

# Socialist Worker

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# THE CUTS NEARLY KILLED THIS GIRL



PICTURE: Phil McCowen

SHE'S nine years old. And she's got a very special Christmas present from our Labour government; a fractured hip and leg.

Little Andrea will spend

Christmas in hospital, after nearly being killed on her way to school in Chelmsford, Essex.

There should have been a 'lollipop' man or woman on the busy road outside the school.

There would have been if the parents and teachers had had their way.

But the Labour government say 'the country' cannot afford such wasteful public spending. And so lollipop attendants, average pay £11 a week, are being phased out.

The very next day after Andrea's accident, an Essex County Council committee met less than a mile away to get rid of more lollipop men.

Mindful of little Andrea's broken limbs, they voted to 'defer' a decision. Meanwhile, better-known politicians will be gracing our television screens to show similar 'concern' for all the Andreas of this world—the young, the old, the defenceless.

## MAIMING

That, as always, will be their Christian, Christmas message.

And then they will settle down for a New Year of public spending cuts that will mean more Andreas, more injury and maiming, more suffering.

And, inevitably, the death of young children less 'lucky' than little Andrea...

## Christmas cheer ... for the rich

—from the London Evening Standard, 15 December:

In Bond Street, Hermes report a rush on their crocodile handbags (£750 to £1450), skirts (£150-£190) and some lovely stainless steel and gold watches which customers find quite irresistible at

around £250.

Robert Jackson report a run on caviar, especially the 8 oz tins at £31.82. Their tureens of fresh perigord pate in the shape of golden geese (£28.50) are flying out of the shop as fast as they can get them in. Today they are sending a van out to London airport, loaded with several hun-

dred pounds worth of goodies to feed a private jetful of six passengers en route to New York.

Myths are exploding in Beauchamp Place, too, where one jewellery shop reports excellent sales, people walking off the street to spend as much as £300.

... will not be coming out next week, because of the Christmas and New Year holidays. The next issue will dated 8 January.

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Meanwhile, for a mere £5,000 our rulers can whip each other into a frenzy about public spending . . .

WANT A WHIP for Christmas? Hurry, hurry, hurry. The issue of Horse and Hound which carries this ad says that they are 'sold out' of their £5000 whips already. But special arrangements can be made, if you're desperate.

No spending cuts for the rich, obviously . . .



Asprey's £5,000 crocodile dressage whip. The handle is made of 18 carat gold with a band of diamonds around the top and bottom.

# £6½ MILLION-BARCLAYS BACK APARTHEID

**MASSIVE assistance for the South African racists and murderers has come from Barclays, one of Britain's biggest banks.**

Barclays' National Bank subsidiary in South Africa has bought £6.5 million worth of South African Defence Bonds. This money will go directly to arm the killers of the South African military machine.

### Weapons

The new bond issue has been made to step up the regime's spiralling expenditure on repression and murder.

When news of this lifeline to the racists broke in London, a spokesman for Barclays Bank issued

**Why? Because 'it helps us make massive profits'**

the following statement: 'We abhor apartheid. But the bank feels that it could do more good in South Africa than by turning its back and walking away.'

Barclays spokesman in South Africa was rather more honest. He said simply: 'You can't expect to operate in a country and make massive profits if you can't associate with your employees. We do have a large number of our boys called up continually. We stand behind them. The truth is that Barclays is right

behind the South African military machine. The organisation is desperate to hang on to massive profits wrrenched from the remorseless exploitation of South African blacks.

### Filthy Rich

How deeply Barclays is embedded in South Africa can be gauged by looking at its London board of directors. It includes two names synonymous with immense wealth

and power in South Africa—Harry Oppenheimer and Sydney Spiro.

Oppenheimer is the King of the South Africa gold and diamond industry. And Spiro has interests in similar fields, as well as being the Czar of the asbestos industry, or Murder Inc as it is increasingly widely known.

The Barclays loan comes at a time when there is a big increase in repression against the exploding black liberation struggle. Thousands of black workers and students are being jailed without trial or simply 'disappearing' to be murdered and then classed as 'suicides'.

Barclays will never walk away from profitable murder in South Africa. It will be driven out by the black workers and students struggling to create a society free from exploitation.

### ANTI-RACIST CAMPAIGN GETS DOUBLE BOOST

By Oliver Duke, Tower Hamlets IS

THE CAMPAIGN to defend the anti-racists arrested in Brick Lane, East London, last month has received two important boosts. The local trades councils, the Anti Racist Committee of Asians in East London, the Labour and Communist Parties and the IS have agreed to set up a broadly based committee to raise funds.

The committee also decided to raise money for six Bengalis arrested on trumped up charges for the possession of offensive weapons while patrolling the Brick Lane area to prevent racist attacks.

From flats mainly occupied by whites, £10 was collected, and many people signed the defence petition. One of those collecting said: 'The response was fantastic. We generated a lot of enthusiasm and we had excellent discussions.'

## Jim Slater and the 'missing' pension fund...

**MILLIONAIRE parasite Jim Slater may be lying low these days—but the havoc he has wreaked with workers' lives goes on.**

Last week, workers at the Crittal-Hope factories in Braintree, Witham and Silver End in Essex were told that the pension fund they have been paying in to for years has, mysteriously, developed a £1 million deficit.

This not unimportant piece of news was given to union representatives 20 minutes before going into a meeting with management.

The fund was set up by Slater Walker in 1974, eight weeks before Crittal-Hope was taken over by Norcross. Crittal-Hope was the firm which Jim Slater asset-stripped in the late sixties to start his rise to fame and fortune.

Now it seems that Slater Walker, like most firms, have been using the workers' pension contributions to gamble on the stock exchange—and have come unstuck.

The result is that those same workers are now being told they won't get back what they've paid in. In other words, Jim Slater

and his pals have cheated them out of their money and are now leaving them to get on with it.

In their present angry mood, the Crittal-Hope workers have already thrown out a Norcross scheme to cover up the scandal.

As TASS official Clive Whybrow said: 'We consider this has sinister implications'. He added that the announcement 20 minutes before the meeting was 'akin to sharp practice'.

He's not kidding. But that's what makes men like Jim Slater what they are: powerful parasites.



### SOCIALIST WORKER DRAW

- FIRST PRIZE: 25 inch colour TV—June Ward, Aberdeen.
- SECOND PRIZE: Grundig Stereo Unit—L. Nicholls, Pilling.
- THIRD PRIZE: Portable TV—P Rowland, Oxford.
- FOURTH PRIZE: Cassette Recorder—S Young, Stockton.
- PRIZES of hampers to: Paul Stewart, Thames Poly; K Sampson, Bernsfield, Oxford; Mr Murphy, Kingsdale School; J Hyland, Croy; E Peachey, Bushey; E Pidgen, Grimsby; T Bushell, Kidbrooke SE3; C Williamson, Swansea; D Trend, Hemel; G Gardner, Ancoats; T Jones, Burry Port; K Foulds, Manchester; K Ayers, Lowestoft.
- Steve Johnston, E London; J Redfern, Scunthorpe; J Reynolds, Harlow; F Betuker, UEA; G Johnston, Newcastle; H Lynch, Kilmarnock; Len Mason, London EC1; K Davies, Brighton; P Love, Rushdon; 'Nobby', Gregson Lane, near Preston.

## Murrays: they must be freed!

THE SUPREME Court in Dublin has decided that the two Irish anarchists, Noel and Marie Murray, sentenced to hang in June for the murder of an off-duty policeman, are to be reprieved.

Marie Murray, who was accused of the shooting, is to have a retrial because the Special Criminal Court failed to establish if she knew the dead man to be a policeman.

While welcoming the reprieve, we condemn the decision to hold another trial in the Special Criminal Court, where

there is no jury and from which the three judges in the previous trial were able to exclude the press for four days.

The only evidence heard there were the confessions of Noel and Marie, which they both affirmed to have been extracted—under torture, in Noel's case, and under duress in Marie's.

Ronan Stenson, also accused in association with the Murrays, was found unfit to stand trial with them in June because of treatment he had suffered at the hands of the police when arrested



Slater's Surrey home: he won't be wanting for a bob or two when he's 65...

### FIVE YEARS SINCE IRELAND'S BLOODY SUNDAY

Saturday 29 January: Day school on Ireland. Eamonn McCann on the Struggle in Ireland, North and South. Jimmy McCallum on How we fight in Britain. 10.30am, North London Poly. Organised by the International Socialists for members and supporters of Socialist Worker. Sunday 30 January: Fifth anniversary of Bloody Sunday. 1.30pm: Demonstration in London. 4.30pm: Joint Socialist Worker/Troops Out Movement Rally at Hammersmith Hall. Speakers: Eamonn McCann, Bernadette McAliskey, Jimmy McCallum and from TOM, Labour Movement Delegation to Ireland and the Trade Union Committee against the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

# Here is Labour's Xmas present for you



ENJOY your Christmas holiday if you can. Because life for many of us is going to be very hard indeed next year.

The latest round of cuts announced by Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey last week will devastate the lives of millions of workers and their families.

**Unemployment is going to rise a lot more.**

Healey admitted as much in his speech. Healey's Treasury advisors have told him they expect another quarter of a million people to join the dole queues.

The Minister of Unemployment, Albert Booth, is predicting that the total number on the dole could rise to two million.

**Prices are to rise more.**

Drink and fags are going up immediately after Christmas. The ending of food subsidies is going to put milk up another 1p a pint, cheese another 3p a pound, butter another 4p a pound.

Gas is going up by 10p in the £1 in April.

**House building is being cut still further.**

Yet the number of homeless people has shot up from 100,000 to 250,000 in the last six years. And the number of families in houses 'unfit for human habitation' is 1,200,000.

**The school meals service is to be savaged.**

Prices were already due to be increased to 25p in the summer. Now £10 million is to be cut off the cost of providing the meals.

Teachers and ancillary staff are to suffer indirect wage cuts by being forced to pay more for their meals.

Healey has learnt a few things from 'Thatcher, the Milk Snatcher'. A scheme to spend more on school milk to protect children's health is being scrapped.

These measures are in addition to the two previous rounds of cuts this year. These will continue to cause hospital closures, the sacking of nurses, the sacking of civil servants, rising unemployment among teachers, rising rents, the closing of nurseries, of old people's homes, of centres for the mentally handicapped.

## ORGANISING THE FIGHTBACK

THE NEED for trade unions to take action in defence of their members has never been greater. Yet the TUC is still refusing to fight the cuts. Even the public sector unions that called the 17 November demonstration are talking only vaguely about a conference in the spring.

That is why the initiative has to come from rank and file trade unionists.

The Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions is calling a conference to plan action against the cuts for 26 February. The Right to Work Campaign has urged support for this around resolutions that call for:

- A one-day national strike against the cuts on 23 March.
- Solidarity action, including strike action, with all those fighting the cuts.
- Support for the Right to Work march from Skelmersdale to London in April.
- A co-ordination committee bringing together the Liaison Committee, the Right to Work Campaign and the organisers of last year's Assembly on Unemployment.

On such a basis we can begin to give Denis Healey the answer he deserves.

## How our children are being sacrificed

FOR millions of schoolchildren last week was a week of festive dinners at school followed by concerts and fancy dress parties. The air was full of excitement.

But above the excitement, even above the angels in the dining halls, was the invisible Labour government putting the fear of hell in us workers, teachers, kitchen staff, meals supervisors and caretakers.

School meals in our area of working-class Lancashire have already been cut this year. They introduced 'instant dinners', frozen and ready-cooked—and cut 25 hours work out of three school

by **SADIE BLOOD**  
School meals supervisor and NUPE steward, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire.

kitchens.

It didn't work, of course. The authority found the scheme 'too expensive'.

I watch books being cut at our kids' schools, paper towels in short supply, cleaning materials, dinners smaller and cook's budgets being slashed.

Teachers are afraid to use too much paper for the children to draw, classes are

growing bigger, and teachers have strain showing more and more on their faces as they try to cope.

I see kitchen staff working at hectic pace, us meals supervisors dreading it in case one takes ill, for it means no replacement, rushing from one end of the playground to the other trying to stop children from injuring themselves through climbing on spiked railings.

### We pay

Now Chancellor Healey tells us we have to pay the full price for the school dinners we get. We don't get them free—as he and Shirley Williams

said we did last week. No, we pay for them all right, about 11p a time, and it's docked off our wages.

But if we now have to pay 40p for each meal, we just won't be able to afford it.

Most school meals supervisors don't eat the dinners anyway—partly because of the cost, partly because this new frozen stuff is tasteless.

If they have their way, these people will wreck the school meals service—and the schools as well.

They've proved one thing simply to us: you don't get anything in this world free. It's all been won in struggle, and we'll have to struggle to get it back again.

## JOINING SOCIALIST WORKER

FIFTY-ONE people joined the International Socialists and the building of the Socialist Workers Party last week. They include: a National Union of Journalists FoC (shop steward), an Electricians Union rep, a General and Municipal Workers Union shop steward, a National Union of Teachers school chairman, and stewards in the Public Employees' Union (NUPE) and the printworkers' union SOGAT.

# TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM Duncan Hallas

Richard Crossman was accepted by the right-wing after 25 years as a Labour 'left'. Foot has gone the same way. Will Benn be any different?

# Diary of a Labour 'left'

'I WOKE UP at six and began to work on the PM's speech for the Trade Union Congress... the first draft had been very poor... There wasn't enough stress on the malaise underlying our society and on the need for self-discipline at a time when democracy is in crisis.'

'I worked away at the speech and then it occurred to me that the point could best be made with a reference to Nye Bevan.'

The year is not 1976 but 1966 and the writer is Richard Crossman MP, Lord President of the Council in Wilson's cabinet and an enthusiastic defender of the wage-freeze then being imposed by the Labour government.

The late Crossman, as revealed by the latest instalment of his diary, is worth a thought or two.

He was, after all, one of the most successful of left Labour MPs over a period of more than 20 years.

Successful, that is, in his own terms. He did not succeed in his avowed aim of shifting the Labour Party to the left.

## Humiliate

He did succeed in retaining for decades the support of the constituency left-wingers—getting himself elected to the NEC year after year on the left-wing ticket and humiliating his right-wing rivals.

Then came the victory of the 'left', as he saw it, in 1963 when Harold Wilson beat the right-wing candidate George Brown for the party leadership.

Crossman held a series of cabinet posts in the Wilson government of 1964-70, the most right-wing of Labour governments until the present specimen, and still managed to save something of his left-wing reputation.

There are 'left-wingers' of this sort on the NEC (and in the cabinet) today and there are still people who have illusions in them.

Actually Crossman had a better record of opposition to the right-wing than most of the present lot.

He was, along with Ian Mikardo and Michael Foot, one of the moving spirits of the *Keep Left* group of MPs.

