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CUTS: 3 MILLION CALLED TO ACTION

THE State Opening of Parliament will be different this year.

For while the Queen is driving in pomp to be greeted by overpaid politicians wrapped in ermine gowns, a different sort of procession will be gathering in the streets of London.

Unions representing three million workers—a quarter of the TUC membership—have called for a mass protest that day, Wednesday 17 November, against the government's cuts.

The demonstration will be the biggest since the mass demonstration against the Industrial Relations Act in February 1971. In many areas workers in schools, town halls and hospitals will back it up

with one-day and half-day strikes.

The unions calling for action include the Public Employees (NUPE, 600,000 members), the town hall workers (NALGO, 600,000 members), the white-collar ASTMS (350,000), the teachers (NUT, 400,000), the civil servants (CPSA, 350,000).

Last week, the National Union of Mineworkers executive added its support.

FINALISED

Many workers have been asking: what can we do about the betrayals of this government? How can we save the old and the sick and the schoolchildren from the cuts? How can we help the unemployed?

Here's one answer for a start: **Make 17 November a show of anger that the government and its paymasters cannot forget.**

□ If your union has called for only token support for the demonstration, see if you can't turn that into all-out action from your workplace.

□ If your union is still part of the TUC majority refusing to oppose the cuts, take action unofficially.

□ For public sector workers,

striking is the *only* way to make other people aware of what the cuts will do.

□ If you can't get to London, start now to organise local demonstrations and protest meetings.

□ The 6 November conference against the cuts and unemployment called by the Right to Work Campaign will discuss, high on the agenda, how to make 17 November the start of a mass fight back against the cuts.

There's still time to get to that conference. Send for delegates' credentials now.



Two of the 2000 people who demonstrated against the cuts in Newcastle last week. REPORT: page five.



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Boss gives himself a £275-a-week rise

Group 75
5% EXTRA YEAR



Richard Strong—he got 62 per cent

RICHARD STRONG, managing director of a Northampton leather firm, dubbed 1975 'THE Five Per Cent Extra YEAR'.

He urged his workers to work harder. They did. Mr Strong's profits doubled.

The workers' pay, of

course, was held down by the government-TUC wage freeze.

But what about Mr Strong? He got a pay rise of £275 a week. That took his total weekly pay to £721 a week.

With the dividends from his own firm, that came well up over the

£1000 mark.

The Department of Employment say that this rise is completely within the terms of the Social Contract.

Mr Strong agrees with the social contract. He thinks it is 'good for the country'.

So now we know who the country is!

PICTURE: John Burrows (Report)

Arson, conspiracy- soldiers charged

AS a result of recent unprovoked army attacks on Catholics in the North of Ireland, 12 soldiers have appeared in court over the past week and the 'peace movement' has suddenly been thrown into disarray.

On Thursday last week eight men from the Scottish Borderers and the Second Light Infantry were charged with burning down a social club in the Falls area of Belfast.

On Monday four members of the Black Watch Regiment were charged with planting bullets on Catholic youths, illegally imprisoning people, and conspiracy to prevent the course of justice.

None of this was new to Belfast Catholics. The club was the fourth burned by soldiers rampaging in Catholic areas in the past year. The planting of bombs or ammunition by soldiers and their giving perjured evidence is so common that it is reckoned as just another hazard of being young, Catholic and working class.

Anger

What something was different this time. The burning of the club, coming after a series of atrocities in West Belfast which began when Roy Mason took over as secretary of state, sparked off such anger that it threatened to derail the 'peace movement' which sections of the press imagined was on the point of isolating the IRA.

The peace movement was shaken by the strength of anti-army feeling at the much-publicised meeting in Turf Lodge a fortnight ago,

when the movement's leaders were physically attacked.

The next day, leading 'peace' campaigners tried to recover lost ground by condemning 'British army violence against the people'. That in turn angered Protestant 'peace' campaigners who believed that the quickest way to get peace was precisely to smash rebellious Catholics down.

Caught in the old contradiction, the peace movement was paralysed. It was to give it back some room for manoeuvre that charges were brought against the soldiers—in the hope that this would diminish the swelling anger in Catholic areas.

It might work—for a short time. But the issues remain and any 'peace movement' which fails to take them into account is doomed to failure.

TROOPS OUT



By EAMONN
McCANN

POULSON: THE 8 MPs THEY'D RATHER FORGET

EIGHT MPs, including a Cabinet Minister, were involved in police inquiries into the Poulson corruption scandal.

Press reports this week have named only four MPs whose involvement with Poulson was investigated

by the Director of Public Prosecutions. They were Reginald Maudling, now the Tory Shadow Foreign Secretary, John Cordle, Tory MP for Bournemouth East, Edward Short, former Labour deputy leader, and Albert Roberts Labour MP for Normanton.

But four more MPs were named in a joint statement by Socialist Worker candidates at the Walsall North and Newcastle Central by-elections. The statement read:

"Two years ago, Socialist Worker published the names of eight MPs, which had appeared in a leaked Scotland Yard document. All eight, the document said, were to be interviewed by the police for their connections with Poulson.

The eight included Maudling, Roberts, Cordle and Short. The other four—all Labour—were Roy Mason, MP for Barnsley and now Northern Ireland Minister, Fred Willey, MP for Sunderland North and former Minister of Land, Ted Leadbitter, MP for Hartlepool, and Ernest Armstrong, MP for Durham North West and a junior Minister for Environment.

"The Attorney General, Sam Silkin, has now announced that the Poulson inquiry is over. Why?

Corrupt

"What is Mr Silkin afraid of? How many 'important people' in society might be found with their fingers in the Poulson gravy if inquiries are allowed to go on?

"In Walsall and in Newcastle, corruption is a big issue. Stonehouse is in prison for corruption and Short's case went to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"Everyone knows that Tories are corrupt. They'll steal whatever they can from us. But why is our own Labour movement so riddled with corruption?"

"Because the workers have been persuaded to leave politics to MPs and councillors. Just vote for us, they say, and everything will be all right.

"So people vote them into parliament and on to the council, where they are subject to no recall and are corrupted by businessmen and building contractors, Poulsons of every sort.

"Socialist Worker stands against that kind of politics. We stand for organisation of rank and file workers so that they can control their representatives, and so guard against corruption.

"If you want to fight against corruption, don't just vote for another Labour candidate and leave things to him again. Vote for the socialist candidate—and start to organise yourselves!"

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

Police fail to 'get the reds' again

CUTS in magistrates' courts? You must be joking. As the eyes of the Rotherham Labour-controlled Council search every corner of public spending seeking out waste they seem to have a blind spot when it comes to the magistrates' court.

In this 'great British democracy' how do the following events take place?

□ Anti-racists give out leaflets countering National Front propaganda. National Front arrive in speaker van.

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National Front propaganda. National Front arrive in speaker van, to jeers from the crowd.

Johnny Donachie, a member of the Sheffield International Socialists, is dragged through the window of a National Front car which drives off at 30mph. He is then dropped and has to go to hospital.

□ Johnny and three others

go to the police station to make statements about the assault and bring charges against the National Front.

□ All four then receive summonses charging them with criminal damage and threatening behaviour. No National Front members face charges.

□ A whole day of court time is taken up with the prosecution's case. Evidence is given by senior police officers and fascists ranting about reds being everywhere.

□ Without hearing the defence case the magistrates at once decide there is no criminal damage case to answer.

Rant

They later also acquitted three of the anti-racists of threatening behaviour charges, but fined Johnny Donachie £20.

Astute members of the public may be impudent enough to wonder how it is possible for such waste to take place.



ABOVE: Some of the 250 demonstrators who jeered members of the National Front when they held their annual general meeting in London last Saturday.

The demonstrators achieved a significant success. In the past the administrators of the Conway Hall have insisted on letting it to the fascists for their meeting, but after last Saturday's meeting they suddenly announced that they had changed their minds.

The press claimed this was because of a new—and particularly vicious—racist National Front poster. But as Camden Trades Council, pointed out, more important was its call to all trade union bodies to boycott the hall until the Front was banned.

A CAMPAIGN to whip up racist hysteria was launched last week—by the South London Police.

Scotland Yard's press department issued a press release headed 'Police Crack Down on Peckham Muggers'. The statement was headlined in all national newspapers.

It insisted that 'mugging' had doubled in the past few months. Peckham's Detective Chief Inspector Joe Ball told a press conference that the vast majority of the muggings were 'non-European'.

Almost every fact in this police statement was a lie. Of the 339 cases described by the police as 'muggings', 200 involved no violence of any kind. The majority of the attacks were not, as the police claimed, on old people. Less than a third were.

The Daily Mail treat-

Police whip up racist hysteria

ment of the statement was also full of lies. For instance the paper reported that 'no one in his right mind' would walk across Peckham Rye park 'once dusk has set in'.

Almost all Peckham Rye park is closed after dark.

'Brutal'

But the most important fact about mugging in South London was not mentioned in any newspaper. It is that among the most regular and brutal muggers are the

police themselves.

On 24 August, for instance, four black youths were set on by 13 plainclothes policemen from the Special Patrol Group and systematically beaten up.

While the assaults were going on, Christine White, aged 13, was passing by. She thought she recognised her brother among the boys being attacked. She dashed across the street and called out: 'Are you all right?'

The police pounced on Christine and put her in a

van. A woman police officer sat on her and struck her across the face. 'I had marks on my face for four days,' she says.

At the police station, where she was stripped naked, another policewoman shouted at her: 'Don't you black people ever wash?'

Christine is 13, she is five foot two inches tall and weighs seven stone. She has been charged with assaulting three members of the Special Patrol Group.

Christine's mother told Socialist Worker: 'It's ridiculous when I hear them talking about mugging. These SPG are the wicked ones. They just pick you up anywhere—and you can't even tell that they're police.'

'We black people have got to get organised. We must get together to stop this kind of thing happening.'

IN BRIEF

HARLESDEN, North London: Six girls, one 15-years old, are accused of assaulting a posse of burly police officers.

On Friday last week, one of the police, Constable Taylor, tried to change his evidence from a written statement he had already given. As the cross-examination heated up, the unfortunate constable fainted in the witness box—to prolonged cheers from the public gallery.

The magistrates ordered a week's adjournment on the grounds of 'ill health of police witnesses'.

BROMLEY: South East London International Socialists, and members of the local Communist and Labour parties, picketed an Enoch Powell meeting in Bromley last Saturday. 500 ex-colonels and assorted riff-raff from the cocktail belt had to run the gauntlet of jeers and anti-racist slogans.

GRAVESEND: Five Asians were arrested last Sunday on charges of being illegal immigrants or harbouring them. One of the arrested is the chairman of Kent Workers Against Racism, which has been campaigning in the area against the National Party.

LONDON: Black people face a dramatic increase in police harassment. Brixton, Lewisham and Peckham in particular all face attacks from the Special Anti-mugging Patrols.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has also jumped on the bandwagon. Following the mass arrests at the end of the Notting Hill Carnival, the DPP seems likely to charge most of the 60 people now on bail with further charges of affray and riot.

Flame, Socialist Worker's sister paper, has called a picket of the court when the first set of defendants appear.

□ **PICKET:** Wednesday 27 October, 9.30am, Marlborough Street Magistrates Court. The carnival will go on! Defend the Carnival 60!

SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN

ENGINEERS' CHARTER public meeting: Saturday 23 October, 11am, Black Lion Hotel, Chapel Street, Salford. Speakers: Jimmy McCallum (ex-TASS convenor, John Brown Engineering, Glasgow), Ken Ternert and Terry Rodgers (leaders of the Parsons TASS works committee, Newcastle) on The Struggle at UCS—Lessons for today.

Callaghan calls for order

BLAME the unemployed for their plight. And, if you don't get away with that lie, blame the teachers.

That seems to be the motto of James Callaghan, prime minister and former director of the Commercial Bank of Wales.

'There is no virtue', he said in an enormously publicised speech in Oxford, 'in producing socially well-adjusted members of society who are unemployed because they do not have the skills.'

As if it is 'lack of skills' that has created unemployment! Amongst those thrown on the dole are toolmakers, computer engineers, shipyard workers, bricklayers, electricians, and tens of thousands of highly-trained teachers, as well, of course, as hundreds of thousands of workers who've never had the

in class

(THE WORKING CLASS, THAT IS)

chance to learn any skill.

There is only one reason these men and women are out of work. It has nothing to do with their education. It has everything to do with the policies of Callaghan's government and the system that Callaghan upholds.

Over the past two years the government has allowed the number of unemployed to double. Now it is pushing through cuts in

health, education and social services that will destroy hundreds of thousands more jobs.

No wonder Callaghan is so keen to make teachers the scapegoat.

THE sickest part of Callaghan's argument is that which applies to education itself. For at the same time as complaining about low

educational standards, Callaghan is ruthlessly cutting spending on education and keeping qualified teachers out of work.

The whole Tory press has joined in applauding him. In between articles calling for still more vicious cuts, they are complaining that undercut and overworked teachers have not achieved miracles.



They are looking back to what they claim were the 'good old days', when 'formal' teaching methods were enforced with the cane and boredom.

Yet the government has had to launch a special adult literacy scheme to teach reading and writing to many who were at school in the 'good old days'.

Even by their own measures—examination successes—Callaghan and the Tory press are wrong.

Twice as many children pass A-level today as passed O-levels 40 years ago. The number of children getting CSE passes has doubled in four years. The number getting A-levels is twice as high now as in 1960 and ten times as high as in the 1930s.

So what is the whole argument about?

A Tory spokesman gave the game away on the radio on Monday. He said it was time for an end to the influence of 'Marxists' and a return to 'the basics'—reading, writing, arithmetic and religion.

Clearly for him, the argument is not about 'standards' at all—it is about children being taught to obey those above them. If they blindly obey the teacher in school, then they will blindly obey the employer in industry or will stand quietly in the dole queue.

The education cuts mean that millions of children will continue to be taught in decrepit, hundred-year-old schools, in classes of 35 or more. Callaghan and the Tories want to see they are trained as obedient robots by teachers who are blamed for any failures.

WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL I WAS TAUGHT TO READ AND WRITE ...



...THE HARD WAY



AND IT NEVER -



- DID ME ANY HARM!



Support our election fund.

Socialist Worker is standing candidates in the Walsall and Newcastle by-elections for these vital reasons.

Labour's wage limits are allowing inflation to slash our livings standards.

Labour's spending cuts are destroying the gains of the past 20 years—hospitals are shut, old people's homes stand unopened, school classes get larger.

Labour's policies are throwing more and more men and women on the dole

day by day.

IT IS VITAL THAT WORKERS SEE THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE—THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE.

That's why we're standing candidates.

That's why we need to spend every penny on publicity that the election law allows us. Not publicity for our candidates, but publicity for socialism, publicity for a Socialist Workers' Party that can unite workers in fighting for

socialism.

That's why we need your pennies, your pounds, your fivers, to raise those election expenses.

In Walsall we're allowed £1621.

In Newcastle we're allowed £1255.

Two deposits £300. **THIS IS OUR TARGET £3176**

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...and we've already raised the two election deposits

OUR election fund has already raised £365.75. But we need much more—the total cost of the campaign is ten times that amount.

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- Stop the cuts!
- Fight racism!
- Stop price rises!
- Fight for the Right to Work!
- Build the Rank and File movement!

E. London: Why we're growing

ONE HUNDRED members and 1000 Socialist Workers on order every week.

That is what this autumn's upsurge has meant for the Outer East London district of the International Socialists.

Twenty-seven people have joined locally in the last two months—many because of the hard fight against racialism that IS is running in the East End.

'You cannot fight racialism without talking about the socialist alternative,' says Steve Cedar, district secretary.

'This means that many white people as well as black are being drawn towards IS. The Right to Work Campaign and the rank and file movement have also been important in convincing people that we have a coherent strategy within the trade union movement, and what's more we're doing something about it.'

Sales

Gordon Davie from Fords and Eddie Prevost from the London Docks, the district Socialist Worker organisers, added: 'The district order is now up to 1,050 papers.'

'We are pushing everybody to sell in a public place once a week—outside a tube station, market place or Asian cinema.'

'This is essential over the next few months because we believe there are lots of people around who would buy Socialist Worker regularly if only they knew it existed.'

'Our sales prove this. We have also stepped up workplace sales.'

'A thousand papers might sound a lot, but we still think there are many places which we do not yet do consistently. The estates are our next target.'

'We have done them in the past, but we are having another stab at them because the actions of the Labour government are forcing people to change their long-held views. That is where we must get in.'



On the march in East London last Sunday: the tough stand the local IS district has taken over racialism has helped win new members, both black and white.



Youth: It's down to us

By Tony McGhee

THIRTY delegates from all over the country attended the second meeting of the Socialist Worker Youth Movement in Newcastle last weekend.

Tony Cliff, introducing the meeting, said: 'You have to do it yourselves. Activity is the key. Fighting on racialism, on unemployment, on every issue will build the SWYM.'

Geoff Heaton from Glasgow, the SWYM organiser, and Janie Lowe, Fight business manager, said that the youth movement must be organisationally independent, with a self-supporting paper.

Patronising

On Sunday, John McDermott, a shop steward from Plesseys in Newcastle, spoke about the problems and patronising attitudes youth met in the trade union movement.

The delegates went on to discuss the SWYM Charter and about how to build an organisation fighting for every young person's rights whether in school, factory or on the dole.

Plans were drawn up for a series of fact sheets to be produced on problems such as racialism, working in the trade union movement, women and many others.

The latest issue of the SWYM paper FIGHT is now out. It costs 2p a copy and can be ordered from Janie Lowe, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

130 new members in two weeks and one makes a vital plea

ANOTHER 60 people joined the International Socialists last week to help build the Socialist Workers Party. This brings the total of new members in the first two weeks of October to 131.

Last week's new members include eight hospital workers from as far apart as Dundee and East London.

Five workers have joined in a Cricklewood factory. Five more new members work on the buses. Four people joined after a public meeting in Chester which a local Engineering Union convenor described as 'the second biggest socialist meeting in this town for ten years. The biggest was Paul Foot earlier this year.'

Tony Cliff spoke to an audience of nearly 100 on *Can the Labour Party bring socialism?*

CLIVE HARTLEY, convenor of Balfour Darwin's factory in Sheffield, last week resigned from the Communist Party and joined the International Socialists.

He told Socialist Worker why:

'I would firstly like to say to those in the CP who know me that it isn't my views and attitudes that have changed. They haven't. It is that there is no room in the Communist Party for them.'

I found there is now little difference between the CP and the left of the Labour Party. In fact the CP's whole concept of left unity is so narrow that it only includes themselves and left Labour.

Ultra-left

Time and time again in industry I have seen good CP members being forced to stand down from elections and support Labour candidates.

Through my involvement

with IS in the Right to Work Campaign I have found out that IS are not a bunch of ultra-left students, as the CP led me to believe.

I have met many IS members who are rank and file socialists like me. The IS is the party that is leading the fight back and is putting an alternative in some kind of consistent manner.

Alright

In relating politics to the factory floor, IS have a different concept from the CP. Not only in Sheffield but nationally, the CP rely on elected or even appointed leaders.

They say: 'Well they make mistakes, but basically they're alright.'

IS directly approach the rank and file on the shop floor where the strength is.

When I was in the CP they used to go on about the "central contradiction being between the left and the right." It was just the ultra-left, they said, who talked in terms of the rank and file and the bureaucracy.

As far as I'm concerned there is a contradiction between the left and the right and the bulk of the trade union bureaucracy is part of that right. Even the left talkers like Scanlon have now linked themselves up with the right.

If we are going to talk about left and right then we must seek to unite all the left.

That is why it is essential that the Right to Work Campaign approaches both the Liaison Committee and the organisers of the Assembly to forge the maximum left unity.

I may be criticised for leaving the CP by those who think the same way as me but

believe it is possible to change the CP.

But the CP bureaucracy is too deeply entrenched. The CP is bound to go into sharper decline.

The active membership is dropping all the time and young people are simply not joining. Those who remain so as to try and change the CP are simply banging their heads against a brick wall.

Critic

I want to urge all those still in the CP and in the wider labour movement to take a fresh look at the situation we are in.

Join a real Marxist party that fights for rank and file action and real left unity. That's the International Socialists.

KEN STEPS UP THE CAMPAIGN



Ken Appleby: campaigning

KEN APPLEBY, the Socialist Worker prospective parliamentary candidate in Stechford, is busy campaigning in his constituency for the 6 November Right to Work conference.

Ken, an unemployed draughtsman, told Socialist Worker this week:

Tax-free

'Roy Jenkins has decided to hang on to his parliamentary salary for a few more months before going on to get £80,000 a year tax-free as a bureaucrat in the Common Market.'

'So we're fighting to make sure that rank and file trade unionists in this area support the Right to Work Conference and help build up a movement of opposition to the government and its policies.'

The by-election is now expected in the New Year.

SOCIALIST WORKER ORGANISERS SCHOOL

In London, Saturday 13 November, 10.30am. Every district SW Organiser must attend. Details from John Larkham, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Phone 01 739 2639.

WHERE WE STAND



INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION:

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state based upon councils of workers' delegates and

a workers' militia.

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

INTERNATIONALISM

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

We oppose everything which turns

workers from one country against those from other countries.

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

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

We are for an end to all forms of discrimination against homosexuals.

We are for real, social, economic and

political equality of women

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

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

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

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

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

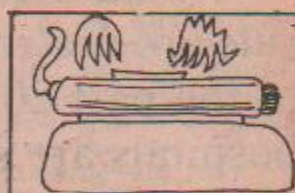
Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

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

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

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

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OCCUPATION STEWARDS SUPPORT CONFERENCE

Remember, remember the 6th November



Bill Geddes

SHOP STEWARDS at the occupied Rolls-Royce factory in Blantyre, Glasgow have given their support to the 6 November Right to Work Conference Against Unemployment and the Cuts.

Rolls-Royce Blantyre has been occupied for 12 weeks to keep the factory open.

One important session at the conference will be on the defence campaign for the arrested Right to Work marchers. Mike Lynch, the unemployed miner from Dunfermline who was sentenced to six months imprisonment, told Socialist Worker after the verdicts: 'The real trial for me will be in front of the

trade union delegates at the 6 November 6 Conference.'

The best defence for the marchers is a successful conference which helps build a rank and file movement strong enough to resist police assaults on the rights of trade unionists and unemployed workers.

