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Jubilee?

What a load of rubbish! Arrogant, hypocritical rubbish in a year when living standards have been cut by 4 per cent, when hospitals are being closed 'for lack of money', when our children are being taught in overcrowded classrooms 'for lack of money', when councils have stopped building houses 'for lack of money'.

The royal family costs as much as a new hospital every year . . . they're costing millions more this jubilee year.

Don't let them get away with it. Tell them to

STUFF

THE JUBILEE!



ROLL ON THE RED REPUBLIC

My husband and I will bleed you dry

THE ROYAL FAMILY soak up an immense amount of resources as well as an inordinate quantity of flattery and grovelling.

The most recent version of the Queen's wage packet, the Civil List, was published in the House of Commons Hansard on 3 February.

It showed that the Queen's meagre declared income of £980,000 in 1973 shot up to £1.6 million in 1976. And she's had another sub since, enabling her, like those of her subjects who are businessmen, bankers and not just mere people, to keep pace with inflation and continue to live in the gorgeous circumstances to which she is accustomed.



Bearing in mind little perks like the Royal Yacht, the Royal Family costs us an estimated £5½ million a year.

But the real extent of Her Majesty's income and her private wealth is a closely guarded secret. Suffice it to say that she pays no income tax.

She doesn't have to publish a will. So there's no question of having to avoid death duties like all her friends. She just doesn't pay them.

She pays no capital gains tax on investments even though she has



more than Eagle Star insurance, and Henry Ford put together.

She's the single largest shareholder in Rio Tinto Zinc. She has countless other holdings. And her personal fortune is probably one of the biggest in the world, of the order of £500 million.

Now you can do a lot of things with £500 million. You could build 40 new hospitals. You could build 100 new schools, you could give every pensioner in the land free electricity for a couple of winters.

And you could do a good deal

more besides. For while sweeping away the kings and queens may no longer be a central aspect of the struggle for human emancipation, it is certainly a symbolic one.



It is symbolic of the terrible stranglehold the minority with wealth and power have over our lives, and indeed over all the resources of the world.

If we could get rid of the captains and the kings and all the

others with wealth and power who fawn and cluster round them, the most amazing possibilities would open up for human beings.

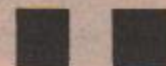
Even the present quantity of wealth would, if it were equitably divided, enable us to ensure that no-one went without so that those with titles and businesses could live in untold splendour.

But more even than this great new possibilities would open up. Society would be free for human beings to shape it according to their needs and not the 'needs' of the privileged few.



In the pages that follow Socialist Worker unfolds some of the true story of the monarchy and of the record and statements of those who, down the years, have fought to overthrow all forms of tyranny and exploitation.

We hope you will enjoy this



Jubilee issue and we hope it will inspire you to continue the struggle for socialism, the hope of mankind.

1952

Death of George VI. Kenyan nationalists launch the Mau Mau movement to drive out the British. Nine European whites are killed, 10,000 blacks are murdered.

1953

Death of Joseph Stalin. Rising of the East Berlin workers against the Stalinist regime.

1954

Arab nationalists launch armed struggle for independence for Algeria.

1956

Nikita Khrushchev makes a secret speech to the Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. He admits some of the massive crimes committed under Stalinism and denounces Stalin.

The workers of Hungary rise against the Stalinist government.

Factory councils seize power and drive out the Russian Army. Under Khrushchev's orders, the Russians return and storm Budapest. Thousands die and more are arrested and shot.

The British and French invade Egypt and seize the Suez Canal in alliance with the Israelis. Hundreds die before they are forced to withdraw. A massive demonstration of protest against the invasion takes place in Trafalgar Square.

Queen stays alive for 25 years triumph: and now for the rest of the news..

1958

First march from Aldermaston to London by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, demanding an end to nuclear weapons.

1960

Sharpeville. South African police open fire on a peaceful demonstration of black workers. 69 men and children are murdered. General strike in Belgium.

1961

Civil war in the Congo

1962

Cuba missile crisis takes the world to the verge of a nuclear catastrophe.

1963

First Labour Government elected after the Tories 13 wasted years. Harold Wilson becomes Prime Minister and, armed with suitable rhetoric about the white heat of technological revolution, gets ready to waste a lot more.

1965

The white colonialists in Rhodesia declare independence so as to maintain a white racist government. The

Americans start bombing North Vietnam.

1966

National seaman's strike. Harold Wilson denounces 'a tightly knit group of politically motivated men for organising a strike. South African Prime Minister Verwoerd assassinated General rejoicing.

1967

The Greek government is overthrown by Army Colonels and the American CIA to keep out the left wing opposition.

1968

The National Liberation Front, the movement against the Americans in Vietnam launches the marvellous Tet offensive. Thousands of American troops are besieged. The NLF occupied the American Embassy in Saigon, an inspiration to people throughout the world.

In America, massive anti-war movement culminates in demonstrations and riots at the Chicago Democratic Convention.

In Paris, students and workers seize control of the streets of Paris and

organise a general strike. General de Gaulle flies secretly to meet Army Generals to organise a military attack. He is saved the trouble by the French Communist Party which helps end the strike.

The Russians invade Czechoslovakia

Enoch Powell makes his first racist speech threatening 'rivers of blood' in race war.

The first major demonstration in Northern Ireland by Roman Catholics demanding civil rights.

1969

The Labour Government attempts to introduce In Place of Strife. Rank and file trade unionists force them to withdraw. The Ulster police and the paramilitary 'B' specials storm the Bogside and murder eight people.

1970

Tory government is elected on a promise to 'cut prices at a stroke'. The Americans invade Cambodia and launch a massive bombing campaign.

1971

The Tories introduce Industrial Relations Bill.

most vicious Immigration Act is passed with the famous 'patrial' clause that stated you could come here only if one grandparent was white.

1972

The miners smash through the pay policy with the support of hundreds of thousands of other rank and file workers.

British paratroops shoot dead 13 peaceful demonstrators in Derry on Bloody Sunday.

Five dockers imprisoned at Pentonville for defying the Industrial Relations Act are freed after millions of workers strike in their defence.

1973

24 building workers are tried in Shrewsbury for organising a flying picket in the previous year's building workers strike.

In Chile left wing, popular unity Government is overthrown by right wing generals and the American CIA.

1974

Second miners' strike. Tories introduce a three-day week and lose the general election. Harold Wilson becomes Prime Minister again and together with Jack Jones of the TGWU announces the Social Contract.

Portuguese stagger to defeat in Mozambique. At home in Lisbon, a military coup overthrows fascist Caetano

1975

Victory in Vietnam

1976

Soweto uprising.

by JEAN GRAY

ONE OF my earliest memories of the monarchy was being told the story of a young sailor who was on a ship docked in the Far East when King George V died.

That same morning the young Glaswegian lad received a telegram saying that his mother was dying.

He asked his commanding officer for compassionate leave and was told: 'You can't go until after the memorial service for the king.'

The tearful 19-year-old looked the officer in the eye and said: 'Stuff the King, I'm going home to my mum.'

He faced the consequences later. They locked him up for a few weeks.

Ever since I heard that, the Queen has held not so much a place in my heart as a place in my gut.

At school you're asked to accept that the Queen has a divine right to be loved by every one of her subjects. This woman who you will probably never see, except in the newspapers and on television, this paragon of virtue and dignity is automatically meant to be more dear to you than your own family.

I can remember much tittering when it occurred to one of my junior school friends that the Queen must actually go to the toilet. Like the 'Virgin Mary' it had never entered our heads that 'Our Gracious Queen' had to pull her knickers down.

It obviously affects the press in the same way. Page after page is filled with grovelling drivel to prove that the Queen is like everybody else. She was described in the Daily Express recently as 'the world's most famous working wife and mother.'

Why is there this mad and nauseating campaign to turn these royal dummies into human beings?

Is it because otherwise we might all see through the con and discover that the role of the monarchy has little to do with the individuals involved?

That whether the Queen loves dogs or kicks cats is largely irrelevant?

There are some very silly arguments around about why we need the Monarchy, accepted by all too many people.

'She works very hard, opening buildings.'

'The Queen brings in tourists.'

What matters about a building is who built it, and London's most profitable 'sight' has got to be the tower of London, where many a wayward royal has net a sticky end.

But more to the point. Most of the money that comes in doesn't go to the likes of you and me. It lines the pockets of shareholders in the major hotel companies, airlines and tour operators, of which a tiny proportion is paid in tax.

No; the Queen is not with us because, like the Trafalgar Square pigeons, she brings in the tourists. She is here because of what the monarch—who currently happens to be one E. Windsor—represents.

All over the world, every day, things are being done 'in the name of our Sovereign Lady The Queen' which E Windsor knows and cares little about.

The monarchy, 'Queen and Country', represents 'authority', 'discipline', subservience and respect for the so-called 'foundations' of our society.

To put two fingers up to the Queen, to say Stuff the Jubilee, is to underline your defiance of the profit-hungry scavengers who keep her there.

The place our royals hold in my heart

by EAMONN McCANN

I ONCE almost saw her Majesty the Queen.

It happened in 1954 when she came to Derry on her special post-coronation tour of the realm. She didn't actually come to the Bogside, but passed near enough for us to hear the cheering of the loyal crowds.

And being young and innocent I had half a notion to go down and get a glimpse.

I'd like to be able to say that it was budding political principle which kept me in Rossville Street all afternoon. But I cannot. It was fear of what my father might do if he heard I had been down there, swelling the crowd.

It emerged afterwards that the Unionist Corporation had had a special red-carpeted lavatory installed in the Guildhall for the occasion, at a cost of some thousands of pounds—presumably in case she was caught short in the middle of making somebody a Sir.

We never did find out if she had actually used the facility, which did nothing at all to prevent ribald speculation running riot in the area for months afterwards.

Her Majesty and her husband are planning a return Jubilee visit later this month and this time I do believe attitudes will be different.

It is confidently expected that many residents of Rossville Street, particularly the younger set, will make a determined effort to get into the city centre, indeed to get as close to her as possible.

Some have expressed the hope that she will bring the entire brood with her, make a real family outing of it so that we might get a chance to toast them all together.

Looking at TV pictures of royal welcomes over the past few weeks, some of my chauvinistic neighbours have been heard to mutter that the British are a strange tribe surely: crazy, irrational, superstitious, living in the past.

Having freed themselves many generations ago from the idea of hereditary overlords, many Irish are hard put to understand why thousands of seemingly sensible British people go gaga at the sight of this woman.

Of course socialists here understand that not all the British are like that, that there are many as rational as ourselves and concerned with the real problems facing the mass of the people, who realise that the British royal family is an inbred of unproductive boors in whose name through the years unspeakable savagery has been done to countless people in conquered colonies—of which Ireland was one and the North of Ireland still is.

And who realise that the royal family today is merely the gawdy personification of those who hold that the entire population of Britain could be arranged in proper serial order, each class in its allocated place, in a straight line stretching from Wapping to Windsor.

And that anyone who thinks different is just a Jubilee mug.



STUFFED!
For those who just couldn't live without something to grovel to in a Red Republic we'll be keeping on Madame Tussauds fifth-rate waxwork of the Fab Four



Meet one of Britain's biggest landlords—£250,000 a year from the Duchy of Cornwall alone.

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Roll on the Red Republic

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Living standards DOWN 4 per cent
Queen's pay UP £225,000

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The great only appear great because we are on our knees. Let us rise

—CAMILLE DESMOULINS, French revolutionary

OVER 400 years ago, a great civil war was fought in England.

The class struggles of that time led to the execution of Charles I, the abolition of the House of Lords and the declaration of a republic.

The civil war cleared the way for the development of capitalism in Britain. As the men of property laid their claims, the Digger and Leveller movements grew up, the forerunners of the working class movement.

The diggers and Levellers were social republicans, opposed to all forms of exploitation. They were for cutting the heads off all tyrants and ending all tyranny.

Watchword

One of the greatest of their propagandists was Gerrard Winstanley. In his pamphlet *A Short Discourse to the City of London and the Army*, this is what he had to say about monarchs and monarchy:

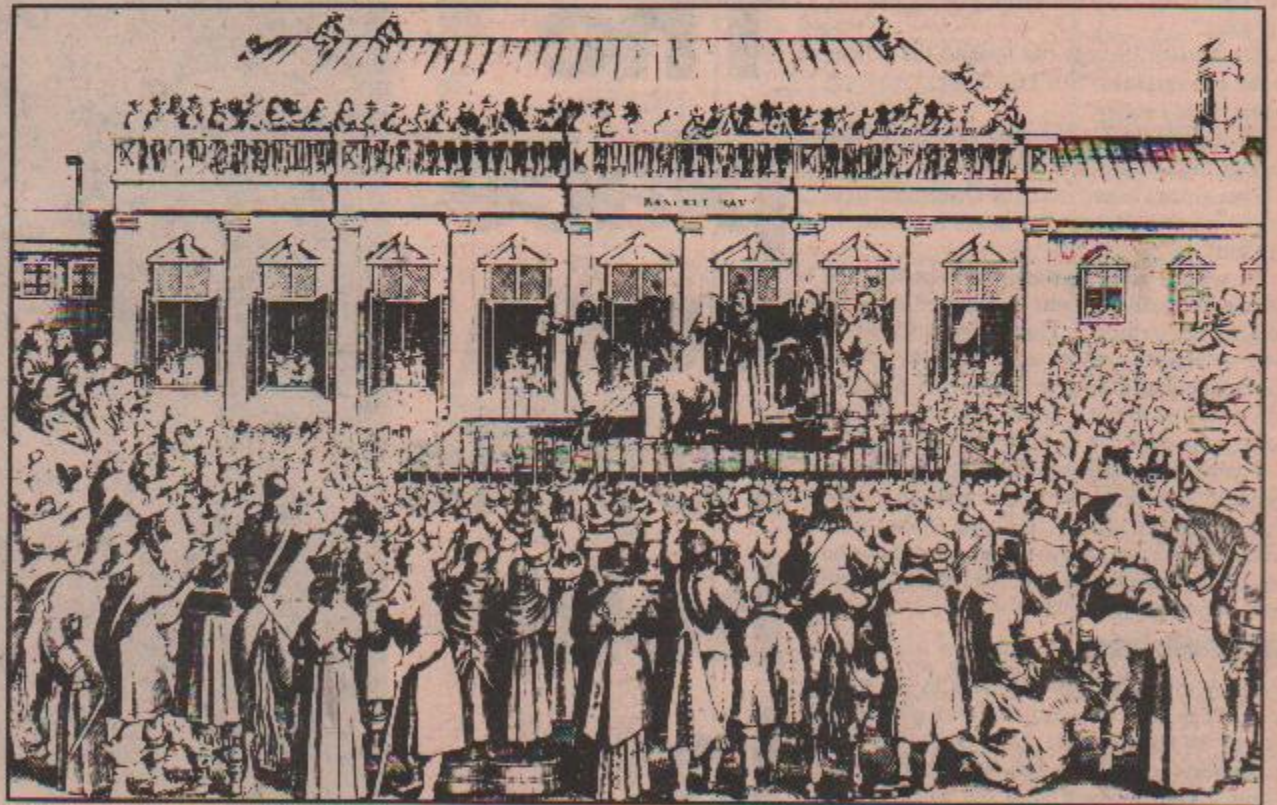
Do not our reverend Ministers tell us that *William the Conquerour*, the succeeding Kings were Gods appointed?

