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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





ROLLON THE RED REPUBLIC



My husband and I will bleed you dry

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 gourgeous circumstances to which she is accustomed.



Bearing in mind little perks like the Royal Yacht, the Royal Family costs us an estimated £51/2 million a

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

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

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



!t 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 possiblities would open up for human beings.

We're on £3000 a year down here Ma'am

£30,000 A YEAR!!

That's pittancel I'm on

Oh you are too silly! NO A WEEK

> 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.

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 Kruschev 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 Kruschev'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.

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

1961

Civil war in the Congo

1962

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

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 Viet-

1966

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

1967

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

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 Generals to organise a military attack. He is saved the trouble by the French Communist Party which helps end the

The Russians invade

Czechoslovakia Enoch Powell makes his first racist speech threatening 'rivers of blood' in

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

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.

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

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.

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 averthrown 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 Con-

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

1975 Victory in Vietnam

1976 Soweto uprising.

STUFFED!

For those who

live without

something to

grovel to in a Red Republic we'll be

keeping on Madame

waxwork of

the Fab Four

Tussauds fifth-rate

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

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 dignitiy is automatically meant to be more dear to you than your own family.

I can remember much tittering when it occured to one of my junior school friends that the Queen must actually go to the toilet. Like the 'Virgin Mary' it had never entered out 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 Oueen.

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

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

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 inbreed 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.



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

THE JUBILEE!





STREAM SERVENIES

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

-CAMILLE DESMOULINS, French revolutionary

ST OVER 400 years ago, reat civil war was fought in England.

he class struggles of that time to the execution of Charles I, the abolition of the House of ds and the declaration of a

le civil war cleared the way for the lopment of capitalism in Britain. as the men of property laid their mes, the Digger and Leveller ements grew up, the forerunners hat later emerged as the working movement.

se diggers and Levellers were al republicans, opposed to all as of exploitation. They were for any the heads off all tyrants and any all tyranny.

Watchword

ne of the greatest of their pagandists was Gerrard stanley. In his pamphlet A hword to the City of London and trmie, this is what he had to say monarchs and monarchy:

doe not our reverend Ministers is that William the Conquerour, the succeeding Kings were Gods need?

and do they not say that our sures which were got by the dering sword, and given by the dering sword, and given by the conquerour to our ers, and so successively, from the land is our inheritance, and God gave it us, and shall these en fellows, and beggarly rogues our rights from us, and have the of the land equall with us?

ius do these Norman Gentlemen fort 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, children of murderers,

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

Surely, lesus 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 annointed, 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 brasen forehead under colour of the Law of justice as the Norman power does.

But it was made for all by the Law of righteousnesse, 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 annointed one.

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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 alwayes 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 righteousnesse 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 treasurie to whole mankind (who is the Lord of it) without respect

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

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1 PAINE was born in Thet-Norfolk. This pioneer blican and radical was a cipant in the American lution and devoted supporter to French revolution.

returned to the absurdities of rehy many times in his writings. extract which follows is from his helt An address to the People of re published in 1792, the first of the French Republic.

summonsed for publishing part of Paine's historic book, The of Man, which had been essed by Royal Proclamation.

Libel

me was also summonsed, for ing and publishing and causing to make and published a certain scandalous malicious and ous libel', which attacked the methy and the lack of democracy cety. Faced with this persecupaine simply hit back in a new helet, 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 334d, 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 23/4d. 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 disposses 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

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

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Grunwicks manager tells police **Arrest** this striker

WOMENWN

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 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

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 and the standard work are the standard with the standard work are the standard with the standard work are the standard with the standard work are the standard 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, Orlakes.

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

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, par-ticularly 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 mul-tinational company that employed them. It is the duty of all of us to ensure that the Laird Portch striker win more quickly than that.



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

'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 com-pany,' 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

WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

sidiary companies to 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

☐ Visit all Coats-Paton sub- women's department, 01-739 6273.

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

J & P Coets, Fleming Reid (Greenock), Patons and Baldwins, Pasoids, West Riding Worsted and Woollen Mills, Thomas Burnley and Sons, John Heathcoet and Co, Herbert L. Driver, D Byford, Jasgar Holdings, Donaldson Textiles, Chilgrufe, Jeremiah Amber (Poterise), Laird-Portch Fashions, West Riding Fabrics, Dalkeith Knitweer, The Nottingham Leather Company, Dynacast International, Needle Industries Group, Ambler of Ballyclare (Northern Ireland).

If none of these are near you, the chances are Jaegar 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 convenor), 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.

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 Philip 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 M15 and M16, 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.





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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.

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.

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.

position.

As Margo MacDonald, senior chairperson for the party, points out: 'For some Scots independence holds the terror of the unkown. 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 unemploymeent rates in the country, some of the lowest wage rates, and poverty and deprivation aplenty. Even as the SNP conference

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 Westminister debating chamber north of the border were to change all this. But it simply cannot.

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

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 crimpled

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

Filemon Nagolo's death will

be avenged.

Other so-called terrorists will carry on the fight for human beings to live in freedom and dignity, unsullied 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.

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 betraval has been breathtaking. Its Fine Gael partner grew out of the fascist Blueshirt movement in the 1930s. Cosgrave himself is a Roman Catholie 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.

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 queueing 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 Minster 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

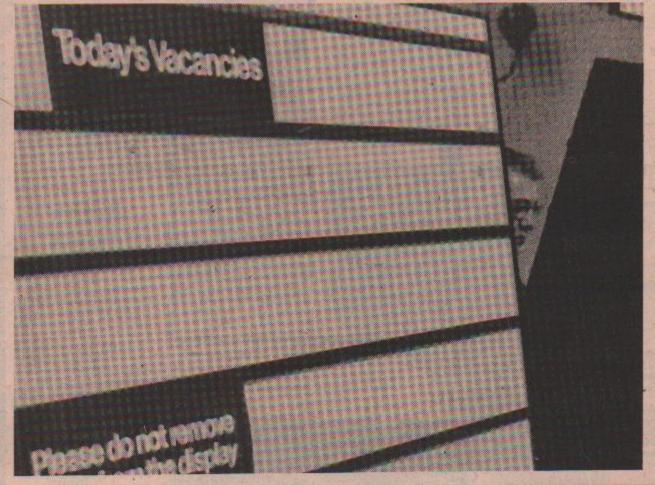
'COMPENSATION for nationalisation of Hawker Siddeley 'Group's UK aerospace subsidiaries is expected to exceed book amount and to provide the opportunity for further development of the remaining larger part of the company's businesses...

'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

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



How to fight back

THE RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN is laun a massive effort to reach the unemplement in their action against unemployment in their towns and for a massive protest march trades Union Congress in Blackpo September.

The next two weeks is the time to app school-leavers, before the deadly fr tion and boredom of the dole sets in before the fascists and racialists start spre their lies about the causes of unemployn



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

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

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

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

'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 the 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 abolish-

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☐ WEEKEND TICKET—
see page 18.



ACH LOADS of angry

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EXACTLY two years ago, when it was still impossible to pick up a paper or turn on the telly without being told that The Great Wages Explosion was the cause of every evil since the First World War, this startingly bonest statement appeared in a little-read magazine:

Britain is a cheap labour country and fast becoming cheaper'.

The magazine in question was The Economist, and its honesty about Britain's low wages is largely explained by the fact that few people apart from businessmen and their advisors even glance at it.

For the rest of us-the 'cheap labour' part of the population—such truths are clearly subversive and are thus not deemed 'newsworthy' by the 'popular'

down and bamboozled daily into believing wage increases were the obstacle to that happening, most working people grudgingly went along with the Social Contract pay controls.

Cheap labour

I wo years later, the result is clear to everyone: ever-increasing prices and ever-declining living standards. One estimate, for instance, reckons that real pay-not the number of £ notes in your pocket but the number of goods you can buy with them-fell more sharply last year than in any year this century.

