

# Socialist Worker

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EXPECTING ANY DAY...



# DESPERATE FOR WORK

## 1,460,000 on dole - and that's not counting 800,000 women like Maggie Davey



MAGGIE DAVEY: Just one of 800,000 women 'unofficially' out of work

...A NEW BABY— AND EVICTION FROM THE TENT THEY CALL 'HOME'  
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### We've pinched Nazi Relf's sign

(And look what we're going to do with it)  
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SECRET AGENT EXPOSED  
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BEING 24 and foolish, my husband and myself decided to start a family.

Nine months later, we found that we were unable to feed the three of us on one wage.

Since then, I have been looking for part-time evening work. It has to be evening work as there are no nursery facilities in the Leeds suburb in which we live.

I have been unsuccessful in finding a job. One of many interviews I have attended was at Safeways in Leeds, who were advertising for evening stockists.

I got there at 9.30am (open interviews were scheduled from 9am to 6pm) and was told to come back at 10.30am as 30 people were already waiting in the canteen, some of whom had arrived at 8am.

I dragged my daughter around in the rain for an hour and returned to find a queue of about 35 people. I waited until 11.30am. In that hour the queue did not go down at all. Obviously, people were still waiting to be seen in the canteen.

By the time I left, about 15 people

were behind me and still rolling up. Safeways only wanted about four or five. It must have been like this in the Thirties.

The people queueing, mostly women, were arguing, accusing other people of pushing in. In general, on talking to them, they were all quite desperate for work.

One woman told me she worked at a Leeds hotel from 5.30pm until 10pm, making tea and washing up five nights a week.

After bus fares, she netted £3.50 plus perks—a cup of tea and a sandwich eaten standing up at the sink.

We all had in common a ridiculous desire to get hold of 98p an hour (fantastic money for part-time work locally).

I was dreaming of what I would do with all this sudden wealth, the luxuries I could buy were boundless—shoes for our daughter, lamb chops—the list was endless.

It's back to the part-time section of the Evening Post for me and another six months of searching.

Know anyone who wants a skivvy cheap?

## Join the big summer march for jobs

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# Tax scroungers get clean away with £2000 million

THE newspapers are full of stories of money 'fiddled' by what they call 'social security scroungers'. Not a word has appeared about the massive tax robbery carried out by private industry bosses with the help of Labour Chancellor Denis Healey.

In 1971-72, £6000 million was collected in income tax from individuals. In the same year, profits tax

collected from companies was £1600 million.

This year (1975-76), £15,068 million was collected in income tax, two and a half times what was collected five years ago. But company tax had only gone up to £1987 million—a tiny per cent increase in five years.

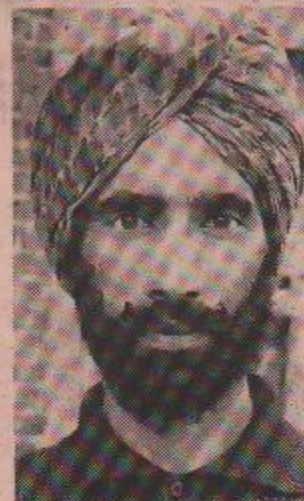
In the same period the surplus of private

companies—that's profit before tax and interest—had doubled from £11,124 million to £21,500 million.

If company tax was still paid at the same low rate of five years ago, the government would be collecting £2000 million more from companies. That's enough to pay twice over for the cuts that Healey and Callaghan are planning for houses,

public transport, hospitals and schools.

This huge handout to private industry is the direct result of two measures introduced by Denis Healey in the two most recent budgets. The measures allow companies not to pay tax on the value of their stocks or on the value of their investment. Many big private companies are paying no tax at all.



Chanan Singh Vilkho: He was hit in the neck

# BRICKLAYER SHOT IN NECK BY RACIST

by MOHAN BHARA and TED PARKER

ON Tuesday 6 July someone in a block of flats near the Highbury Grove building site, in North London, decided they didn't like black people. Chanan Singh Vilkho, a member of the building workers union UCATT, was

one of a team of 12 bricklayers working on the site.

At around 2.30pm there was a sharp crack, as something bounced off a wall and hit the side of his spectacles. He turned to speak to a fellow-worker, who had also felt something hit him.

Just then, Chanan felt a sharp pain in the side of his neck, and reached up to feel a small hole torn in the flesh. It took a few seconds for him to realise that he had been hit by a pellet, and that someone had been shooting at him from the flats.

He was taken to the accident department of the Royal Northern Hospital, where they dug out an air-gun pellet.

### FACTS

Straight after the shooting on the site, the brickies stopped work for two hours.

There is no effective trade union organisation on the Highbury Grove site. There was not even sufficient first aid provision to apply an elastoplast to the wound.

Above all, a system for defence needs to be established by the workers on the site, as the police have been unable to provide protection or locate those responsible. It is an unacceptable situation where racials can fire air gun pellets at black workers as easily as at tin cans, and where no one can do anything about it.

### CARIB TWO ARE FREED

AT LAST! All the blacks accused during the Carib Club incident of October 1974 are free. Police had entered the club in Cricklewood, North West London, to look for a suspect and then systematically beat the young people as they were forced to leave the building.

Dennis Bovell and Raymond Dockery were released on appeal on Monday. They had been found guilty on the basis of police identification—which as everyone knows since the Peter Hain case if they didn't know before, is very doubtful evidence.

The other ten blacks brought to trial were all acquitted.

They call it British justice. But justice is still to come. The defence committee is now considering civil actions against the police.

### ALL FOR AN ASHTRAY!

by Azim Hajee

A WEST INDIAN boy was accused of stealing an ashtray in the International Club on Constitution Hill, Birmingham, last Thursday. The police were called in and a scuffle developed when they tried to arrest the boy.

The police then completely over-reacted. They called reinforcements and arrested the boy and six of his friends.

Others in the club were so outraged by the police behaviour that they went home to nearby Handsworth and told their neighbours. A spontaneous demonstration of 150 West Indians marched down to the Steelhouse Lane Police Station. They demanded the seven boys by released immediately on bail.

They stayed there till 5.30am when the boys were released.

But they were then even angrier—because the boys were covered with bruises they'd received at the station.

All over one little ashtray! There will be more protests when the boys come up in court on 6 August.

# IT'S A FARE FIGHT!

TO LONDON TRANSPORT EXECUTIVE, Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have today travelled from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

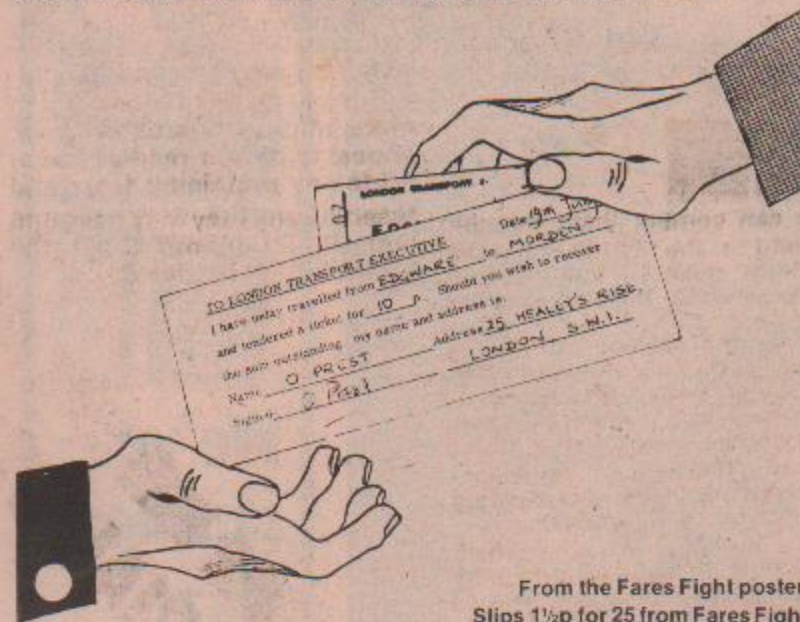
and tendered a ticket for \_\_\_p/ \_\_\_\_\_ Should you wish

to recover the outstanding sum, my name and address is:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

One of the slips—cut it out and use it next time you travel by tube.



From the Fares Fight poster. Slips 1½p for 25 from Fares Fight, Flat 3, 76 Sidney Street, London E1.

IF London Transport want to get the latest massive fare increases out of passengers on the London Underground they are going to have to fight for every penny.

That's the view of Fare Fight, an organisation set up by some of the George Davis campaigners, that's come up with a plan that allows passengers to refuse to pay the increase by handing over an IOU.

### Filled

This is how you do it. First you get a book of deferred payment slips from the Fare Fight office (they cost 1½p a book).

When you go to the station, buy a ticket which you think is a fair price for your journey. At the other end, hand the collector your ticket plus the slip, filled in with details like your address, where you have travelled from and how much you paid for your ticket.

You might be asked for identification.

The campaign is already well under way. The organisers started by posting and distributing leaflets and IOU slips to passengers on the Underground on Monday—the first day of the increases.

Already there have been attempts

## Big campaign starts against tube fares rise

to intimidate people. One woman was interrogated and eventually paid the full fare because she wasn't sure of her ground.

Another woman had a visit from a London Transport inspector the following day. He had come to claim the money. They usually write you a letter.

'Don't be intimidated,' said social worker Jim Paton, one of Fare Fight's organisers.

'This is strictly legal. To accuse you of anything, the authority has to prove that you travelled 'with

intent to avoid payment' but by filling in this IOU slip you are undertaking to pay later.

'It is by no means a conclusive way of fighting the increases and the cuts in services, but it is a start. We have asked the transport unions for backing and we hope that by passengers and the staff working together we can win the fight.'

The idea is based on a successful struggle by passengers and bus workers in Italy, where unions printed similar tickets. Bus workers refused to charge the new fare and passengers refused to pay. The companies were forced to give in.

□ The campaign is holding a meeting on Thursday at Rising Free, 138 Drummond Road, London NW1, starting at 8pm, to decide on further action.

□ You can get slips and more details from Fare Fight, Flat 3, 76 Sydney Street, London E1.

## Tyndale: 'Yes, sir. No, sir. Three bags full, sir'

THE REPORT on the teachers at William Tyndale Junior School in North London is out. It is predictable. It criticises the teachers' progressive teaching methods.

It lays the ground for the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) to victimise the seven teachers. It's no coincidence it came out on the last day of term—making it difficult for teachers to organise in defence.

It has encouraged the reactionary chorus crying for the sacking of all left-wing teachers, militant trade unionists

After all, they argue, there are more than 20,000 teachers on the dole queue. So sack the militants and hire the 'Yes, sir; no, sir; three bags full, sir' types that are desperate for a job.

If the ILEA are really so worried about the quality of education of London kids, why don't they cut class sizes and hire some of those 20,000 teachers looking for work?

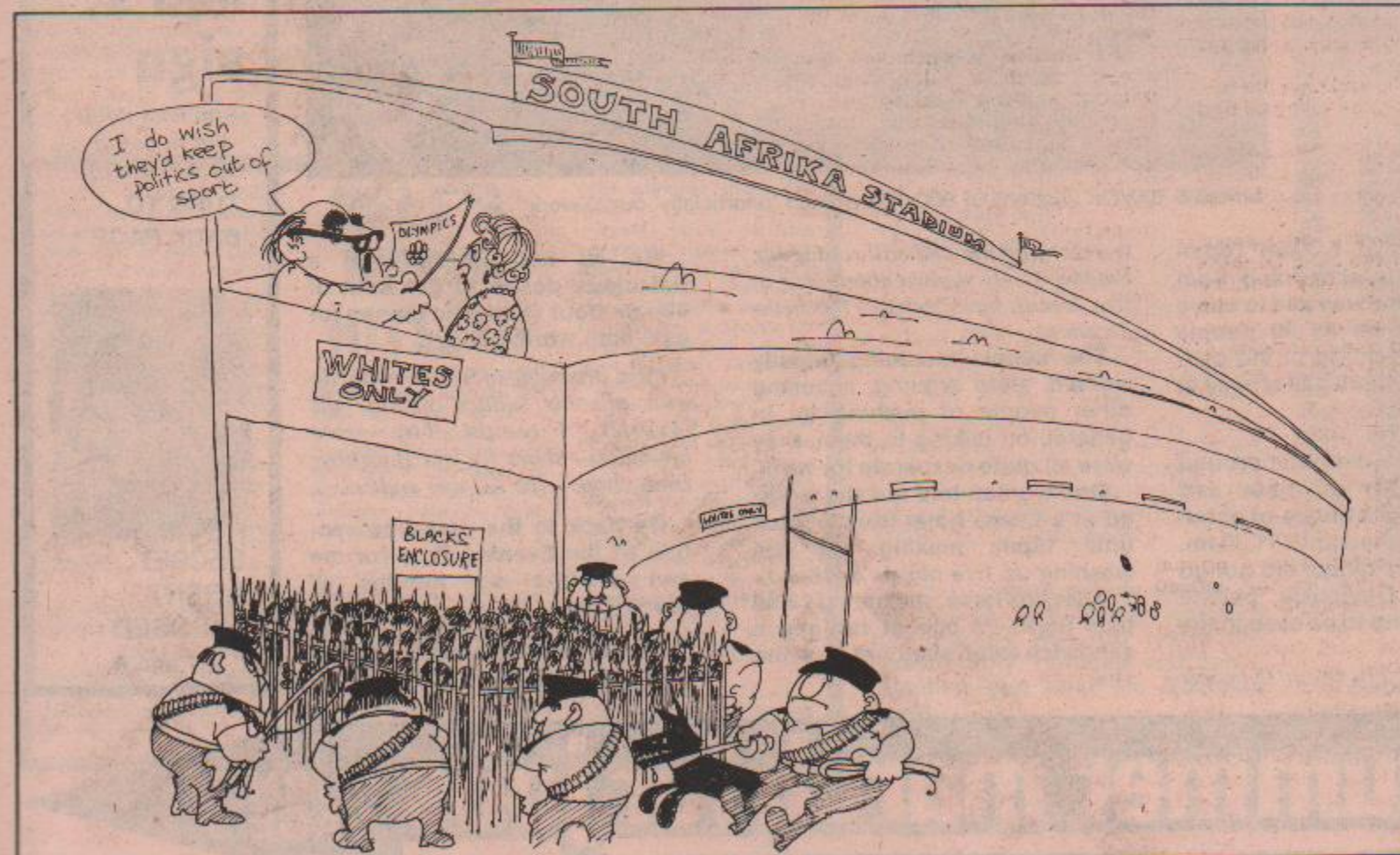
### Scrapped

They can't hire more teachers because of the cuts in spending.

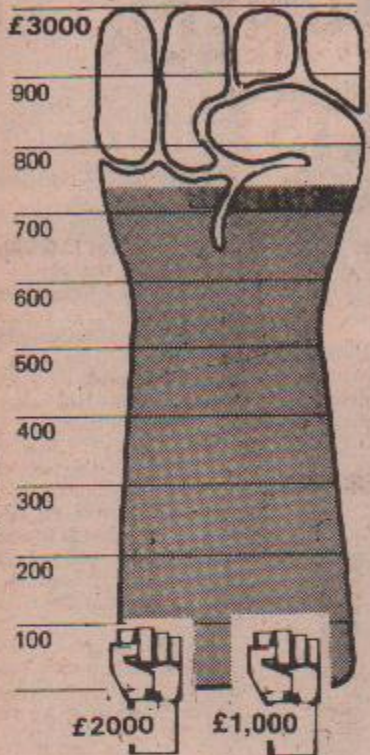
In fact they are looking to make even more cuts—which will undermine the quality of education in London even more. Remedial classes will be scrapped, orders for new textbooks will be cancelled, school trips will be an impossible luxury, classes will get bigger and bigger.

The ILEA will not fight these cuts. But it will fight any militant teachers who try to put up resistance to them.

