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PRICES SCANDAL: WHO IS TO BLAME?

FOOD PRICES are rising faster than ever before in living memory.

Sheltering behind a mild increase in the price index this month—and completely unreported by the newspapers—is a staggering 3.3 per cent increase in the price of food.

Food prices are usually stable through July and August. Even last year, when the price index was rising twice as fast as now, food prices remained the same.

If carried on through the winter, that 3.3 per cent increase will mean at least 40 per cent over the next year—an extra 40p on every £1 you now spend on food.

The Labour government says it is getting inflation under control. But food prices—the most important for working people and for pensioners—

Food could rise by 40p in £ in next year

are soaring.

□ The rises are not the result of 'normal seasonal fluctuations'.

□ They are not the result of 'world shortages'—though under Common Market rules Britain now has 14,599 tons of beef and 40,395 tons of butter in store to keep prices up.

□ They are certainly not the result of 'wage increases'.

□ Nor has anyone yet claimed they are the result of the drought.

They are the result of deliberate policy by the Labour government, and shameless profiteering by the food companies.

The government is cutting food subsidies this year from £572 million to £408 million. That's why a pint of milk went up a penny recently. That's why a loaf of bread went up a penny recently. That's why tea will go up 2p a packet this week.

WHO BENEFITS?

Then there are the food companies and their own special organisation called the Common Market. The chairman of Associated British Foods, Britain's biggest bakers, said the other day: 'Apart from the loss of subsidy, bread will go up by another 4p a loaf over 18 months under agreements signed between the government and the European Economic Community.'

Who will benefit?

Associated British Foods. Their profits are already up from £45 million last year to £65 million this year—even though less of their food was bought and eaten.

Fewer eggs are being eaten every year. In 1972, we ate 273 eggs per head. This was down in 1975 to 246 per head and it is down again this year.

But J B Eastwood, Britain's biggest egg producer, who made a loss last year of £500,000 have recorded a profit this year of £7 million.

As the consumption of milk slumps, the profits of Britain's biggest milk producers, Associated Dairies have jumped from £7.8 million to £14 million, and Unigates from £18.6 million to £22.8 million.

EAT CAKE!

Two hundred years ago Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, was told of the crippling bread shortage in the working-class areas of Paris. She replied: 'Let them eat cake'.

Last week Colin Cullimore, managing director of Britain's biggest butchers, Dewhursts, called a press conference to tell journalists:

'If the British want to go on eating meat, they had better aim at ox livers, beefburgers, breast of lamb and bellies of pork—and leave the better cuts for richer consumers.'

The French workers had a suitable reply for Marie Antoinette. They had a revolution and cut off her head.

Seamen: What benefits?

AS Socialist Worker goes to press, the Seamen's Union are still negotiating with the employers over 'fringe benefits' suggested by the TUC.

These benefits are worth much less to the seamen than the £6 a week that they were entitled to—but which the TUC says falls 'outside the social contract'.

If, as seems likely, employers and union sign the deal, the seamen will have been sold down the river once again. The need for a rank and file movement in the Seamen's Union will be more desperate than ever.

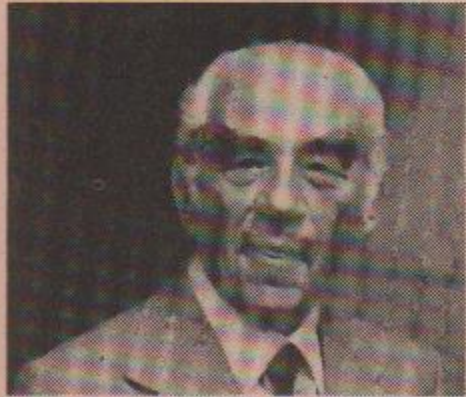
If the employers decide to fight the seamen even now, the case for the seamen's strike is stronger than ever, and the seamen will deserve the support of every worker in the country.



Five thousand out against cuts

SOME of the 5000 trade unionists, mainly teachers, who came out on strike for half a day on Tuesday and marched through Oxford. They were protesting at education cuts planned for Oxfordshire which could mean the sack for 500 teachers. The NUT made the strike official.

THE SCROUNGERS' PARADE



AN UNEMPLOYED worker from Merseyside, Jimmy Bettleton, asked his local social security for a loan on Tuesday. He wanted £10 to buy his third child a new coat, her first coat.

The man at the SS looked thunderstruck. 'Sorry,' he explained, 'there's no provision for a loan of that kind.'

Last November, Sir James Goldsmith, millionaire food speculator, approached the Bank of England for a loan of public money. He wanted a little matter of £40 million.

The reason? Slater Walker, of which Goldsmith is chairman, was going bust, and it was 'necessary' to save the shareholders from total bankruptcy.

The Bank agreed at once. Goldsmith got his £40 million the next day. He can pay it back whenever he likes.

SHED a tear for Lazare Spiro. He's just lost £20,000. His old pal Ernest Brauch, speculator, fraud, millionaire and thief has just done a bunk.

Brauch was due to come up at the Old Bailey on fraud charges, and was on bail for £40,000 himself, £10,000 from 'a dentist friend' and £20,000 from poor Spiro.

Brauch was seen last week in Jersey, where he has a 40-bedroom house and a motor yacht. And Spiro is still smiling.



Would you sell a second-hand car to this man?

PETER PARKER, new chairman of British Rail, in a jolly mood. He's just come out of a press conference to explain why rail fares must go up in the New Year.

British Rail is broke, you see, so Peter's going to make it more broke by putting up the fares and

improving all the passengers' lives.

Peter doesn't have to worry. He travels in his very own sold Rolls-Royce.

British Rail bought Peter's Rolls off him for £5000—and then gave it back to him. Wasn't that generous?

THE LOAN

THE Treasury announced a new government bond issue this week. They're selling off £600 million worth on the open market—at 14½ per cent interest per year until 1994, when you get your money back.

The government will be paying £87 million in interest charges every year. In seven years, they will have paid out in interest all the money which they borrowed.

By 1994, they will have paid out a fantastic £1,522 million in interest alone. And then the government of the day will be looking for public spending cuts to 'meet their commitments'.

Three years ago, Jim Slater, founder of Slater Walker, was King of the City. He advised every money-grubber from Prime Minister Heath downwards. He was the 'buccaneer of modern private enterprise'—the best argument for 'fewer government controls of industry'.

Now the report reveals that Slater Walker was a hideous charade from the moment it was started by Slater and Peter Walker, who later became Secretary for Industry in a Tory government.

It used its 'freedom from government controls' to buy up industries, sell off their main assets at a profit and then sell the companies. It bought and sold its own shares, and those of its satellite companies.

It produced nothing, improved nothing—except the fortunes of the peculiarly loathsome group of sharks who swarmed into Slater's lagoon.

In 1975, as the company started to collapse, Mrs Slater got a mortgage loan of £119,000.

Tom Buckley, a vile speculator, begged some cash to start a few gambles on the stock exchange. Slater Walker loaned him £772,000.

Other top executives in the company received loans and mortgages worth £259,000 between them.

Next time you read in the Sun or the Daily Mail about 'social security scroungers' remember the story of Jimmy Bettleton's child's coat.

And remember Jim Slater in his enormous



'I say, old chap, I'm a bit short. D'you think you could let me have £772,000?' Tony Buckley (left), Jim Slater's satellite, business associate of Tory MP Jonathan Aitken, outside his spacious Kensington home.

house, or driving to another speculating job in his Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud.

And remember Tony Buckley and his unhappy little debt of three-quarters of a million pounds.

And next time you read in posher newspapers about the need to 'provide incentive for executives and industrialists' and to 'free the cash flow' remember what it all means.

It means the right of a handful of brutish gamblers to grow enormously rich at the expense of working people—and to stay rich at the expense of the Bank of England and the taxpayer.

Well, it's a free country!

ANOTHER beneficiary of free enterprise—in his time he was known as 'another Jim Slater'—is Ralph Hilton, who built up Hilton Transport into one of the biggest transport undertakings in the country.

In a Department of Trade inquiry out this week, Hilton is exposed as a liar, a forger and a tax fiddler.

Hilton made his name and his money by lying about accounts—pretending he was making profits when he wasn't, and then making them because everyone believed him.

Bribes

He got his accountants, Thomson McLintock, who audited the Coal Board accounts in the Robens years, to agree to the group 'going public' when they knew he was taking bribes.

He got money and support from the Industrial Commercial Finance Corporation, an extremely prestigious City firm. He was helped in this by having a 'friend' in the ICFC called James McNaughton.

How is Hilton doing now? Very nicely thank you. He was found guilty of falsifying accounts, was fined £2,500, and is now back in business.

It's a free country after all, especially if you're a liar, a forger and an anti-union bum.

and those who are left to rot....

IF YOU are contaminated by toxic chemicals in a road or factory accident you could die because emergency services in Great Britain are practically non-existent.

The Fire Brigade Union said that while there was a provision for transporting firemen wearing protective equipment the public, who also wear protective clothing, were not covered.

Ambulances were not equipped with protective clothing and other safety gear needed to treat and transport these casualties.

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It seems you could be there till you rot,' said another delegate to the meeting.

Paul Tharby, a fireman at Grays and secretary of the

committee, reported that the fire brigade and ambulance services first raised the problem with the area health authority in May but no action had been taken and the situation was still 'explosive'.

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The meeting heard several accounts of workers being put at risk from asbestos without being aware of it, or after being told that there was no risk from white asbestos only from the blue variety.

It was agreed that the committee should try to produce a simple leaflet for local workers, setting out the facts on asbestos and the diseases it causes.

Ian and Janet: living on a tight-rope

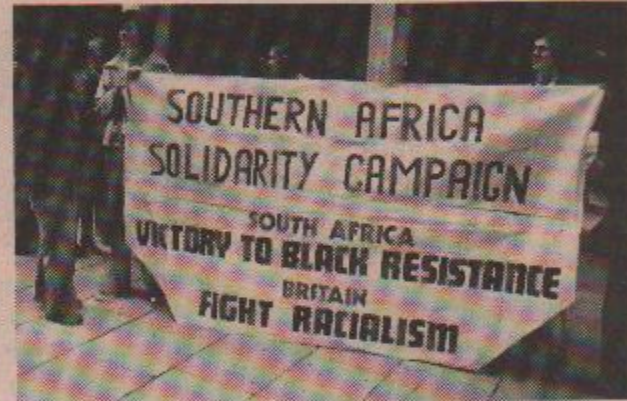


THE FICTION—from Woman's Own



THE REALITY—for blacks murdered in Mozambique by Smith's troops

What rubbish! So Woman's Own get the truth about Smith and Rhodesia



THE TRUTH—from the solidarity campaign

As Labour meets, the real revolt lies elsewhere

HERE WE GO AGAIN...



Michael Foot: remember the 'red flame of socialist courage'?

A REAL opposition to the government is developing. Last weekend the national executive of the local government officers' union, NALGO, voted to support the call by the public employees' union, NUPE, and the civil servants' union, CPSA, for a united demonstration against the cuts.

It will be in November, probably on the 17th. The National Union of Students has also agreed to support that date.

Various bodies have called for demonstrations against the cuts or unemployment on different dates. They must be pressurised to throw their weight behind a united demonstration, combined where

possible with token strike action.

That would provide a show of the united strength of the employed and unemployed and signify a real fight-back against the government's policies.

But one-day action is not going to halt unemployment, rising prices and the cuts. That's why the date of 6 November has to go alongside that of the 17th. On the 6th, the Right to Work Campaign is holding a delegate conference for all those bodies opposed to the cuts, unemployment and the freeze to get together.

It will provide the chance to begin building the rank and file organisation and activity needed in the months ahead.

THE EDITOR of Woman's Own got a shock on Monday afternoon. Supporters of the newly-formed Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign occupied her office. They were protesting at an article in the last issue of the magazine about Ian Smith, the racist ruler of Rhodesia, and his wife. The article presented them as kind, decent people, concerned only with doing good. There was not one mention of the grisly record of murders and hangings that have marked Smith's years in power.

The occupiers demanded the right of reply, and eventually the editor agreed to one of them putting their case to the editorial board meeting later this week.

The next morning, they leafleted the building's workers, explaining their action and calling for support for their right to reply.

Socialist Worker WHAT WE THINK

NEXT WEEK sees the repeat performance of a long, drawn out farce.

Day after day, the television and press will bring you elaborate reports of the Labour Party con-

ference in Blackpool. They will try to enthrall or frighten you with talk of 'splits', of 'threats from the left', of 'strongly-worded resolutions'.

But all the time you will know that by the end of the

week nothing will have changed.

Power will still lie in the hands of men frightened to say boo to a land-speculator.

An example of what is likely took place last week. On Monday the press was full of a resolution passed by a sub-committee of Labour's national executive which criticised the government's cuts. Horror

of horrors, it was actually passed at a meeting chaired by Wedgwood Benn in person.

The Tory press screamed. Yet by Wednesday the resolution was forgotten, buried by the same people who allegedly promoted it. The Guardian could

report: 'The Cabinet's leading left-wingers, Mr Foot and Mr Benn, will not support any attempt to furnish conference with an emergency resolution condemning the government's performance on public expenditure cuts and unemployment...'

By Monday of this week, the papers had worked themselves up into another rage—this time over the passing by the Labour executive of a call to nationalise banks and insurance companies some time in the next 50 years.

