meeting that ended the occupation agreed on more direct action in support of their demands next term.

NOISS needs funds!

DURING the past five weeks the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies (NOISS) has produced two national posters to spread the occupations and three copies of the Occupation News. We made a special banner and produced a national leaflet for the TUC lobby.

Our members on the executive of the National Union of Students and the IS student committee have spent those weeks travelling the country.

All that intervention has cost money. Just at a time of year when we—like all students—are running out. That's why this is a special request for all available money to be

rushed straight to NOISS so we can continue our level of work, if needed, over the holiday. So send us now:

□ All money owing. Most places owe large amounts for the overseas students pamphlet—which sold like hot cakes—and Occupation News. Plus old debts such as for Agitator and the Angola pamphlet.

□ Hold a special levy of NOISS members in your college if possible—the proceeds from sale of old course books and so on may come in handy.

□ If you can hold any fund-raising event—do it and send the money quick.

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Triumph at Lancaster!

THE first woman president ever—and the first time the Broad Left has lost the presidency in five years—that's the result of the student election at Lancaster University.

Maggie Gallagher, a member of the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies (NOISS), won the presidency with almost 500 first preferences, beating the right wing and the Broad Left.

Liam Duffy, another NOISS member, won the vice-presidency, with a similar vote.

1500 BUILDERS ON STRIKE

FIFTEEN HUNDRED building workers are now on strike in the Thames Estuary over safety.

Five hundred men are still out at the Dartford Tunnel site. They are fighting an attempt by the employers, Balfour Beatty, to make them work faster in the already unsafe working conditions.

Now 1000 men are out at the

site for the world's largest power station, the Isle of Grain.

The contractors, Babcock and Wilcox, are refusing to supply protective clothing, although they're handling calcium fibreglass. A doctor has confirmed that the employers are breaking the Health and Safety Act.

□ The next meeting of the

South Essex Rank and File Health and Safety Committee is on Tuesday 6 July at 7.30pm, at Swimming Pool, Basildon.

□ Messages of support for Isle of Grain strikers to Jim Duffy, 109 Rochester Avenue, Rochester, Kent. For the Dartford Tunnel strikers, to Jimmy Kavanagh, 93 Adare Walk, Streatham, London, SW2.

Trico men out

WEST LONDON: Women on strike at the Trico windscreen wiper factory in Brentford were given a boost last Friday when men in the toolroom joined them on the picket line.

The 350 women are in the fifth week of their strike for equal pay. Until now the men had refused to join them, but they are hopeful that support will grow.

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School-leavers join dole- and Right to Work march

EVEN more people are on the dole this month. The official figure for unemployment in June is 1,332,605.

The number of unemployed school-leavers has jumped to 122,905. The 85,000 just leaving join those who have been on the dole since they left school last year.

Firms are cutting apprenticeships, not replacing women staff who leave to have

babies, not filling vacancies made by workers who retire, move, or leave their jobs through other forms of 'natural wastage'.

John Deason, secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign, said: 'It's the job of every trade unionist to make sure that every vacancy is filled. No one has the right to sell jobs—the jobs that those 122,905 school leavers need. The teachers' "no cover" campaign shows what can be done.'

FIFTY marchers so far. That is the number already committed to march from London to the TUC Congress in Brighton this September for the Right to Work.

At last Wednesday's mass rally in Friends Meeting House in London, after the TUC Special Congress, 40 student teachers signed up for the march after hearing an appeal from veteran Scottish socialist Harry McShane.

'We marched in the 1930s and we will march again until we build a society that will end unemployment forever', he told the audience of more than a thousand at the Right to Work Campaign rally.

At a meeting of school leavers on Sunday, another seven marchers came forward. A dozen others said they were interested.

Among those definitely on the march is Cathy Duke, from Steyning in Sussex. She is 16. Since she left school she has not been able to find a permanent job.

She told Socialist Worker: 'I'm tired of just sitting around. I want to do something about it.'

Oppose

The marchers will leave London on Saturday 4 September and arrive in Brighton for a mass protest rally against unemployment outside the Congress on Tuesday 7 September.

The Right to Work Campaign is making a major effort in the next four weeks to sign up marchers. Said Campaign secretary John Deason: 'We want a much bigger march than last time.'

'We are approaching school and college leavers in the next two weeks before they drift off over the summer, and we are approaching all trade unionists and other—men, women, black and white—who have lost their jobs. We want everyone represented when we go to Brighton to tell the TUC to start fighting.'

At every meeting and on every leaflet the Campaign is now appealing for marchers to come forward.

Full details from the National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.



Cathy Duke: 'I'll definitely be on this march'

AXE HANGS OVER 100,000 COUNCIL JOBS

'WE Labour Party people have had just about enough. Healey—he makes me sick when I see him on telly. There's not one of us here who didn't work themselves to exhaustion to get this government returned.'

'The government needn't expect the same effort next time if they kick their councils and the members in the teeth. They should come down here and talk to the people who put them in.'

George Mehan, chairman of the housing committee of the North London borough of Haringey, was talking at a press conference on Monday.

The leaders of the council were announcing the unanimous decision of the majority Labour group to defy the government's most recent demand for cuts in local government spending.

Vic Garwood, the council's deputy leader, said: 'If we were to do what Peter Shore, the Trade Minister, wants us to do in his recent circular, we would have to sack 1000

We refuse to do it, say councillors

people who work for the council, including 250 teachers.

'We're not prepared to do that.'

The council leaders also announced that there would be no cuts in services, no general rise in charges, and no

increase in rents.

Hundreds of other councils are meeting this week to discuss the Shore circular. For many, the circular demands massive cuts in spending before next March. As many as 100,000 jobs are threatened.

The circular carries a threat that the government will cut off funds to councils that refuse to 'meet the targets'.