And do they not say that our liberties which were got by the conquering sword, and given by *William the Conquerour* to our fathers, and so successively, from father to son, the land is our inheritance, and that God gave it us, and shall these men sell us, and beggarly rogues take our rights from us, and have the inheritance of the land equall with us?

Thus do these *Norman* Gentlemen comfort their hearts and support



The only time a Monarch gave us something to celebrate: the execution of Charles I . . .



themselves with broken reeds, when they meet together in their Counsels.

But stay you *Norman* Gentlemen, let me put in a word amongst you, doth the murderers sword make any man to be Gods anointed?

Surely, *Jesus Christ* was called Gods anointed not because he conquered with a Sword of iron but because he conquered by love, and the spirit of patience: therefore your Generall was not Gods anointed, as *Christ* was.

And then the Earth was not made to be the successive inheritance of children of murderers, that had the strongest arm of flesh, and the best sword, that can tread others under foot with a bold brassen forehead under colour of the Law of justice as the *Norman* power does.

But it was made for all by the Law of righteousness, and he gives the whole Earth to be the inheritance of every single branch of mankind, without

respect of persons, and he that is filled with the love of this righteous King, doing as he would be done by is a true anointed one.

Murderer

Therefore, that god whom you serve, and which did intitle you Lords, Knights Gentlemen, and Lanlords, is covetousnesse, the god of this world, which always was a murderer, a devil

and a father of lies, under whose dark governing power, both you and all the nations of the world for the the present are under.

But the King of righteousness or God of love whom I serve, did not call the earth you inheritance, shutting out others, but gave the earth to be a common treasure to whole mankind (who is the Lord of it) without respect of person.

... a Privy Council went fantastically wrong when Sir Edward Bridges was ... with four (Labour) politician ... Councillors. He waved them ... and they crawled across the ... on their hands and knees. In the ... they knocked a book off the ... and it had to be rescued by the ... who looked blackly furious.

Thousands of brigands called Royalty

... PAINÉ was born in Thetford, Norfolk. This pioneer republican and radical was a participant in the American Revolution and devoted supporter of the French revolution.

... returned to the absurdities of monarchy many times in his writings. The extract which follows is from his pamphlet *An address to the People of France* published in 1792, the first year of the French Republic.

... that year his printer had summonsed for publishing part of Paine's historic book, *The Rights of Man*, which had been suppressed by Royal Proclamation.

Libel

... was also summonsed, for writing and publishing and causing to be written and published a certain scandalous malicious and libellous ... which attacked the monarchy and the lack of democracy ... Faced with this persecution Paine simply hit back in a new pamphlet, *Letter to the Addressors*:

Riches among the rulers, poverty among the ruled

IN 1842 CHARTISM, the great revolutionary democratic movement of the British working class, presented its second monster petition to the Houses of Parliament.

That petition, while not explicitly republican, contained a tough and uncompromising attack on the great wealth that the Royal parasites soaked up:

In England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales thousands of people are dying from actual want; and your petitioners, while sensible that poverty is the great exciting cause of crime, view with mingled astonishment and alarm the ill provision made for the poor, the aged, and the infirm. . .

Your petitioners would direct the attention of your Honourable House to the great disparity existing between the wages of the producing millions and the salaries of those whose comparative usefulness ought to be questioned, where riches and luxury prevail amongst the rulers and poverty and starvation amongst the ruled. . .

Income

Your petitioners, with all due respect and loyalty, would compare the daily income of the Sovereign Majesty with that of thousands of working men of this nation; and whilst your petitioners have learned that Her Majesty receives daily for private use the sum of £164 17s. 10d., they have

also ascertained that many thousands of families of the labourers are only in receipt of 3½d. per head per day. . .

You petitioners have also learned that His Royal Highness Prince Albert receives each day . . . £104 2s., while thousands . . . exist on 3d. per head per day.

Your petitioners have also learned with astonishment that the King of Hanover daily receives £57 10s. whilst thousands of taxpayers of this empire live upon 2½d. per head per day. . .

Your petitioners have with pain and regret also learned that the Archbishop of Canterbury is daily in receipt of £52 10s. per day, whilst thousands of the poor have to maintain their families upon an income not exceeding 2d. per day.



QUEEN VICTORIA

Citizens and Colleagues! When we arrive at some great and long desired good, our first impulse is to rejoice; our second is to reflect reviewing all the circumstances of our new happiness we compare it in detail with our ancient condition; and each of these thoughts becomes a new enjoyment for us.

It is this enlightened and reflected satisfaction that I share with you today.

Beholding Royalty abolished and the Republic establish itself, all France has resounded with a unanimous acclaim. However there are yet those amongst us who do not well understand either the state they have quitted or that upon which they are entering . . .

Citizens, why is Royalty an absurd and detestable government? Why and wherefore is a republic a government conformable to reason . . . ?

I begin first with Royalty or Monarchy. Though men have often wished to distinguish between these names, common usage has given them the same sense.

Seize

Certain bands of brigands assemble to overrun a country; to lay it under contribution to seize the lands and enslave the inhabitants. The expedition at an end, the chief of the robbers assumes the title of king or monarch. Such is the origin of Royalty among all nations . . .

A second brigand comes who ravishes by force that which was gained by violence. He disposes the first, takes him captive, kills him, and at last reigns in his place.

Soon time effaces the memory of this original. His successors govern under a new form; they do some little good, for expedience sake; they corrupt everything about them; they invent, or cause others to invent, false genealogies; they have recourse to everything to render their family sacred; the knavery of priests comes to their aid; they take religion for a bodyguard and thys Tyranny puts on immortality; and the usurpation of power becomes a hereditary right.

The effects of Royalty have been everywhere conformable to its origin;

war without, extortion within. What scenes of horror, what refinements of iniquity, the annals of monarchies present!

Hypocrisy

If we would paint human nature with such baseness of heart, and such hypocrisy, that men should perforce recoil from it with affright, and that humanity should disown it, it is, in my opinion, the portraiture of kings, of their ministers, of their courtiers, that we must trace.

And how, Citizens! should it be otherwise? What else should such a monstrosity produce, but misfortunes and crimes?

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Laird Portch striker Liz Tierney (right) at Yardleys in Basildon, Essex, during the strikers' tour.

**Grunwicks
manager
tells
police
Arrest
this
striker**

HELP THESE WOMEN WIN!

ONE of the firms to join in the orgy of red, white and blue heraldry this week is the clothes firm Jaeger.

They dress top people in top people's clothing and spend a fortune telling top people all about it in the never-ending string of fashion magazines. But they also spit in the eye of the

women workers who make the clothes for them.

While Jaeger celebrate a right royal 25 years of profit-making, 400 of their women workers in Scotland are in their fifth week of a strike to get equal pay and a living wage.

'The skirts I saw in the Jaeger shop in London, that we make, were priced at £43! Coats started at £115! Of course I can afford to go to shops like that every day!'

These words of sarcasm and bitterness were spoken by a woman striker from the Laird Portch factory in East Kilbride. She helps make the skirts that sell in Jaeger's shops, though she could never afford to wear one.

Before the strike started she was paid less than £30 a week.

Asked

A 17-year old striker told Socialist Worker: 'The first thing they asked me when I went for the interview for this job was did I know the difference between quality and quantity? There are notices all over the walls saying "We want quality not quantity".

'The truth is they want both, and don't want to pay for either.

'It's eyes down, work away, all day. I earn £21.72 basic, plus the £6. If I work really hard, and don't get any slow jobs like children's kilts, I can get my full bonus, but not very often.'

At Laird Portch the issue is simple: women on skilled jobs are demanding equal pay with men on the lowest men's

rate. They want an increase of £10.

There is no strike pay as the union has not made the strike official. After five weeks the women are finding it hard going.

That is why they have been out seeking support from other workers all over the country.

They went to the Trico factory in West London. The stewards there raised £40 for the Laird Portch strikers, took collection sheets and stickers.

The Laird Portch women have visited every factory where women have been out on strike recently—Yardleys, Magnavox, Orlaks.

In Scotland the Ladybird factory in Glasgow has agreed to black Jaeger kilts and skirts. The Collins factory in Springburn has also agreed to black work.

The two Kilmarnock factories in the Jaeger group are still on strike. £100 was raised for the women during pickets of the Jaeger shops in East Kilbride and Glasgow.

These examples of solidarity need to be taken up now by workers, particularly women workers, throughout the trade union movement.

Last year the women at Trico had to stay out on strike for five months to extract equal pay from the multinational company that employed them. It is the duty of all of us to ensure that the Laird Portch striker win more quickly than that.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

□ Visit all Coats-Paton subsidiary companies to get financial support and to black Laird Portch goods and work (see list below).

□ Members of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers should send resolutions to their union executive demanding that the strike be made official and spread to every clothing factory that doesn't have equal pay.

Wherever you work you can send a resolution to the NUTGW demanding that this and all equal pay strikes are immediately made official. Their address is 60 Wardour Street, London W1.

□ Pass round collection sheets and raise donations where you work.

□ Organise pickets of Jaeger shops, depots and offices, and any shop that stocks Country Casuals clothes and Allender kilts, to show the employers what widespread support the women have.

□ Organise visits for the strikers round local factories, particularly where women have been on strike for equal pay, schools and hospitals.

□ For Women's Voice stickers and collection sheets, or help with arranging visits phone the SWP

women's department, 01-739 6273.

□ The Coats-Paton Empire. Are any of these factories in your area?

J & P Coats, Fleming Reid (Greenock), Patons and Baldwins, Pasolds, West Riding Worsted and Woollen Mills, Thomas Burnley and Sons, John Heathcoat and Co, Herbert L. Driver, D. Byford, Jaeger Holdings, Donaldson Textiles, Chilgruffs, Jeremiah Amber (Peterlee), Laird-Portch Fashions, West Riding Fabrics, Dalkeith Knitwear, The Nottingham Leather Company, Dynacast International, Needle Industries Group, Amber of Ballyclare (Northern Ireland).

If none of these are near you, the chances are Jaeger will own a shop or two within striking distance.

□ Donations and messages of support to the strikers c/o Ellen Nicklin, 153 Leeward Circle, East Kilbride, Glasgow.

Socialist Worker/Women's Voice Rally

THE FIGHT FOR EQUAL PAY

Speakers: Ellen Nicklin (Laird-Portch convener), John Deason (secretary, Right to Work Campaign), Margaret Renn (editor, Women's Voice). Thursday 16 June, 7.30pm-9.30pm, City Halls (Lesser Hall), Albion Street, Glasgow.



Mrs Desai (left) on the Grunwicks picket line on Tuesday, and the man she is accused of assaulting, manager Malcolm Alden (right). Alden stands on the other side of the gate, which separated them and was chained at the time of the alleged assault. PICTURE: Andrew Wiard (Report)

MRS DESAI, treasurer of the Grunwicks Strike Committee, was arrested for allegedly assaulting one of the firm's managers on Tuesday.

She told Socialist Worker: 'The manager drove up in his car and hit a picket, one of a delegation from Ipswich in the knee.

'He then jumped out of his car and called me an

old crow, an old witch and the ugliest woman he'd ever seen.

'The policeman on the picket line had his back to us. All of a sudden the manager asked the policeman to arrest me for slapping him in the face.' The policeman obliged!

The strike is now in its 43rd week. The strikers, nearly all Asians, are demanding union recogni-

tion. They have been constantly harassed by management and police.

'We are so fed up with these policemen. They just go on behaving as though they worked for the company,' said Mrs Desai.

'No. This has not demoralised me in the slightest. We are determined to win.

'But we must have support from the rest of

the movement. Our mass pickets, beginning Monday 13 June, must be as big as possible to stop those scabs going in once and for all.'

MASS PICKET OF GRUNWICKS

Monday 13 June, 7.15am, assemble next to Dollis Hill Underground station, North West London.

Secrets charges: MI5 ups the stakes

BRITAIN'S security services are stepping up their war against opposition and exposure now that they have succeeded in driving journalist and ex-CIA agent Phillip Agee out of Britain.

Last week they announced at Tottenham Magistrates Court that they were stepping up the charges against former soldier John Berry and journalists Duncan Campbell and Crispin Aubrey.

Charges against Campbell and Berry have now been varied to include Section One of the Official Secrets Act, the section which concerns that favourite of all great spy trials 'information useful to a foreign power'.

Charged

Aubrey is now charged under section Seven of the Act with aiding and abetting the other two.

The security services have upped the stakes considerably. All three now face maximum sentences of 14 years.

Clearly the security services are out to put the fear of God into anyone who might leak or print information about the nefarious activities of MI5 and MI6, on which the American CIA and its predecessor the OSS were directly modelled.

The only way these three men will be successfully defended is if a mother and father of a defence campaign is launched which, instead of concentrating all its energies on snuggling up to seemingly important people, raises a real storm of mass protest.



Journalists Crispin Aubrey (left) and Duncan Campbell picketing the M16 headquarters in March in protest at the expulsion of Philip Agee from Britain.

NATIONALISTS BAYING FOR LABOUR'S BLOOD

THE Scottish National Party held its annual conference in Dundee last week. A new confident SNP, flushed with their success in the recent local council elections, they're out for Labour's blood.

No wonder. After the collapse of Labour's devolution proposals, the SNP are moving in for the kill on the political geriatric that the Labour Party has become in Scotland.

So it seems likely that when the general election does come the SNP will take a majority of Scottish seats, with Labour losing their stronghold and their overall majority in the Westminster parliament.

The SNP's policy now is to argue for complete independence without the stepping stone of devolution. Although a majority of Scots are opposed to such a step, according to the opinion polls, more and more Scottish workers are supporting this position.

As Margo MacDonald, senior chairperson for the party, points out: 'For some Scots independence holds the terror of the unknown. But for hundreds of thousands of young Scots dependence and Unionism holds far more horrifying terrors of no jobs, no opportunities and a steadily declining society.'

Cut backs

The Labour Party has paved the way for the growth of nationalists with their anti-working class Social Contract, repeated cut-backs in public services, rampant inflation, growing unemployment and the certain knowledge that Labour will never transform society.

Dundee, the setting for the SNP's conference, is a monument to this. It has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, some of the lowest wage rates, and poverty and deprivation aplenty.

Even as the SNP conference was in progress, the Dundee-based multinational NCR announced a further 300 redundancies in its plants there. This firm once employed about 7000 workers in Dundee. Now they are down to about 1000.

Boundaries

It would be nice if just redrawing boundaries and moving half of the Westminster debating chamber north of the border were to change all this. But it simply cannot.

The multinational corporations, not parliaments, exercise decisive power in society. And the middle-class leaders of the SNP have no notion whatsoever of getting to grips with them.

The multinationals can only be fought by working-class unity and power at the point of production. A real socialist solution involves workers themselves fighting to change society—rather than just being electoral fodder to place a few more Scottish bureaucrats on the gravy train to a tartan parliament.

The only solution is one that instead of tinkering banishes poverty, unemployment and despair by using the genius of all workers to plan and build a better socialist future.