□ Letters of support to the teachers should be sent to the William Tyndale Teachers Support Campaign, 9 Raleigh Street, London N1.



### Socialist Worker FIGHTING FUND



£739—that's the magnificent sum that came into the Socialist Worker Fighting Fund this week, taking the July total to £1511. The letters that came with the donations explain why the money came and why more is needed:

*London E4 ? 13.7.76*

*Dear Comrade*  
*Enclosed are one more*  
*500 from Cde East London*

*Donation of 250p*  
*month of 50p*

*11.8.76 East London*

*Dear Comrade*  
*I am glad to hear that*  
*immigrants should be*  
*sheltered and not*  
*left*

*Some Comrade*  
*I am glad to hear that*  
*the Social Worker Fund is*  
*the most important fund*  
*in the socialist movement*  
*and I have been proud to*  
*contribute to it. I hope*  
*you will be able to find*  
*more people who will*  
*contribute to the fund*  
*and help us to fight*  
*racism and the many*  
*problems of the working*  
*class in your area. I*  
*hope you will be able*  
*to help us in our*  
*struggle against*  
*racism.*

We're hoping that you'll keep sending us money. We've a war to win against the racists. More posters, stickers and propaganda to be put out. We've got to redouble our energies in the fight for the right to work—and that's why we need your support and your money.

- Our thanks this week to:
- East Manchester hospital workers £18, Alan Levy 110, Glenrothes SW reader £5, North London SW readers £17.50, Birmingham £45, Loughborough £45, West Manchester £45, Reading £30, Sheffield £15, Bath £2, North Tyneside £5, Southampton £9, Redford £8.50, East Manchester £30, Hutton £22, East London £58, Black Country £50, Portsmouth £15, Nottingham SW supporter £245, Inner West London £12.50, Mrs. Atwell, Essex, 25p, Glasgow Council Electricians £7, Leeds SW reader £11, Norwich SW supporter £8.10, Sheffield NAF THE SW readers £2, J. Gilding 50p, John Begg £1, Sarah Dilean 40p, Shelbourne School SW supporters £2, Blackwell's 50p, Royal Docks, London £15, Newham Teachers £60, S. Sandhu, Wolverhampton £5, J. Anderson £15, F. Mann £1, P. D. Jackson £20, Leeds SW reader £2, Dennis Childs £5, CCP London £13, J. Laird £2.30.

Donations to Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

# An appeal to all readers of Socialist Worker: STOP THE CUTS! FIGHT RACISM!

# Join the International Socialists!

A MESSAGE to every Socialist Worker reader: We value your support. But we need more than that. We need you to join the International Socialists.

This week the Labour government is busy taking yet another giant step down the road to disaster. Cabinet ministers are busy agreeing still more cuts which will inflict still more damage on the very welfare state that Labour government used to boast they had created.

There is a pitiless logic to it all. Just under two years ago the government came up with the Social Contract to beat inflation. If only workers accepted this voluntary limitation on their wages, they said, things would get better.

But things didn't get better at all, for the simple reason that wage increases do not cause inflation. So the Labour government came up with a new policy—more and tougher wage control.

The £6 limit, we were told, had to be accepted. Otherwise unemployment would increase.

It was accepted. But unemployment increased massively anyway.

But it didn't even end there. The government came up with a new policy—save the welfare state.

Massive government spending cuts were introduced as yet another way of reducing working-class living standards and transferring resources from poor to rich in the vain hope the rich would invest more, create more jobs, solve the crisis.

But they didn't. And now the first round of cuts is to be followed by a second.

Prime Minister Jim Callaghan is saying that the cuts must be forced through or the Labour government will fall.

He was saying the same about the dropping of the child benefits scheme three weeks ago. He'll be saying it about the next suicidal package forced on him by international bankers and big business.

He can rely on support from trade union leaders—from men like Hugh Scanlon who, when the Tories were in office, showed some fighting



spirit on behalf of his members.

Now, Scanlon's a tired and cynical man whose politics prevent him from even seeing any alternative never mind being part of one.

If you don't believe it, then just look at his speech last week when he finally surrendered to the wildest dreams of the Confederation of British Industry by saying that cuts had to be accepted 'in the social services' to strengthen manufacturing industry.

In that speech he told how nowadays colonels patted him on the back for his opinions. But what do colonels do for manufacturing industry? Why isn't Hugh Scanlon talking about cutting them and all the other parasites that drain our society?

The answer is both sad and simple. Hugh Scanlon accepts without question the primitive logic of the capitalist social system. Since under capitalism the rich can only be encouraged to invest more in one way, by making them richer, then they must be made richer.

The old gods have failed.

The politics of the Labour government and the trade union leaders are of manipulation or betrayal. They have landed us back in the dark days of reaction. They

can't even reform capitalist society. They are leading to policies which even the Tories would hardly dare to bring forward.

The result is anxiety and despair in the working-class movement. In some cases, workers turn in their despair to the poisonous ideas of racism.

But how can we fight racialism? How can we fight the unemployment, social welfare crisis and housing shortage on which the racists feed?

We can combat them through the fight for the right to work. We can fight them by campaigning and organising for the socialist alternative.

Not by the old politics. Not by hoping, like the Labour Party and the Communist Party, that someone, somewhere in a position of power and influence will do the job.

Because they're *not* in power and influence. They're the puppets of big business and its rotten system.

The power and influence which can change things is with the rank and file workers. The only way to combat the cuts and racism is by organising for socialism among rank and file workers: challenging the ideas that 'the cuts are inevitable' or

that 'immigration causes bad housing'.

You can't do that without socialist propaganda and a socialist organisation.

That's what the International Socialists are about. We're straining every muscle we've got to build fight the racists, to promote wider resistance to unemployment and to build a new socialist workers' party that can take the fight for socialism on to the stage of national politics.

But we do need more, much more muscle. That's why we appeal to all our readers to set aside any remaining fears and reservations they may have and join us as members of the International Socialists.

## Join us—you won't be alone!

by Roger Crossley

EI EVEN people—Asians and West Indians—joined the International Socialists after a public meeting on racism held in the Woolwich Sikh Temple last Tuesday.

want to join.

We collected £17 at the meeting—which will be sent to the Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, where it will be used to further the fight against racialism.

members took a petition against racism around their workplaces.

We have worked against the local National Party with the local Indian Workers Association and the trades council. We have helped set up a Joint Action Committee Against Racism with delegates from all the immigrant organisations in the area.

Seven more asked for more information about IS and have since said they

The meeting followed a month of intense anti-racist activity in the district. We distributed posters and leaflets. Our

**I WANT TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS**

Please send me more information

Name .....

Address .....

Trade union .....

Send to: National Secretary,  
 International Socialists, 6 Cottons  
 Gardens, London E2 8DN

**SOCIALIST WORKER EXCLUSIVE**

**London Embassy official recruited student informer**

**ANOTHER LINK** has been exposed in the chain of spies and agents that the Iranian dictatorship runs in Britain with the knowledge and approval of the British government.

A diplomat at the Iranian Embassy calling himself Roshan has been recruiting among Iranian students in Britain to find informers. He works under the Embassy's Second Secretary, Hassan Keynoush. His real name is Ebrahim Nabavio.

The identification of Roshan follows a confession by an active member of the Confederation of Iranian Students that he had himself been recruited as an agent by Roshan.

The student concerned is Shahriar Salow. Shahriar has now told the Confederation that he was being paid £50 a month for his surveillance activities and for regular reports of who was doing what in the opposition to the vicious Iranian dictatorship here in Britain.

Shahriar comes from Rey, a small city south of the Iranian capital, Tehran. His father works for the Iranian Oil Company.

When he came to London to study he found costs high and his monthly allowance from his family was not enough. Desperate to continue his studies, he looked for part-time work but it was difficult with unemployment high. When he did get a job it came to an end quickly.

**Fees**

This left him in financial difficulties and the calls for huge increases in overseas students' fees were a further threat. The fees being suggested by the newspapers came to more than his total annual allowance!

Shahriar was trapped.

He had been driven abroad like so many young Iranians, to seek not just an education, facilities for which are extremely limited in Iran, but also to learn English, to become a part of Western society and culture so admired by the Iranian ruling class.

So he went to the Consulate in December of 1975 to have his passport renewed. There he spoke to Hassan Keynoush, the Second Secretary (address 54 Latymer Court, London W6), phone 01-748 7725) and offered information on the activities of the Confederation of Iranian Students.

Keynoush introduced him

**Iranian secret agent exposed**

*RIGHT: Roshan, agent for SAVAK, the Iranian secret police, which operates from the embassy in London with the knowledge of the Labour government.*



to a 'Mr Roshan' there and then, giving up his office so that they could talk in private.

During January and February this year Shahriar met Roshan every Tuesday outside Southwark College of Further Education.

Phone calls were also made by Ali to a number given him by the boss—the number was 01-937 5225, the Consulate's switchboard. He was then to ask for 'Number 32—Mr Roshan'. Roshan was almost always readily available.

Also required was a regular monthly report containing details of confederation activities.

by A ABBAS

In general the SAVAK, the Iranian secret police wished to know who said what, what the disagreements were and details of the leading activists. Great emphasis was later put on the disagreements within the confederation—obviously SAVAK hoped to use this information to disrupt the student opposition.

Shahriar was encouraged to take a leading part in these activities and on one occasion recently went so far as to get

arrested for throwing eggs at the Shah's wife. It is a strange informer that gets to such a position but it was all part of a plan to make him a fully accepted member.

Roshan seems to have been a little frightened that his masters would hear of this activity and advised Ali to limit himself to watching in future.

**Disrupt**

The latest scheme for Roshan was for Shahriar to manipulate the disagreements within the Confederation in Britain, to set up a faction within it and then to use this to disrupt its work. Past efforts of the SAVAK in this direction have led, some say, to whole international congresses having to be abandoned because one small group wanted a fight more than a debate. Several years ago one student was stabbed

For Shahriar, the last six months have been a period of training and adjustment to his new role. Further training

was to have followed and increased payments was promised.

This is all at an end for Shahriar, who now feels disgusted at his past.

Shahriar now feels that his family is in great danger even though they knew nothing of any of his activities. On one occasion Roshan told him that in the United States SAVAK had killed an informer who had turned against them and then claimed that the murder had been carried out by the confederation.

Despite his past, it is now essential to help Shahriar to stay out of the clutches of SAVAK. That is going to take more than a little effort, since SAVAK operates in Britain on licence granted by the government.

PROTEST AT REPRESENTATION IN IRAN: 48-hour picket and hunger strike at UN offices London, W1 (near Bond Street tube) this Wednesday, 21 July, 2pm, to Friday 23 July, 2pm.



Demonstrators on last weekend's protest march for Cyprus in London

**Shrewsbury trial — now in Poland**

WHEN the British Tory government wanted to get the Shrewsbury pickets for organising for better wages and conditions in the building industry, those weren't the charges put on the charge sheet.

Instead they charged the pickets with 'conspiracy', 'intimidation' and 'damage to property'.

On Saturday in Warsaw, the Polish government started an identical operation.

Seven workers from the Ursus tractor factory, part-owned by Massey Ferguson, went on trial for their part in the recent Polish strike wave. Their actions helped force the government to abandon its plans to raise food prices across the board and reduce workers' living standards at a stroke.

The workers are not accused of helping to keep down food prices. Like the pickets at Shrewsbury they are charged under the legal statutes

relating to inciting workers to strike and damage to state property. Similar trials are also thought to be underway in Rodown, 100 miles south of Warsaw.

As Socialist Worker went to press four to ten years jail sentences were handed down there.

Socialist Worker sends fraternal greetings to these victims of repression in Eastern Europe. We do so in marked contrast to the hypocrites of the millionaire press.

Papers like the Times and the Economist work themselves into a frenzy over Alexander Solzhenitsyn. But they have come down unconditionally on the side of the Polish government and its prosecution of the Ursus workers.

Tyrants sometimes have differences. But tyrants everywhere have at least one thing in common—their desire to oppress and exploit the working class.



Special July edition of CYPRIOT WORKER, for the second anniversary of the imperialist attack against the Cypriot people, including an in-depth analysis of the Cyprus problem.

Other articles include racism and how to fight it, the struggle of Cypriot workers for higher wages and better conditions in Britain, the cuts by Haringey Council and how to fight them, the uprising in Soweto, the elections in Italy, how British bases in Cyprus are used by imperialism against the Lebanon and the Palestinians.

all in Greek. 10p including postage from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

**Labour loves up to dictatorship**

TWO YEARS ago the Sunday Times exposed the lengths to which the Iranian regime was going to spy on Iranians who opposed its corrupt and brutal dictatorship.

They showed Ali Jahanbin, First Secretary at the London Embassy, at work trying to force an Iranian who had become a British subject to spy for the regime.

Despite this exposure, the British Labour government took no steps against Jahanbin or any other of the spies and provocateurs who operate from the Embassy.

The reason for this is simple. Iran is one of Britain's biggest export markets.

British businessmen are flying out there all the time.

And when it's not British businessmen, it's British government ministers.

Like Barbara Castle, who went to advise the Shah on a system of private hospitals.

Like Anthony Wedgwood Benn, who went to impress the Iranian dictator with his knowledge of the oil industry.

Like Denis Healey, who went to attend business conferences.

All to one end—to rake in business for British firms.

It was clear from the Jahanbin incident that the Labour government feels so indebted to the Shah that it will not act to break the SAVAK network of secret

agents operating in Britain. So what can be done to help Iranians fight back?

One small thing would be to support the pickets and demonstrations against the regime. Another would be to make sure that the new 'Ashraf' library at Oxford is not allowed to function normally.

**Scandal**

Petitions about this library will be circulated to academics and others in the next few weeks. It is scandalous that Oxford University, not exactly the poorest in the country, should accept from the Shah's sister—a

known heroin smuggler and organiser with the CIA, of the 1953 coup which brought the Shah to power—a sum of money to put her name on the building.

Increasingly the larger British companies are opening plants in Iran. Solidarity from workers in these combines is essential.

The Confederation of Iranian Students was to hold a press conference on Thursday at which details of the direct involvement of British Special Branch in support of SAVAK were to be revealed.

Socialist Worker will report the details of this aspect of British support for the Iranian dictatorship in a future issue.

It's going  
to be a  
festival  
of protest

# Join the big summer march for jobs

**SATURDAY  
3 SEPTEMBER**

Assemble at the Embankment, Charing Cross, 11am. March to Downing Street to lobby the Prime Minister. March to BRIXTON, South West London, with a steel band. Arrive CROYDON to camp for the night.

**SUNDAY  
4 SEPTEMBER**

Leave Croydon and march to CRAWLEY to camp for the night. Meeting and play, Broadside Theatre Group, with meeting. Speakers include marchers and Paul Foot.

**MONDAY  
5 SEPTEMBER**

Leave Crawley and march to PYECOOMBE, just outside Brighton to camp for the night. Entertainments being arranged at the camp.

**TUESDAY  
6 SEPTEMBER**

Leave Pyecombe and march into central BRIGHTON, to the Trades Union Congress at the Dome. Mass lobby of the Trades Union Congress. In the evening, a concert and disco in the Revolution Disco in central Brighton. Groups include the Derelicts. Other lobbies, socials and entertainments are arranged for the rest of the week for marchers who stay in Brighton at the Right to Work Camp Site.

**FRIDAY  
9 SEPTEMBER**

First day of the trial in Hendon of the Right to Work marchers arrested after the police attack on them at Staples Corner last March. Join the lobby at Hendon.

**UNEMPLOYED** workers from all over Britain are meeting in London in September to march to the Trades Union Congress in Brighton.

The National Right to Work Campaign has already heard from over 150 unemployed who want to take part.

From DUNDEE, a group of 15

are preparing to join the march. Eight left school in the last few months and cannot get jobs.

