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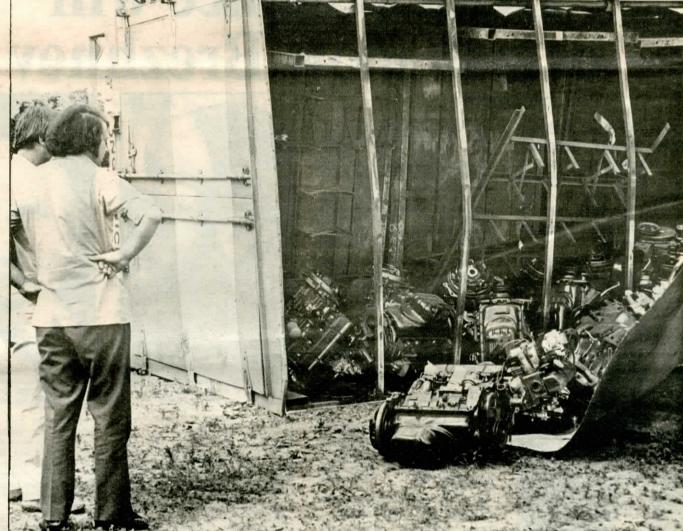
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## BR to slash 40,000 jobs in eight years

THE BRITISH Rail Board yesterday revealed plans to slash the labour force on the railways by more than 40,000 over the next eight years.

The plan does not mean any reduction in track mileage, according to British Rail chairman, Richard Marsh, the former Labour Transport Minis-

But there is a clear threat to hundreds of miles of track in the report's small print.

It says that uneconomic passenger services 'will con-

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

tinue to be provided as long as the government considers that their social value justifies retention.

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Yesterday's report is an almost total verification of the article which appeared in the 'Sunday Times' in October last year and which resulted in Scotland Yard detectives barssing writers detectives harassing writers on the 'Sunday Times' and 'Railway Gazette'.

Transport Minister John Peyton, a member of the Monday Club, insisted on massive savings on the railways by either cutting manpower or services.

It seems that the board has opted for the naive policy of trying to cut 40,000 jobs by 'natural wastage' while preserving the same track mileage.

Peyton and his advisers had recommended that the mileage be reduced from 11,000 to 7,000; there were even more crushing demands that the board investigate a network of 3,000 miles.

This ferocious attack on railmen's jobs is a recognition that large sections of British industry are to be 'phased out' now that Company that Compa mon Market membership has been achieved.

It also means a bonanza

for the private road hauliers who have being lobbying determinedly against the nationalized industry.

Millions of tons of commercial cargo will be switched to the roads in the wake of these decisions.

For railwaymen there must be a united and unflinching fight against these Tory plans. Not a man's job must be lost.

There must be no repeat of Beeching; no repeat of the disastrous job losses in the pits; and no implementation of the 50,000 jobs axe threatening the steel industry.
In 1965 there were some

47,000 drivers and second-men. Now there are only 27,000. The union leaders have only recently nego-tiated away some 20,000

These retreats must be stopped at once.
They can only be stop-

ped by a fight to unite all railwaymen against the Tory government.

The Tories are the main enemy: it is their policies which are threatening the livelihoods of tens of thousands of workers on the rails, in steel, on the

docks and in the pits.

To stop the cuts means a fight against the government, to bring it down and to elect a Labour govern-ment pledged to socialist policies.

These must include nationalization of the docks and workers' control in the pits, the steel industry and the railways.

## Dean evidence will overshadow Brezhnev

BY JOHN SPENCER

WITH SOVIET Stalinist leader Leonid Brezhnev in Washington for a week of talks, President Nixon is facing the most dangerous week yet in the Watergate bugging investigations.

Iohn Dean III, the man he



DEAN: Could he topple Nixon with evidence?

sacked as White House counsel, is due to take the witness stand today at the Senate Watergate committee and his evidence could blow the President right out of office.

Dean has already testified behind closed doors to the Senate's investigators, giving answers 'quite different from any public testimony given so far' to the inquiry.

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Dean has said that he will tell prosecutors that Nixon consented to provide campaign funds of up to \$1m to buy the silence of the seven convicted Watergate burglars.

He has also spoken of his numerous conversations with President Nixon about the coverup of the White House role in Watergate. According to the 'New York Times' Dean has also linked Nixon with the burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist

Dean says he was told that the orders for the break-in— part of a wider plan for bugging and illegal surveillance of Nixon's political opponents—came from the Oval Office, a euphemism for Nixon.

Fear of Dean's testimony has forced Nixon to undertake a dramatic shift in the grounds of his self-defence. Acording to the 'Washington Post' the President now plans to claim that he was misled by his two senior aides.

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Ehrlichman and Haldeman . . . 'two of the finest public ser according to Nixon. Now he might blame them for everything. 'two of the finest public servants',

other government sources, the newspaper said Nixon had discarded his previous position in which he described the two aides, H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and John lichman as

public servants' he had known.
No longer asserting noninvolvement in the spreading
Watergate scandal, Nixon will
acknowledge presidential misjudgement based on misinformation and on unauthorized action by the two senior aides, the

Haldeman and Ehrlichman resigned their White House posts on April 30 over Watergate. Dean was fired from his post at the same time. While Nixon's posi-tion in the Watergate affair gets worse almost hourly his Stalinist guest remains completely unperturbed.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the efforts of the Kremlin bureaucracy will be enough to keep President Nixon in the White House once Dean has spoken.

## Will central banks sell their gold?

QUESTION of banks selling gold on the free market was raised at the meeting of the Bank for International Settlements in Basie,

Switzerland yesterday.
At present central banks are committed to buy and sell gold only among themselves and at the 'official' price of \$42 an ounce. The free market price in London yesterday morning was \$122 an ounce.

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For many months the gold stocks of central banks have been effectively frozen because they refused to settle debt payments at the official price. At

the Basle meeting some central bankers urged the United States to begin selling its gold reserves on the free market.

They claimed this desperate measure would lead to a decline in the gold price and in time stabilize the position of the dollar on international money markets.

The question met with oppo-sition from the US, which declared it had no intention of changing its gold policy. But it is likely to be raised again when the International Monetary Fund's Committee of 20 meets next month.

Acceptance of the free market gold price would have an immediate effect on the market in Euro-dollars, which speakers at the BIS meeting admitted is out of control.

Dr Otmar Emminger, the vicepresident of the Bundesbank, was extremely sceptical about the chances of bringing it under control.

In its report the BIS says 'authorities in almost all countries have in practice re-conciled themselves to lower standards of performance in containing inflation'.

It says that the capacity to

contain upward pressure on prices is 'beyond the reach of government authority in the strained and fluid world of today'

The bank, which is jointly owned by a syndicate of central banks, also warns that the present arrangement of floating currency values will continue for some time, given the reluctance of governments to return

to fixed exchange rates.
It is pessimistic about the prospects of a 'more stable mone-tary environment' in the future, saying 'the way ahead is obscure'.

#### **Deflation** moves in Italy

ITALY is in an unprecedented political and economic crisis. The country has had no government for a week and political instability has led to a loss of confidence in the lira.

Employers and bankers are now calling for savage attacks on the Italian working class.

Amintore Fanfani, former leader of Italy's Christian Democratic Party, was elected the new secretary of his party yesterday.

A government committee met yesterday to discuss anti-in-flationary measures in an atmoflationary measures in an atmosphere of considerable tension. Since February 19, when the Italian currency was floated, the lira has declined in value by more than 30 per cent against the West German Deutschmark, and lost between 24 and 27 per cent on average against other currencies.

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The cost-of-living index in

Italy has risen by 9.8 per cent
in the last 12 months.

The Bank of Italy announced an increase in the upward sliding scale of interest rates for commerical banks which make more than one loan request within a period of six months.

The Bank of Italy said that the channelling of a large amount of funds to the bond market would give the treasury the possibility of financing itself through new bond issues and limit the creation of new money.

These measures are the beginning of deflationary measures which will mean massive attacks on the standard of living of the Italian working class.

'Corriere della Sera', a paper which speaks on behalf of the employers, said yesterday that the only cure for the devaluation of the lira would 'demand sacrifices'.

The huge apparatus of public spending, especially unemploy-ment benefits should be dismantled. A large number of un-profitable firms, public and private should be abandoned to their destiny. People should be convinced that they have to pay the real costs of public services.

'The national sanitation service should be stopped from becoming another scrounger; the unions must be asked for their help to dissuade people from premature retirement, the 36-hour week and people should stay at their jobs, in one factory in one area.

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## Fleet Street pressure to end 'engagement'

BY ALEX MITCHELL

BRITAIN'S biggest-ever banking merger between Slater Walker Securities and Hill Samuel received a crushing lambasting yesterday from the Fleet Street Press.