Yet approval by the Labour conference of the plan will be no more significant than past commitments to cut unemployment, improve the welfare state, end nuclear weapons and 'make an irreversible shift in wealth' from the rich to the poor.

So next week's conference will be a charade. This would not matter perhaps, except that there are many thousands of honest and devoted people who play a part in it.

They are rank and file members of the Labour Party and trade unions who still put their faith in trying to influence Labour's policies.

All their efforts will merely result in their voices of protest being drowned by the block votes of elected for life union leaders and the speechifying of well-heeled Ministers.

HERE'S MY SAVINGS, SAYS A WORKER BEHIND BARS

'KEEP UP the good fight against the Chapples of this world.'

That was the message sent last week with a collection of £10.15 taken by two senior stewards from Pye's Airdrie. 45 of their fellow workers signed the collection sheet.

That helped to bring in £163.65 to our fund to pay off the legal costs we owe Frank Chapple, head of the electricians union, the EET-PU.

Another £1 donation came from a young apprentice in the Communist Party in Gloucester.

Yorkshire Electricity Board workers in Bradford sent a collection of £5. But perhaps the most heartening contribution came from a prisoner in Peterhead jail, near Aberdeen.

He writes: 'Thank you for helping me to free myself completely from all bourgeois prejudices and

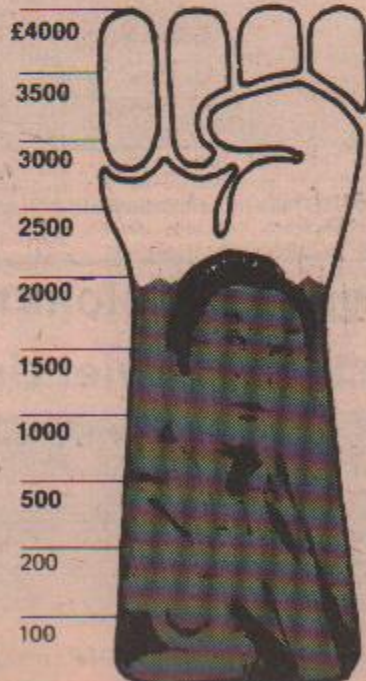
superstitions. Discovering Marx, Engels etc. two years ago and Socialist Worker a year ago has changed my whole outlook on life.

'Enclosed you will find a postal order for £1.65 which I have saved over the last fortnight from my prison earnings to show how I feel about Chapple's threat to the workers' paper. Keep up the good work.'

Thanks also to: D. Jenny £5, W London IS £30, Lyons, Greenford, Asian workers £43, Maidstone IS £1.40, Dudley SW supporters £2, J Kerr £2, Lowestoft SW supporters £1.05, Feniger and Bolton SW Supporters £4, Chesterfield IS £9, John Begg £1.65, D S Bagnall £5, Kingston £1, Chessington reader £1, M. Row £1, S M Hobbs £4, M Nolan and A Cunningham £2, T Mooney £1, Frank Conway £2, Glasgow IS £16.55, Caterpillars SW Supporters £3.20, D Holygate £2, Stuart Goodor £5, H Newlove 40p, Central London Builders £1.65, J Kelly £5, Mansfield IS £2.50.

Send collections and donations to SW Defence Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Socialist Worker DEFENCE FUND



FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK STOP THE CUTS

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN

Trade Union Delegate Conference Against the Cuts and Unemployment

Delegates from trade union branches, shop stewards committees, councils, trades official trade union bodies welcome. Credentials and further details from National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

Belle Vue Manchester Saturday 6 November

THE PRICE OF LABOUR...

WHEN WE moved house recently, I dug out a Daily Mirror 1974. It had two pages devoted to prices in Tesco's and Fine Fare.

On average, prices had doubled. The most amazing thing was potatoes at 15p for a five-pound bag—3p a pound.

DOUBLED

Now it's 11p a pound and not so long ago that five-pound loaf would have cost £1.20.

Small tins of baby food were 4p in September 1974. They are now 9½p. Braising steak was 39p a pound. Now it's nearer 60p.

By YVONNE WALKER
a Hackney Housewife

It's the rich what gets the pleasure, it's the poor what gets the blame. If there's an abundance of a particular crop they burn it. They shoot good cattle dead and bury them rather than let the price come down.

Why? Because farming and agriculture is no longer in the hands of nice, rosy-cheeked Farmer Giles.

It's now very big business.

Vast acres of land are owned by farm managers whose only concern is profit.

We scrape up the pennies each week. That pensioner died in Liverpool choking on cardboard, trying to fill her empty belly.

But these rich-living bosses put tons of good food to waste so as to line their pockets and keep their profits up.

The profits these managers have made over the past few years would keep them going for some time. But there is no possibility of them lowering the price of anything.

They don't even consider housewives trying to feed their families, or pensioners trying to keep themselves alive.

Only when we have rid ourselves of these parasites and their lunatic system will we be able to feed and clothe ourselves properly—to our needs and not their profits.



Yvonne Walker . . . prices nightmare

You've heard of the Brain Drain... this is the Brainless Drain

GEOFFREY DRAIN, general secretary of the local government workers' union NALGO, has blundered.

During the economic debate at the TUC, Drain got carried away with his own speechmaking and referred to the thousands of lobbyists outside.

He said: 'Any fool can say simply "stop the cuts", and several thousand fools seem to wander around this place saying exactly that today'.

Among the several thousand 'fools' was a large contingent organised by the executive of the public employees union.



Drain: imagine him fighting the cuts

Their general secretary, Alan Fisher, was outside talking to the lobbyists. NALGO and NUPE are supposed to be organising a joint campaign against the cuts.

There were also a number of NALGO members on the lobby, including an official delegation with their banner from Islington.

Drain upset his own members and offended NUPE. Worse still, what sort of campaign against the cuts will he lead if he is prepared to win cheap applause from his friends on the General Council of the TUC?

Applause won by insulting thousands of trade unionists and unemployed workers who are prepared to fight the cuts . .

WHO CAN IT BE?

☐ THE FOLLOWING advert appeared in The Guardian last week:

Trade union general secretary, retired, age 60, offers wide experience, executive, admin. Replies to: MG 142, The Guardian.

What's going on TASS?

WHAT IS going on inside TASS, the white-collar section of the Engineering Union?

With the AUEW's three other sections, they are committed to forming one big union for engineering, the dream of militants for more than a century.

But those plans became bogged down—and now like falling through. Only last week the construction section announced that they are to investigate a merger with UCATT, the building workers' union.

Behind the stalling are the right-wing in the engineering section and the left-wing in TASS.

Engineering section opposition has been led by John Weakley, the official who took the union to court over postal balloting.

Objection

For one of the most notorious right-wingers in the trade union movement, Weakley has raised an unusual objection—that under the amalgamation proposals, TASS officials, unlike those in any other section, were being allowed to escape election.

And so a right-wing resolution was carried at the engineering section's National Committee last May proposing a single union structure for the amalgamation—and a common method of electing officials.

TASS were to be allowed three years to bring themselves into line.

Resolution

These proposals were reluctantly accepted in July by the foundry and construction sections.

The future of the amalgamation now rested on TASS.

On 28 July, a resolution was put to the TASS executive which would have committed the union to try to get better terms.

If that failed the executive would then have to open discussion with the other three sections on how to bring TASS into line with the proposals.

The resolution fell because no one would second it.

The TASS executive is a leftwing stronghold,

At stake: the dream of one big union for engineering



dominated by the Communist Party. General Secretary Ken Gill is a leading member of the Party. Most TASS officials are supporters of the Broad Left.

It now seems certain that they will not support amalgamation if the price is submitting all officials to regular elections. The reason for this is not that they are against elections.

They fear that the result of elections would be to let in the right wing. Over the past few years, TASS has taken a position well to the left of all other major unions on most questions.

But in the engineering section of the AUEW, election after election has gone to the right wing. Although no-one says it openly, the left in TASS don't want to risk the same thing happening to them.

To avoid elections they are prepared to risk wrecking amalgamation.

This has become clear from the events of the past two months. In 1975, the union's Representative Council instructed the executive to look at ways of electing officials.

The executive referred this to a sub-committee.

At the next Representative Council, the sub-committee said they had looked at how officials were 'appointed' in various unions.

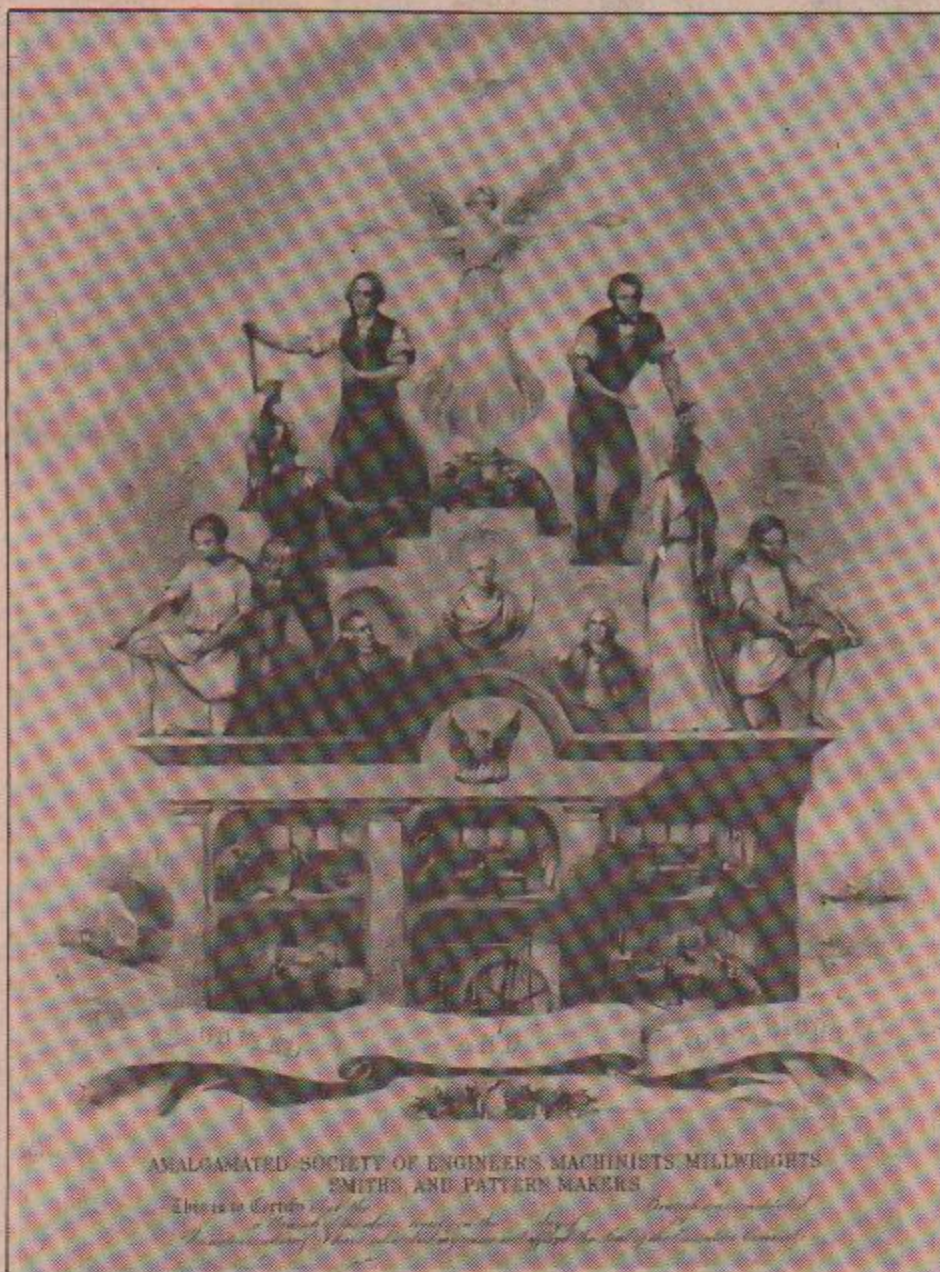
Then, two weeks before a special meeting on amalgamation, the executive changed the agenda of the sub-committee. They were no longer to discuss the election of full-time officials.

Delay

The reason the executive gave for this extraordinary move is difficult to believe. A resolution was passed at the TASS conference in favour of electing officials.

It also contained a phrase about awaiting 'progress towards the next stage of amalgamation within the AUEW before changing the methods of choosing officials'.

Nothing was decided that would stop the sub-committee discussing ways of electing officials. But the executive seemed only too happy to find yet another way of delaying progress towards amalgamation.



BE UNITED . . . a century-old dream is now in danger

Under capitalism, comrade, man exploits man.

But here in the Soviet Union, it's the other way round . . .



If you think Russia is a socialist country, read the latest issue of International Socialism journal.

39p (inc postage) from ISJ, 6 Coltons Gardens, London E2.

As the first seven of the arrested Right to Work Marchers face trial Socialist Worker says:



ON TRIAL . . . Mike Lynch, Pete Fysh, Marcus Luck, Neil Rogall, Dave Hayes, Mike Alderson and Joe Cronshaw

Defend the 43

THESE MEN, pictured here on the receiving end of truncheons, fists, elbows and feet, are now standing trial . . . for assaulting policemen.

Three others in the dock with them—Neil Rogall, Marcus Luck and Dave Hayes—tell equally horrifying stories about the brutality they saw and felt.