The Hammersmith Hospital branch of the Public Employees Union (NUPE) has decided to send seven delegates. The chairman of the joint shop stewards committee Bill Geddes, who is also a member of the NUPE Divisional Council, told Socialist Worker: 'This is an indication of how determined my members are to fight against the cuts.'

'Our delegates will be arguing strongly for mass industrial action on 17 November both inside and outside the Health Service.'

'It is vital that every militant fights to get delegates from his or her branch to this conference. Then we can build the sort of on-going movement that can help ensure the success of the mass protest on 17 November. And, just as important, can help build a rank and file movement uniting workers in the public sector with other workers.'

Action this day!

THE LIST GROWS

THE following trade union bodies have added their names this week to the list of delegations to the Right to Work Conference:

Newcastle Hospitals NUPE, Hackney College Co-ordinating Committee NATFHE, Scott Lidget School NUT, Camden Builders TGWU, Tameside Trades Council, Lancaster University ASTMS, Glasgow ISSA, Runcorn and Widnes ASTMS, Southend 1/445 TGWU, Durham College ASTMS, Belmos EETPU shop stewards committee London East NUJ, Stratford Express chapel.

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MINERS BACK 17 NOVEMBER PROTEST

THE Day of Action and lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 17 November is likely to be the biggest officially called and backed demonstration since the battles against the Industrial Relations Act.

The day of action, originally called by the Public Employees Union NUPE, is now supported by the executives of the local government workers, NALGO, the civil servants, CPSA and SCPC, the teachers, NUT, the National Union of Students, the white-collar workers' ASTMS, and the Health Service Employees, COHSE.

Last week the National Union of Miners added their support.

The unions involved in the official protest account for a quarter of the TUC's affiliated membership.

The West Midlands Divisional Council of NUPE has booked five trains to bring demonstrators to London for the demonstrations and lobby. Trains are going from Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford and Hereford.

Building

The Scottish Division of NUPE is aiming to fill two trains.

Even the leadership of the National Union of Teachers is calling on such local associations to send its members to the demonstration.

Plans to step up the action for Day of Action are one of the key items on the agenda at the Right to Work Conference on 6 November.

The campaign's secretary, John Deason, told Socialist Worker: 'The 17 November is going to be enormous, but we can and must add to the effectiveness of the demonstration.'

'This means fighting for stoppages and mass turn-outs on the demonstration. Holloway School NUT have already called on the NUT executive to call a national stoppage of all teachers that day.'

Momentum

'We are fighting for official stoppages, and where we can't win that we are calling for local stoppages, for the day, for half the day or even for a few hours. In every workplace we want to organise some sort of protest against this government and its policies.'

'We have to argue that the cuts affect engineers as much as nurses and teachers. Their children have to attend our run-down schools. An accident in an engineering factory is much more serious now because of the cuts in every hospital.'

'Local Right to Work Committees have got a major role to play in building a united campaign for the 17th against every aspect of the Social Contract.'

'And we have a major responsibility to make sure that the unemployed make their presence felt on the demonstration.'

'At the 6 November Conference we shall be discussing ways of building support for the 17th and the role the local Right to Work committees can play.'



Easterhouse for the Right to Work

SIXTY unemployed workers—most of them young school leavers—marched through Glasgow's East End last week to protest against the cuts and unemployment.

Easterhouse Right to Work Campaign organised the march to the City Chambers in the centre of Glasgow, where a delegation of marchers met councillors.

In Easterhouse 4000 people sign on the dole every week and public services are being cut to ribbons.

Shop steward at Olivetti and Weirs Pacific

had agreed to address the march at factory gate meetings, but police wouldn't allow the march to stop. But they couldn't prevent delegations from speaking to the stewards and leafletting the canteen.

Some Olivetti workers came out to watch the march go by.

This Saturday the Scottish TUC youth advisory committee are organising a youth unemployment demonstration in Glasgow. The Right to Work Campaign is organising to ensure a large turn-out.

Anger in Newcastle

TYNESIDE saw its largest demonstration for years on Saturday when more than 2000 people marched in anger at the government's policies causing unemployment and cuts in public spending.

Several hospitals on Tyneside are scheduled for closure while many others are short of staff. Factories that supply the Electricity industry face closure because of lack of government orders. Local council direct labour

departments face redundancies—about 400 on South Tyneside have already got the sack.

Newcastle Corporation has taken on only half as many newly-qualified teachers as last year, and the future of the ship-building industry is also uncertain, whether nationalised or not.

Roots

The march was supported by large groups of workers from the Public

Employees Union (NUPE), the town hall workers' union (NALGO) and the civil servants (CPSA) as well as the trades council, Right to Work Campaign and Socialist Worker. It ended in a rally at the City Hall, where a welcoming party of Young Conservatives calling for more cuts got an angry response from marchers.

One young Tory was heard to shout: 'Increase the cuts, increase unemployment.'

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Information about transport from other areas from National Right to Work Office, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Phone 01-802 0978.

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TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Hallas

Some people think that by putting up candidates Socialist Worker is now on the slippery slope of parliamentarism. But the point is this: we have to seize every opportunity to get across our ideas.

Are we 'selling out'?

THERE HAS been a fair amount of discussion in Socialist Worker about why we think it is right to run candidates to put the socialist case in parliamentary elections.

Nevertheless, not everyone who is generally sympathetic to Socialist Worker is convinced, not by any means.

First step

This is not at all surprising. The fears and doubts that some folk have on this score are based on real facts and experiences. So let us look again at some of the arguments advanced for having nothing to do with electioneering.

You are taking the first step along the road to parliamentarism. Maybe it

is only a short step. But if you go on you will end up like all the others. A real revolutionary socialist party can only be built if it wins strong support on the shop floor and in the unions.

Now, certainly, without a shop floor base socialists are powerless. They can't alter what happens. That is clear.

The point is *how*, in the here and now, we can seize every opportunity to strengthen the organised revolutionary socialist presence.

So we have to ask ourselves: can running in elections help to build the shop-floor base and rank and file movements in the unions?

The answer is that it can obviously help if new forces are won to the movement and if, once won, they are linked into the fight against the cuts, against the racists and fascists, against unemployment, the Social Con Trick and the right wingers who sell out.

And new forces can be won, new

people reached and drawn into organised activity, by a vigorous electoral intervention.

Of course, this will only happen if the electoral activity is organised with this end in view. That is why we see intervention in the current by-elections mainly as a way to win people to the idea of the Socialist Workers' Party and to activity, as members or sympathisers.

Final word

Fighting elections is not a substitute for building the Socialist Workers' Party in the workplaces. It is part of the process.

A final word about this point. We are not Exclusive Brethren. We do not say: unless you agree with us about every dot and comma we don't want to know you. Quite the reverse.

We want all those who want to resist

Labour's betrayals and build a socialist alternative to work with us. But we also say that to do this job effectively we must create an organised force, a party.

That is what Socialist Worker candidates are about.

Perhaps your candidates are clear about this in their own minds but the very fact that they stand for parliament confuses workers and sows illusions in the possibility of solving their problems, by first voting for left candidates.

This is a very old argument and it crops up in all sorts of situations, quite apart from elections. For example, in 1972 the Tory government had just forced through its anti-union Industrial Relations Act.

It used this law to compel the railwaymen to submit to a state-run ballot to stop the union's call for industrial action in their pay dispute.

It was, of course, a direct attack on union rights.

The question was, given that the government was going to enforce the ballot regardless of protests, what to call on railwaymen to do.

Some comrades on the left, well meaning but very unrealistic, said we should say: Don't Vote.

'Recognise'

To vote, you see, is to recognise the Industrial Relations Act, to sow illusions that anything but direct action can smash it.

We said: Vote No to the government proposition.

Of course, to vote at all was in a sense, to 'recognise' the Tory law.

But the important thing was to give the Tories a massive slap in the face and open the road to victory in the pay fight.

Which, in the event, is what happened.

The point is that there is no value in 'non-representation' of what the enemy is doing unless you have the power to stop them.

Elections are going to be held regardless of what we do.

Some workers, quote a lot in fact, are going to vote.

Question

There is no question of Socialist Worker candidates 'sowing illusions' that merely by voting they can solve their problems.

The only question is whether to use the opportunity of the elections to help to build the socialist alternative or not.

If you stand aside from the job then, certainly, you won't get your hands dirty. But you won't build anything either.

It is quite possible to do what is needed, to campaign against the fascists and racists and the cuts and so on without actually putting up candidates.

Well, yes, it is possible. That was what we did at Rotherham and Thurrock.

We campaigned against the fascists and said, had to say, vote Labour.

Positive

If nothing more is possible, then this is the best thing to do. But it is less than satisfactory.

To fight the fascists most effectively you need a positive alternative, a socialist alternative.

Labour's policies breed racism and fascism. The fascist vote is, in part, a protest against Labour's attacks on working class conditions.

Again, we come back to the need to build the Socialist Workers' Party.

WHAT are your Questions About Socialism?

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WATCH OUT, THE SS ARE ABOUT

PATIENTS visiting their family doctors are now receiving new Social Security sick notes.

Now you may wonder why the notes have been changed since, at first glance, there is little difference from the old ones.

The doctor now 'advises you to be off work' rather than states 'you are unfit for work'. The final decision rests with the Social Security officials.

Previously, if they decided you were scrounging, they could only refuse payment after first having referred you to their SS doctor.

WITHOUT COMMENT: The Post Office has sent a set of its latest stamps to John Stonehouse, the former Postmaster-General now serving seven years in Wandsworth Jail for attempted fraud, forgery, theft and false pretences.

It is a tradition that all former Postmaster-Generals receive first-day covers said a Post Office spokesman.

—from the Daily Telegraph 5 October

A GROUP of British officers, increasingly frustrated by their failure to cow the nationalist population of Belfast, decided to go in for some sectarian slogan-painting—which is normally the preserve of the 'other ranks'. Next morning, when the residents of one nationalist area woke up, they were extremely puzzled to find their walls decorated with the—incomprehensible slogan: 'The pope is a bounder.'

LIZ CURTIS

LAW AND ORDER: Yorkshire factory owner Thomas Russell, accused of two offences of exposing workers to high levels of asbestos, told magistrates in Wakefield that he did not appreciate the dangers of the killer dust. He was fined £75 on each charge.

Presumably Russell is deaf as well as daft. His factory, in Ossett, is not a million miles from Hebden Bridge, where dozens of workers have died from asbestosis in recent years amid a blaze of publicity.

Now patients will not only have to fight for the amount of money paid to them, but if the SS have decided you are not ill at all—whatever your family doctor advises—you will have to discuss all your personal details with them to get any money.

The SS are not noted for being good judges of illness. I recently had a patient who had been told by them that he was fit for work.

He looked awful and examination of his blood

showed the haemoglobin level to be only half what it should be. Further investigations showed that he had pernicious anaemia.

I wrote a nasty letter to the SS and received a reply 'thanking me for my information'. The patient got no apology.

However unsympathetic your local family doctor may be, there is no doubt that the SS officials will be ten times worse.

DR JEAN LEWIS



IN SCHOOL assembly we recently had a careers talk by a policeman and a policewoman. They showed us a film which had been made about seven or eight years ago. It was about a young policeman and his life in the police force.

They showed a bit of a demonstration and there were people with banners. They showed some policemen beating some of the marchers up. 'Oh well,' he said, 'it's all part of the job.'

NINA PHILLIPS, 15, South London



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FIRST PASSENGER: What are you pair, bloody racialists or something?