The £1,500m merger plans will be decided at a meeting in the City of London on Thursday. The issues raised in a series of articles in the 'Sunday Times', now repeated by the 'Daily Telegraph' and the 'Daily Mail', mean that not only is the merger in jeopardy, but a

public inquiry is demanded.

This financial affair is politically explosive because the founding partner of the Slater Walker operation is Peter Walker, the Trade and Industry Secretary, and a leading member of Heath's Cabinet.

Hill Samuel also has the closest connections with the Tory Party. Two years ago chairman, Sir Kenneth Keith, and his directors gave £25,000 to Tory funds.

The central anxiety is that the merger, which creates the lar-

gest single finance and banking group in Britain, was not re-ferred to the Monopolies Commission.

The man who took the decision not to have a monopolies inquiry was Peter Walker, the millionaire ex-partner in Slater

'Daily Telegraph' City editor Kenneth Fleet said yesterday: 'It is a deal that ought not to go through, certainly not on the terms agreed. It is debatable who is doing greater disservice to his shareholders, Sir Kenneth Keith (Hill Samuel) or Mr Jim Slater in conceiving and carrying through the merger.' ing through the merger.'

The 'Telegraph' broadside comes after three consecutive blasts against the merger by the

Business News staff of the 'Sunday Times'. Last Sunday the paper stated in a bold head-line: 'Shareholders should say no'. It went on:

'On Thursday, Slater Walker's offer to acquire the Hill Samuel Group will expire.

'We have been opposed to this merger from the beginning, and, after exhaustive examina-tion, we remain opposed. We remain convinced that this takeover should be referred to the Monopolies Commission for careful scrutiny on the grounds of size alone.

'The merger of Britain's two largest merchant banks to form an institution with gross assets of £1,500m certainly warrants more than a cursory dismissal.'

#### Tanned, bouncy and back from Rhodes holiday, but...

THERE HAS been a breathless debating point in and around the London Stock Exchange for the past couple of months: How is Jim Slater's health?

Crouching over port in the City clubs they have been asking each other for the latest medical bulletin. Not a word has crept into the City pages. Such a thing would be unsporting, not to mention detrimental to the shares in Slater's £1,000m financial conglomerate, Slater Walker Securities.

But at the group's annual general meeting on Tuesday the silence was broken. An anxious shareholder asked Slater to confirm or queny unwours that his health was failing.

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The 'Telegraph' described the atmosphere around the merger as 'a conspiracy of silence' and stated:

'The City's silence has been deafening and of a quality matched only by the Secretary of State for Industry's decision not to refer this merger to the Monopolies.

Kenneth F1eet scathingly accuses the Slater Walker empire of 'corporate incest and asset cannibalism on a scale never before seen, certainly not

In the 'Daily Mail' yesterday, city editor Patrick Sergeant said: 'Today I must hold a candle to my shame and consider my Share of the Year, Slater Walker, my old friend Mr Jim Slater and the disastrous marriage to Sir Kenneth Keith's Hill Samuel group which will take place this week unless the shareholders of both come to their senses in

Holders of 36.8 per cent of Hill Samuel shares have indi-cated that they will accept the Slater Walker offer at Thursday's meeting. This means there will have to be a massive revolt to stop the deal going through.

The savage attacks on the merger by the 'Sunday Times', the 'Telegraph' and the 'Mail' are clear evidence that a section of the ruling class are opposed to the free range capitalism of the Jim Slater variety.

They see the activities of these entrepreneurs as aggravating the inflationary crisis and producing no real wealth in terms of goods and services.

Their editorial attacks amount to a declaration of war on the money and share certificate manipulators. Frightened by the revelations about Slater Walker's more bizarrae business dealings, small shareholders have been dumping their holdings. Since April 27, when the merger was announced, the shares in both groups have fallen in value by an enormous 19 per cent.

The articles in yesterday's 'Telegraph' and 'Mail' will only intensify this slide. The fact that is causing deep anxiety in the City is that Slater Walker is the largest single force on the mar-ket. If its value collapses what happens to the rest of the gang?

A share crisis in which share paper values come under the closest scrutiny would be very serious. But one involving Slater Walker and a member of Heath's Cabinet . . .

#### No decision on role of **Maxwell** at Pergamon

ROBERT MAXWELL, founder and former chairman Pergamon Press, was neither rejected nor accepted in the bid to get back on the board at an indecisive extraordinary general meeting yesterday.

After a call from the American editors of Pergamon Press US journals for Maxwell to stay on in his £16,000-a-year consultancy position, the meeting decided unanimously to defer a decision indefinitely.

It was disclosed that the proxy voting was decisively against the former Labour MP for Slough at a ratio of six to four, but this was discounted after the deferment.

The US editors, of whom the success of Pergamon largely depends, called for a deferment until either the forthcoming report on the company by Department of Trade and Industry Inspectors is published or until it regains its Stock Exchange quotation.

Maxwell was removed as chairman of Pergamon at the time of a takeover bid by the Ameri-Leasco company in October



Jim Slater (left) of Slater Walker and Sir Kenneth Keith of Hill Samuel . . . Marriage off?

#### **Monday Club split: Expulsion moves today**



JONATHAN GUINNESS

**IONATHAN** GUINNESS, chairman of the Monday Club, will move the expulsion of the club's Essex branch at today's national executive committee meeting.

Guinness said yesterday it was 'fairly likely' his resolution will

pointed out that Mr Leonard Lambert, chairman of the Essex branch, was expelled from national membership two

Lambert was expelled for re-fusing to withdraw an invitation to Mr John Tyndall, chairman of the extreme right wing National Front to address a branch meeting. Despite his expulsion Lambert still claimed membership of the club by virtue of his chair-manship of the Essex branch.

On the eve of today's meeting Lambert said Guinness's action could only be described as another example of his 'totalitarian method of leadership'.

#### CBI chiefs see Heath

CONFEDERATION of British Industry chiefs yesterday met Tory Ministers to demand freedom for profits and prices and no return to free collective bargaining.

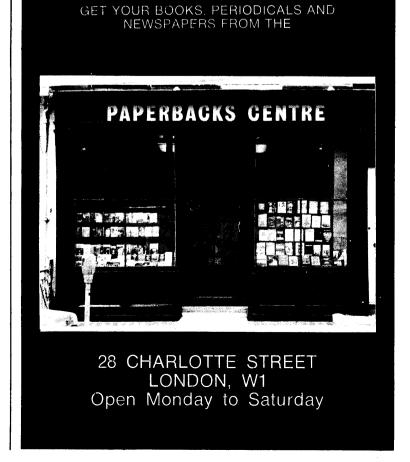
The CBI team-led by Director-General W. O. Campbell Adamson met Tory premier Edward Heath together with Chancellor Anthony Barber, Employment Secretary Maurice Macmillan, and

Consumer Affairs Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe.

The meeting sought to establish 'working programme' for a series of talks on the economy.

In particular, they were concerned to open the way to tripartite talks between the govern-ment, the CBI and the TUC.

The CBI leaders claimed to be 'encouraged' by the 'cordial and constructive' talks between the government and the TUC last



# WE'RE COMING TO BELLE VUE

A discussion around the policies which will be debated at the All Trades Unions Alliance conference at Belle Vue, Manchester, Sunday July 1st—3 p.m.

THE NATIONAL Committee of the A!I Trades Unions Alliance has called a national rally of trade unionists at Belle Vue, Manchester, for July 1, as a further step in the preparations for building the Revolutionary Party.

This follows on the very successful ATUA conference of 2,200 workers at Birmingham on October 22, 1972, which launched the campaign.

The founding conference of the Party will be held in London at the end of October 1973. The basis of the draft perspectives and programme for the Party, which are currently being discussed in the pages of the Workers Press, was the ATUA National Committee's statement adopted at Birmingham last year.

In a statement adopted on May 13 by the ATUA in preparation for the July 1 conference, the National Committee declared:

The further turn in the grave economic crisis caused by the political and economic effects of the Nixon scandal will have a profound influence on the inflationary boom in Britain and the policies of the Tory and Labour leaders.

The Tories have laid plans for a corporate state, but the sharpening class struggle resulting from the intensification of the crisis

will more and more disrupt these plans and expose Phase Three of the state pay laws.

It is this massive class basis for the launching of struggle which forms the Revolutionary Party.

Therefore it is vitally urgent that these new developments, which greatly assist the launching of the Revolutionary Party, should be discussed by the largest possible number of delegates and visitors to the July 1 conference.

Arrangements are in hand to provide appropriate facilities for such a discussion at the Belle Vue, Manchester, one of the largest assembly halls in the north of England. Invitations to delegations have already gone out.