Their manifesto (1947) denounced the pro-American line of the Attlee-Labour government in the cold war, declaring it would be 'fatal to accept American leadership in exchange for dollars' and demanding sweeping

measures of nationalisation. When Bevan and Wilson resigned from the government (1951), on the grounds that introducing Health Service charges was a betrayal of the working class, Crossman was one of their most vocal and popular supporters.

He was one of the 57 Labour MPs who defied the party bosses and voted against the 'Defence' budget in 1952.

## Prominent

He was prominent in the open 'Brain's Trust' meetings that the Bevanites held all over Britain to denounce the right wing leaders and rally support for nationalisation, a planned economy and a break with the American bloc.

After Bevan's own defection to the right (1957) Crossman still fought the 'revisionists', supported the Campaigns for Nuclear Disarmament and all manner of left causes. How many of the present 'lefts' can point to a comparable record?

Yet Crossman in office rattled on all this. He was fond of blaming the civil service mandarins.

'Departments are resistant. Departments know that they last and you don't. It does not pay you to order them to change their minds on everything.'

'There's a limit to the amount of change they can digest,' he wrote in 1972, having been thrown into opposition again.

Perfectly true and an excellent illustration of the absurdity of the Labour left's belief in the 'neutrality' of the capitalist state.

## Obvious

But Crossman did not draw the obvious conclusion, any more than Benn does today.

On the contrary, he adapted to the pressure of the Whitehall mandarins and concluded that nothing could be done about it.

Worse, he himself became an active promoter of right-wing policies.

On the evidence of the second volume of his Diary, he was at least as enthusiastic about wage-cuts as the most reactionary bureaucrat in Whitehall.

Cuts for others that is. He noted in the Diary at this time that his farm 'is now worth at least £150,000!'

The most revealing passage, for me, is this:

'We sat round the table while Harold chuffed Johnny Boyd of the AUEW and Dai Davis of the steelworkers. It was a homey atmosphere and I felt that at last I was accepted as someone who'd got on to the inside.'

On to the inside. Accepted by the right-wing as one of their own. That, after 25 years as a parliamentary 'left', was the great thing. Foot has gone the same way. Will Benn be any different in the end?

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## EDITORIAL

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THE LEADERS of the Scottish National Party are usually falling over themselves to get their names in lights and their views in the papers. But they have managed to maintain a truly remarkable silence over the Hugh Fraser affair.

When this multimillionaire parasite—affectionately known as Sir Huge Waster to many of his victims—joined the party, there was the most fantastic hoohah.

Winnie Ewing MP put it best: 'We have always been proud of Sir Hugh's business acumen,' said she. 'But now we are extremely proud of the day that he has joined our party.'

Now the Stock Exchange report on aspects of Sir Hugh's business affairs shows just what this 'acumen' amounts to.

The report shows that he bought and sold shares in his own companies when it suited him. The purpose—to pay off massive gambling debts. Sir Huge lost £250,000 in one night at Crockfords.

It adds that he engaged in various breaches of the Companies Act, that he misrepresented the situation over a large unsecured loan and was joined in his various little operations by various little pals from oil bank Noble Grossart, his stockbrokers and other productive sectors of society.

## Hush

The deafening silence of the SNP is not the only interesting aspect of the affair. Sir Huge gets his Crockford's stakes by exploiting printworkers in his newspaper chain and the readers of his publications.

And surprise surprise his papers also developed cloth ears and a clay tongue over his 'business acumen.'

On publication of the Stock Exchange Report the headline on the business page of Sir Huge's Glasgow Herald was 'Sir Hugh did not abuse privileged position—Stock Exchange'.

But that was one better than Sir Huge's other main publication, The Evening Times. They had sweet nothing at all on this affair. In the same issue however, they did manage to have a full page, ostensibly for women, on 'The secrets of showing a leg', and a big double column news story headlined 'Majorca on the Dole' about so called scroungers. Like all newspaper bosses Sir Huge is an unrelenting guardian of press freedom.

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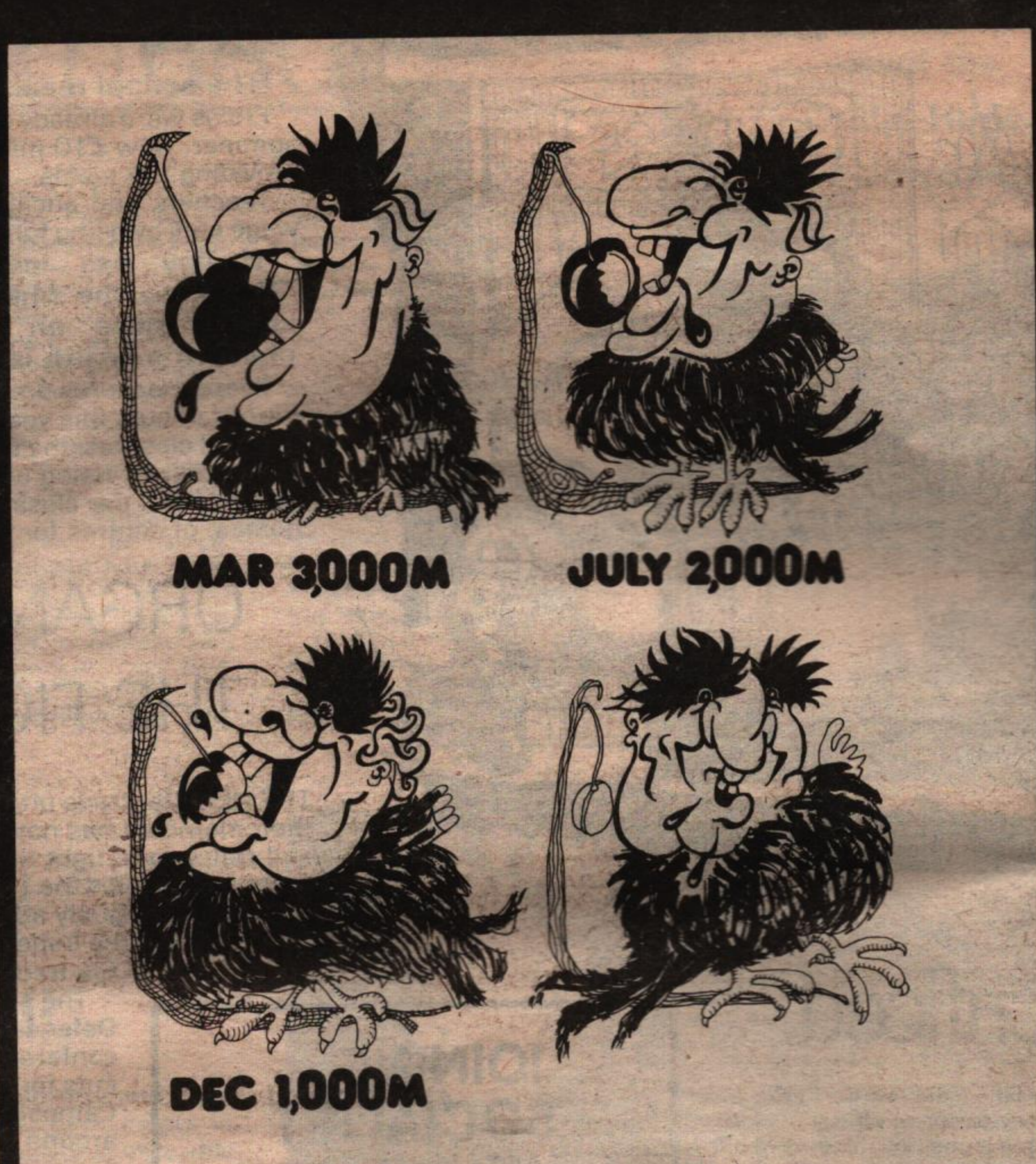
BEAUTY QUEEN Jane Bird, the Rhodesian contestant who was thrown out of the Miss World competition, chooses her friends with care.

Major Walter Hill—described by the Daily Express as 'a distinguished figure'—held a cocktail party to cheer her up at the George Hotel, Crawley.

Mr Hill is secretary of the Sussex-Surrey Anglo-Rhodesian Society, former Chairman of the National Front and National Party in Sussex and a Labour MP.

# SIR HUGE WIELDS PRESS POWER

'The whole Government are determined to get it right and not to have another bite at the cherry.'  
—Chancellor Dennis Healey on the next round of cuts.



A SERGEANT IN THE Green Jackets went to Trinity School Canning Town, in London's East End to talk about careers in the British Army. He offered the kids—a third of them black—a wonderful alternative to the dole. 'We'll be going to Rhodesia and we'll be fighting on the side of the whites—the right side,' he told them.

HOW TO CUT PUBLIC SPENDING, NUMBER 192  
Operating its five concordes is costing British Airways £40 million a year. In its first six months of service on the London-Bahrain route, public demand to fly on the aircraft was so great, that on average only 61 of the 109 seats were empty.

A PARTY politica! broadcast to warm your heart with the Steel family enjoying the Christmas festivities like any ordinary family. That's what the Liberals are planning by way of a holiday treat for the nation. Except that it was filmed at David Steel's luxurious country home in the autumn. Some people will do anything to get two Christmas dinners.



OAF OF THE WEEK: Eleven cases of wives beating their husbands were reported to the social services committee at Wyre Forest.

Chairman Charles Guffy could hardly believe his ears.

'This is a slur on Kidderminster. It's against all nature that women should act violently in this way. Other wives may be influenced to do the same', he said.

'As a man I feel our position has been threatened. Society accepts that the man is dominant in the home.'

'Wives terrorising husbands undermines all that we stand for. I hope my committee will demand an investigation.'

—Women's Voice Editorial Board.

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ONE OF the students at Bristol Polytechnic, undertook a project on fascism. As part of his research, he went to the Imperial War Museum to see some Nazi propaganda films.

He was very surprised how welcome the curators at the Museum made him. Then he discovered that it was because they were tired of having members of the Metropolitan Police Force coming in to ask to see 'something sadistic, anything sadistic'.

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□ A RECENT murder by a white New York policeman has had some very peculiar side effects.

A black youth was shot down in cold blood, and the city's police union, the Patrolmans Benevolent Association, gave full backing to the murderer.

As a result some 2000 black police officers quit the Association, as a protest at this outright piece of racism.

Let's hope that Lord 'Uncle Tom' Pitt, who recently called on black people here to join Britain's police force, bears this report in mind next time he makes a speech.

—KIM GORDON

□ BEGGAR PATRICK HALPIN was quite clear about what he wanted for Christmas... a warm bed, food, a roof over his head and company. And for the tenth year running he's got it—in prison. Mr. Halpin, who is homeless, tried three times last week to get himself locked up for yuletide. On his first two court appearances he was fined £2 for begging. And then it was third time lucky when he appeared at Marylebone. On hearing the tale of the beggar's usual Christmas arrangements, magistrate Mr. Roderick Romaine agreed to send him to prison for two weeks. Had his heart softened? Certainly not. He delivered this final insult: 'So this is a planned operation. Begging cannot be tolerated and I do propose to send you to prison—not because you wish to go there but because I think it right in the circumstances.'

□ □ 'Looking through the photographs in the New Year's Honours List, I am struck (as usual) by the quite exceptional ugliness and vulgarity of the faces displayed there.' —George Orwell, 7 January 1944

## WITHOUT COMMENT:

CENTRAL LONDON FABIAN SOCIETY. Robert Maxwell, Publisher on 'Workers Control and the Media', 15 Dec. 7.30 p.m. 5 Tavistock Place, WC1. Collection. All welcome.

—NEW STATESMAN



ABOVE: The demonstration by civil servants that met the British Ministry of Defence official Michael Goddard when he visited Gibraltar three weeks ago.

LEFT: The arrest of Andrew Viagas, CPSA Gibraltar branch executive member, during the mass sit-down over the wages demand.

# Rocking the rock!

**FOR the past eight weeks Britain's Labour government, its Ministry of Defence, and its puppets the governor and commissioner of police of Gibraltar, have been waging an all-out war to smash trade unionism in the Ministry of Defence in Gibraltar.**

The workers, all members of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA), used to be paid the same rate as clerical workers employed by the Gibraltar government. When their colleagues got a £400 rise they asked for the same.

Denied it, they applied some sanctions.

The response of the governor, Air

Marshal Sir Michael Grundy, was immediate. Working doubtless under direct instruction from London, he locked out all 350 workers.

He then let loose the Special Investigation Bureau of the police, who started following around local CPSA leaders. Peaceful pickets were harassed.

When the union members responded to these tactics with an entirely peaceful sit-down strike outside the governor's mansion, the police swooped.

## Arresting

They moved into the demonstrators and started arresting leading trade union activists. First they took Charles Harrison, CPSA chairman. Then they lifted Andrew Viagas, branch executive committee member, and Joe Gingell, branch chairman.

Only 30 of the sit-down protestors escaped arrest.

They went directly to the police station. They insisted that they had done everything that their brothers and sisters had done, and demanded to be arrested. They sat down again outside the police station.

When they came up in court the proceedings were farcical.

People who had not been given jail sentences were kept in prison. Conditional discharges were doled out, designed of course to restrict activity for the next 12 months.

Transport and General Workers Union members taking sympathetic action in the Cable and Wireless section have also felt the brutal lash of the law. They were first locked-out, then their pickets harassed.

Their leader, Joe Bossano, an official of the TGWU and leader of the opposition in the Gibraltar parliament, was arrested and fined.

Michael Netto, son of the TGWU's resident officer in Gibraltar, was held without trial for seven days.

**Transport Union members responded with a major demonstration.**

So far 187 members of the 300-strong CPSA section in the Ministry of Defence in Gibraltar have been either fined or given conditional discharges.

The authorities' reasons for this savagery are not publicly known. But they can be fairly accurately guessed at. The British government may well be out to declare massive redundancies in

## Gibraltar CPSA lock-out — 3000 workers protest

PICTURES: from Gibraltar by Mario Mendoza, one of the 187 arrested CPSA members. Mario was fined £5 for doing precisely nothing when he went to the police station.



CPSA member Cathy Hendrick being arrested. Her dad is a police officer.