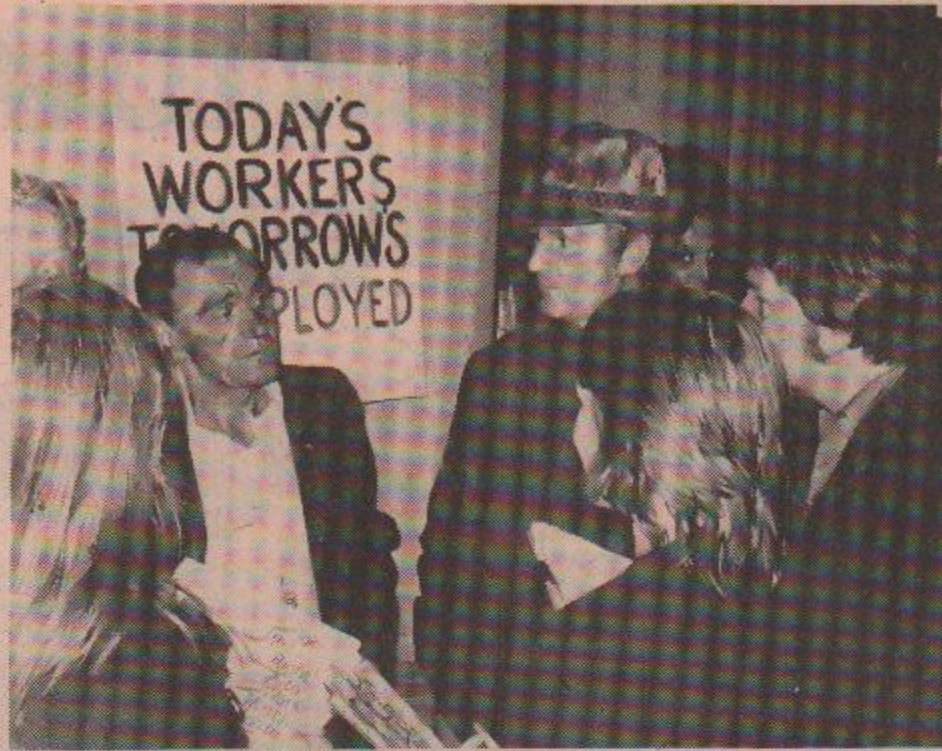
The other seven include an unemployed hospital worker, an unemployed building worker and an unemployed office worker.

From NEWCASTLE, there are 11 definite marchers and another 20 who say they would like to come.

From SKELMERSDALE in

Lancashire, there are 15 definite marchers. From Portsmouth 4, from Hitchin 4, from Brighton 5, from Weymouth 4.

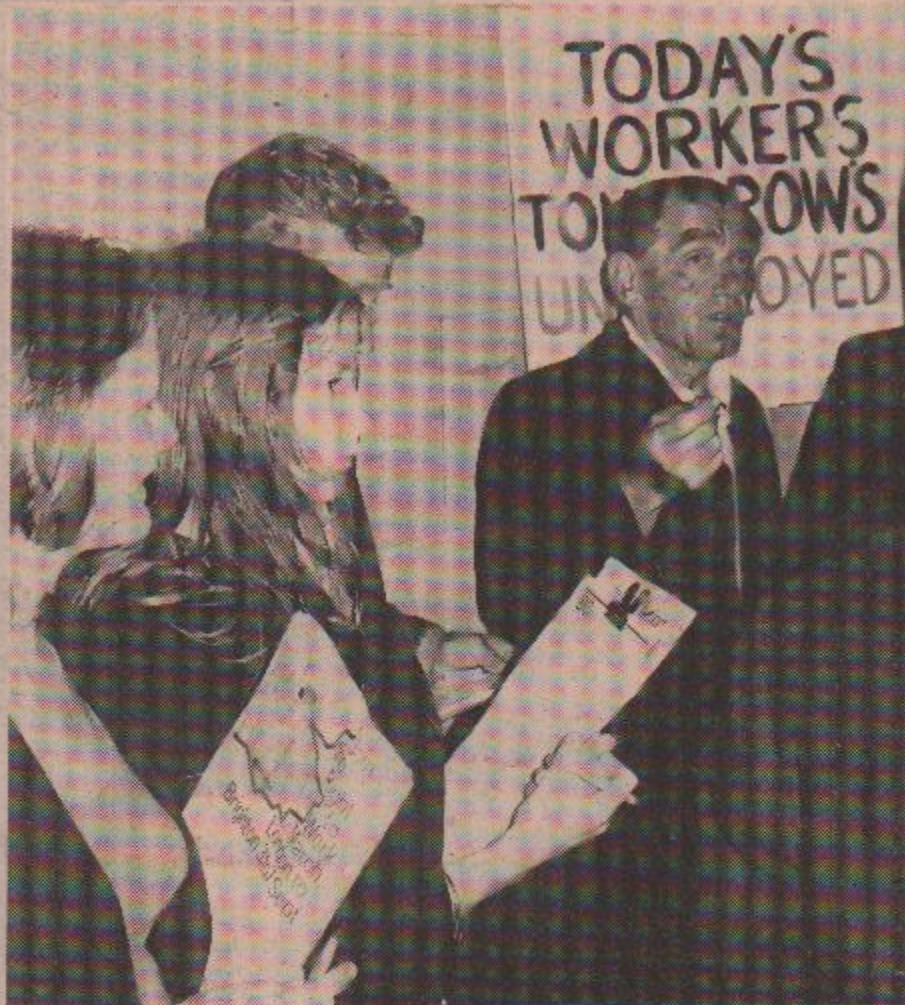
In London, local marches are being organised to join up with the main march. Marches are setting off from DARTFORD, from TOTTENHAM and from STAPLES CORNER, HENDON.



*SIGNING UP* support for the September Right to Work march in South Tyneside. 450 out of 600 direct workers for South Tyneside Council now face the sack because of the cuts.

*When 80 of them went to picket negotiations with the Council, they were joined by members of the Tyneside Right to Work Committee. Eight school leavers asked the pickets to sign petitions supporting the coming march and to make a small contribution. Nearly everyone signed up and more than £5 was collected.*

*Three of those who helped, Rhona Thompson, Lesley Ure, and Audrey Appleby, all 16, say they hope they will be able to go on the September march if they haven't got jobs. The local Right to Work Committee is organising a day trip to the sea for unemployed school leavers, as well as a disco.*



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## March for the Right to Work

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# How to stop the Front

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM  
Duncan Hallas

Some argue that if you ignore the fascists they'll go away. Nothing could be more untrue—or more dangerous.

'AT TIMES, the Labour Party, like the traditional ostrich, digs its skull deep in the sand and ignores all warnings and threats.

'It happened in Scotland where the Scottish National Party was viewed as a bunch of kilted eccentrics more interested in Burns than Erskine May.

'And if Transport House is not careful, it will soon find the National Front in a similarly strong position.'

The author of these words, Stephen Kelly, was writing in *Tribune* about the Thurrock by-election just before the vote and he predicted: 'the National Front candidate looks set to poll a

fairly respectable figure.

'It may only be a couple of thousand but compared to what the Front was polling two years ago, it is a horrifying drift.'

## Discontent

In the event, the fascist got three thousand votes—six and a half per cent of the total cast. This, following a similar result at Rotherham and a total combined fascist vote of 44 per cent in Deptford, is a 'respectable figure' indeed.

Now there is no doubt at all about the reasons for this ominous development. The fascists are feeding on the frustration and discontent produced by the

Labour government's reactionary pro-capitalist policies.

Callaghan and Healey and Jones and Murray can win the vote at union conferences, but they can't convince housewives who have to shop week by week that price rises are slowing down.

They may bamboozle the Tribune MPs into voting for a new round of job-destroying cuts but they can't rally ordinary working class voters to turn out solidly to vote for unemployment, cuts, pay 'restraint' and continuing price rises.

Of course, the fascists are not the only ones to benefit. The Tory vote rose significantly, in spite of a low total poll, in both Rotherham and Thurrock.

The nationalists can expect similar windfalls in Scotland and Wales and

abstention is far and away the commonest form of protest.

But the fascist gains are much more dangerous. If they can once get a hold, establish themselves as a serious national force—and they are on the way to that—they can consolidate protest into real support for fascism.

## Absence

The appeal of the National Front and the National Party is 90 per cent to racist prejudice. But why is that growing?

Because, in the absence of a strong left-wing challenge to the government, 'blame the blacks' is the inevitable response of sections of white workers.

Racism, as a large scale matter, is a form of protest against the system, a reactionary, vicious and stupid form of protest.

Yesterday the Jews as scapegoats. Today the Blacks. 'We gotta get rid of the yids' chanted Mosley's thugs.

'If you want them on the boat, you know the way to vote' chanted the fascists in Thurrock.

The Labour Party and TUC leaders are the guilty men who are paving the way for a big-scale fascist movement in Britain.

And they commit another crime when they try to sabotage militant opposition to the fascist marches of provocation and race hatred.

## Wrong

'The Thurrock Labour Party has decided against supporting Saturday's anti-racism demonstration' wrote Kelly, 'in the belief that it will only inflame the present situation, giving unnecessary publicity to the National Front . . .

'And given the impending election they are probably correct.'

They are criminally wrong. The fascists need their marches. They need to make race hatred public and 'respectable', they need to intimidate blacks and their white opponents too.

Their appeal is to unreason, to violent emotion, they must give their supporters a sense of power.

That is why Mosley concentrated on East London, with its large Jewish community, in the Thirties.

## Warning

If they can be driven off the streets they will lose a great part of their appeal.

Here is the testimony of an expert witness, the late Adolf Hitler:

'Only one thing could have stopped our movement—if our adversaries had understood its principles and from the first day had smashed with the utmost brutality, the nucleus of our new movement.'

You can't have a plainer or more authoritative warning than that.

## LONRH0: The unexceptional faces of capitalism

**TINY ROWLAND**  
*Astonishing fiddles*

**ANGUS OGILVY**  
*Bribery is OK*

**DUNCAN SANDYS**  
*£130,000 compensation*

**EDWARD DU CANN**  
*One more scandal*

**STEFAN KLEIN**  
*£40,000 backhanders*



By LAURIE FLYNN

A SUPER-RICH scrounger illegally obtained £306,627 from a company of which he is a director.

And the very newspapers which so remorselessly denounce the menace of social security scrounging—which totals a mere £2 million in a year in the whole of Britain—are defending to the death his right to do so.

The super-rich scrounger concerned is Roland Tiny Rowland, boss of Lonrho,

one of the biggest gangs of rich scroungers ever exposed in this fair land.

Members of the gang include:

□ Lord Duncan Sandys, a part time important person and whole-time swindler who arranged to have £49,000 of his £51,000 salary made payable in the Cayman Islands to avoid tax and then went on to land himself £130,000 compensation for a job that didn't exist.

□ Angus Ogilvy who got a free flat and £60,000

without an idea of what it was for unless it was a bribe.

□ Sir Basil Smallpiece, a dissident director and guardian of all that's best in British business: he also had part of his salary paid overseas to avoid tax.

□ Edward du Cann MP a multi-millionaire businessman and politician who has figured in virtually every major business scandal in Britain in the past ten years and who is still going from strength to strength.

THE EXTRAORDINARY Rowland rip-off came to light two weeks ago with the publication of the Trade and Industry report on Lonrho Limited.

Publication of such reports generally implies that no prosecutions will arise.

Rowland's illegal £306,627 'borrowings' from Lonrho are contrary to section 190 of the Companies Act.

## Clean

But when, during the Lonrho investigation, the inspector pointed this out, the Lonrho directors invited Tiny to write out a backdated expense account claim. It was understood by all of them that it would cover this immense sum.

Sure enough, when it was lodged the claim came to £307,471.

Lord Duncan Sandys, who last week wrote moving letters to the *Times* about his reputation, refused lawyers' advice that the Lonrho Board come clean.

And this was 1975, two years after the great Lonrho scandal.

Rowland's expense account has of course no basis in reality.

## Hands

He claimed thousands upon thousands of pounds of payments for entertaining guests at his house, Hedsor Wharf, when it was still in the hands of the builders.

He claimed thousands of pounds for interest on money spent on his £200,000 worth of furniture, fixtures and fittings in the house.

This too relates to a period when it wasn't under occupation, when the furniture wasn't insured and when the inspectors suggest, it hadn't even been brought.

Rowland told shareholders that he bore all

Thousands in expenses—for 'entertaining' in a house which was still being built

costs of occupying, renovating and running Hedsor Wharf during the 1973 board-room battle.

And then, in 1975, he simply made out his bill to the company.

The bill for this, his third company house, obtained while he still pretended for tax reasons that he had no

## £36,000 SCROUNGER



Six years for dole cheat who spent £25 a week on the best cigars

If you're working class and a scrounger, you get this front-page abuse (left) from *The Sun* (14 July); if you're a big-time scrounger—and a member of the ruling class—it's a different story. This (right) is how *The Sun* could have presented the Lonrho story, but didn't.

UK home, was truly stupendous.

It included £10,000 for a sideboard, £70,000 for curtains and carpets, £2000 for occasional tables and £30,000 for an antique commode to wash his backside.

Rowlands acquired all these things while successive governments were urging us

to sacrifice in the national interest.

Our sacrifice will doubtless ensure that next time round, Tiny and his kind can afford to pay even more for their antique trinkets, and other items essential to the welfare of the business class.

And when the Depart-

## £306,000 SCROUNGER



No jail for cheat who fiddled and fiddled

This time it was for £335,606, nearly £30,000 more than the first time around.

The Inspectors, solid members of the business community, do not question Rowland's right to this free loading good life for doing absolutely nothing.

On the contrary, their only concern is that this stupendous scrounging operation is that it goes on a little more discreetly and with slightly more regard for form.

ment of Trade and Industry appointed inspectors questioned these goings on, Rowland—with the support of the board—simply wrote out another expense account claim.

And it was long after this that he took Tiny's little £60,000 sub, which incidentally came from a sanctions-busting Rhodesian mine development.

Ogilvy wrote a letter to a fellow Lonrho director asking for an assurance that the company was not involved in corruption.

He did this on the instructions of Trend and Greenhill. The inspectors report quite beautifully knew what he was up to.

Q: You see, Mr Ogilvy, the impression that could very easily be given is that you were engaged in a cover-up operation so far as yourself is concerned.

A: I see, yes, I see this but . . .

Q: But you wrote this letter, you got an assurance and you were then in a position to say 'Well here is something on the record which puts me in the clear.'

This question drew a most interesting reply from *The Honourable Angus Ogilvy*.

'Can I be quite frank', he said, 'I was not against the principle or would not be against the principle of bribery because I think it has got to be done in certain countries.'

'It is part of doing business like paying a merchant bank and underwriting fees.'

## Bribery? It keeps the system going...

YOU'VE heard of the Watergate Slush Fund in America.

You've heard of the Shell-Esso-BP slush fund in Italy. But have you heard of the Lonrho slush fund, one that operates here in Britain, where justice is the best in the world and big business cleaner than anywhere.

There's only a passing mention of the fund in the Lonrho report.

Only two recipients of the huge quantities of cash that went through Rowland's personal account are actually named.

They are Stefan Klein, who Rowland insisted was as useful to British Leyland and GKN as to Lonrho, and a Mr G Olympic.

They got £40,000 and £3000 respectively.

One can only presume that they were named because they were foreigners.

Elsewhere in the report, there is a discreet blank space after the payment is recorded.

Rowland told the inspectors that secrecy was essential to such payments.

In 1969, the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Burke Trend,

and Sir Dennis Greenhill, head of the Foreign Service, had secretly seen Angus Ogilvy and warned him that he should resign from the company because of sanctions-breaking by Lonrho and rumours of bribery and corruption.

But Ogilvy did not resign. He has since claimed that after this point it was just a question of time before he left the company.

The inspectors found this difficult to swallow. After all, it was long after this that he got the use of the company flat to extend his personal life.

**NEXT WEEK:** How lawyers advised Lonrho that their sanctions-busting in Rhodesia would give them no defence to serious criminal charges—and how Lonrho went ahead anyway and got away with it.