The ATUA calls upon all those workers, who want to end the state pay laws and restore free negotiations for wages between trade unions and employers, to join the demand for breaking off all talks with the government on Phase Three.

The fight for the defence of basic democratic rights is now inseparable from the struggle to build the Revolutionary Party.

We believe that the July 1 rally can be an important landmark in the struggle to unite the working class on the basis of socialist policies to create the necessary industrial and political conditions for forcing the Tory government to resign.

Mr Noel Ring (46) is a Coventry Chrysler worker and Transport and General Workers' Union member:



Do you think the present Labour and trade union leaders want to get rid of the Tories?

The present leaders of the Labour Party and the TUC are not real socialists. They are bureaucrats. They don't represent the working class and its aspirations.

They've never tried to a chieve any revolutionary change, just reforms. Now we're going backwards all the time. We've got the Industrial Relations Act and Phases One, Two and Three. We must be going backwards.

#### Are you in favour of building a leadership which will make the Tory government resign?

I can't see us getting rid of the Tory government under the present trade union leadership. The Workers Press has really opened up my eyes. It has exposed them for what they really are.

I can't see us doing it through the present Labour Party leadership, although I'm very conscious of the fact we must try and return a Labour Party to power.

Although everyone reading the League's programme will realize this is the road we must take, I think their allegiance for the moment is with the Labour Party.

Once the Labour Party is in, the next step would be to replace them with more socialistminded leaders.

#### What experiences have you had which makes you believe that getting rid of the government is an urgent task?

This Tory government has forced me into politics by tying up my wages under the state pay laws and taking away my rights.

I'd like to get rid of the pay laws. I'm no different from any other chap on the shop floor who sees this as the first step to the sort of set-up they've got in fascist Spain.

I've never really been interested in politics until now.



Jones and Scanion enter 10 Downing Street for talks with Heath.

I've always been class-conscious, but I'm just an average man who wants to go through life earning a decent living.

I think what's happening inside Chrysler at the moment must be seen within the context of the crisis. Chrysler came over here with their sights set on cheap labour.

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This whole business of Measured-Day Work is a cheap form of payment for work done. But it hasn't worked in Chrysler as expected. Their interpretation of flexibility of labour, for example, is not the same as ours.

They brought their methods over here—speed-up and flexibility—but they didn't bring the remuneration. We aren't paid anything like what American workers get.

#### What do you think of the TUC's collaboration with the Tory government over the pay laws and Phase Three?

I don't think the TUC should collaborate with the Tories in any shape or form. The Tories have taken away through their various capitalist laws the right to free bargaining.

## What do you think of Jack Jones' and Hugh Scanlon's support for the talks with the Tories?

When I read articles and saw pictures of so-called 'lefts' like Jones and Scanlon running in and out of 10 Downing Street and hob-nobbing with all the prominent members of the Tory government, I became disillusioned with them.

I ask myself, who are they representing? They tell the working class one thing, but what goes on inside 10 Downing Street is another

ing Street is another.

I think the Communist Party builds up Jones and Scanlon because they are not revolutionaries themselves. You have got to look at the Soviet Union to understand the Communist Party in this country.

With all our demonstrations and protests here's Feather and the rest of them discussing Phase Three with the Tories. We know it had no impact.

## The basic democratic rights of the working class are under attack. How can the working class be united to defend these rights?

I don't think we can do anything now without fighting and that means looking forward to this new revolutionary party which we are hoping the Socialist Labour League will be able to transform itself into. This is the only decisive way we can go about things.

I don't want to be tied to state pay laws. The days of protest are over. I see the futility of one-day protests. I don't think they've had any impact. The campaign must be more decisive, more ruthless.

In the last resort it might come to physical violence, but I wouldn't like to see anything like the situation in Ulster. It has to be done through an organized party based on Marxist theory.

## Are you in favour of the Bell Vue rally to launch the campaign in the unions for a new leadership?

We must build a new leadership in the working class. I don't see any other way out. I contribute as much as I can to the Party, although I'm not a single man with a lot of free time. I deliver papers and I give as much money as I can.

I do it because I can see the absolute necessity of building the party. I don't think we could have picked a more appropriate time to call for the mass rally of trade unionists at Belle Vue.

Take the motor industry. Chrysler is not alone in the present crisis. Look at Perkins, Massey-Ferguson, British-Leyland. There's something going on and I think we've got to see it linked to the crisis.



Alan Gadsby

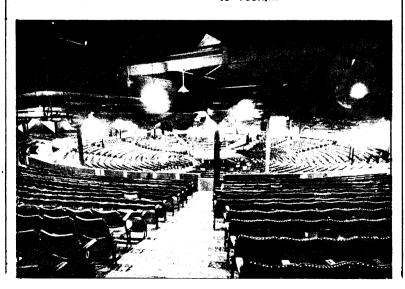


Peter King



Sid Ledward

We apologize to Alan Gadsby, Peter King and Sid Ledward, three comrades who have contributed to the discussion 'We're Coming to Belle Vue', currently running on pages 4 and 5 of Workers Press. Due to a picture mix-up yesterday, Peter did not appear, though his interview was printed; Sid's picture was carried with Peter's interview; and Alan's picture with Sid's interview. Alan's Interview will, in fact, appear in tomorrow's paper. To put the record straight we print the pictures of the three comrades.



#### Mike Cork is a cleaner from Manchester. Do you think it is possible to get rid of the state pay laws without getting rid of the Tory government?

Obviously not. This government is committed to its policies, even knowing some of them have led to serious problems for it. It is committed to carrying them out.

The policies the Tories have pursued inevitably bring them into conflict with the working class, But laws are laws—whether they affect pay or

whether they affect pay or strikes—and you can't get rid of such laws until you get rid the government made them.

The reason for such policies must be the world monetary crisis. Obviously they want the best profit from their system. Even if the world capitalist system is collapsing, they will struggle within this situation to get the maximum profit by taking the basic rights of the working class.

They want to preserve their margins, and the only way they can do this is by offering £1 plus 4 per cent, which is, as everyone knows, below the rise in the cost of living.

It's not just the Tories as a body—behind the Tories are

the employing class, through-out the world.

As was recently explained to me, a woman in Tokyo may not even know anything about a woman in Italy—but they both know that their yen and their lira buy less and less things to have.

#### Do you think the Labour and trade union leaders want to force the Tories to resign?

I think this is a very difficult question. Certainly the leaders don't want the government to resign, but I suppose there are a handful of revolutionary socialists in the Labour Party, obviously with no power, who would like to see this.

I know the leadership would like us all to think something is being achieved in the tripartite talks and the cups of tea at Downing Street.

But there has been no effect on this government. Whatever they say, the action of these leaders show that they don't want to force this government to resign. And it is actions that count.



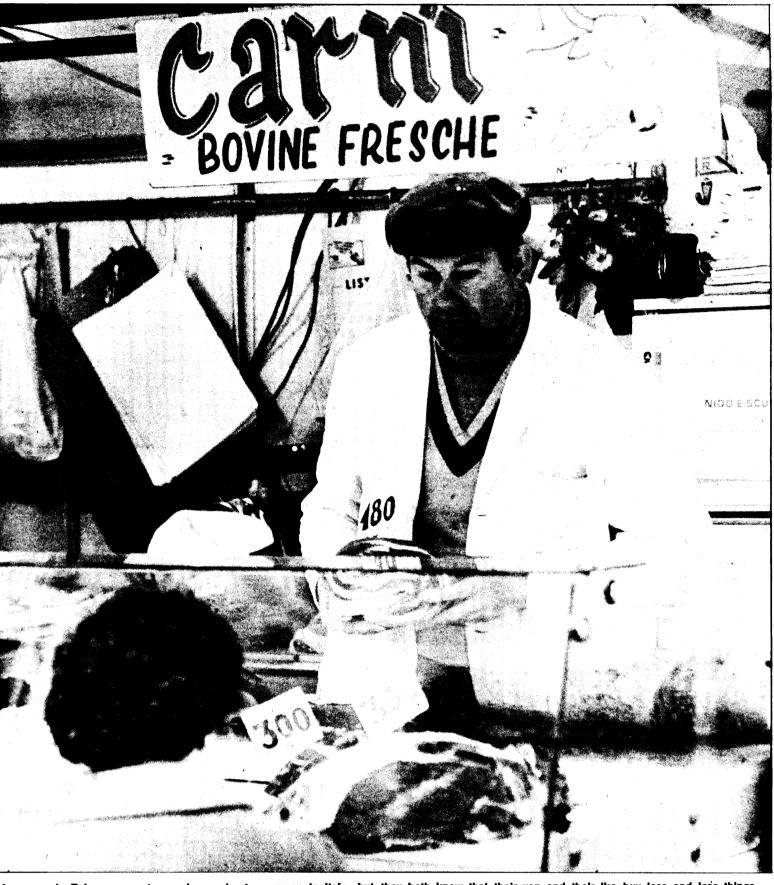
Victor Feather: keeps back for more talks. going

#### Would you like to see a movement built which would make this government resign?

Obviously I would. But what concerns me more is the level of leadership that would take over. We want a leadership built by the working class, of the working class and for the working class.