So if Britain was a cheap labour country in 1975, what is it today? And what will it become if those workingclass heroes, James Callaghan and Denis Healey, get their way and push through another phase of Social Con-tract pay controls? Socialist Worker, and a good many

trade unionists, have been campaigning for wage claims of at least £15 just to get back to the standard of living we had a

couple of years ago.

And we have argued that the best guarantee against another round of wage controls is not to wait for the TUC's deliberations on the Social Contract but to get those claims in NOW and to fight for them NOW.

The only reason some of the union 'leaderships' have made noises against the Social Contract is because of the rumblings down below, among the rank and file. Action from the rank and file could turn those rumblings into a

☐ THIS is how E Windsor

sees her life if she were not Queen:

'A tweedy lady living in the shires with her hus-band a naval officer, her

daughter mad on horses-

and sending the children away to boarding school.

☐ GREAT quotes of our

'The Duke of Edin-

burgh is paid so much money because he does a 24-hour job. He is the Queen's husband 24

☐ ONE former socialist

who really does welcome

the Jubilee is Sunday Times journalist Robert Lacey. He's going to make about £500,000 from his

revolting sycophantic best seller titled Majesty.

This is to say nothing of the fees he'll be copping for the Sunday Times and

Daily Mirror serialisations

Here is a sample of dreadful Lacey from the

Daily Mirror: 'In the Swinging Sixties

the Queen was a dis-regarded figure. Jackie Kennedy, Princess Margaret, Princess Grace of Monaco all had more

glamour.
But today we set more store by the qualities the Queen herself displays—

honesty, modesty, dignity

and a sense of duty.
They are qualities well worth holding a Jubilee to

British

'Justice'

Part 36:

YOUNG NEWLY-weds

Linda and Nicholas Spring couldn't face being split up

after months of looking for a

So they booked into a luxury hotel at Heathrow

Airport and took a massive

Nicholas died, but when

The tragedy that Linda

She was forced to stand

trial at the Old Bailey for

aiding in her husband's

'All they were told about private and council housing

obviously depressed them very much, Linda's counsel

Linda was given two years

suicide.

told the judge .-

had suffered because of the so-called housing shortage was not enough for British

porter the following

they were discovered by the

day. Linda was still alive.

overdose of barbiturates.

of his masterpiece.

-Broadcaster Adrian Love on his obnoxious

phone-in

hours a day.

programme.

radio

THE VOTE for an indepen-

dent union was overwhelming—near un-animous. And no wonder.

It was a vote against the Police Act sections 44, 47 and 53—those which were used in 1919 to kill

off the police and prison

How would you fancy this in your organisation? Section 44 alows the

Home Secretary to control the Federation's constitu-

tion, membership, affilia-

tion to outside bodies and most important its use of

Section 47 disqualifies

the police from becoming

members of trade unions.
Section 53 prevents the police from taking any organised form of in-

Imagine the difference if

conference policy was carried through as intend-ed by the delegates. How much more difficult would

it be for the authorities to carry out another Staples Corner, Shrewsbury, or

Only rank and file action

will make Jim Jardine, the

Federation Chairman, live

up to his words 'I'll say this

to you, to the press and to

Pentonville jailings?

dustrial action.

officers union.

thunderclap—especially if workers fighting for £15 claims or the like inspired others to do the same.

Why doesn't that happen? Clearly there are many reasons, notleast among them the same than the

them the apparent lack of any large-scale rank and file organisation that could sustain it. But equally clearly, many people angry about their falling wages are still hoodwinked by the lies behind the Social Contract.

Classic Con

For example: many people still believe that wage increases outside the Social Contract limits would only make matters worse, pushing up prices still

The Con in this case is, of course, the classic one about wages causing infla-

> Leave aside the fact that wages have been held down now for two years and prices are still soaring. Leave aside the fact that between 1970 and 1974 hourly earnings in Britain rose more slowly than in any other European country and yet we still had almost the highest rate of inflation.

Leave aside that damning evidence-and ask yourself

two questions.

What happens to the money 'saved' as a result of the wage controls?

And what can you do

about prices anyway?

Answer, in both cases-

The money we pass up in wage increase does not go in new investment for more jobs, neither does it bring prices down.

Executives

Anyone who doubts that need look no further than the unemployment figures over the last two years (doubled) and the rate of inflation (food prices up by

Instead, the money goes straight into the till. Profits of firms reporting their trading figures in the first three months of this year were up by a third-and nearly all of those companies handed their top executives pay increases way outside the Social Contract limits.

Bonanza

It's as simple as that. Our

pay restraint is their pay bonanza, a simple redistribution of wealth from the poor to the rich.

Exactly the same process is at work when firms put up their prices—with this difference: there is little we can do to ston them putting can do to stop them putting up prices, but there's a lot we

can do to push up our wages.
Which is why the only
thing we can do about prices
is to fight AGAINST the
Social Contract and FOR £15 increases now.

The alternative is to put our standard of living in the ands of Callaghan and Healey for another year.

And we know what

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Police jeer at Rees: Go home you traitor?

The workers in blue.

readers are not nvinced that some lice officers can be mpathetic rkers' struggles then ten to the words of il Chambers, a conable in the etropolitan Police. n the debate on the

at to strike he said: 'In lity we are no different m other workerswe wear funny hats have to do society's y work.

But we have the same thers and fathers as ineering workers. ward workers, miners transport workers.

We only have one comdity to sell and that is our our power. We have to m to sell it better and to that we must have the

WARWICKSHIRE legate sums up the argument ainst the Federation liating to the TUC: TUC achers turned mekeepers. They an arm of the esent Government. have had enough uble without the IC tying our hands hind our back as

By Murray Armstrong

. but there's always

DON'T RUN away with the idea that magical changes will take

place overnight. Although real anger and militancy was present

over pay, conditions and the right to organise, the Tory

backwoodsmen argument about law and order is still there in a

Jim Jardine may have got standing ovations whenever he issued the call for a fight, but he was also applauded (assisted by Tory MP Eldon Griffiths, the Federation Adviser) when he

appealed for more action against 'young louts and hooligans' at football matches, when he castigated a 'soft' Home Office for

letting violent criminals out of jail and when he fumed against

Every conference must have its arch reactionary and that title

Although 83 per cent of the Northumbria force had voted for

He used the letters of JUBILEE YEAR to spell out his love of

On reaching the letter 'I' he declared: 'I is for infiltrators. Out with the infiltrators! Out with the Commies!'

This piece of National Front policy was met with loud boos

law and order and his devotion to the Queen

It just goes to show-some pigs are more . . .

undoubtedly goes to police wrestling champion Geoff Hepworth

the right to strike Sgt. Hepworth rose to his feet for the other 17

right to withdraw our labour.'

In Wednesday's debate on affiliation to the TUC he said: 'The police have suf-fered from great Welsh orators in the past (Lloyd George). Yesterday we took the first tentative step towards our freedom by voting for the right to strike. Isn't it right to take the next

one

from Northumbria.

from all parts of the floor.

per cent.

step which is to be 'in with the rest'.
'We have at last realised

THE FACES OF FURY . . . Mr Rees walks into the conference amid a throng of angry polices

that we are no longer a special case. The Government has made sure of that. But every struggle that other workers have gone through has assisted us. They have pushed our wages up because we are tied to the industrial wages index.

'And now there is an economic downturn and profit hungry fingers are dipping into wages and

our uniforms."

'But what about disputes if we were in the TUC? It's quite simple—we would have to be impartial—and I mean impartial. We should not be used in any way to

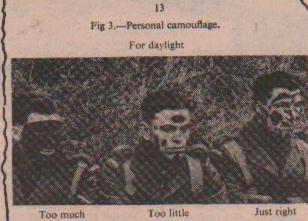
interfere in a dispute. 'But let's face it, when the anyway.

public expenditure. That's why we have fallen behind: 'We are no more special than the UCATT members

who build our police stations, than the TGWU members who make our cars, than the garment workers who manufacture

mass begins to move it is a problem. As with the miners at Saltley Gate, so with the dockers at Pentonville, we couldn't do anything

the Home Secretary: couldn't care less about Section 53. RESTRICTED Fig 3.—Personal camouflage



FIFTH COLUMN is pleased to announce that this is in fact an Official Secret, taken from the restricted Army's Infantry Training Manual, 1954.