## Trade unionists picket embassy

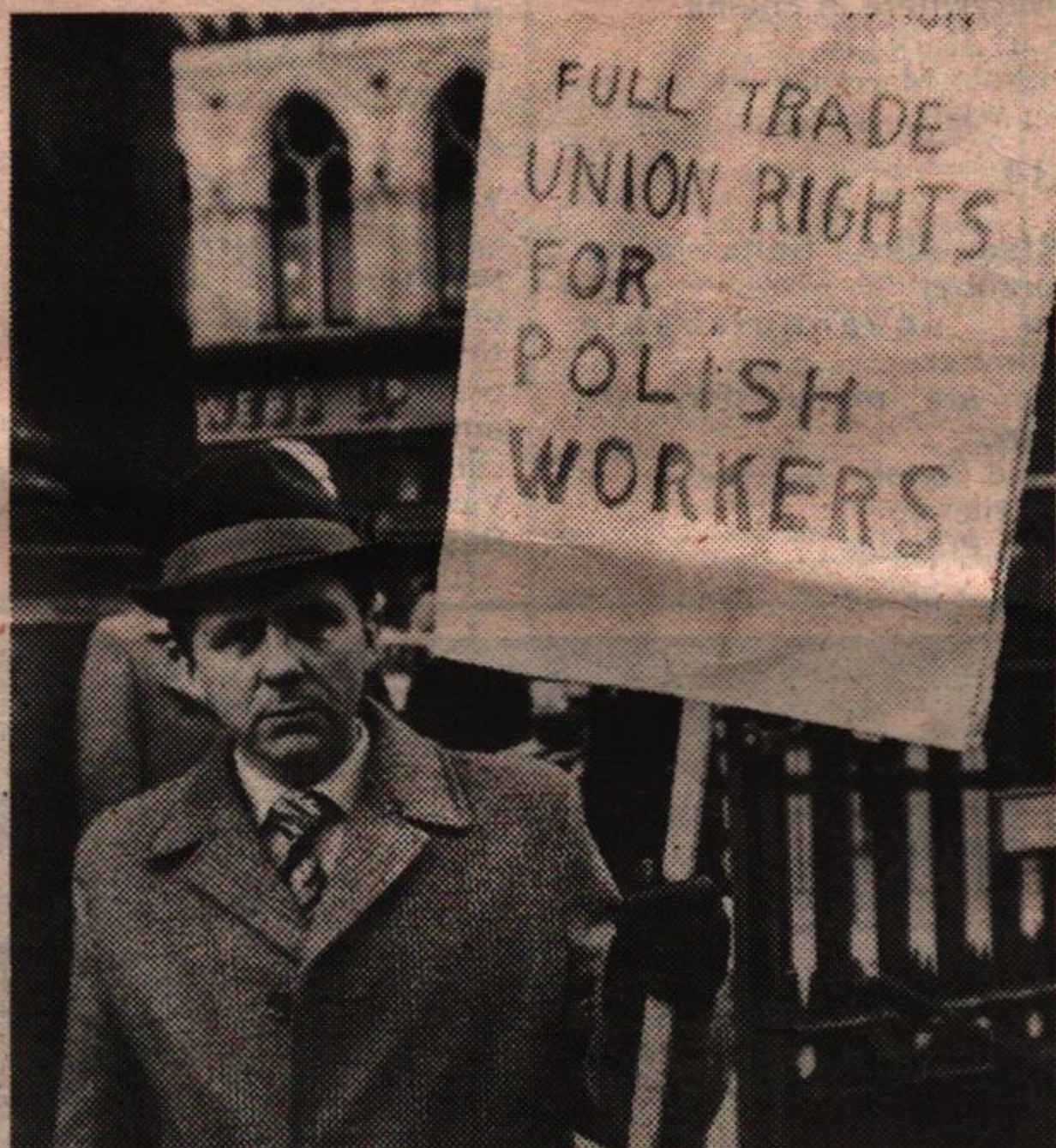
**PRIME MINISTER James Callaghan and British business men enjoyed themselves junketing with the Polish premier last week.**

The BBC went out of its way to fete the occasion. It interviewed a member of the Polish community in Britain who said the community 'welcomes the new links between Poland and Britain'.

Meanwhile the television and press almost completely ignored demonstrations protesting at the continued victimisation and imprisonment of Polish workers who took part in strikes last June.

There was no mention when Edmund Baluka, leader of the Szczerin strike of 1970, now in exile in Britain, handed in a letter of protest. He wrote that 'it is the duty of the British labour movement to help our brothers and sisters in Poland.'

There could hardly be a greater contrast with the publicity given to right-wing demonstrations when a



Exiled Polish strike leader Edmund Baluka on the picket outside the Polish Embassy in London last week.

member of the Russian government recently came to Britain.

Those who organised the demonstrations were the Polish Students Association and the Polish Workers Defence Campaign.

The Defence Campaign is an organisation of British trade unionists in solidarity with Polish workers. Its secretary is Steve Taylor, secretary of the shop stewards'

committee at Massey Ferguson in Manchester. Massey Ferguson part-own the URSUS factory in Warsaw where so many of the victimisations have taken place.

Speakers and further information about the campaign can be obtained from Polish Workers Defence Campaign, c/o 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Gibraltar. Andrew Viagas told Socialist Worker that while the dispute had started over a pay claim the struggle had clearly been escalated into a full scale trial of strength by the governor.

'We have a frontier with Spain. We have always been critical of that reactionary regime. But what we have found is that the first time we took industrial action here we were met with the iron fist.'

## Extraordinary

'The situation in Gibraltar is extraordinary. Fathers employed in the police are arresting daughters working for the Ministry of Defence.'

'We are receiving wonderful support from CPSA members in Britain. And we need still more. We must not be defeated.'

As Socialist Worker went to press on Monday, more negotiations were scheduled with the Ministry of Defence in London.

Full and unconditional victory to the CPSA is imperative. The CPSA can ensure it by extending their present excellent solidarity into industrial action here.

**This is an emergency! All trade unionists and socialists in Britain should send donations and messages of support to the Gibraltar CPSA members. Send to Michael Alman, CPSA Treasurer, 33 Picton House, Red Sands Road, Gibraltar.**

## Jamaican election is two fingers to the CIA

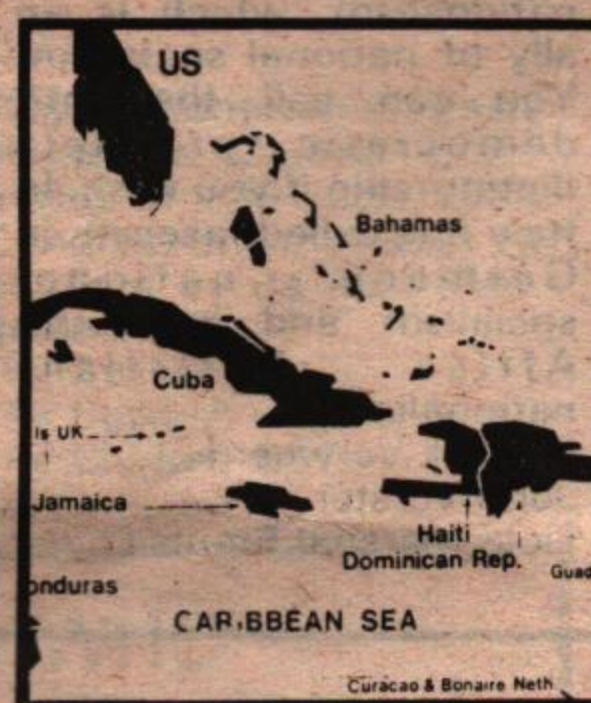
THE election results in Jamaica are marvellous.

The working people of Jamaica have replied dramatically to the months of violence and rhetoric unleashed on them by big business and their backers in American intelligence.

The absurdly-titled Jamaica Labour Party, which represents big business, tried to intimidate the workers into voting down the vaguely left-wing PNP government under Michael Manley.

They hoped that hired gunmen would create a mood of fear and pessimism from which the workers would turn to 'private enterprise'.

They failed. Manley's government was returned in a landslide.



The PNP now has 48 seats in parliament. The JLP a pathetic 12.

But Jamaican workers cannot rest easy. Manley is already scuttling to the IMF, the big business executive of the Western world, to bail the

island out of the economic crisis—caused by violent shifts in the world prices of sugar, bananas and bauxite.

The IMF, in return, is asking for a 40 per cent devaluation of the Jamaican currency—which would result in a further sharp rise in unemployment—already 26 per cent.

Manley's campaign has infuriated international big business. They will exact bitter retribution for what they see as the check of the Jamaican workers in rejecting the private enterprise solution.

The only answer to them is to seize the factories and the plantations and run them in the interests of the Jamaican working people. But Manley and his advisers are sharply opposed to any such move.

Instead, as The Times put it last Friday: 'Mr Manley will be looking towards Mr Carter for help.'

Carter will propose policies which will prolong the suffering of the Jamaican working people. If they want to end that suffering, they must start organising now to take political power not for Michael Manley, but for themselves.

## ... AND BRITAIN ATTACKS

IT IS not only American interests that have been trying to wreck Jamaica's economy and get rid of a mildly left-wing government. The House of Commons Select Committee on Overseas Development has recommended a similar course of action.

It calls for the British government to prepare to help companies that withdraw their investments from the Caribbean. It claims that 'recent events have reduced the political attractiveness of the area' and argues that 'future events may make inevitable a disinvestment policy'.

# Who said it?

1 The capitalist system... has led inevitably to wide disparities in living standards and to the concentration of a large amount of wealth in a fairly limited number of hands... We must recognise that this has only persisted because the majority have not been prepared to use their potential economic and political power against the prosperous minority.  
Reginald Maudling   
Michael Foot   
Harold Wilson

2 To try to insert a prices and incomes policy of this rigidity into an economy which is still so overwhelmingly capitalist and private enterprise, means that the Labour government appears to be and, indeed, to a great extent is, backing the employers against the workers.  
Reginald Maudling   
Michael Foot   
Wedgwood Benn

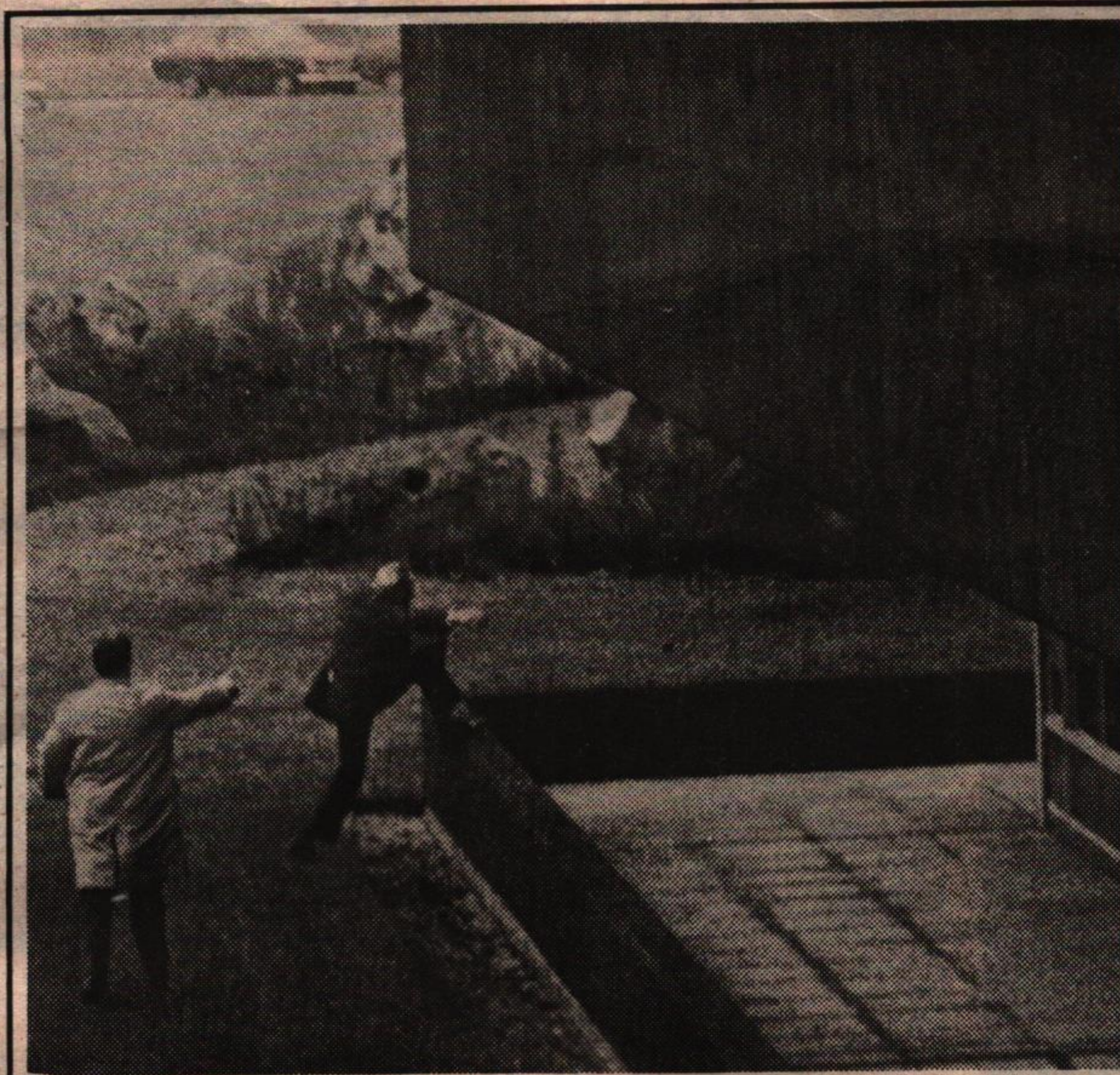
3 What the men of the Clyde proclaimed and what I went to Clydeside to assert, was the right to work. And that principle cannot, and must not, be denied.  
Michael Foot   
Harold Wilson   
Wedgwood Benn

4 Free speech and the right to work are among the rights guaranteed by the law and it's the duty of the police to uphold them.  
Michael Foot   
Sir Robert Mark   
Roy Jenkins

5 I have made clear... that we accept the full right to work and will frame our policies on that basis.  
Harold Wilson   
Edward Heath   
Michael Foot

6 We are now in a post-capitalist period.  
V. I. Lenin   
Clive Jenkins   
Wedgwood Benn

7 You cannot go cap in hand to the central bankers... and maintain your freedom of action, whether on policies maintaining full employment here in Britain or even on social policies. The central bankers will before long be demanding that Britain puts her house in order and their idea of an orderly house usually



**A** Who is this sneaking in the back door of Burmah Oil the day it went bust in January 1975, after swallowing £300 million of government cash?

comes to mean vicious inroads into the Welfare State and a one-sided pay pause. The government would then launch savage cuts.  
Alan Fisher   
Harold Wilson   
Arthur Scargill

8 I'll squeeze the rich until the pips squeak.  
Denis Healey   
Lloyd George   
Aneurin Bevan

9 I have done more for business than any other Chancellor this century.  
Reginald Maudling   
Anthony Barber   
Denis Healey

10 When I see a rich man, I give thanks to God.  
Paul Getty   
Enoch Powell   
Joseph Stalin

11 The only thing wrong with the German Nazis was the paraphernalia—the uniform and the salutes. Apart from that I agree with them.  
Oswald Mosley   
Benito Mussolini   
John Tyndall