The seven are the first of the 43 unemployed workers to be tried following the incidents at the end of last spring's Right to Work March from Manchester to London.

Protest

The trial, at Hendon magistrates court, is likely to finish next week. All seven face jail sentences or crippling fines.

So that an effective defence can be mounted outside the courtroom—among trade unionists who might otherwise be taken in by the lies of the press—the following facts should be at the fingertips of every Socialist Worker reader:

□ **REMEMBER** that this is not a jury trial. The police are relying on compliant magistrates to protect their tattered reputation and blame the marchers.

□ **REMEMBER** that the incidents took place outside Hendon police station.

It is just too much to believe that if, as the police claim, the marchers attacked the police, they would do so at such a convenient spot where there were dozens of police at the ready and few, if



PETE FYSH a member of the General and Municipal Workers Union, being set upon by three policemen. He was beaten again inside the police station and had to have stitches in his head. His nose was badly swollen and bruised from repeated kicks and punches in the face. His lips were cut and he was kicked on the legs and hip. Charged with assaulting the police, he was initially also accused of maliciously damaging a policeman's watch. But the police dropped the charge because it would have meant he could have chosen a jury trial.

any, witnesses.
□ **REMEMBER** that the marchers had come 300 miles without incident and had a great rally at the Albert Hall to look forward to.

Violence

□ **AND REMEMBER** that after each withering police assault the marchers formed up and marched away so that the Right to Work Campaign could carry on.

An independent trade union inquiry has already completed its own report on the incidents. Serving on the inquiry were:

Neil Bidwell, MP, Jack Collins, of the miners' national executive, Jack Morrish, Group General Secretary of the Society of Civil Servants, Dolly Sewell, local shop steward, Chris Soutar, local convenor, Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union and a member of the Labour Party national executive, Mike McGrath, CPSA national executive, barrister Ian MacDonald, and Vincent Flynn, former general secretary of SOGAT.

The report, available from

the Right to Work Campaign concluded:

Lies

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

If the Committee had clear evidence that on 19 March

MIKE ALDERSON, a nurse from Bristol and a member of NUPE, being assaulted by police. He had to have three stitches to his head, and also received other injuries.



MIKE LYNCH, a coalminer from Fife and a member of the Labour Party Young Socialists. He was dragged along the pavement dazed and semi-conscious and dumped on the floor inside the police station. The man tending him, **JOE CRONSHAW**, is alleged to have obstructed the police because he insisted that Mike needed an ambulance.

After being pulled out of this they

were charged with... assaulting the police

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

Report

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

Inside the court, defence barristers are doing everything they can to expose the police case.

PC Nash, for instance, who claims to have been assaulted by Mike Alderson, was badly shaken when asked if he was the same man shown in a photo beating up Mike Alderson.

He denied he was, but admitted that he had the same appearance, the same double chin and the same hairstyle as the officer in the picture.

Defence barrister Lord Gifford also introduced photographic evidence when cross-questioning PC Hartshorne, who alleges Pete Fysh assaulted him.

Hartshorne told the court he took Fysh straight to the station. But Lord Gifford directed him to a picture showing him lying top of Pete.

The officer 'could not recall the incident'. Laughter in court.

□ The executives of three trade unions have now called for a public inquiry after reading the independent trade union inquiry's report. They are the CPSA, the FBU and NUPE.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK Meetings

COVENTRY Right to Work public meeting: Build the 6 November Conference. Speakers: Alan Fry (one of the marchers) and John Heyward. NUT Wednesday 29 September, 7.30pm Elastic Inn, Cox Street.

TYNESIDE Right to Work Committee: NO MORE JARROWS Unemployed protest march. Jarrow to Newcastle Assemble Jarrow Town Hall, Noon, Tuesday 5 October. Public meeting at 8pm with Harry McShane (one of the organisers of the Unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s) and Dave Hayes (who marched on the Manchester to London march).

PETERBOROUGH Right to Work Committee public debate: Corruption at the top, unemployment at the bottom—how to fight back. Speakers: Eddie Milne (former MP for Blyth), local trade unionists and John Deason. (Secretary, Right to Work Campaign). Wednesday 29 September, 7.30pm, St Barnabas Hall, Taverners Road.

NOW YOUR CASH IS VITAL

THE RIGHT to Work Campaign is not going to be harassed and hammered out of existence.

We will fight on against the scandal of unemployment. But to do that we need your money.

We need your money especially badly right now because we have to look after the defendants while they are in court.

In their usual vicious way, the authorities have cut off defendants' unemployment benefit, claiming that they are no longer available for work.

They did the same to the defendants in the Shrewsbury pickets trial in 1973.

The campaign has to pay to bring the defendants from all over the country to the court. It has to feed them and give them a little bit of spending money throughout their trial. You can help us do that.

Get your shop stewards' committee, union branch or district committee to send a donation. And get them to support the campaign itself.

□ Send to Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM Duncan Hallas

The 'great man' theory of history is a very convenient one for our rulers. Just look at the TV coverage of Mao-Tse Tung's death...

Great men - and slaves

A READER in Wolverhampton asks for some discussion about the importance or otherwise of individuals, particularly 'leaders' in deciding what happens in the world.

'I was always taught that it was not important,' he writes, 'because movements always throw up their own leaders anyway. For example, if Hitler had never lived, Germany would have still become fascist.'

The reader is not at all happy with this standpoint; perhaps the fascists could have been prevented from gaining power if the leadership of the German Communist Party had acted differently... to accept that leaders are "determined" by their movements is to

accept that fascism was inevitable... 'Are we to accept the inevitability of events and deny the ability of the individual to influence them to any great extent?'

This is an old question which comes to life again quite often. The Russian Marxist Plekhanov once wrote a little book called 'The Role of the Individual in History' which comes pretty close to expressing the 'it's all inevitable' point of view.

It is put out as a cheap paperback by the Moscow Foreign Language Publishers and is still worth reading.

Conservative

Plekhanov (and to some extent Engels before him) was out to demolish the 'great man' theory of history which was very popular in conservative

quarters and was (or should it be?) taught in schools.

You know the sort of thing. Bad King Ethelred the Unready tried to bribe the wicked pagan Danes to stay out of England.

But they came back in force to get more and more and nearly ruined the country until Good King Alfred the Great drove them out. Everything is made to depend on the personal qualities of Ethelred and Alfred.

This is what the historian E H Carr calls 'infant school history'. But it is not simply childishness. Ideas are also weapons. They serve the interests of some social group or other.

The 'great man' theory very obviously suits an established ruling group.

Everything seems to depend on what happens at the top. Rulers, 'good' and

'bad' are what matter. Slaves, serfs or wage-earners—the mass of the ordinary people—are not capable of positive political action except as the instruments of the 'great men'.

And whether a particular 'great man' is described as good or bad depends on the material interests of the group that pays the historians—that provides them with jobs.

Cruel

For example, the last pagan king of the Czechs delighted in the murder, torture and rape of Christians, or so the Christian historians say. They called him Boleslav the Cruel.

His successor, a Russian who used precisely the same methods on behalf of the Church, has come down to history as Boleslav the Pious.

The historians, you see, were churchmen—and the passage I have quoted was written by a militant 19th century atheist who also, in his way, taught a 'great man' theory of history.

Both accounts miss the point.

The introduction of Christianity into northern and central Europe (including mainland Britain) was part and parcel of the destruction of an old social order—tribalism—and the introduction of a new one—feudalism.

It was part and parcel of a ferocious class struggle.

Christianity, at this time and place, was the feudal creed. The pagan cults were wedded to the old tribal society.

Serfs

When Wotan, Thor and Freya were driven out of England, the previously free English peasantry was reduced to serfdom.

The two things were two sides of the same coin.

Now this is the sort of thing that Plekhanov was concerned to point out

And it is right to stress that the class struggle, not the virtues or vices of the Christian and Pagan leaders, was what really mattered.

You may say that all this was long ago, back in the dark ages. However, the 'great man' theory is very far from dead.

When Khrushchev was out to secure his own rule against the neo-Stalinists in the late '50s, he told some of the truth about the atrocities of the Stalin era in Russia.

He blamed them on one man—Joseph Stalin, the 'great man' theory with a vengeance.

Stalin

Come to that, think about the TV and press coverage of Mao Tse-Tung's death.

This 'titan' changed the course of history—which is very convenient for those who want to obscure the real course of recent Chinese history, especially the role British imperialism played

Does this mean that individuals and individual leaders don't matter?

Not at all. Next week we shall look at the real relationship between leaders and movements.

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A LITTLE-KNOWN film critic has lashed out at plans to portray the King of the Jews as a normal human being.

Her name is Elizabeth Windsor, though she modestly prefers to go under the title of Queen of Britain.

She hit the headlines in May when she rushed to the defence of Colonel Callan, the controversial producer of *Angolan Bloodbath*.

Now she has slammed as 'obnoxious' the idea that behind Jesus Christ's loincloth there lies a sensuous creature trying to get out.

Her terse attack was recognised last Wednesday by the British press to be the most important event on earth that day

Fifth Column can now reveal the amazing story of this mystery woman and the strange life she leads.

Believed to be the richest woman on this planet, she nonetheless lives wholly off social security, drawing £1,400,000 in benefits every year.

With her husband Philip—who divides up his spare time between promoting the World Wildlife Fund and shooting world wildlife—she commutes between her numerous castles and palaces.

Such is her humility towards what she calls 'my subjects' that she loves nothing better than to mingle unnoticed with them, wearing everyday working clothes such as a crown and tiara and travelling inconspicuously by horse-drawn carriage flanked by mounted toy soldiers.

But it is as a film critic that she has won the devotion of an admiring nation.

Passion

Her penetrating reviews of *Angolan Bloodbath* and *Jesus Christ Superstud* are merely the latest in a long line of committed and passionate political statements.

Remember her attack on that great human tragedy by D Healey, *One and a Half Million on the Dole?*

Or her angry outbursts over J Callaghan's offering for Britain's pensioners, *Let Them Eat Cardboard?* You don't? Wonder why...

SACRIFICE CORNER: Cloth for a £1,000 suit made from 100 per cent cashmere with a 24 carat gold pin-stripe is being made in Britain. Only enough for about 100 suits is made each year.
—from the Daily Telegraph, 14 September

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTUD: 'OBNOXIOUS' QUEEN LASHES OUT



ANOTHER lover of law and order was up in court the other day.

Richard Devonald-Lewis, a member of the right-wing Monday Club, was driving home after an evening with his close friend Enoch Powell when he was stopped by police at Colchester in Essex.

Like any good Tory, Devonald-Lewis struck a bold blow for the freedom of the individual and refused to take a breath test or give a blood sample.

It went against his political beliefs, he told local magistrates.

This great libertarian will now have to wait a little before he can next put his principles on the line. He was banned from driving for a year and fined a total of £100.

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: 'As you are aware, by nature of our operations at Scotland Yard we are constantly required to make special urgent requests—usually at very short notice—for telephone work.'

From a letter to a London Telephone Regional general manager from J Harris, Chief Engineer's Department, New Scotland Yard; published in Post Office Gazette, 8 September.

ANOTHER freedom fighter is Tory MP Stephen Hastings. He's announced that he will draw his £6 a week parliamentary pay rise even though his earnings top the £8,500 ceiling.

But, in a supremely noble gesture, he will give the money to the National Association for Freedom (of which he just happens to be a council member). The NAF, once headed by that great freedom fighter, Ross McWhirter, publishes *The Free Nation*. Articles in the latest issue include *Tameside—It was a famous victory, Brother Tocher and the Siege of Automat*, and the usual by Tory MP Ian Sproat on social security 'scrounging'.

Most interesting of all, however, was a little number on South Africa by John O'Sullivan of the Daily Telegraph. This described majority rule as 'lunacy'. So much for 'freedom'...

WHAT CAUSES INFLATION? QUITE SIMPLY-

YOU DO. I CAN PROVE IT SCIENTIFICALLY.

THIS MODEL REPRESENTS YOU. YOU'RE GREEDY, LAZY, NASTY, CYNICAL AND UNCOOPERATIVE.

SO MUCH FOR YOU.

NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU CAUSE HIGHER PRICES. TAKE FOR INSTANCE THIS JAR OF PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

DELICIOUS.

TO GET US OUT OF THIS MESS YOU WILL NEED QUALITIES OF PATIENCE -

HEROISM AND SELF SACRIFICE!

ALSO YOU NEED TO BE PRETTY STUPID TO BELIEVE THIS RUBBISH.



Few people will be more pleased to see the end of the summer than the management of the Henry Boot site in York. Every hour, like clockwork, a tourist guide announces over the loudspeaker of a passing pleasure boat that this is the scene of the first victorious occupation in the construction industry... much to the discomfort of the bosses on the site.

When in Rome... duck

AN INTRIGUING court martial is under way in Italy.

In the dock is Captain Salvatore Margherito, a member of one of the special police flying squads noted for their brutality in smashing up demonstrations.

He is charged with 'seditious activities'—

arousing discontent among his men and calling officers 'fascists'.

Margherito, 26, has claimed that flying squad men in civilian clothes acted as agents provocateurs among demonstrators.

He says they used catapults with steel balls and truncheons secretly weighted with mercury to

whip up anger among demonstrators and so provoke greater violence.

His trial, at Padua, follows a statement he made to a newspaper that the flying squad men were 'sick of making violence a way of life'.