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# Your freedom is our freedom-let's fight together!

By  
**PETE GREEN**

**THE BONFIRE** night trial in Leeds ended last week with a partial victory.

Seven out of the original 12 defendants were freed to huge cheers from the packed public gallery. Only two were found guilty by the jury on major charges.

But the black youth of Chapeltown, who picketed the court, and attended the trial day after day, are not satisfied.

Two of the defendants are in borstal. The only difference between them and the rest was that the defence's evidence of police assault was weaker and the judge's summing up even more disgustingly biased than for the others.

## Action

They were convicted of affray, a common-law offence of extreme vagueness, of 'fighting to the terror of the Queen's subjects'.

As its earlier use against the Shrewsbury pickets and the Mangrove Nine in London suggests, it is increasingly being used against those taking collective action to demand their rights.

On Bonfire Night in Chapeltown, there were certainly people in terror.

The arrival of over 30 police at a crowded bonfire, the driving of cars at speed up streets overflowing with onlookers, the unleashing of dogs, must have been terrifying for the young blacks present.

## Ignored

Such considerations of police provocation and intimidation were ignored by Judge Beaumont in his summing-up.

The jury were told that an offence had undoubtedly been committed and that their only problem was to decide whether the defendants had participated.

The defendants were freed not because of the impartiality of British justice, but because the defence was aggressively waged, because of the degree of support they received from the black community and some white workers in Leeds, and because the evidence of police lies and brutality was far stronger than the faked evidence and forced confessions against the defendants.

## Together

The lesson of one partial victory is clear to growing numbers in the area. The time is coming when black and white workers must take the offensive together.

As black barrister Ron Rose, quoting from James Baldwin's letter to Angela Davis, said, looking straight into the eyes of an all-white jury:

'We must fight for your freedom as though it were our own. For if they take you in the morning, they'll be coming for us in the night.'

## Community leader trapped by sniper

**RACIST ATTACKS** by gangs of white youths on Asians and West Indians in the Balham and Tooting area of South London have been on the increase recently. Women have been attacked taking their children to school and a community leader was trapped for eight hours in his own home by a sniper with an air rifle.

Socialist Worker and Flame supporters called a public meeting at short notice. The first defence patrol of the Balham and Tooting Campaign Against Racism took place on Saturday night. Another public meeting has been called for Monday with

the aim of building up support and increasing the patrols. The racists will have to think twice about showing their faces in future.

□ **Balham and Tooting Campaign against Racism. Public meeting Monday 26 July, 8pm, Tooting Co-op Hall, Upper Tooting Road, London SW 17** Fight against the racists. Speaker from the Southall Youth Movement and John Deason, Secretary of the Right to Work Campaign. All Welcome.

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



Some of the 50 people who picketed Willesden Magistrates Court in North West London last week to demand an inquiry into police brutality. Six black girls faced charges ranging from obstruction to assault against the police, after the police had attacked them on 24 June. After hassling the girls over legal aid, the prosecution moved the remand of the case to 12 October on the basis that their witnesses were on holiday. There will be no holiday for the girls.

## SO MUCH FOR 'JUSTICE'

**THE POLICE** have started prosecutions under the Race Relations Act. Who are they charging? Enoch Powell? Bob Mellish? Or the fascists in the National Front and National Party?

Not on your life. This Act—which was supposedly passed to protect black people from racist attacks—is being used against those people fighting against racists and fascists.

The 20 anti-racists arrested after the recent Bradford demonstration against the

National Front have been fined a total of £2000, not including costs.

They have been fined sums such as £185, £125, and £120. The National Front members, in contrast, were fined less than £50.

## REALITY

The sections of the Act the police are using are about 'incitement to stir up racial hatred against any section of the public (in words or writing)', or using 'threaten-

ing, abusive or insulting words or behaviour' which may cause a breach of the peace.

Of course, the intention when this law was passed was that it should be used against the racists—so the government led everyone to believe.

But in reality it has never been used like that.

Enoch Powell wasn't prosecuted in 1968 for incitement to racial hatred—but in 1967 Michael X was imprisoned under the same law for making a speech in support of Black Power.

The section about 'threaten-

ing words or behaviour' is a direct lift from an earlier law, the Public Order Act 1936.

This was passed to stop the fascist Mosley and his supporters from attacking the Jews.

Again, it never stopped the fascists—instead it was used against the left who were trying to smash Mosley.

That's why it's no good relying on these laws, or the strengthening of them, to stop the racists and fascists.

We have to rely on our own organisation and strength—not the state.

## BOOT BOYS IN BLUE RULE - BUT IT'S CERTAINLY NOT OK

**EVIDENCE** that the police wanted to provoke the Southall Youth Movement on the 11 July anti-racist demonstration in London has been given to Socialist Worker.

Sukhdev Aujila, the 19-year-old Sikh photographed in last week's Socialist Worker

after being kicked in the groin by the police, told us: 'I was with a group from the Southall Youth Movement when the scuffling with police began.

## HITTING

'I saw one policeman hit one of us with a truncheon. Another policeman took off his helmet and started hitting one of the other boys with the top metal bit of the helmet.

'I pushed my arm out to try and push the helmet away. The next thing I knew the policeman stood back and kicked for all he was worth at my testicles. I fainted and was on my back for 20 minutes.

'I was two days off work and am still in pain, but this will not stop me demonstrating against racism'.

## POLICE TURN BLIND EYE TO RACIST ATTACK

**KENNETH Wilson** and four mates were walking to catch a bus in Birmingham city centre when 19 white kids suddenly crossed the road and viciously beat him up.

Kenneth passed out and spent two days in hospital, where he was treated for head injuries and concussion.

One of his mates told Socialist Worker: 'When a police car came, I told them what had happened and pointed to the blokes still standing on the other side of the road



Kenneth Wilson: police 'just turned away'

'The coppers just turned away and ignored me.' No arrests were made.

Another friend of Kenneth has just had eight stitches in his arm after being beaten up in the police station and forced to sign a statement.

The police's explanation to the lawyer was that the youth tried to commit suicide by pushing his hand through a window.

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**THE Keating family — David, Kathleen and their son David John, aged two — are homeless.**

They were evicted from a tied cottage in Essex in January.

Since then their search for a place to live has become a nightmare. For three months they have been living in a tent.

Now they are threatened with eviction from the tent. *And any day now Kathleen Keating is expecting to give birth to a baby.*

David Keating told Socialist Worker: 'One day I had a row about my ploughing with the old farmer I worked for. He gave me 14 days' notice. We had to leave the cottage, which was tied to the

job.

'We decided to come up to Mildenhall to be near my wife's parents. I got a job as a builder's labourer on the air base here. And we were on the council housing list.

'So we thought everything was fine.

'We couldn't find a flat, so we stayed with the father-in-law in his council house.'

'Well, after about six weeks the council told us we had to get out. They said it was overcrowded. So we went down to try to get emergency housing from them.

**Empty**

'They said they didn't have anything for us.

'We had to live somewhere, so we squatted in an empty council house. The council

admit they have more than 100 houses standing empty.

'We offered to pay rent, but they won't take it off us. Because then we would be the legal tenants.'

Kathleen went on: 'After about eight weeks the council tipped us out of it. The bailiffs came and took our things.

**'The first things they went for were our bed and David John's cot. I had his summer clothes all in a box and they took that. And the washing machine. And all our bedding.'**

'About 60 housewives in the road took round a petition to say why should we be thrown out—the house was empty? But the council didn't take any notice.

'We squatted in two other houses, but the council came round and we left peacefully.' 'So we had nowhere to go,'

said David. 'I got some old boards and old curtains from my father-in-law and made a little tent for us on this bit of land. One night it rained and it all came in on us. Another night the wind was strong and it blew it all down.

**Crawling**

'Then two weeks ago, the St John Ambulance Brigade lent us this proper tent.'

Kathleen explained what it's like.

**'We get smothered in little insects, crawling over us at night.'**

'We can go into my mum's house during the day to do the washing and make the tea. But we can't stay there at night or the council will kick them out. So I get the boy to sleep in my dad's bed and when he's asleep, we bring him over. He sleeps between Dave and me on these two settee cushions. 'I don't feel too great now,

sticking out here at night—and so near my time.'

**The tent is on council land—so the council is threatening to evict them yet again.**

'Where we will go when they take the tent? The welfare is just waiting to take the boy into care. I won't allow that.'

'I asked the council what's going to happen to me when I am about to have this child that I'm carrying. Miss Dover, in the council offices, said: 'There's plenty of room in the hedge or the ditch.'

**Pigs**

'She thinks we are pigs—she's called us that—because we are squatting. She won't even admit that we're homeless.'

**'You just imagine bringing a new-born baby into this. I just don't know what we are going to do.'**



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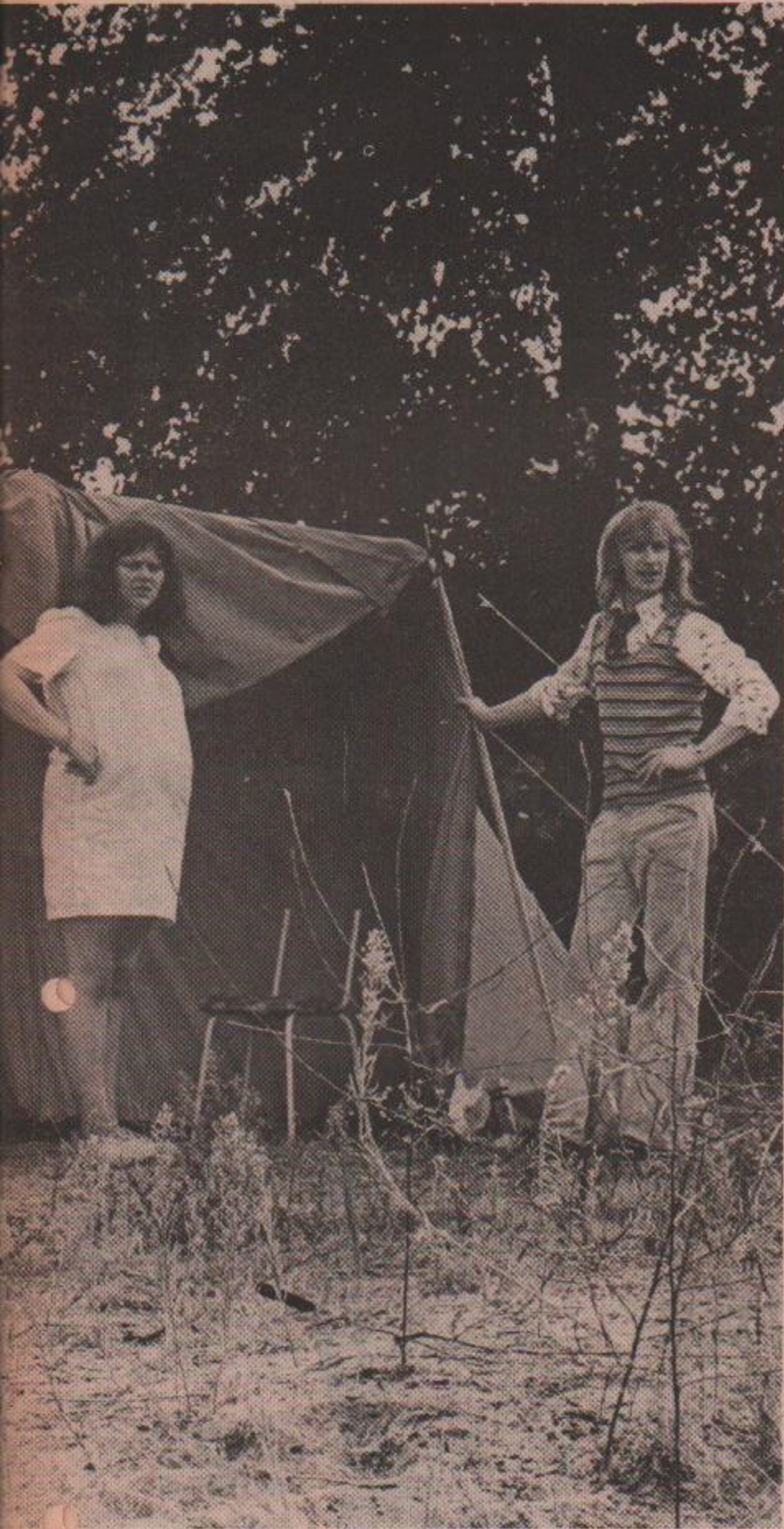
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## These are the facts about Britain's housing

### FACT

Half the money earmarked for public housing never goes to build or repair a single house. It goes straight to the businessman and moneylenders in interest charges.

In 1972-73, councils in England and Wales spent £875 million on housing. £482 million of that went on interest charges for money borrowed.

### FACT

There are more houses in Britain than there are families. But there are 800,000 houses which stand empty most of the time. These are the second houses—and in many cases the third houses—of wealthy people.

### FACT

Among the most prominent people who own second and third houses are Labour Ministers who carry out cuts. Jim Callaghan, the Prime Minister, has a flat in London and a farm in Sussex. Harold Wilson has four houses. Ted Short, deputy leader of the Labour Party, has three.

Anthony Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, has just bought himself a lovely little second house in Warwickshire—for £40,000.

### FACT

Last time round in the government's spending cuts, housing and especially council housing, were gently treated by Labour Ministers. Housing it was argued, has a 'special place' in Labour government's priorities.

This time, council housing will be chopped more.

Housing spending is already to go down by 1980. When the new cuts are announced, many councils will be forced to cut their council house building programmes in half.

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*Of all the five government Bills, the least heat has come from tied cottage reform, a farmworker's dream for more than 75 years. Once passed, it will prevent the eviction of farmworkers' families from tied cottages if they have nowhere else to go. A modest measure, it is in danger of foundering in the end-of-season pile-up.*

Sunday Times, 18 July

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# in a tent

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# So who did beat up these Irish prisoners?

A JURY last week found Birmingham prison warders not guilty of beating up the six men charged with the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974.

But if they didn't do it, who did? The men and their families have a simple answer: the police.

There is no doubt that the men were heavily beaten up. The judge at their trial said that they 'were the subject of quite outrageous assaults.'

The six men have claimed all along that they were beaten by the police during interrogation at Queen's Road police station, Aston. And that then they were beaten again at Winson Green Prison to cover up for injuries caused by the police.

Their story is borne out by a report by Dr D Adlakha, who examined them in prison a week after they were arrested.

He says in his report: 'I was inclined to believe that some of them [the wounds] were much older and could have been inflicted as long as a week ago.'

The six men say that they were forced by the beatings up to sign the 'confessions' which were the entire case against them in the bombings trial.

### Facts

Most of the 'confessions' consisted of accurate information about their movements on 21 November 1974—the night of the bombings. They voluntarily gave information about their planned trip to Ireland.

But about a fifth of the evidence, the incriminating sections, was totally fabricated by the police and interwoven with the facts.

The men were then badly

by JEAN GRAY

beaten and deprived of sleep for a long time so they would sign these 'confessions'.

These so-called confessions, made up in the aftermath of the bombings at the Tavern in the Town and The Mulberry Bush pubs, are totally lacking in any detail relevant to the charges, and they contradict each other at vital points.

The jury that convicted them at Lancaster were not allowed to take the confessions and study them closely.

Take away these confessions and the rest is speculation. Even the traces of explosives on two of the men's hands were not reliable. Two forensic experts disagreed over the validity of the swab tests.

The men are planning to take civil action for assault against the police officers involved in the questioning. If they can prove they were beaten into signing false con-

fessions, the case against them falls.

But even if they don't, the men and their families will be just as determined to prove their innocence.

Before the bombings their wives, some of them local women, had taken no interest in the Irish situation or politics. But they have found out in the past 18 months that you have to fight, and that is what they will do to get their husbands freed.