AMIN

A tyrant, thanksto 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 Coun-

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

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increases · 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 ldi Amin, the Ugandan

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 Ex-press have characterised Amin true Englishman'.

However, it's usually only the National Front and their pals who will give public vent



Ugandans have been butchered since he came to

> ruins with agricultural production below 1948 levels. I wo-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 Conservatives — doubtless encouraged by their mummies

That seems to be the point

which the Angolan revolution has now reached. In their

attempts to avoid a choice

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,

Obote was trying to persuade Commonwealth Heads

The position is all the more

tragic because, on Angola's borders, South Africa and

run Hong Kong. The colony's corrupt police force has been preventing the most elementary forms of socialist agita-Last month, they broke

up a 1000-strong rally and arrested six organisers.

about human rights at the Commonwealth Con-ference, one place will not

mentioned-British-

The rally was demanding things like two weeks paid holiday a year, an end to child labour and equal pay for women.

as an ape. This is the ultimate in racialist fantasy that lies in the back of the mind of many a

to this straightforward Nazi

But Amin draws it from the shadows of the mind of those who claim to represent public The Ugandan economy is in

Of course Amin's activities are disgusting. The newly-formed Ugandan Freedom Committee estimate that between 100,000 and 300,000

assisted it.

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.

The British press and politicians will be joined in their hand-on-heart anti-Amin chorus this week by the Heads of State of the other Commonwealth countries.

Kerr's Cur

They are coming here to wine and dine themselves at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

Men like Sir John Kerr, the Governor General of Australia who brought down the Gough Whitlam Labour government with his CIA backed Canberra coup.

Southern Africa:

FIGHTERS—BLACK

Like Lee Kwan Yew, th dictatorial prime minister Singapore who bans a strikes, holds hundreds of le wing oppositionists in jail, ar incarcerates even Liberal jou nalists who mention suc

Vicious

Like Dr Hastings Band friend of South African rac Vorster and a vicio authoritarian who hanged public ministers who d

agreed with his policies.

Like the Prime Ministers

Sri Lanka, Hong Kong as numerous other Cormonwealth countries whe tortures and jailings are al

None of them will be out place since they will be greet by James Callaghan, top m in a British government whi was found guilty this year torturing Irish politic prisoners by the Court Human Rights.

Vhat's going of SEVERAL members of the Angolan government were killed last week when fighting

broke out between different sections of the army in the capital, Luan-

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 PorIn 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

'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 the privileged jobs

previously held by Portuguese

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

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.

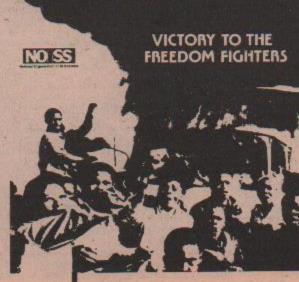
In every revolution. has been reached in which the leaders face a choice between going forward to real popular democracy, and falling back

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

CIA-trained armies stand waiting to put into effect their between socialism and capitalism, the MPLA leaders plan-Operation Cohra-to seize control of chunks of the have ended up murdering one country once again.



demonstrate June 18th Ipm Speakers Corner



WORKERS TO POWER! Speaking tour, with members of the Soweto Students Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign. EDINBURGH: Thursday 26 May, Born, Societies Centre, Hill Place

Representative Council and the

VICTORY TO THE FREEDOM

DUNFERMLINE: Friday 27 May SOUTHLANDS COLLEGE: Thurs

HARLOW. Wednesday 15 June. 8pm. Tye Green Community Association, Bush Fair.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY; Wednesday 15 June. 12.30pm. Sutdents 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, 6 OOprn, film in Maidstone College of Art Wednesday 15 June, 12 noon meeting in MCA Students Union.

HIGH WYCOMBE: Wednesday 15

READING Thursday 2 June, 8pm, Trade Union Club, Minster Street IPSWICH: Wednesday 8 June, Bpm. Station Hotel

GRAVESEND: Wednesday 8 June, 8pm, Town Arms pub, Queen ENFIELD: Thursday 18 June, 7pm, Middlesex Poly, Enfiend Precinct, Room 525, Note change of date BRIXTON: Monday 13 June, 8pm Lower Town Hall

CHELMSFORD: Tuesday 14 June Ipm, Chelmer Institute of Higher Education

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INERS

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 (CR-

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

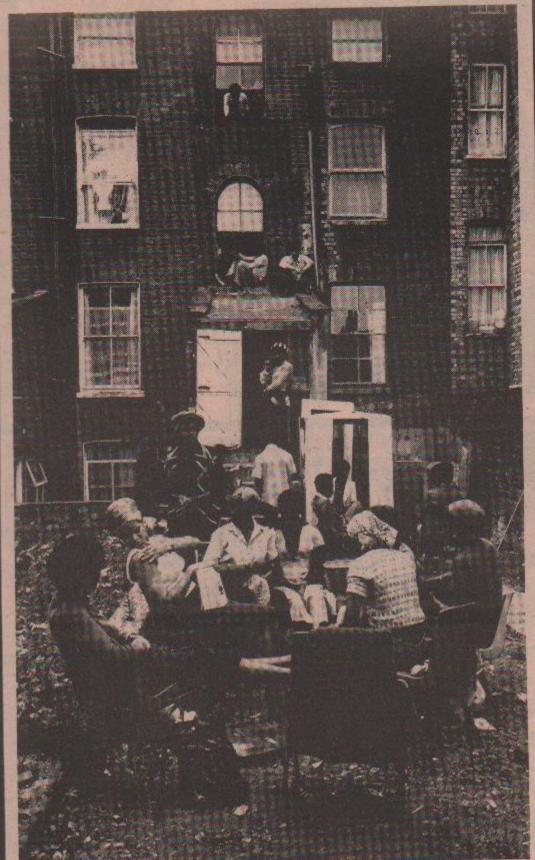
challenge to the regime.

Second, that although the secret police, SAVAK, are

extensive and extremely brutal, they are not all-

Although not as general in scope as the earlier CRTUI publication, Workers of Iran. t 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

☐ 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



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 ...and bloc

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

This is what happened to one

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

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.

FULL OF

RACISM

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

> The Black House is a hostel for young blacks in

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

'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

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

Philip What with 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

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'.

try Party.

Identified

and Leader of the Country

Party, Doug Anthony, has

been identified as an 'associate' (as they say in

Perry Mason court-roon

scenes) of Richard Stallings.

Australian trade union move-

ment also became an object of

CIA interests. The Nation

Review identified three con-

secutive labour attaches at

the US consulate in

Not surprisingly, the

the CIA boss at Pine Gap.

Deputy Prime Minister

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 operations in Australia.

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

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

COUNTRY TO FIND THE CIA BREAKING COVER Melbourne as CIA agents.

information that's activity has been pretty well come to light certainly makes established. But many interesting reading. observers believe that CIA Apparently, the supposedactivities here involve not ly joint Australian-American top secret base at Pine Gap is. only surveillance, but infiltration as well.
As Transport Workers

in fact, run by the CIA.

Apparently, too, the CIA
has had a long-standing
involvement in funding the Union federal secretary, Ted Harris, observed: 'There is a two major Australian right-wing political parties, the Liberal Party and the Counhistory of destituted Australian unions, who did not have a shilling to bless themselves with, suddenly

obtaining money.

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

CIA surveillance of union

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

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 nationalist, 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

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

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 agree-ment 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 replac-ed 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.