Meanwhile, Margherito has become a symbol of hope for a reform movement

which is growing fast within the police force.

The movement, now out in the open after operating secretly under the noses of police chiefs, began in the 'hot autumn' of 1969 when some policemen took a dislike to cracking the heads of workers marching for pay rises.

It's an ill wind...

IN THE DAYS following the racist murder of Gurdeep Singh Chagger in Southall last July, a powerful anti-race youth movement developed.

That movement has since been sidetracked and has lost much of its momentum and influence.

Much of the responsibility for this rests on two men who came to Southall almost immediately after the murder. They had lots of energy and money. They attended every political meeting in Southall for six weeks.

They gave their names as Peter Ford and Tom Armister. They said they represented the 'Centre for Human Rights and Responsibilities'.

They described themselves to me as 'doomsday watchers'. Their job, they said, was to 'take the sting out of situations of social conflict'.

This was done, they went on, 'by using the possibility of moral blackmail to force the middle of the road in the community to respond to the needs of the area'.

Demonstration

In Southall after the murder, the middle of the road Asian leaders had nothing to offer. A new Southall Youth Movement was forming whose members had nothing but contempt for the delays and collaboration of the old leaders.

The Southall Youth Movement, what's more, was succeeding in turning a lot of the anti-white resentment in the area into a militant anti-racist movement.

A demonstration had been called for the Saturday after the killing. It had, at the outset, a clear anti-racist and anti-National Front character.

But the hectic work of Ford and Armister ensured that the line of the demonstration changed. They encouraged the middle-class leaders out of their apathy to form the Inter-Faith Group.

Liberal

They managed to wrest the leadership of the demonstration from the youth, and to change its character of militant anti-racism to a milk-and-water, 'One Race, the Human Race' liberalism. The Inter-Faith Group took over.

After the demonstration, Ford and Armister continued their activities in Southall.

They offered to get a government grant of £50,000 for a new youth centre. Balraj Purewal, secretary of the Southall Youth Movement, got the impression that the youth would control the money.

But the document which Ford showed me indicated the opposite.

Council

It made the case for nine full-time appointments, all of them controlled by the council. The document also indicated that the real control of the money and the club would pass to the Inter-Faith Group.

There is as yet no sign of the grant coming through. Martin Grubb, Ealing community relations officer, told me: 'There is no news of the money. Peter Ford has been saying for ages that it is about to arrive'.

On the other hand, the prospect of the money has successfully diverted many young Asians from the building of an anti-racist movement.

The money, it was made clear in private conversations,

Two men with cash set

out to sidetrack this movement

depended on the youth movement disassociating themselves from extremist groups, of which the International Socialists were 'the most dangerous'.

So many young Asians have turned away from anti-racist campaigning in the community. Others have simply given up all activity.

Next time racism rears its head in Southall, there will be no effective anti-racist movement to counter it.

Ford and Armister, pleased with their work, have now left Southall. They are helping with a hostel in Brixton. Perhaps they hope to 'take the sting out of the situation' there too.

Beserk

When I went with a photographer to try to take a picture of Peter Ford last Friday night, he went beserk. He seized the camera and forced the photographer to destroy the film.

'You people', he shouted, 'you'll ruin everything'.

So says a man who has helped to ruin the anti-racist movement in Southall.

JOHN ROSE

...AND THE SHADY GROUP BEHIND THEM

WHO are Peter Ford and Tom Armister and what do they represent?

The Centre for Human Rights and Responsibilities has an office in the fashionable London district of Belgravia and is run by a energetic Austrian called Richard Hauser.

Hauser's first project after leaving university in Vienna in 1945 was to re-train fascist officers in the Italian army 'to re-equip them for democracy'. Ever since he has travelled round the world putting into practise his simple philosophy, which is a aims of Moral Rearmament. He sets up play centres and hostels for 'interested youngsters', and brings together representatives of different political groups under the banner of 'peace and brotherhood'.

The common aim in all these operations is to separate the leaders of a mass movement from the rank and file, and so roll back the tide and influence of the mass movement.

Hauser gets his money from the Van Leer Foundation, a Dutch packaging company which has a subsidiary in Birmingham and several others throughout the world.

Coincidentally Van Leer started funding Hauser from Holland at the same time as Prince 'Lockheed' Bernhard



The Southall Youth Movement banner on the July anti-racist demonstration

The Secret Work Of Richard Hauser

By Bill Rolston

IN RECENT YEARS the Northern Ireland conflict has attracted more than its fair share of religious and academic gurus offering some sort of salvation. An American minister, Arthur Blessed, has carried his cross along the 'peace line'. Peter Sellers has been in Belfast to hand out leaflets on behalf of a yogi. Leonard Doob took some Northerners to Scotland for an exercise in conflict resolution which still plagues those who took part. Rona Fields' 'Psychology of Northern Ireland' aroused such ire from local people that (for this, and other, reasons) Penguin withdrew the book.

Ever since World War II, Richard Hauser has been busy.

started the Bilderberg Group, an international gathering of businessmen, politicians and generals which has enormous power and influence.

Hauser also gets money from liberal capitalists in Britain like the Wates Foundation—paid for by the Wates building firm—and even the National Westminster Bank.

In 1971, the Van Leer Foundation purchased for Hauser an 'honorary visiting lectureship' at Nottingham University.

Chair

Even the Senate at the university, renowned for its bootlicking attitude to business interests, could not agree to Van Leer's original suggestion—that Hauser should become a professor.

Hauser's salary at Nottingham—£7,500 a year—

was paid through the School Council. Hauser had so much money all the time that he often forgot to collect his salary!

It achieved little or nothing. This may have been because Hauser was hardly ever at Nottingham.

A fellow academic at the time told Socialist Worker: 'He seemed to go everywhere there was trouble. He went to Bangladesh and to Australia.'

In Australia he got involved with the aborigine movement. He seemed to have some success in diverting a mass protest march of aborigines.

'He was in Northern Ireland too. He had a special group there. I remember one evening when he was at my house he put through a call to the General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland troops.'

'I thought he was showing off, but after he'd gone, the

GOC himself actually rang up and asked for him.

'Hauser was always very plausible. You had to listen to him for about three hours before you could see through him. He talked the language of revolution, but a lot of us felt he was up to some very reactionary purpose'.

An article in the Irish paper *Hibernia*, in February this year, details the work of Hauser's organisation in Ireland. It shows how Hauser and his confederates moved round Belfast 'quietly dispensing funds'.

Fund

In 1971, Hauser and the former GOC in Northern Ireland, General Sir John Hackett, started informal seminars between Republicans and Loyalists in different Belfast hotels.

Hauser then wrote a book on Northern Ireland, in which he admitted that the Van Leer and Wates money for his Northern Ireland activities had been funnelled into a fund headed by himself, General Hackett and Andrew Drew, formerly Permanent Under Secretary at the Ministry of State.

However crankish Hauser's views may sound, however disastrous his playgroup projects turn out to be, there is little doubt that his political work is much approved, not just by Dutch foundations but by British army generals, British Home Secretaries, and British multinational companies all the way from Amsterdam to Australia.

PAUL FOOT

Blacks barred!
Help us picket this club

'YOU can't work here because you're black,' Ian Bailey, a member of the actor's union Equity, was told last week at the Barras Green working men's club in Coventry.

Ian and his partner Cheryl had gone to the club to look for work. They perform an illusionist and fire-eating act in local clubs.

'But before we got to the bar', said Ian, 'I was asked to appear before the committee. They seemed extremely embarrassed talking to me face to face. But they told me in no uncertain terms that I could not work—or drink—in the club because of my colour.'

'It's scandalous.'

'Cheryl and I went on the Right to Work march to Brighton to protest about unemployment, and we came back to find this. It's now up to us in the Coventry Right to Work Campaign to oppose this blatant racism, and campaign around the club until the policy is reversed.'

Already Equity is taking steps to have the club blacked by their members. The Coventry dustmen are organising a special stewards' meeting to discuss how they can join the campaign.

Picket

The Right to Work Campaign will be approaching the club, and Ansell's and Courage breweries stewards' committees to have deliveries stopped.

The Right to Work Campaign will picket the club every Friday until its poisonous policy is dropped. The campaign started with a picket by a dozen members last Friday.

JOIN THE PICKET OUTSIDE THE CLUB: Friday 24 September and every Friday, 7pm-9pm, Coventry Street, Stoke Heath, Coventry.

The Equity council is trying to reverse the policy of the union's annual general meeting to black all work and supplies to South Africa in protest against apartheid. They have ordered a referendum on the issue.

Rank and file members of Equity are campaigning to win the referendum for blacking and have called a campaign meeting this Sunday in London.

PERFORMERS AGAINST RACISM meeting: Sunday 26 September, 7pm, Arts Theatre, off Leicester Square, London W1. Speakers: Glenda Jackson, Bill Anderson, and Lewis Nkosi.

Asians send £74 for campaign

ASIAN workers at the Lyons Maid factory in Greenford, West London, have collected £74 for the Socialist Worker anti-racism campaign.

One of the organisers of the collection, Mo Dhami, explained: 'We saw in Socialist Worker that you had made collections round the shops in Southall to

finance your anti-racist work. Myself, and F S Hazra, F Sandhu and M S Rahi have made a collection to help those fighting racialists.'

'Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis all contributed. So we decided to give the money to you because you seem to be the organisation that is most against racialist groups of any kind.'

He's the Nazi from Lancashire:

The Truth about Kingsley Read and his National Party

THE NAZI FROM LANCASHIRE

The pamphlet that reveals the truth about the fascist and racist National Party and its leader Kingsley Read. 10p a copy, plus 8p postage, from Blackburn International Socialists, 17 Linden Avenue, Blackburn, Lancashire.





THE WORDS THAT TERRIFY KISSINGER AND HIS BACKERS:

We are our own libe



Black and coloured schoolkids march through Cape Town—the sort of protest to which the white response

BLACK and coloured schoolkids were shot dead in their schools in South Africa last Friday.

They were protesting at the talks between Vorster the butcher of Soweto, and Kissinger, the American who planned the coup in Chile and gave the orders for the bombing of Vietnam.

The Guardian told how: 'At one school 100 pupils stood in the grounds next to a fence which displayed anti-Kissinger placards. The police opened the school gates, removed the placards and fired shots. An American was shot dead . . .'

The International Herald Tribune tells what happened at another school: 'The police entered the classes and as the children forced their way out, they were hit with rifle butts'.

But most of the British press chose to ignore this. Instead they painted Kissinger's meeting with the man who was organising the killings as a 'hope for peace'.

Kissinger himself has made it clear that his concern is not peace or majority rule. It is to stop the African revolution dead in its tracks.

He told the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee in May: 'We have a stake in not having the whole continent become radical and move in a direction that is incompatible with western interests.'

That is why only in the past few months has he done anything to try to persuade the Rhodesian whites to make a settlement with the black majority. For it has only been in the past few months that it has become absolutely clear that the black majority are going to win the armed struggle in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia).

Before this became obvious, the US were happy to give indirect support to the white racists, for instance by buying Rhodesian chrome.

Now Kissinger can see clearly that the blacks are going to win in Rhodesia, in a couple of years at most. He is worried that the result will be to boost still further the wave of black struggle that is sweeping Southern Africa, putting in jeopardy not only Smith and his friends, but massive British and US investments.

The various schemes for a peaceful transfer to majority rule aim to involve middle-class black leaders in the protection of British and American investments in Rhodesia, and to safeguard Vorster's rule from the impact of a successful black revolt north of South Africa's borders.

No wonder black schoolkids in South Africa were prepared to risk their lives in protest.

Jean Gray and Chris Harman look behind Kissinger's wheeler-dealing in Southern Africa to find the profits and exploitation he's trying to protect.

WHAT is at stake in South Africa for Kissinger's paymasters was shown last week when British Leyland said it could not recognise black trade unions in its South African factories because the apartheid system prevents this.

For along with the ban on such trade unions comes guaranteed cheap labour—and high profits.

The political situation is nothing to do with us, say the multinational bosses, as though apartheid could exist without their financial backing. British and American companies have invested vast amounts of money in South Africa, turning a not-so-blind eye to its racist system.

Often they have taken resources from Britain, making workers redundant, and

poured money into South Africa where the profit per worker is many times higher.

In 1970 British Leyland made a record £4.8 million profit in South Africa alone, at a time when their group profits had slumped from £40 million to £4 million.

Two years later they were still paying black workers £30.29 a month.

Courtauld's, who have a near monopoly of man-made fibres in British textiles, also own a major part of the pulp industry in South Africa. They work hand in hand with the South African government which has been given a third of Courtauld's shares in the country.

The conditions in which Courtauld workers are forced to live are typically appalling—filthy houses, lavatories infested with

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'FOR the moment it is the strikers rather than the violence that whites fear most. There are signs that the rebellion which began as a protest against Africans in black schools is now taking an anti-capitalist turn'.

'Most employers are refusing to pay workers who stay away from work in South Africa. These include British firms like Metal Box and Premier Milling, as well as Harry Oppenheimer's Anglo-American Corporation'.

Sunday Times, 19 September 1976.

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maggots and rat droppings, no furniture, no sick pay, no holiday pay or maternity leave.

In 1973 a new minimum

wage was declared: 75p a day for men, 45p for women and 30p for young people. This in a country where the cost of living is higher than Britain.

General Electric Company (GEC) is another multinational that drained its operation in Britain, putting people out of work while expanding in South Africa.