Murder by apartheid

LIONEL MORRISON, black South African writer and National Union of Journalists executive member wrote about his homeland in the Sunday Mirror last weekend.

He described how, when he revisited South Africa this year, so many things had changed for the better. Clearly, he felt, all the conferences and diplomatic initiatives were having a wonderful progressive effect.

It would be interesting to know if Lionel Morrison would have written the same article after the news on Tuesday that South African premier Vorster and his friends had ordered and carried through the execution of a wounded man.

Determined

He was Filemon Nangolo, who the frame-up merchants of the South African regime insisted was a 'terrorist'. For terrorist, read rebel and freedom fighter.

Nangolo was captured following a battle with the police. He was badly shot up and paralysed below the waist.

And it was in this crippled condition that he was led away yesterday morning to be executed.

Filemon Nangolo's death will be avenged.

Other so-called terrorists will carry on the fight for human beings to live in freedom and dignity, unscathed either by apartheid or that other machine for the degradation of man, capitalism.

NUJ

DARLINGTON: An official strike by 105 journalists in defence of their post-entry closed shop is due to start on Friday.

Members of the National Union of Journalists on the Northern Echo, the Evening Dispatch, the Darlington and Stockton Times and the Durham Advertiser series are prepared for the same long struggle against the press barons as that won by the journalists at Kettering.

Dockers' back anti-fascists

DOCKERS' shop stewards from all over the country have given strong backing to London docker Michael Fenn, who is soon to face trial following a fight with National Front fascists.

The National Ports Shop Stewards Committee decided at their meeting in Birmingham last Saturday that they would send a telegram of support to Michael before his trial at the Old Bailey on 13 June. He is charged jointly

with Newham Rights Centre lawyer Roger Burridge.

In discussion, strong condemnations of the National Front were repeatedly made.

The dockers' leaders also stressed that the police were pressing the case with more than their usual enthusiasm. They knew that Michael Fenn was one of the rank and file leaders who brought the struggle against the Tories and the National Industrial Relations Court to such a

successful conclusion in the summer of 1972.

Now, following the fight with two NF members, they were charging only the two socialists on the most serious offences they could dredge up, not the fascists.

Messages of support and donations to the Roger Burridge and Michael Fenn Defence Fund should be sent to 17 Herbert Street, Plaistow, London E13.

ANOTHER LABOUR PARTY FALLING APART

by EAMONN McCANN
AS THE Irish general election campaign gets under way, the Labour Party has started falling apart at the seams.

Polling day is 16 June. It is likely that by then a number of prominent Labour men will have broken away.

This is the result of Labour's four years in coalition with the right wing Fine Gael, party of Liam Cosgrave. During that time inflation has gone through the roof, unemployment has mounted steadily, wages have been held back

and a series of repressive laws has made the South one of the least democratic states in Europe.

At the moment Labour has 20 seats, Fine Gael 53 and the opposition Fianna Fail 66. The likelihood is that Fine Gael/Labour coalition will win again, not because of any significant swing, but because since the last election they have carried out a cynical gerrymander of constituency boundaries which gives them a head start over Fianna Fail.

Moreover on economic issues Fianna Fail is as deeply conservative as Fine Gael and

presents no real alternative.

Labour's betrayal has been breathtaking. Its Fine Gael partner grew out of the fascist Blueshirt movement in the 1930s. Cosgrave himself is a Roman Catholic bigot and admirer of Franco. One Fine Gael minister, Oliver Flanagan, made his first political impact in 1944 by urging parliament to congratulate 'Mr Hitler' on his handling of the 'Jew' problem.

It is with men like this that self-styled socialists like Connor Cruise O'Brien now stand shoulder to shoulder.

Cosgrave has made it clear

there will be no deviation from the government's right-wing course. He attacked state involvement in industry, pledged there would be no family planning or divorce laws introduced, sneered at liberal civil rights campaigners as 'thicks' and 'blow-ins' and contemptuously dismissed pleas for an investigation into police torture and prison brutality.

Labour bosses have refused to ratify anti-coalition candidates selected by party branches and imposed in their place outsiders who would parrot the party line.

It is this which has led to prominent anti-coalitionists breaking away. They will have the support of hundreds of rank and file activists.

There is no real socialist alternative in the field. But after the election, as the crisis continued to bite and the disillusionment of militant workers becomes even more bitter, there will be a real chance of building a rank and file campaigning organisation.

In this the activity of the Socialist Workers Movement, the SWP's fraternal organisation in Ireland, could be crucial.



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JUBILEE? WHAT HAVE THESE TEENAGERS GOT TO CELEBRATE?

THE JUBILEE 'celebrations' have a hollow ring to vast numbers of 16-year-olds.

The holidays mean the end of schooling for a quarter of a million of them. And there are no jobs for them to go to.

The Department of Employment predicts that in the third year of the wage controls that were supposed to stop unemployment, 800,000 under-18s will be on the dole at some time. That is every other person of that age in Britain.

Tens of thousands of teenagers who wasted last summer on the dole will be back again this year, as their time in the government's so-called jobs creation scheme runs out.

Tens of thousands of others are unemployed but have given up queuing for jobs that do not exist.

The *businessman's weekly*, the *Economist* points out that because they do not register unemployed, the figures for female unemployment look 'suspiciously low'.

And factories are still being closed down across the country. In Leeds and Warrington, Burtons workers face the sack, in Liverpool, Kirkby and Middlesborough, Plesseys workers.

1 in 2 will be jobless this year

WHAT WE THINK



How to fight back against the insanity that throws school-leavers like these straight on the dole: one of 100,000 leaflets organising for a Right to Work March on the...



Meanwhile, the government and trade union leaders are preparing plans for a new wave of productivity deals—deals that will destroy jobs and cut the number of young people industry will take on.

According to the *Economist*, even the under-recorded level

of unemployment given in the official figures will reach one and a half million next month.

According to the Minister of Unemployment, Albert Booth, the figure by the end of the year

could be two million.

These figures should be on the conscience of every trade unionist.

They are the victims of the social contract just as much as the worker who has seen the buying power of his or her wage packet fall by a fifth.

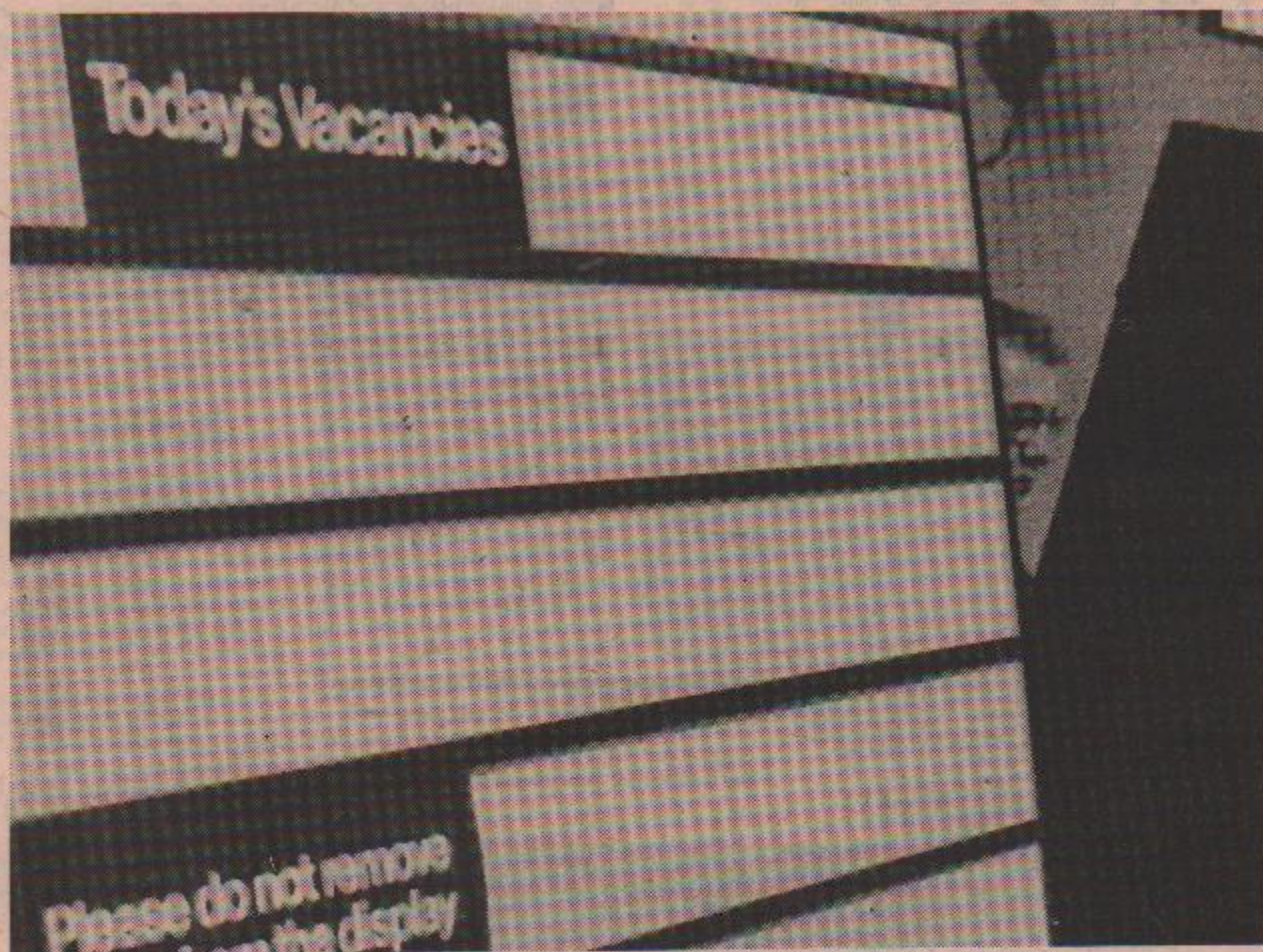
TAKE THEM OVER—BUT DON'T LINE THEIR POCKETS

'COMPENSATION for nationalisation of Hawker Siddeley Group's UK aerospace subsidiaries is expected to exceed book amount and to provide the opportunity for further development of the remaining larger part of the company's businesses...

'Pre-tax profits of the group excluding aerospace increased from £47.5 million to £73 million in 1976'.

—Sir Arnold Hall, chairman of Hawker Siddeley in the company's annual report.

No wonder growing numbers of workers are demanding nationalisation without compensation.



'CAPITALISM IN A MESS'—OFFICIAL

'WE HAVE messed up capitalism'.

These immortal words came on Monday from one of the men the government has been relying on to solve capitalism's problems, Sir Bryan Hopkin, retiring head of the government's

Economic Service. Hopkin was the man who, more than any other, persuaded the government to adopt wage controls two years ago, according to *The Times*.

It's interesting then to see what he thinks the future holds after two

years of falling living standards. 'North Sea oil,' he said, 'will not solve Britain's problems and restore full employment'.

For, this supporter of capitalism admits, the system today is unable to give full employment

without also giving massive inflation.

'The problem of inflation,' he says, 'was the natural result of planning for full employment'.

Of course, what he does not admit is that his proves that the present system has to be abolished.

How to fight back

THE RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN is launching a massive effort to reach the unemployed school-leavers. The aim is to organise the action against unemployment in their towns and for a massive protest march at the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool, September.

The next two weeks is the time to appeal to school-leavers, before the deadly frustration and boredom of the dole sets in, before the fascists and racialsists start spreading their lies about the causes of unemployment.

Every secondary school, Youth Employment Office, Social Security Office, Youth Club, Park, Centre, Jobs Centre as well as the dole offices will be leafleted in the next week.

Thousands of school-leavers will be taking CSE English exam in the next ten days. This will be the last time many of them go to school.

Join this massive effort to carry on the fight against unemployment and the Social Contract and for the Right to Work.

Leaflets, posters, speakers, addresses of local Work Committees, from the National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Rd., London N4.

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MARXISM 77

AMIN

A tyrant, thanks to our rulers



HYPOCRITES ON PARADE

ONE THING that will not be talked about at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference is the racism that rots the guts of the 'Mother Country'.

As the Prime Ministers guzzle themselves and toast the Queen, they will conveniently forget for example, how the British government is busily destroying families of Commonwealth immigrants by erecting even bigger barriers for dependants trying to come here. We must not let them forget.

Support this demonstration:
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 • Racist Murders
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 • Racist job discrimination
Come to the picket on Wednesday 8 June, 4.30pm, Houghton Street, London, (near LSE).

'WILL HE come or won't he?'

This is the question now baffling the great minds of those who control our daily newspapers.

They are talking about Idi Amin, the Ugandan dictator.

The press love Amin. They can indulge their racism respectably—comfortable in the knowledge that they can get away with any amount of abuse.

Racialist

Over the months, both The Guardian and the Daily Express have characterised Amin as an ape. This is the ultimate in racist fantasy that lies in the back of the mind of many a 'true Englishman'.

However, it's usually only the National Front and their pals who will give public vent to this straightforward Nazi caricature.



But Amin draws it from the shadows of the mind of those who claim to represent public opinion. Of course Amin's activities are disgusting. The newly-formed Ugandan Freedom Committee estimate that between 100,000 and 300,000

Ugandans have been butchered since he came to power. The Ugandan economy is in ruins with agricultural production below 1948 levels. Two-thirds of public expenditure is on armaments. The man is a notorious sadist, a Hitler lover—a man



who willingly snuffs out human life as though he was clicking his fingers. But what the press never tell us is that is our rulers who created Amin. Nothing is more nauseating than the sight of Young Conservatives—doubtless encouraged by their mummies

and daddies—demonstrating against Amin. For it was the Heath government that welcomed Amin's overthrow of the previous Ugandan president Obote and, in all probability, assisted it. Obote was trying to persuade Commonwealth Heads

of State to impose a full arms embargo on South Africa. The last thing Heath wanted was this gross interference with such lucrative trade. Instead he gave a nod and a wink to the tried and trusted General Amin, a man who had been trained by the British Army in the fight against the freedom fighters in Kenya in the 1950s.

AMID all the prattling about human rights at the Commonwealth Conference, one place will not be mentioned—British-run Hong Kong. The colony's corrupt police force has been preventing the most elementary forms of socialist agitation.

Last month, they broke up a 1000-strong rally and arrested six organisers. The rally was demanding things like two weeks' paid holiday a year, an end to child labour and equal pay for women.

Like Lee Kwan Yew, the dictatorial prime minister of Singapore who bans strikes, holds hundreds of leading oppositionists in jail, and incarcerates even Liberal journalists who mention such facts.

Vicious

Like Dr Hastings Banda, friend of South African racist Vorster and a vicious authoritarian who hanged public ministers who disagreed with his policies.

Like the Prime Ministers of Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and numerous other Commonwealth countries where tortures and jailings are all the norm.

None of them will be out of place since they will be greeted by James Callaghan, top man in a British government who was found guilty this year of torturing Irish political prisoners by the Court of Human Rights.

What's going on in Angola?

SEVERAL leading members of the Angolan government were killed last week when fighting broke out between different sections of the army in the capital, Luanda.