Once we have attained this, I think we will achieve our

I think this will happen shortly. But once we have achieved it we want to be sure we get what we want and how we are going to get it. There is a danger that the new leadership will not carry out the wishes of the working class. But if it is a leadership built of the working class, I think the danger is very remote.



'A woman in Tokyo may not even know about a woman in Italy—but they both know that their yen and their lira buy less and less things

#### What experiences make you believe that getting rid of the Tory government is an urgent task?

There is one answer to that: my wage packet, £15 a week, that's for a 32-hour week. That's not enough to live on.

#### What do you think of the TUC's collaboration with the Tories over the pay laws and

I find this question very difficult as well. I don't think anyone knows why they do it. We know that nothing is being done to fight this government. I believe that people must sit down and talk, but it's what they talk about that counts.

The TUC put up all sorts of demands to the Tories, on rents and so on, but the government just ignore them and yet Feather and company keep on going back for more.

Now if Phase Three comes out and the leaders of the union are prepared to accept what the Pay Board is pre-pared to offer, they should be warned.

I think the working class have now reached the point where they have had enough. Over the last few months they have taken a beating, but people are beginning to recover and demand some answers. It is far, far too late for talking.

#### What do you think of the role of the leaders like Jack Jones and Hugh Scanlon in this collaboration?

I think they have both become far removed from the working class. They have forgotten what the word socialism is about any more, though they are very fond of using it.

#### The Communist Party and others describe these men as 'lefts' a refuse to expose their collaboration. What do you think of this?

I think the same applies to the CP and the other reformist groups as Jones and Scanlon. I can really see very, very little difference between the CP and reformism.

I think the days of reformism are long over and past. What has brought me to this conclusion is the fact that there are no more crumbs for the

working class on the table. If there were a few crumbs, it would be different. But there is simply nothing left to give. It's the end of concessions. People are actually starting to suffer poverty.

I see it every day, not just among workers, but even semiprofessional people who have big debts. It is a question now of what can be done. People have woken up with a shock and are finding their basic rights being taken away.

#### The basic democratic rights of the working class are under attack. What can be done to unify people in defence of these rights? Are protests and one-day strikes enough?

One-day strikes achieve nothing. I think the situation is that within the union there are all sorts of splinter groups

of workers who are sick of protest and their leadership.

I think they will come together as the situation gets worse and the working class get squeezed more and more. Then I think there will be a General Strike. I think this is now imminent.

To speak of a General Strike two months ago, and I would have said no. But now people have had the opportunity to see what the leadership dothey feel the full impact of Toryism and things begin to move again.

#### What do you think can be done to build a new leadership?

I think one very important thing is the role of the Workers Press. It is the paper through which the workers can genuinely find out what is happening.

I broke away from reading

it last year for a short time and the amazing thing was that things I had read in the Workers Press a month before were written about in the conventional Press months afterwards.

In a funny way the Workers Press is like the best Tory Press because it knows about what is going on inside the government. It studies the situation deeply not just on the surface.

I think there should be discussion groups around the paper. It's also been proposed we have Marxist classes. I think this is extremely important as well.

Politically we must become more and more aware of what is happening. From such classes the workers will begin to realize that a new leadership is necessary and that they will have to build it.

#### Are you in favour of a mass rally of trade unionists to build this leadership?

Trade unionists are not fools, they know about their leaders. I think it will be very important and decisive for them to come to this rally and give the position on their shop floor.

This is where politics start. It is not enough to be on the fringes of the struggle. Myself and my wife have decided to be involved in the struggle; you have a responsibility.

Someone once said to me

that the bourgeoisie are prepared to sit back and let you think revolutionary things.

They don't mind that. It's when they see you doing it they get scared. We have to go out to the working class and organize. This is what the rally is all about.

# STUDENT REVOLUTIONARY' CHOOSES GURU, AGED 15

#### BY ALEX MITCHELL

Whatever happened to the 'revolutionaries' who led the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)? This militant student organization reached the pinnacle of its publicity during the 1968 United States presidential election. It was the SDS that led the anti-war lobby of the Democratic Party convention in Chicago. In return they were battered and gassed by Mayor Daley's cops. Where are they now?

Jerry Rubin has retired and opened a health food store. Abbie Hoffman, who wrote 'Steal This Book', now repudiates his past and declares that his new philosophy is 'Give It Back'.

■ Bobby Seale, the former Black Panther leader, has just attempted to win office as Mayor of Oakland, California, calling for 'a stronger Democratic Party'.

 Tom Hayden, recently wedded to actress Jane Fonda, has become an apologist for Stalinism; he supported McGovern in the last presidential election.

 Carl Davidson recently wrote a series of articles in the US 'Guardian' quoting enthusiastically from Stalin and defending his counter-revolutionary policies.

 Rennie Davis, confidant and spokesman for Madame Binh, has been converted to the Divine Light Movement of Guru Maharaj Ji, aged 15. When student 'revolutionary' Rennie Davis met the Guru Maharaj Ji, it was a profoundly moving moment.

Davis told friends that he had lighted upon the '15-year-old master who has come to save the planet.' Since his passionate conversion, Davis has been touring campuses in the US to describe the way forward. 'The only thing that's stopping us from saving the planet is our own effort,' he says.

'Its [the Divine Light Mission] claims are the claims of the movement writ large. Why can we do it now and not before? Because we're connected, we've got perfect leadership.'

He adds thoughtfully: 'In fact, everything we've been doing has been leading us to Maharaj Ji.'

With utter innocence Davis puts his finger on the connecting theoretical links between middle-class protest politics and religion.

Both are helplessly idealist. No one could have predicted that Davis would have ended up with this particular guru, but, as he says, this was the general direction in which he has been heading for some time.

When the Socialist Labour League made the sharpest criticisms of these 'revolutionary' figures during 1968, the 'New Lefts', revisionists and radicals reviled us for being 'sectarian'.

To Richard Neville of the underground magazine 'OZ' (now bankrupt) we were doctrinaire fuddy duddies living in the past. A Yippie manifesto published at the time of the Chicago convention concluded with these words:

'Political pigs, your days are numbered. We are the Second Revolution. We shall win. Yippie!'

With this demand the Mobilization massed outside the convention hall. Norman Mailer explained what hap-pened to Davis: 'Then came a much larger force of police charging the area, overturning benches, busting up members of the audience, then heading for Rennie Davis at the Bullhorn. He was one of the coordinators of the Mobilization, his face was known, he had been fingered and fingered again by plainclothesmen. Now urging the crowd to sit down and be calm, he was attacked from behind by the police, his head laid open in a three-inch cut, and he was unconscious for a period.'

Following his acquittal in the Chicago Seven trial before Judge Julius Hoffman, Davis returned to anti-war activism. On May Day 1971 he was one of the co-organizers of the Washington demonstrations which resulted in thousands of youth being detained in makeshife internment camps.

In January this year, Davis, who was thinking of 'going into the woods and living in a teepee', had a dream which he interpreted as directing him to Paris to the National Liberation Front (NLF) negotiating team. On the plane he ran into several ex-radical colleagues who had become followers of Maharaj Ji. These disciples provided him with a free ticket to the Guru's ashram in India.

After stopping off in Paris (he reported that both Madame Binh and Xuan Thuy were 'very high' over the treaty), Davis continued to the ashram where an astonishing sight met his eyes:

'There were about 70 people there, and by some amazing coincidence they were all movement people. People would come up to me and say, "Aren't you Rennie Davis?" and I'd say "yes" and they'd say, "You know, I was arrested during May Day". There were Weathermen there, members of Marxist-Leninist student groups, women's movement people, peace movement people.

At the University of Detroit recently Davis gave a mighty oration on the beauties of his

He was introduced by a pro-

fessor wearing a Maharaj Ji button who, 'speaking as a person on the left, hopes this thing can pull the movement on this campus together'.

(The university, incidentally, has just been hit by an administrative purge of radical faculty).

Davis proclaimed: 'We used to think we needed a workers' party led by theory . . . but now we have a party of people led by Perfect Leadership.'