In 1970 Africans were receiving as little as £4.81 for a 45-hour week—just over 10p

If your firm profits

These are the major companies involved:

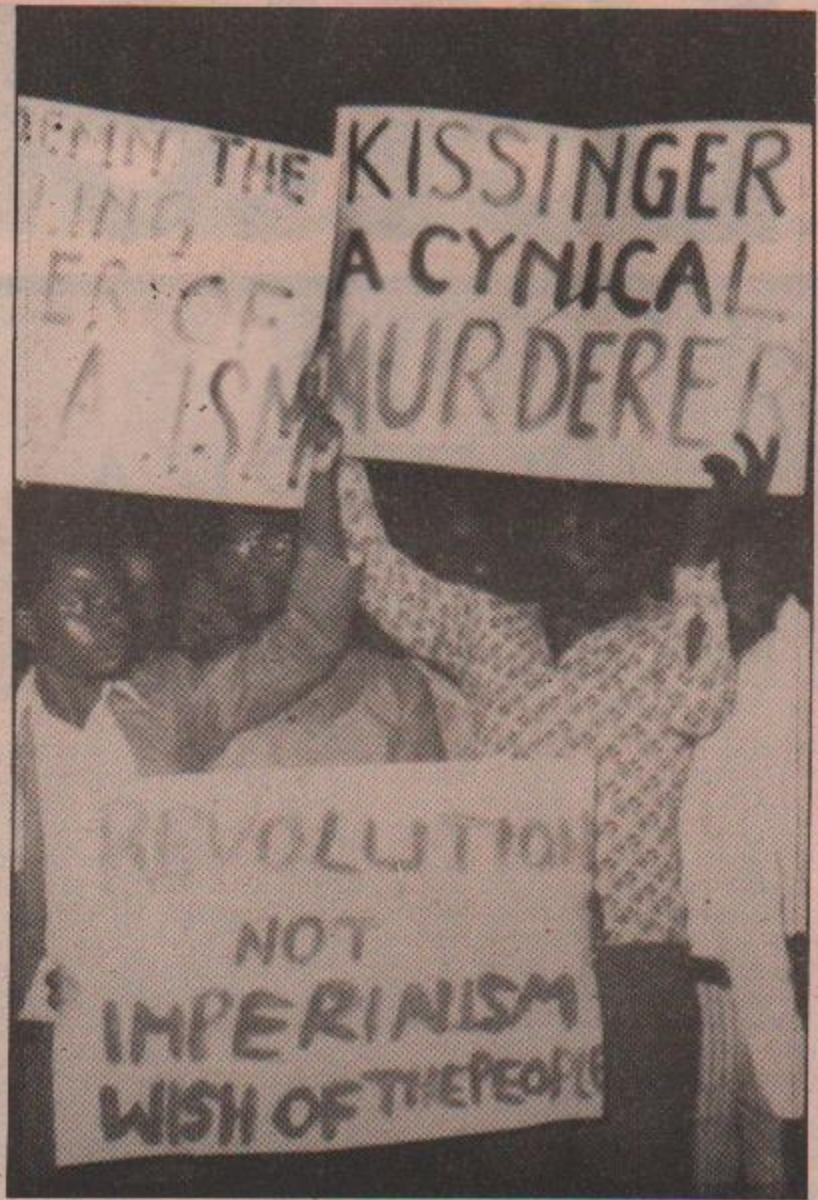
- Associated Portland Cement
- Babcock and Wilcox
- Beecham Group
- Boosey and Hawkes
- Boots
- Bowater Paper Corporation
- British American Tobacco
- British Electrical Travnion and its 39 subsidiaries
- British Insulated Calenders Cables
- British Leyland Motor Corporation and 45 sub-



This is 'civilised' Southern Africa

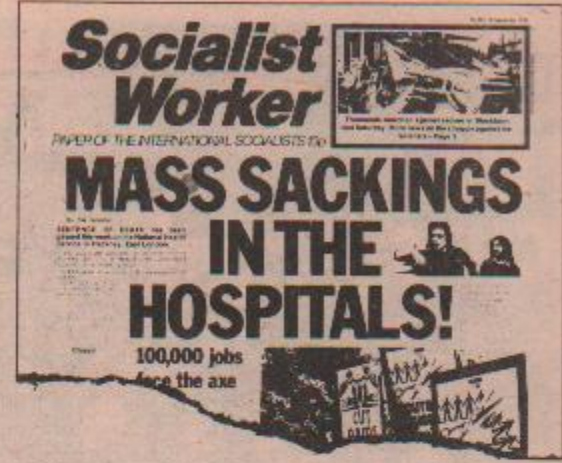
High-velocity rifles and clubs against black schoolkids, torture in Namibia, men, women and children massacred in Mozambique by invading Rhodesian troops—and Kissinger wants to protect those who ordered these murders.





There has been the killing of 291 demonstrators. RIGHT: Anti-Kissinger placards at Dar Es Salaam airport.

Axe to fall on six more hospitals



Last week's front page

'MASS SACKINGS IN THE HOSPITALS!' warned Socialist Workers' front page last week as area health authorities studied the latest government circular on the cuts. Hackney district health authority had called for hospital closures and cuts which would result in 400 jobs lost—including at least 250 sackings.

WE'RE NOT TAKING THIS SAY STEWARDS

On the day that Socialist Worker was published, other London health authorities announced closures and cuts. Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow announced the closure of six hospitals—including the large 133-bed Western Hospital in Fulham.

After the closures, it's the same old story: fewer nurses taken on, restrictions on buying medical equipment, 'natural wastage' of jobs.

'What does it mean?' Says Bill Tizzard, NUPE steward at Hammersmith Hospital. 'It means chaos. Not quite as bad as East London, but still dreadful.'

'We've got 2000 people on the waiting list at Hammersmith. Our casualty department was built to deal with 20,000 patients a year. It now has to deal with 130,000. We have patients left in corridors and cupboards.'

'These cuts and closures will mean more patients and less people to do the work.'

'But perhaps the worst thing about these cuts is that they don't come anywhere near meeting the government's target. If the government are really serious about their target, then they will have to start closing down wards and theatres soon.'

'Already there's a new block built at Hammersmith which they can't open. Already they're closing down one casualty department every other day—for a saving of only £5000!'

The fightback is already going strong. The joint union committee for all hospitals in the area lobbied



West London hospital workers protest at the cuts



'Their idea of consultation with the unions is to put a paper on the table which they have already agreed to.' —Ben Bousquet (left), NALGO steward, Charing Cross Hospital.

last Wednesday's meeting of the Area Health Authority.

Ben Bousquet, NALGO shop steward at Charing Cross Hospital, told Socialist Worker: 'This meeting was a farce. They're closing hospitals

without even consulting the unions. Their idea of consultation is to put a paper on the table which they have already agreed to.'

'We should break up all co-operation with the management now.'

Operators!

an hour. The list of multinationals who are helping to murder black people is long. They are the British firms that trade and deal with the racists. Their directors are the world's leading criminals, who sit in English boardrooms deciding the fate of workers in South Africa.

But black South Africans are fighting back.

They need the support of workers all over the world, who together have the power to defeat the racists in South Africa.

British Leyland workers in Britain took the lead by agreeing to black knocked-down cars which were being sent to South Africa; until British Leyland agrees to recognise the unions.

This action needs to be stepped up.

Workers at any factory which has interests in or trades with South Africa must stop all transfer of goods, parts and components, demand that these multinationals recognise the black trade unions, and pay the same money to blacks as they pay whites.

BLACK freedom fighters have begun to win significant victories in the military struggle against the white racist regime in Zimbabwe.

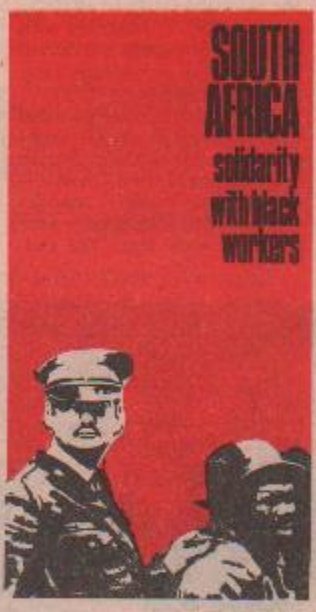
The victory is particularly important since weather conditions are still relatively unfavourable for the freedom fighters. In six to eight weeks time this will change with the beginning of the rain.

That is why Kissinger is in such a hurry to patch up a compromise. He wants a ceasefire before the black workers and peasants see that they have the power to take on not only Smith, but the British and American-owned companies.

Kissinger wants to be seen as the man who displaced Smith. He and his class are terrified of the slogan of the Zimbabwe People's Army: 'We are our own liberators.'



ABOVE: This badge in support of the struggle against apartheid is available, price 15p plus 6p postage, from the International Socialists, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. £1.50 for ten, £10 for 100, post free.



ABOVE: One of a new series of colour posters for the Southern Africa solidarity campaign available from the International Socialists (Int'l Dept), 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. 25p each plus 15p postage (10 or more post free). Cash with order please.

Socialist Worker public meetings

VICTORY TO THE BLACKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA!

Build the solidarity campaign

Thursday 23 September: NEWHAM, The Railway Tavern, Forest Gate, 7.45pm.

Thursday 7 October: CENTRAL LONDON, time and place to be arranged.

Monday 11 October: SOUTHAMPTON, University Students Union, 8pm.

Tuesday 26 October: GLASGOW

Wednesday 27 October: EDINBURGH

Thursday 28 October: DUNDEE

At the three meetings in Scotland, speakers will include BILL ANDERSON, former South African soldier.

VOLUNTEERS wanted for the Socialist Worker prospective parliamentary candidates Ken Appleby, (Birmingham Stechford) and Jimmy McCallum (Walsall North)

Both candidates are in urgent need of volunteers to help the campaign. Especially welcome are typists, workers with motorcars and motorbikes. We will be campaigning

throughout October and early November.

If you have an autumn week's holiday, why not spend it in the Midlands? Individuals who can

spend a weekend, a day or an evening are urged to help.

Readers and supporters of Socialist Worker are asked to give time to the campaign.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



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- BSC
- Cadbury Schweppes
- Courtaulds and 47 subsidiaries
- Dickinson Robinson
- Distillers
- Dunlop
- Ever Ready
- GEC
- Hawker Siddeley
- ICI
- Lonhro and 15 subsidiaries
- Metal Box
- GKN

- Pilkington Brothers
- Plessey
- Rank Hovis McDougall
- Reed International
- RTZ
- Rubery Owen
- Tarmac
- Tate and Lyle
- Thomson Organisation
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Campaigning against the cuts in Dundee.

Letters

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Postal Points

BRUSHES AT THE READY IN DUNDEE

AFTER A strong Right To Work March, the troubles in Ireland and Africa, our capitalist leaders are twittering on about the 'evil' influence of Marx and Trotsky.

They are scared to death. Of what? Of the honesty and credibility of these freedom fighters who have been dead for years.

I'm a Marxist and I'm sick of the continuous degradation. We get more scorn from the media than the porn kings.

□ SW Reader.

David Bunch's comment that Bernard Shaw was not a socialist but a 'shrivelled-up geriatric playboy last week, was pointlessly offensive.

Much of Shaw's political and dramatic writing contained a powerful condemnation of capitalism and a sincere appeal for a society organised not in the interests of profit but of collectively expressed human needs.

Granted he rejected revolutionary politics, but he was certainly no simple-minded parliamentary reformist.

□ Richard Hyman, Coventry

A SUNDAY MIRROR reporter was overheard talking to his office after the Blackburn anti-racist demonstration.

'It's all quiet here. I won't bother writing anything,' he said.

It seems that 3000 people marching through Blackburn shouting anti-racist slogans is not considered newsworthy unless a few of them get arrested.

□ J. Kelly, Hull.

Boys in blue seek revenge for Winson Green

I WAS caught flyposting on an empty boarded shop front in Smethwick by two policemen. A panda car and a police van quickly arrived on the scene, making six of them, hurling abuse at me.

They said I was one of those 'commie bastards' at the Winson Green demo. They seemed to enjoy catching a Red.

I was questioned at the nick about other posters in the area and they seemed particularly agitated about the Top Police Brutality posters and told me that I'd get a taste of police brutality if I didn't come across with some answers.

I asked to be either charged with an offence or released but one of them told me: 'You won't be going home tonight you bastard, the CID are coming down to sort you out'.

The cops amused themselves by displaying the posters to their friends who hurled anti-communist abuse at me. Then the action started.

One of them who alleged he had been hurt at Winson Green grabbed me violently by the shirt front and pushed me against the wall. He wanted to know which Left-wing organisation I belonged to and the names of my friends.

He gave me a few seconds to give him names. I was frightened and made up a

story about meeting a stranger in a pub who talked me into flyposting. The cop grabbed me round the throat.

At this point an inspector came in and the bully retreated. The others left and he gave me a lecture on the shortcomings of socialism and said I was reading the wrong books.

After two hours I was not charged but I was told I would be informed of the inspector's decision later.

The hate of these cops

This is justice...

I WAS disgusted to read that Harold MacMillan's daughter Catherine Amery was fined only £100 for a third offence regarding drinking and driving and assault on police.

Any normal working class person would undoubtedly have served a prison sentence. Whoever said the law was on the side of the affluent was bloody right.