SECOND PASSENGER: Yeah, go on, get off the

bus. You should be ashamed of yourself.

THIRD PASSENGER: If you don't get off the bus, I'm kicking you off.

FOURTH PASSENGER (Pointing to board which couple are carrying): What's that for, then, you

going to put up a sign in your front garden like that bloke Relf? Why don't you sod off out of it.

CONDUCTOR: Right, off the bus. Come on, move.

EXIT two bemused racists and one dog, all three with tail between legs.

THE FREE PRESS...

Tory and Labour conferences.

At Labour conferences, the chairman frequently reacts to speakers from the floor as if they were the scum of the earth—which, one must admit, they increasingly are.

There are injunctions to: "Sit down, brother, your time's up".

—from the Daily Telegraph, 8 October

Zimbabwe: Kick out the murderers



TSANGA SERESTA
ARIKO KRAAL

EVEN if the conference gives hundred per cent black membership of parliament, we will not accept unless there is total destruction of Smith's army.

Those were the words of Robert Mugabe, leader of one of the Zimbabwe liberation movements, ZANU, speaking in Zambia recently. He was talking about the conference on the future of Rhodesia, soon to start in Geneva.

His words sum up the feeling of the vast majority of black freedom fighters

in the Zimbabwe Peoples Liberation Army.

The pictures below show why the destruction of the white-run army is the central issue for million of black Zimbabweans. The pictures were distributed in thousands of copies by the white army itself, to show what it does to those who oppose it.

Yet Smith is saying that this army must remain intact and under the control of white government ministers.



BELOW: Leaflets aimed at winning collaborators among the black villagers.

Pictures of freedom fighters killed by the Rhodesian army—which are handed out by soldiers to show what they do to those who oppose them.

WORKERS DEFY LAW-AND WIN!

In Denmark...

IN Denmark workers have shown that militant action can beat anti-working class laws. Two hundred workers, mainly women, at the Royal Porcelain factory in Copenhagen defied the power of the Danish industrial relations court that bans unofficial strikes.

Three months ago the workers, the lowest paid in the factory, struck for a rise of 25 per cent. The other 1,000

workers supported them, and more than £400,000 was collected at meetings and through support committees.

The industrial relations court fined the workers £450 each to compensate the employer for losses in the strike, but they are determined not to pay.

Their success has shown that determined militant action can beat anti-working class laws.



A solidarity demonstration of 20,000 in Copenhagen for the porcelain workers' fight. The big signs are made to look like the porcelain plates.

...and in Turkey

by KADIR PECEK

THE general strike of 350,000 workers in Turkey last month appears to have its main demand—the end of the martial law courts.

This was a victory, despite the attempts of the extreme right-wing government to intimidate the strikers and the half-hearted 'peace at any price' attitude of the Turkish Communist Party, which dominates the left-wing unions.

Workers in more than 300 factories, students, teachers and others fought hard to retain the rights won over the past few years. Often workers have to fight both heavily-armed police and the fascist 'grey wolf' hands.

Most of the campaigning now is around the huge number of victimisations during the end of September strike wave.

For the moment, the government coalition of the right-wing, religious fanatics, secret policemen and fascists is

looking elsewhere for policies to tackle the growing crisis. The prime minister has already threatened a return to full martial law.

Clearly the softly, softly methods of the trade union bureaucrats will not suffice to meet such a challenge this time any more than they did during the 1974 coup.

During a recent factory occupation, the workers' slogan against a mass police attack was 'We'd rather die than give up our struggle'. They are not alone.

The Chinese puzzle

EVENTS in China over the past fortnight will have amazed many socialists.

Suddenly the Chinese government is spreading rumours that Chiang Ching, the widow of the founder of modern China, Mao Tse-Tung 'taunted' Mao in his last few months and 'attempted a coup' after his death. In Shanghai, officially-inspired demonstrators have carried effigies of Chiang Ching hanging from gallows.

But these events are only the latest in a series of political shocks in China in the past ten years.

During Mao's lifetime his officially-designated heirs, Liu Shao Chi and Lin Piao were suddenly removed from power. Only this spring the secretary of the ruling Communist Party, Teng Shao Ping, was ousted.

Speechless

None of these events had anything to do with socialism, in the sense of workers' power and workers' democracy. For China's workers had no chance to speak their minds on them.

Six months ago workers were ordered to support Chiang Ching against Teng. Now they are ordered to denounce her. What they are not allowed to do is to decide democratically which policies and which leaders they favour.

The people's Army led by Mao liberated China from corruption and foreign domination in the 1930s and 1940s. But it did not give power to China's workers. Instead, as in Russia, bureaucrats gave the orders and workers were expected to behave.

Now these bureaucrats are falling out among themselves as China is affected by the world crisis.

For the full background to the crisis in China see the major article by Nigel Harris on Mao Tse-Tung in the latest issue of International Socialism Journal.

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- Three hundred dollars for each terrorist light personal weapon.
- Three hundred dollars for each full box of terrorist ammunition.
- Three hundred dollars for each full box of terrorist grenades.
- Three hundred dollars for each full box of terrorist anti-personnel mines.

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JIM PARKES, a Labour man almost all his life is sick with this government. He doesn't agree with everything Socialist Worker does. But he is supporting the campaign.

In a letter published in the Walsall Observer last week Jim explains where he stands:

'We were told that without wage restrictions we would have massive unemployment. Now we have both.

'We were told that without wage restrictions we would have massive cuts in the public services, welfare services etc. Now we have both.

'We were told that if we did not support the government's policies we would let in the wicked Tories—and what would they do? Exactly what the Labour government is doing... How much more are Labour Party members and supporters expected to swallow to keep the government in office.'



AVTAR SINGH, an ardent socialist, has joined the fight to...

He's particularly concerned about the cuts redoubled in Midlands Passenger services. 18 per cent of the workers have been sacked and 21 per cent...

Unemployment is at 7000. With the oil price and petrol, we want more. The only way we'll manage to handle it is to rank and file action.

We're for a socialist alternative



NEITHER THE STONEHOUSE AVENUE NOR THE PARLIAMENTARY ROAD...

JIMMY McCallum, the Socialist Worker candidate in Walsall North.

He is certainly not going down the Stonehouse Avenue—or the Parliamentary Road come to that.

The Socialist Worker campaigns in Walsall and Newcastle are not just about getting a few hundred or even a few thousand votes. They're about projecting an alternative.

An alternative to the corrupt politics of the Stonehouses of this world, and the corrupt parties and Parliaments that give birth to them.

Socialist Worker isn't saying: 'Send McCallum to Westminster and he'll solve your problems'.

On the contrary, the campaign is saying:

VOTE for real democracy. Vote for your own self-activity and organisation.

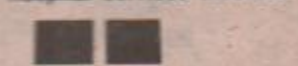
CAMPAIGN for a real rank and file fight back against the bosses, their

unemployment, their racism and their system.

HELP build a Socialist alternative to Labour and the Tories of every hue.

A real socialist party in Walsall has a lot to do.

The case against the cuts has got to be put so that everyone knows just what the destruction of bus and hospital services involves.



The old, the poor and the hungry must be helped to help themselves.

A real socialist party would mount a campaign for safe working and living conditions in the town. For lower prices in the shops.

There is just one limit to what could be done: the number involved.

So get involved. Join Socialist Worker in the fight for a better world.



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Walsall.

BAINS, Walsall bus driver, and hater of racialism. He has put over the socialist alter-

anxious to see resistance to his own employers, the West Transport Executive, want to of the platform staff, eight per on the mechanical and repair ent of the administrative staff.

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JOAN PRICE is working for the Socialist Worker campaign. She is worried about prices.

These people who're on about sacrifice just don't know what it's like for ordinary people', she says.

'We must try o show that there is another way'.



Interviews: **LAURIE FLYNN**
Pictures: **JOHN STURROCK** (Report)



JIT SINGH, a senior steward in the Birmid Foundry in Smethwick, is supporting the Socialist Worker campaign and urging his members to vote McCallum.

Jit Singh hates racism. He knows at first hand how it splits, divides and degrades. He wants to fight the underlying social causes, such as bad housing and unemployment.

At his workplace, he told the inaugural meeting of the Walsall Central Branch of Socialist Worker, workers had not long ago been the victims of yet another management ploy to get fewer men to do more work and thereby expand the dole queues.

This was done initially by getting 80 men to do the work of 100. The other 20 became a reserve pool. But when any of them left, they were never replaced.

And some people wonder what causes unemployment. Higher productivity is the very cause of the unemployment they claim is a natural catastrophe.



STONEHOUSE AVENUE



HELL IN THE FACTORY . . . Walsall North's most famous employer, Garrington/GKN, also known as 'Hell on Earth'. The noise is unbelievable, the conditions incredible. Men working hot metal in a giant drop forge where eyes can be taken out, flesh burned and lives ruined as a matter of routine. And all in the service of shareholders. Socialism means an end to industrial slavery and the degradation of work and workers

STONEHOUSE? NEVER AGAIN!

By Graham Sawyer

AS A NEW member of the International Socialists, I was asked: Why did I join?

I was a member of the Labour Party in Walsall North, where John Stonehouse was MP, when he hacked out his plans to con his supporters, who really believed him to be a good socialist.

He would come around at election time, shake hands and have a drink at the local workmen's clubs and pubs. 'He's a good lad', they would say, 'a really fine chap'.

Embedded?

He put on the charm. He would talk about his mum, how she was mayor some years ago.

How she pushed the pram and her child around, distributing leaflets for the Labour Party. His wife Barbara would be with him, drinking Babychams.

They were a lovely couple, people would say, so charming.

When he disappeared, events were fantastic. Labour Party members were deeply alarmed.

God, had he been kidnapped? Or embedded in concrete? The bloody CIA have had him, the bastards have killed our John.

But hold on, our kid! His clothes have been found on the beach. He has got himself drowned. What shall we do?

Pinched

But, listen, now he's been found again in Australia. He's never swum all that way, has he?

He's there alright, he's opted out. He's had a breakdown, poor John. Some poor bloke from Darlaston, he's pinched his name when he's dead.

We want our MP, but he don't want to come back. If he's really sick then, we'll have to select a new bloke to stand. But he must be left-wing, mind you . . .

Well, you know the rest of the story. I myself was on the selection committee. All told, about 62 were interviewed. It

was interesting, asking them questions.

On the whole they were after a job, an easy life on £5000 plus a year. This is the Labour Party.

The only activity is at election times, and that only involves addressing envelopes.

Even then, the Labour Party offers nothing for the working masses, and is no challenge to the capitalist system.

I believe that the International Socialists are a really socialist movement—a revolutionary movement committed to smash the capitalist system.

Their record in fighting the Nazi National Front is great. The recent demonstration in

Walsall was inspiring to the people here.

Also the campaign for the Right to Work is something to be proud of.

Different

I now find I can really fight the rotten elements in our system. I find true comradeship among the ranks of IS—no leaders to hold you down, but only delegates elected most democratically by the rank and file.

As you know, Jimmy McCallum is standing in the forthcoming election as the Socialist Worker candidate. With no illusions, mind you.

We believe that revolution is the only way to gain

socialism. But by Jimmy McCallum standing we can put forward our views to thousands of local people, and build the Socialist Workers Party.

We have formed a new branch in Willenhall, where I live, and we have six new members. This is only the start. The potential is great.

I would ask anyone who reads Socialist Worker and is not a member to join the IS now.