The fighting was between supporters of the president, Neto, and of the former minister of the interior, Alves.

The exact nature of the disagreements that provoked the fighting is not clear. Some western papers claim Alves was pro-Russian, others that he was anti-Russian.

But the background to the dispute is known. Angola is ruled by the MPLA—the liberation movement that drove the Portuguese colonists out of the country and then resisted attempts by South African and CIA puppets to replace the Portuguese.

In these struggles the MPLA relied upon the massive hostility to the Portuguese, the South Africans and the CIA of the working people of Luanda and other cities.

'Popular power' committees were set up to channel this fighting spirit.

But the leaders of the MPLA were not aiming to build socialism.

Discontent

They repeatedly made it clear that they were not Marxists, and wanted Angola liberated 'for all social classes.'

What this meant has been shown over the last year. The government has opposed strikes by workers aimed at getting decent living standards.

At the same time, it has enabled members of the local middle class to take over many of the privileged jobs

previously held by Portuguese settlers.

And it has made friendly noises to American and Portuguese companies about renewed investment in the country.

These measures have not been able to stop discontent among the mass of people who made the sacrifices that brought the MPLA to power. The fighting began last week after the arrest of those MPLA leaders who gave some expression to this discontent, although in a confused and perhaps careerist way.

In every revolution, a point has been reached in which the leaders face a choice between going forward to real popular democracy, and falling back into chaos.

Faced with this dilemma, the leaders often fall out among themselves and resort to repression against their own followers.

That seems to be the point which the Angolan revolution has now reached. In their attempts to avoid a choice between socialism and capitalism, the MPLA leaders have ended up murdering one another.

The position is all the more tragic because, on Angola's borders, South Africa and CIA-trained armies stand waiting to put into effect their plan—Operation Cobra—to seize control of chunks of the country once again.

MINERS TORTURED

THE COAL miners of Sangrod in North East Iran went on strike last May, resisted armed police sent to crush them and eventually won.

They blacked their faces to prevent recognition by the secret police. So, exasperated were the police by this that they arrested 70 miners at random and tortured them to find who their 'ringleaders' were. They do not appear to have been successful.

This strike is one of many mentioned in a new book—Workers say no to the Shah: Labour Law and Strikers in

Iran—from the Campaign for the Restoration of Trade Union Rights in Iran (CRTUI).

Bogus

Although it consists mainly of a detailed refutation of the bogus decrees of the Shah 'to protect workers interests' it also makes two important general points.

First that under the police state dictatorship, all strikes are an open and political challenge to the regime.

Second, that although the secret police, SAVAK, are

extensive and extremely brutal, they are not all-powerful.

Although not as general in scope as the earlier CRTUI publication, Workers of Iran, it is essential reading for all stewards and activists who work for companies that operate in Iran—and these days that is most of the major ones.

Workers say no to the Shah: Labour Laws and Strikes in Iran; £1.50 Workers of Iran, 75p, both available from BOOKMARKS, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4

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Speaking tour, with members of the Soweto Students Representative Council and the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign.

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 - DUNFERMLINE: Friday 27 May 7.30pm, Carnegie Baths.
 - SOUTHLANDS COLLEGE: Thursday 2 June, 8pm. Speaker: Tony Bogues.
 - HARLOW: Wednesday 15 June, 8pm, Tye Green Community Association, Bush Fair.
 - LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: Wednesday 15 June, 12.30pm, Students Union.
 - LIVERPOOL SWP: Wednesday 15 June, 8pm, place to be announced.
 - WOLVERHAMPTON: Thursday 16 June, 1pm, Polytechnic, 8pm, Dunstall Community Centre.
 - MAIDSTONE: Tuesday 14 June, 8.00pm, film in Maidstone College of Art. Wednesday 15 June, 12 noon meeting in MCA Students Union.
 - HIGH WYCOMBE: Wednesday 15 June, place to be announced.
 - TOTTENHAM: Thursday 16 June, place and time to be announced.
 - READING: Thursday 2 June, 8pm, Trade Union Club, Minster Street.
 - IPSWICH: Wednesday 8 June, 8pm, Station Hotel.
 - GRAVESEND: Wednesday 8 June, 8pm, Town Arms pub, Queen.
 - ENFIELD: Thursday 16 June, 7pm, Middlesex Poly, Enfield Precinct, Room 525. Note change of date.
 - BRITTON: Monday 13 June, 8pm, Lower Town Hall.
 - CHELMSFORD: Tuesday 14 June, 1pm, Chelmer Institute of Higher Education.
- The Southern Africa Solidarity BADGE has been reprinted at last. ORDER NOW from SWP International Department, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2, 20p (plus 6p postage) each, £2 for ten (post free), £15 for 100. Cash with order only, make cheques payable to SW International Fund.
- SPARK, bulletin of the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign—latest issue out now (17p, includes postage) from SASC, c/o 21 Mayall Road, London SE24.



BLACK IN BRITAIN: One in three black youngsters in London is unemployed—and in one borough the figure is two out of three

Black is T...and blood

FEAR and intimidation, clothed in blue police uniforms, now stalk every area where young West Indians gather to enjoy themselves.

Three weeks ago, at Birmingham's Rebecca Club, police with riot shields, dogs and truncheons charged into a crowd of young blacks.

This is what happened to one young black:

'When I got down there, they were already there with dogs. I saw three dogs. One of the policemen was going round

telling the dog to jump up at people. To me, that dog seemed crazy.

Then one of the policemen started to push people around. I touch the policeman on the back to ask him what he's doing.

'But before I could do that I was jumped on from behind by a policeman. Another two or three came to his aid.



'I was then pushed and held in a corner and the one with the mad dog came over and said 'Let the dog have this one.' I was bitten twice.

The police blocked the road with vans. People could not get

through. Police with batons chased people up and down the road. One man was knocked down by a van and the police got out and began to bash his head against a brick wall.'

Another young black, Michael Henry, told of what happened before he was arrested:

'I was standing by this youth. Then they began to push him. I told the police to stop pushing, they told me to shut up, then they grabbed me and said they were going to take me in.

The crowd began to drag me away from the police and they used dogs to clear the crowd around me. Before I got to the van, about five police began to beat me with their batons.'

That was three weeks ago.

**THEY
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RACISM**

THESE photographs were taken by Colin Jones at the Black House in Islington.

The Black House is a hostel for young blacks in trouble.

During the Notting Hill Carnival trial at the Old Bailey, efforts were made to find a similar home for those defendants who are homeless.

The journalist who worked with Colin Jones describes the Black House:

'It is not a place of great comfort. There are no carpets, and little heating. Often, there are no beds. It is vulnerable to the boys' own tensions; the

windows are often broken in fighting, or in an outburst of destructive rage.

The boys who stay there come from court, or from prison, or after having rows with their parents. Some stay a night or two; others keep coming back.'

Colin Jones writes: 'Most blacks came to this country believing they would be welcomed into Britain. When they met race hatred it shattered them.

'Now the black youth knows he is a second class citizen. The jobs the blacks do confirm this. This is why the boys are so angry.

'They have no clear idea where they belong.'



Licensed to kill - by who?

ANDY MILNER REPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA, THE LATEST COUNTRY TO FIND THE CIA BREAKING COVER

THE LAST few years have been a hard time for the CIA.

What with Philip Agee's *CIA Diary*, Senate investigations and a concerted international campaign of exposing CIA agents, the world is no longer quite the safe place for American spies it used to be.

But now, at long last, the international storm has finally broken here in Australia, in a country that must surely class as one of America's most loyal 'allies'.

It all began when Charles Boyce (the ex-CIA agent charged and convicted of passing secret information to the Russians) started to drop not so subtle hints about the CIA's operations in Australia.

A steady stream of inside information has since trickled into the hands of the American and Australian press.

Now even Labor Party leader Gough Whitlam is demanding a government inquiry into the secret activities of the men from the

Agency. *The information that's come to light certainly makes interesting reading.*

Apparently, the supposedly joint Australian-American top secret base at Pine Gap is, in fact, run by the CIA.

Apparently, too, the CIA has had a long-standing involvement in funding the two major Australian right-wing political parties, the Liberal Party and the Country Party.

Identified

Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Country Party, Doug Anthony, has been identified as an 'associate' (as they say in Perry Mason court-room scenes) of Richard Stallings, the CIA boss at Pine Gap.

Not surprisingly, the Australian trade union movement also became an object of CIA interests. The *Nation Review* identified three consecutive labour attaches at the US consulate in

Melbourne as CIA agents.

CIA surveillance of union activity has been pretty well established. But many observers believe that CIA activities here involve not only surveillance, but infiltration as well.

As Transport Workers Union federal secretary, Ted Harris, observed: 'There is a history of destituted Australian unions, who did not have a shilling to bless themselves with, suddenly obtaining money.'

Even the 'moderate' head of the ACTU (Australia's TUC), Bob Hawke, has found himself obliged to call for the gathering of information on CIA involvement in the unions.

None of this may come as all that much of a surprise to readers of *Socialist Worker* who have followed the long standing story of the trials and tribulations of Philip Agee.

But it has certainly come as something of a shock to the 'great Australian public'.

The public is one thing however. The Labor Party leadership is another.

For the time being, the Labour leadership is attempting to make as much political capital as possible out of the disclosures. And their reasons for this are obvious.

Racist

The Australian Labor Party has always been closely identified with nationalism, and even racialist, politics (the early Labor leader, Arty Calwell, justified the White Australia policy with the immortal words 'Two Wongs don't make a White').

And the nationalist card, even if it is a phoney anti-American nationalism, is always a good one to play.

But there is more to it than that. The dismissal of the last Labor government, in 1975, by the Governor General provided the Labor leadership with a heaven-sent opportunity to establish their 'left-wing' credentials once

again.

Australian Labor in office governed very much like British Labour—that is, in the interests of big business. But the myth of the 'coup' which sacked Whitlam's government helps to explain away that government's treacherous performance.

And the hint that the CIA might have been behind the dismissal really does add colour to the myth. Australia becomes another Chile, and Whitlam another Allende.

It's about as absurd as seeing Michael Foot as another Che Guevara. But Labor is playing it for all it's worth.

Defended

The absurdity comes out when you consider Labor's record in government on the CIA question itself. When Whitlam was Prime Minister, he repeatedly defended the Pine Gap agreement with the US, and as late as 1975, the

year of the dismissal itself, he gave assurances to the Americans that the agreement would be renewed at the end of 1976.

If there is to be a fight against CIA activities here, and in particular against their involvement in the unions, one thing is certain: that fight can only really be carried on by the union rank and file itself, and there is certainly no point in putting any trust at all in Whitlam's phoney nationalism.

Change

For even if every single CIA agent were to be replaced by fair dinkum Aussie spies nothing much would really change.

And behind the spies and the spooks there is the power which they rest upon, the power of the ruling class in America and Australia, in Britain and throughout the capitalist world, a power which no Labour party has any intention of challenging.

James Bond may well have a licence to kill—but someone must have issued him with the licence in the first place.

DOWN THE ROAD
UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO
Sarah Cox and Robert Golden



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Beautiful body angry

The police launched a similar invasion of the Carib Club in North West London two years ago.

The same incidents are repeated time and again. Eighteen blacks aged between 14 and 19 are now on trial at the Old Bailey. They were arrested after the police stormed and wrecked last year's Notting Hill Carnival.

If found guilty—they are accused of theft and conspiracy to commit theft—they face long prison sentences.

These incidents are more and more common. If you are black and young in London or Bir-

mingham, or any large city, the chances are you will be unemployed.

In the London borough of Brent, two out of three young blacks are without work.

With unemployment, goes police harassment, constant searches, arrests and frame-ups.

But black people in this country are slowly realising their power. The youth threw down the gauntlet to the police in Notting Hill last summer.

It was the first time they had fought back. The police, the press, the lawyers and the judge know this only too well.

Indeed, the Old Bailey trial is only the Battle at the Carnival in another form. In this setting,

however, the dice are heavily loaded against the youth.

Black people alone are not going to beat the police, even on the streets. Their numbers are too small.



They have greater power, which is even less realised. It is about today's street kids becoming tomorrow's factory agitators. It is about consciously directing hatred of the police and the white man's Law at the owners of wealth and property.

It is a combination that is truly dynamite. A combination that really could blow sky-high this racist system.

There is no other way...



1 in 3 jobless

□ BETWEEN August 1973 and August 1976 unemployment among West Indian women rose by a staggering 750 per cent—and by 800 per cent among West Indian youth.

□ 2112 PERSONS were arrested last year in the London area alone for 'loitering with intent to commit an offence'. More than half were black.

□ ONE in three black youngsters in the London area is unemployed. In Brent, two out of three are out of work.

□ ONE out every five black skilled workers will be refused a job because the employer is racist. For black non-manual workers it is one in three. For unskilled black workers, it is one in two.

—From a government survey, *the Extent of Racial Discrimination*.

□ IN ONE London school, five black children painted pictures of themselves with white skins and of their mothers with blond hair.

—From a Runnymede Trust report

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DOWN THE ROAD— Unemployment and the Fight for the Right to Work. 132 pages of arguments, facts, poems and photographs. The authors are giving their 'royalties' to the Right to Work Campaign.

the Right to Work Road, London N4.

TIME TO STOP THE UNION CON-MEN

AFTER two years of the Social Contract here is the reality—hundreds of thousands of working people unemployed and more to come, continuous soaring prices and under used industrial capacity.

The con-men have conned. At the last Biennial Delegate Conference of my union, the Transport and General Workers, two years ago we were encouraged to accept one year, I repeat one year, of the Social Contract, and the subsequent £6 per week taxable supplement to income.

We were promised help on our two main worries, unemployment and inflation. That promise wasn't carried out.

Instead we have an attempt to solve the latest crisis of capitalism by the systematic exploitation of the working class. This is being aided and abetted by the TUC General Council, including Jack Jones, David Basnett, Hugh Scanlon, Lord Allen and so on.

Isn't it amazing how over the years so many from the Labour Party and the trade unions have become Sirs and Lords.

Victory

Enough is enough. It is now time for the lay delegates to the 1977 Biennial Delegate Conference of the TGWU to decide to return to unfettered free collective bargaining.

My sincere congratulations to Brother T Riley for his tremendous vote and impact in the recent elections for general secretary of the TGWU.

□ WILLIE BENNETT, Glasgow.

M15 out!

I READ John Walker's article on the advert for M15 which appeared in the Inland Revenue Staff Federation journal with interest, as I thought I'd seen the advert before.

Sure enough, when I looked at the February edition of Opinion, the journal of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, I found roughly the same advert. It appeared again in March.

All members of SCPS and IRSF who read Socialist Worker should be demanding that such adverts do not appear again in a trade union magazine, through motions from their branches to the union executives and in letters of protest to the editor.

□ BRYAN REES (SCPS), Swansea.



Scene from *The Slave Camp*, at the Half Moon Theatre

Just a note to let socialists living in the London area know there is a really good play on at the Half Moon Theatre. Called *The Slave Camp*, it's the story of the compulsory work camps the unemployed were sent to in the 1930s. It's a savage, funny and moving play which no one should miss. □ J. Rennie, London N1 □ The Half Moon's box office phone number is 480-6465.