□ Karen Pickering, Stamford.

towards the Left came through loud and clear and I was left with the impression that they will undoubtedly seek revenge at Walsall on the 25th for their defeat at Winson Green.

□ Dave Gardner, Birmingham.

Scanlon and Jones -the TUC 'bully boys'?

THE SUN and Len Murray called the Right To Work marchers 'bully boys' and 'boot boys' because they were fighting unemployment.

Well Murray and the rest of the TUC gang put the boot in the seamen.

They came under threats and cajoling from union horses such as Jones and Scanlon. They were even threatened with suspension from the TUC.

After many bitter hours spent with the TUC 'bully boys' NUS leader Jim Slater caved in, tired and under strain.

Nothing in the Sun about TUC bully boys, because they are protecting the bosses' profits which means low pay, high unemployment and more cuts.

□ B. B. Salisbury, Hitchin.

SHORTLY AFTER the occupation of Whitfield nursery school in Dundee the Right To Work Committee received a letter from Mr. Scott, deputy director of administration on the Tayside Region.

The occupation and our poster campaign around the city seemed to make a big impression on him. In fact he was so impressed that he is now fighting for the right to work for poster strippers.

But with the massive cuts in public spending who is going to pay for the work? Well Mr. Scott has thought about that and is telling the RTWC to pay. After all we are fighting for the

right to work so shouldn't we be prepared to pay for it?

Unfortunately for Mr. Scott he seems to be fighting in vain.

We have just heard that the local authority workers in NALGO, UCATT and the TGWU have blacked the work.

We will help Mr. Scott to create jobs, but we will not be paying for the scabs he employs. We will give them more work—our brushes, poster and buckets of paste are ready and waiting!

□ Cathy Christison, COHSE 9/Wells Hospital, Dundee.

Leave Parliament to reformists

ANOTHER Socialist Worker candidate, now we have Ken Appleby joining Jimmy McCallum in the push to pose ourselves as the alternative to the Labour Party.

This is no condemnation of either candidate. Both are excellent comrades but we are supposed to be building a mass revolutionary party as an alternative not a parliamentary party.

If we use the parliamentary platform it should be on a transparent revolutionary basis, not the hazy extra-parliamentary activity we seem to be only too ready to indulge in.

The need to oppose the fascists at the polls, what

opportunism. It doesn't matter if we poll more or less votes than the Nazi front or anyone else. After all we have always maintained that there is no parliamentary road to socialism.

Will we still maintain this when we have a comrade in the commons?

This is a distinct possibility, the likely outcome of 'I hope there will be a SW candidate in every bye-election where there is a big working class electorate'—Duncan Hallas (4 September).

Membership is increasing in spite of rather than because of SW contesting bye-elections. Dave Sherry (11

September) says that in Glasgow there is a growing interest and 40 people have recently joined the International Socialists.

Surely this shows that people have joined through our activity in the Right To Work Campaign, through our work in the trade unions and our open opposition to the fascists.

So leave extra parliamentary activity to the reformists of the Labour Party and Communist Party and use our energy towards building a workers' party, a mass revolutionary party.

□ Jeanny McClure, Glasgow.

INDIA: Stop tortures

IT WAS only after the declaration of the 'Emergency' in India on 26 June that it became clear to many previously unaware that there were thousands of political prisoners in Indian jails. Before the declaration of the 'emergency', there were approximately 50,000 political prisoners, mostly Naxalites, detained without trial for up to seven years. They are still there today.

A great deal of evidence accumulated, shows that these prisoners survive in the vilest conditions and have been subjected to the most brutal forms of torture.

There is no doubt that the 'emergency' has a clear anti-working-class character—with the banning of all strike activity, demonstrations and tight censorship of all the media. Political repression has been part of the elitist structure of the Indian state since Independence.

Emergency

Since the declaration of the 'emergency', the number of political prisoners has increased astronomically, and includes anyone who dares to voice any political opposition to the Indira regime.

The recent imprisonment of

George Fernandes, Secretary of the All India Railwaymen's Federation, and Chairman of the Socialist Party of India, is a case in point. Together with others, Fernandes continued to voice his opposition after the emergency.

Faced with international appeal from heads of states and trade unionists in Britain and Europe, Indira Gandhi is expected to bring Fernandes to trial with others who were arrested with him. The out-

come is obvious. Indira's regime cannot allow him to go free. This would be a moral victory for the left-wing oppositionists.

Rotting

But, as already pointed out, George Fernandes is not alone. There are thousands of political prisoners who are still rotting in Indira's jail for years without trial.

The Campaign for the

Release of Indian Political Prisoners (CRIPP) is concerned with the plight of George Fernandes and thousands of others like him, and has the following demands: STOP ALL PRISON KILLINGS; END ALL TORTURE; RELEASE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

These demands should be supported by all working-class organisations.

□ Sonia Khan, (CRIPP)



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A demonstration of solidarity with Indian political prisoners in London this year.



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A John Heartfield montage entitled: Ten Years Later: Fathers and Sons 1924. What Heartfield did with pictures, Brecht did with words...

A torch for the dark

SONG OF THE SA MAN

My hunger made me fall asleep
With a belly ache.
Then I heard voices crying
Hey, Germany awake!
Then I saw crowds of men marching:
To the Third Reich, I heard them say.
I thought as I'd nothing to live for
I might as well march their way.
And as I marched, there marched beside me
The fattest of that crew
And when I shouted 'We want bread and work'
The fat man shouted too.
The chief of staff wore boots
My feet meanwhile were wet
But both of us were marching
Wholeheartedly in step.
I thought that the left road led forward
He told me that I was wrong.
I went the way that he ordered
And blindly tagged along.
And those who were weak from hunger
Kept marching, pale and taut
Together with the well-fed

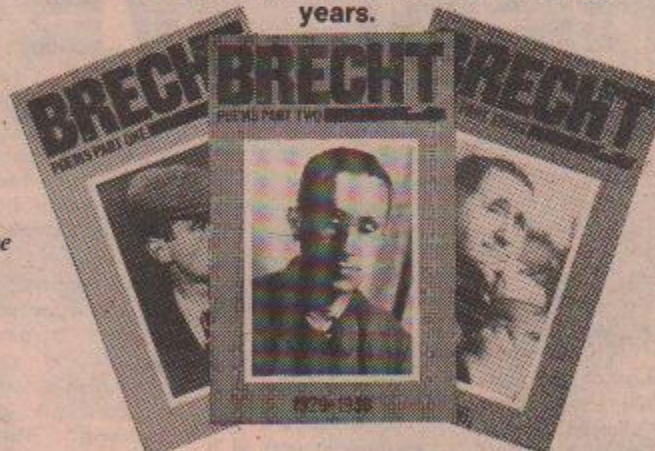
To some Third Reich of a sort.
They told me which enemy to shoot at
So I took their gun and aimed
And, when I had shot, saw my brother
Was the enemy they had named.
Now I know: over there stands my brother
It's hunger that makes us one
While I march with the enemy
My brother's and my own.
So now my brother is dying
By my own hand he fell
Yet I know that if he's defeated
I shall be lost as well.

THE SOLUTION

After the uprising of the 17th June
The Secretary of the Writers' Union
Had leaflets distributed in the Stalinallee
Stating that the people
Had forfeited the confidence of the government
And could win it back only
By redoubled efforts. Would it not be easier
In that case for the government
To dissolve the people
And elect another?

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DIFFICULTY OF GOVERNING

Ministers are always telling the people
How difficult it is to govern. Without the ministers
Corn would grow into the ground, not upward.
Not a lump of coal would leave the mine if
The Chancellor weren't so clever. Without the Minister of Propaganda
No girl would ever agree to get pregnant. Without the Minister of War
There'd never be a war. Indeed, whether the sun would rise in the morning
Without the Fuhrer's permission
Is very doubtful, and if it did, it would be
In the wrong place.
It's just as difficult, so they tell us
To run a factory. Without the owner
The walls would fall in and the machines rust, so they say.
Even if a plough could get made somewhere
It would never reach a field without the
Cunning words the factory owner writes the peasants:
who
Could otherwise tell them that ploughs exist?
and what would become of an estate without the
landlord? Surely
They'd be sowing rye where they had set the potatoes.
If governing were easy
There'd be no need for such inspired minds as the Fuhrer's.
The peasant could tell his field from a pastryboard
There'd be no need of factory owner or landlord.
It's only because they are all so stupid
That a few are needed who are so clever.
Or could it be that
Governing is so difficult only
Because swindling and exploitation take some learning?



MONDAY
Coverage of the Labour Party Conference at Blackpool begins with a **WORLD IN ACTION** (ITV 8.30pm) report on unemployment.
A series of four programmes called **YESTER-**

DAY'S WITNESS (BBC2) looks promising. It begins tonight and features Hollywood child stars of the 20s and 30s. Future episodes look better. One tells the story of the General Motors strike in 1937 followed by eye-witness accounts of the first

atom bomb tests. The series ends with the fight for civil rights for blacks.

WEDNESDAY
One for the football fans. **SATURDAY'S HEROES** (ITV 9pm) is a trilogy of films about the game, past present

and future. Jimmy Seed, the miner's son who became a Sunderland star in the 20s, is the subject of the first. Reporter James Bellini examines the effect of nationalising the banks in **THE MONEY PROGRAMME** (BBC1).

SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE TO LABOUR—A PARTY THAT FIGHTS



And now we're launching a fighting, all-action youth movement, too

By Geoff Heaton and Janie Lowe

the Socialist Workers' Party!

part of our work. There will be some big recruitment meetings. But the most effective way to recruit in the coming months will be by winning individual members at work, on the housing estates, in the trade union branch.

We need to look to three extra members in one factory, two more in another and so on. Every member has a duty to recruit those around him or her.

All regular readers of Socialist Worker should now be thinking about joining IS, to help play their part in building the Socialist Workers Party.

Freeze

Many sympathisers in work-places who would not join two years ago are now prepared to think again. Every one who takes

next step

It will be on delivering the goods, on helping sections of workers to win their struggles, and on broadening those struggles into a movement against the social contract on every level.

The Right to Work Campaign must become a pole of attraction for all those workers—whether in work or on the dole—who are disgusted by the government and who want to fight it.

It will do that by generating excitement, by getting out and doing things. Unemployed workers, for instance, will want to go along and heckle James Callaghan. They won't want to attend endless meetings.

The day of action called for 17 November, by NALGO, NUPE and the NUT against the cuts, will have to be fully supported—not in words, but deeds. The Campaign needs to get as many people as possible out on that day.

But while the Campaign pushes forward as fast as possible, it has also to remind the labour movement of the attack on itself.

Forty-three marchers were arrested and charged after the first Right to Work March last spring—and seven of them are now facing trial.

Those 43 must be defended. The argument about their arrest must be won in the labour movement.

Socialist Worker should be approached.

The name of IS and Socialist Worker is far wider known than two years ago. In unions like the AUEW and EETPU we have established ourselves as serious contenders for the position of the left alternative, by running candidates.

In the EETPU Presidential Elections, Billy Williams, an IS member, was the only left wing candidate. He stood as an IS member and as a supporter

of the policies of the Right to Work Campaign. He won 10,000 votes on this platform.

The idea of IS and the SWP must be pushed as widely as possible. In every town and city we must become part of the local scenery, not the fringe outsiders.

One important way of establishing Socialist Worker in some areas as the far left political party is by standing candidates in parliamentary by-elections.

We are already running candidates in Walsall and Stechford. From these by-elections we want to win some national publicity, but

above all new members, a solid sale of Socialist Worker and several hundred sympathisers.

We will get very few votes. Winning votes is not the reason for standing candidates. The by-elections give us the opportunity to establish ourselves locally as the socialist alternative to Labour.

Reached

Running candidates also helps establish IS as the extreme left party to far wider groups of workers than we have ever reached before.

It is part of the general strategy of expanding our organisation until it is a national presence to workers everywhere.

It is as central a part of our strategy as building a Rank and File Movement. But it is not a vote-winning exercise. It is in that sense that we will consider running 50-60 candidates at the next general election.

In the coming months, IS and Socialist Worker will be laying the foundations for the Socialist Workers Party.

• The perspective of moving towards the Socialist Workers Party was carried with one vote against.

IT'S OUR organisation and we're going all out to build it for ourselves.'

That was the message on Sunday from young delegates about the launching of the Socialist Worker Youth Movement.

Initially it will be based in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Newcastle, Hull, Leeds, Cardiff and London. Other areas will be opened up as soon as possible.

A meeting of 15 unemployed young workers, apprentices and school students from as far apart as Edinburgh and Cardiff met on Saturday to discuss how to broaden the fight among young people after the Right to Work March.

The march revealed that large numbers of young people not only want to fight unemployment but want to get rid of the system that causes it.

'We're young, we're angry and we're going to fight' was the mood of the meeting.

Action will be the key. The Youth Movement will be picketing, marching, occupying, flyposting and leafletting as well as creating an enjoyable social life.

Scum

We will confront the union leaders about unemployment, union rights for apprentices and trainees. We will fight the Nazi scum and make it clear that racist lies won't be heard when the SWYM is about.

We will build within the union branches in schools and colleges for school students' grants and more say in education.

We will mount solidarity campaigns with young people fighting the system the world over, like the school students being murdered in South Africa.