12 We stand for Christian-nationalism, which is an ally of national socialism. You can call the anti-democratic principle dictatorship if you wish. In Italy it is called fascism, in Germany national socialism and in South Africa Christian-nationalism.  
Hendrik Verwoerd   
John Vorster   
Field-Marshal Smuts

13 The Americans are fighting in Korea for the principles which the Labour Party has always supported.  
Michael Foot   
Harold Wilson   
Reg Prentice

14 We are involved in a struggle to change society. We are not playing politics within the capitalist system; we are seeking to destroy the system.  
V. I. Lenin   
John Stonehouse   
Reg Prentice

15 It is better to have people leaning on shovels than have them start a revolution.  
Michael Manley   
Margaret Thatcher   
Lord Hailsham

16 Far from being an example of intolerance, Rhodesia has been a paragon of tolerance in Africa, making, until beleaguered, virtually no legal or political distinction between people of different races.  
Ian Smith   
Ronald Bell   
Adolf Hitler

17 We need an arsenal to buy the things we need to incite and stir up our fellow countrymen.  
Adolf Hitler   
Martin Webster   
General Franco

18 It is beyond the bounds of reality to expect a Western version of the Russian revolution.  
Joseph Stalin   
Michael Foot   
Enrico Berlinguer

19 Mankind will not be free until the last capitalist is strangled with the entrails of the last bureaucrat.  
Michael Foot   
Leon Trotsky   
Reg Prentice

20 We stared into the whites of their eyes and guessed what we could get away with.  
General Custer   
Lord Wilberforce   
Joe Gormley

21 The British people are prepared if necessary to be blown to atomic dust.  
Henry Kissinger   
Sir Alec Douglas-Home   
Archbishop of Canterbury

22 A genuine incomes policy must be dependent upon the community having a decisive control over the creation of wealth; in particular over the level and direction of investment. We have rejected the Government's spurious incomes policy because as one writer pointed out: 'Labour is really being asked to give its consent to a particular type of social order... a fully-fledged 'incomes policy' really implies the equivalent of a new Social Contract. This contract gives neither control nor guaranteed returns but merely a limited and illusory role in the distribution of incomes.'  
Jack Jones   
Mick McGahey   
Michael Foot

23 ... not a man, not a gun, must be sent from this country to defend French colonisation in Indochina... we must not join or in any way encourage an anti-communist crusade in Asia under the leadership of the Americans or anybody else.  
Wedgwood Benn   
Harold Wilson   
Reg Prentice

24 So far as He, Majesty's Government are concerned, I repeat, as I have said many times before, that we have made absolutely plain our support for the American stand against communist infiltration in South Vietnam.  
Wedgwood Benn   
Harold Wilson   
Reg Prentice

25 People are like elastic, the more work they have to do the more they stretch.

Duke of Edinburgh   
Sir Arnold Weinstock   
The Queen Mother

26 If we see that Germany is winning we ought to help Russia, and if Russia is winning we ought to help Germany, and that way let them kill as many as possible.  
Winston Churchill   
Harry Truman   
General Patton

27 The socialist revolution has already begun in Europe. The crucial question of our own international policy should be to protect, assist, encourage, and aid in everyway the socialist revolution that is developing.  
Karl Marx   
Denis Healey   
V. I. Lenin

28 The upper classes in every country are selfish, depraved, dissolute and decadent.  
Karl Marx   
Denis Healey   
V. I. Lenin

29 If we do not give them social reform, they will give us social revolution.  
Harold Wilson   
Lord Hailsham   
Benjamin Disraeli

30 All the work of practical organisation of the insurrection of October 1917 was conducted under the direct leadership of the President of the Petrograd Soviet, Comrade Trotsky. It may be said with certainty that the swift passing of the garrison to the side of the Soviet, and the bold execution of the work of the Military Revolutionary Committee, the Party owes principally and above all to Comrade Trotsky.  
V. I. Lenin   
Joseph Stalin   
Robert Conquest

31 In an independent Scotland there would have to be strict immigration controls wherever people came from, Kenya or England.  
Enoch Powell   
Winifred Ewing   
Jim Sillars

32 You can't let ordinary people into the (television) studio to run their own programmes, they're absolute idiots.  
David Frost   
Angela Rippon   
Bill Grundy

33 Mankind is born free but is everywhere in chains.  
Karl Marx   
Harold Macmillan   
Jean Jacques Rousseau

34 Rise like lions after slumber In unvanquishable number— Ye are many—they are few.  
Enid Blyton   
Shelley   
Reg Prentice

# Socialist Worker Christmas Quiz

35 He who half-makes a revolution digs his own grave.  
Saint Just   
Salvador Allende   
V. I. Lenin

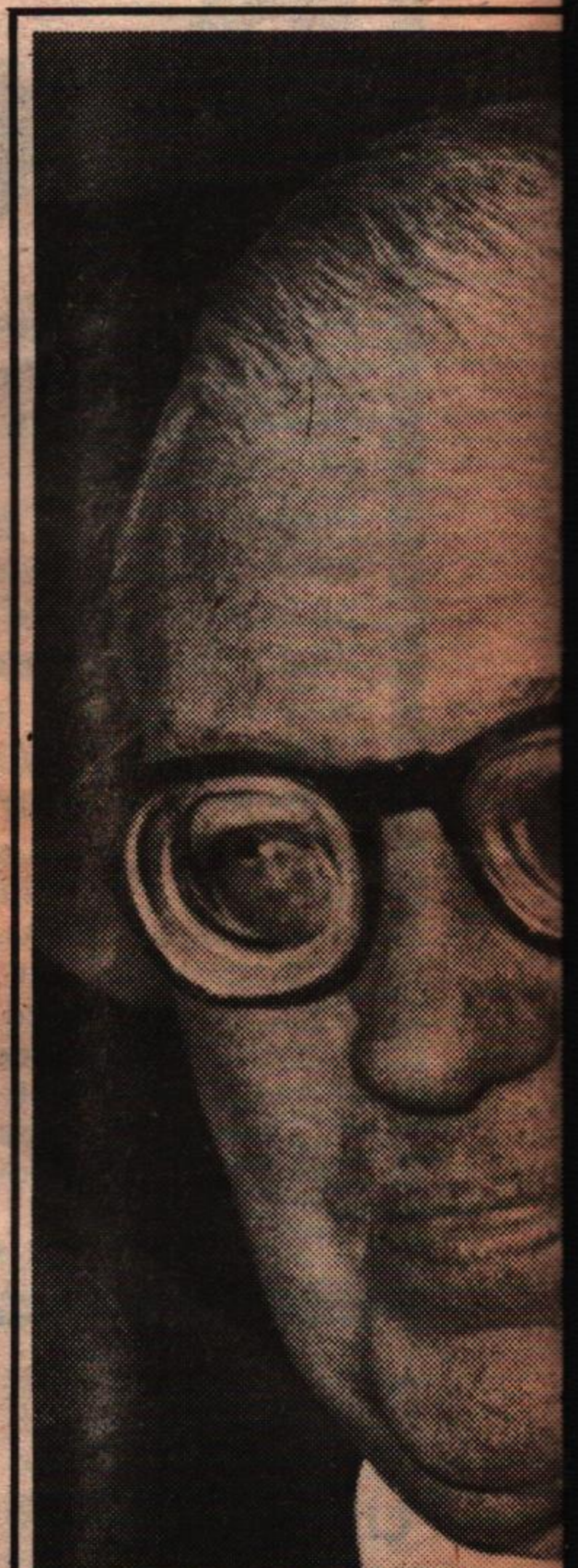
36 Philosophers have merely interpreted the world. The point is to change it.  
Gerald Ford   
Karl Marx   
John Stonehouse

37 Let the ruling classes quake at the communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workers of all countries unite.  
Frank Chapple   
Len Murray   
Karl Marx

38 Where the chains of capital are forged, there must they be broken.  
Tiny Rowland   
Rosa Luxemburg   
V. I. Lenin

39 The great only appear great because we are on our knees. Let us rise.  
Reginald Maudling   
James Connolly   
Her Majesty the Queen

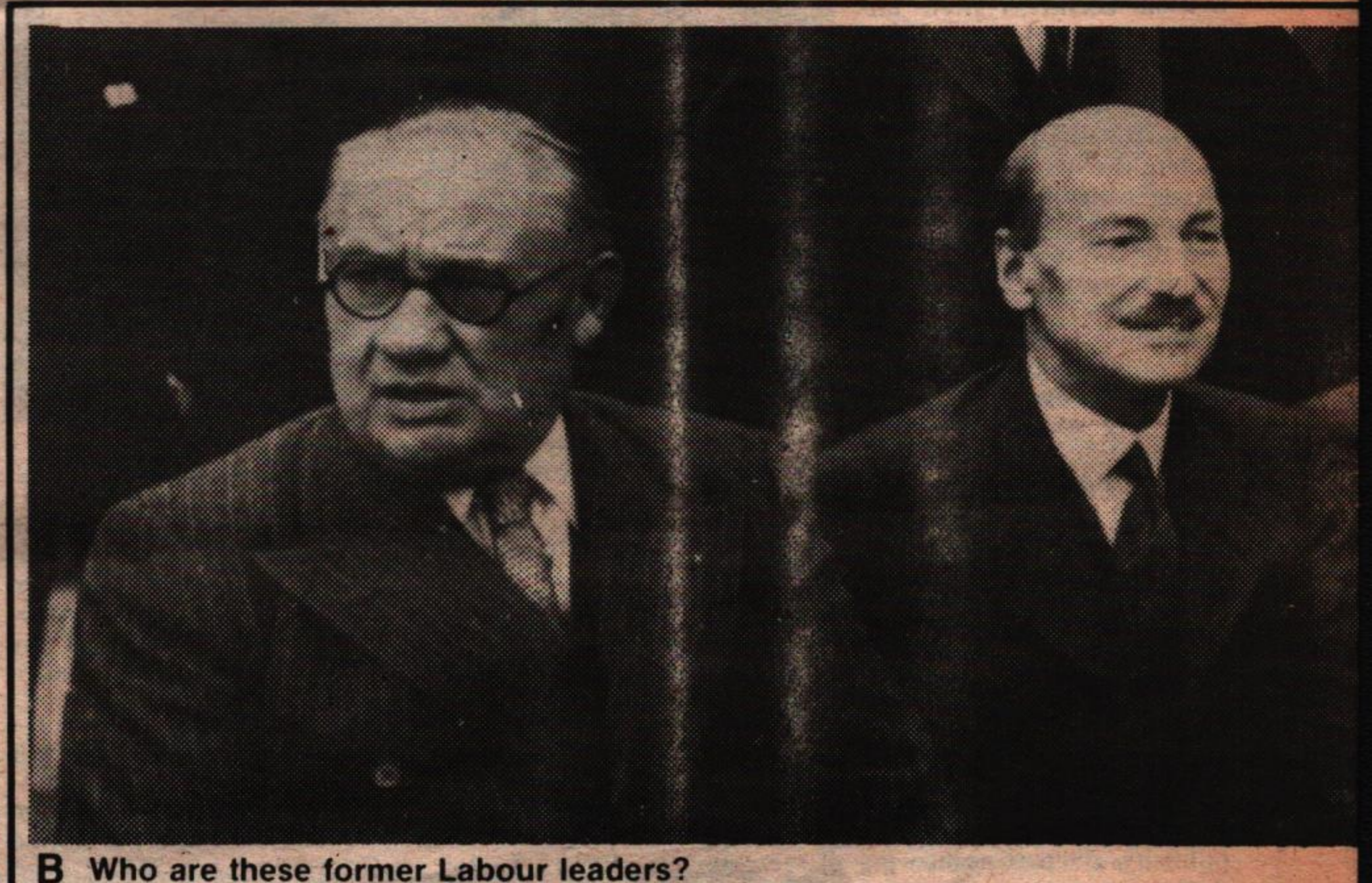
40 Your 'order' is built on sand. Tomorrow the revolution will rear ahead once more and announce to your horror amid the brass trumpets: 'I was, I am, I will be'.  
Oliver Cromwell   
Vic Feather   
Rosa Luxemburg



**C** This man said 'owning Scottish licence to print money.' Who it happened to him this year?

## WHO SAID IT? ANSWERS

- 1 Reginald Maudling, in The Times, 12 September 1972
- 2 Harry Truman, US President Conference, 1945
- 3 Denis Healey, Labour Party Conference, 1945
- 4 Lord Hailsham, 1945
- 5 Lord Hailsham, 1945
- 6 Lord Hailsham, 1945
- 7 Winifred Ewing, of the Scottish National Party, 1968
- 8 Angela Rippon, quoted in Socialist Worker, March 1973
- 9 Enoch Powell, 1973
- 10 Enoch Powell, 1973
- 11 Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Sun, 26 February 1965
- 12 Lord Wilberforce, on his im- partial inquiry into the miners' strike, 1972
- 13 Michael Foot, Labour Party Conference, 1976
- 14 John Stonehouse, Labour Party Conference, 1976
- 15 Michael Manley, Jamaican Prime Minister, quoted in The Guardian, 14 December 1976
- 16 Ronald Bell, in a letter to the Daily Telegraph last August
- 17 Martin Webster, at the National Front's annual general meeting, October 1975
- 18 Enrico Berlinguer, leader of the Italian Communist Party, October 1975
- 19 Leon Trotsky, 1925
- 20 Lord Wilberforce, on his im- partial inquiry into the miners' strike, 1972
- 21 Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Sun, 26 February 1965
- 22 Jack Jones, chairman of the National Front in an interview with an East London journalist last June
- 23 John Vorster, Prime Minister of South Africa, in 1942
- 24 Harold Wilson, 24 January, 1972
- 25 Sir Robert Mark, in 1973
- 26 Denis Healey, 1973
- 27 Denis Healey, 1973
- 28 Denis Healey, 1973
- 29 Harold Wilson, 1964
- 30 Clive Jenkins, last April, 1972
- 31 Joseph Stalin, last April, 1972
- 32 Harold Wilson, 24 January, 1972
- 33 Harold Wilson, in his introduc- tion to Alasdair Buchan's book on the 1971 Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in
- 34 Harold Wilson, in 1973
- 35 Saint Just, 1917
- 36 Salvador Allende, 1973
- 37 Karl Marx, 1848
- 38 Rosa Luxemburg, 1904
- 39 James Connolly, 1916
- 40 Oliver Cromwell, 1651



**B** Who are these former Labour leaders?

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Television is like having a  
he and what good thing



to our place among the nations.  
Winston Churchill of Hitler   
Stalin of Mussolini   
Enoch Powell of Genghis Khan   
42  
A very wonderful man... I love him.  
Reginald Maudling of John Poulson   
Jimmy Carter of George Wallace   
Len Murray of Jack Jones

43  
Why, he's so dumb he can't fart and chew gum at the same time.  
Edward Heath of Sir Alec Douglas-Home   
Sir Alec Douglas-Home of Edward Heath   
Lyndon B. Johnson of Gerald Ford