They call this a welfare state...

WHEN I was 15 I was placed in the hands of the local authority up until the age of 18. My crime was playing truant from school for three months.

I was sent to a remand home in Hull at first for 13 weeks. The screws were all army fanatics, Queen and Country and that sort of thing.

The youngest person in there was a child of nine years old. He was mentally ill and had the mind of a child of four or five years of age.

The lad could not eat all his food, but when he tried to leave it they forced him to eat it. The lad used to have fits so they would beat him until he stopped crying.

Shock

Sometimes they would lock him in the dormitory with the rest of us and let him scream all night while we tried to get some sleep. In the morning they would send in one of their quacks to give him an injection, when all the poor kid needed was a good home and a bit of loving off his parents.

The situation in remand homes and borstals has changed a little now because of the cuts. Because they say there's no money, they are sending young offenders home after six to eight weeks.

I spent 14 months in remand homes and approved schools. I was lucky because in 1973, just before me, some lads were spending up to 2½ years.

That is why I believe socialism must succeed.

□ MICHAEL COOPER, Hull.

Political prisoners held in US 25 years

IN YOUR article exposing Carter's fuss about human rights, we were disappointed no mention was made of the longest held political prisoners in the western hemisphere.

The demand of our campaign in Puerto Rico and internationally is for unconditional amnesty for the five Puerto Rican Nationalist prisoners held in US jails for over 25 years.

Defeat

Also, when writing of the US sterilisation of women in developing countries, you made no mention of the fact that one-third of all Puerto Rican women of fertile age have already been sterilised—the highest incidence of sterilisation of any country in the world!

All of this done in the interest of US big business, whose policy of population control is aimed not only at controlling the number of workers but also destroying the Puerto Rican national liberation struggle.

□ Committee for Puerto Rican Independence, Box BMCPRI, London WC1V 6XX.

Letters

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

Being evicted? No help here said the Social Security

OUTSIDE the local Department of Health and Social Security I noticed a young woman waiting for it to open. She told me her giro hadn't arrived and so she was unable to pay her rent and would be evicted from her lodgings.

When the SS office opened I went in with her as a witness. She wasn't even given an interview. She was told that they wouldn't pay her rent, but that they would post a giro to arrive in three days time.

We went to the Social Services Department and asked for the duty officer. He asked her how old are you—19. Any children—no. So he said, sorry I can't help, cheerio.

After an argument, he agreed to get us an interview

with the Social Security. So we travelled back across town again.

Because she had been evicted from her lodgings by this time and therefore of no fixed address she was offered the generous sum of £1.65.

She had travelled from Dundee to Scarborough and

only had four days to wait before her job started.

Remember the Social Security offices are public property. Don't let them get you out until you get what you want. And remember to take a witness with you before you see them.

□ CHRIS WILKINS, Hull.

POSTAL POINTS

IF YOU want to have an interesting, challenging overtly political discussion with your workmates and friends then throw in this phrase: 'what we need in this country is a (red) republic?'

This is a good time to revive the idea of republicanism, in an English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish context.

□ J. McTAVISH, Southwark.

WHILE selling Socialist Worker in Crewe recently a police motorcyclist called us over. He asked us who we were and we started discussing the right of the police to strike.

He said that unions were too powerful and were running, or was it ruining, the country. After we argued back he admitted this wasn't true and that if he had any grievance with unions it was with the leaders not the rank and file.

He also said that he voted Tory for an astonishing reason. Being opposed to strike action, he thought a Tory government would precipitate industrial conflict and would then be forced to increase police wages in order to use them against other workers.

□ GEOFF COLLIER, Crewe.

SPARE a thought for Stewart Rigby, secretary of the Leeds branch of the National Front. Until recently he was a shop steward for the Leeds Gas branch of the General and Municipal

Workers Union.

He's now had his steward's credentials removed because the branch committee say he permitted an article to be published in a newspaper which suggested that the branch were against communism and in favour of racialism.

Rigby has lodged an appeal against this decision. But Leeds SWP has been outside his workplace issuing leaflets in support of the union decision.

□ JOHN APPELBYARD, Leeds.

WHEN you've finished reading your Socialist Worker, why not leave it on a bus or tube or somewhere where it can be seen by others?

I've done this many times and have noticed how avidly people who possibly would not normally buy the paper start reading it once they pick it up. Many will thus be encouraged to buy a copy in future should they see it on sale.

□ DAVE SCOTT, London W10.

Trico turn to apartheid for help

IT IS just eight months since the Trico women workers won their equal pay claim at their West London wiper blade factory. But what have the Trico bosses done now that this source of cheap labour is denied them?

Here at Vauxhall we have found out. They have used their 'initiative' and 'enter-

THERE'S ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE

LAST September, when I marched on the anti-racist demonstration in Blackburn, one fascist made a particular nuisance of himself by pointing his finger at us and accusing us of never having done a day's work in our lives. I was so annoyed with this specimen that I took his photograph.

The fascist saw me and looked rather uncomfortable.

A couple of months later I was interested to read in Fifth Column that a National Front member had been arrested for trespassing and being in possession of a knife. In his defence, he said that he had carried the knife since being photographed by 'left-wing extremists' on a demonstration. He was fined £25.

Now, I cannot be sure that this was the same man that I photographed but if it was, he could have spared himself the trouble. The rain got into my camera and his picture didn't come out.

There's one born every minute and they join the National Front.

□ GEOFF PARRY, Southport.

prise' to find new workers to exploit.

Now two types of wiper blades are fitted to the Viva and Chevette range here at Ellesmere Port. One is stamped Trico. Made in England. The other EMC Inc Trico. Made in RSA.

The new cheap labour source is the Republic of

Don't mistake the SNP

I'M NEARLY 70, an old age pensioner and a regular reader of the Socialist Worker. I agree with nearly all of your policy and greatly enjoyed the book *Why you should be a socialist*. But I think you underestimate the strength of the Scottish National Party.

You often write from a purely English background and may not be aware of how even convinced socialists here feel.

If Scotland were self-governing, the trend towards socialist objectives would be stronger than in the UK context, and might ultimately influence English workers.

You support genuine national liberation movements. Many Scots feel as distinct nationally as Basques or Catalans in Spain. I feel the SNP is preferable to a sham Labour government.

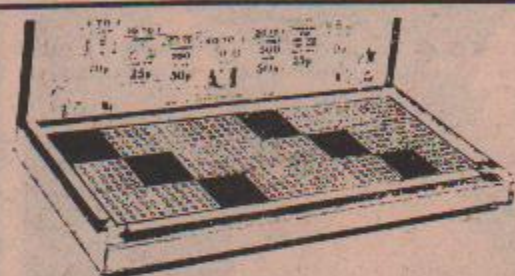
I also think your attitude to Russia is unsatisfactory. I have long been a convinced socialist though never a member of the Communist Party.

I visited Russia in 1935 and am very interested in your basic view that Russia is state capitalist and not truly socialist. I'm inclined to agree with you. But I like to hear all viewpoints and read Soviet Weekly now and again.

I feel that while Russia today isn't socialist yet it has improved greatly since Stalin's day. I think the Communist Party hides many of its defects and overidealises it.

But I also think your paper tends to ignore its good side and exaggerate its oppressive tendencies. I'd like you to include some new articles on daily life for Russian workers.

□ JAMES MAGUIRE, Glasgow.



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'This human hell-hole called the East End'

IN 1902, a wealthy American in London exchanged his soft grey travelling suit for some well-worn rousers, a frayed jacket, and a tough pair of brogues.

He was no longer the well-heeled visitor. For a while he became an out-of-work seafarer, one of the people, and he took his chances along with the rest.

The man was Jack London. Seeking shelter in the dosshouses, his food in coffee shops, and forgetfulness in the pubs, he became part of 'The City of Degradation'.

Rotten

At the end of seven weeks, he had produced *The People of the Abyss*—a unique book with an aggressively vivid journalistic style. It offers few solutions, but in harrowing detail it does relentlessly expose the evils of a rotten society.

Born in San Francisco 26 years earlier, Jack grew up in poverty. He had hardly known childhood, having to seek every opportunity to earn a few cents.

After joining a march across the States for the right to work, Jack first met trade unionists and discussed socialist ideas. He soon joined the Socialist Labour Party.

Unfortunately, he had illusions of superiority: 'I am first of all a white man, and only then a socialist.'

Success brought Jack huge sums of money but he constantly lived beyond his means. At 40, his health broken by chronic alcoholism, he took his own life.

Hell Hole

When Jack visited London in 1902, and wrote *The People of the Abyss*, his socialism was as fully developed as it would ever be.

With members of the marxist Social Democratic Federation as his guides (not the invented plain-clothes policemen, Johnny Upwright), Jack began his descent into this human hell-hole called the East End.

It was like entering another world. 'I've read of misery, and seen a bit; but this beats anything I could ever have imagined.'

An unending slum of filthy streets, dark courts and narrow alleys stretched as far as the eye could see. 'Everything is helpless, hopeless, unrelieved and dirty.'

Squalid, vermin-infested rooms, measuring not much more than eight feet square, could be had for six shillings a week. This



Living conditions for our grandparents in London's East End: elementary sanitation was unknown

had to be found from wages which were generally not more than 21 shillings a week, and were often much less.

Briskness of trade determined the docker's chance of a job, and he could only reckon on earnings of eight or nine shillings. In the sweated trades, things were worse.

A woman matchbox maker was paid at 2/4d per gross. In a week of 98 hours, she earned less than five shillings, and had to provide her own paste and thread. A green hand to a dressmaker was paid 1/6d a week.

Degrading

Jack found the East End saturated with people. Whole families, men, women, children and their few possessions, were crammed into single rooms. Even elementary forms of sanitation were unknown. Privacy was impossible.

If the rent was to be paid, such families found themselves forced to take in lodgers. In these degrading and unhealthy conditions working people, perhaps

FRANK JENN REVIEWS A GREAT SOCIALIST NOVEL

our grandparents, carried on some kind of existence.

Jack poses the question, 'How did they live?' and answers it, 'They drag out a substantial existence until mercifully released by death.'

Disease and death were frequent visitors. East End workers could not expect to live, on average, much beyond 30.

Their children faced a chance of more than one in two of dying before their fifth birthday.

When a child did die, a family might find itself unable to meet the cost of an immediate funeral. The corpse might have to be kept for several weeks, being shifted between bed and table as each was needed, or simply placed on a shelf.

Employers regarded life as cheap and safety precautions were non-existent. Thousands of workers were killed or crippled on what Jack described as 'the industrial battlefield.'

He quotes the case of M'Garry who did night shifts at a chemical works. 'While crossing the yard I felt something take hold of my leg and screw it off.'

There was a revolving crank let into the ground, with no fence or cover. In the dark, poor M'Garry had not seen it.

Almost two million Londoners lived on or below the poverty line. A million lived with no more than a week's wages between them and pauperism.

Shambles

Recession or accident, old age or illness—all could bring destitution. Workers could be suddenly hurled into the shambles of the Abyss to join what Marx has called 'the industrial reserve army.'

Many of this army spent the nights walking the streets, or 'carrying the banner' as it was

known. Wherever they crept in search of sleep or refuge, they were constantly moved on by the police.

London's outcast poor found the streets preferable to the workhouse. The 'spike' was regarded as a last resort.

Waiting for hours to gain admission only to be treated like animals once inside. Forced to bathe in water used by 20 or more men.

Violence

A diet of skilly and what, 'by doing violence to the language, might be called "bread"'. All this was designed to intimidate and demoralise the poor.

They were given a breakfast consisting of tea and all the leavings from the fingers and mouths of the sick. 'But the poor devils were hungry... and when they could eat no more they bundled what was left into their handkerchiefs and thrust it inside their shirts.'

A maximum of two nights could be spent in a workhouse. Once ejected, admission was refused at any 'spike' within ten miles. A crude way of keeping the

poor on the move... Poverty had driven an Islington man into the workhouse. His wife, Ellen Hughes Hunt, refused to go. Instead she threw herself into the Regent's Canal.

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**The People of the Abyss*, a recent Bookmarx Club choice, is available as a Journeyman Press paperback from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4, price £1.35 (inc. postage). Also available, from the same address, is Robert Barltrop's biography, *Jack London: The Man, the Writer, the Rebel* (published by Pluto Press) £4.80 inc. postage.

RANDOLPH STRIKE BETRAYED

The five-month strike at Oxford's Randolph Hotel ended two weeks ago in defeat. The strikers merely wanted the right to belong to a trade union. One of them tells the story:

They fought us with insults, with negotiations, with scabs: they fought us with 'public opinion', with editorials, with drunken lumpen fists or middle-class shudders. They fought us with winter, and then with the spring we could not enjoy; they fought us with 'laws' they had written, and their police fought us with the other laws of power which never get written; they fought us with the 'common sense' shit of two-faced union officials. But we were not defeated.

So they fought us with money and with time; fought us with erratic student supporters; fought us with our greatest strength, with our need,

our need to live some day like human beings; fought us even with the victory of our mates up the road (wasn't it time for us to settle too?).

Yes, in the end they fought and they bought us.

With the money and the time they had so much more of; and yes, we were defeated.

Hang about, though; some of us still resisted. Till finally the union bosses unzipped themselves, threatened to cut off strike pay, make it unofficial, unless we bore their bargain with our enemies their friends. We swore at them. We felt sick. We signed. And we will not forget. It isn't quite all ashes; there's a spark to light tomorrow's fire.

—RIP BULKELEY

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PORT TALBOT CALL FOR SOLIDARITY

PORT TALBOT: Who said steeldrivers were dead?

At last week's fruitless negotiations in London, the Port Talbot electricians' strike leaders were treated like convicts.

While the talks were in progress, Wyn Bevan and Bill Curtis were kept in an adjoining room, where the inside

door handles had been removed.

The employers had also denied them access to the telephone by stopping all incoming and outgoing calls.

John Willock, Trostre tinplate worker and secretary of Llanelli Right to Work Committee, still has the threat of a two-day suspension hanging over his head for distributing leaflets in support of the strikers.

Convener of the strikers, Wyn Bevan, described his victimisation as 'absolutely deplorable'.

He said it demonstrated 'the depths to which the BSC will sink to crush the strike'. He added that if the BSC succeeded in suspending John Willock, the Port Talbot strikers would wish to reimburse him out of the strike fund.

Meanwhile, the strikers are

stepping up their action. They are demanding solidarity action from their fellow EETPU members at the Trostre, Velindre and Llanwern plants, and they have set up round-the-clock picketing.

They have a lot of time to make up, but already these moves are forcing the pace of events.

As we go to press the EETPU members at Trostre and Velindre are holding mass

meetings to decide whether or not to cross the picket lines.

The Port Talbot strikers have also started to picket the docks in an effort to stop the strikebreaking steel which is being imported from Holland.

□ Rush donations and messages of support to: Bill Curtis, 23 Hawthorn Avenue, Baglan, Port Talbot, S. Wales.

Gibraltar: sell-out by CPSA leaders

FOR EIGHT months, 350 civil servants in Gibraltar, employed by the Ministry of Defence, have been locked out.

They have been subjected to police harassment, mass arrests of 190 of their members, and constant scabbing by higher grades flown out from Britain.