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oeautiful dy angry

he police launched a similar mingham, or any large city, the orth West London two years employed.

peated time and again. Eigh- blacks are without work. en blacks aged between 14 nd 19 are now on trial at the ld Bailey. They were arrested fter the police stormed and recked last year's Notting Hill arnival.

If found guilty-they are ccused of theft and conpiracy to commit theft-they ce long prison sentences.

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

vasion of the Carib Club in chances are you will be un-

In the London borough of The same incidents are Brent, two out of three young

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

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

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 ☐ ONE out every five black and August 1976 unemployment among West Indian women rose by a staggering 750 per cent-and by 800 per cent among West Indian

☐ 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

skilled workers will be refused a job because the employer is racialist.For black non-manual workers it is one in three. For unskilled black workers, it is one in

-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



photographs. The authors are giving their 'royalties' to the Right to Work Campaign

and

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Unemploy-

ment and the Fight for the Right to Work. 132

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facts, poems

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 un-employed 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

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

Victory.

Enough is enough. It is now time for the lay delegates to the 1977 Biennial Delegate Conference of the TGW1 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

☐ WILLIE BENNETT, Glasgow.

MI5 out!

IREAD John Walker's article on the advert for MI5 which appeared in the Inland Revenue Staff Federation journal with interest, as I thought I'd seen the advert

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

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).

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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 compulsors work camps the unemployed were sent to in the 1930s. It's a sayage, funny and moving play which no one should miss.
□ J. Rennie.

Just a note to let socialists

living in the

London N1 The Half Moon's box office phone number is 480-6465.

They call thisa 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

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 injec-tion, 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

That is why I believe socialism must succeed.

MICHAEL COOPER, Hull.

Political prisoners held

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

in US 25 years

in the western hemisphere. The demand of our campaign in Puerto Rico and nternationally 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 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

Rican Independence, Box BMCPRI, London WC1V

etters

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 ask ed for the duty officer. He asked her how old are you-19. Any children no. So he said, sorry 1 can't help.

After an argument, he agreed to get us an interview

with the Social Security. So we travelled back across town

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 interesting, challenging overtly political discussion with your workmates and friends then throw in this phrase: 'what we need in 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

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.

National Front. Until recent-General and Municipal

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 APPLEYARD,

WHEN you've finished 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 normalbuy 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

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 photograph-ed by 'left-wing ex-tremists' 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.

Don't mistake the SNP

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Crescent

I'M NEARLY 70, an old age pensioner and a regular reader of the Socialist Worker, I agree with nearly all of your agree with hearly all of your policy and greatly enjoyed the book Why you should be a socialist. But 1 think you underestimate the strength of the Scottish National Party.
You often write from a purely English bakeground and may not be aware of how

and may not be aware of how even convinced socialists here

feel.

If Scotland were selfgoverning, 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 Bas-ques or Catalans in Spain. 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,

controlling the number of workers but also destroying the Puerto Rican national liberation struggle ☐ Committee for Puerto

Trico turn to apartheid for help

IT IS just eight months since the Trico women workers won

found out. They have used their 'initiative' and 'enter-

prise' to find new workers to

South Africa. Low-paid black workers in an apartheid state produce

But if the blades were blacked by workers fitting them, Trico would be forced

to cease production in South Africa. D HARRY SMITH, Man-

PS: Is this the way to beat apartheid or should we use our industrial strength to help black African workers win independent union organisation and parity of wages? What do you think?

exploit. Now two types of wiper their equal pay claim at their West London wiper blade ADDRESS blades are fitted to the Viva more profit than women who cot, Deeside. and Chevette range here at Ellesmere Port. One is stamped Trico, Made in have won a living wage. Should the Trico women take future action their position factory. But what have the SPARE a thought for Please print address clearly in BLOCK LETTERS. Trico bosses done now that this source of cheap labour is Stewart Rigby, secretary of the Leeds branch of the SEND THIS FORM TO England. The other EMC Inc denied them? will now be much weaker. Here at Vauxhall we have Trico, Made in RSA.

The new cheap labour source is the Republic of Socialist Worker (Punchboards), 6 ly he was a shop steward for the Leeds Gas branch of the Cottons Gardens, London E2

'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 trousers, a frayed jacket, and a tough pair of brogues.

He was no longer the well-heeled visitor. For a while he became an out-ofwork 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 Abysts**—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 carlier, 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

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 Abyxs, 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 plainclothes policemen, Johnny Upwright), Jack began his descent into 4his 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 2½d 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

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 subbestial 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

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

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 deviis 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

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Almost two million

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.

An inquest at Shoreditch returned a verdict of 'Suicide during temporary insanity.'

against truth,' thunders Jack, 'the jury had done a better thing to bring a verdict charging society with temporary insanity'

with temporary insanity.

It is precisely this charge of insanity which The People of the Abyss levels against capitalism, against a system which offers wealth and privilege to the few and a subhuman existence to the many.

*The People of the Abyss, a recent Bookmarx Club choice, is abailable 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 Plut 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

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.

Daughter of Smedley. A novel set in mining tow the turn of

-RIP BULKELEY

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You're sacked-ten minutes ago

READING: Four kitchen porters at Borocourt Hospital have been sacked for taking industrial action.

They were working to rule, to press for a fairer distribution of overtime and an inquiry into harassment of Spanish porters by the hospital management.

These sackings go against disciplinary procedures. To add insult to injury, the porters were given letters at

By Jim Fagan, NUPE shop steward

ten minutes past five stating they would be sacked at five o'clock if they didn't return to normal working!

The West Berkshire Area Health Authority are using this dispute to make a general attack on NUPE members and the right of hospital workers to organise a strong trade union.

Borocourt NUPE has been

in the forefront of the fight against the authority's attempts to cut our health services.

They have threatened to withdraw recognition of three of NUPE's elected officials, senior steward Bill Bunce, Jim Fagan, a nursing steward, and our branch secretary Matt Gough. A work to rule was started by nurses and domestics at Borocourt in support of the four porters' reinstatement and this action

spread to three other hospitals. But the NUPE full-time

officer, Adrian Karmel, suspended the action because he wanted to call in ACAS and didn't want to 'prejudice' our

If management are set on smashing us the only thing that will stop them is widespread industrial action. The GMWU and NALGO

have promised to support us in

Occupied hospital: **Now support** this mass picket

BALHAM: Angry hospital workers at the Weir Maternity Hospital have now been in occupation for more than a week with the official support of NUPE.

They were forced into taking direct action to save their hospital, which has been under threat of closure for more than a year, when the Area Health Authority close down a third ward and a proached individual ancilla workers to offer them jobs

domestics.

These jobs would mean considerable cut in pay there would be no overtime

An Action Committee, wi representatives from a departments within the hospital, meets daily an liaises regularly with the We Campaign Support Cormittee, which was immediat ly set up to build solidarity f the Weir workers in the loc

community. ☐ Send messages support to Weir Materni Hospital, Weir Road, Lo

☐ Send delegations to It mass picket at the We when Alan Fisher com down to address th workers on 10 June. Co venor, Weir Campalgn Su port Committee, Pa Hoggart, 673 5902 f details etc.

PLESSEY WORKERS OCCUPY

By Frank Jones, Kirkby Right to Work Committe

KIRKBY: Workers a Plessey's have occupie against closure of the fac

They locked out manag ment on 25 May and took ov the factory.

The occupation was carri-out by 200 members of t electricians union, most them women, who are I worst by the closure. One in every four women

Kirkby are unemployed as some are the breadwinners. As a splitting tactic, t management have offer

alternative employment to t TGWU members at low rates of pay. They also offered t AUEW members thr

months extra work to disma tle the plant's machinery. Last Thursday, manag-ment were allowed into t

factory to pay out wages.
At the same time th

opened up another office a tried to entice workers in accepting redundancy mon When the stewards heard

this, they immediately called meeting in the canteen.

Lily Allen, senior sh steward, told Socialist Work that the workers rejected t management offer animously and ordered the to leave the factory.