## If the UDA asks for barriers, the army gives

by EAMONN McCANN

HIGH-RANKING British Army officers met at the weekend with leaders of Northern Ireland's largest Loyalist murder gang to work out joint measures for dealing with the situation in the Suffolk area of West Belfast.

Thirteen Protestant families left Horn Drive in Suffolk after sectarian fighting which followed the Orange processions on 12 July. Soldiers have now bricked up the houses to prevent Catholic squatters moving there.

Sectarian feeling has been running high in the Suffolk area for sometime. Many of the Catholic families moved to the estate after being turned out of their homes in other parts of Belfast in the series of police and Loyalist attacks which began in 1969. They feel particularly unsettled by displays of Loyalist aggression.

### Stones

The trouble on 12 July began with children on each side throwing stones. It quickly became more serious and shots were exchanged.

On Wednesday, squads from the Ulster Defence Association arrived on lorries and moved the Horn Drive Protestants out.

The UDA 'supreme commander', Andy Tyrre, made a personal tour of inspection, accompanied as always by an armed bodyguard in paramilitary uniform. Tyrre demanded that the British Army erect barriers to separate the Protestant and Catholic communities.

Local Catholic leaders as well as a spokesman for the Methodist Church in the area objected to this plan and insisted that it was still possible for the Catholics and Protestants to live together.

A statement from the Catholics in Horn Drive asked their Protestant neighbours to

## TROOPS OUT

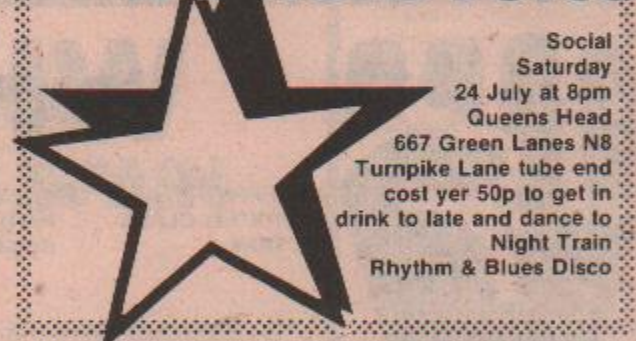


planted the bombs which killed 32 people in Dublin and Monaghan two years ago. Yet Colonel Howard is happy to talk to its leaders and, as now, sometimes to do their bidding.

One can imagine the yelps of rage from the Tory press if there was any suggestion of such dealings with the IRA.

But army officers here are continuing to make their own policy—an ultra-right wing policy—which involves co-operation with the most unsavoury elements on the fascist fringe, while the Labour politicians supposedly in command lack either the knowledge or the nerve to intervene.

## womens voice



Social Saturday  
 24 July at 8pm  
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 cost yer 50p to get in  
 drink to late and dance to  
 Night Train  
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 W7  
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West Midlands International Socialists

# CAMPAIGN WITH THE Socialist Worker

## THURROCK: How we took on the Front and put IS on the map

**THE TINY** Grays IS branch organised to oppose the National Front candidate John Roberts in last week's Parliamentary by-election in Thurrock.

Ten comrades were drafted into the area from London to Southend to work with us for the 12 days before the election. We put out 30,000 leaflets, 1000 posters and 2500 stickers. The sale of Socialist Worker rose from a humdrum 38 to 110 in the first week of activity.

### Harassed

The Front's Relf meeting in Tilbury was harassed by a militant picket and we held a counter-demonstration to a national mobilisation of the National Front through Grays on the Saturday before the election. IS dockers from the Royal Group in London went down

LOOKING for a way to make money for the Socialist Worker fighting fund? Dundee IS take a book of raffle tickets with them when they do their pub sales of Socialist Worker. The prize is a bottle of whisky. This not only raises a bit of money. It gives them a chance to argue politics with more people. It also gives them the addresses of those interested, so they can visit them later.

to the Tilbury docks to distribute their petition against the racists. On election day, three cars with megaphones toured the constituency. At each shopping centre the cars drew up and the comrades bundled out. Two people with megaphones stood at either end of the shopping centre blasting out the message against the new Nazis, while ten Socialist Worker sellers walked up to every person and



Picketing a Front meeting in Thurrock: no wonder top Nazi Martin Webster (right) looks rattled.

into every shop asking them to buy the paper.

### Recruited

In South Ockendon, ten Socialist Workers were sold and one unemployed youth

was recruited to IS—all in five minutes! In Tilbury, seven Socialist Workers were sold and we made one good contact. In Grays, 38 papers were sold. A whole new range of local socialists that we never knew existed were drawn into the campaign.

For example, after the local Communist Party leadership had decided to call off their involvement in the Saturday counter-demonstration five minutes before it started, six of their Communist Party rank and file joined us. Two of them worked with us three days full time, leaflet-

ing and poster and selling Socialist Worker. They have since asked for details about joining IS. The confidence and spirit that has been gained by this energetic and outward-looking approach has at last put IS on the map in South Essex.

## HELP US SELL WHERE YOU LIVE

**COME and help spread the struggle for socialism! Socialist Worker is sold every Saturday in the following places—come and help us!**

- NORTH WEST LONDON**  
11am to 1pm, Cricklewood Broadway, Kilburn Square, Kilburn Broadway and Jubilee Clock, Harlesden High Street.
- INNER WEST LONDON**  
North End Road, outside Woolworths, 10.15am-noon.
- BRISTOL**  
Outside Brixton tube, Saturday 11am-1pm. Outside Brixton and Stockwell tubes, Friday 5pm-6pm.
- 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.

- SOUTH WEST LONDON**  
Clapham Junction outside Woolworths, St Johns Road, Saturday 10.30am-1.30pm.  
Tooling High Street, Saturday, 11am-12.30pm.  
Brixton outside Tube, Saturday 11am-1pm and Friday, 5pm-6pm.  
Stockwell outside Tube, Friday 5pm-6pm.  
Peckham Rye Saturday 11am-12.30pm.
- STRATFORD, East London**  
Stratford shopping Precinct, 11am-1pm.
- HACKNEY**  
Ridley Road market, 11am-1pm.
- BOLTON**  
Precinct, 11am-4pm.
- BURY**  
Precinct, 11am-1pm.
- WIGAN**  
Makinsons Arcade, 11am-3pm.

- WEST BROMWICH**  
King Square, 12 noon-2pm.
- READING**  
Junction of Broad Street and Union Street, 10am-3pm.
- BATH**  
Outside Littlewoods, Saturday, 11.30am-12.30pm.
- SHEFFIELD**  
Fargate, Friday 4.30pm-5.30pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm.
- CHELTENHAM**  
10.30am to 1.30pm, outside Boots on the Promenade.
- PETERBOROUGH**  
2-4pm, Cathedral Square.
- STAMFORD**  
10am-12 noon, The precinct.
- HULL**  
Monument Square, 11.30am-2pm.
- SOUTHEND**  
Shopping Precinct (next to Guy Norris) 11am-1pm.

- EDINBURGH**  
Princes Street (east end) 11am to 4pm. Thursdays Entrance to Wester Hailes shopping centre, 4.30pm to 5.30pm.
- DUNDEE**  
City Square, 11am-4pm. Thursday and Friday evenings 4-5.30pm.
- EXETER**  
High St, outside Boots, 11am and 2pm-3pm.
- ABERYSTWYTH**  
Outside Post Office, Friday 12.15pm-1.45pm.  
Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-3.30pm.
- COVENTRY**  
City Precinct, 11am-1pm. Foleshill, The General Waite, 11am-1pm.

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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.

**INTERNATIONALISM**

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

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

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## WHAT'S ON

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### SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

- SALFORD** Socialist Worker readers and members of the International Socialists meet Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Ye Olde Nelson, Chapel Street, Salford.
- PETERBOROUGH** Socialist Worker public meeting: Unemployment and Racism—Fight the National Front! Speaker: Tony Cliff. Friday 23 July, 7.30pm, St Barnabas Hall, Taverners Road, Peterborough.
- PETERBOROUGH**: Socialist Worker discussion groups meet weekly. Phone Peterborough 61685 or 68541.
- LAMBETH COUNCIL WORKERS** SW public meeting: Fight Racism! Speaker: Kim Gordon. Thursday 29 July, 12.30pm, Lower Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall Brixton. All welcome.
- HULME & MOSS SIDE SW** readers and members of the International Socialists meet on Thursdays at 8pm at Russett Club, Royce Road, Hulme, Manchester.
- CENTRAL LONDON SW** public meeting: Fight the bosses, not the blacks. Speaker: Tony Cliff. Monday 2 August, 7.30pm, Exhibition Hall, Camden Studios, Camden Street, NW1.
- CRUMPSALL** International Socialists (Manchester) meet every Monday at 8pm in the Robin Hood Hotel, Queens Road (just off Roch Road).

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

- SW LONDON** Aggregate Thursday 22 July, 7.30pm, Battersea Library, Lavender Hill. Speaker from CC. All members to attend.
- IS PRINT FRACTION** London and Home Counties meeting for all IS printworkers Sunday 25 July, 11am, 255a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4 (Finsbury Park tube). Main subject for discussion: new technology pamphlet.
- FLAME** Editorial Board Meeting Saturday 31 July, 11am-2pm, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. All members and Flame supporters welcome.
- SOCIALIST WORKER NOTICES**
- SW** Litho are offering a **PRINT! 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.
- IS** couple seek room or flat in Nottingham or Derby. Phone Staveley (Derbyshire) 4238.
- ACCOMMODATION WANTED** in London for IS member moving from Manchester. Room in shared house or flat preferred, but anything considered. Contact Pete Gates, 20 St Mary's Hall Road, Crumpsall, Manchester. (phone 061-795-7230).
- IS** couple need accommodation in London. Contact Andy Durpan, 1 Hamshire Street, Buckland, Portsmouth.
- TO LET:** Two-room, self-cooking flat, July-September, to IS members! London E7. Phone 01-552-4143.
- EAST LONDON:** Room to let for four weeks in August-September. Rent £6 per week. Phone 01-739-1870, Hughie.
- WANTED** for IS printshop: A fridge. Must be electrical. Can collect up to 50 miles from London. Phone 01-739-1870, Hughie.
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ABOVE: Barcelona 1936, and workers' salute during the first days of the revolution

# Salud!

DAVID BUNCH WRITES ABOUT GEORGE ORWELL

'WHEN one reads any strongly individual piece of writing,' wrote George Orwell in 1939, 'one has the impression of seeing a face somewhere behind the page.'

With Orwell himself it is not a face, but a voice—a militant voice, stridently exploding capitalism's myths.

In *Homage to Catalonia*, a moving account of his experiences in the Spanish Civil War, he tells how he had dropped more or less by chance into the only community of any size in Western Europe where political consciousness and disbelief in capitalism were more normal than their opposites.

He records in meticulous detail the horrors of a winter at the front, with little equipment and outdated weapons—Orwell was issued with a corroded 19th century Mauser! He shows how, crawling with vermin in the midst of 'shrieking winds', Republicans courageously fought the Fascists. They had, he said, a 'crystal spirit' which no bomb could ever burst.



Demonstrator in London, 1938

'First defeat Fascism, then worry about socialism.' That was the Moscow-inspired line of the Spanish Communists. Although at first sympathetic, Orwell became convinced that the war and the revolution were inseparable.

It wasn't simply that the Communists were wrong. They were working, he saw, 'not to postpone the Spanish revolution till a more suitable time, but to make sure that it never happened. This became more and more obvious as time went on, as power was twisted more and more out of working-class hands, and as more and more revolutionaries of every shade were flung into jail.'

Any lingering doubts were dispelled by the Communist Party's role in suppressing the so-called Barcelona uprising, Orwell played an active part in the fighting, focused around the city's telephone exchange.

'I have no particular love for the idealised "worker" as he appears in the bourgeois Communist's mind, but when I see an actual flesh-and-blood worker in conflict with his

natural enemy, the policeman, I do not have to ask myself which side I am on,' said Orwell.

His anger at Stalinism did not blind him to the heroism of rank and file Communists. Nevertheless, he had to tell a Communist friend that he could not join any Communist-controlled unit. 'Sooner or later it might mean being used against the Spanish working class.'

Prophetic words! Before he left Spain, he witnessed alleged 'Trotskyists' being dragged wounded from hospital beds or naked from public baths.

What appalled him most was the libel and lies spread by the Stalinists. They claimed that the workers' militias were an 'undisciplined mob. Orwell knew better.

'"Revolutionary" discipline depends on political consciousness—on an understanding of why orders must be obeyed; it takes time to diffuse this, but it also takes time to drill a man into an automaton on the barrack-square,' he wrote.

Communists also spread malicious tales about Republicans being in the pay of Nazis and Fascists. These tales were echoed by many of the European left. They made Orwell sick.

means no more than a planned state-capitalism with the grab-motive left intact.'

'But fortunately there also exists a vision of socialism quite different from this. The thing that attracts ordinary men to socialism and makes them willing to risk their skins for it, the "mystique" of socialism, is the idea of equality: to the vast majority of people socialism means a classless society, or it means nothing at all.'

Orwell put his faith in the working class—in the long run it is the best enemy of capitalism because it 'can't be permanently bribed'.

Was Orwell a Marxist? Many people, aware of some of the slush he wrote elsewhere, think not. But listen to this extract that Orwell wrote in 1943 in an essay 'Looking Back on the Spanish Civil War':

'The struggle of the working class is like the growth of a plant. The plant is blind and stupid, but it knows enough to keep pushing upwards

towards the light, and it will do this in the face of endless discouragements.'

The whole of Marxism is in that phrase! Of course, it has a patronising tinge—Orwell never quite outgrew his Etonian upbringing—but that statement sums up what the struggle for socialism is all about.

And the Spanish Civil War? Let Orwell have the last word.

'The hatred which the Spanish Republic excited in millionaires, dukes, cardinals, playboys, Blimps, and what-not would in itself be enough to show one how the land lay. 'In essence it was a class war. If it had been won, the cause of the common people everywhere would have been strengthened.

'It was lost, and the dividend-drawers all over the world rubbed their hands.'

Read *Homage to Catalonia!* Listen to Orwell's voice—that militant voice. He has much to say to us, even today.

## Whims

Throughout there are instances of a clumsy, comic humanity—Orwell refusing to shoot a Fascist whose trousers fell down; Republicans pumping mouth-watering lies about 'battered toast' through a megaphone at the front; trains running according to the private whims of the engine drivers.

Today, *Homage to Catalonia*—which Orwell thought his best work—is rightly regarded as a classic. Yet when it was first written Orwell had to hawk it around the publishers. Even when accepted it only sold a few copies.

Why? The answer lies in the book's politics.

Throughout the book, Orwell mercilessly exposed Communist tactics. Although based on first-hand experience, his account alienated him from the fellow-travellers of the liberal left.

## Dazed

'It is not a nice thing to see a Spanish boy of 15 carried down the line on a stretcher, with a dazed white face looking out from among the blankets, and to think of the sleek persons in London and Paris who are writing pamphlets to prove that this boy is a Fascist in disguise.'

Orwell wrote *Homage to Catalonia* to set the record straight. Yet, despite his disillusion with the way Communists betrayed the revolution, he emerged with a strong faith in socialism as a creed. He had seen men and women behaving as 'human beings and not as cogs in the capitalist machine.'

But Orwell's socialism was democratic not bureaucratic. 'In every country in the world a huge tribe of party-hacks and sleek little professors were busy "proving" that socialism

# Right wing attack on the Half Moon

THE BATTLE for socialist theatre in the East End of London is nearing crisis point.

The Half Moon Theatre, which has played for four years a growing role in the East End working class, is competing with Marius Goring, right-wing member of the actors' union Equity and rabid red-baiter, for the old Wiltons Music Hall.

The Half Moon are known for their socialist plays. Out for Nine, their play on the General Strike, received its first performance at this year's Socialist Worker May Day Rally.

Other plays include George Davis is Innocent, OK! and Get Off my Back, the story of London's dockland. Their next will be about the building industry and the jailing of Des Warren.