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Having quoted from the Revelations and other mystical prophecies, Davis continued: 'It really is a love story, a fairy tale. The little boy and the little girl will skip off hand in hand out of the forest and live happily ever after. It's great to live in this time, it's a privilege to live in America, because America will bring this knowledge to the world'

this knowledge to the world.'
Davis makes these statements at a time when US imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracies of Moscow and Peking are working hand in glove to stab the liberation struggles in south-east Asia, the Middle East and Africa; when the crisis-racked Nixon administration is trapped in a series of scandals which involve criminal interference with the constitutional rights of citizens; when inflation is having a catastrophic impact on the standard of living of millions of working-class families; when Nixon is planning a major offensive against workers' wages and a step up in productivity to restore some semblance of value to the

At this historic turning point in which the most reactionary and dangerous Republican is in the White House, Davis can say: 'It's great to live in this time, it's a privilege to live in America . . .'

Davis represents a large section of protesters from the 1960s who have completely capitulated to the enormous crisis now gripping US imperialism. Unable to grasp the nature of this tumultuous epoch—because they reject the Marxist understanding of capitalist society and the struggle to build a revolutionary leadership in the working class to take power—these 'rebels' become totally disoriented, they embrace religious mumbo jumbo.

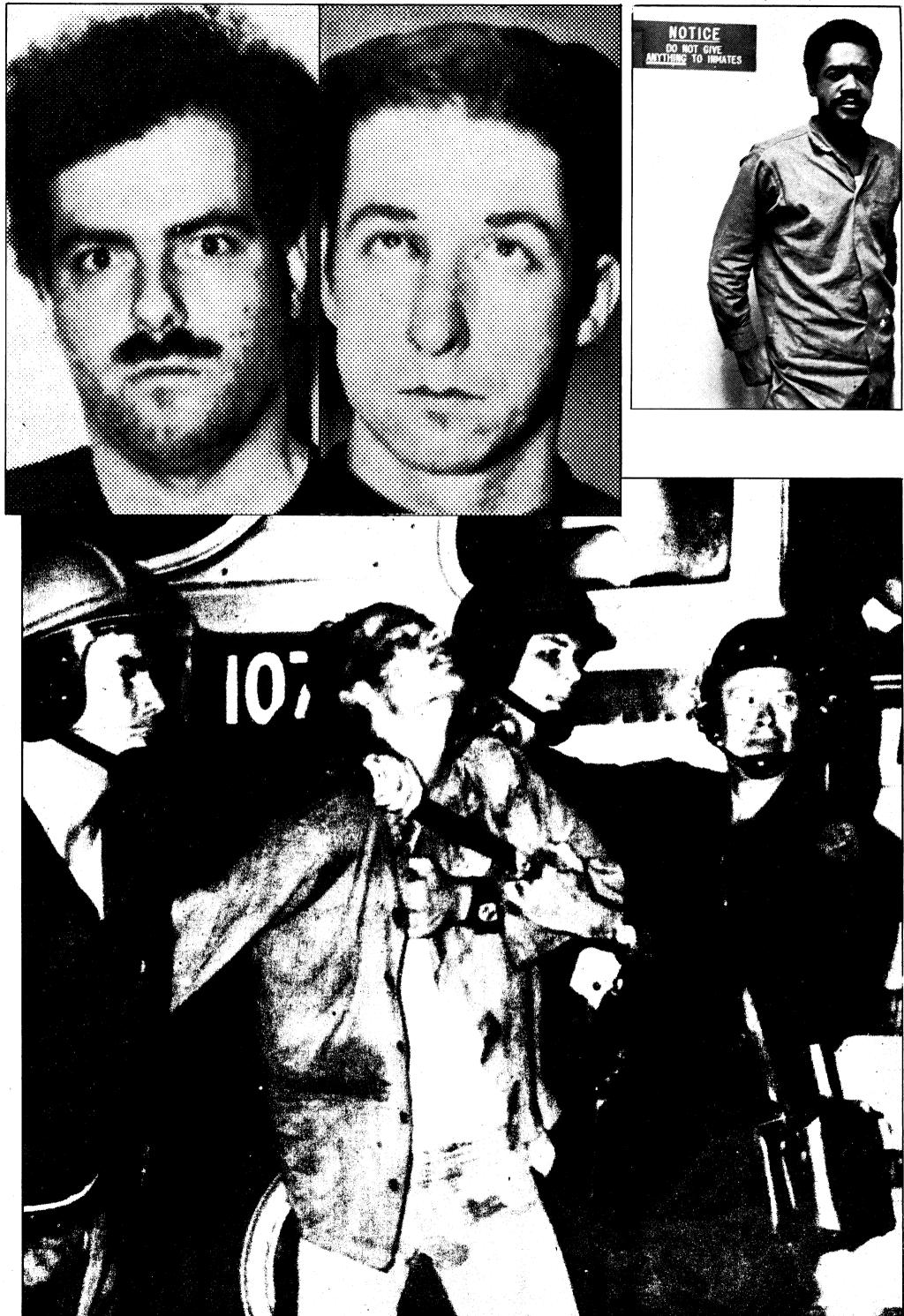
Is their departure from student struggle a passive thing and should we take it seriously? We most certainly must. The Divine Light is more than a freak sideshow. Its adherents will try to thrust its way onto the campuses to drag other students away from serious political struggle. These missionaries are ludicrous but enthusiastic opponents of Marxism and the working class.

It is a telling testimony to the strength of the Trotskyist movement internationally that for every defector to the temples of quackery, we have won many times the number to the banner of Marxism.

The headlines will be about Davis' conversion to the guru, but it is for us to take note of the strides being taken by the US Young Socialists, the British Young Socialists and the Australian Young Socialists. These youth have learnt from the weaknesses of the 1960s protest groups and have made a decisive turn towards the building of world revolutionary parties based on Marxism.



Rennie Davis, the one-time SDS leader, who now preaches the quackery of the 'Divine Light Movement.'



Student protestor under arrest in 'privileged America'. Above, left to right: Jerry Rubin, health food storeman. Tom Hayden, apologist for Stalinism. Bobby Seale, stood for Mayor.

## HE WAR GOES ON

The imperialist war in Indo-China continues despite the signing of the second 'ceasefire' agreement in Paris last week.

This is clear from the report to the US Senate by investigators Moose and Loewenstein,

published recently.

The report was censored on grounds of 'national security' in no less than 58 places by the Pentagon, the State Department, the Agency for International (AID) and the Central Intelli-

gence Agency (CIA).

It covers South Vietnam,
Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, which though not a main sphere of the war is one of the pivots of United States strategy in the region. Here, broken down by countries, is what the report has to say:

#### **AIR FORCE BASES**

THAILAND: 44,406 American troops are based in Thailand, compared with 31,685 in January 1972. The bulk of these men—37,499—are members of the air force which has its main support bases in Thai-

The main base is Nakon-Thanom, on the Mekong. It is used to fly missions in support of the Laos and Cambodia pro-American regimes.

The US army is also directly involved in the fight against the Thai revolutionary movement: and 'various other units' are involved in this task. They act as 'advisers to Thai units operating in eight parts of the country: Nam Phong, Phitsanuloke, Ban Nong Saeng, Nong Takoo, Nam Phung Dam, Lampang, Lopburi and Bangkok.

Air force advisers are stationed at ten of the Thai air force bases, while army advisers are posted to units of regimental size and above.

The Senate investigators estimate that the 'terrorists'their word for the Thai liberation fighters—number from 7,340 to 7,770, an increase of 1,190 on the 1971 estimate.

But they give no exact indication how these absurdly precise figures are arrived at. At all events losses of Thailand government forces are increasing faster than those of the insurgents, according to the report.

The original estimate for aid to Thailand from Washington was \$60m for the fiscal year 1971-1972. In fact the actual amount spent was at least double that figure: \$128.3m according to one figure, \$146.25m according to another.

This year Washington announced an aid figure of \$35.8m, whereas the Thai military regime asked for \$200m. The original figure is being 'supplemented' to avoid upsetting Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn.

In addition to direct aid, the AID agency finances the regime to the tune of \$16.7m, quarter of which is used directly for fighting the guerrillas.

#### **'PRIVATE'** CONTRACTS

LAOS: The army of the pro-American Vientiane govern-ment numbers 68,180, 18,000 of whom are irregulars. There are also 27 infantry battalions and three artillery battalions from Thailand, a total of 17,330 troops compared with 3,800 a year ago.

The Thai troops, naturally, are financed by Washington. They have to leave Laos when the North Vietnamese withdraw under the 'ceasefire' terms, but in this case the



American government will find an excuse for continuing to finance them.

According to various official American sources there are between 61,610 and 70,000 North Vietnamese in Laos, of whom 40,000 to 55,000 are on the Ho Chi Minh trail, in the court of the courtry.

south of the country.

The Americans estimate the number of Pathet Lao (Laotian liberation army) as 30,000 to 35,000.

Naturally the Americans have a vested interest in making it appear that the war is all directed from Hanoi, or, better still, Peking. They claim that 30,000 Chinese are building a road network in the north of Laos.