Then the Civil and Public Servants Association conference forced a one-day solidarity stoppage.

Two days before it was due to begin, a few more pounds was added to the previous offer—and without consultation, the union head office sent out thousands of telegrams calling off the stoppage.

After hearing that the solidarity strike had been called off, the Gibraltar branch voted 122 to 109 to accept the offer. As Andrew Viagas, the branch treasurer said, "They held a pistol to our heads."

However, the Gibraltar branch was not without support. On 26 May the CPSA head office was occupied by rank and file members angry at the sell-out.

There was wide and growing support for the Gibraltar dispute.

Mike McGrath, Redder Tape supporter on the National Executive, said: "The bureaucracy was dead scared that the stoppage was taking off."

□ Send messages of consolation to Gibraltar. Demand resignation of general secretary, and Deputy general secretary, call for motions of no confidence in the NEC.

Barrier: United we stand

WOOLWICH: 560 building workers are now in their fourth week of strike.

The Stewards Committee want a 'first in, last out' agreement, redundancy pay, and new jobs offered first to workers previously made redundant.

But management want foremen, gangers and 'transfer men' exempted from any 'first in last out', leaving them free to sack those workers who have fought for decent conditions on the site.

Since the job has started, management have been able to play one section against another by refusing to recognise the CEU or the Boilermakers.

Full-time officials Frank Byrne (TGWU) and Pat Healey (UCATT) have played along with this.

For the first time, everyone is together in this dispute. To win this one would not only mean a strong union, but management would in future find it difficult to play one section against the other.

□ Messages and collections to: Thames Barrier Joint Shop Stewards Committee, Eastmoor Street, Charlton, London SE7.



CHLORIDE workers from Dagenham and Manchester discovered guard dogs and Securicor protecting their company's head office when they picketed the building in Grosvenor Gardens, Central London. Both plants are being occupied in defence of their right to negotiate wages and conditions. The dispute has been made official by the TGWU.

PICTURE: John Sturrock (Report)

Cleaners sold out

STRATHCLYDE: It is rumoured that the Grand Old Duke of York is suing some NUPE full-time officials in the West of Scotland for infringement of copyright.

The Duke claims that only he can march people up to the top of the hill and march them down again.

NUPE full-time officials forced a small delegate meeting of 11 NUPE members last Saturday to vote narrowly for a return to work.

The Strathclyde cleaners will return, having won nothing.

Pay Cut

For four weeks, 25 schools in the Lanarkshire area had been hit by a strike of NUPE cleaners and janitors.

It was against a ten per cent cut in cleaners' wages. At the

By Henry Maitles and Helen Blair, Lanarkshire EIS, and Harriet Marshall and Betty Quinn, NUPE school cleaners.

present rate of inflation, this would mean a 30 per cent cut in pay.

The strike was the first real action against the cuts in the schools. Many of the 25 schools hit were closed while others continued with filthy toilets and classrooms.

The role of the official leadership of the EIS, the biggest Scottish teaching union, was disgusting.

Throughout the strike, they encouraged their members to scab and withdrew union support for members who refused to cross official NUPE picket lines.

The women involved in the strike had more guts. A 90-strong Rank and File meeting in Motherwell last week proved that.

From the meeting, a committee of local trade unionists, including school cleaners, teachers, and other public sector workers, was elected to take the women's case to other workers and to force the trade union leaders to spread the action.

THERE are signs of growing opposition to the Social Contract even in the traditionally 'moderate' white collar union APEX, which held its conference this week in Scarborough.

By his selection of speakers, Denis Howell, the president, restricted the presentation of the anti-Social Contract case to a quarter of the debate time.

Despite this, about a third of the delegates voted against any Phase Three—a far bigger number than last year.

MORE than 100 Transport Union members, mainly Asians, at Hayes Shell Cast near Dudley have been on strike for five weeks, after management sacked one of their members for refusing to clean out the furnace on his own. The job is usually done by two men.

SUPPORT NATIONAL THEATRE PICKET

LONDON: Ralph Cooper, shop steward and plumber, has been dismissed by the National Theatre management because of his 'technical attitude'.

He was in fact dismissed for leading opposition to the management's attempt to break demarcation in his department.

He was suspended for refusing to carry out work not within his job description—that is, cleaning a sink.

This is part of a campaign of harassment by management of him and members of his department.

The strike has been opposed by the executive of NATKE. Stewards of all sections, both on strike and not, were meeting with management on Tuesday afternoon.

Rejection

Management and the union executive have proposed arbitration but the strikers have rejected it and are calling for unconditional reinstatement of the plumber and a full inquiry into the running of union activity in the theatre.

Support is needed on the picket: National Theatre, South Bank.

REED DRIVERS FIGHT ON

BIRMINGHAM: The 16 drivers at the Shirley depot of Reed Corrugated Cases are still out on strike.

The management have threatened to close the factory in three months, but the strikers are ignoring the threat.

Management provoked the dispute when they refused to

enter annual negotiations.

After a two-week strike, the annual negotiations were sorted out, but management then refused to cough up for the two weeks' loss of pay.

□ Messages of support to: Reed Corrugated Cases Strikers, c/o Transport House, Broad Street, Birmingham.

FLYING PICKET

By Dave Bridge, NUPE shop steward

BRISTOL: Nurses and ancillary workers belonging to NUPE and TGWU went on a 'flying picket' of local factories and hospitals in Bristol last Thursday.

Our aim was to drum up support for the South West regional day of action on 3 June against cuts in the public services.

The picket was a great success. We were invited to speak to a lunchtime meeting of Rolls Royce shop stewards, who promised support.

On returning to the NUPE office, we were told that the phone hadn't stopped ringing with angry members asking 'What is happening on 3 June,' and 'Why the hell hadn't they been told?'

Solid at Esso

SOUTHAMPTON: The strike involving all trades at Matthew Hall, the main contractor at the Esso Refinery site at Fawley, is solid.

The company provoked the dispute three weeks ago when they took six scaffolders and a labourer off the clock after they refused to work in the wet.

LAUNDRY BATTLE FOR JOBS

LEEDS: Ten NUPE members, mainly women, at Seacroft Laundry are on unofficial strike to save their jobs.

The work is being farmed out to private contractors.

Already 5,000 items from St Georges Hospital which Seacroft have been cleaning have gone to a private contracting firm called County Cleaners in Armley.

Shop steward Margaret Ketteridge told Socialist Worker: We have nothing to lose here. We're all going to fight till we win.

On Tuesday, management said they would take the contract away from the private cleaners and give the work to Leeds General Infirmary, as requested by NUPE.

They also demanded that the laundry workers give a signed guarantee to work overtime at the discretion of the laundry manager.

This is the result of hours of discussion between the NUPE full timer and the management.

The strikers have rejected the offer and are beginning to wonder which side their fulltimers are actually on.

□ Donations and messages of support to: Margaret Ketteridge, 25 Lyndon Avenue, Branham, near Wetherby, Yorkshire.

KEEP OUR SCHOOL OPEN!

THE INNER London Education Authority intend to close Lavender Hill School in South West London. But the teachers, pupils and parents have decided to fight the decision.

A demonstration and lobby of local Labour MP Douglas Jay last Friday by 200 people was just one step in the fight to save the school.

The campaign committee has also called a public meeting for Friday 3 June at Battersea Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm.

They hope to attract local trade unionists and build links in the factories and NUT Associations in the area.

□ Messages of support to: The Campaign Committee, Lavender Hill School, Amies Street, London SW11.

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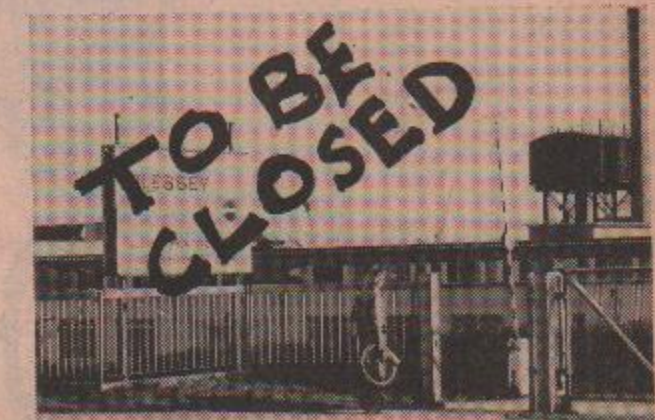
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PARSONS: 6000 threatened



PLESSEYS: another threatened factory



PLESSEYS: 2000 jobs lost already



JACKSONS: From five factories to one

DON'T LET THE NORTH EAST DIE!

Fight for every job!

T DAN SMITH once promised to make Newcastle 'the Venice of the North'. He has just been released from jail in time to see his dream come true.

Like Venice we're sinking fast. 35,000 young people will be turned out of the schools in the next few weeks—and for at least half of them it will be to the dole.

In the past four weeks 1500 workers have been given their cards. Another 10,000 jobs are under threat in the next three months.

The North East has grown accustomed to unemployment, but what is happening now is on a scale not seen since the 1930s. The heart of the industrial North, our shipbuilding and

heavy engineering industries, are being destroyed, and nothing new is coming in to replace it.

When Burtons took over Jacksons the tailors there were five factories. Soon there will be only one left. When they closed the Gateshead factory two months ago they assured the 1,000 workers in Sunderland that their jobs were safe.

Last week it became clear that most of them, mainly women, will be going too.

For Sunderland that spells the ultimate disaster, 2,000 jobs have been lost at Plesseys

already this year and the Jackson closure will mean that Sunderland, already the worst blackspot, becomes a jobs desert.

This savagery calls for a massive fightback. Workers at CA Parsons in Newcastle have taken the lead. They have called a half-day stoppage and demonstration throughout Tyneside this Friday.

Friday can be the starting point for a campaign to stop the North East being turned into a wasteland. **JOIN THE DEMONSTRATION.**

IT'S DOWN TO US NOW

by **BARRY JOHNSON**
Shop steward, Hawthorn
Leslie Marine Engineering

THE North East has traditionally relied on heavy engineering. It is these industries which are now fighting for survival.

Shipbuilding has been in decline since 1948, when we had 43 per cent of world output. Today we have only 3 per cent.

There are 35,000 workers in shipbuilding, ship repair and marine engineering in the North East. 14,000 of us could lose our jobs in the next two years.

Shipbuilding and marine engineering are to be nationalised on 1 July, but we aren't too optimistic, considering the history of nationalisation, with its record of rationalisation followed by massive redundancies.

We realise that nationalisation under capitalism is used to prop up private enterprise and not to gain socialist control over the economy.

We aren't getting any leadership from official trade union bodies. It is essential to build a rank and file movement to defend jobs and to explain to workers who are offered redundancy payments that they are going on the dole on a permanent basis.

That they are not only giving up their own jobs but also those of the young people of the North East, who already face a desperate situation.



Parsons workers marching in protest last month

CALLING ALL TYNESIDE STEWARDS...

WE HAVE called the stoppage and demonstration as the beginning of a campaign.

The North East is taking a hammering. Nobody has fought back yet and it's time somebody did. That's why we are taking up the banner.

The theme of the demonstration and campaign will be 'Don't let the North East die'. Because that is what is at stake.

It's not just our jobs at Parsons, Plesseys and Jacksons are already closing and in the next few months the shipbuilding industry, the

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Chairman, AUEW/TASS
joint office committee, C A
Parsons

heart of the North East, will be under attack.

The future for young people in particular is bleak.

We will be calling for a conference of shop stewards in the region following the demonstration. The fact that we have taken up the fight and called the demonstration means that the stewards will come and the possibility of a

real united fight will be on the agenda.

We also have a major fight on our hands to protect all the jobs in our industry up and down the country. The government and Arnold Weinstock are saying that whether or not we get the Drax B power station contract at Parsons there will have to be massive redundancies. 6,000 out of 16,000 workers will have to go just for starters.

Weinstock went on the television this weekend and made it clear that it's not only Parsons jobs that are likely to

go, but the GEC workers' as well.

The workplaces in the industry must unite. Weinstock is playing up to his own workers at the moment, but it is clear from what he says that GEC workers have nothing to gain through backing his takeover plans.

We need to argue a united case for full nationalisation under workers' control, with guarantees for every job and a development programme for the industry involving new initiatives and new technology.

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Name
Address
Trade union
Please send me more information

Send to: National Secretary,
Socialist Workers' Party, 4 Cottons
Gardens, London E2 8BN.

The thinker and the worker are mankind's only kings

—JAMES CONNOLLY a leader of the 1916 Easter rising, executed by British government

HER MAJESTY probably has at least one of her many hundreds of sitting rooms done out in William Morris wallpaper.

For today William Morris designs are fashionable, which is not surprising since his designs are beautiful.

But what many of his upper class admirers do not know, or do not want to know, is that William Morris was a committed republican socialist and revolutionary.

At the time of the 1887 Jubilee for Queen Victoria, Morris and his comrades in the Socialist League went out of their way to oppose and organise against this particular display of hypocrisy.

Edward Thompson, author of the classic book *The Making of the English Working Class*, tells the story in his recently published *William*

Morris: Romantic to Revolutionary.

The Jubilee of 1887 may be taken as the inauguration of the "modern" concept of royalty. Although the Republican sentiment of the early 1870s had long subsided as an effective political force, it was still alive among the Radicals, and among the people generally indifferent towards royalty was the rule.

Symbol

Now the stage-managers of the monarchy cast the Queen for the three roles which she and her successors have played ever since. First, the Crown was to serve as a symbol of imperial unity. Properly speaking, it was Disraeli who hatched this idea in 1876, when he proclaimed the Queen "Empress of India".

But 1887 was a Jingo Jubilee in good earnest. Maharajas and African tribal chiefs were paraded in the streets as at a Roman triumph. As a climax to the imperial celebrations, no

less than 23,000 prisoners in Indian jails (some of them political offenders) were released.

Morris had an apt comment in his regular *Commonweal* notes on this piece of "Jubilee Flunkeyism":

"To some people it will reveal depths of tyranny undreamed of before. Here is a dilemma for our Jubileists: 'If it was dangerous to the public that these men should be at large, why do you release them? ... If you can safely release this host of poor miserable tortured people, why did you torture them with your infernal prison?'"

Second, the occasion was used (as it is always used) to provide pageants to distract the people from their own problems—in this case, from the severe depression year of 1887. The Romans at least doled out some bread with their circuses. This one was different.

The people had to pay for their flag-wagging. But the Jubilee was not all made up of ardour and enthusiasm, as

the official historians suggest. The unemployed and the working-class movement in many towns stood like a rock against the mass-produced hysteria.

The *Commonweal* assiduously gathered the reports. At a public meeting in Llanelly "Her Majesty's name was received with groans and hisses". The Neath Town Council refused to pay for celebrations. The Cardiff Trades Council refused "to do anything in the shape of servile admiration of a well-paid servant of the State."

Swimming

At Bristol a large open-air meeting was held in the centre of the city on Jubilee day, addressed by Socialists and trade unionists, at which two militant Republican resolutions were carried with enthusiasm. In some parts of the country, at least, the League was swimming with the stream.