44  
Which US President, welcoming the President of Egypt to the White House, described him in a speech as the President of Israel?  
Richard Nixon   
Gerald Ford   
Harry Truman

45  
When his name was mentioned, his enemies would kick, scream and tremble with fear. His troops were so inspired by him, they leapt over roofs and would march 300 miles in a night.  
Joseph Stalin   
Kim Il Sung   
Colonel Stirling

46  
He was the champion of the oppressed and exploited of the whole world. The whole world—with the exception of a handful of evil maniacs—mourned the loss of... The genius and will of... the architect of the rising world of free humanity, lives on forever.  
Daily Worker of Joseph Stalin   
Daily Express of Winston Churchill   
Socialist Worker of Vic Feather

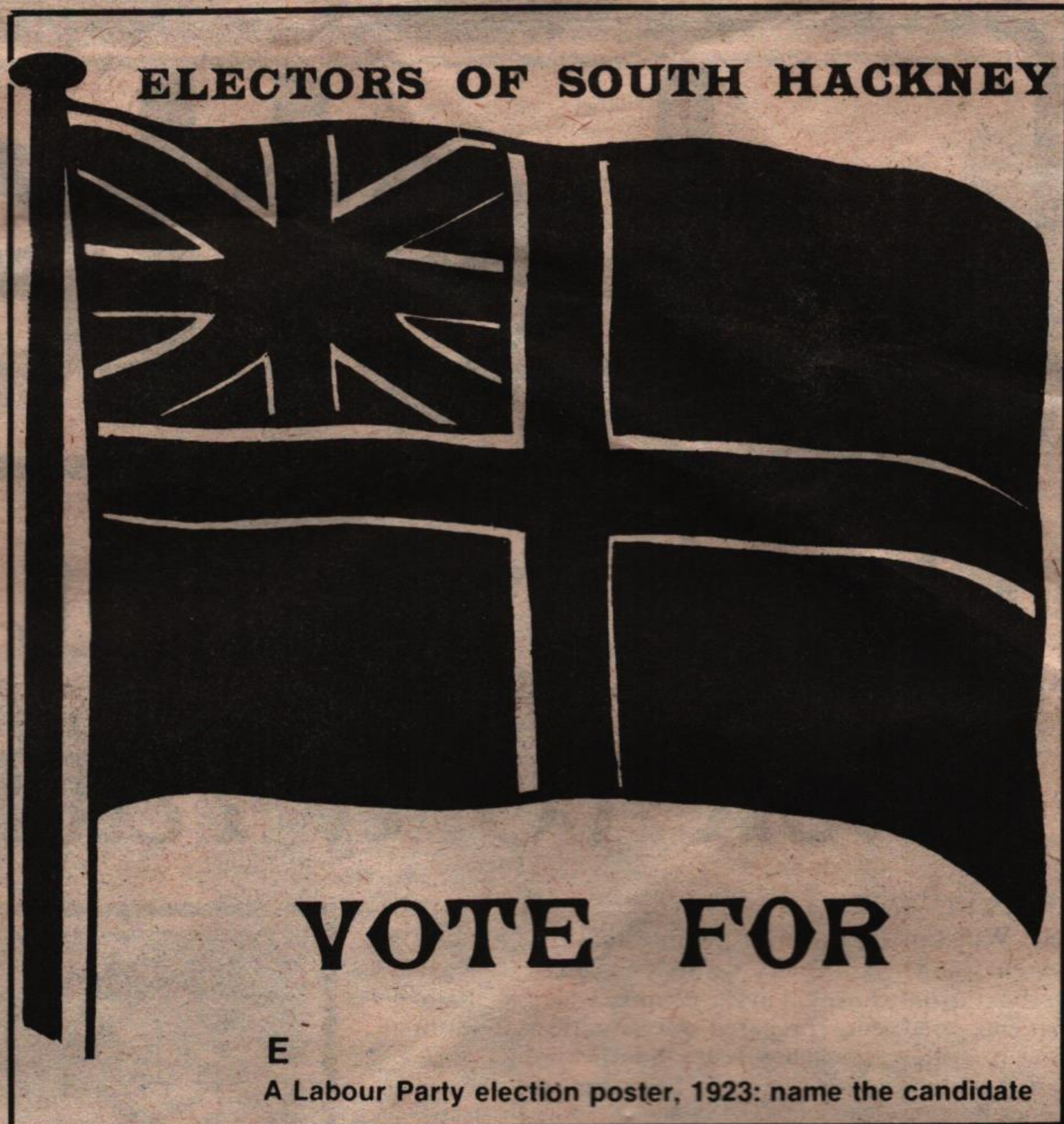
47  
The cult of the individual acquired such monstrous size chiefly because... himself, using all conceivable methods, supported the glorification of his own person.  
James Callaghan of Harold Wilson   
Kruschev of Stalin   
Mao Tse-tung of his wife

**PICTURE ANSWERS**  
A. Dennis Thatcher, husband of our beloved Tory Party leader. He was then Burnham's planning director, now retired.  
B. Ernest Bevin, Clement Attlee and Herbert Morrison.  
C. Lord Thomson, multi-millionaire.  
D. William Hetherington, Poor Man's Guardian (unemployed movement of the 1830s); Feargus O'Connor, Northern Star (Charterist); Robert Blatchford, Clarion (Unaligned).  
E. Robert Blatchford, Clarion (Unaligned).  
F. Sylvia Pankhurst, Workers Forward (Independent Labour Party).  
G. Sylvia Pankhurst, Workers Dreadnought (Communist Party).  
H. Campbell, Workers Weekly (Communist Party); Harry Pollitt, Daily Worker (Communist Party); William Morris, Commonweal (Socialist League); George Lansbury, Daily Herald (Labour Party, TUC).  
E. Herbert Morrison

## Who said it of who?

41  
The story of his struggle cannot be read without admiration for the courage, the perseverance and the vital force which enabled him to challenge, defy, conciliate or overcome all authorities or resistances which barred his path. If our country were defeated I hope we should find a champion as admirable to restore our courage and lead us back

**WHO SAID IT OF WHOM? ANSWERS**  
47 Kruschev of Stalin, 1956  
46 Daily Worker of Joseph Stalin, 1975  
45 Kim Il Sung, according to the North Korean newspaper Rodong Simun, December 1975  
44 Gerald Ford  
43 Jimmy Carter of George Wallace  
42 Lyndon B. Johnson of Gerald Ford  
41 Winston Churchill of Hitler, in our beloved Tory Party leader. He was then Burnham's planning director, now retired.



## Who did it?

48  
Which Prime Minister this century has created most peerages?  
Winston Churchill   
Harold Wilson   
Lloyd George

49  
Which radio station had to send out this corrected news bulletin last March: *Please note that Mr Foot is Secretary for Employment and not Unemployment.*  
Radio Moscow   
BBC Radio Stoke   
Radio Luxembourg

50  
Which encyclopaedia contains the following entries: 'Mr Nixon helped to achieve a positive turn in Soviet-American relations... By force of internal political circumstances related to the so-called Watergate case, he resigned.'  
**TROTSKY: Speaker, on the Red Army.**

The Great Soviet Encyclopaedia, 1975 edition   
Encyclopaedia Britannica   
Pears Encyclopaedia

51  
Which trade union leader claimed last February that those who opposed the Social Contract were 'the enemies of the working class'?  
Jack Jones   
John Boyd   
Alexander Shelepin

52  
Which friend of the Labour government this year bought six armour-plated Rolls Royces at a cost of £60,000 each, all of them designed to bullet-proof the passengers but not the chauffeur?  
The Shah of Iran   
Jack Jones   
Henry Ford

53  
Which socialist newspaper wrote last April: *Michael Foot... has not moved to the Right but the Parliamentary Labour Party has moved to the Left.*  
Pravda   
Tribune   
Morning Star

54  
Which capitalist product has killed 25 million people since being invented?  
The aeroplane   
The motor-car   
The atom bomb

55  
Which country sent more trade missions to South Africa last year than ever before?  
Rhodesia   
Britain   
Israel

56  
Which Labour MP evicted a family of five from a tied cottage on his 195-acre estate in Worcestershire last July and then said: 'I have always been consistent in my opposition to the present tied cottage system. But sometimes we have to use a law even though we think it needs to be changed.'  
Brian Walden   
Colin Phipps   
Reg Prentice

57  
Which country's military junta ordered three days of mourning for Mao-Tse Tung?  
Ethiopia   
Argentina   
Chile

58  
Which work system was described by its inventor as 'a modern form of slavery'?  
Continental shifts   
Measured Day Work   
The lump

59  
Which country, in 1968, paid the following wages: Farm worker £552 a year, building worker £780, factory manager £7,800, government minister £20,400?  
United States   
Russia   
Spain

60  
Which Communist Party elected a Central Committee of 139 at its 1934 Congress and then shot 98 of them by its next Congress in 1939?  
The Russian CP   
The Spanish CP   
The Chinese CP

# THE COMMONWEAL

The Official Journal of the Socialist League.

**D**  
Here are some names of people and the Labour newspapers with which they were associated. Can you match them?  
Feargus O'Connor, Johnny Campbell, Robert Blatchford, William Morris, George Lansbury, Tom

Johnston, Harry Pollitt, Sylvia Pankhurst, William Hetherington.  
The Clarion, Workers Dreadnought, Poor Man's Guardian, Northern Star, Workers Weekly, Forward, Daily Worker, Clarion, The Commonweal.

## WHO DID IT? ANSWERS

48. Harold Wilson  
49. BBC Radio Stoke  
50. The Great Soviet Encyclopaedia  
51. Jack Jones  
52. The Shah of Iran  
53. Tribune  
54. The motor-car  
55. Britain  
56. Colin Phipps, MP for Dudley West, quoted in Farmers Weekly, 23 July  
57. Chile  
58. Measured Day Work, so described by George Cattell, who introduced it when manager of Footes (now Chrysler) Russia  
59. Russia  
60. The Russian CP

# BOOKMARX CLUB

Selections for the first quarter of 1977:  
Coming in January:

**My Life**, by Leon Trotsky  
**Strumpet City**, by James Plunkett: The story of the great lockout in Dublin in the early years of this century: an epic novel of class struggle  
**Late February**:  
**The History and Practice of the Political Police in Britain**, by Tony Bunyan: An authoritative study indispensable to all those active in politics. Available up to now only in a £5 hardback, this is the new revised and updated paperback edition.  
**Unemployment**, by Sarah Cox and Bob Golden: A new book which combines the reasons for unemployment with a history of the workers' struggles against it and the facts about those out of work today. More than 90 photos, plus poems and songs.  
**One other title still under negotiation. Details soon.**

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## Postal Points

I TOOK a case through the Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunal recently and managed to make social security history. I'd like your readers to know about it because they might need similar treatment one day.

I've been off work ill since 1974. X-rays showed I needed osteopathic treatment, which is costly and not readily available to working-class people.

The tribunal decided that I should get help towards payment. This is a case precedent and it appears that osteopathic treatment is now available to countless suffering people who are unable to afford this benefit.

□ E A DOBSON, Peterborough.

THE LOCAL news announced that West Sussex County Council may cut pedestrian crossing wardens (lollipop ladies) to save £35,000. In the evening on TV a lot of time was devoted to a new Green Cross Campaign to teach road safety to the kids. The cost? £1 million.

□ BOBBY NOYES, Southampton.

FOR YEARS we have been told about the efficiency of Japanese management and how Japanese workers put their backs into the job. But now the Common Market bosses tell the Japanese not to send so many goods to Europe. What a reward for efficiency and hard work!

If the Common Market is compiled with it must mean that many of those hard-working Japanese will become unemployed. Once again the lesson to all workers comes home: Whether or not you work hard, capitalism brings you the dole.

□ JIM PARKER, Walsall

WITH wages getting lower and book prices getting higher we must make sure that libraries are buying socialist books. So get to work—ask for a reservation card and fill it in. When the reply comes back from the library, don't ignore it.

□ JOHN BARRETT, Brighton.

IT WAS with considerable disquiet that I read in Fifth Column that the National Front are learning karate.

This should be a matter of real concern. One of their odious leaders, Martin Webster, told the Front recently: 'Be prepared to use knuckle and boot... to win the battle of the streets.'

□ GEOFF PARRY, Merseyside.

# Letters

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

To our shame, we did nothing

WE ARE glad that Duncan Hallas, writing about fast breeder reactors, agrees that 'we should energetically oppose their development at Windscale and everywhere else'.

'Can we mobilise enough power to stop the lunatics? That is the issue' he says.

Of course we can't if we don't try. Let's honestly admit that the entire political Left (including IS) has, to its shame, chosen to ignore the whole business.

Why? Could it be the question of jobs at Windscale?

□□

Does the Right to Work include the right to jeopardise the lives of workers for innumerable generations?

Or are we perhaps so sectarian as to fear making common cause with a few middle-class environmentalists?

The 'anti-technology trend on the left' is an Aunt Sally set up by Duncan Hallas.

Nuclear energy improves technology. So does war. Technology, yes. But not at any price.

□ Hilda and Edward Upward, Isle of Wight.

## WHY WE NEED WORKERS CONTROL

DUNCAN Hallas' recent comment on managerial talent reminded me of an experience I had with an oil company in Aberdeen.

Answering their ad, I phoned for a job as a welder. I was told to come down that night for a meal and a hotel room which would be booked for me.

The welding test would be next day and hopefully I could go offshore on the Wednesday.

Well, Tuesday passed uneventfully. So did Wednesday. On Thursday, I spent half an hour having a medical.

Then, on Friday, I finally got around to my test. Ah, capitalism's planned use of resources and labour!

I met a lot of nice people in the hotel who were there for the same reason as me. The record-holder was nearing completion of his fourth week of waiting at a cost to the company of £50 a week in hotel fees, about £20 a week for food and £30 a day wages.

This is one of the best arguments I've heard yet for workers' control.

Think of the basic economic advance if we just got rid of that one boss and his underlings who, apart from contributing nothing, suck up and waste the benefits of workers' efforts.

□ John Holmes, Easter Ross.

## Do they want us to go back to a rat's life?

THIS SUMMER Socialist Worker told the story of St. Wulstan's hospital in Worcestershire, which the Area Health Authority wants to close.

It is the only hospital in the country where mentally ill patients are being prepared for a return to normal society—often after many years in institutions.

Director Dr. Roger Morgan had supported the action committee of patients and COHSE members who are fighting to keep the hospital open.

Recently he agreed to discuss closure with the management.

Richard O'Shaughnessy, one of the patients on the action committee, expresses his views on the matter in this poem:

### WHY THE HOSPITALS CLOSE

YOUR article on the fate of five hospitals in Leeds (4 December) comes as no surprise.

This is not so much the effect of current cuts in public spending as the direct result of National Health reorganisation in 1974.

The patient is no longer a person of any consequence above the level of actual treatment.