The official American mission to Vientiane numbers 1.174. In addition there are 'private' companies like Air America (which are in fact arms of the CIA). Their contracts have been extended.

Military aid from Washington for the Vientiane government will reach more than \$375m in the fiscal year 1972-1973. \$311m is already earmarked for next year.

Economic and financial aid has risen for the present fiscal year to \$47.8m—four times the amount the government raises locally through its own

#### **PUPPET**

CAMBODIA: The report makes clear the chances of the Lon Nol regime surviving are minimal. It devotes a good deal of space to the lies the puppet regime tells about its

The Americans pay money

to support an army of 212,357 soldiers. According to one military attaché in Phnom Penh, the figure is 261,518.

Official estimates in Washington vary between 150,000 and 190,000. Starting with a figure of 300,000, the Phnom Penh government later admitted to the Senate investigators that 100,000 only existed on paper though all of them drew salaries. Later still it revised the figure again to 180,000.

In fact, many of the soldiers who do exist are not paid, or are paid only irregularly. The worst off are the 4,500 to 6,000 children in the Lon Nol army.

The number of Khmers Rouges (Red Cambodians) under arms is officially esti-mated at between 40,000 and 50,000 by the Americans, who put the number of Vietnamese fighting in the Cambodian liberation armies at 2,000 to 3,000 only.

The supporters of Prince Sihanouk have taken over the running of the ground war against Lon Nol completely, according to the report, mounting operations independently at regimental level.

The Americans have a total strength of 185 in Cambodia, according to the official figures, which give no idea of the enormous extent of US intervention. In fact the US air force drops 60,000 tons of bombs a month on Cambodia.

Since the CIA coup of April 1970 which installed Lon Nol and forced Prince Sihanouk into exile, Washington has given financial and economic aid to the regime to the tune of \$138.55m. Nevertheless the budgetary situation is catastrophic and there is no sign that it will get better.

US military aid rose to \$133.3m during 1972-1973 and this figure does not include the enormous sums spent on air raids. This part of the report is by far the most heavily cen-

sored, containing 27 cuts.

The authors of the report make the point that the air raids in Cambodia are directed against the most heavilypopulated parts of the country.

#### **NO REAL CEASE-FIRE**

SOUTH VIETNAM: The report is pessimistic about the chances of any useful work from the international control commission and casts doubt on the number of cease-fire violations claimed Saigon regime.

The puppet army has 1,098,193 men under arms, according to the report. The CIA estimates the size of the liberation forces at 253,000 men, 142,000 of whom, it claims, are North Vietnamese.

The investigators were given completely contradictory information about recent infiltration from the North.

There are still 8,500 American officials in South Vietnam, despite the withdrawal.

According to the official US interpretation of the ceasefire treaty, these are not military advisers, but mainly working 'under contract'.

The AID provided for \$551m in aid to Saigon during the fiscal year 1971-1972 and at least \$569m this year (\$649.3m for fiscal year 1972-

This year the regime's own revenues from taxation will be only \$343m. Without American aid the Saigon government

would run a budget deficit of \$635m, even with US assistance the deficit will be very large.

A very severe balance-ofpayments crisis will occur this summer unless Washington extends considerably more cash assistance. Inflation is raging, with prices rising by 26 per cent in three months, nearly double the rate in previous years.

The Thieu government makes great play with the need for money to aid the refugees and start reconstruction, but this year it is spending only a derisory \$7m on these items.

The investigators say that the South Vietnamese economy will need economic aid of some \$800m in the fiscal year 1973-1974, and even this will not begin to set up a real reconstruction plan.

Over the years from 1965 to 1973 military aid to the South under the 'regular' programme has totalled \$7,396,000m, to which must be added \$761m spent on various other aid programmes. This year the total is \$2,260m.

In fact the cost of maintaining the Thieu regime is likely to get a lot higher: Pentagon secretary Elliot Richardson has spoken of military expenditure alone exceeding \$2,900m. The Pentagon now talks in terms of a figure of \$4,100m.

And acording to the magazine 'Aerospace Daily' the figure, excluding economic and financial aid, could be as high as \$7,000m.

These figures only indicate the impossibility of maintaining the US position in Vietnam which has now become a bottomless pit as far as the US is concerned.





#### BEHIND THE FALL OF ANDREOTTI

BY JOHN SPENCER

The fall of Giulio Andreotti's centre-right government marks a new stage in the long-drawn-out crisis of Italian parliamentary democracy.

Andreotti's fate was sealed by the congress of his own Christian Democrat party which voted overwhelmingly to drive him out of office.

In place of the centre-right government there will be a left-leaning coalition under the leadership of another Christian Democrat, Mariano Rumor.

In an impassioned speech at the Christian Democrat conference Andreotti bitterly denounced the parliamentary manoeuvres that have driven him from office. Citing the New Testament he quoted Christ's answer to the Mother of Apostles John and James, who has asked that he give them privileged positions: 'Can they drink of the cup that I drank of?

Having thus compared himself with the party's spiritual inspirer, Andreotti went on to renounce his post as gracefully as he could:

'As I stand before this congress, I hope for our country that days of acute difficulty do not come about when politicians will have to face the hard consequences of their actions.

Even the patronage of the Christian Democrat veteran Amintore Fanfani will not be enough to ensure that the new government enjoys a stable existence.

Fanfani's position as the backstage strongman of Christian Democracy was confirmed by the recent congress, but the divisions within the party are still there.

Even more important is the unprecedented economic and political crisis—the floating lira and the absence of government stability at a time when the growing fascist movement is winning increas-

ing support from the most reactionary sections of the big capitalists.

No coalition, no attempt to reshuffle the parliamentary cards, can wish away these problems. The conditions which existed in the 1960s—the heyday of the centre-left coalitions which ruled without interruption for ten years—are gone for good.

In place of the compromise policies which these governments represented, the country is rapidly sliding towards civil war.

The grave nature of the situation facing the Italian Christian Democrats was underlined by another veteran politician Aldo Moro at the congress.

Today, more than ever, he told the congress, the problems and the demands of the country, which are certainly serious and complex, seem further than ever from being solved and satisfied.

Despite all the efforts made, the gulf between the industrial north and the chronically underdeveloped south was at best no wider than before.

And despite the leaps forward made in many areas since the war, Italy was still No 15 in the league table of living standards drawn up by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

It was followed only by Japan, Ireland, Israel, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Turkey in the table of the top 25 industrial countries, Moro said.

Moro is no critic of the regime—he has himself played a far from negligible role in successive coalition governments and he is the leader of the party which has held the major share of parliamentary office for the past 30 years.

But his outburst at the congress demonstrates the despair of the Christian Democrat leadership, their demoralization in the face of the crisis and the mounting mood that really nothing can be done to change the basic situation.

This is the atmosphere in which Mariano Rumor and his coalition with the Socialist Party, the Social Democrats and the Republicans will get under way

and the May under way.

The only real change is that the Socialist Party has replaced the Liberals—who came in after the May election in a marked swing to the right.

The return of the Socialist Party demonstrates the inability of the Italian bourgeoisie to free itself immediately from reliance on the treachery of the Labour bureacracy.

It is also quite definitely an olive branch to the giant Communist Party, which commands 9 million votes and dominated the most powerful blocs of organized workers

blocs of organized workers.

The Stalinist leaders of this organization have already indicated their support for the idea of reviving the centreleft formula—seeing it as a step towards an eventual Popular Front embracing themselves, the Socialists and the 'left' Christian Democrats.

This formula, which will no doubt be dressed up in the rhetoric of anti-fascism, can by no means be ruled out over the coming period.

The incoming government faces the same problems which forced the breakdown of its centre-left predecessor after a succesion of parliamentary crises throughout 1971. But in the meantime the problems have grown ten times more intractable.

That is why the Christian Democrats must lean to the left for the moment, easing their burdens on to the backs of the labour and trade union bureaucracy and relying increasingly on the Stalinists to keep the working class quiescent.

They already have the Stalinists' word for this. 'L'Unita', the Communist Party paper, carried the following comment from Alessandro Notta, president of the CP group in the Chamber of Deputies.

Notta was the leader of the CP's team of observers at the Christian Democrats' conference.

Asked to summarize the principal results of the conference, he replied that it was 'relevant and positive' that the congress had 'correctly acted to rout the government and the policy of the centre-right and recognized the demand for a political change to face the dramatic character and the urgency of the crisis of our country'.

Also, he claimed, the debate at the congress had shown that the turn in policy was not a flash in the pan.

Notta attributed the down-

Notta attributed the downfall of the Andreotti government to the 'wrong character and incongruity' of the centreright coalition, which was rapidly revealed by the resistance of the working class.