KELLOGG'S BOOST

MANCHESTER: The 1 workers in the shop work union, USDAW, at Kello have ended their first mastrike of nine days with partial victory.

They have won withdrawal of the suspens on two workers. Things never be the same in Kello again.

LEGAL THREA

BIRMINGHAM: The lo Education Author threatened last week to suc teachers for 'breach of c tract' for taking part in local NUT official act against the cuts.

More than 100 local scho have recently been refusing take classes of more than 3 to cover for teachers abs for more than one day.

At an NUT Associate meeting last week, teach voted to refuse to teach t classes and to withdraw their staffrooms on 30 Jun portest at the legal threat.

THIS IS THE WA

THIS is a magnificent attendance at the first anti-JIB meeting in years.

Ten years ago contracting was the most powerful section of our union.

'Since then the JIB has been the weapon that has divided us and kept our wages down.

This is how Billy Williams, EETPU member from Cardiff opened Saturday's Fight the Joint Industrial Board Conference in Sheffield.

The conference, organised by Rank and File Contact, brought together more than 80

including shop stewards from major construction sites.

The pro-management JIB negotiating agreement was introduced by the electricians union executive in 1969. It broke the site agreements and took local negotiations out of the hands of shop stewards and put them on a national level between the employers and appointed EETPU of-

Campaign

The conference called for a campaign for £2.50 an hour from August.

Sandy Adamson, from NG Baileys, warned against the union's executive will announce the 1978 claim. He urged delegates to throw out anything less than £2.50.

Phil Baker, unemployed secretary of Cardiff EETPU, showed how an electrician's pay is the same as the poverty rate given on the dole for a married man with two kids.

'That is the reason why so much overtime is worked and consequently more of our brother and sisters are on the dole. A fight for a living wage is essential.

The conference agreed to campaign against the employers' blacklist and to employed members who should be given jobs first.

A plumber from Middlesborough called for a campaign against the new instrumentation agreement.

This will introduce five new grades into instrumentation, so that there will be complete flexibility between pipe fitters and sparks.

Catastrophic

'This will have a catastrophic effect on man-ning levels and undermine jobs in an industry already badly hit by unemployment.

Under the instrumentation

agreement, once you are grad ed as a technician you can't get back into your trade as a pipe fitter or spark.

There is also no section dealing with wages for these new grades. The effect of this agreement will be to increase

the stranglehold of the JIB.

We must go back to our areas and call meetings of all

shops to explain our case.

'We should encourage plumbers and sparks not to sign these new grading forms and, where possible, call meetings and demonstrations against this agreement, which was introduced without any reference to the rank and file."

Support

Delegates-from the Port Talbot strike argued their case to the conference and it was agreed to give them the maximum support.

The treasurer of the Din-nington Strike Committee thanked the conference for the support that had been given during their strike and stressed that without this financial help they could not have con-

Declaration

The Conference adopted a declaration calling for a cam-paign on the £2.50 claim, the blacklist, the grading system and for a lobby of the union's conference biennial Blackpool.

It was also agreed to produce a Fight the JIB pamphlet.

Smash the JIB

Summing up on the declaration, a London spark said: This meeting is just a start but it has put us well on our way We want to smash the JIB but we won't succeed tomorrow.
'It's by building up the rank

and file movement that we will gain the strength necessary. That is why we must fight on the individual issues, wages, flexibility, in order to finally

Last week's mass picket: then came the bad news from NUPE . .

THERE WAS some good news and bad news for workers occupying the Greenwich Reinforcement Steel Services plant in South London this

On Wednesday, staff from St. Nicholas' hospital, which is threatened with closure, and local trade unionists came out and supported a mass picket at the plant.

They went on to the Area Health Authority meeting where the future of St. Nicholas' hospital was on the agenda

Rank and File

DIARY

occupation at The Greenwich is in support of six steel trade union (ISTC) members who were singled out and sacked for joining St. Nicholas workers on a NUPE day of action demonstration.

After the health authority picket, Greenwich workers went to the **British Steel Corporation** headquarters in London where they were joined by workers from the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson hospital which is also occupied against closure.

Last week, the Greenwich occupation received a massive boost from rank and file delegates at the NUPE conference who urged their executive to make a donation of £6,500 to the dispute fund.

But the day after the conference ended, the executive back-tracked and cut the donation to £650.

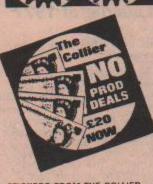
Supporters of the rank and file paper Hospital Worker are calling on branches to send motions

ing their outrageous decision, and to send donations to the occupation fund immediately. ☐ Money and messages

Greenwich Reinforcements Occupation Committee, 90 River Way, Greenwich, London SW10.

☐ Money and messages to: Greenwich Reinforcements Occupation Committee, 90 River Way, Greenwich, London

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STICKERS FROM THE COLLIER, rank and file paper in the Miners Union. 50p for 50, 100 for £1. Cash with orders to The Collier, 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South

THE COLLIER May issue still available, 5p a copy plus 6p postage, from 3B Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, June/ July issue out 1B June, bigger issue for 10p.

Right to Work Campaign PETI-TION OF THE UNEMPLOYED to the Blackpool Trades Union Con-gress against the Social Contract. Blank copies available from Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Send stamped addressed envelope.

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GLASGOW Right to Work Campaign Stuff the Jubilee DISCO DANCE: Seturdsy 11 June, 8pm 1am (late ber till 1am), Highlanders linstitute. Tickets: employed 75p, unemployed 50p, from 64 Queen Street, (phone 041-221 3425).

WAGE rises are regulated under the social contract, so there is no point in winning union recognition'

That was the message last week from chairman Roger Desoutter to the 230 AUEW members on strike for union recognition at Desoutters Tools Colindale, North West London.

It was the third letter of its kind sent out by management, this time with Urdu and Gujerati translations.

Management is clearly

worried since none of these dirty tricks have affected the determination of the strikers as we go into the third week of the struggle. On Friday a coachload of our pickets got a warm recep-tion from workers at the

By Barry Moroney, **AUEW** shop steward

Desoutter plant in Hammer-ing, Littlehampton where ing, Littlehampton where AUEW literature was distributed round the factory.

Blacking has also been extended to the main shipping outlet in the London docks, to the General Motors combine. Glacier Metals, Lesney Toys and other engineering firms in and around North London.

Throughout last week, carloads of strikers toured the Midlands and the North with collection sheets and appeals for blacking. The Sheffield District Com-

mittee of the AUEW has instructed all its members to

boycott Desoutters Tools immediately.

Every engineer has used Desoutter Power Tools, many without realising it is a scab firm. We rely on rank and file activity now to black these tools over the length and breadth of the country, and for immediate financial support to help us win the strike.

NO SABOTAGE BY UCATT OFFICIALS

BLACKPOOL: Every possible trick is being used to try and break the 11-week-old building workers' strike at Laing's Water Treatment

Plant site.

UCATT and management published a joint statement in the Lancashire Evening Post saying there is no dispute. Management have also paid TGWU dues for non-union scabs to discredit the strikers' claim that non-union men are working on the site.

The scabs are getting big bonuses-far higher than the figure which management refused to pay the men who are now on strike for a collective bonus for the 40hour week.

On Monday, another mass picket turned away a few would-be strike-breakers.

☐ Letters of protest against UCATT should be sent to UCATT c/0 137 Dickenson Rd, Manchester 14. Messages of support/ Donations to J. Harrison, convenor, 10 Belmont Ave., Belmont Lancs.

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PORT TALBOT CALL FOR SOLIDARITY

said steelmasters 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

Barrier:

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 con-ditions 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

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 Com-mittee, Eastmoor Street, Charlton, London SE7.

LAUNDRY

BATTLE

FOR JOBS

LEEDS: Ten NUPE

members, mainly women,

at Seacroft Laundry are on

unofficial strike to save

The work is being farmed

out to private contractors.