You will enjoy it—we have our fun, too—but we are in existence to educate and organise a mass movement, strong enough to mobilise the working class to win socialism.

I wish Socialist Worker and all comrades in the IS the best of luck.

You truly deserve it.

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No more Shrewsburys

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

Part of the report of the Independent Trade Union Inquiry into the arrest of 43 Right to Work Marchers at Hendon last spring. The committee comprised:

Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union and a member of the National Executive of the Labour Party; Jack Collins, a Kent miner and member of the National Union of Mineworkers' national executive; Jack Morris, Group general secretary of the Society of Civil Servants; Syd Bidwell, Labour MP for Southall; Dolly Sewell, a shop steward at Patent Die Casting; Chris Soutar, a trade union convenor at Oliver and Thoms; Mike McGrath, a member of the executive of the civil servants union, CPSA; Ian MacDonald, a barrister, and Vincent Flynn, former general secretary of the print union SOGAT.

The full report is available from 16 Yew Grove, London NW2 3AD. Once you have read it, please act on it.

WANTED: Your help in Walsall North and Newcastle Central

TWENTY people sold 540 copies of Socialist Worker in Walsall last weekend. In Newcastle Central it was 600 Socialist Workers and 150 copies of Fight, paper of the Socialist Worker Youth Movement.

There are just two more weekends, including this, before polling day, 4 November. Those two weekends are vital. If you are a member of IS or a supporter of Socialist Worker, you should ensure that you visit either Walsall or Newcastle.

You will gain valuable experience and confidence arguing the socialist case. That's what working people are anxious to argue and debate.

Members and supporters from Yorkshire northwards should go to Newcastle. Contact 142 Oban Road Newcastle 6. Phone 0632-657806.

Others should go to Walsall. Contact Socialist Worker, 88 Caldmore Road, (5 mins from the station). Phone 0922 614891.

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Postal Points

I HAVE BEEN reading Socialist Worker for a couple of months and have just joined the International Socialists. It is a great paper and I like it more than any other national because it brings the truth to people.

It exposes the horrors and imbecility of racialists and the consequences of their ignorance. Long live the fight to smash capitalism, racialism, royalty and aristocrats. Good luck to a great paper.

□ RAB, Glasgow

WE ALL know what Marx said when he was referring to religion as 'the opium of the people' but if he was alive today, would he say the following about fascism?

'Fascism is the disease the degenerate create, the ideology of the ignorant, the virus of the vermin, it is the cancer of the people.'

□ John Appleyard, Leeds

I THINK your campaign against racism has had a really big impact on a large selection of people and must not be allowed to slip.

One problem I come up against when arguing the case against racism is that people who are genuinely not racialists tend to say: 'I have nothing against them but there are enough here already.'

It is important therefore as revolutionaries to hammer the point of changing the system as well as defending the rights of blacks.

□ SW Reader, Norfolk

TWO THOUSAND people are now in prison in Thailand as a result of the right-wing military coup, which followed a long and well thought-out plot to repress the left wing.

They can't imprison everyone. The struggle continues. Victory to the Thai people!

□ G Ungpakorn, Durham

IN A socialist world much thought and knowledge would be needed before nuclear energy should be used.

Surely we cannot be indifferent to nuclear power in the hands of the capitalist class. Socialist Worker has rightly exposed the dangers of asbestos. Should it not also lead the campaign against the use of nuclear power whose dangers are unimaginably great, extending to thousands of years?

□ Hilda Upward, Edward Upward, Maria Tuck, Peter Tuck, Isle of Wight



I AM sending a copy of a letter and poem I sent to our local paper. I think the IS diagnosis is absolutely right but I am not totally convinced, yet, of your remedy!

'Although still reeling from "doublethink" and double talk of the 1976 Labour Party Conference, my muse has

The People's Flag has neutral hues
You can't distinguish reds or blues
For Party Leaders now unite
In denigrating Britain's plight.

But when it comes to Conference end
Our differences are seen to mend.
Let comrades weep and Tories cheer
We'll sing the Red Flag once a year.

Though cabbages cost 50p
We'll make the unions bow the knee.
What matters Life in crumbling flats
So long as Roy can dine at Pratt's?

recovered sufficiently to produce the following which may amuse your readers or even compel them to think seriously of the relevance of parliament as an instrument for the implementation of socialism.

□ Edgar W Goodall, Councillor St Helier West Ward, Surrey.

But when it comes to Conference end
Our differences are seen to mend.
Let comrades weep and Tories cheer
We'll sing the Red Flag once a year!

We're shackled to the E.F.C.
The Working Class must ne'er be free.
Stay manacled from Birth to Death
Upon the bloated I.M.F.

But when it comes to Conference end
Our differences must seem to mend.
Let comrades weep and Tories cheer
We'll sing the Red Flag once a year!

The missing dead

While in South Africa I met a police reservist who cleared away and counted the bodies after the Sharpeville shooting.

He admitted that the official figure of 61 dead was way below the 200 or more bodies he counted.

Since then I have heard another story, this time originating from Mrs. Cora Bazzoli, wife of the vice-chancellor of a university in Johannesburg.

She, I hear has (unofficial) knowledge of perhaps a thousand or more killed after this year's initial Soweto uprising as she knows someone who visited the mortuary.

It would be interesting if this could be followed up and confirmed.

□ Oliver Duke.

Petrol's 40p a gallon, wages £158 a week...

WHEN I read in Socialist Worker (9 October) that British Ford workers want parity with Germany I wondered why they don't go for parity for Ford workers in the USA where the present hourly rate is 6.75 dollars (£3.96 on this week's exchange rate).

That is £158 a week! And at the moment they're on strike to set the rates for the next three year contract.

'Yes, but the cost of living is much greater in the States.' I can hear the Sun say. NOT SO.

Food costs about the same - spuds are half the price they are here, meat is a bit cheaper than London, a pair of jeans is £8 and petrol is about 40p a gallon. (Imperial not US).

Housing costs seem to be similar to London. Dagenham workers might also like to know that the chairman of the company, Henry Ford, earns about £1000 per hour and president Lee Iacocca has had a 14.4 per cent rise added to his £170,000 annual pay - an extra £25,000.

But I don't believe that either of these two have been laid off in the middle of the night, but rest assured that in the unlikely event

□ Mike Carver, Tooting.

Letters

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

Why are they wasting money?

IS THERE any real defence against the efficiency of modern rocketry?

If not, what purpose is there in spending more money on armaments?

The Conservatives believe there is a purpose, although we have never won a first battle since the superiority of the long bow. Why then are the Tories so enthusiastic

about re-armament?

Is it to provide certain businesses with bigger profits, or to provide the sons of the upper class with even cushier occupations?

Or is it to provide the means whereby any social revolution can be oppressed?

★ Brian Sinclair, Southport

Maxwell: The same old tricks

ON 'BETWEEN the Lines' on Scottish TV last week, Sir Robert Maxwell explained the reason for the failure of the Scottish Daily News, the Glasgow workers' cooperative that lasted for eight months in 1975, after the closure of the Scottish Daily Express.

The failure he claimed was due solely to a group of International Socialists intent on disrupting the working of the paper. His evidence for this—and the fact that under the workers' cooperative some of the editors once actually argued with the editor about the content of the paper, and that in a pop column a journalist made a disparaging remark about Margaret Thatcher.

Readers of Socialist Worker will see that a newspaper must collapse under such systematic and intensive disruptive tactics by dedicated revolutionaries.

Collapse

According to Maxwell, the failure has nothing to do with the wage levels agreed with Maxwell, himself latterly the paper's chairman (among the lowest in the Glasgow industry), nothing to do with manning levels (1400 jobs were lost), nothing to do with a chronic lack of capital, due partly to under-financing by the government, nothing to do with the paper's failure to take a definite left reporting stance and translate the support of the majority of trade unionists in the West of Scotland into readership instead depended on advertising revenue, appearing as a less blue version of the old Express, and nothing to do with Beaver-

brook IPC hammering of retail outlets. Unfortunately the International Socialists did not have a dedicated tightly knit cell of revolutionaries inside the Scottish Daily News. And Socialist Worker failed to convince Express and Daily News workers of the need to fight for their jobs by a campaign against closures and redundancies and for nationalisation under workers control. Instead the workers ultimately chose the begging bowl and Robert Maxwell.

Pathetic

Maxwell hasn't finished with the Scottish newspaper industry yet. He is still attempting to set up another newspaper, the Strathclyde Evening News, by buying at bargain basement rates what is left of the Daily News, including the small number of ex-workers left pathetically falling in behind him.

The paper could of course adopt 'realistic wage levels' (as low wages as possible) 'realistic manning levels' (undermanning) a 'no-nonsense editorial approach' (dictatorship by Maxwell), and positively no International Socialists (curtail union activity as much as possible).

Possibly very good for Maxwell, but not for the jobs and livelihood of workers in the Scottish Newspaper industry. And not for people in Strathclyde who don't need another reactionary rag to add to Sir Hugh Fraser's Glasgow Herald and Evening Times, and IPC's Daily Record.

The workers' cooperative failed. Not because of disruption by International Socialists, but because of mistakes and because the SND workers were operating in an industry dominated by large monopolies and owners like Maxwell, which squeezed them out. No trade unionist can support Maxwell's latest venture.

□ Jennifer Ross, Scotland

FAIR DEAL FOR WIDOWS

I WOULD like to see a Fair Deal for Widows Campaign. I think they have the worst fate of all. They lose the breadwinner, then because they get widow's pension they pay most of any wages they earn in tax.

While they had a husband alive they were allowed to earn a nominal amount before paying PAYE.

It isn't boredom or pin money these women work for, but out of necessity, I dread the thought that I may have to join their ranks one day.

□ F. E. Hughes, Edgbaston.



GLASGOW: Hundreds of trade unionists demonstrated against the closure of the Scottish Daily Express.

The 'advantages' of pass and fail

THE ARTICLE about education in last week's paper was of special interest to me because this summer there has been a crisis in our house.

My twin daughters had to go through a process of selection. One 'passed' and went to the high school, the other 'failed' and went to a secondary modern.

The secondary modern

building has a long history. First it was the army barracks, then the boys' grammar school, then the boys' secondary modern.

It has absolutely no facilities.

Thump

The one who 'failed' cried and shouted that she was a failure and no good. The one who 'passed' was thumped in the face by five girls from the secondary modern as she walked home from school on

her first day. She was called a snob.

These are the advantages of selection and wherever such a system exists such behaviour will follow.

I do not live in the stockbroker belt, but in a mining town which has had a Labour council for as long as I can remember.

Comprehensive education is supposed to be coming in 1978 but this week I heard that it may be delayed because of the economic situation!

□ Jean Lewis, Pontefract.

Can I be a revolutionary and a pacifist?

I AM a dedicated new member of the International Socialists, and also a pacifist. I am slowly getting the impression of not being a true IS member because of my views on the taking of human life.

I often question IS members about what they think of my views and what their views are.

The mercenaries in Angola were shot because the Angolans were showing what would happen to others like them.

Mercenaries disgust me, but

killing is not the answer.

IS members I questioned mostly agreed: 'Why not shoot them, after all they're mercenaries.'

FACT: The Angolans used Cuban mercenaries to help them gain victory. Where does that place their motives for shooting the American and British mercenaries. I say it was revenge against CIA.

I would like other members to write to stating their views.