As with the less senior staff, patients are merely 'numbers' and, to some extent, an annoyance to the newly defined prime tasks of paper-pushing and 'team-meetings' on which this bureaucracy thrives.

After 13 years' service to the hospitals, I suspect I am now just another statistic to be pushed aside and abandoned.

### Broken

Two years of reorganisation have left me almost broken in health, not to say spirit, and my every sympathy goes out to those who remain the underdogs of manipulative demagoguery in what was once a fine profession.

Doreen Collier, on behalf of the nurses, says that 'management can't get away with this'. She does not know the half of it!

□ John Knight, Harrogate.

Why must it be? Why must it be?

Why must St. Wulstan's close? Three long years have I lingered here.

Learning the tricks which mean survival In a hard outside world.

And yet some say we are out of date.

Wanting us to go back to a rat's life, in large homes.

### Queue

Lining up in the queue for tablets

Are the folk of St. Wulstan's, Heads down they expect the worst—closure.

Heroism and dedication All pass before the pen of bureaucrats.

The men and women who made St. Wulstan's unique Will go to somewhere far less able.

Sitting in the pretty scene, Nestling under powerful hills, Stranded and doomed.

St. Wulstan's lies mortally wounded.

Struggling amid the sumptuous moorlands.

It will be forever remembered.

A reproach to its enemies And a lifeline to its friends.



Lousy housing: blacks usually get the worst deal—and often the blame

R THOMPSON (Letters, last week) says he is not a racist but claims we need immigration controls.

I say that if he agrees with immigration controls then he is a racist.

So I want a population of 200 million, all without houses or food, you say?

No, obviously not, but the point is that immigration controls do not regulate the number of people who come to Britain, they control the number of blacks who come.

If you're white Rhodesian, Australian, South African or from one of our European 'partner' countries then you can come in, unnoticed by the Daily Mail, in plane and shiploads; houses, food, jobs, hospitals will not be a problem.

□□

We are not talking about some mythical, theoretical immigration control that would limit the number of people coming

here if it were enacted and enforced—we are talking about the controls that exist now and the effect they have.

We are also talking about this situation being used to divert attention from the cause of housing shortages, which is not the number of workers, black or white, who need a roof, but a system which refuses to build those houses, even though all the resources for the job are available.

□ Mike Carver, S London

## OUR WONDERFUL POLICE...

MEMBERS of the International Socialists working for Manchester Corporation booked a room in the Town Hall for a meeting titled, 'Racism and the Rise of the National Front'. Because our leaflet mentioned the National Front, the Town Hall insisted on providing a police guard. Two policemen stood outside the entrance to the meeting.

This it seems, is now police policy for meetings about the Front.

We were touched by this concern, but it's probably a good job the National Front never

turned up because it might have been us who ended up in the cooler.

When the National Council for Civil Liberties held a meeting on Ireland in Manchester last year the Front turned the meeting over and several people received frightening injuries.

But while the Shrewsbury pickets spent years in jail, no charges have been brought by the police against the National Front.

□ RUSS HAYWARD, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

## The Christian heritage of John Boyd

IT MIGHT be supposed that any final judgement on Engineering Union general secretary John Boyd's labours in the service of God (Letters, 227 November) are best left to the Church Times or at least the War Cry.

But it is right to question how men like Boyd, more concerned with the next life than with this, perform as trade unionists and socialists.

The view that this world is the ante-room to eternity, and such passing things as wealth and poverty matter little, is a thread common to all religious

thought.

This view was never more evident than during the Industrial Revolution. Christian doctrine, based as it is on the blessedness of duty, obedience and industry, proved a boon to 19th century factory-owners.

It was not unknown for the 'fines' imposed on mill workers to be used by the employers to build chapels.

Christian teaching was cynically used to impose on workers an entirely new work-discipline which was necessary to factory production.

All spontaneous enjoyment was to be strictly avoided and, since 'desire of the flesh' was not only a sin but could make mill girls late for work, there was a strong connection between the discipline of the factory bell and sexual repression.

The new industrial population was taught to expect hard labour, poverty and sorrow to be constant, indeed virtuous, features of their lives.

They were told to 'bear the Cross' of poverty with humiliation.

Death was the only goal

which might be desired without guilt.

Eternal peace was to be the reward after a lifetime of suffering and labour.

Factory owners pointed to their own success in accumulating riches as evidence of their own grace and goodness in the sight of God.

It is in this Christian tradition that John Boyd, as salvationist, trade unionist, socialist and employer, must be judged.

□ Frank Jenn, London, SE5.

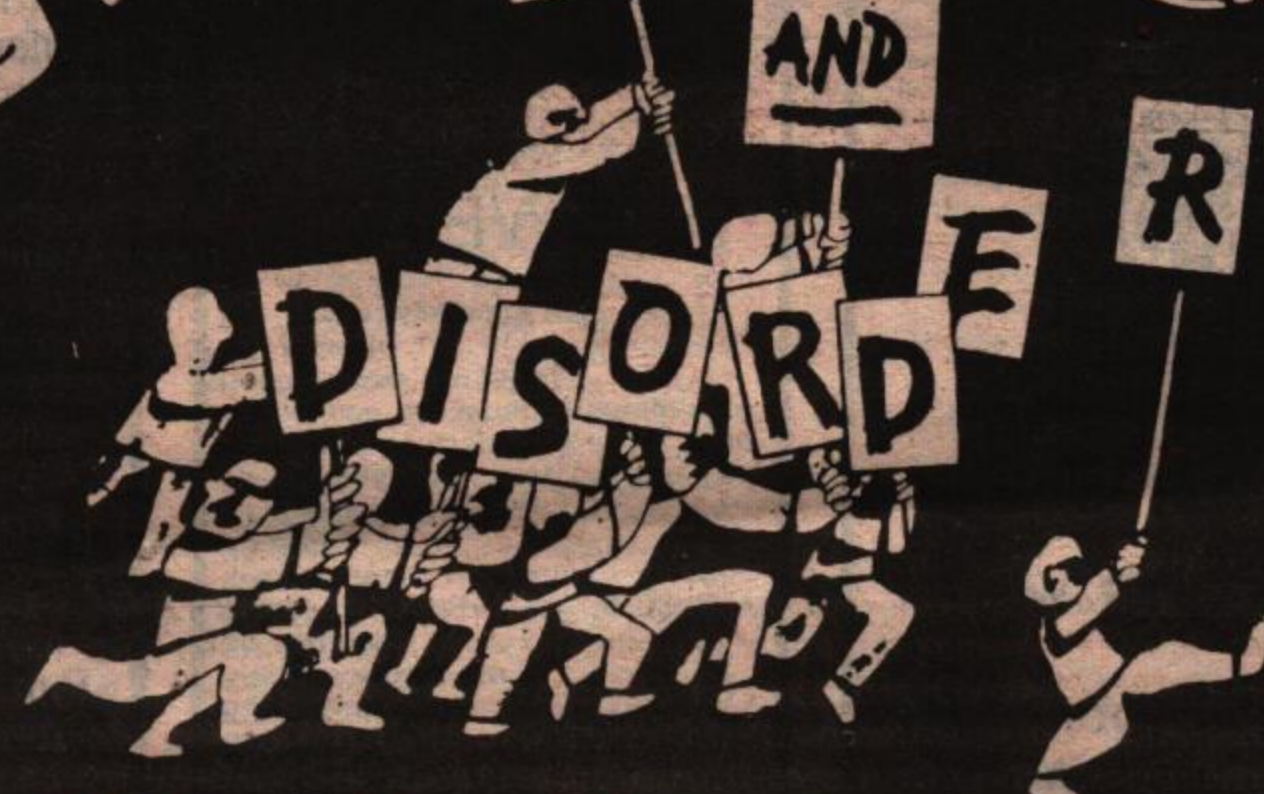
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EVEN IF all the bloody money in the world was divided out equal,' said the man on the pail, profoundly, 'it wouldn't do no good! In six months' time it would be all back in the same 'ands again.'

'Of course,' said everybody. As Owen, having filled his cup with tea, sat down in his usual place, Philpot rose solemnly to his feet, and, looking round the company, said:

### Lecture

'Gentlemen, with your kind permission, as soon as the Professor 'as finished 'is dinner 'e will deliver 'is well-known lecture, entitled, "Money the Principal Cause of being 'ard up", proving as money ain't no good to nobody. At the hend of the lecture a collection will be took to provide the lecturer with a little encouragement.' Philpot resumed his seat amid cheers.

Owen slowly folded up the piece of newspaper he had been reading and put it in his pocket.

'All right,' he replied. 'I'll show you how the Great Money Trick is worked.'

Owen opened his dinner basket and took from it two slices of bread but as these were not sufficient, he requested that anyone who had some bread left would give it to him. They gave him several pieces, which he placed in a heap on a clean piece of paper, and, having borrowed the pocket knives they used to cut and eat their dinners with from Easton, Harlow and Philpot, he addressed them as follows:

'These pieces of bread represent the raw materials which exist naturally in and on the earth for the use of mankind; they were not made by any human being, but were created by the Great Spirit for the benefit and sustenance of all, the same as were the air and the light of the sun.'

'You're about as fair-speakin' a man as I've met for some time,' said Harlow, winking at the others.

'Yes, mate,' said Philpot. 'Anyone would agree to that much! It's as clear as mud.'

### Control

'Now,' continued Owen, 'I am a capitalist; or, rather, I represent the landlord and capitalist class. It does not matter how I obtained possession of them, or whether I have any real right to them; the only thing that matters now is the admitted fact that all the raw materials which are necessary for the production of the necessaries of life are now the property of the Landlord and Capitalist class. I am that class: all these raw materials belong to me.'

'Good enough!' agreed Philpot. 'Now you three represent the Working Class: you have nothing—and for my part, although I have all these raw materials, they are of no use to me—what I need is the things that can be made out of these raw materials by Work; but as I am too lazy to work myself, I have invented the Money Trick to make you work for me.'

'But first I must explain that I possess something else beside the

# The Money Trick



Edwardian Britain—the poverty and exploitation which led Robert Tressell to write his masterpiece

raw materials. These three knives represent—all the machinery of production; the factories, tools, railways, and so forth, without which the necessaries of life cannot be produced in abundance. And these three coins—taking three halfpennies from his pocket—represent my Money Capital.'

Owen proceeded to cut up one of the slices of bread into a number of little square blocks.

'These represent the things which are produced by labour, aided by machinery, from the raw materials. We will suppose that three of these blocks represent—a week's work. We will suppose that a week's work is worth—one pound: and we will suppose that each of these ha'pennies is a sovereign. We'd be able to do the trick better if we had real sovereigns, but I forgot to bring any with me.'

### 'Liberal'

Owen now addressed himself to the working classes as represented by Philpot, Harlow and Easton.

'You say that you are all in need of employment, and as I am the kind-hearted capitalist class I am going to invest all my money in various industries, so as to give you Plenty of Work. I shall pay

each of you one pound per week, and a week's work is—you must each produce three of these square blocks.

'For doing this work you will each receive your wages; the money will be your own, to do as you like with, and the things you produce will of course be mine, to do as I like with. You will each take one of these machines and as soon as you have done a week's work, you shall have your money.'

The Working Classes accordingly set to work, and the

In a little while, he was worth about £100, and the working classes were still tearing into their work as if their lives depended on it.

FROM THE RAGGED-TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS, BY ROBERT TRESSSELL

Capitalist class sat down and watched them. As soon as they had finished, they passed the nine little blocks to Owen, who placed them on a piece of paper by his side and paid the workers their wages.

### Manipulate

'These blocks represent the necessaries of life. You can't live without some of these things, but as they belong to me, you will have to buy them from me: my

price for these blocks is—one pound each.'

As the working classes, were in need of the necessaries of life and as they could not eat, drink or wear the useless money, they were compelled to agree to the kind Capitalist's terms. They each bought back and at once consumed one-third of the produce of their labour.

The capitalist class also devoured two of the square blocks, and so the net result of the week's work was that the kind

capitalist had consumed two pounds worth of the things produced by the labour of the others, and reckoning the squares at their market value of one pound each, he had more than doubled his capital, for he still possessed the three pounds in money and in addition four pounds worth of goods.

### Skint

As for the working classes, Philpot, Harlow and Easton, having each consumed the pound's worth of necessaries they had bought with their wages, they were again in precisely the same condition as when they started work—they had nothing.

This process was repeated several times: for each week's work the producers were paid their wages. They kept on working and spending all their earnings. The kind-hearted capitalist consumed twice as much as any one of them and his pile of wealth continually increased.

In a little while—reckoning the little squares at their market value of one pound each—he was worth about one hundred pounds, and the working classes were still in the same condition as when they began, and were still tearing into their work as if their lives depended upon it.

## Hugo Dewar on LAW AND ORDER

The maximum penalty for conspiracy under the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, which was used against the Shrewsbury pickets, is made three months. Two of the Shrewsbury pickets were sentenced to three and two years under that Act.

—THE TIMES, 2 December 1976.

They used an Act a century old the Shrewsbury men to frame.

The T. U. C. averred the trial was a scandal and a shame; But the fight it promised would be waged turned out to be a farce:

It just sat down and stayed down, on its broad and well-britch'd arse.

It was a rotten, vicious Act, the decent-moderates all agreed.

Though they wouldn't lift a finger to see the pickets freed.

So now the law and order gents are going to repeal

The Act of 1875, and in its place—big deal!—

Put one a lot less crude, without that foul old smell,

That yet will serve the bosses union-bashing purpose just as well.

They'll tell you that the scales of justice always balance even. Funny—

Don't they really ever notice one side's weighted down with money?

WE ARE often told that the poor are grateful for charity. Some of them are, no doubt, but the best amongst the poor are never grateful.

They are ungrateful, discontented, disobedient, and rebellious. They are quite right to be so.

Charity they feel to be a ridiculously inadequate mode of partial restitution, or a sentimental dole, usually accompanied by some impertinent attempt on the part of the sen-

## Oscar Wilde on SCROUNGERS

timentalist to tyrannise over their private lives.

Why should they be grateful for the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table?

They should be seated at the board, and are beginning to know it.

As for being discontented, a man who would not be dis-

contented with such surroundings and such a low mode of life would be a perfect brute.

Disobedience, in the eyes of any one who has read history, is man's original virtue. It is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and through rebellion.

# WHAT'S ON

**MANCHESTER SW Christmas Party**, Thursday 23 December, 8pm-2am, Waves Club, Dantzig Place off Shudehill. Details from bookshop.

**LEICESTER Socialist Worker discussion meetings:** Fridays, 9pm prompt, Globe Inn, Silver Street.

7 January: The Minority Movement and the Right to Work Campaign. Speaker: Bob Maloney (ASTMS).  
21 January: Fascism and how to fight it. Speaker: Ted Ashby (TGWU).