Third, the monarchy was employed as a focal point for all the humbug, "respectability", and orthodox herd instincts which can be employed to prop up bourgeois rule.

In brief, the Crown was to be used as an occasion for jingoism, circuses and guff, as it has been used ever since, and of the three, Morris found the guff the most distasteful.

On June 25th, 1887, the week after the main pageantry, Morris summed up his impressions in *Commonweal*: "Socialists feel of course that the mere abolition of the monarchy would help them little if it only gave place to a middle-class republic; such a one, for example, as that which butchered so many thousands of citizens in Paris in 1871..."

"Nevertheless, now the monstrous stupidity is on us... one's indignation swells pretty much to the bursting-point. We must not after all forget what the hideous, revolting, and vulgar tomfoolery in question really means nowadays..."

"The Monarchy", he wrote, "no longer represented the 'extinct superstitions' of feudalism and the divine right of kings, but commercial realities, rather: to wit, jobbery, official and commercial, and its foundation, the Privilege of Capital, set on a background of the due performance of the conventional domestic duties: in short, the representation of the anti-social spirit in its fulness is what is required of it."

Respectable

"That is the reason why the career of the present representative is... so eminently satisfactory. It has been the life of a respectable official who had always been careful to give the minimum of work for the maximum of pay..."

"All this... it has performed in a way which has duly earned the shouts of the holiday-makers, the upholsterers, firework makers, gasfitters and others who may gain some temporary advantage from the Royal (but shabby) Jubilee Circus, as well as the deeper-seated applause of those whose be-all and end-all is the continuance of respectable robbery."

And yet from all this farce, Morris extracted some comfort: "Even this vulgar Royal Upholstery procession, trumpery as it is, may deepen the discontent a little, when the newspapers are once again more empty of it, and when people wake up, as on the morrow of a disgraceful orgy, and find dull trade all the duller for it, and have to face according to their position the wearisome struggle for riches, for place, for respectability, for decent livelihood, for bare subsistence, in the teeth of growing competition in a society now at least showing its rotteness openly."

The 'pawns' who cried 'check' to a Czar

RIDDING the world of tyranny and exploitation has always been an international struggle. Events in one land have always inspired workers in others.

The great revolutions in Russia in 1917 were like a beacon to enslaved mankind. First, in February, the hated Czarist regime was swept aside, and a republic set up. Then, in October, the workers themselves seized power.

This poster, drawn by V Deni in 1920, beautifully expresses what the struggle was all about. It shows the great Russian revolutionary V I Lenin sweeping away the kings and their associates in exploitation, the archbishops and the businessmen.

Decay

Possible the best account of the overthrow of the decaying Czarist regime comes in *The History of the Russian Revolution* by another great Russian revolutionary leader, Leon Trotsky.

Trotsky's account shows how the Czar, at last realising the strength and determination of the workers' movement, decided he would have to make a few concessions. Frightened, he decides to join his family: The Czar's train travelled at first without mishap. Local chiefs and governors came out as usual to meet him.

Far from the revolutionary whirlpool, in his accustomed royal car, surrounded by the usual suite, the Czar apparently lost a sense of the close coming crisis... he sent a telegram to the Czarina from Vyazama:

'Wonderful weather. Hope you are well and calm. Many troops sent from the front. With tender love, Nikki.'

Instead of the concessions on which the Czarina is insisting, the tenderly loving Czar is sending troops from the front. But in spite of that wonderful weather, in just a few hours the Czar will stand face to face with the revolutionary storm.

His train went as far as the Visher station. The railroad workers would not let it go further... Nicholas tried to make his way or they tried to get him through by way of Bologoe on the Nikolaevsk railroad; but here too the workers would not let the train pass...

The Czar had broken away from headquarters and could not make his way to the capital. With its simple railroad 'pawns', the revolution had cried 'check' to the King!

... While the train is wandering and



LEON TROTSKY

finding no road, the Czarina was sending the Czar telegram after telegram, appealing to him to return as soon as possible. But her telegram came back to her from the office with the inscription in blue pencil 'whereabouts of the addressee unknown'.

The telegraph clerks were unable to locate the Russian Czar.



Pick-pocketing on a grand scale...

T. A. (TOMMY) Jackson was one of the best writers the early Communist Party in Britain produced. He wrote the fine book *Ireland Her Own*.

For the 1937 Jubilee he wrote a pamphlet, *The Jubilee and How*, which, in between some very patchy writing, contains a few gems:

To hold a job in a competitive market for a quarter of a century, is, nowadays, no small feat. And although the post of King can hardly be said to fall within the competitive category, there have been in the past twenty-five years so many cases of kings deposed, dethroned, and otherwise placed on the retired list that we can well understand why King George himself and all his family find the occasion one for

rejoicing.

After all, seeing that the Kaisers of both Germany and Austria, the Tsar of Russia, the Sultan of Turkey, the Emperor of China, and the kings of Bulgaria, Greece, Spain and Portugal have all had their offices abolished (to say nothing of the forced abdications of the Shah of Persia, the King of Siam, and a few other monarchs) during the past twenty-five years, it cannot help but be impressive to find a king still on the throne in Britain, who is still able to style himself Emperor of India.

Emperors

[N.B.—Apart from the "emperor" of Abyssinia, who isn't an emperor, and the Shah of Persia, who doesn't count, the emperors of India and Japan are the only emperors now

left in the world]...

If the royalistic hullabaloo, which reaches a climax in 'Jubilee' celebrations, is neither the invention of the press, nor the spontaneous expression of an ineradicable lickspittle instinct in the British people, what is it? As we have seen it is clearly propaganda—but for what?

Not for royalism in itself—though this is its surface form of appearance. Part of the very hullabaloo is the reiterated assertion that the Crown in Britain (and with it the whole of the Royal Family) is so completely and unquestionably subservient to the Law and Constitution that in Britain the possibility even of the King, or the Court, entertaining even a wish contrary to the 'declared will of the people'—as evidenced in the latest General Election—is ruled out from

the very start.

That this reduces the whole office and function of the Crown into a purely decorative function—one analogous to that of the gorgeously uniformed functionary who provides a perfunctory supervision at the entry of a suburban cinema, is not commonly noted.

It used to be a by-word in London that the pick-pockets always reaped a golden harvest on Lord Mayor's Day. With their eyes fixed on the gilded coach of the Lord Mayor the citizens were oblivious to the fact that their pockets were being fished.

The Jubilee is neither more nor less than a Lord Mayor's Show on world-wide scale, organised by the elder brethren of the pocket-picking craft, with the express intention of making things good for their nefarious trade.

BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Come for the weekend to

MARXISM 77

Marxism 77 is seven days (1-8 July) of revolutionary ideas and discussion at the Polytechnic of North London...

SATURDAY Lectures on British poets and the French Revolution, Marxism and Philosophy...

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WEEKEND TICKET £2 (whole week £5). Send to Marxism 77, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Scottish and Northern Socialist Workers Party WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS CONFERENCE

Saturday 11 June, 11am-5.30pm, Sheffield University Students Union (Graves Cinema), Glossop Road, Sheffield.

CATCHING THEM YOUNG

Sex, race and class in children's fiction (vol 1) Political ideas in children's fiction (vol 2)



Two books by Bob Dixon to fill an important gap. £1.80 each plus 25p postage PLUTO PRESS, Unit 10 Spencer Court, 7 Chalcott Road, London NW1.

OTHER BOOKS OUT THIS MONTH

'Socialism and the New Life—the personal and sexual politics of Edward Carpenter and Havelock Ellis...'

WANT A HOLIDAY IN LONDON?

We would like to exchange our three-bedroom house in North London (very central, close to tubes, buses and shops) for similar accommodation in the country or by the sea...

ANDY STROUTHOUSE DEFENCE FUND: Money still urgently needed for Pentonville Seven. Send to Andy Durgan, c/o NUS, 3 Endsleigh Street, London WC1.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: To Penny Parkes and Les Kay, a son, Bobby, on 15 May.

Socialist Workers Party BLACK CAUCUS: Sunday 19 June, Right to Work Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

HONEYWELL: Would any Socialist Worker readers who work for or are in contact with workers for this computer multinational please contact Tim, phone 01-720 4701

Socialist Worker public meetings

Send notices — to reach us first post Monday — to What's On, SW, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

Scotland

FALKIRK Socialist Workers Party meeting: Build a socialist alternative to the Labour Party. Speaker: Tony Cliff. Chair: Kenny Barker (TGWU). Thursday 16 June, 7.30pm, Temperance Cafe.

PAISLEY and CHRYSLER LINWOOD Socialist Workers Party meetings on The Meaning of Marxism. Fortnightly on Tuesdays. 7.30pm, Lang's Bar, Moss Street.

GLASGOW WEST Socialist Workers Party weekly meetings on The Case for Socialism. Every Saturday, 2.30pm-4pm, Partick Burgh Halls.

4 June: The rank and file movement. 11 June: The revolutionary socialist party.

EDINBURGH Socialist Workers Party Women's Voice discussion group on women's politics. Saturdays, 11.30am, Trades Council, 14 Picardy Place (top of Leith Walk).

4 June: Women—a raw deal on the NHS? 11 June: Breaking the chains—the salt in the suffragette movement.

DUNDEE Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Is there a parliamentary road to socialism? Speaker: Alan Barclay. Wednesday 8 June, 7.30pm, Socialist Worker Bookshop, 128 Victoria Road.

EASTER ROSS Socialist Workers Party fund-raising dance. Friday 3 June, 8pm-1am, Balnagowan Hotel, Tain. Dance to Tumbleweeds Late Licence.

Socialist Worker Youth Movement SCOTCH WEEKEND SCHOOL: 4-5 June at Stirling University. Sessions on Organising school students, Right to Work Campaign, Apprentices etc. Details from: 64 Queen Street, Glasgow. There will be facilities to watch the England-Scotland game.

FALKIRK Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Fight the Health cuts! Speaker: Anne Alden (Nurse). Chair: Charlie Penn (TGWU). Tuesday 7 June, 7.30pm, Temperance Cafe.

ABERDEEN Women's Voice open meeting: Equal Pay and sex discrimination. Tuesday 14 June, 7.30pm, 163 King Street (first floor).

Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE Socialist Workers Party HEALTH AND SAFETY MEETING to discuss how health and safety fits in with our work as revolutionary socialists...

YORK Socialist Workers Party theatre show: CAST presents Sam the Man. Wednesday 8 June, 8pm, Co-op Room, Lowther Street. Admission 50p.

WEST YORKSHIRE Socialist Workers Party district meeting and day school. Sunday 19 June, 10.30am, Room 4, Communal Building, Bradford University.

BRADFORD CENTRAL Socialist Workers Party meets 7.30pm, every Thursday. Textile Hall, Westgate, Bradford 9 June: Racism, the new Nazis and how to fight them.

BRADFORD TEACHERS Socialist Workers Party meets 8.00pm, Thursday, Friendly and Trades Club, Northumberland Street.

KEIGHLEY Socialist Workers Party meets fortnightly, next meeting 2 June, phone Steeton 52484 for details.

Roll on the Red Republic. STUFF THE JUBILEE! Social Workers Party. More one of Britain's biggest and best £250,000 a year from the Duchy of Cornwall goes STUFF THE JUBILEE!

STUFF THE JUBILEE!

CUT THE PARASITES, NOT OUR HOSPITALS! The Queen costs £5 million a year—enough to build a new hospital!

THE REAL SCROUNGERS The real family costs you and me £5 million EVERY YEAR!

Socialist Workers Party Roll on the Red Republic STUFF THE JUBILEE!

SPOT THE SCROUNGER To help with the Social Contract

EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

DONCASTER Socialist Workers Party Jubilee Celebration: Kids outing and picnic to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of George V.

LEEDS WOMENS VOICE Stuff the Jubilee Dance. Tuesday 7 June (Jubilee Day), 8pm-midnight, Leeds Trades Club (off Chapeltown Road).

SALFORD Socialist Workers Party Anti-Jubilee meeting with North West Spanner's new show, Jubilations. Thursday 9 June, 8pm, 8pm, Kings Arms, Whit Lane.

CRUMPSALL Socialist Workers Party Anti-Jubilee meeting with North West Spanner's new show, Jubilations. Thursday 9 June, 8pm, Abraham Moss Centre.

MANCHESTER Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Stuff the Jubilee! North West Spanner theatre group perform their anti-jubilee play Jubilations.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Socialist Workers Party Anti-Jubilee disco: Friday 18 June, 8pm-late, The Cellar, Old Town Hall, High Street.

HENDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Stuff the Jubilee! Kick out the Scroungers! Speakers: Paul Foot and Maggie Dunne.

LONDON Socialist Workers Party Stuff the Jubilee workers' picnic: Monday 6 June, in Epping Forest.

DUNFERMLINE Socialist Workers Party Stuff the Jubilee Dance: Friday 10 June, 8.30pm, The Castle Cinema.

SLOUGH Socialist Workers Party Stuff the Jubilee—a garden party to deplore the last 25 years. Spot the Duke competition.

LEAMINGTON ANTI-JUBILEE Drinks, including real ale, food, swings, slides, sand, paddling pool, children's games.

MANCHESTER SOUTH EAST Socialist Workers Party Jubilations! New play by North West Spanner.

STUFF THE JUBILEE! FIGHT THE CUTS! Badges: Red and black, 20p each.

CASH WITH ALL ORDERS

STUFF THE JUBILEE! In celebration of 25 years of arrogant rule by the richest monarch in the world, a set of eight ANTI-JUBILEE STICKERS.

In celebration of 25 years of arrogant rule by the richest monarch in the world, a set of eight ANTI-JUBILEE STICKERS. Not in solid silver, but printed in republican red and black.

Humberside

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BRADFORD TEACHERS Socialist Workers Party meets 8.00pm, Thursday, Friendly and Trades Club, Northumberland Street.

North West

GRIMSBY Socialist Workers Party public meeting. Why you should be a socialist. Speaker: Eddie Prevost.

OLDHAM Socialist Workers Party Anti-Jubilee Social North West Spanner and disco. Monday 6 June, 8pm, The Nelson Inn (upstairs).

WYTHENSHAW Socialist Workers Party public meetings. Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 7.30pm, Wythenshawe Community Association.

Midlands

LEICESTER Socialist Workers Party public meeting. Why you should be a socialist—the case for the Socialist Workers Party.

BIRMINGHAM Socialist Worker public meeting: The Rich get the gravy—we get the Social Contract.

LEAMINGTON Socialist Workers Party supporters' discussion meeting: Fascism and racism.

DUDELEY Socialist Workers Party meets every Thursday, 8pm, Green Man pub, High Street.

2 June: Prejudices and the oppression of minority groups. 18 June: Why you should be a socialist.

East Anglia

NORWICH Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Smash the Social Contract! Speaker: Tony Cliff.

South East

ESSEX Socialist Workers Party day school: Rank and file organisation—why we need it and how we can build it.

SLOUGH Socialist Workers Party meets Thursdays, 7.30pm, Slough College of Higher Education.

WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST PAUL FOOT. NOW BACK IN PRINT. Please send me... copies of WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST at... One copy for 50p... Five copies for £2... One copy of the book, plus Socialist Worker each week for the next two months for £1.50.