He took pains to stress that 'a notable part of the Christian Democrats' had also been opposed to the government, and added that it all proved no government could last long

Far left: Andreotti, overwhelmingly voted out. Left: Fanfani, veteran Christian Democrat with Aldo Moro.

when it faced the full force of the Communist Party's criticism and attack.

In other words, the clear implication is that the CP will look with favour on the new centre-left government, though it had better take care not to antagonize the party.

While the Communist Party applauds this latest turn in the continuous game of parliamentary musical chairs, the fascists are building up their forces and ruthlessly preparing for power.

They have no interest in maintaining one or another coalition in office: their object is to discredit all forms of parliamentary rule—or rather to wait in the wings until the parliamentarians discredit themselves sufficiently.

Meantime, they keep up a continuous round of provocations directed at the left-wing and workers' organizations, while training and drilling the future stormtroops of the Italian counter-revolution.

The fascists cannot be fought by a government of the centre-left any more than they could be fought by the centre-right

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In fact, Rumor himself was Minister of the Interior when the Milan Agricultural Bank was blown up by fascist provocateurs with 13 deaths. There was a determined attempt to pin responsibility on the left.

The anarchist Pinelli was thrown from the window of Milan police headquarters and his comrade Valpreda held for years without trial, ruining his health.

Rumor presided over this judicial charade, preferring to see innocent men killed and imprisoned rather than order a real inquest into the crime and bring the actual culprits to justice.

This episode demonstrated conclusively that the centreleft coalition could not fight the fascists and provided direct proof of Rumor's inability and unwillingness to fight the fascists.

The new government is being provided by the Stalinists with entirely spurious 'antifascist' credentials, though everyone knows that it is only a tired rehash of the old coalition formula of the 1960s.

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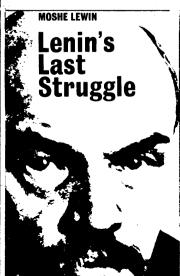
The Stalinists' treachery in sowing systematic illusions in the bankrupt Italian parliament and the institutions of the post-war Republic will cost the working class dear

cost the working class dear.

The urgent and unpostponable task is the construction of alternative revolutionary leadership against the Stalinists and their propaganda of Popular Front.

This can be carried out only in struggle against all the illusions in the bankrupt republican regime within the perspective of the struggle for the working class to take state

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CLYDEBANK: Tuesday June 19, 7.30 p.m. Co-op Hall, Hume Street, Clydebank. 'Fight the rent Act. Throw the Tories out.'

BACUP: Wednesday, June 20, 8.00 p.m. Mechanics Hall (side door). 'Fight Rising Prices, Force the Tories to Resign.'

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HACKNEY: Wednesday June 20, 8 p.m. Parlour Room, Central Hall, Mare Street. 'Labour must nationalize major industries'.

LIVERPOOL: Wednesday. June 20, 7.30 p.m. 'The Westminster Inn', Westminster Road, Walton. 'Defend democratic rights! Forward to the ATUA conference!'

SOUTHAMPTON: Wednesday June 20, 7.30 p.m. Temperance Institute, Carlton Crescent, nr T&GWU headquarters.

SWINDON: Wednesday June 20, 7.30 p.m. Co-op Hall, East Street. 'Down with the pay laws. TUC must break off Phase Three

LANCASTER: Thursday June 21, 7.30 p.m. The Trades Hall, Fenton Street, near the Post

CORBY: Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m. 'The Corby Candle'. 'Force the Tories to Resign.'

FULHAM: Thursday June 21, 8 p.m. 'The Swan', Fulham Broadway. 'Trade unions and the Tory government'.

GOOLE: Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m. The Station Hotel. 'The Revolutionary Party and the Fight against the Tories'.

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KINGSTON: Thursday June 21, 8 p.m. Norbiton Hotel, Clifton Road. Force the Tories to resign. Labour must nationalize the major industries'.

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LANCASTER: Thursday June 28, 7.30 p.m. The Trades Hall, Fenton Street, near the Post

## Coal stocks threat to jobs

in pits

MASSIVE stockpiling of coal could undermine the position of the miners' union and lead to a new programme of pit closures.

There are now 33 million tons of coal in stock and during the summer monthly stock levels could reach 41 million tons by mid-Octo-

Mr Roy Mason, Labour MP for Barnsley, said at the week-end: 'In 1967 the Coal Board reached 41 million tons and resulted in a pit closure programme.'

Mr Mason omits to say that he was himself Minister of Power in the Labour government at that time!

Only some 12.8 million tons of the stocks remain undisturbed. The Central Electricity Generating Board, for example, now has stocks of 16 million tons compared with the 12 million tons it had before the miners' strike of 1972.

Such large stocks already removed from the pit heads could undermine the position of the union in any major strike. The lessons of the 1972 picketing has been learned by the major coal-users.

A National Union of Mineworkers' spokesman com-mented: 'It doesn't necessarily follow that bigger stocks could mean closures. We're in a hell of a different position now than we were five or ten years ago.

'We couldn't sell coal then. And then the Labour Govern-ment's White Paper in 1967 led to closures.

'Now there's a shortage of energy. There's an oil crisis in the United States. It's a totally different situation.

'It's a good thing the Electricity Board and the others have big coal stocks, it means they carry the cost and not us. I'm not impressed by the argument that it would help them against us in a strike. It's not as if we were going on strike every six months.'



Large stocks would hinder any effective picketing during miners' industrial action like that seen in 1972.

#### Convictions for Aldershot blast 'unsafe'-QC claims

SEVEN murder convictions against Noel Thomas Jenkinson following the bombing of the Parachute Regiment officers' mess at Aldershot were 'unsafe and unsatisfactory', a QC claimed in the Court of Appeal in London yesterday.

Strict security precautions surrounded the hearing of an application by Jenkinson (42), transport manager, for leave to

appeal against his convictions at Winchester Crown Court on November 14.

Jenkinson was jailed for life with a recommendation that he serve at least 30 years after being convicted of the killing of five waitresses, a gardener and a Roman Catholic padre in the

The seven died after 200 lbs of explosives stored in the boot of a Ford Cortina exploded outside the mess on February 22

last year.
Mr Myers told Lord Justice Edmund Davies, Mr Justice Bean and Mr Justice Croom-Johnson, that he was putting forward two main grounds of appeal on Jenkinson's behalf.

Counsel contended that all seven murder convictions were unsafe and that a further charge against Jenkinson — not brought to London's Law Courts yesterday for the hearing - should never

have been brought against him.

The charge of effecting a public mischief was in fact withdrawn from the jury's consideration by the trial judge at the end of the evidence in the case. But Mr Myers alleged the facts involved in the charge had the effect of building up a 'massive wall of prejudice' against Jenkinson, and should never have been before

SALVADOR ALLENDE, president of Chile, has warned that his right-wing opponents are preparing a coup d'état to try and overthrow his Popular Unity regime.

He told a meeting of trade union leaders in Santiago that they would fail because the army was loyal to the constitutional regime. Like Allende, the army chief-of-staff General Carlos Prats is a freemason. He is thought likely to take over the Ministry of Defence in a new crisis

After four days of violent street fighting in Santiago, in which one man was killed and 68 wounded, the country is perilously close to civil war. The rioting in Santiago began when strikers from El Teniente copper mine demanding a 41 per cent pay rise marched on the capital and erected barricades in the streets.

Leaders of the Christian Democrats and the National Right, the extreme right-wing opposition, took part in the demonstration and clashes. They have seized on the regime's anti-working class measures and their refusal to accord the miners' wage increase in order to sow confusion.

Allende's government—a coalition of Stalinists, Radicals and Social Democrats—is now almost completely reliant on the armed forces. The copper dispute is estimated to have cost the country about \$40m through the enforced suspension of exports.

SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE LECTURES

#### **Barnsley**

Given by Gerry Healy National Secretary of the

Socialist Labour League Sunday June 24

Dialectical Materialism-a Marxist theory of knowledge

Sunday July 8 Theory and Practice of

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Role of the Revolutionary Party

The Red Lion Worsborough **Near Barnsley** 

7.30 p.m.

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(SLL Central Committee)

#### Socialist Revolution in Britain:

2. The roots of capitalist crisis: Marxism and the contradictions of capitalism. Britain and the world crisis. 3. The state and revolution. Reformism and revolution in Britain. The fight for democratic rights today means preparing for working-class

Sundays June 24, July 8 **Stockingfarm Community** Centre, Stockingfarm 7.30 p.m.



in Santiago during recent demonstrations.

## 'Muck' and hypocrisy

STOP ALL this filth and muckraking over Watergate, Poulson, Lonrho, etc.—it's getting too much for the sanctimonious gentlemen in dog collars.