Already 5,000 items from St
Georges Hospital which

Seacroft have been cleaning

firm called County

have gone to a private contrac-

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

On Tuesday, management

said they would take the

contract away from the private cleaners and give the

work to Leeds General Infir-

mary, as requested by NUPE. They also demanded that

the laundry workers give a

signed guarantee to work overtime at the discretion of

This is the result of hours of

The strikers have rejected

dicussion between the NUPE

full timer and the manage-

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.

the laundry manager.

Cleaners in Armley.

fight till we win."

their jobs.

Boilermakers.

United

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

John Willock, Trostre

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 dis-tributing leaflets in support of the strikers.

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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

Meanwhile, the strikers are

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are demanding solidarity ac-tion 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

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, Bagla Talbot, S. Wales. Baglan, Port

Gibraltar: sell-out by **CPSA** leaders

FOR EIGHT months, 350 civil servants in Gibraltar, employed by the Ministry 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 sup-port. 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

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

☐ Send messages of con-solution to Gibraltar. Demand resignation of general secretary, and Deputy general secretary, call for motions of no confidence in the NEC.

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 deci-

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.

THE UNIONS SILENT RIDE SILENT RIDERS

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

REED DRIVERS FIGHT ON

PICTURE John Sturrock (Report)

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: Reeds Corrugated Cases Strikers, c/o

Street, Birmingham.

Cleaners sold out

rumoured that the Grand Old Duke of York is sueing 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

Pay Cut

For four weeks, 25 scho 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 Maities and Helen Blair, Lanarkshire EIS,

and Harriet Marshall and Betty Quinn, NUPE school

POCKETS

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

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 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 prov-

ed 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

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 Scar-

to a quarter of the debate time

of the delegates voted against any Phase Three—a far bigger

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

FLYING PICKET

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

Management provoked the dispute when they refused to

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

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

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

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Support National THEATRE PICKET

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

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 NATTKE. Stewards of all sections, both on strike and not, were meeting with management on Tuesday afternoon.

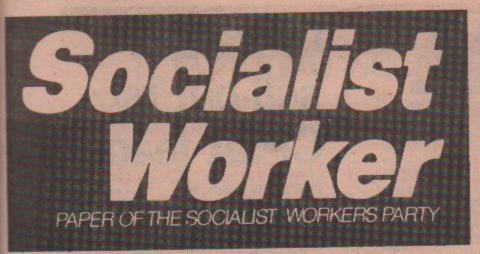
Rejection

Management and the union executive have proposed ar-bitration 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.

borough. By his selection of speakers, Denis Howell, the president, restricted the presentation of the anti-Social Contract case

Despite this, about a third number than last year.



DEMONSTRATE

Friday 3 June, 12 noon. March from C A Parsons factory to Newcastle Civic Centre for rally at 1pm.

TYNESIDE Socialist Worker public meetings: How to fight the sackings-the socialist

Speakers: John Deason (secretary, National Right to Work Campaign) and Terry Rogers SUNDERLAND: Wednesday 8 June, 8pm, The Meeting Rooms, 27 Stockton Road. NEWCASTLE: Thursday 9 June 8pm, Bridge Hotel, High

Level Bridge.



PARSONS: 6000 threatened



PLESSEYS: another threatened factory



PLESSEYS: 2000 jobs lost already



JACKSONS: From five factories to one

DONG EASTDE!

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

Fight for every job!

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.

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

Shipbuilding and marine engineering are to be nationalised on I July, but we aren't too optimistic, considering the history 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



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

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

by TERRY ROGERS 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

The workplaces in the in-dustry 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.

ON THE SOCIALIST MORKERS PARI per cent. There are 35,000 workers in

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

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

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 Jubileeists: '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

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 depresion year of 1887. The Romans at least doled out some bread with their circuses. This one was

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

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

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

"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 might be in the conventional domestic duties in short, the representation of the anti-social might be in the conventional domestic duties in short, the representation of the anti-social might be in the conventional domestic duties in the convention of the convent tation 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 . 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 up-holsterers, 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 orgie, 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 wing its rottenness op

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

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



finding no road, the Czarina was

The telegraph clerks were unable to

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



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

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

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

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

That this reduces the whole office and function of the Crown into a purely decorative functionone 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 firled.

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!

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 Marv-sm. Fortnightly on Tuesdays. 7 30pm. Lang's Bar. Moss Street 14 June. The need for a revolutionary socialist party. Speaker Daws Sherry.

GLASGOW WEST Socialist Workers Party weekly meetings on the Case for Socialism: Every Satur-day. 2:30em-4pm. Partick Burgh day. 230pm 4pm. Halls. 4 June The rank and file move.

ment. 11 June: The revolutionary socialist

EDINBURGH Socialist Workers Party/Women's Voice discussion group on women's politics: Satur-days, 11 30am, Trades Council, 14 Picardy Place (top of Leith Walk), 4 June Women—a raw deal on the

NHS7 11 June: Breaking the chains—the split in the suffragette movement.

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

EASTER ROSS Socialist Workers Party fund-raising dance: Friday 3 June, 9pm-1am, Balnagowan Hotel, Tain: Dance to Tumbleweeds, Late

Socialist Worker Youth Movement SCOTTISH WEEKEND SCHOOL 4/5 June at Stirling University. Sessions on. Organising school students, Right to Work Campaign, Apprentices etc. Details from: 84 Cusen Street, Glasgow, There will be facilities to watch the England-Scotland game.

FALKIRK Socialist Workers Party public meeting. Fight the Health cuts! Spraker: Anne Alden Jnussel Chair Charlie Pann (TGWU), Tuesday 7 June, 7 30pm, Temperance Cafe

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

Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE Socialist Workers Party HEALTH AND SAFETY MEETING to discuss, how neath and safety ties in with our work as revolutionary socialists, how it ties in with rank and file trade union work, how we can create a network of specialists in the region, organisation of schools and other activities. Saturday 11 June, 11am, Leeds Trades Council Club, Saville Mount, Leeds Pooled fare system. Details, contact Derek Howl, 13 Cliff Mount, Leeds 6.

YORK Socialist Workers Party theatre show: CAST presents Sam the Man. Wednesday 8 June. 8pm. Co-op Room, Lowther Street. Admis-sion 50o. All proceeds to SW defence

WEST YORKSHIRE Socialist
Workers Party district meeting and
day school: Sunday 19 June,
10 30am, Boom 4 Communel
Building, Bradford University.
Speaker Jimmy McCallum On The
Crisis, the Social Contract and the
Immediate perspectives for SWP
Followed by group discussions and
practical sessions Supporters
welcome phone Keighley 605239.

KEIGHLEY Socialist Workers Party fortnightly, next meeting 2 phone Steeton 52484 for

BRADFORD CENTRAL Socialist Workers Party meets 7.30pm, every Thursday. Textile Hall, Westage, Bradford 9 June Raccalism, the new Nazis and how to fight them. Speaker Geoff Robinson, Phone Bradford something

Socialist Worker public meetings

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











DONCASTER Socialist Workers Party Jubilee Celebration: Kids outing and picnic to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of George Vt. Sunday 12 June, details from Rotherham 863179.

LEEDS WOMENS VOICE Stuff the Jubilee Dance: Tuesday 7 June (Jubilee Day), 8pm-midnight, Leeds Trades: Club (off Chapettown Road), Life Mask Band, Admission 75g (unemployed 40p).

SALFORD Socialist Workers
Party Anti-Jubilee meeting with
North West Spanner's new show,
Jubilations. Thursday 9 June, 8pm,
8pm, Kinga Arms, Whit Lane,
Speaker: Stevie Taylor (shop
steward, Massey Ferguson).

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

MANCHESTER Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Stuff the Jubilee! North West Spanner theatre group perform their antijubilee play Jubilations, plus speaker, Eddie Prevost TGWU shop steward, Royal Docks, London on Smash the Social Contract Ferday 10 June 8pm, Stretchford Civic Theatre Hall, Inear Arndale Centrel.