We socialists are not fanatics or time servers. We are socialists because we see the prospect which life holds out for all working people. We want the commitment of workers who laugh and live and want to end the wretchedness and despair which shuts love and laughter out of so many lives.

Jubilee Mugs

THE SLOGAN SIMPLY SAYS 'STUFF CORGIS!'

THE Royal Family is supposed to be a symbol of patriotism. In times of crisis for the established order, they are rolled out to represent 'the nation'.

During the Second World War the Duke of Windsor had contacts with the Nazi regime in Germany. The Duke had been King for a few brief months several years before the war, but was forced to abdicate and live in exile for trying to marry a woman who was both divorced and an American.

Documents from the German Foreign Ministry, captured after the war, reveal that in 1940 after the fall of France the Duke of Windsor had a number of discussions with Portuguese and Spanish fascists in Madrid and Lisbon. The fascists were negotiating on behalf of the Nazi government.

The Spanish Foreign Minister reported to the Nazis that the Duke 'is a firm supporter of a peaceful arrangement with Germany. The Duke definitely believes that continued severe bombing would make England ready for peace.'

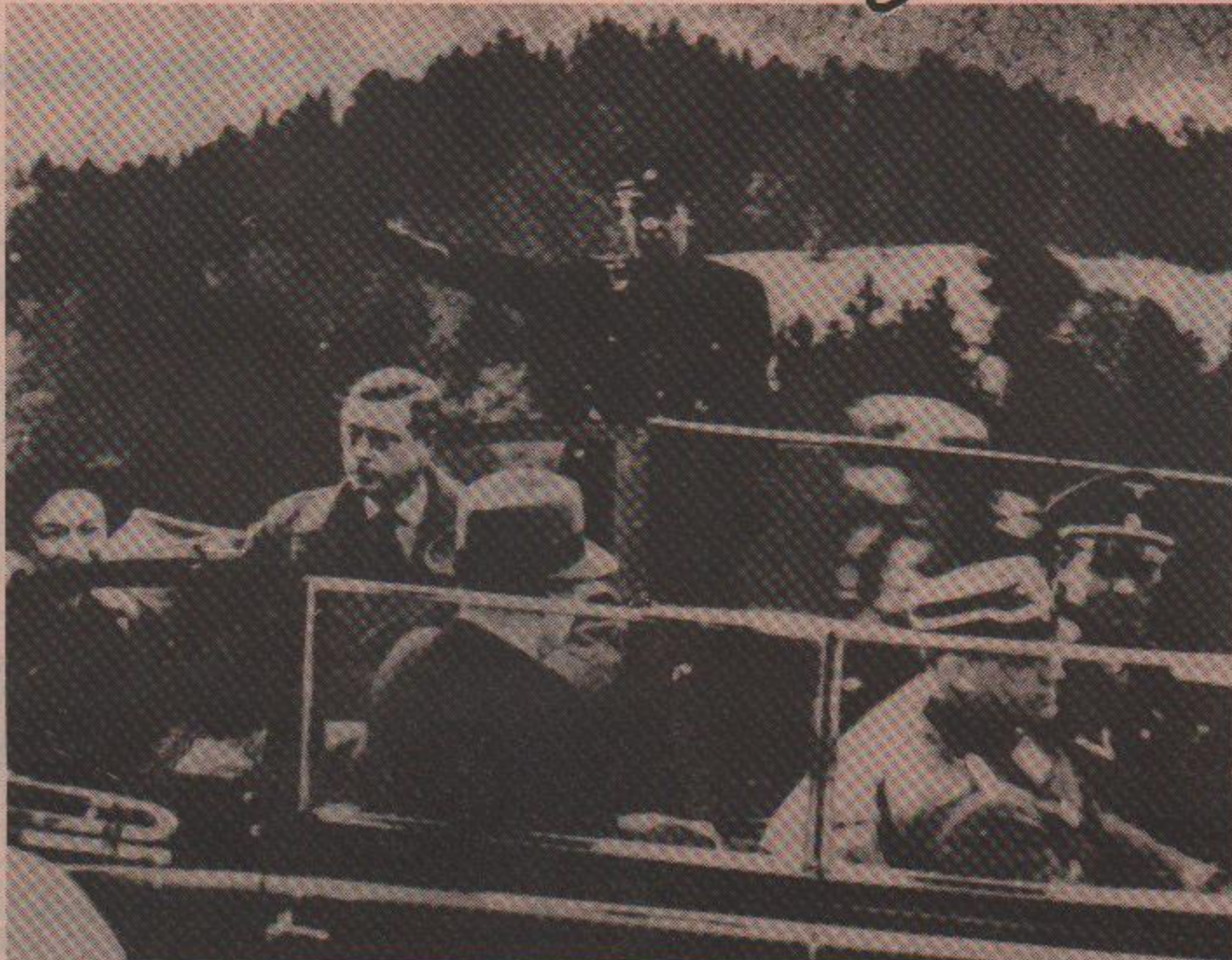
A little later the duke talked with the leader of the Spanish fascists, the Falange. This man reported back to Berlin that 'The Duke was considering making a public statement... disavowing present English policy and breaking with his brother...'

In Berlin Hitler was busy preparing a list of members of the British ruling class who were pro-fascist and would probably be prepared to collaborate with the Nazis after a successful invasion.

At the same time the Nazis were drawing up a list of socialist, communists and trade unionists, Jews and others they were preparing to exterminate once they landed in Britain.

At the top of the first list as King of a collaborationist Government, the Nazis planned to put the Duke of Windsor.

FOOTNOTE: Cabinet documents for the war have now been released to the

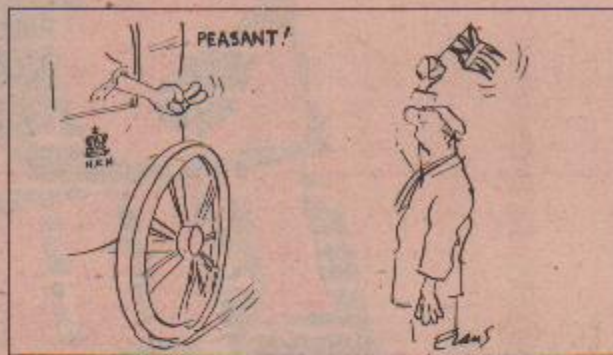


The Duke of Windsor visiting Hitler at Berchtesgaden in 1937

public. But a few were held back, including all the documents relating to discussions about the Duke of Windsor.

THE world's richest pensioner, the Queen Mother, is billed as everybody's favourite granny. But behind the senile smile there's the sinister side to this old lady's character.

She is also a supporter of mass murder. She was reported as saying that Ian Smith is doing a great job in Rhodesia.



QUEEN TRUTH OR KING CHARLES?

YOU may not know it, but half those writers they tried to bore you with at school really weren't half as bad as they were made out! The great poet John Milton became a staunch republican and repeatedly justified the execution of Charles I.

'I did not insult our fallen majesty as is pretended,' he wrote later. 'I only preferred Queen Truth to King Charles.'

Jonathan Swift also hated monarchy: 'If a king can do no wrong, why was King James II banished? And if a King can do wrong why the plague are we constantly affirming that he cannot?'

Either way we should stand self-condemned, and if we are not set down as a nation of scoundrels we must think ourselves pretty easy under the appellation of fools.'

But John Thelwall, the great early 19th century agitator best summed up the whole marvellous tradition when he blew the froth from the top of his pint of beer and said: 'So would I treat all kings.'

Royal fingers in the till

AMID all the terrifying press bullshit about the monarchy, it's worth recalling what the Times had to say about George IV on his death in 1830.

'There never was an individual less regretted by his fellow creatures than this deceased king. What eye has wept for him? What heart has heaved one sob of unmercenary sorrow? ...'

'Has not his successor gained more upon the English tastes and prepossessions of his subjects by the blunt and unaffected—even should it be grotesque—cordiality of his demeanour, within a few short weeks than George IV ever had a friend—a devoted friend in any rank of life—we protest that the name of him or her never reached us.'

In case any of our

readers think that Scottish monarchs were any the less villainous, Socialist Worker thought it wise to reprint just a little bit from Tom Johnston's classic *History of the Working Classes in Scotland*.

Speaking of Robert the Bruce, Johnston writes: 'In truth the good King Robert of our schoolbooks played a most despicable, vacillating and traitorous part in the by no means clearly defined drama of the times.'

Jubilee-or else!

SIXTY pupils at Lowfield Secondary School in York have been sent home from school because they haven't raised any money for the Queen's Jubilee Appeal.

The 15 and 16-year-old boys were busy swotting for GCE exams. At the same time headmaster John Eyre expected them to wash cars, dig gardens and sweep drives to raise money for the Jubilee.

They are not being allowed back to school until they return with the money! This proves once again that Britain is a free country.

He goes on to give chapter and verse to prove Bruce was an opportunist who would back any side or faction and play both ends against the middle if in that direction lay advancement for himself.

Bruce was in short the perfect sort of person to inspire the petty businessmen and political operators who lead today's Scottish National Party and who even now are devout grovelling believers in the monarchy. Karl Marx, the great

socialist writer, wrote a great deal about Britain. But he wrote very little on the monarchy. They were no longer a decisive force in the land.

But in one of his articles on the East India Company Marx had this to say about Britain's constitutional monarchy:

'The union between the constitutional monarchy and the monopolising moneyed interest, between the Company of East India and the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688, was fostered by the same force by which the liberal interests and a liberal dynasty have at all time and in all countries combined, by the force of corruption, the first and last moving power of constitutional monarchy.'

So early as 1693 it

THERE's lots of things that socialists can do about the Jubilee. But the key is: Don't be a killjoy. Add to the fun.

We're for street parties, but we're also for pointing out that we must live in a strange sort of society if we only get to have them every 25 years.

And do we really need a bunch of royal scroungers if we're to enjoy ourselves? If we were without them and all the other would-be captains and kings in society we could take over our streets and cities and towns and enjoy ourselves all the time. So take a tip from Doncaster Socialist Workers Party have your street party, commemorating the 25th anniversary of... wait for it... the death of George VI!

FINSBURY PARK tube station, in North London, sports one of the funniest spray-painted anti-jubilee slogans. It says simply: 'Stuff Corgis!'

ANOTHER slogan, spotted on the London tube, said: 'God saves the Queen, but he doesn't pay the bills. Come back Cromwell!'

MANY towns, particularly in the North, are holding Jubilee parades. One of them is going to get a surprise—the local Right to Work Campaign has applied for a float in the procession. What will the slogans be, we wonder?

TAKE A TIP FROM THE THIRTIES: When they were wheeling George V around for his jubilee in 1935, one London branch of the Communist Party applied for and got permission to put a banner across the route of the royal procession.

It said 'God save the King—until, that is, the royal procession loomed over the horizon, when someone pulled the pins out to unfurl a massive anti-monarchist banner protesting against unemployment.

The King was not amused...

ONE of London's silver-painted Jubilee buses is better decorated than the other 24. The upper deck, just above the windows has a long line of SWP stickers that say 'Roll on the Red Republic—Stuff the Jubilee.'

A LETTER received from Leicestershire reads: 'Here's £2 for a load of Anti-Jubilee stickers. Do send them quickly as they are urgently required. Local Post Office unions want to put one on each circular they are being forced to send out in the Post Office.'



The trinket that says it all about Jubilemania. A real silver corgi toast rack to remind you of our beloved Queen every morning.

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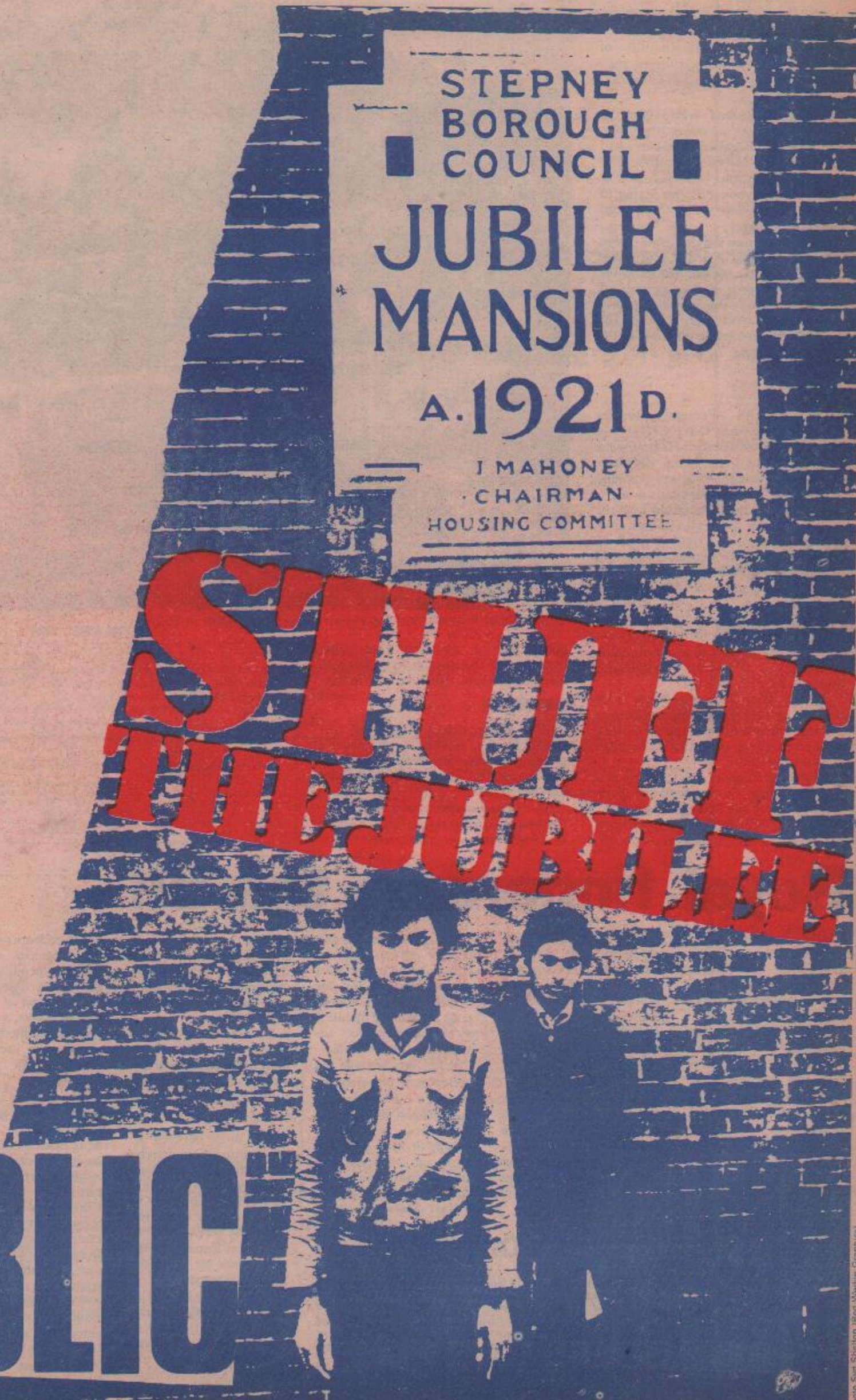
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