**WEST MIDDLESEX Socialist Worker discussion meetings on The Meaning of Marxism.** Every other Monday, 7.45pm at the Mill Hill Tavern, Gunnersbury Lane, opposite Acton Hospital (E3 bus route, nearest tube Acton Town).

3 January: Family Life and Capitalism.  
17 January: Racism today and how to fight it.

**TOWER HAMLETS International Socialists closed meeting:** Wednesday 22 December, 7.30pm sharp, Oxford House. From 9pm onwards at the Ol George pub a Socialist Worker supporters and friends welcome for a MarXmas p\*\*\*-up.

**EAST LONDON Socialist Worker Black School:** Sunday 23 January, 11am-5pm, Lawrence Hall, Cumberland Road, Canning Town. Speaker: Nigel Harris. Morning: Imperialism. Afternoon: Migrant workers in Britain.

## Action in the unions

**BUILDING WORKERS:** Special meeting of all building workers in the Midlands who are members of the International Socialists. Saturday 8 January, 2pm-6pm, TU and Socialist Bookshop, 65 Queen Victoria Road, Coventry.

**BUILDING WORKERS:** National meeting for all members of the International Socialists in the construction industry. Sunday 15 January, 12 noon, IS Books, 224 Digbeth High Street, Birmingham. To discuss: 1. Building a rank and file movement—the need for a national rank and file paper, union elections, the Right to Work Campaign. 2. Direct labour under attack. 3. The fraction and IS—how we work as revolutionary socialists on site. Discussion documents and further details will be circulated by fraction secretary.

**POST OFFICE WORKERS:** National meeting for all members of the International Socialists in the UPW. Sunday 15 January, 11am-4pm, in London. Pooled fare system.

**TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION fraction executive meeting—delegates from all regions.** Saturday 8 January, 1pm, Trade Union Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester.

**COUNCIL WORKERS:** Meeting of all supporters and members of the International Socialists who are shop stewards or trade union reps in town halls, direct labour departments, etc. Saturday 22 January, 1pm-5.30pm, Trade Union Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester.

**NUPE:** National meeting for all members and supporters of the International Socialists in the National Union of Public Employees. Saturday 19 February, in London. Please keep this date free.

**International Socialists INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE meeting:** Saturday 29 January. Delegates will be contacted with details.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The IS industrial department's new phone number is 01-739 6273.

## BORED WITH THE TELLY?

If you're not now, you will be by New Year. So get back to politics gently after the holiday, come to see

### Sam The Man

CAST's near-legendary production on the ever popular question—What has happened to the Labour Left? **NEW YEAR'S DAY (Saturday 1 January) and SUNDAY 2 January, 10pm** (yes, we know the pubs will still be open, but bring a can) at The Drill Hall, 16 Chenies Street, London WC1 (opposite Goodge Street tube).

75p for 75 minutes—which is cheaper than rest of Christmas.

# On strike over

## We're going to win -bingo women

BELOW: The picket line outside Club One Bingo—they need your help over Christmas

**'THINGS will be different when we go back. We've found our feet now and we know our strength.'**

Ann Coffey, Club One Bingo Club shop steward, was speaking after two months on strike for union recognition.

'The day we decided to go on strike we stood cowering on the street corner wondering what to do. None of us had been in a union before.

'But it's amazing how people change in a situation like this. Even the people who used to be quiet and timid have gained confidence on the picket line.

'We have a tremendous feeling of being in it together. The strike is still solid. We're going to get what we want.'

43 women at the bingo club in Coventry are on strike for the right to belong to the Transport and General Workers Union. The management—Orr Enterprises—originally said they would only negotiate with NATTKE—the

entertainment workers' union.

The only member of NATTKE at Club One is the manager's wife.

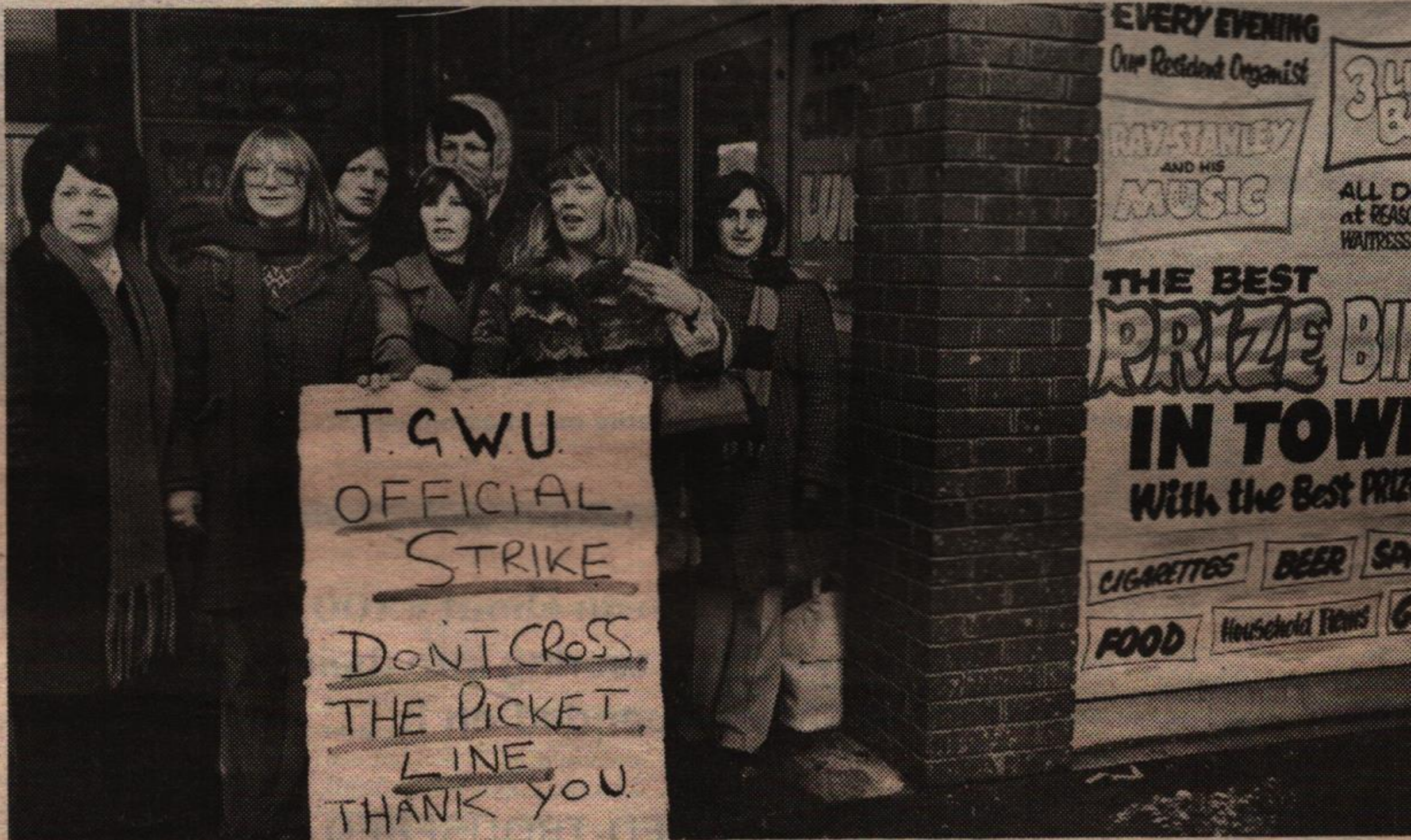
Said Ann, who has worked in the Club One kitchen for five years: 'We were getting 50p an hour for shift work, six days a week with only one week's sick pay and no extra for bank holidays.

'A wages council report showed we were underpaid. The NATTKE official told us we were getting the best wage for bingo halls—but Mecca pay 70p so we weren't satisfied and decided to join the TGWU.

### Picket Rota

'At first we thought we'd only be out for a day because the TGWU is such a powerful union, but then we found we had another fight on our hands. We had to occupy the district office to get our strike pay.

'Chatter, the district secretary, promised us support from every factory in the area on a picket rota. We haven't seen that. The support has come from the Right to Work Campaign, local convenors, and our husbands.



## Massive march for six

A **SPLENDID** demonstration of trade unionists marched through Huddersfield this week in a demonstration of solidarity with six victimised office workers, members of TASS, the white-collar section of the Engineers Union.

The six had been sacked during a pay dispute. The 250 TASS members at Hopkinson's are sitting in, preventing orders being processed, until the men are reinstated.

1300 TASS members in Huddersfield factories stopped work on Thursday, the day of the demonstration. Delegates came to the demonstration from Sheffield, Leeds, Halifax, Bradford, York, Middlesbrough, Tyneside, Liverpool, Preston, Manchester and



Coventry. Shop floor divisions were ignored as some shopfloor representatives came out of the factory to support the demonstration. Local Labour MP Ken Lomas condemned the march as 'a waste of time, energy and

organisation'. This was 12 hours after a resolution from his own constituency party's management committee declared full support for the TASS workers and urged Lomas to do the same.

Lomas urged TASS to 'try to settle the dispute around the table', ignoring more than 20 TASS attempts to meet management during the dispute.

TASS is organising national blacking of Hopkinson's products. The most important firms involved are: C A Parsons of Newcastle, Aytons of Derby, GEC, Clark Chapmans and Babcock and Wilcox.

Letters of support and donations to: Bill Sales, AUEW/TASS Divisional Office, Vassalli House, Room 1, 20 Central Road, Leeds.

## Sheffield city-wide strike for day

A **ONE-DAY** strike of engineering workers throughout Sheffield has been called in support of the 2500 strikers in the Edgar Allen Balfour group.

The biggest strike for jobs for at least two years is solid over Christmas.

The powerful Confederation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Unions in Sheffield has called the city-wide strike for 12 January.

The strikers at all 14 of the group's factories in Sheffield are defending the jobs of 400 workers at one of the factories.

The strike began after a blacking order from the Confederation against all EAB products. Workers in two of the largest factories blacked goods right up to the point of production. The bosses laid them off, and the strike followed.

Dockers at all major ports have agreed to black EAB products.

The next issue of Socialist Worker, on 6 January, will carry a full-scale feature 'Balfour Darwins exposed: The facts behind the strike.' Every striker should make sure of his or her copy.

## Desperate Club One bosses attack journalists

by **JEAN GRAY**

THE Club One bosses proved how desperate they are on Friday when they attacked two journalists in the street, trying to claim they had 'planted a bomb'.

John Sturrock, a photographer from the Report agency, and I went into the bingo club to see how the club was operating with scab labour.

A few minutes later two men—believed to be the owner and manager—arrived demanding film from John Sturrock's camera. He told them he hadn't taken any pictures.

They tried to detain us on the stairway, but we demanded to go down into the street where we could be seen by passers-by.

As we went out of the main door, the two men chased us. One put his foot through a plate of glass.

They grabbed hold of me and were hitting John. I screamed to attract attention, but when people came along they shouted that we had just planted a bomb in the bingo hall.

### Blood

Passers-by were confused. One man started attacking John until he shouted that the bingo men were assaulting us.

Some people came to help us, and, seeing they were outnumbered, the bingo men let go. But they followed us round to a local community centre.

There was blood on my head from a cut on my hand. I had bruises on my arm.

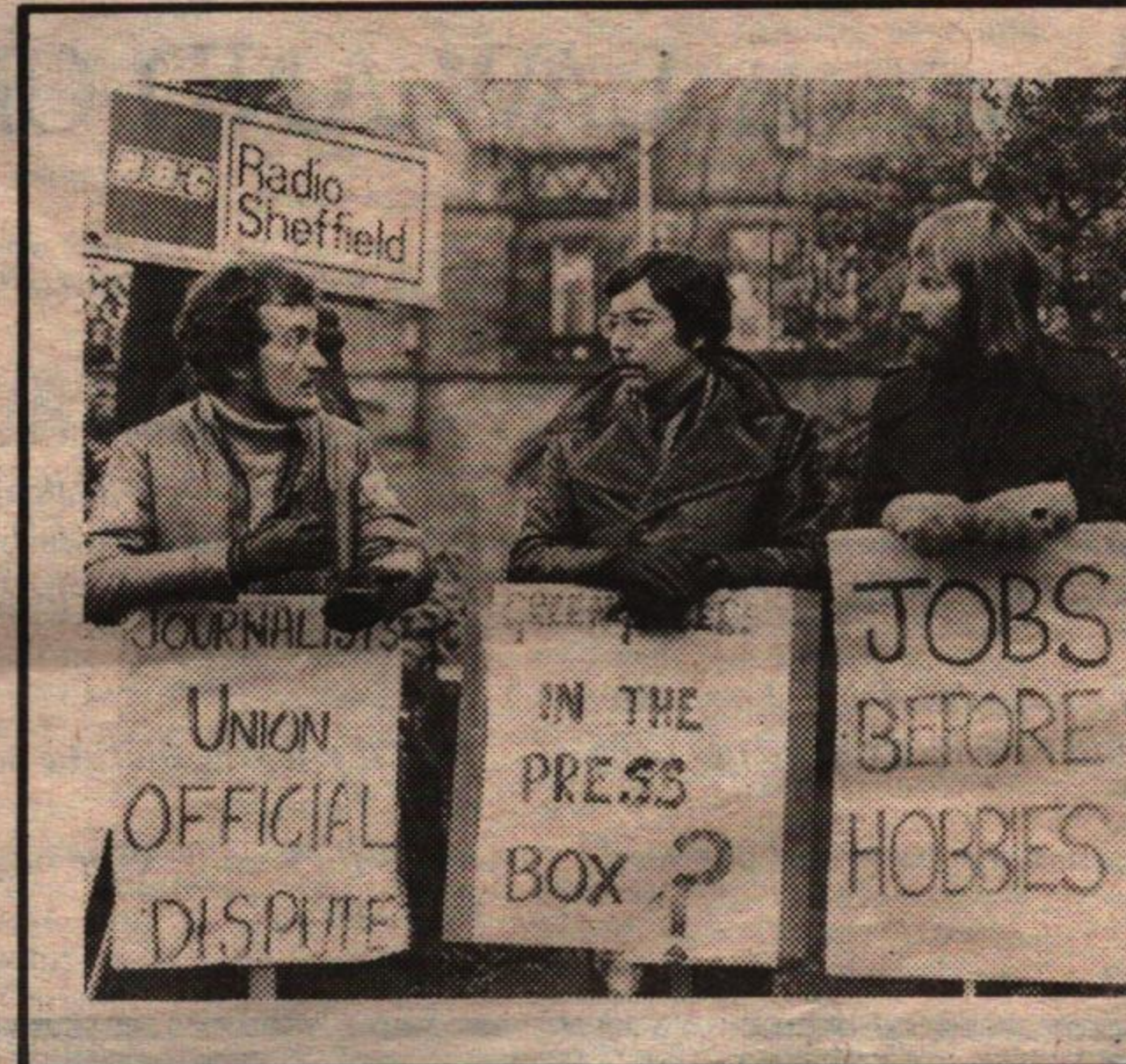
Then the police arrived. The manager told them he had had a bomb in the Rialto club the week before and that we had planted something in the Club One.