Effort

Haringey council leaders oppose the cuts, but they will not campaign against them. When Councillor Ware, council leader, was asked about the alternative to the government's strategy, he replied: 'That's national politics. We don't discuss them here. We have an MP for that.' However strong the council's opposition to the cuts, they are at the mercy of the government as long as they hope to change things on their own.

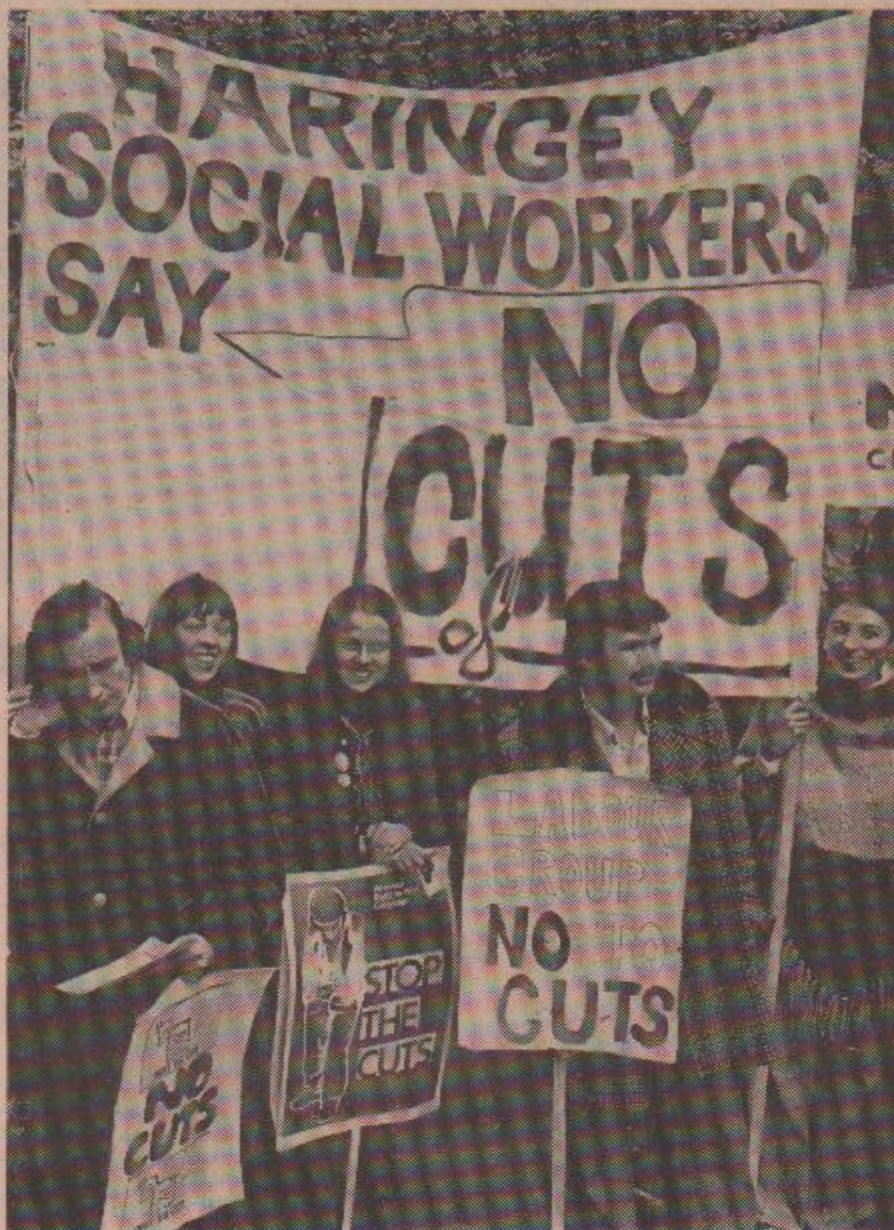
If Shore's vicious cuts are to be resisted, the fight has to be carried out of the council chamber into the offices.

ETV: How to reverse the cuts

CUTS can be restored. It's been proved by the case of the Educational Television (ETV) service in Glasgow.

Earlier this year Strathclyde Regional Council announced the closure of ETV and the sacking of its 41 workers.

But local pressure in the government workers' union



Council employees demonstrating support for the Labour councillors' defiance of the government

schools, parks, bus garages, and health centres.

Trades councils and committees against the cuts must campaign now to bring rank and file trade union support behind the council stand against the cuts.

NAIGO and by other council staff led to a call, at this month's NAIGO conference, for a day-long strike of all the union's 10,500 members in Strathclyde, followed by further action.

This week the council withdrew the redundancy notices and promised to keep all 28 still working at ETV employed at full salaries.

AUEW THREAT TO BAN

THE executive of the Engineering Union (AUEW) is threatening to intervene in the overtime ban at Rubery Owen factories in Staffordshire and smash it.

The ban has been going on since April in protest at the management's refusal to negotiate minimum time rates over and above the £6 limit. The workers argue they have two separate agreements one for basic wages, which includes the £6, and the other for minimum time rates.

Management and union officials are sticking to government policy and insisting that no money can be paid above the £6.

The Rubery Owen stewards were summoned to the AUEW district committee but refused

to attend. A letter was read from the executive saying that executive member Bob Wright would intervene in the dispute 'with or without the shop stewards.'

This follows a number of scare stories about the losses which British Leyland is suffering due to the hold-up of parts from Rubery Owen.

1936: WERE YOU IN SPAIN?

Socialist Worker is planning special articles in July commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Spanish Civil War. We would like all readers who fought in the war or who supported the Spanish Republicans to write to us. We would also appreciate old newspapers, photos, posters—which we will copy and return in the same condition.

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