It is important that we have our own newspaper. The monthly FIGHT must be written, produced and controlled by young people

- FIGHT RACISM
- FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT
- FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

If you want to join the Socialist Worker Youth Movement—or if you know anyone who wants to join—send this slip to Geoff Heaton, SWYM, c/o 64 Queen Street, Glasgow.

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ADDRESS

themselves.

Young people must see FIGHT as their own paper, not as a paper handed down to them. It must be a forum for debate.

The SWYM must be organisationally independent of IS. This means we must finance our own newspaper.

We will sell our own paper, run discos, organise sponsorships and raise money anywhere we can to keep our paper going.

The Youth Movement will also have its own organiser and a national committee run on a delegate basis. In this way we will be independent of IS but politically we will fully support the politics and initiatives of IS, even though not all members of SWYM will be members of IS.



Youth delegates meeting in London last Saturday: action will be the key

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Health strike!

THE EAST London Right to Work Committee occupied the health authorities' offices on Monday in protest against the cuts in hospital services.

Last week the District Management Team decided to save the area £800,000 it is 'overspending'.

They plan to close the Metropolitan Hospital, a maternity hospital, an accident ward in the evenings and weekends, and to sack agency nurses.

Health workers will be striking on Thursday to protest against this murder of the Hackney health service.

Smiths pickets charged

CRICKLEWOOD: THE lock-out at Smiths is now over and all the ASTMS workers have been reinstated. But the effects of four weeks picketing are still hanging over them.

Two of the pickets are to appear in court next month on charges of criminal damage to scabs' cars. This was the result of police intimidation during the lock-out when it seemed that the picket line was too successful.

Donations and messages of support to: Treasurer, 37 Chelmsford Square, London NW10.

Notices and meetings

Notices for this column must be posted to arrive by first post the Monday before publication. We cannot take them over the phone. Send CASH WITH COPY (10p a word) to Classified, Socialist Worker, Carbridge Works, Carbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS. No invoices can be sent.

ANGOLA Solidarity Committee discussion forum. Series of four meetings on the Angola revolution. Admission free. All meetings at the Roebuck pub, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 at 7.30pm.

Thursday 23 September. New state structure of PRA. People's power. Thursday 8 October. Women in Angola's revolution.

Thursday 21 October. Angola and African and Caribbean struggles.

THE COLLIER, rank and file miners' paper. September issue now out. Warning of consequences of a productivity deal now being advocated by Joe Gormley. President of National Union of Mineworkers. Other articles include undemocratic nature of NUM executive and the plight of black miners in South Africa. Copies 5p each plus postage from The Collier, 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

INVERGORDON '31: How men of the RN struck and won! Vivid report of mutiny. Comments concerning those times. By Barry Duncan, 60 pages, £1. bookshops or TBD, 209 Northumberland Road, Southampton.

WORKING WOMEN'S CHARTER CAMPAIGN has issued a call for a national rally to assess the struggle for women's rights in light of government legislation. To organise we urgently need funds. Send donations to Jill Daniles, 16 Crookham Road, London, SW6. Also from this address information, sponsorship, publicity and details about the next planning meeting on 16 October, 2pm at University of London Students Union, Malet Street, London, WC1.

CAMPAIGN for Democracy in the Labour Movement: public meeting with Labour Movement speakers. Tuesday 28 Sept. 7.30pm, Dalston Library, Dalston Lane, Hackney.

LONDON NATFHE Rank and File planning meetings Sunday 26 September. Inner London: 7pm, Kings Head, Swinton St (third street on left of Gray's Inn Road, 5 mins from Kings Cross). Other London: 8pm, 8 Rousden St, NW1 (just by Camden Road BR).

Audrey and Dennis Farrell have a new comrade, Josephine, born 18 September 1976.

PUBLIC RALLY of the International Communist League: The Lessons of Portugal and Building a revolutionary international. Speaker from ICL Political Committee. Guest speakers from Spartacusbund (Germany), Lega Comunista (Italy), and Internationale Kommunistische Liga (Austria). Sunday 26 September, 8pm, Skinners Arms, Judit St, London WC1.

'NEVER HAD A CASE SO FIRM'

By LAURIE FLYNN

KENT: For 17 weeks, Babcock and Wilcox workers at the Isle of Grain have been on strike for the reinstatement of 28 of their fellow workers.

The 28 were sacked for declining to work in unsafe conditions without protective clothing. 900 of their mates came out in their defence.

They're also on strike to ensure that fibre-glass, the insulating material they have to work with, is recognised as hazardous and that safety precautions are imposed immediately.

Scandal

They don't want to have to wait half a century until graveyards are full and dozens of their mates gone before company directors reluctantly concede that fibreglass might be dangerous. In short these workers don't want a repeat performance of the asbestos scandal. So they're fighting for all workers.

Last week Babcock and Wilcox announced a record increase in profits. Yet they are still anxious to avoid giving way on free overalls.

They don't want to set a precedent. They don't want other workers to say 'What's good enough for the Isle of Grain, is good enough for me.' They want to hang on to the right to put fibre-glass in men's lungs if that's what maximises profit. They would like to repeat the murderous scandal of asbestos.

That's why even though they are under pressure from the strikers, who are backed by the Factory Inspectorate and the Health and Safety Executive, they still refuse to give way.

Reluctantly forced to concede on the overalls front, they have suddenly chucked in all sorts of new areas for discussion without which they say there will be no return to work.

It's a familiar negotiating ploy. Don Parvin, a Boulermakers' steward, said: 'We've told the full-time officials that if there's any sell-out they'll have to get themselves down here to try and put it to the men.'

Hardship

'We've never had a case where we're on such firm ground and yet some of them say "It's a bit shaky, let's discuss these other issues."

'Issues like discipline, still more production, a new bonus scheme and bringing in sub-contractors. We say to hell with the other issues. If we have to discuss them let's do so once we're all back at work.'

These tactics have made the men suspicious. They contrast Babcock's meanness with the waste in other areas.

In the site offices, for example, they had tubular heaters all round. These weren't good enough so they were ripped out and replaced with storage heaters.

And then of course there are chauffeur-driven cars taking important people here, there and everywhere.

All this makes the men think that underneath it all there are other issues at stake.

They feel that perhaps the Central Electricity Generating

Board aren't too anxious to bring the Isle of Grain on stream since the demand for electricity has collapsed because of high prices and wage restraint.

Yet despite all this, the strikers' morale is as high now as it was 17 weeks ago.

The workers are sure they can win. It's of interest to every trade unionist in Britain to ensure that they do.

You can help by supporting their picketing fund.

Donations to B and W Shop Stewards Committee Chairman, Brother W. Thompson, 52 St Andrews Court, Gravesend, Kent.



Left: Don Parvin, boiler-makers' steward. Right: 900 men are on strike but management refuse to agree with experts about need for protective clothing.



John Deason, secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign talks with pickets.

Busmen take action against service cuts

By Robby Marmion

BUSMEN at the North Liverpool Garage are stepping up their fight for the right to work.

Litherland crews voted at a mass meeting on Monday to increase their non-cooperation policy by introducing one-day stoppages every Saturday.

Cuts in services from 1 October would mean redundancies throughout Liverpool.

The Litherland crews are being supported by busmen in

other parts of the city. Speke and Garston garages are continuing with their work-to-rule.

And Ribble bus crews at Bootle and Aintree are linking up with them in an effort to present united front against all cuts in services.

The busmen are also linking with other public sector workers in the general fight against public spending cuts by joining the Sefton Against the Cuts Campaign.

SACC meets this week to decide how the busmen can be helped in their fight.

Workers at Jang in need of cash

EAST LONDON: Workers at the Daily Jang in Hoxton desperately need financial support if they are to keep a tight hold on the company's machinery, their only bargaining power.

They are in the ninth week of their occupation. The workers—all members of the SOGAT print union—are demanding the minimum union rate (£45.84) and union recognition.

There is no money to pay the weekly electricity bill at the print shop and the lease on the building is due next week. They will need support from local workers if an eviction attempt is made.

Hackney Trades Council have organised a fund-raising social for 8 October. Chingari supporters and the Right to Work Campaign are doing the same in Bradford on 15 October.

Donations and messages of support urgently to: F Syed, Daily Jang, 52 Hoxton Square, London, N1.

Stewards plan NHS rescue

LIVERPOOL: THE Area Health Authority have announced their decision to smash the NHS locally.

They intend to close Mill Road Maternity Hospital, introduce massive redundancies and slash overtime in an effort to conform to the Labour government's cash restrictions.

NUPE stewards from all over the city were meeting on Wednesday to plan opposition. As NUPE steward at Mill Road Hospital, Brother Barebell, put it:

'We don't know what the authority is up to, but whatever it is, there's a feeling of militancy in this hospital.'

'KEBAB STRIKE' WINS SUPPORT

LANCASTER: Major support for the strike at the Steak and Kebab restaurant has come from rank and file Transport Union members and Right to Work supporters, who have organised collections and supported the picket.

A picket of another restaurant in Manchester, owned by the same firm, has been set up by Manchester and Stockport Right to Work Committees.

The strike began early in August when shop steward Maggie Clapham was sacked just a few days after staff joined the union, the TGWU.

Unfortunately, support from the official trade union movement locally has not

been so forthcoming.

Bob Calder, CoHSE branch secretary and president-elect of the trades council, crossed the picket line to have a meal. The response of the trades council, who have donated £5 after passing a motion of full support, is to demand a private apology! The TGWU district committee has still not made the dispute official despite promises made by full-time official, Bob Wills.

He has negotiated three settlements with management so far. The first time he failed to get it in writing and management went back on it.

The second time the staff were immediately harassed on returning to work and the third agreement was totally unacceptable to the strikers.

Scottish school cleaners fight mass sackings

SCHOOL cleaners in Strathclyde are organising against plans by the regional educational authorities to destroy the school cleaning service.

The original plans involved sacking 9,000 out of 11,000 cleaning staff by Christmas, 80 per cent of the cleaners are part time women workers, and only pay the small insurance stamp.

If sacked, none of them would be registered as unemployed, and none would appear in unemployment figures. Mass meetings of the cleaning staff threatened industrial action and even the Daily Record and Evening Times commented on the threat to children's health involved in the plans.

Strathclyde Regional Council have now announced that negotiations will take place with unions to discuss a compromise.

But thousands of cleaners still face losing their jobs, or having their wages reduced and workload increased.

600 cleaners in Paisley have decided to hold a levy on NUPE members, to organise selective strikes against redundancies, and to implement a policy of no cover for sick workers and unfilled vacancies.

Meetings in Dumbarton and Cumnock have taken similar decisions.

We stay out, say cleaners

SCOTLAND: The strike by school cleaners is now in its fourth week. It began when the Highland Regional Council tried to cut hours by a third.

Following the threat to sack all striking cleaners, janitors and kitchen staff if they did not return to work by last Monday, a mass meeting was held in Inverness.

The Right to Work Campaign had produced several hundred bulletins for the meeting which were critical of the NUPE Executive and action committee in their failure to spread the dispute to more schools, organise pickets and raise funds.

Workers decided overwhelmingly to stay on strike.

Ripped

Nigg oil rig construction site convenor Rab Wilson has said that £100 will be sent to the strike fund from his fellow-workers.

There are now reports of vermin being seen in and around many schools which children are still attending.

The strike is still solid, and morale is high, but the action committee must try to organise collections, bulletins, picketing and start paying hardship money.

Please send messages of support and contributions to strike fund to: Brian Corbett, NUPE, 3 Kinnylies Cottages, Leachkin, Inverness.

National Right to Work Campaign
Calls upon all its supporters in the North West to support the NUPE lobby of the Labour Party conference in Blackpool, Sunday 26 September, 1pm

Picture John Sturrock Report

TRICO STRIKE: ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR...



equal pay NOW
Strike pay? Whatever next, says official

TIPTON, Staffs: Office staff are being used to break the equal pay strike at Jeavons. Women workers have been out for six weeks demanding a £15 increase which will bring them in line with women doing the same work at another plant in the group. The Transport Union has not yet made the strike official, and the women are not getting strike pay. District organiser Terry Askey argued that this is because they are out for their own financial gain.

Disgust

Some of the men are still working. Said Kay Ball: 'The men ought to be out here picketing with the women. The management are only keeping them in to divide the union. It is disgusting to have a shop steward still in there.' Pentos, the firm which took over Jeavons a year ago, have offered the women £3. The strikers say it's not worth thinking about. They are picketing every day but work is still getting out. □ Donations and messages of support to: Mrs Bryan, 4 Walker St, Tipton, West Midlands.

THE BIGGEST strike for equal pay in British history—at Trico in West London—is still as sold as ever.

The 400 strikers have contemptuously rejected the latest 'offer' of Trico's impudent managing director, Atkins.

He offered 50p a week on top of the government's 4½ per cent pay norm. If accepted, it would have left the women still £6 behind the men's rates.

'Bloody disgusting, that's all I can say' said Winnie Clarke on the picket line on Tuesday.

'We're out for equal pay, not a silly little pay offer.'

Sally Groves, a member of the strike committee, said: 'If we'd accepted this agreement, we'd be scrapping all our past shop agreements. It's possible that some of us would even be earning less.'

But Atkins' offer shows that he is not going to give up without a fight. The Engineering Union must spread the strike.

At their conference in Scarborough last May, the union adopted this motion:

'The problems of low pay and sex discrimination cannot be resolved by legislation alone. The AUEW will fight for "men's pay for women". This will only be achieved by improved organisation of women and by industrial activity.'