MANCHESTER SOUTH EAST Socialist Workers Party Jubilisations! New play by North West Spanner Thursday 2 June, 7-30pm, Withington Community Centre (top of Burton Road). Plus a

EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

local trade unionist to speak on Stuff the Jubilee and the Social Contract! Admission 25p (students and unemployed 10p)

LEAMINGTON ANTI-JUBILEE
Drinks, including real ale food
swings, slides, sand, peddling pool
children's games, coconut shyknock down a capitalist and win a
prize!—darts competition,
barbeque folk singing, music
dancing, Monday 6 June; 2,30pm
midnight, 4 Gordon Street,
Leamington Spa (by the Bowling
Green pub). Admission only 30p,
children, free! Proceeds to the
Coventry district SWP appeal fund. LEAMINGTON ANTI-JUBILEE

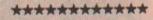
SLOUGH Socialist Workers Party Stuff the Jubilee—a garden party to deplore the lest 25 years. Spot the Duke competition Bowling for a ang for Freddie Trueman meets Sir Robert Mark!!, beer, wine food, politics. Tickets 50p Proceeds to Socialist Worker Fighting Fund. Phone Windsor 51077 for details.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Socialist Workers Party Anti-Jubilee disco: Friday 18 June 8pm-late, The Cellar, Old Town Hall High Street. Disco, bar, admission 80p Junemployed and students 40p).

HENDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Stuff the Jubilieel Kick out the Scroungers! Speakers Paul Foot and Maggie Dunne. Thursday 2 June. Bpm. Upper Welsh Harp, West Hendon Broadway (near Staples Corner), London, NW9.

LONDON Socialist Workers Party Stuff the Jubilee workers' picnic: Monday 6 June, in Epoing Forest Meet at Chingford Station, 11am, for lifts to picnic site. If you're coming from further affeld, phone Liz Balfour, 01 739 8273. Tickets L'1 Linemplayed 50p, kids free/from Anti-Jubilee Picnic. 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2

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



HIGHNESS—An anti-jubiles report from Counter-Information Services 50p a copy, plus 15p postage, from CIS, 9 Poland Street, London, W1



SPOT THE SCROUNGER Ann Jubilee posters: Red and black. 30 for £1 [£1 50 by post). 100 for £3 [£4 by post) from SW Recordings. Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, Landon. £2.



STUFF THE JUBILEFIFIGHT THE CUTS! Badges: Red and black, 20p each, 1en for £1.50, 50 for £7, 100 for £13, from Sherrl Yanowitz, 116 Fortuna Green Road, London, NW6.

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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.

Give your town these stickers, to make sure the Queen's jubilee is really memorable.
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FROM Socialist Worker Recordings, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 9DS

SHIPLEY Socialist Workers Party meets fortnightly, next meeting 2 June, phone Shipley 55913 or 593669 for details.

BRADFORD TEACHERS Socialist Workers Party meets 8.00pm, Thursday, Friendly and Trades Club, Northumberland Street. Phone Holmfirth 4720 for details

Humberside

GRIMSBY Socialist Workers Party public meeting. Why you should be a socialist. Speaker Eddie Prevest (National Ports Shop Stewards Committee member, in personal capacity, Tuesday 21 June, St James House, St James Square

North West

OLDHAM Socialist Wokrers Party Anti-Jubilee Social North West Spanner and disco. Monday 6 June 8pm. The Nelson Inn (upstairs), Union Street. Admission 35p (unemployed freet Rep.

WYTHENSHAWE Socialist Workers WYTHENSHAWE Socialist Workers Party public meetings. Formightly on Wednesdays, 7.30pm, Wythenshawe Community Association (small room), Portway, Woodhouse Park, 8 June History of the SWP Speaker Brian Rose, 22 June. Why a revolutionary socialist party?

Midlands

l EICESTER Socialist Workers Party public meeting. Why you should be a socialist—the case for the Socialist Workers Party. Speaker: Tony Cliff Wednesday. 15. June, AUEW. Half, Vaughan Way.

BIRMINGHAM Socialist Worker public meeting The Rich get the gravy—we get the Social Contract. Thursday 16 June, 7.30pm, Digbeth

LEAMINGTON Socialist Workers Party supporters' discussion meeting: Fascism and racism Wednesday 15 June, 8.15pm, Stoneleigh Arms, Clemens Street.

DUDLEY Socialist Workers Party meets every Thursday, 8pm, Green Man pub, High Street, Discussions every week, speakers every fortnight. All welcome. 2 June: Prejudices and the oppres-

sion of minority groups.

16 June: Why you should be a socialist.

East Anglia

NORWICH Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Smash the Social Contract! Speaker: Tony Cliff. Thurs-day 9 June, Bpm, Shire Hall Hotel (below Castle car park), Central Norwich.

South East

essex Socialist Workers Party day school: Rank and file organisation—why we need it and how we can build it. Speakers include Duncan Hallas and Kevin Prior (AUEW shop steward, Heathrow Airport), Group discussions on women, docks, print engineers, public sector, buses, Fords, firemen. Saturday 4 June, 10.45am-4.30pm in Chelmsford. Plus Anti-Jubilee Disco in evening. Details from Chelmsford 50129.

London

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM day INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM day school. Sessions on the theoretical tasks today and producing, selling and ISJ, plus specialist workshops. Saturday 11 June, 10.15am to 5pm, Room 1.15. Polytechnic of Central London, New Cavendish Street, London WCT. All readers and contributors welcome Registrations and inquiries to ISJ, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. 8DN (phone 01-739 2639).

HAMMERSMITH AND KEN-SINGTON Socialist Workers Party discussion meeting: Whose Law and Order? Speaker: Pete Fysh (Right to Work marcher) Wednesday 8 June, 8pm, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street

PORTUGAL TODAY Socialist Workers Party international day school Open to all Sessions on the current situation, workers' organisations and the class struggle, the revolutionary left Sprakers Pete Robinson, Joanna Rollo and Graham Seaman (convenor, SWP Portugal group) Sunday 19 June, 11am 5pm, Polytechnic of Central London.

SOUTH EAST LONDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting, Law and Order, Speakers, Peter Chappell iFree George DavisCampaign) and John Deason (Right to Work Cam-paign), Thursday 2 June, 8pm, The Albany, Creek Road, Deptford, SE8

Socialist Workers Party EASTERN EUROPE GROUP meeting: National minorities. Monday 13 June. 8pm, in Central London. For details, phone Pete, 01-739-2639.

ISLINGTON COUNCIL WORKERS Socialist Workers Party discussion meeting: Fascism and sex. Speaker: Dave Widgery. Thursday 16. June, 6.15pm. Broad and Roses, 316 Upper Street, London N1

HACKNEY and STOKE NEWINGTON Socialist Workers open meeting Headfixing and Education Speaker. A local teacher Thursday 2 June, Bpm, Centerprise, Kingsland Road, Dalston, London EB.

Ringsland Read, Dalston, London EB,
BRENTFORD, WEST MIDDLESEX
Women's Voice Rock Dance, Saturday 18 June, 8pm-1sm, with Cadillac
Tog Rock in Roll Band, and Sadisco,
Buffet and late bar (Fullers), at Star
and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, Brent
ford, Tickets (1 in advance from paper
sellers in Brentford or £1.25 on door
or phone Candia 01-572 4082.
Posters available, Proceeds to SW
lighting fund.

NORTH LONDON WOMENS VOICE GROUP: public meeting: The Suffragette -Movement - The lessons to be learned.

NORTH: Monday 13 June, 8pm Speaker Ailcen Knowles The Beehive Pub (off Tottenham High Road, N17) Nearest tube Seven Sisters, All welcome (If you need a babysitter, please ring Di on 348 2041).