Pam Brighton told Socialist Worker: 'We want to open Wiltons to the local working-class movement. It's got not only a 600-seat theatre, but room for a pub, for a workshop, and three storeys of rooms that could be used for meetings.'

Goring, on the other hand, talks of 'restoring music hall to its proper place', and 'we're going to bring Wiltons back to the people of London'.

He has strong commercial backing and would clearly make hefty profits with a music hall for tourists, already brought to the East End by the multi-million pound St Katharine's Dock hotel and 'leisure centre' development.

The Greater London Council has set the Half Moon a mid-August deadline to raise £168,000. If they can do it, Wilton is theirs. Meanwhile Goring waits in the wings with his £168,000 already raised from private and business sources.

## Complaint

Or rather he's shouting abuse from offstage, for he's recently attacked the Half Moon with a complaint to the Arts Council about their socialist reputation.

Happily he got the brush-off, but he's clearly pulling out all the stops.

Recognition of the role the Half Moon plays in the East End has come with promises of more than £100,000 from the local council, the GLC, the Docklands Board and the Arts Council.

But they desperately need another £40,000—by mid-August.

Letters to the national offices of 60 trade unions got just four replies. George Smith, general secretary of the building workers' union UCATT, wrote: 'In no way are we interested in this activity... we are only interested in the most conventional forms of trade union activity.'

Which drew a strong protest from the Tower Handlets UCATT branch, which is an enthusiastic supporter of the Half Moon.

## Raise

Said Pam Brighton: 'If 160 people would give up a packet of fags or a couple of drinks a week we could make it. Giving us that 50p a week as a covenant would raise the £40,000 we need.'

'Already donations and covenants have brought in £11,000—but we've only weeks to meet that deadline now.'

Wiltons could be a breakthrough for socialist theatre, which has too often been limited to small audiences in dismal church halls and pub back rooms.

It would also be one in the eye for the right wing in Equity, and for the big business takeover of London dockland.

Brother, can you spare a dime?

Donations to—and covenant forms from—Half Moon Theatre Wiltons Appeal, 27 Allie Street, London E1.



## SUNDAY

You can hear Professor Noam Chomsky's views on American Society and the anarchist alternative in THE JAY INTERVIEW (ITV 11.35pm). Or for Bogart fans in need of light relief there is SABRINA FAIR (BBC-2), one of his lighter romances with Audrey Hepburn.

## MONDAY

Four graduates from Keel University who thought a degree would automatically keep them off the dole queue are the subjects of PANORAMA: The Graduate Surplus (BBC1, 8pm).

One graduate in history and politics has applied for 35 jobs and has had 35 rejections, one is working as a barmaid, another is trying to get a job labouring and the other has had 15 job refusals.

There are 65,000 students like them who have just graduated and can't get jobs. The programme will make interesting viewing, but beware the conclusion that higher education should be geared to the needs of the capitalist economy.

Tonight's episode of BILL BRAND (ITV 9pm) looks promising, as the left-wing MP on the Parliamentary Road to ruin is confronted with the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He faces the choice between his conscience and his popularity.

A touch of nostalgia with the re-run of 12 from the vintage Hancock's Half Hour series (BBC Radio 4).

## WEDNESDAY

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (BBC2) was the last play written by Spanish author Federico Garcia Lorca, who died at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War. This play is based on the sexual repression common among women in Spanish villages.

# BOOKS ON SPAIN



All available by post or direct from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4, or direct from IS bookshops in Birmingham, Manchester, Coventry, Liverpool, Hull, Glasgow and Dundee.

FRANCO'S SPAIN, by Stanley Payne, £1.70

THE SPANISH REVOLUTION, by Stanley Payne, £2.80

REVOLUTION AND COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN SPAIN, by Felix Morrow, £1.50

THE SPANISH COCKPIT, by Franz Borkenau, £2

HOMAGE TO CATALONIA, by George Orwell, 70p

HERMANOS! by William Herrick, 50p

SPAIN AFTER FRANCO, by J M Farrell, 25p

'Spain: The Gathering Storm' in International Socialism journal 80 and 'Spain: Prospects' in ISJ 88, 25p each

All prices include postage

# Postal Points

AS SOCIALISTS we do not advocate the death of the Angolan mercenaries as an act of vengeance or on any of the hypocritical moral grounds for capital punishment.

We say hang them because their deaths, well publicised, could well prevent more of their like—British Army trained scum—from going to Rhodesia and muddering more of our black brothers and sisters.  
□ Margaret Stilliard, Run-corn.

THE NATIONAL popular and 'quality' newspapers in this country are not worth using as toilet paper. The Sunday Express for instance regularly prints articles by Tory politicians at £500 a time attacking greedy trade unionists for causing inflation by their big wage demands.

I am constantly amazed at the vast chasm that exists between Socialist Worker and these rags of the capitalist press.  
□ H B Bolton

MORE SINISTER than the votes polled by the National Front candidate in Northwich town council election—14 per cent—was the fact that he was supported by the Conservative Party.

The Conservatives proposed and seconded him and did not stand in opposition, urging their supporters to vote for him.

Our Socialist Worker group has just been formed but we had instantly 30 regular supporters and we have started a campaign to fight the racists.  
□ Robert Bowerman, Chester SW Group.

REPORTS OF women strikers being opposed and abused by some of the men workers and also the recent attack by the National Front on the East London Gay Centre show one thing.

The capitalist class do not just use race to divide workers. I think it is vital that all workers support and encourage political action by women and homosexuals. It is only through all oppressed sections forming a united front that we can ever defeat the oppressors.  
□ M J Carlton, Truro

OVERHEARD ON the coach back to Coventry after the march against racism, two Asians aged about nine, both wearing Socialist Worker flags around their shoulders: 'Well, what do you think, do you want to be a Socialist Worker when you grow up?' 'Yes!'  
□ Murray Armstrong, Coventry

## THE MEANING OF MARXISM



**Duncan Hallas**

This pamphlet is intended as an introduction to some of the leading ideas of Marxism

25p plus 7p postage from IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4

### Series of Socialist Worker meetings on THE MEANING OF MARXISM

**BIRMINGHAM:** Every second Thursday, 7.30pm, Socialist Bookcentre, 224 High Street, Digbeth, Birmingham (near National coach station).

5 August: The Law, the police and the army. Speaker Laurie Flynn.  
19 August: Is Russia Socialist?

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

2 August: Fascism and Counter-Revolution.

**LIVERPOOL:** Every Wednesday, 7.30pm, IS Books, Berry Street.

21 July: Rank and File Movements. Speaker Jack Robertson.  
28 July: How the System Works, an introduction to Marxist economics. Speaker Brian Jones.

# Someone, somewhere wants a letter from Jack

THANK YOU for publishing my letter last week regarding Dunlop sacking my son. I have sent a copy to Jack Jones, our general secretary, with the following letter:

'I enclose a letter which appeared in this week's Socialist Worker. It speaks for itself.'

'As you know, brother, our district officers and our national officers John Miller and Tod Sullivan were put in the picture right at the start of the affair dismissal of the youth. Not a letter from you either to the Company or our

branch.

'I have heard members of the AUEW argue that the TGWU is a bureaucracy of obsequious self-seekers not interested in the workers once they are on the ladder of appointments opportunities that is the TGWU paid ranks.'

### No reply

'I have now sent a copy of a letter from the Department of Health and Social Security (which proves the lad should not have been sacked as uninsurable) to my district officers and national officers

and asking these brothers for their written advice on claiming against Dunlop for loss of earnings for the youth. So far no reply from any of them.

'Our branch has a resolution passed through our district committee to our national committee, chemical rubber oil trade group, of which I am a member and which meets on Friday (16 July) in Transport House and I will be speaking on that resolution.

'It is about the application of common courtesy from full time officers when written to

by branches.

'It is indeed a very timely resolution.'

'So, Brother Jones, while we convenors and shop stewards have to fight for our union GEC's decision to go along with Healey's second dose of wage restraint and the rest, perhaps our appointed officers could answer our letters when we ask for advice.'

'I would like SW to publish this letter as I am sure Mr. Jones won't.'

□ Willie Bennett, Convenor TGWU Dunlop, Glasgow.

# Unemployment the twin face of the Left

AS SOMEONE who has been a critic of Trotskyists for most of a very long and active life, I feel duty bound to congratulate Socialist Worker on its outstanding coverage of the racist rot which threatens the foundations of our labour movement.

No publication has provided such uncompromising yet reasoned arguments to fight the potential fascist menace.

What a pity that your coverage of the class collaborationist incomes policy of our leaders has not been of the same high quality.

The twin liberal and ultra-left pitfalls you so successfully avoid on the immigration argument are those you suffer from on the economic front.

Your hideous caricaturing of all left demands for a change in economic policies as 'nationalistic' and 'reformist' is a direct consequence of your non-alternative of world wide simultaneous and instantaneous revolution.

The twin face of this ultra-leftism is the pathetic liberal calls for world free trade and purely moralistic condemnation of unemployment which dominate your columns.

I am no university economist but I do understand that the provision of jobs cannot solely depend on factory-by-factory militancy. Full employment requires the conscious fight for state control of the economy with planned expansion and control over import growth.

□ Walter McKee, Wandsworth.

# POLAND the easy way out

YOUR RECENT articles on Poland and those on the Eastern Block generally tend to read like those in the capitalist press—not just because they attack the government of these countries but due to the subjective diatribe in place of a sound analysis.

As Garry Bushell (10 July) puts it 'poverty and isolation crushed the ideals of the Russian revolution' and in Eastern Europe truly socialist revolutions were not allowed to occur.

To claim, as the governments do, that they are socialist is both false and misleading to the workers of the west when they see and read about the many faults exposed in these countries.

To put the faults of the bureaucratic governments of countries with at least a basic socialist economic standing down to a mythical class struggle is the easy way out of a complex problem.

The idea may be easier to understand than that of a distorted, bureaucratic socialism but it is incorrect and must be rejected by any party claiming to be Marxist.  
□ P J Hall, Bishops Stortford.

# Plaid Cymru the Left alternative

THE LOCAL council elections produced some interesting results in Wales.

We can no longer ignore Plaid Cymru or brand them as Welsh 'Tartan Tories'. They are a reformist organisation who, in South Wales at least, pose as a left alternative to the Labour establishment. The contradictions in the organisation are tremendous. At their last annual conference they were so divided over industrial policy that they could not even vote on it.

Their three MPs are a paternalistic market gardener, a British director of an American multinational, and probably the most radical left-wing MP in Wales.

The Welsh Language Society, meanwhile, see themselves as socialists and have, in this area, supported the Right to Work Campaign.

Their present chairman calls himself a Marxist. For all their faults, we should not ignore these organisations or the fight for the Welsh language.  
□ Martin Robathon, Lampeter.

# Letters

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# CP swallows the poison

AS YOU pointed out last week, the Morning Star's coverage of the magnificent 12,000 strong anti-racist march was confined to a six column inches report on page 5 on Monday under the Sun-style heading 'Scuffles At London Protest March'. And Socialist Worker's comments on the Communist Party's political cowardice was well justified.

### Flood

But did anyone read the lead article on the front page under the banner 'Stop The Flood Of Racist Poison'? It contained the following unbelievable statement in its report of the CP national executive weekend

'Communists must fight for a non-racist, humane and democratic immigrant policy for Britain', said Mrs Bellamy, who recalled a party congress resolution which stated that all governments had the right to regulate immigration and emigration.

Racism is not just an ideological poison within the



It is conditions like these that drove the Palestinians to terrorism.

working class. Its roots lie in the economic needs of capital for cheap migrant labour.

### Cause

This economic basis for racism is institutionalised in a government's right to regulate immigration on behalf of its ruling class. To say otherwise is to promote the view that immigrants are a cause of economic and social

problems.

CP comrades, you cannot be anti-racist and pro-immigration control simultaneously. I hope that the Star's front page exposure of the real meaning of the British road as applied to the most important political question of the day will cause some of the fine rank and file CP members I fight alongside in my union to decide whether they want to remain in an organisation with such politics any longer.  
□ Steve Ludlam, Hackney

THE British press in all the acres of coverage about the raid on Uganda and Idi Amin have said nothing about why the hijack took place.

It was a desperate effort by people driven out of their homes by the Israelis to draw attention to their case.

Living in terrible conditions, under frequent assault from Israeli bombing raids, the Palestinian people are living all around Israel waiting for their chance to return to their own homes, in the territory occupied by Israel.  
□ G Wright, Harlow.

# WHAT THE ARCH-BISHOP DIDN'T SAY

IN HIS racist outburst the Archbishop of Canterbury said, among other things, 'the presence of immigrants often makes for real problems—I am not unmindful of the problems in the realm of housing, language, education'.

Housing problems, says the Archbishop, in West London, around Paddington, the Church of England owns acres of property.

In the last few years much of this property has been cleared and handed over to Wates, the massive building firm.

If you want one of those houses or flats it could cost you up to £100,000. And that's only for the leasehold. The church has kept its greasy fingers in final control.

Along with the Queen, operating through the Crown Commissioners, the Church of England is one of Britain's biggest landlords.

How the hell can Coggan accuse immigrants of causing a housing problem when his church is making large areas of West London uninhabitable for all except the very rich.  
□ SW reader, Paddington.

# Campaign to save Murrays

ON 9 JUNE Marie and Noel Murray were sentenced to death by a three man special tribunal in Dublin. They were alleged to have killed a policeman in September 1975, while escaping after a bank raid. Ronan Stenson, the third accused, is being tried separately on account of his mental condition, incurred as a result of the treatment he received while in the hands of the police.

In the special criminal court, set up to try 'politically motivated offences' normal standards of justice do not apply. There is no jury, conclusive proof is not required, the judges are political appointments and for a large part of the trial the Murrays were neither present in the

court room or legally represented.

There is proof that the Murrays and Ronan Stenson were tortured into making statements, but this has been ignored by the court and the press alike.

### Reprieve

The appeal for permission to appeal will be heard on 29 July. If it is unsuccessful then the death sentence will be carried out shortly after. Reprieves can only be granted on the recommendation of the Irish government to President O'Daileigh.

We demand a reprieve. We demand a retrial, and an independent investigation into the claims of torture.  
□ A. Ross, Murray Defence Committee.

The Irish government is trying to promote a new tough (law and order) policy by making an example of individuals who are not backed by strong political organisation. If they are successful in the case of the Murrays, then this will be the stepping stone for further repression against every political group. The left is already much harassed in Ireland.

People can help by getting their T.U. branches to send protests to the Irish government and by contacting their nearest Murray Defence Committee. Contributions to the fighting fund would also be helpful.



India 1875, and the Lieutenant-General of the Punjab visits the local rulers who are on his pay-roll. The British turned such men into tax-collectors, corrupted by their percentage 'out'.

**'I FELL head over heels in love with India. If I'd have gone there a hundred years earlier I would have left my bones there.'**

These are the words of an out and out racist called Enoch Powell. Interesting words they are too.

For they point towards a truly fatal relationship, the relationship between the development of capitalism in Britain, the plunder of colonies and the development of racist ideas.

The India that Powell loved is not India at all. It is conquered and enslaved India. India bled white, the jewel in the crown of an operation that involved conquering and enslaving nearly half the world.

The British Empire, that operation so deeply loved by Powell and his class, involved the wholesale destruction of great civilisations. It involved mass murder and genocide. It required the deliberate encouragement of backwardness and social decay.

And it required the development of the most stupendous hypocrisy to justify it all. Hypocrisy about 'The White Man's Burden'. Hypocrisy about 'Britain's civilising mission'.

Hypocrisy, above all, about the supposed inferiority of black people, the terrible poison of racism that allows Powell to 'love' 'India' and hate Indians.

The plunder taken out of India was truly fantastic. So fantastic that it brought new words into the English language, the words 'loot' and 'looting'.

**Stolen**

If anything, the new words understated what went on.

Lord Macaulay, the historian and man of empire himself, has described in detail 'the shower of wealth' that was stolen out of India.