The best way to put that resolution into effect will be to win the Trico strike by mobilising the entire AUEW membership.

Photo: Chris Davis (Report)



Stop those substitute blades!

By Willie Lee, AUEW shop steward Chrysler Linwood

CHRYSLER are importing windscreen wipers from South Africa to take the place of Trico blades.

To the shame of all of us at Linwood, the wipers are being fitted by workers on the tracks.

This shows how the employers look after each other; how they are happy to use parts made by cheap labour in a racist society

rather than pressurise one of their number to pay his women workers equal pay.

The news that South African blades are being used should double and redouble

the efforts of all us stewards to black all blades which are replacing Trico blades.

If the demand for blacking Trico blades and all substitutes had come at the start of the Trico strike as a clear instruction from the AUEW, we could have won the argument then and there.

But we had run out of Trico blades before we got the call to black in the first place!

We can still win the argument. We need to convince stewards and workers that the Trico strike is one of principle which affects women workers throughout the industry.

They are in the front line for equal pay, and we must support them with every possible blacking effort.

This is a political strike and it deserves very special attention.

Phipps women occupy union HQ

'WE'RE JUST taking over your office, Mr Ward. And we're staying here until you agree to fight on our behalf.'

If you can't get anywhere with the union rule book, then a little bit of direct action might do you a bit of good.

So the four women AUEW members, sacked from Chamberlain Phipps car products in Northampton occupied the union office.

Muriel Bamford said: 'Dawn and I kept our eye on the office until Reg Ward, the District Secretary, went in, and we just followed him.'

'Dawn picked the keys out of both doors, and put them down her trousers. And that was that.'

'We stayed there until he agreed that the four of us could attend the District Committee this Thursday. He promised us his full support. We'll see if he keeps his word.'

Boot

The four women were sacked after they had signed up 104 of the 147 workers in the factory into the AUEW.

The management claimed a 'closed shop agreement' with NUFLAT, the boot and shoe union, which most workers in the factory had never heard of.

All 104 women were abandoned by Ward and the District Committee. Even when the four were sacked for not joining NUFLAT, Ward took no action.

The women are asking all local AUEW members to rally outside the AUEW District Office this Thursday when they go to meet the District Committee.

□ Messages of support to Muriel Bamford, 14 Spanslade Road, Billing Brook, Northampton. Telephone Weston Favell 3391.

We'll win say EAE lads

THE EAE Group, an offshoot of Plesseys recently formed in East Anglia to cash in on the fast profits of the region's oil boom, have become well-known for their anti-union attitudes.

But now they are being challenged by 24 members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union at the Group's Beccles, Suffolk factory. They have been on strike since last Friday.

The dispute began when management withdrew a 10p an hour increase, which they had been paying for five weeks, from some of the union's members.

Deeper

The 10p had begun to bring them in line with the Group's other plants. But now, as one of the pickets said: 'It is quite obvious they are trying to play worker against worker.'

He added: 'This is not just a matter of 10p, the issues run far deeper. It is a matter of basic union recognition and working conditions. The lads are 100 per cent behind the stewards and we are determined to win.'

The strike is supported by the boilermakers, who are on an overtime ban pending further developments. Readers of Socialist Worker will already be familiar with Plessey's anti-union activities and profiteering. This strike should be supported by all trade unionists.

FORD'S BLACKSPOT

FORD Motor Company like to think of themselves as the bright spot in the British motor industry.

But two accidents at their tractor plant in Basildon, Essex last week demonstrated why a bright spot for them means a black spot for their workers.

ACCIDENT No 1 happened on the final assembly. One worker described it: 'I was

knelling down, working on a tractor, when suddenly it gave me a violent push.

'Fortunately, I was able to roll under the tractor as two and a half tons of it were catapulted towards me.'

Further up the line, on the paint booth, workers were spread-eagled against the wall as tractors shot past them at an estimated 30 mph.

ACCIDENT No 2 came as metal hooks used to lift tractor

cab sheared in two. One man, crushed beneath a falling cab, was taken to hospital with a fractured spine, skull, collar-bone and shoulder, as well as internal bleeding.

Shoring

Were these accidents avoidable? The following questions must be asked:

□ WHY is an assembly line constructed for a ten-year life still being used after 12 years AND carrying heavier tractors?

□ WERE the management in some doubt about the safety of the line, since they had been seen repeatedly inspecting it, moving it and shoring it up?

□ WHY were the cab hooks

not periodically tested for stress?

□ WHY did the works ambulance take nearly 20 minutes to reach a seriously injured man lying just 50 yards away?

Whatever the answers, one thing can safely be said: the man cannot rely on management's safety standards.

They must have their own safety reps making regular checks and they must contact both the safety inspectors and the Essex Trade Union Health and Safety Committee as soon as they suspect anything. Ford's watchword is profit—and safety costs them money.

A bright spot for the company means a black spot for the men.

HOLSET WALK OUT

HALIFAX: 1600 workers at Holset engineering factory struck on Tuesday for a five per cent pay increase which should have been paid on 1 August.

Management say they can't afford it until 1 January. The workers are members of TASS and ASTMS.

This is the first time the unions have been involved together and is a magnificent act of solidarity.

Holset is a subsidiary of Cummins Engineering and produces mostly components for British Leyland bus and truck division, Volvo, Saab, Scania, Ford and Vauxhall.

Silcock: No sackings!

TWO STRIKES may soon bring car production in Coventry to a halt.

The first concerns the Silcock and Colling car delivery depot here. 17 TGWU members out of 80 were made redundant even though, just weeks before, some drivers had been working overtime and even Sundays.

One picketing driver told Socialist Worker: 'I arrived home on Thursday and the next day I got the letter sacking me. We have offered the firm arbitration, work-sharing and even a shorter week but they're not interested.'

'They prefer to use cheaper sub-contractors. I will not go back till we get something satisfactory—a guarantee of work.'

The strike has lasted three weeks but the men are solid.

The other strike is at Toleman's car deliverers, who have refused to take on new workers even though they have a new contract to deliver Ford cars in the Midlands. On Monday 13 September,

all Coventry's 500 car delivery workers came out in support of the strikers. The whole of Silcock and Colling may be out if a meeting on Monday produces nothing.

ROLLS SIT-IN STEPPED UP

BLANTYRE: Rolls-Royce workers have been stepping up the pressure against management attempts to shut the factory.

The engineering and white-collar workers have been occupying the plant since July to prevent work and machinery being transferred to the bigger Hillington plant 20 miles away.

A delegation from Blantyre last week picketed talks in Glasgow between the Secretary of State for Scotland, the General Secretary of the Scottish TUC Jimmy Milne, and full-time union officials.

Milne told the delegation that they would have to be patient. If they expected a victory now, they were not living in reality.

The strikers replied angrily that eight weeks without pay certainly was unreal and that it was about time the STUC did something about it.

Plants

The occupation has official backing and support is coming in from the other plants in the combine. Yet, surprisingly, a full combine-wide meeting has not yet been called.

The Blantyre workforce are confident they can win, but victory would be certain if

sanctions were organised against Rolls-Royce in every plant. Sadly, no attempt has been made to get this type of action off the ground.

Unemployment locally is already at 11 per cent and is likely to get worse as the British Steel corporation carries out its plans to savage the Lanarkshire steel industry.

The Blantyre workers realise this. That's why they are determined to save every job.

□ Messages of support and donations to: John Simmons, 54 Ayton Park North, East Kilbride, Scotland.

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Delegations begin for key conference

NAMES of delegates elected by trade union bodies to attend the Right to Work Campaign's 6 November Conference are already reaching the campaign office.

Trade union organisations across the country are being asked to

send delegates to what could prove one of the most important conferences for many years. It will discuss the organisation of the fight back against all the policies of Labour's Social Contract—the massive cuts, the mass unemployment, the wage freeze.

Delegates notified so far are from Manchester DHSS CPSA, East Northants NUJ, GEC

Coventry ASTMS, Oxford Area CPSA, Frenchay Hospital NUPE, Whitby No 2 AUEW, Wakefield Trades Council, Holloway School NUT, Guildford EETPU, TGWU 1/6, Lambeth Teachers Association, Coventry No 1 ASTMS, and Rawplug shop stewards committee, Glasgow.

Make sure this vital conference is raised in

your trade union branch, shop stewards committee, trades council, district. Make sure that all workers now in dispute are asked to send delegates.

□ Full details from National Right To Work Campaign (6 November Conference), 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (phone 01-802 0978).

POLICE BUST RIG SITE PICKET

But some 'scabs' join strikers instead

THREE HUNDRED trade unionists at the oil rig construction site in Methil, Fife, are fighting the management, busloads of scabs brought in from all over the country and escorted by police, and their own union officials and conveners.

They are fighting for the right to work in reasonable safety. They are fighting for trade union organisation.

Redpath Dorman Long (RDL) is just one of the oil rig construction sites in Scotland that face closure in the next six months. Some 6,000 jobs will be lost on five sites.

At Methil 1,300 men will be out of work on 18 February when the present rig job ends.

Yet some conveners and union officials have been pressing to get the job finished as soon as possible. They argue that this will convince RDL to keep the site open.

To this end they have sacrificed safety conditions. Now they are sacrificing trade union organisation.

Three pickets—Jim Kermac, Jimmy Stewart and shop steward Tom Moroney—told Socialist Worker:

'This is a fight to save our working conditions, which we've fought for over the past four and a half years.

Work

The oil bosses, backed by trade union leaders like Baldwin, general secretary of the Construction Engineering Union and Murray, executive committee members of the Boilermakers Society, have tried to sell us a deal which meant giving up safe working conditions in return for a package agreement which included a £1,000 bonus to complete the rig by 18 February 1977.

The deal was rejected, but RDL implemented it anyway. 100 men refused to work in the pouring rain, and were put off the clock. At a mass



Police force a way through the pickets for the scabs' coaches on Tuesday

meeting some conveners threatened to resign if the agreement wasn't finally accepted.

The Boilermakers convenor, Tommy Coyle, made his position clear when he said: 'Irrespective of how the vote goes there is nothing to stop 200 or 300 men going back on the site.'

The mass meeting voted to accept the agreement by 70 votes, but militant trade unionists went out on strike.

Said the pickets: 'We've now been sacked by the company and some men live under the threat of eviction

by STEVE FAITH and JIM BARLOW

from their tied houses.

'If we are to win the dispute, we will have to stop the men crossing our picket line. Particularly the men elected by us to leading positions in the union.'

'They include Jim Craigie, CEU executive committee member, John McHugh, the Boilermakers' deputy convenor and member of the Communist Party, and Dave Sutley, Boilermakers' steward and member of the Communist Party. Jimmy Welsh and Joe Bichard told Socialist Worker: 'They are trying to make us work in gale conditions, in the rain, on wet,

slippery steel. They say we'll get £1,000 if we finish the job by 18 February.

'But what's a thousand pounds if you lose a leg?' 'And just to show that we are not after bigger redundancy pay,' said Joe, 'there are men out here, on strike for safety, who are losing all rights to redundancy pay!'

Strike

Joe described for us the conditions on the site. 'A crane came down, just like a pack of cards, and a man was injured—a fracture in his leg. No one accepted liability and the boy got his cards through the post.'

'Then last week there was a 45-mile an hour gale but the skips were still going up.

'And when one boy refused



The RDL strikers' picket line

to weld in the rain, the foreman put him off the clock and the shop steward told him that he was on his own.'

The shop steward convenor, who also sits on the safety committee, accepts these conditions. He attacks the strikes for 'jeopardising the future of the workforce'.

Closed

If the 300 strikers win their battle for safety they will be on the way to winning the fight to keep the site open. It is militant trade unionist not crawling to the management, that will save jobs.

The men crossing the picket line are ensuring that the yard can be shut without any trouble. A divided workforce will be unable to offer any resistance.

□ Messages of support and donations (urgently needed)—send to Tom Moroney, 43 Finavon Street, Dundee.

□ Socialist Worker Public Meeting: Friday 8 October, 8pm, East Dock Bar, Methil High Street. Speaker: Paul Foot (Socialist Worker).



Negotiations before police escorted the scabs through



Pickets Jim Kermac (left) and Jimmy Stewart

Where the scabs come from

SCABS are being brought from all over the country to help break the RDL strike. Alpha Engineering Services from Manchester has brought men in from Liverpool and South Wales.

They're not told that the job is strike-breaking. The first some knew was when they saw the picket line. Police are escorting the coaches across each morning.

Backing up the police is CEU executive member Jim Craigie. He told the scabs: 'Take no notice of these men. They don't work here any more.'

Some men have insisted on leaving the coaches and joining the pickets, but most are still crossing. The pickets are planning to step up the fight.

COACHES TO WALSALL ANTI-RACIST DEMONSTRATION Saturday 25 September

NORTH LONDON: Coach leaves 8.30am, Station Place, Finsbury Park; 8.45am, TCP, 628 High Road, Tottenham; 9am, Southbury Road, Ponders End.
SOUTH LONDON: Coach leaves 9.30am, Clapham Junction.
EDINBURGH: Coach leaves 10.30pm Friday, Waterloo Place.
SHEFFIELD: Coach leaves 10.30am, Pond Street.
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EAST LONDON: Coach leaves 9.15am, Ilford (back of C&A); 9.30am, Stratford Theatre Royal, 9.45am, Walthamstow Central.

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