It turned out later that the 'bomb' at the Rialto was a stink bomb.

We were questioned by the police for half an hour while they checked that we weren't wanted by Special Branch.

It was obvious the bingo bosses didn't believe that we had planted a bomb. If they did, why were they more concerned with attacking us than clearing their customers out to safety?

Their real concern was that John might have taken pictures of some of their scab workers



**JOURNALISTS** picket at Radio Sheffield, where National Union of Journalists members are on strike in protest against the suspension of Roger Currell (right), the father of the chapel (shop steward).

Roger was suspended after obeying a chapel (office branch) decision to black all sports copy in protest against Radio Sheffield's employment of a prosperous greengrocer as a sports reporter. The chapel want all journalists' jobs to go to journalists.

The strike is official. Also pictured are Richard Wells (left) and John Silverman (centre).

# Christmas!

## Scots fight bus closure

'WE INTEND to fight this closure all the way. We made a big mistake in allowing Bridgeton to close. We won't repeat it here.'

That's the reaction of Alex Reid, Transport Workers Union shop steward for Partick bus garage, to the Greater Glasgow Passenger Transport Executive's plan to close the garage, reduce services by another 5 per cent and raise fares yet again by 10p in the £1.

'Here in Glasgow we already have to put up with an inadequate public transport service. Any more cuts can only make the situation worse,' he said.

'Since 1967, when one-man bus operations were introduced, there has been a continuous decline in the service to the community, particularly in the big housing schemes. The workforce has been cut from 7,000 to 4,000 and the number of buses from 1500 to 900.'

### Madness

'All the time fares have gone up and up and up. To us it's a policy of madness. It's driving people away from the buses.'

'This is all because the authority want to make a profit. They're more interested in balancing their books than in providing a good public service.'

'We say there is no case for closing Partick. Closure that would mean more unemployment and loss of services to factories, schools, shopping centres and hospitals.'

The Partick bus workers have shown they are determined to fight. They have set up an action committee that has won the backing of other bus garages. They have won support from factories in Glasgow.

They have fly-posted and

leafleted the city and spoken to tenants associations.

They helped organise the recent big one-day strike of transport workers in the city and called a conference of support in Partick against the closure, to which they attracted over 70 delegates from shop stewards committees.

The Glasgow Right to Work Campaign is attempting to organise a conference of its affiliated bodies in the early New Year to win active support for the Partick Action Committee.

Donations and telegrams from throughout the country are needed urgently. Send to Alex Reid, TGWU Shop Steward, TGWU 7/10 Branch, Partick Bus Garage, Hayburn Street, Glasgow.

## Moderna's Xmas threat

WEST YORKSHIRE: Workers at the Moderna factory in Mytholmroyd have been given a Christmas present by the boss—a threat to close the factory.

It was recently taken over by Sona Consultants, who have refused orders and stopped delivery of raw materials. Despite an order book of well over £1 million, workers suspect Sona will move out machinery over Christmas and sack them.

At a meeting in the town last week the Minister of Unemployment, Albert Booth, said he would back any resistance—a statement which should bring a laugh to the 1½ million already unemployed.

The workers should take a leaf out of the Hopkinsons workers' book in Huddersfield, where they're sitting in.

Messages of support to the Moderna workers, c/o Labour Rooms, Halifax.

Can a Tory and a chambermaid have anything in common?



Pictures: John Sturrock (Report)



Hotel workers in Sheffield brave the sleet to keep their picket on the Grosvenor House Hotel

**WHAT does James Prior, Tory spokesman on trade union matters, have in common with Val Saynor, a chambermaid in a Sheffield hotel?**

Both work for the big hotel chain, Trust Houses Forte.

Prior works at an estimated £100-a-week as a 'consultant', on top of the £150 he gets as MP and untold riches from other directorships and his prosperous farm near Lowestoft.

### Overtime

Val Saynor works at the luxury, four-star, Grosvenor House Hotel in Sheffield. She is paid 73p an hour for a 37½-hour week. There is no paid overtime.

She takes home £21.37—about the price of bed and breakfast for the businessmen who crowd the hotel.

Prior is always on about the 'irresponsible minority' in the trade unions. He urges all 'decent people' to join trade unions and fight for moderate policies.

This Christmas he will be eating and drinking his fill.

But Val Saynor expects to spend Christmas Day standing in the cold on a picket line outside the hotel.

Why? Because Val Saynor can't join a union, although she wants to.

Nor can Jessie Biggin, eight and a half years a room maid for £23-a-week, or Janet Brown, who washes dishes for 40 hours a week and takes home £21.11.

Nor can 80 other workers at the hotel who have voted to join a union but are told by the management that Prior advises that they can't.

A union was first suggested last April. Management, in the shape of an arrogant and offensive Geoffrey Tallis, stalled. Finally, on 7 December, he told a meeting of the 90 members of the Transport and General Workers Union that he was not going to have a union in his hotel.

### Notice

They voted to strike, and have been picketing in the intense cold ever since. Val Saynor says: 'We won't get back till we can form the union—even if we're here on Christmas Day'.

Two months ago, Tallis gave 20 workers notice to quit their 'servants quarters' in the hotel. He gave them four weeks to get out, and paid them an extra £4.20 a week for their board and lodging somewhere else.

'Then he let off the rooms at £5 a night, without even redecorating them,' said one striker. 'And when one of us threatened to tell the Sheffield Star, Tallis invited the editor up for a meal.'

Donations to Grosvenor House Hotel Strike Fund, c/o Trevor Jones, Transport House, Hatshead, Sheffield.



Trade unionists marching in Oxford in support of the hotel workers

## It'll spoil their plum pudding!

CHRISTMAS DAY revellers at the Linton Lodge and Randolph hotels at Oxford will have to face angry pickets.

Workers at both hotels, members of the Transport and General Workers Union, are on strike.

The Linton Lodge strike started when management refused to give workers contracts, although it is illegal to refuse after 13 weeks. Management sacked three people the day they asked for union recognition, then sacked another 13 who came out in support.

The hotel employed cheap labour from outside the Common Market without work permits, claiming that

they were au pairs. To cap it all they have served ten strikers with summonses seeking to evict them from their staff quarters. This came five days after their electricity had been cut off and phones ripped out.

### Sacked

At the Randolph five union chambermaids were sacked for refusing to do weekend duties. The rest were sacked when they came out in support.

The law has been on the bosses' side. When a scuffle broke out involving the Linton Lodge restaurant manager, two pickets were

arrested and charged with committing actual bodily harm.

But when Randolph Hotel scabs hit Keith Dancy, assistant secretary of Oxford Trades Council, with broom handles, one person was arrested and bailed 'pending inquiries'.

The strikers have sent £40 to the bingo women in Coventry, although they need money themselves. They also need help on the picket line, especially at Christmas.

And if you work in the hotel industry and want to start a union, contact the strikers at: 127 Botley Road, Oxford. Phone Oxford 44114.

KETTERING: Journalists in East London are planning a solidarity visit to the Evening Telegraph at Kettering on Christmas Eve to add weight to the picket. Seventy-five members of the National Union of Journalists on the Telegraph and two of its weekly sister papers are on strike for better wages and conditions.

Money and solidarity messages to: Jerry Connolly, 2 Hatten Avenue, Wellingborough, Northants.

EAST LONDON: Cleaners at the Holbrook Annexe of the North East London Polytechnic are fighting for the right to work safely. They refused to sweep up asbestos dust and are not going back until they get a compensation register, an end to non-union labour, the building made safe, and a sacked cleaner reinstated.

WASHINGTON, Co Durham: Engineers at the Vibro Plant depot have been out for nine months after one worker was victimised, sacked for refusing to clean a machine.

CENTRAL LONDON: Workers and supporters at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital in Euston Road, are working in and keeping a 24-hour picket against closure.

WELWYN: Building workers are continuing their picket of the Marshall Andrews site. For 28 weeks unemployed members of the building workers union UCATT have been demanding an end to indirect labour.

Their union is refusing support but they are determined to continue over Christmas and beyond.

Donations to John Davies, c/o Welwyn Garden City Trades and Labour Club, Bridge Road East, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

BURY: The fight for a decent wage at two factories owned by Weston Evans goes on. Engineering union members at Warburtons are sitting in, while at Holgate Fishwicks they have been locked out. Both are demanding an increase of £2.50.

Donations and messages of support to Derreck Mortiboys, c/o AUEW House, 12 St Mary's Place, Bury, Lancashire.

BLACKBURN: 30 women and several men will spend Christmas on strike at Motoradio, where they have been out for five weeks demanding recognition of their union, the General and Municipal Workers.

The strike is official, but since the local GMWU full-timer has advised the strikers to picket only 8am-6pm five days a week, materials are being moved in and out of the factory at night and on weekends.

Messages of support to Motoradio strikers, c/o GMWU, 22 Wellington Street, St Johns, Blackburn.

MANCHESTER: Engineers at Automat, Swinton, are still on strike for union recognition after eleven months. They now face their second winter on the picket line.

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# BBC GIVES FREE REIN TO THE RACISTS

By Paul Foot

**THE BBC has changed its policy towards racialism and the National Front.**

From now on its policy will be: 'Free Speech For Fascists!'

Until this month, the BBC had adopted an official attitude of mild hostility towards racialism, and racist-political parties.

This was laid down by Sir Hugh Carleton Greene, who was director general from 1960 to 1969.

Greene insisted that the 'normally neutral' attitude of the BBC did not apply to racialism.

*The BBC, said Greene, was against racialism, and racist parties should, in general, be boycotted.*

This policy was discussed at length at the regular weekly meeting of BBC chiefs on 3 December.

Desmond Taylor, editor of News and Current Affairs for BBC Television, said the National Front should be treated just like any other party because they are 'campaigning constitutionally for seats in parliament'.

This view was endorsed by George Fisher, head of talks and documentaries for BBC radio.

He said the National Front were 'not too dangerous to be allowed a free rein - as long as they adhere to the parliamentary system'.

David Holmes, the BBC's political correspondent, pointed out, quietly that

By Dave Sherry  
**THE SHIPBUILDING and engineering industry on Clydeside is on the point of collapse.**

Already 1,050 men have been laid off—and a further 4,000 jobs are threatened in the first few months of the New Year.

It is clear that the Clyde is facing its worst crisis since the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders struggle in 1971. Ironically, the first workplace to suffer is

# JOBS CRISIS HITS CLYDESIDE

the Marathon rig yard which, as the old John Brown shipyard, was one of the centres of that work-in.

Sadly, the Marathon workforce voted to accept the lay-offs in the hope that they will be reinstated if the government intervenes and agrees to

finance the building of a new rig.

Shop stewards from all the major yards on the Clyde met after the layoffs were agreed and have threatened industrial action if the government refuses to step in and save jobs.

The danger is that the stewards and the Clyde Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions are putting all their hopes in getting the government to act and are not building a militant campaign to mobilise thousands of workers to take action to defend their jobs.

Marathon is only the first of many places threatened with sackings.

**BABCOCK AND WILCOX** of Renfrew, which produces electricity generating equipment, is affected by the government's cuts in electricity production.

It has announced that 1200 of its 4,500 workers will be made redundant early in the new year, and that the whole factory will close unless orders pick up.

### Close

A mass meeting voted last week to implement an overtime ban as the first step in resisting redundancies. If Babcock and Wilcox are allowed to close, at least another 5,000 workers employed by sub-contractors will lose their jobs.

The state-owned **GOVAN SHIPBUILDERS**, with yards at Govan and Scotstoun are also desperately short of orders. The **WEIR GROUP** plant at Yoker is now virtually closed with 400 jobs lost.

On the Lower Clyde, the future is equally grim. At Greenock and Port Glasgow the **SCOTT LITHGOW** Group, which employs 8,200 workers, will be looking for several thousand redundancies in the new year.

Another 560 jobs will be lost if the closure of John Hastie's yard is allowed to go ahead.

At Dumbarton, **FOSTER WHEELER POWER PRODUCTS** are to lay off 143 workers because of the collapse in the oil rig supply market.

### Decimate

It is clear that the redundancies threatened over the next period will decimate Clydeside, where unemployment is now much higher than it was under the Tories.

In 1971, the UCS struggle inspired workers throughout Britain. Although serious mistakes were made, and the leadership of that struggle eventually gave in, the fight acted as a focus for rallying opposition to the anti-working class policies of the government.

The leaders of the Clyde Confed say they are prepared to lead another UCS campaign if the government refuse to save the jobs at Marathon.

But if these redundancies are to be resisted, a massive campaign of non-cooperation with the employers is needed.

### Involve

That means an immediate ban on overtime throughout Clydeside, widespread occupations and nationalisation under workers' control.

Such a campaign will have to involve rank and file workers throughout the west of Scotland. The employers have the advantage of timing. The Christmas holidays are not the best period to ask workers to fight.

But unless there is a campaign that starts by uniting all the yards and factories under attack then all the various groups can be picked off one by one.

Above all there is an urgent need for a West of Scotland Shop Stewards meeting to discuss how we can build such a campaign and to decide what action can be taken now.

□ Glasgow busmen fight back: Page 11.

Glasgow IS Shipbuilders public meeting open to all shipyard and engineering workers. The Crisis in the Yards—now is the time to fight. Thursday 23 December, 7.30pm, IS Books, 64 Queen Street, Top Flat, Glasgow. All welcome.



Trethowan: the new director-general—and a right-wing Tory

## TV Boss insists: Free speech for National Front



PART of the overwhelming vote for an eight-hour strike by engineering workers at London's Heathrow Airport. The stoppage is part of the growing pressure against the Government's policy of

holding down wages. The engineers are demanding higher shift allowances. More industrial action will follow if the airport management fail to offer an acceptable rise.

Hitler's Nazi Party had started out as a parliamentary party. This was quickly pook-pooed by the BBC bosses.

Another rebel pointed out that the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, fought parliamentary elections, but the IRA was specifically banned from interviews or statements on the BBC.

Sir Charles Curran, the director general, summing up the discussion, said that there was 'no analogy with the IRA'.

### SWITCH

There was, he said, no need for special rules for the National Front.

*'We should not single out any party or ideology for special treatment on the basis of a value judgement. In that respect, my policy in relation to the National Front and racialism is different to that stated by my predecessor.'*

This switch in line comes in the same month as the appointment of Ian Trethowan to take over from Curran as director general next year.

Trethowan is a Tory with pronounced, often extreme, right-wing views.

His own appointment follows that of Ian McIntyre, former head of the Scottish Tory Party's publicity department, as chief of BBC Radio.

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