Referring to the schoolbook hero Clive of India, Macaulay writes: 'We may safely affirm that no Englishman who started with nothing has ever in any line of life created such a fortune at the early age of 34.'

'But the takings of Clive either for himself or the government were trifling compared to the wholesale robbery and spoilation which followed his departure when Bengal was surrendered a helpless prey to a myriad of greedy officials.'

'These officials were ab-

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*'This dread of the free diffusion of knowledge became a chronic disease . . .*

*'It was our policy in those days to keep the natives of India in the profoundest state of barbarism and darkness, and every attempt to diffuse the light of knowledge among the people either of our own or the independent states was vehemently opposed and resented.'*

Kaye's Life of Metcalfe, page 202.

solutely irresponsible and rapacious. Their only thought was to wring some hundreds of thousands of pounds out of their natives as quickly as possible and hurry home to display their wealth. Enormous fortunes were thus rapidly accumulated at Calcutta while 30 millions of human beings were reduced to the extremity of wretchedness . . .

'The misgovernment of the English was carried to a point such as seems hardly compatible with the very existence of society.'

This fantastic plunder—estimated at £1000 million in the 50 years up to 1815 alone, had to be 'justified' in some

way. So, to deflect attention from their own barbarism, the plunderers turned more and more to one topic—the alleged vices of the natives and supposed backwardness of Indian society.

The words of the plundering English were echoed by their missionaries, by newspaper editors and all the other bastions of polite society in Britain who profited from this tremendous spoil.

So much so that these outrageous lies found their way into every part of British culture, into schoolbooks and jokes and everyday assumptions. Lies took on the standing of unchallengeable truth.

*But lies they were and lies they remain. For India was not backward, India was not barbarous.*

G Campbell, writing in 1852, was an apologist for the East India Company, but even he had to admit: 'The great mass of the Indian people possesses a great industrial energy, is well fitted to accumulate capital and remarkable for a mathematical clearness of head and talent for figures and exact sciences. Their intellects are excellent.'

The American economist Vera Anstey, who cannot in any way be suspected of being either anti-British or anti-capitalist, has written about the development of Indian society: 'Up to the 18th century the economic condition of India was relatively advanced and Indian methods of production and of industrial and commercial organisation could stand comparison with those in vogue in any other part of the world.'

**Prevented**

'A country which has manufactured and exported the finest muslins and other luxurious fabrics and articles at a time when the ancestors of the British were living an extremely primitive life has failed to take part in the economic revolution initiated

by the descendants of those same wild barbarians.'

In fact the Indians didn't 'fail' at all. They were systematically prevented.

Their society was milked in order to speed up development in Britain and Britain alone.

As the economist Paul Baran puts it: 'The British administration of India systematically destroyed all the fibres and foundations of Indian society.'

'Its land and taxation policy ruined India's village

economy and substituted for it the parasitic landowner and moneylender.

'Its commercial policy destroyed the Indian artisan and created the infamous slums of the Indian cities filled with millions of starving and diseased paupers.

'Its economic policy broke down whatever beginnings there were of an indigenous industrial development and promoted the proliferations of speculators, petty businessmen, agents and sharks of all descriptions eking out a sterile and precarious livelihood in the meshes of a decaying society.'

**Racism**

The catastrophe that was pioneered in India was repeated again and again in Burma, in Africa and a host of other places. All this could only be justified by one thing—by racism. So a whole system of backward, inhuman ideas was put together to serve the needs of Empire.

The damage these ideas have done is incalculable, possessing and corrupting our society and our minds and leading straight to the death camps of Nazi Germany. Something of their continuing strength can be seen in the person of Enoch Powell.

For here is a man who worships the plunder of India

and believes that was civilisation. A supporter of unbridled free enterprise capitalism, he also obviously looks back fondly on the days when there was slavery and child labour in the mines and factories and mills of his beloved England. That too was 'real civilisation'.

**Persecuted**

In those days of empire racists like Powell affected some concern for those they robbed. They made them British citizens, and said they could even live in the Mother Country if they so wished.

But time has passed. Others have now created new empires and Britain is in decline. Now the victims of the British bloody Empire are to be stripped of their rights and persecuted.

All of which is a recipe for a second ghastly flowering of the anti-human racist ideas that Powell treasures in his twisted mind.

It will take considerable efforts to make sure that the ghastly flower never gets the chance to open and more than that to ensure it is dug out by its very root once and for all.

**Laurie Flynn**

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# ASBESTOS: FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE

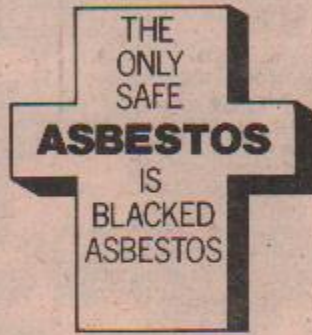
ASBESTOS is lethal. Countless numbers of people have been killed or seriously disabled by working with it.

Workers should demand its replacement by safer materials.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of the substance around and many workers are involved in cleaning up areas where it has been installed in the past.

In these cases, it is essential that those concerned get the most complete protection available.

Here at the C.A. Parsons subsidiary, IRD, in Newcastle, a few TASS members have set an important example.



By R Murdoch  
C A Parsons  
Newcastle

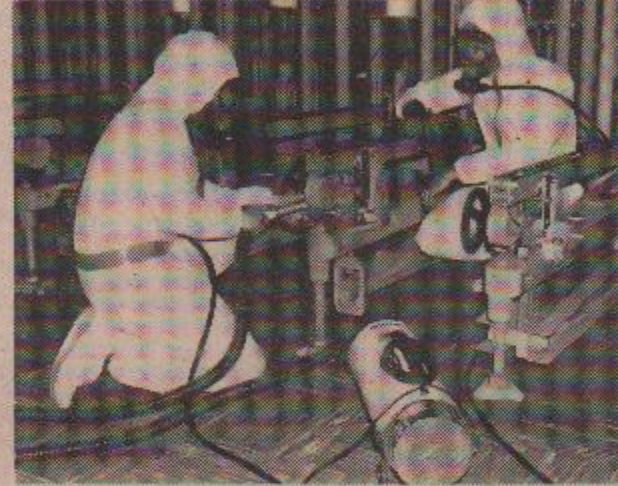
time!  
A substantial quantity of asbestos dust was found. The TASS committee insisted that fibre levels be monitored before anyone was allowed back in the lab after cleaning.

The company's first reaction was that it would take weeks, maybe even months, to get test results back.

But when they realised that the lab would be closed until the air was tested, they arranged for test results to be available immediately following the weekend's cleaning.

TASS members are present during the tests and are involved in discussions on how the results are analysed.

The role of the so-called safety officer should also be noted. He has continually tended to minimise the dangers and obstruct attempts to reduce the risks. The reason is obvious. As he himself has in-



This is what Parsons workers compelled their employers to do: you should demand at least the same. Note the air lines supplying air from outside the lab.

dicted: 'These measures could be very costly if everyone in the factory demanded them.'

Despite important gains we've made, there is a need for a general tightening up on safety. A number of examples of dangerous loose

asbestos have come to light but supervisors have made light of possible hazards.

In any work involving asbestos, workers should insist on a level of protection at least equal to that of IRD, even where small quantities of asbestos are involved.

there would be in the air once the cleaning started.

One of the technicians involved said: 'The cleaning work has to be done and those working on it are the people who have to be satisfied with the safety provisions. Anyway, who knows what is safe or unsafe?'

We think any quantity is unsafe and the experts used by the company know no more than we do about the risks.

What is considered safe now might be thought to be hazardous in five years'

## WORRIED

Until 1967, blue asbestos was used for packing the ends of small furnaces. The lab was cleared of blue asbestos at that time.

But our members became increasingly worried that there might be small pockets of asbestos dust about.

They demanded that the lab be given a secondary cleaning and themselves put forward the proposals for the cleaning equipment.

This included complete cover-all overalls, separate external air supply to a pressurized hood, and special respirators.

The company were reluctant. They insisted that a filter mask would be adequate and that separate air supply was unnecessary.

The TASS members maintained that no-one could say how much dust

## Notices and meetings

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**NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN** public meeting to discuss coming report of anti-abortion Parliamentary Select Committee. Tuesday 27 July, 7.30pm, Grand Committee Room, Westminster Hall, House of Commons.

**South West London Student Teachers and Lambeth Trades Council Conference** against the cuts. Saturday 24 July, Furrzdown College, Welham Road, London SW17, 2pm-5pm. Speakers include Dick North (NUT Executive), Brian Hodges (Lambeth Trades Council), Ken Livingstone (GLC councillor).

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**REMEMBER 1926!** Saturday 24 July, 8.30pm: Belt and Braces Roadshow Band. Sunday 25 July, 5pm: Mayday Theatre in Battersea Strikes, and Urban Gorilla Rock. Both at Covent Garden Community Centre, 27 Shelton Street, London, WC2. Admission 50p (half price for pensioners and kids).

**BALHAM AND TOOTING CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM:** Public meeting. Monday 26 July, 8pm, Tooting Co-op Hall. Join the fight against racism. Speaker from Southall Youth Movement, and John Deason, Secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign.

**STOP THE CRIMINAL TRESPASS BILL!** Public Meeting with Jo Richardson, MP, and Ray Allen (NGA National Executive) Monday 26 July, 8pm, Stroud Green Junior School, Woodstock Road, London, N4. Campaign Against Criminal Trespass Law (01-289 3877).

**STOP LBC BROADCASTING RACIST FILTH!** Picket LBC, Gough Square, (behind Fleet Street), London, EC4, Tuesday 27 July, noon-2pm. Organised by Central London Right to Work Committee.

## BRENTFORD: The women engineers at Trico are still out.

Last Monday they turned down a miserable offer from the management of an average increase of £2.40.

They still want equal pay with the men on the production line who earn up to £6.50 more than women doing the same work.

Other good news last week was the decision of the Ford shop stewards to black all Trico blades, and the decision of management to call off the industrial tribunal because they knew they couldn't win their case.

So now is the time to put the boot in on the Trico management, and force them to give in.

## HARD

The factory supplies half the windshield wipers to the car industry and after a ten-week strike stocks must be running low. The women are sure to win.

But they won't win unless they start fighting hard regardless of procedures, rules and the law.

Two hundred men, including the toolroom, are also on strike but that still leaves 1000 workers and staff crossing the picket line each day.

The AUEW 'officially recognises they're scabs' says John Brasher, the District president, but that doesn't mean a thing unless the women harass them out, and the district committee uses its strength and puts pressure on the men.

## Pannell women fight on

**WITHAM, Essex:** Ten women who have been on strike for eight weeks at Pannell Products were made an 'offer' this week.

Management told them they were prepared to recognise their union—the General and Municipal—as long as they accepted a three-day week.

The 'offer' was being considered by the strikers as

**AFTER 12 long weeks on the picket line (above), the 100 women strikers at Orlakes in Dagenham, East London, have won. They have gained recognition of their union, the TGWU, and got a £6 rise.**

If the whole factory stopped, it would demoralise management still further.

In one day, the women could go out to every car factory, see the shop stewards' committees, stop the wipers being used, and stop production.

They could go to the docks and the airport and demand blacking. It has taken the District Committee eight weeks to get the agreement

Socialist Worker went to press.

Their strike began as a revolt over the appalling pay—£21 take-home—and conditions in the plant. For instance, women had to put their hand up and ask for permission if they wanted to go to the toilet.

The management have tried to break the strike by upgrading the male workers and given them all a £2 pay rise. The men are all scabbing.

from Ford's and now they are going to put pressure on British Leyland.

Two weekends ago, 13 scab lorries were taken out of the factory, with the co-operation of the police.

The women picketed the police station, because the police helped the scabs, driving lorries with covered number plates.

Next time the lorries need to be stopped—which means

And the management have also tried to split the women on strike by sacking half of them and offering the other five their jobs back.

But as one striker told Socialist Worker: 'They'll never break us. We'll stay out for ever to win this strike'.

Support for the strikers locally has been good. A social organised with the help of local Socialist Worker supporters raised £60 last Friday for the strike fund.

organising a massive picket.

When a trip to the Northampton Trico factory was organised, the women were queuing up to go. Twenty six squeezed into a van and impressed the Northampton women so much that they said they would rejoin the union and there was a possibility that they would come out on strike.

The women should go back and see they do.

The real tragedy of the strike is that the women's militancy and fight is being exhausted. The women are on 24-hour, seven day a week picket duty.

## ORGANISE

But the District Committee is too much in control with its 'wait and see' procedures. They can wait and see forever but the women can't.

If the District Committee won't organise the delegations and visits, collections and blacking, then the women should do it now.

The Right to Work Council have called for special support

**They had been getting just 53p an hour, while conditions inside were appalling. Now with union organisation and a successful, hard-fought strike behind them, they hope to build inside the factory for better conditions.**



Picture: John Szurock (Report)

# Lorry drivers fight Labour's tax trick

By Ron Fletcher, TGWU shop steward  
British Celanese, Derby

**EVERY LORRY DRIVER** gets a subsistence allowance for overnight stops. But now the Government say they will tax any subsistence above £4.50 a week. That means that on three nights away from home, the government will be taking £2.70 out of our pockets.

That is taxing it twice because a driver pays for his lodgings and expenses out of his own pay packet, which has already been taxed. Then, when he claims it back, they are going to try to tax it again.

**SOCIALIST WORKER  
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IS MEMBERS and Socialist Worker supporters at British Celanese, Derby, have produced another issue of their bulletin.

They have so far sold 395 copies on two shifts and expect to sell far more.

Copies and details of how it's done from 41 Matlock Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

The subsistence allowance has not kept up with inflation.

All we can look at now is lousy accommodation on overnight stops with eight or nine in a room.

The law says there has got to be fire exits but nothing's said about washing or toilet facilities.

In the winter it's cold. There's no central heating.

If you're awake all night, cold, listening to other drivers coming in, washing or leaving early, you aren't safe on the road the next day.

You are too tired. If you want safety, you've got to pay for it.

I want a reasonable place to stay, clean and comfortable, the same as I've got at home. We want to be able to afford a decent standard of living away from home.

## Wrong

After all, we've still got to keep our family going.

The government are now trying to make things worse. On 14 June, we met in Birmingham from all over the country, as far away as Aberdeen.

The 300 of us lost a day's pay. We tried to get things going but TGWU head office has just gone on talking.

The next talks are on 27 July and we are not going to pay income tax on subsistence regardless of what anyone says.

It is only the rank and file that is going to win this, not the top dogs.

They will say any action is unofficial, but you've got to go through the gate before they are forced to make it official. Unity is strength.

In British Celanese in Derby, the transport section of the 5/461 TGWU Branch has promised '100% backing to the drive including strike action.'

## Sackings picket

**By John Appleyard**  
**LEEDS:** Without warning, eight of us were made redundant at Hurst and Sandler at 4.45 on Friday afternoon. The redundancy notice was to take effect immediately.

I was responsible for setting up USDAW as the union in the factory three months ago, and I've been involved in fights for better conditions. I believe this is why the firm is getting rid of us.

The firm say the sackings are to make the warehouse more efficient. Since when did eight sackings do that?

The sackings are illegal. We were made redundant on the spot without warning. The company didn't inform the union.

A picket has been arranged outside the factory to protest.

## CO-OP BATTLE FOR £6

**By Frank Manley, Co-op worker, Partington**

THE CLERICAL workers union, APEX, have put in a claim for £6 for Co-op workers here.

Management turned it down, offering between £5.03 and £5.40.

The other union, USDAW,

immediately accepted the offer, but we in APEX rejected it.

We are going on to fight for the full £6, but this means a real fight as we are the smaller union.

I appeal to all Co-op workers who read this to attend meetings so that we can build a stronger union organisation in the Co-op.

**FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!**

# ROLLS ROYCE: GET THE SIT-IN UNDER WAY!

By Stuart Hepburn

**METHIL.** File: The first meeting of the Community Action Committee set up to save the jobs of 8000 men at Redpath, Dorman Long oil platform construction site was held last Wednesday.

Along with the workers from RDL, there were representatives from Kirkcaldy Trades Council, the local Scottish National Party, Glenrothes International Socialists and the Dundee Right to Work Committee.

The committee endorsed a campaign of marches, lobbies and demonstrations,

## Battle plans to save 8,000

culminating in a march in Methil on Saturday 28 August.

All factories, pits and organisations in the area are being asked to support.

A mass lobby of the TUC in Brighton is also being planned.

Speakers from the yard are visiting trades councils and other organisations throughout the east of

Scotland. These measures will help involve the whole community in the campaign.

But overtime and weekends are still being worked in the yard, which shows that even now more can be done inside RDL to help save the jobs.

There's no point in working overtime to help finish the work

just to impress management and prospective buyers.

It didn't work at Graythorpe and it won't work in Methil.

Workers at Graythorpe oil rig construction in Teesside face exactly the same fight.

The loss of any jobs, let alone 8000, in an area where unemployment is between 12 and 13 per cent, would be crippling.

Three years ago, RDL promised '15 years work'. We must not allow them to throw workers on the scrapheap after three.

# Their money or your life...

**KENT:** Babcock and Wilcox, the Isle of Grain power station contractors who've sacked 1000 men to defend their 'right' to impose unsafe working conditions, are clearly prepared to go to any lengths to win their battle.

Socialist Worker understands that Babcock's have intimated they will challenge any declaration that free overalls must be provided.

The 'right' Babcock's are so anxious to defend is the right to expose workers to dust levels up to 30 times above the permitted threshold without providing overalls.

## Pay

The Factory Inspector has reported that workers should be provided with respirators, overalls with hoods, and elasticated cuffs and ankles and gloves.

The problem is that he doesn't think the employers should pay for them.

If the Grain workers are defeated, no big construction site will lose the opportunity of trying the same tricks on their workforce.

Grain workers need support now. Their struggle is not just safety, it is about the right to work, the right to organise, and the right to fight against being used as whipping boys for the employers' profits.

Messages of support to Joint Shop Stewards Committee, Isle of Grain Power Station, Kent.

**BLANTYRE: Lanarkshire:** 470 workers at Rolls Royce came out on strike last Tuesday against management attempts to close down the factory.

A temporary occupation by stewards prevented management moving equipment.

Rolls Royce workers have known for months that British Aerospace 'industry bosses want to 'rationalise and concentrate production'. That means sacking 1000 workers and attacking the conditions of those left.

The Blantyre workers were told in January, weeks after being congratulated on reaching production targets, that the plant was to close.

The jobs were to be moved to the Hillington plant 20

miles away.

The Blantyre workers voted to strike for one day and fight the closure all the way. They agreed to oppose any transfer of men or machinery.

There has since been virtual stalemate. Then, just before the holiday, management announced that 12 men would be transferred after it.

A mass meeting voted almost unanimously to strike.

The stewards are recommending a full-scale

occupation after the holiday. This will have to be organised now.

One Engineering Union member, Bill McCarron, a supporter of the Engineers' Charter said:

'We really need a skeleton occupation over the holiday to keep an eye on management. When they return we need a full blooded occupation.'

'One of the biggest problems is that our workforce and others through

the combine don't know what is happening.

'It's incredible that the convenor of the Joint Consultative Committee which covers the combine, George McCormick from Hillington, hasn't called mass meetings to make sure all the combine knows what's happening. Our fight involves every Rolls Royce worker.'

'We also need to get the support of every factory on the industrial estate. If we close, it



will be a black day for everyone here.

'There's no reason why working class families should suffer because Sir Kenneth Keith wants to maximise his profits.'



**WATCHING** North West Spanner Theatre's play 'Dig for Victory' on the picket line at ICL in Manchester. 50 Engineering Union and Transport Union workers are on strike over attempts to impose a new flexibility scheme. Six electricians union members have joined the picket line.

But another 700, led by convenor Sammy Davis, have been crossing the picket line.

Davis has been leading 60 EETPU members to carry out the strikers' work.

The National Right to Work Council is calling for a special effort to be made to support the strike. Collection sheets from the Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Donations to the strike to c/o AUEW Offices, The Crescent, Salford, Lancs.

## STOP THE CUTS!

**DURING** these times of massive cuts in public spending, it is heartening to discover that at least one union has come out strongly against such attacks on the general public.

At this year's National Conference of the Fire Brigades Union, Resolution 137 placed the union firmly against any cuts.

Firemaster R Knowlton of Strathclyde Fire Brigade, receiving his new budget, decided that 200 jobs had to go (by natural wastage, of course), two fire stations had to close, stations had to lose firefighting appliances and life-saving appliances such as turntable ladders.

Three men would now do the work of four.

To the outside observer, there would appear to be no problem here as the Fire Brigade Union had firmly committed itself against such moves. Not so.

## Reject

The brigade officials accepted all the firemaster's cuts except for the closure of one station. You see, Resolution 137 does not apply in Strathclyde.

It should be noted that the divisive plan dreamed up by the firemaster puts the cuts squarely on A and B Divisions, City of Glasgow, so that in voting to accept or reject his proposals A and B are outnumbered 2 to 1 by C, D, E and F Divisions, who are in fact gaining by the firemaster's new plans.

The Fire Brigades Union membership of A and B Divisions have been declared 'unofficial' for organising mass meetings and a demonstration in support of

# With friends like these...

By Paul McDonald, T Tierney, and D Patton, Glasgow Fire Brigades Union

Resolution 137 while the Executive Council pigeon-holes it.

This is the unacceptable face of socialism which should be made public to all concerned socialists lest it creeps up on them.

## Sackings—from 'fight cuts' council

**HARINGEY** Council in London are pledged to fight the cuts. But, behind the scenes, it seems that they're also getting ready to sack people.

Allan Johnson, senior GMWU steward in the Council's direct labour department, told Socialist Worker:

'About two weeks ago, my foreman told me I would be required to transfer away

from my depot.

'No shop steward should ever be moved away from the place where the members elect them. Yet management even brought in Frank May—the local full-time official of the building workers' union, UCATT—to tell me to go.

'In the end they proved that my contract gave them the right to move me. We had stopped them moving

another steward some time ago. But they couldn't find any record of that.

'They told me they didn't have any bricklaying work of high enough standard for me in my own depot.

'Then they moved me to work on which they were doing training. My old foreman told me I would be asked back to do a particular wall. Now they've started it with someone else.

'The council are still refusing to rule that stewards should not be moved. But at least I've now got senior stewards' credentials. So they've got to give me full facilities wherever I go.

'I suspect they got me out of my depot to clear the way for getting rid of certain union members there. How can the council ask us to keep quiet and support them against the cuts when they won't support us?'

'We must have an independent cuts committee based on trade union and workplace delegates.'

## Hospitals hit back

By Dan Burnett, NUPE, West Middlesex

**HOSPITAL** workers in West London are fighting cuts throughout the local service.

A number of cottage hospitals are threatened with closure, clinics are to be shut, casualty departments run down, and South Middlesex General Hospital run down.

Local hospital workers lobbied the Area Health Authority last Wednesday following weeks of protest, including a signature signed by 25,000 people, a public meeting and a demonstration through Hounslow.

The Authority was forced to pass a resolution guaranteeing no redundancies, spreading the cuts into the next financial year, and sending a delegation to the Minister of Health.

Now we need to set up a joint committee for all the local health workers' shop stewards to carry on the fight.

## EEV GET THEIR ANSWER

**ESSEX:** A campaign of guerrilla stoppages was being launched this week by shop stewards representing 1000 workers at the English Electric factories in Chelmsford and Maldon.

The workers—members of the Engineering Union—

are demanding a day's sick pay.

EEV, part of the giant GEC group which recently announced record £207 million profits, have turned the negotiations into a farce.

So the shop stewards committee

have decided to meet daily to plan stoppages that will hit them where it hurts.

After being conned out of a pay increase under the 'rules' of the pay code, many of the workers are determined to get some small slice of GEC's massive cake.

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## Demonstrate on Saturday!

DEMONSTRATE against the fascists: Saturday 24 July, 12 noon, Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London.

Sponsored by the International Socialists, Southall Youth Movement, Blackburn Asian Youth Organisation, Kent Workers against Racism, Greenwich Action Committee against Racism, and many other local and national organisations.

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# THEY SHALL NOT PASS!

*Press Statement by Socialist Worker and the International Socialists.*

**WE HAVE taken and are in possession of the sign 'For Sale to an English Family' put up by Robert Relf.**

In our press statement issued last Thursday we warned we would stop the latest Nuremberg-style plans of the British Nazi organisations.

They planned to take the Nazi Relf's racist sign from Leamington to London by a series of runners, leaving Leamington tomorrow, Wednesday 21 July, and culminating in a united fascist march down Whitehall on Saturday, 24 July. All the main Nazi organisations in Britain were to take part: the National Front, National Party, Colin Jordan's British Movement and so on.

*We received this information from sources inside the National Front.*

Their sole object was to stir up racist conflict and to build up their strength for further attacks on all working-class and immigrant organisations.

## We've got the sign! We're going to burn it

On Thursday, we said: 'We intend to do our utmost to stop the Nazis in their tracks'.

The International Socialists, with our paper the Socialist Worker, reject out of hand the argument that if the fascists are ignored they will somehow go away.

The opposite is true. If they are given free rein to spread their racist poison, turning worker against worker, they will in the end destroy each and every right that the British working class has gained in nearly 200 years of struggle.

**Since Thursday, we have thrown the Nazis' secret plans into disarray.**

Firstly, we have publicly exposed these 'secret' plans. The Nazional Front had hoped to get favourable press publicity for their Nazi procession and its renewed defiance of the Race Relations Act. They had hoped to try and keep up the con that their Ku Klux Klan thug, Relf was a 'decent' man of 'principle'.

Secondly, we have taken the Nazi Relf's sign into our custody until Saturday, where we will burn it in public. Thirdly, together with the Southall Youth Movement, London Branches of the Indian and Bangladesh Workers' Association, Greenwich Action Committee against Racism, Kent Against Racism and many other national and local organisations that believe in fighting fascism, we have organised a national 'STOP THE NAZI RELF' demonstration in London for this Saturday, starting 12 noon at Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park.

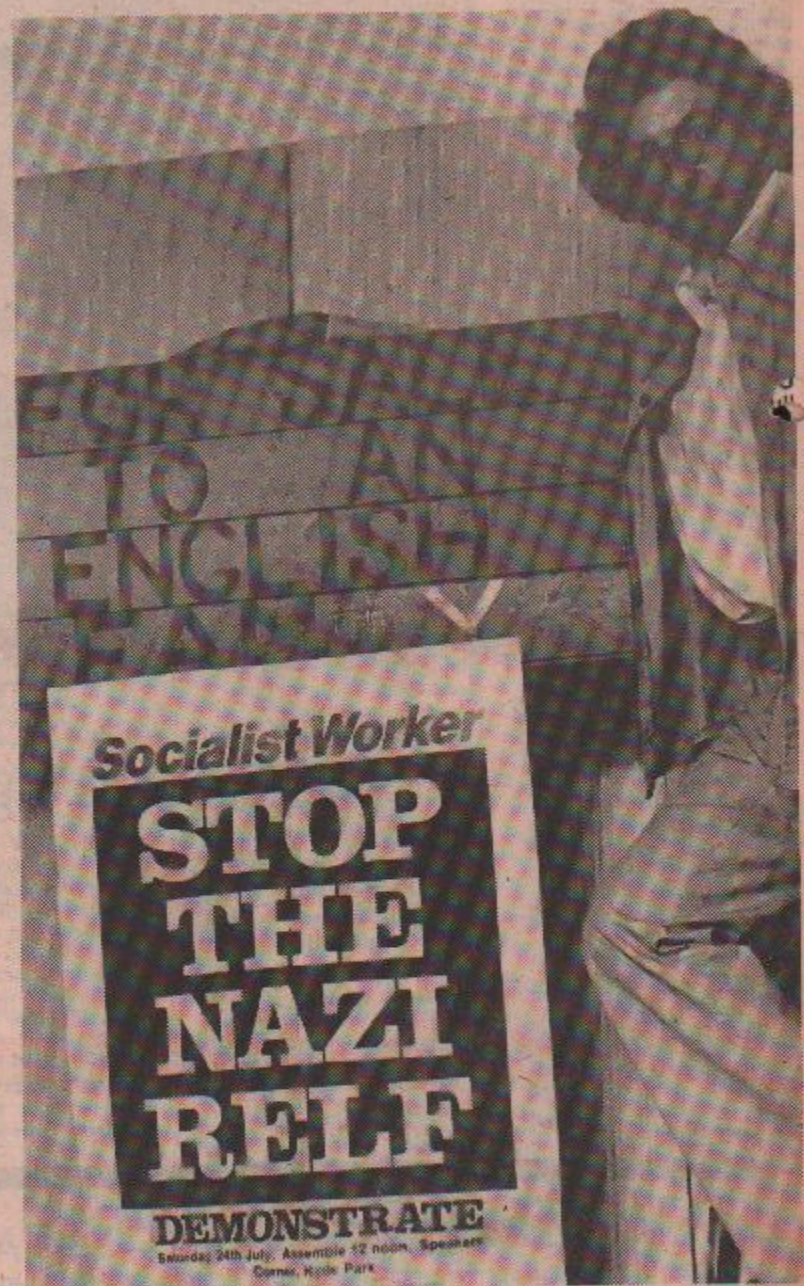
Fourthly, together with the Leamington Anti-Fascist Committee we have organised a demonstration against the Nazi Relf in Leamington tomorrow morning.

*As a result the National Front are beginning to retreat. They are now claiming that they will not run with the sign or a copy of it to London this Saturday.*

If they go ahead, we repeat what we said on Thursday: The unity of black and white, trade unionists and socialists can beat fascism. Our slogan is the slogan that defeated Mosley's blackshirts in the 1930s: **THEY SHALL NOT PASS.**

**If the fascists decide to stay in their holes on Saturday, our Victory Parade will rub home the lesson: unity, vigilance and determination can beat the Nazional Front.**

Join the victory celebration. Join the burning of Relf's sign this Saturday.



The Race Relations Act couldn't remove it—but we did! Steve Jefferys of the International Socialists with the racist sign taken from outside Relf's house in Leamington. We will burn it in London on Saturday

A LOT of people think Robert Relf is an ordinary, decent, Englishman. But then a lot of people don't know that he is a Nazi.

**That's right. A Nazi.** He's been given a lot of publicity over his House For Sale sign—but the newspapers and television have been strangely silent about his classic fascist pedigree.

Consider Relf's background. He has been: **NAZI** Colin Jordan's bodyguard

**JAILED** for two years and nine months for attacking an Indian shop.

**JAILED** for daubing racist slogans on walls in Warwick

**JAILED** in connection with his attempts to set up a Birmingham branch of the loathesome Ku Klux Klan

## RELF'S HERO: HITLER!

Still not convinced? Then consider also the fact that he was once a member of the National Socialist Movement—and only left it because his fellow-Nazis didn't do enough to help him when he was in prison.

Consider too, the letter sent by Relf to an Asian invalid and published recently in the Sunday Times. Here is part:

So you bloated black pig you feel that the State is not doing you any favours by paying you £109 per week to sit on

your stinking great fat arse.

Well your odious venereal ridden black scum, if I had my way I would do the State and the other hard-working Englishmen a favour by putting a rope around your fat slimy neck and stringing you up to the nearest lamp post.

We in this once great country that used to be ours must have been stark staring mad to have allowed the black plague to pollute our land. The treacherous politicians that allowed it to happen should all be lined up against a wall and shot. (signed) R Relf  
**'PS COME BACK HITLER. ALL IS FORGIVEN'**

And beneath this, he had drawn a swastika.