The Archbishop of York, Dr Coggan, told the faithful that to 'concentrate on the muck, you miss the crown, . . . whatever that may

mean! Addressing a congregation at York Minster, Coggan said: 'Vietnam and Belfast; call girls and Lonrho; Watergate and drugs . . . The newspapers have a field day with the muck rake recently - and the heap stinks.'

He said it all resulted from a rejection of God and absolute moral values. Then he added: We ought not to be too over censorious. All of us have a share in the human tragedy of the mucking up of God's

With unrivalled clarity, Coggan exposes the utter hypocrisy of the God-believers.

They spend their lives haranguing people, par-ticularly the poorer working class, about the virtues and godliness of honesty, integrity and morality.

But the minute the leaders of world capitalism are thrust into the limelight with their

bugging equipment, their drugs, their tax fiddles, their prostitutes and their weapons of death — we get a polite sermon about not being 'over censorious'.

'There are many signs today that hosts of thoughtful people are beginning once again to take note of what the psalmists say, Coggan said. 'They are fed up with raking the muck heap.'

Who are these 'hosts. of thoughtful people'? We don't believe they

The really thoughtful people are demanding that there be a complete exposure of all the

which are an integral part of the capitalist system.

It is this thoroughgoing exposure which frightens the dog-collar crowd.

But their pathetic sermons can't quell the tide of anger and indignation against capitalism and its ugly face.

In the same process Coggan and his brethren should be asked to explain about church shareholdings in the racialist republic of South Africa and the landlording practices of the Church Commissioners in London and elsewhere.

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#### Liverpool

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Stanley Halls **Upper Parliament Street** 

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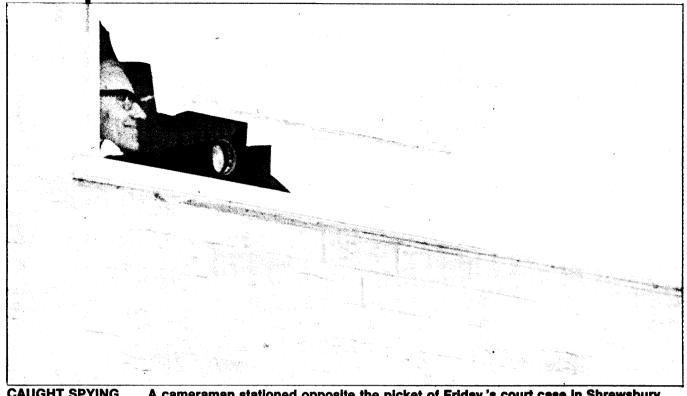
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The Revolutionary Party and the British working class

**Black Lion Blackfriars St/Chapel St** near Salford Bus Station

7.30 p.m.

## MI5 tactics and basic rights



CAUGHT SPYING . . . A cameraman stationed opposite the picket of Friday's court case in Shrewsbury.

THE HIDDEN camera spy (left) was caught by our photographer in Shrewsbury last Friday. Crouching behind curtains in a house near the courtroom, the spy was taking pictures of workers demonstrating in support of the Shrewsbury 24—building workers who face trial on charges arising out of picketing duties in last year's building strike.

The man, or men, could be from the police; the building employers, who have recently admitted compiling dossiers on militants; or a security firm. They are certainly not Pressmen, who would normally take pictures of the picket line in the street.

Two days after this event Chrysler's management in Coventry admitted hiring a photographer to take pictures of pickets outside their Stoke

Those parliamentarians and sections of the capitalist Press who are so quick to defend Lord Lambton against invasions of his 'privacy' are all completely in favour of this kind of spying on the working class.

They all support the Tory attack on workers' basic democratic rights.

Because, as building worker Arthur Murray defiantly told the Shrewsbury Court: 'We are not the Poulsons, Lambtons and Jellicoes of

## Stalinists cover-up Scanlon

COMMUNIST PARTY members and supporters capitulated to Hugh Scanlon at yesterday's Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' conference. The AUEW president proposed further collaboration with the Tories and blamed the working class for permitting the state control of wages.

Following Scanlon's reactionary speech, a technicians section motion demanding that 'All economic talks with the government by trade union leaders must be discontinued and a clear lead given in the struggle against all government measures directed against the working class' was withdrawn.

The TASS delegates instead supported a composite resolution which said something entirely different: 'Conference declares its continuing opposition to form of wage restraint and calls upon the trade union movement to withdraw from dealing with

the government on any prices and incomes policy.'

This is the same formula adopted at last year's TUC Congress when the Stalinists and the 'lefts' conspired to open the door 'lefts' the Tory. to collaboration with the Tory government. The long series of talks at Chequers and Downing Street subsequently disarmed the working class and led to the eventual imposition of the pay laws without a fight by the TUC.

When this composite, which lets Scanlon off the hook over his continued collaboration with the right wing and the Tories to impose Phase Three of the state control of wages, was put up by the Standing Orders Committee, not one voice was raised in op-

The Communist Party are thus deliberately betraying the working class to the abject surrender of the TUC bureaucrats to Heath's demands for permanent corporatist controls over trade unions through the pay laws and the Industrial Relations Act.

In his outrageous speech, Scanlon blandly stated there had been 'an obvious failure to effectively back up' the hospital workers, gasworkers, and the civil servants particularly through co-ordinated TUC

The biggest culprits for this Scanlon and Jack Jones, the dominating voices on the TUC's finance and general purposes committee, which failed to take the action. (Tomorrow, Workers Press will report more fully on Scanlon's role in this TUC betrayal.)

Scanlon blamed 'a regrettable refusal by many trade unions to give the TUC the teeth it needs to co-ordinate the movement'.

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#### collaboration FROM DAVID MAUDE IN EASTBOURNE

Then he added: 'It must be said that at this stage, no real movement has developed to struggle for higher remuneration irrespective of government wagerestraint policies'

This is a deliberate and scandalous distortion, to which the

Stalinists are party.

The hospital workers and gasworkers put up an enormous fight and were utterly and cynically abandoned by the trade union leaders. Scanlon is here adding insult to injury and revealing his utter contempt for the working class.

The purpose of these lies is to cover up Scanlon's real inten-

tion; to evade the growing demand for the mobilization of the whole trade union movement to drive the Tory government from

Scanlon knows from the militancy of the Chrysler, Perkins, British-Leyland workers that the General Strike is again becoming the issue.

Len Brindle, an engineers' section delegate and a member of the Communist Party-influenced Standing Orders Committee, said that Scanlon should be represented in the talks to fight for the policies of the

He added: 'If we withdraw it would give the right wing an excuse to make a deal which would be completely unacceptable to our members.

'We must have a position where, if what is proposed proves to be unacceptable, we can fight for its rejection in the Congress.

Exactly the same excuses led to the treachery of the TUC's Phase Two collaboration. The only way forward now from the serious danger of a corporate state in Britain is to demand

everywhere:

Break off talks with the Tory government. Mobilize to force its resignation.

The Tory government hauls workers before the courts because it wants to take away the basic right to strike and

Spy photographers are used to compile dossiers in the hope of intimidating socialists and undermining the right to demonstrate

hired thugs have arrived on the scene to smash through picket lines and beat up workers with spanners.

Meanwhile Vic Feather, the 'lefts' Jack Jones and Hugh Scanlon, and other TUC leaders carry on talking to the Tories instead of leading a fight to destroy their pay laws.

And they are protected by the Communist Party which provides a 'left' cover for this class collaboration.

It is time now to build a Marxist leadership in the trade unions to defend basic rights and living standards.

That is the purpose of the All Trades Unions Alliance Conference and Rally at Belle Vue, Manchester, on Sunday,

Beat the spies and thugs!

Defeat employers' speed-up plans!

● Bring down the Tory government and elect a Labour government pledged to social-

■ Reject the collaborators in the workers' ranks!

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Chrysler pickets show some of the stones and bottles thrown at them by the scabs.

FROM PAGE ONE

Chrysler's would avoid paying lay-off money.

About 2,000 men were laid off at Stoke yesterday and a similar number were expected to be put

Chrysler intended to re-employ the first 2,000 next week on stock-taking and thereafter rotate the laid-off men to avoid giving the full work force lay-off pay.

T&GWU fork-lift truck steward Mr Mick Stapleton told me: 'This is the time to rethink our tactics. The company seem

to have changed theirs.
'We are not frightened. We shall stay on the picket line. The management have developed new tactics but we'll soon find some-

way to counteract them.'
Mr Fox added: 'We have been a peaceful picket so far, but we don't relish strong-arm methods

against our men.'
Chrysler's strike-breaking comes
only 36 hours after secret talks between Ryton convenors and management broke down.
Yesterday's incidents throw

new light on the lengths to which the company are prepared to go to break shop-floor resistance once and for all to the unfettered operation of Measured-Day Work.