□ Stan Goodman, 220 Wingfield Road, Hull.



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VIEW
Quick!
They're
occupying
down at
plant 9!

WE ARE constantly fed an image of America as a land of cowboys and cops—the cops very much to the fore. But YESTERDAY'S WITNESS (BBC2) gave a graphic account of the battle fought by car workers against General Motors in Flint, Michigan, in the winter of 1936-7. Witnesses from the time gave accounts of atrocious working conditions, with no payment for overtime, no payment during line breakdowns, no unemployment pay, no sickness benefit—and an invitation to join the huge dole queues if you dared complain. One day, in the Chevrolet Fisher 2 plant, they stopped work, sat down, and demanded recognition for the infant Auto Workers Union. General Motors got a court injunction for the strikers' removal. The judge, Edward D Black, had 200,000 of their shares.

Response
 Then the company stopped food supplies getting into the occupied factory and the police arrived with tear-gas and guns. The workers responded with boxes of steel hinges and fire hoses. When they ran out of hinges they used coping tiles from the roof. The police opened fire, wounding 14. But the women then broke through the police lines and prevented further shooting, because the police were reluctant to fire on women. Michigan Governor Frank Murphy then brought in the troops to 'act as a buffer' between strikers and police. The strikers welcomed them at first—and sure enough the troops saw that food supplies got into the factory. The strikers knew that to win they must capture plant 4, which was the company's only engine plant so naturally they prepared plans, with the company informers in mind, to take plant 9. Sure enough, the troops and police were diverted to plant 9, and workers moved into plant 4. By the time the ruse was discovered, the women's paramilitary were guarding the locked gates.

Increase
 In the next few days pickets arrived from all over Michigan to support the strikers—and after 35 days of occupation General Motors was beaten. There was a 40-cent increase in hourly pay, time-and-a-half for overtime, sick pay, unemployment pay, guaranteed pensions and no victimisations. The victory parade through Flint was one of the greatest things I've ever seen,' said one worker interviewed. The film clips showed the parade with the Stars and Stripes. For such a magnificent fight to end in such a display of patriotism is sad and incomprehensible and goes part way to explain why General Motors is still the most powerful corporation in the world. It was the US flag which caused the words of the song: 'A black kid from Atlanta, Serving Uncle Sam, Died for General Motors In the fields of Vietnam.'

JIM BLAKE

'It's a slap in the face of the cinema establishment'

BRITAIN'S first socialist cinema opened last week. The Other Cinema, who for five years now have been providing the left with its films, have, after a year's graft, raised the money for their own cinema, in London.

Mark Karlin, one of the makers of Ireland—Behind the Wire, told SW: 'We as film makers are completely fed up with the lack of outlets. It's either the commercial circuits, which won't touch left-wing films, or the 'art' cinemas and clubs with their fridge-like atmosphere and people sitting in polite rows, like a church for atheists. 'We want a cinema alive to

FILMS

what's going on in the socialist movement, which is political in the widest sense, a weapon for the struggle that's also enjoyable. 'It's an accident that we're starting now, in such a state of political crisis, but it makes it all the more of a cultural offensive, a slap in the face of

the cinema establishment.' The main film in the launching of the cinema is 'Winstanley', Kevin Brownlow and Andrew Mollo's re-creation of the rebellion against the landlords and army rule led by the Digger Gerrard Winstanley.

Debates

Although the film beguiles you into the England of the Civil War like some celluloid time machine, its political message is clear. The Putney debates between the radicals and the officers in the Army smack of Lisbon last year and General Fairfax's visit to the Diggers' farm, which his

troops will later smash down, has the quality of Tony Benn approvingly visiting a work-in that his Cabinet intends to break.

And it's a reminder of the force of Winstanley's ideas, probably the first written communist programme and certainly anticipating the economic ideas of Marx.

Also on show are documentaries on American labour including the Harlem County miners strike that so revived the US mine union, Juvenile Liaison, the study of Lancashire police methods that the cops tried to have banned, the long-awaited Fuck the Army Show, the film of the anti-war review organised by Jane Fonda and

Donald Sutherland to tour US army bases in Asia in 1972 which has been 'lost' in commercial distributors vaults.

The cinema has a meeting room attached and plans benefit showings for group like United Farmworkers or Rock Against Racism.

Laughs

There are afternoon kids' shows with films like The Thief of Baghdad, and Happiness, the Medvedkin film of which Eisenstein said: 'Today I saw how a Bolshevik laughs.'

'We are taking a big bet,' says Mark Karlin. 'We are owing money all over the

place. 'We stand and fall in our cinema's usefulness to the movement. We want London socialists to think of it as "their" cinema.'

DAVE WIDGERY

□ The Cinema's at 25 Tottenham Street, London W1, just behind Goodge Street underground. Phone: info 637-9309 booking 637-9308. You must be a member and it takes 30 minutes to join. Tickets £1, students, pensioners and claimants 80p. Full programme is available now from the cinema.

LITTLE TOWERS, the 39-year-old electrician murdered by the Gateshead police, is not mentioned by name in Law and Disorder, the new Big Red Diary for 1977. But the class of crime to which he fell victim is strongly represented.

The entry for 24 November, for example tells the story of David Oluwale, who was murdered by the Leeds police.

'Detective Sergeant Kenneth Kitching and Detective Inspector Geoffrey Ellerker got three years for assaulting an unemployed Nigerian vagrant, David Oluwale.

'Two police officers specialised in Oluwale-beating. Other officers called them on their radios when they spotted him. They kicked him, beat him, and urinated on him.

'In April 1969 his body was found floating in the River Aire.

'The judge told the jury that the fact that the assailants wore police uniforms didn't prove that they were policemen and directed them to acquit the defendants of manslaughter.'

Victims

The Oluwale case is useful in that this class of crime, the most important class of crime, doesn't usually come to court. 'Crimes against the people' are not punishable by law.

On the contrary, the law is designed to make continuation of those crimes possible. The law is for landlords and against squatters. The law is for factory owners and against their victims, their 'hands'.

Take a couple of facts. Britain is spoken of by almost everyone as 'Our country'. But 2 per cent of the population own 72 per cent of land values. In short our beloved country belongs to a tiny band of slum lords, speculators and aristocrats. This is without a doubt their country.



How does such a tiny minority hang on to this stupendous hoard of wealth? Through the legal system—the laws, the courts and the armed bodies of men who compose the police force, who protect property and dispense with troublemakers like Little Towers and David Oluwale.

The string that holds the whole revolting package together is ideas. We're taught we need repression or our truly beastly characters would emerge. We're taught that the law is civilised when it is the enigma of repression.

Offence

The Big Red Diary 1977 has a damned good go at this system of ideas, showing how it puts property above life.

□ How the company that killed 28 workers in the Flixborough chemical plant explosion 'could not be prosecuted because they hadn't committed an offence under the Factories Act.' They had only stored 433,000 gallons of the dangerous chemical cyclohexane when permitted only 8,500, and botched-up a by-pass pipe in

Make next year Law and Disorder Year



19 March 1976 Edgware. Three police attacks on the peaceful 23-day Right to Work march as it neared London. 42 arrested and many injured in brief but vicious encounters.

Throughout the period of the hunger marches in the 1920s and 1930s there were dozens of pitched battles between the unemployed and the police who often used systematic baton charges, and hundreds were arrested. In Belfast two men were killed when the police opened fire in 1932.

Simon Rhodes, who set fire to his school causing £92,000 damage was given only a conditional discharge—he is a second cousin to the Queen and goes to Harrow.

It also contains a great deal about the struggle for real freedom, for a society where the enormous crime of want and poverty is done away with forever, and human beings have the chance to grow untwisted and untorn.

There's William Hone in all his glory taking the piss out of the high and mighty, but room might have been found for the story of the policeman who turned to his mate and said: 'Could you lend me ten fags till the shops shut.'

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SATURDAY
 Custer Had It Coming—this week's edition of AQUARIUS (ITV, 10.45pm)—looks at what has happened to the Indians in America, notably in Oklahoma, which has the biggest Indian population. There are no reservations and their culture is gradually being destroyed.

The exhibition of paintings by LS Lowry is featured in PAINTING WAS DAMNED HARD WORK (BBC2). It includes clippings from the films he used for inspiration.

SUNDAY
 Actor Milos Kirek left Czechoslovakia after the invasion in 1968, film director Charles Elssesser escaped from Chile after the overthrow of Allende. Both talk about their experiences in THE LIVELY ARTS: REFUGEES REFLECT (BBC2).

TUESDAY
 Everyone should grit their teeth and watch THE BIONIC WOMAN (ITV, 9pm) just once—to see how bad television can get.

WEDNESDAY
 Radio fans can hear a history of the women's movement in THE CHEAPER SEX (Radio 4), which includes songs of the struggle.

FRIDAY
 THE MONEY PROGRAMME (BBC-2) gives a useful lesson in the mechanics of the International Monetary Funds, the people who run it, and Britain's financial crisis.

Workers democracy in action

WE HELD our first important meeting on 14 November. . .

It was interesting that, though the participants of this meeting all came from different places, their demands were as much alike as if they had previously discussed them.

True, they were all sent by workers, and workers everywhere demanded the same things. There were delegates also from the countryside who said that workers' councils had been formed everywhere as soon as they learned about the Budapest initiative.

—F Toke, of the Central Workers' Council formed after the Russians had smashed armed resistance.

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It immediately became evident, that the population had great confidence in us. They sought our help in the solution of all their problems and worries. The government was simply ignored.

—Miklos Sebestyen, a delegate to the Central Workers' Council.

A fantastic aspect of the situation is that although the general strike is in being and there is no centrally-organised industry, the workers are



The revenge: a secret police agent lies dead

nevertheless taking it upon themselves to keep essential services going, for purposes which they themselves determine and support.

Workers' councils in industrial districts have undertaken the distribution of essential goods and food to the population, in order to keep them alive.

The coal miners are making daily allocations of just sufficient coal to keep the power stations going and supply the hospitals in Budapest and other large towns.

Railwaymen organise trains to go to approved destinations for approved purposes. . . .

—The Observer, 25 November

So powerful was the central workers council that the Russian and Kadar tried at first to negotiate with it. But the council members, elected from their place of work and subject to recall at any moment, would not sell out the revolution.

On 9 December, the leaders of the workers councils were arrested, Budapest's working-class gave one great final show of strength and solidarity. . . .

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Anyone who went out into the streets of Budapest could see that the underground was not running and that there were no buses. In the afternoon only one trolley bus of the 75 line passed. . . . Later that trolley bus too disappeared from the streets.

—Borba, Yugoslav Communist daily, 12 December 1956.

Murder, mass arrests, victimisation, destroyed the Hungarian workers councils of 1956. But they provide an example which workers faced with an economic crisis that hits East and West need to remember.

TWENTY YEARS AGO this Saturday, one of the great revolutions of modern times broke out.

Workers occupied their factories and fought against armed police and tanks, the army split down the middle, the newspapers were taken over by the people who worked on them.

For days, the government tottered from crisis to crisis, until hundreds of thousands of foreign troops were sent in to crush the workers.

Yet the commemoration of this revolution, the Hungarian Rising of 1956, will be muted. Many good left-wing militants in the west still believe the lies spread by the Russians.

In 1956, the Western press and politicians exploited the revolution to spread their own lie, the one that says socialism cannot work. They hid the fact that the core of the revolution was a system of organisation that Lenin identified as the essence of socialism.