2041).
SOUTH: Monday 20 June, 8pm.
Speaker Debra Thoms. The Florence
Pub. Florence Road. N1 (off Upper Street). All welcome. (If you need a babystter, please ring Mandy on 607 8067).

Action in the unions

NALGO. Meeting for all SWP NALGO delegates to annual conference. Sun-day 12 June, 5.30pm, 5a South Street, Scarborough (near conference HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS:

HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS:
National meeting for all Socialist
Worker Party members and supporters in the NHS Saturday 11 June,
Ipm to 5pm, Trades Union Bookshop,
260 Deansgate, Manchester, Discussion on the Social Contract, Save Our
Hospitals Campaign, and building
Hospital Worker groups. (All COHSE
members to meet at 11.30am).

TASS Meeting for members and supporters of the SWP in TASS, white-collar section of the Engineering Workers Union Saturday 11 June, 12 noon, TU Books. 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Further details from, and apologies for absence to. Brian Jones, phone 061–795 0412.

NOISS

National Organisation of Student International Socialist Societies

MARXISM 77-HELP WANTED! Can you spare some time between 1-8 July to help organise the running of Marxism 77 at North London Poly (on rota basis). Phone Lindsey German, 01-739 1878.

SW Notices

URGENT: Comrade moving to Manchester seeks accommodation in SWP or NOISS household. Write to Bev Gold, 20 Melbourne Road, Lan-

Socialist Workers Party NATIONAL WOMENS MEETING: Saturday 18 WOMENS MEETING: Saturday 18
June 11.30am. Stephenson Room,
Euston Station. Agenda: Selling
Womens Voice, organising Women's
Voice groups, organising round equal
pay strikes One delegate welcome
from branches, districts or Women's
Voice group Everyone to contribute to
pooled fare. Creche, Phone SWP
Women's Department, 01-739 1878
for more details

SWP member doing work on EXTREME/RACIST RIGHT requires material—including local bulletins, election documents iparticularly giving details of candidate) and above all copies of their papers and pamphlets. Meterial returned if required. Write to Box 1, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Come for the weekend to

Marxism 77 is seven days (1-8 July) of revolutionary ideas and discussion at Polytechnic of North London. If you can't make the whole week, why not come for the weekend 2-3 July. Here are just some of the events:

SATURDAY
Lectures on British poets and the French Revolution, Marxism and Philosophy, A new view on Engles and women, Marxist Economics, plus workshop

SUNDAY
Lectures on The Family,
Capitalism and Women's Oppression, Literature and the Russian Revolution, Class struggle in
the industrial revolution,
Socialist and sexual politics at the
turn of the century, Lenin as a
philosopher, plus workshop
sessions.

EVENINGS: Tony Cliff on The Russian Revolu-tion, Edmund Baluka on Workers Struggles in Eastern Europe, theatre by North West Spenner, Kartoon Klowns, live music and discoss

Facilities include free creche, canteen and bar, accomodation will be provided if necessary.

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.

☐ Documents are in the latest SWP Bulletin

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 PLUTO PRESS, Unit 10

Spencer Court, 7 Chalcott Road, London OTHER BOOKS OUT THIS

MONTH
Cocia.ism and the New Life—
the personal and sexual politics of Edward Carpenter and Havelock Ellis, by Sheila Rowbotham and Jeffrey Weeks. 21.80 plus 25p postage
A New World for Women— a biography of Stella Browne, socialist feminist, by Sheila Rowbotham, 21.50 plus 25p postage.

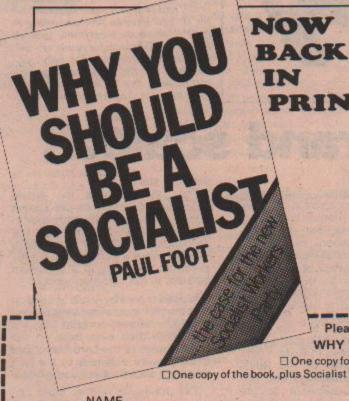
WANT A HOLIDAY IN LONDON? We would like to exchange our three-bedroom house in North London Ivery central, close to tubes, buses and shops! for similar accommodation in the country or by the see. Any two weeks during school holidays. If interested write or phone giving details to Mandy/Leff Hurford, 18 Williamson Street London N7 (Interes Williamson Street, London N7 (phone 01-607 8067).

ANDY STROUTHOUS 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 com-puter multinational please contact Tim, phone 01-720 4701.



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 wantto end the wretchedness and despair which shuts love and laughter out of so

many lives. We do not have to spend the rest of our lives, and leave our children to spend the rest of their lives, wrestling in the struggle against a mean and despotic ruling class.

Society can be changed, but only if masses of working people abandon the rotten shipwreck of the 'leave it to us' reformers, and commit themselves to

change from below. This pamphlet puts our case. Will you read it?

Please tick appropriate box - all prices include postage.

Please send me . . . copies of WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST at

☐ Five copies for £2 ☐ One copy for 50p ☐ One copy of the book, plus Socialist Worker each week for the next two months for £1.50.

SLOUGH Socialist Workers Party meets Thursdays, 7,30pm, Slough College of Higher Education (room A34) Non-members welcome.

ubilee Mugs

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 na-

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.

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

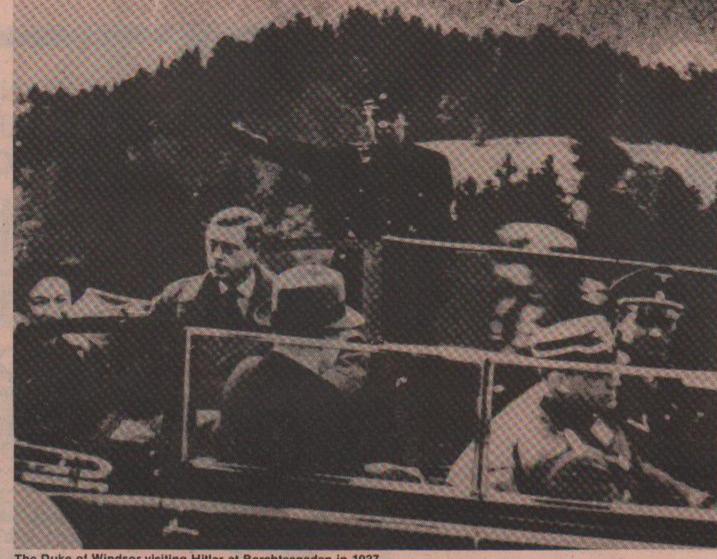
A little later the duke talked with the leader of the Spanish fascists, the Falange. This man reported back to Berlin that 'The Duke was considering making a public statement . . . disavowing present English policy and breaking with

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

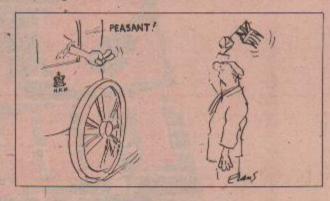


The Duke of Windsor visiting Hitler at Berchtesgaden in 1937

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 outl The great poet John Milton became a staunch republican and repeatedly justified the execution of Charles 1.

'I did not insult our fallen majesty as is pretended,' he wrote later. 1 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'.

THE SLOGAN SIMPLY SAYS **STUFF CORGIS!**

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

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 VII

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 silverpainted 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 Jubileemania. A real silver corgi toast rack to remind you of our beloved Queen every morning.

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 grotesquecordiality 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

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 lav 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

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

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

appeared from parliamentary inquiries that the annual expenditure of the East India Company under the head of 'gifts' to men in power, which had rarely amounted to £1200 before the revolution, reached the sum of £90,000.

'The Duke of Leeds was impeached for a bribe of £5000 and the virtuous King himself convicted of having received £10,000°

More recently the socialist historian Christopher Hill has shown that Charles II's marriage to Catherine of Braganza in Portugal was virtually a condition of his restoration to the throne.

With Catherine came Bombay and hence an entry into India, the slave trade with Portuguese West Africa and with Brazil-for sugar and gold.

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