Today, for western big business, Hungary is a land of lucrative trade deals, of Eurocurrency loans, of Hilton hotels and even, it is rumoured, of hard currency brothels. They would like to forget 1956 as much as Hungary's present rulers would.

CHRIS
HARMAN

Hungary '56

THE REVOLUTION began on 23 October.

Armed security police turned their machine guns on a massive unarmed demonstration demanding independence from Russia, workers control of the factories and a new government led by the former Communist prime minister Imre Nagy.

But the workers did not run away, as the police expected. They began fighting back—with stones, with petrol bombs and finally with guns.

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In the course of the battle around Broadcasting House in Sandor Street, the crowd, infuriated by the slaughter started by the AVH, made for the nearest barracks, the Killian barracks, to get guns and ammunition. Lieutenant Voros, who had come on duty after me, was helpless.

The crowd broke in the main gate, fished out the old guns we had collected in the basement the day before and for which there was no ammunition, and carried them away.

The guard could not or did not want to prevent them from doing so. Some two hundred soldiers left the building and went along with the insurgents.

—Peter Gosztonyi, a lieutenant in the barracks

THOUSANDS of people have obtained arms by disarming soldiers and militiamen. Some of these soldiers and militia men have been fraternizing with the embittered and dissatisfied masses.

They are said to have broken into barracks; the Budapest arms factory was taken; machine guns and even light infantry appeared in the street.

—The Yugoslav paper Politika 26 October 1956

THE SOVIET tanks have been attacking in groups of three and four since early morning—without infantry. They shell the barracks, and the buildings opposite, the houses and the boulevard. Indiscriminately, without any definite purpose behind it.

But they are helpless against the insurgents hiding behind windows

TWENTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, A GREAT REVOLUTION WAS DROWNED IN BLOOD

and behind the chimneys on the rooftops; wherever they turn they are met with a shower of Molotov cocktails and gunfire.

They rumble up and down the streets firing machine-gun volleys into the windows and bringing down the walls with demolition bombs.

The fire of the insurgents increases in strength and more and more Soviet tanks turn to meet it.

The medical unit works untiringly. By noon we have quite a number of wounded among our own but more and more soldiers taking their places in the line.

They have no commander, no one gives them orders, they go into battle voluntarily with their rifles and submachine guns.

—Peter Gosztonyi

DELEGATES from the workers' councils of the petroleum industries of Szony this afternoon visited the workers' council of the railway carriage factory of Gyor to find out about events in Gyor and about the activities of the workers' councils.

The Szony workers told them that national committees and workers councils were being formed everywhere between Gyor and Tatabanya. The factory workers of Komarom and Szony were in solidarity with the workers of Budapest. . . .

—Radio Free Gyor 27 Oct 1956

WORKERS' councils have been formed in numerous factories. . . .

Workers' councils have been formed in the Duna shoe factory, in the cotton spinning mill, in the Goldberger textile factory, in the Tanesics leather factory.

A workers' council has been formed in the bus factory in Budapest. . . . it procured food for the workers and has given or will give important supplies of provisions at its disposal to clinics and hospitals. . . .

—Radio Kossuth, 28 October.

FOR TWO days the town of Miskolc has been under the leadership of the Workers' Council and the Student Parliament. The Workers' Council has taken over control of the garrison and the police. . . .

As you know, the County Strike Committee has called on all the plants in the country to strike, with the exception of the post, transport, communications, food supplies and health supplies, and the power plants. . . .

—Radio Miskolc 28 October

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THE TOWN HALL (was) the seat of the Gyor national committee. Such committees called themselves indifferently 'national' or 'revolutionary'.

In their spontaneous origin, in their composition, in their sense of responsibility, in their efficient organisation of food supplies and civil order, in the restraint they exercised on the wild elements among the youth, in the wisdom with which so many of them handled the problem of Soviet troops, and not least, in their striking resemblance to the workers, peasants, and soldiers councils which sprung up in Russia in the 1905 revolution and in February 1917, these committees, a network of which now extended over the whole of Hungary, were remarkably uniform.

They were at once organs of insurrection—the coming together of delegates elected by factories and universities, mines and army units—and organs of popular self-government which the armed people trusted.

—Peter Fryer, Daily Worker correspondent in Hungary—sacked for writing the truth.



NO MORE SACKINGS . . NO MORE CUTS . . SUPPORT RIGHT TO WORK CONFERENCE . . . 6 NOVEMBER IN MANCHESTER

AUTOMAT: IT'S STILL ON

THE NINE-MONTH-OLD Automat strike in Manchester is not over. Socialist Worker reported last week that an agreement was in sight in the battle for union recognition.

Engineers in Manchester and even as far away as Market Harborough were led to believe that a letter which was to be sent from John Chamberlain, managing director of Automat Swinton, to Terry Duffy, an executive member of the Engineering Union, would include a final settlement of the dispute.

Everyone on the union side was convinced they had come to an agreement in principle for a six-week cooling-off period followed

by the reinstatement of 13 strikers, including convenor Tom Smith, union recognition, and the re-instatement of the other strikers at a later date.

It was expected that Chamberlain's letter would dot all the I's and cross all the T's. But even this fairly miserable package was rejected. If work was available, he said, and if blacking and picketing were lifted for six weeks, he would consider reemploying—not reinstating—the first 13 strikers, and consider giving union recognition.

Since the latest round of meetings with the government's arbitration service, ACAS, support pickets from other factories have fallen drastically.

Chamberlain, notorious for his anti-union activities, has consistently stopped any attempt to introduce union organisation into Automat.

It is a major test for the AUEW in Manchester to beat Chamberlain and his backers. Engineers everywhere must be informed rapidly that the strike is still on, that the blacking must be kept up and strengthened.

What are NUPE up to?

THE WEST Midlands Divisional Council of the public employees' union, NUPE, are in some confusion about how to fight the cuts.

They have organised special trains to London for the 17 November demonstration and lobby of Parliament. There will be 2,000 places, but anyone wishing to go must write to the council to book their seat as an official delegate.

Just to add to the confusion, NUPE have called for a one-day stoppage of all members in the West Midlands. But not on 17 November. The date they have chosen is in December.

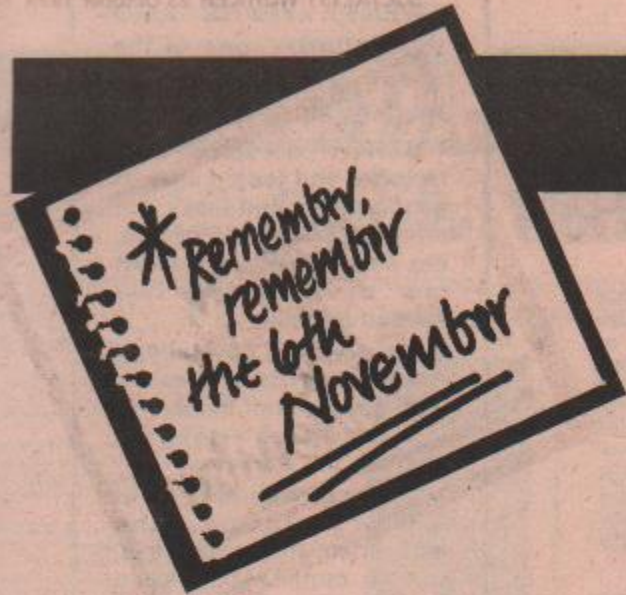
Leaders

The organisation of this is being left to individual towns and branches.

If they had called the stoppage for 17 November, they could have contributed to a growing national day of protest. Instead they have added to the confusion of dates and pressures.

Resolutions should be moved in all NUPE branches calling on the Divisional Council to move the date of the stoppage to 17 November and to join fully in the national day of action.

If this were won, workers in other public sector unions and in factories and offices would find it easier to fight for strike action on the 17th.



Striking dustmen get support

CANTERBURY: The Tory-controlled council is using contractors to break the dustmen's strike.

The men—members of NUPE and the GMWU—voted unanimously at a mass meeting last Friday to stay out against sackings and the cuts.

Official dumps are blacking the contractors, so the council has set up emergency dumps. Local residents are supporting the strikers and have sent a petition of protest to the council.

Fight

Solidarity action has been taken by council workers at Dover, who held a one-day strike in support.

Both unions have made the strike official, realising that if the council succeeds in a traditionally weak area like Canterbury, councils everywhere will do the same.

□ Donations and messages of support to: 124 Old Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent.

SUPPORT THIS JOBS PROTEST

A DEMONSTRATION has been called for 4 November against mass unemployment.

It is being supported by the Scottish and Welsh miners, the Manchester district of the Engineering Union, the NUS

and shop stewards at RDL, Scotstoun and Yarrows.

The Socialist Worker Youth Movement calls for full support for the demo. But merely asking the government to take action will get us nowhere.

What we need is militant action from rank and file trade unionists and unemployed workers. Demands for overtime bans and a 35-hour week without loss of pay will force more jobs.

Trade unionists must fight

for more apprenticeships. This is what the SWYM will be campaigning for.

□ Demonstration leaves Tower Hill, London, at 1.30pm on Thursday 4 November.

ISLE OF GRAIN: WAS THIS PLANNED ALL ALONG?

By Jim Bartle, Secretary, Babcock and Wilcox shop stewards committee

ISLE OF GRAIN, Kent: The Babcock and Wilcox power station site is now virtually closed, 18 weeks after workers went on strike to demand protective clothing under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Stewards and pickets firmly believe that this shutdown was intended by the Central Electricity Generating Board from the outset of the dispute. Only security staff are working full-time. Painters and sheeters are working part-time, painting metal surfaces to stop corrosion.

Since the dispute started, the supply of all materials to other contractors on the site has been stopped by a strong picket.

They banned all vehicles from going through the gate after shop steward Don Parvin was knocked down by a car. He still isn't fit enough to return to the picket.

Bitter

The next day, 100 police charged the picket line and one vehicle broke through after a violent clash.

Management told workers on the site that if they were not allowed to drive through, they should not report for work.

As a result, management has laid off all staff because of lack of supervision.

The company has lost the battle and are now trying to dictate the terms of re-opening the contract.

But our members intend to continue the action until the demands are met.



A Right to Work Campaign supporter leafletting Llanelli Hospital in South Wales. More than 2,000 people have signed a petition, organised by the Campaign, demanding 300 extra beds at the hospital and better maternity and emergency facilities.

Cleaners are sold out

AFTER six weeks on strike the Highland cleaners have been defeated.

A dreadful decision by officials of the public employees' union, NUPE, the General and Municipal, GMWU, and the Transport Union, TGWU, has led to 20 per cent wage cuts.

That was the recommendation they put to a mass meeting which accepted them.

The meeting also agreed to a decision to start consultations between the unions and the

Highland Regional Council on how to cut the wage bill by another 33 per cent next year.

The meeting was told that this represented an improved offer. The original demands, set out by NUPE, were for no cuts, reinstatement of all cleaners at the old hours of work, and payment for the time of the strike.

The chairman of the Action Committee, who was not himself on strike, even made the ridiculous statement: 'The settlement was a major step

because the Highland Regional Council has agreed to NUPE being involved in the negotiations of future cuts.'

So after six weeks on strike, the cleaners have been sold out so that a few officials can sit in comfort with the Regional Council and decide who to sack.

There is no way they are going to cut wages by a third without sackings.

The cleaners will now have to prepare for the next round of cuts and try to rebuild the shattered organisation which fought so well for six weeks.

Notices and meetings

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WOMEN IN EASTERN EUROPE: Conference at Birmingham University, Saturday 30 October, 10.30am-5.30pm.

CAMPAIGN TO REPEAL THE IMMIGRATION ACT benefit social: Saturday 23 October, The Tabernacle, off Powis Square. Featuring the Derelicts and a Galician Folk Group, from Spain. Tickets 50p at the door.

JOURNALISTS' CHARTER Conference, Saturday 30 October, Council Chamber, Students Union, Sheffield University, Glossop Road, Sheffield, 1.30pm-6.30pm. Agenda: report on year's work, programme for the coming year, election of charter officers, charter organisation. More information: Aidan White (Secretary) 01-249 0071.

MEETING for London charter members Tuesday 26 October, 7.30pm, Princess Louise pub, Holborn

COMRADE requires accommodation desperately. Phone Drew 739 1870.

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COMRADE urgently needs room (near LSE). Phone Joan 226 1352.

ANSAPHONE for militants held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. London 01-603 2864. Manchester 061-632 8102.

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FORD'S PUT THE BOOT IN

DAGENHAM: Ford's are launching an attack on union organisation in the body plant.

Following the riot two weeks ago, they picked out 22 workers for investigation. Last week they sacked four men.

Others were suspended and more have yet to be dealt with. A proposal by the stewards to stop work pending appeals was lost at a mass meeting on Friday. The plant returned to work.

One of the sacked men, a door setter, had three independent witnesses—canteen women who claim he was trying to prevent stuff being damaged.

With the district official fully backing his appeal, the door hanging section voted not to work without him.

Tiny

The company found another foreman to testify against him and his appeal was lost.

The company sacked the eight door hangers. The rest of the plant received a letter saying that work was being stopped by a tiny minority and that they had volunteers to man the door-hanging section.

They said that if the union prevented the re-manning the whole plant would be laid off.

Having tasted blood, the company are now out to get rid of the door-hangers who have been successfully resisting speed-up and manning cuts for a number of years.

The body plant have continually been laid off over the last few weeks.

The company are hoping to turn the men's frustration against the doorhangers and inflict a severe defeat on the union.

And now it looks like a fight on pay

FORD'S have rejected virtually every one of the union pay demands, with the exception of the £2.50-£4 allowed under the social contract.

And even here there's a catch. They want to deduct cost-

of-living payments negotiated under the present agreement, which Ford workers have received since August.

This means 'new money' of only about £2 a week.

Many Ford workers

are saying this is not good enough. Assembly Plant workers at Dagenham are likely to reject any package which does not guarantee against lay-offs without pay.

Lay-off guarantees are the sort of fringe

benefits that can be won under the social contract.

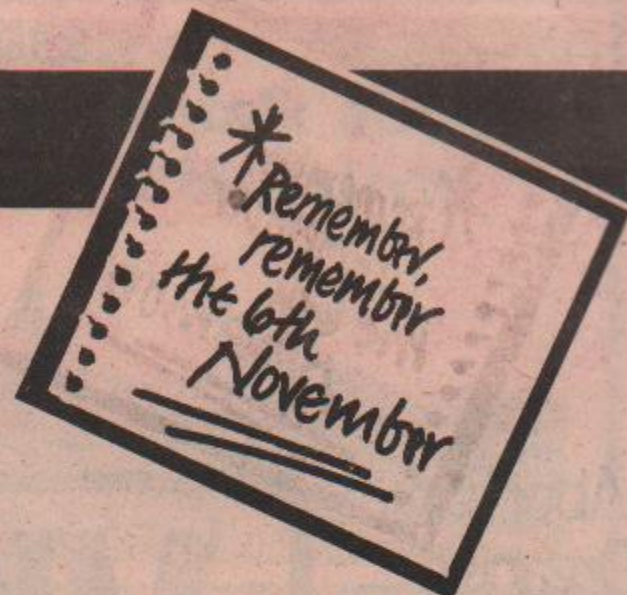
Having suffered lay-offs without pay continually over the years, many workers are saying that without this guarantee there is no deal!



WORKERS at Grunwick Film Processing in North West London marching to the House of Commons on Friday to demand a court of inquiry to look into their dispute. They are on strike for union recognition. Management has refused to negotiate through the Government's

arbitration service, ACAS. All trade unionists are being urged to black the company and its products until the strike is won. Messages and donations to:

Trades and Labour Hall, 375 High Road, Willesden, London NW10.



Now Rolls-Royce stewards send out flying pickets

BLANTYRE: Events at the Rolls-Royce occupation are taking an encouraging turn. The shop stewards are taking the occupation to other plants in the Scottish division of the combine.

Throughout the 12-week sit-in, the 470 workers have been solid. White-collar and blue-collar staff are determined to prevent Rolls-Royce closing the factory and transferring jobs to Hillington, 20 miles away.

Until now the leadership at Blantyre have believed that jobs could be saved by the intervention of the government.

But since Minister Eric Varley washed his hands of the affair two weeks ago, leaving the workforce to the mercy of the Rolls-Royce management, they have changed their tactics.

Bus-load

Flying pickets were sent out last Tuesday to Rolls-Royce at East Kilbride and demanded support. The next morning a bus-load descended on the Hillington site and addressed workers as they went in.

Twenty minutes later, they marched through the factory, despite attempts by the security guard to stop them.

Gerry Ferry, chairman of the Blantyre Co-ordinating Committee, said after the picket:

'We should have done this before. It's important that workers in the other factories know just how hard we are prepared to fight.'

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

STC: 600 on march

NEARLY 600 workers from the STC factory in East Kilbride marched through the town last week to protest against the closure of the factory.

The unions were assured on 8 September that everything was rosy and that new work for the factory would be introduced. Two weeks later, to the surprise of the East Kilbride management, IIT, who own the site, announced that it was to close.

Rules

Tuesday's demonstration was supported by virtually all the workforce. But the danger is that the factory may play it by the rules and fail to take the lead given by the Blantyre workforce.

The only way jobs can be saved is by an immediate occupation.

IIT are offering attractive voluntary redundancy payments to 500 of the workforce. In the present climate, it would be folly to sell those jobs.

Messages of solidarity and support to: Sister Kathy Dobbie, convenor shop steward STC, East Kilbride.

HOSPITALS ACT AGAIN

EAST LONDON: Hospital workers in the City and East London Area held a one-day strike on Thursday to protest against massive cuts.

They picketed a meeting of the Area Health Authority, who are planning to save money by closing hospitals and reducing services.

The cuts have been imposed by Minister David Ennals as

part of the plan to 'redistribute' wealth to areas which have been deprived in the past. But as doctors pointed out in an open letter to the AHA:

'The East End is already an

exceptionally unhealthy place. It has more of everything, from TB to VD. Cutbacks in the health service will worsen the situation. That is why we are speaking out now.'

A packed meeting on the eve of the strike called for support for the 17 November rally.

About 350 ambulance drivers, teachers, postmen, hospital workers and local people filled the hall. A petition opposing the cuts signed by 3500 people was presented to the meeting.

Join the picket

THE RACIST Barras Green Working Men's Club in Coventry was again picketed last Thursday by 40 members of Equity, Coventry Trades Council and the Right to Work Campaign.

The picket will be continuing until further notice every Saturday from 6.45-9.30pm.

Sunderland students launch sit-in

SUNDERLAND: Poly students have occupied their administration block as a protest against a racist demand by the rector.

He wanted all first-year overseas students (and British self-financing students) to pay their year's fee in one lump sum within two weeks of the start of term.

He did not see fit to inform the overseas students that this would be happening until they actually arrived in the Poly. How many people can find £500 in two weeks?

The occupation took place

after a week of negotiations. The most the rector would offer was to look charitably at the hardship cases.

The occupiers are clear that the principle of one lump sum fee payment must be opposed.

Quotes

Although this is only a local initiative in Sunderland there are other local examples of racism by college authorities, such as the operation of overseas student quotas at Teeside Poly and Monkswear-month College.

Overseas students leading the campaign point out that next year, with £605 fees, self-financing home students will be hard hit.

They are trying to generalise the fight to one against discretionary fees and cuts. If the rector can get away with this, it can be used as a precedent in other colleges.

This struggle is about the right of overseas working class students to an education. It is vital it is won.

Messages of support to: Sunderland Poly SU, Poly Precinct, Sunderland.

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CUTS: 3 MILLION CALLED TO ACTION

THE State Opening of Parliament will be different this year.

For while the Queen is driving in pomp to be greeted by overpaid politicians wrapped in ermine gowns, a different sort of procession will be gathering in the streets of London.

Unions representing three million workers—a quarter of the TUC membership—have called for a mass protest that day, Wednesday 17 November, against the government's cuts.

The demonstration will be the biggest since the mass demonstration against the Industrial Relations Act in February 1971. In many areas workers in schools, town halls and hospitals will back it up

with one-day and half-day strikes.

The unions calling for action include the Public Employees (NUPE, 600,000 members), the town hall workers (NALGO, 600,000 members), the white-collar ASTMS (350,000), the teachers (NUT, 400,000), the civil servants (CPSA, 350,000).

Last week, the National Union of Mineworkers executive added its support.

FINALISED

Many workers have been asking: what can we do about the betrayals of this government? How can we save the old and the sick and the schoolchildren from the cuts? How can we help the unemployed?

Here's one answer for a start: **Make 17 November a show of anger that the government and its paymasters cannot forget.**

□ If your union has called for only token support for the demonstration, see if you can't turn that into all-out action from your workplace.

□ If your union is still part of the TUC majority refusing to oppose the cuts, take action unofficially.

□ For public sector workers,

striking is the *only* way to make other people aware of what the cuts will do.

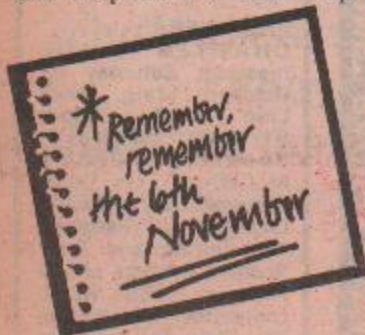
□ If you can't get to London, start now to organise local demonstrations and protest meetings.

□ The 6 November conference against the cuts and unemployment called by the Right to Work Campaign will discuss, high on the agenda, how to make 17 November the start of a mass fight back against the cuts.

There's still time to get to that conference. Send for delegates' credentials now.



Two of the 2000 people who demonstrated against the cuts in Newcastle last week. REPORT: page five.



SEE PAGE FIVE.

Boss gives himself a £275-a-week rise



Richard Strong—he got 62 per cent.



RICHARD STRONG, managing director of a Northampton leather firm, dubbed 1975 'THE Five Per Cent Extra Year'.

He urged his workers to work harder. They did. Mr Strong's profits doubled.

The workers' pay, of

course, was held down by the government-TUC wage freeze.

But what about Mr Strong? He got a pay rise of £275 a week. That took his total weekly pay to £721 a week.

With the dividends from his own firm, that came well up over the

£1000 mark.

The Department of Employment say that this rise is completely within the terms of the Social Contract.

Mr Strong agrees with the social contract. He thinks it is 'good for the country'.

So now we know who the country is!

PICTURE: JOHN BURROCK (REPORT)