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It combines monopoly interests, religious groups, small traders, Catholic trade unionists and peasants—with big business firmly in control of the machine and the policies.

The new mood of militancy in the working class, which in fact spread to the Catholic regions in the Ruhr, is undoubtedly a factor in weakening this alliance.

Change

All the party's leaders and officials are talking about the need for change, having opposed it for the last 20 years.

Its mass membership has declined to 280,000, as against 750,000 for the SPD.

Forces also pull hard to the right within the party, causing alarm in more moderate quarters.

Even Bruno Heck, CDU general secretary, has stated

that if the party swings to the nationalist right, he will leave it.

There is no doubt that West Germany faces a major political shake-up.

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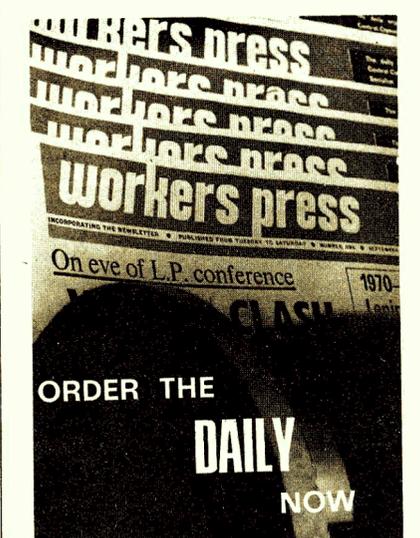
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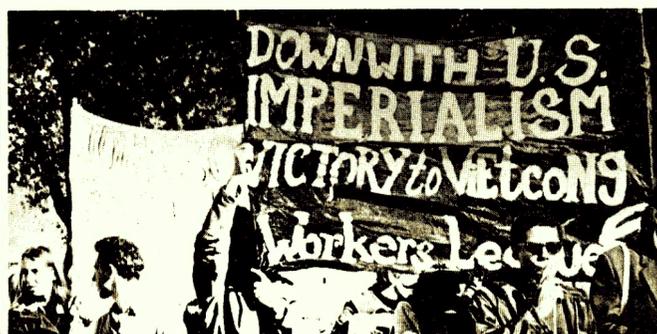


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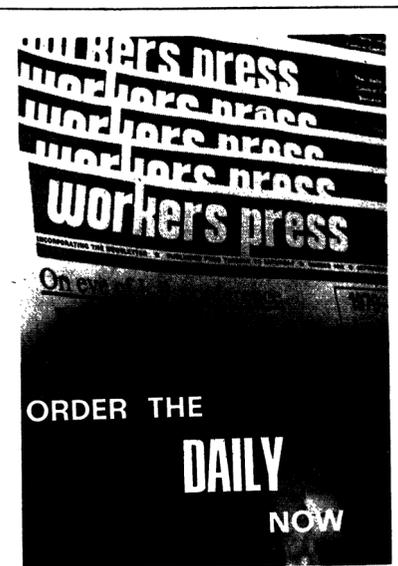
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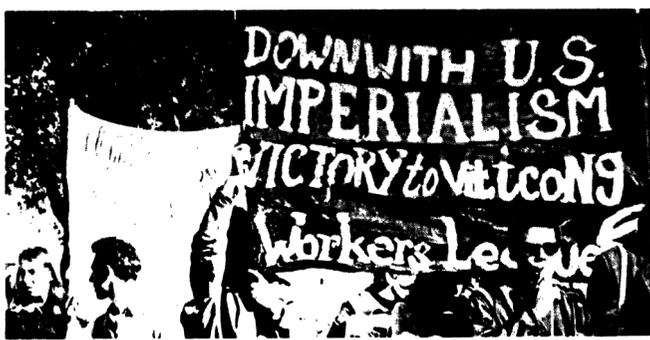
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As the winter progresses, British capitalism's attack on carworkers must increasingly take this form. The slackening home demand and sharpening international competition which now faces the entire motor industry are felt with particular sharpness by this £410 million giant, whose 1968 merger made it the country's biggest car producer.

With Tuesday's announcement to the Oxford stewards all the lines of Leyland's particular strategy have become clear.

Besides introducing unemployment and short-time, the combine is to close many of its smaller plants, slash production costs and engage in a ruthless marketing war.

Alongside this go determined preparations for British capitalism's entry into the European Economic Community.

To back up his general strategy, Lord Stokes has launched a two-pronged attack against those who work in his factories.

He aims to completely re-organize production by means of a £200 million programme. But this means that the relationship between exploiter and exploited must be completely changed throughout the combine.

To oversee this task, Stokes has appointed a reputedly high-powered, but as yet unnamed executive to take charge of a new 'manpower planning unit'. His express instruction is to get rid of the piece-work system of payment and replace it with Measured-Day Work.

Re-development at Cowley

A LARGE chunk of the £200 million is to be spent on expanding and re-organizing Leyland's Morris Motors plant at Cowley, Oxford.

The first of a series of articles on the Motor Industry

By our industrial correspondent DAVID MAUDE

New assembly lines are being built on the south side of the existing Morris works. A new system of overhead conveyors will link Morris's to a much greater extent than at present with the Pressed-Steel Fisher body plant, on the opposite side of the Oxford by-pass.

The total cost of the operation will be some £70 million. As one steward commented last week, when we passed the new development:

'The company has no intention of opening that plant on piece-work. So they calculate they've got 18 months or so to break down our resistance and introduce Measured-Day Work.'

When completed, the new complex will have an output capacity of 10,000 cars a week—double the present figure.

But Leyland has no plans to expand its present labour force.

It aims to achieve the increase entirely by expenditure on new plant.

Phase one of the development plan is scheduled for completion at the end of next year. This comprises the re-development of 'A' building, conveyor modification, the building of a new paint shop and the re-arrangement of press shop facilities.

Mechanization and automation of processes will be stepped up.

Already, bodies for the Maxi vehicle are produced by new £2,500,000 computer-aided equipment which cuts down both production costs and times.

Pressed-Steel Fisher is also producing most of its car roof sections under automated control.

New assembly techniques are also cutting down the amount of labour required. Maxi bodies are now assembled by the 'gate line' prefabrication-and-conveyor-loading method, first developed by General Motors, which enables the whole process to be carried out on the moving track.

If successfully completed, these technical developments will of course bring enormous pressure to bear on the piece-work system. Leyland's wage bill would be enormous.

So, by the time the first cars come rolling off the new assembly lines—the model will be a replacement for the Morris Minor, at present dubbed the ADO 28—Stokes wants to have completed the changeover to a fixed-payment, high-flexibility scheme.

Another part of the combine's strategy here is to farm production out to factories in which workers are paid less than Leyland employees.

For example, arrangements



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have already been made for ADO 28 engines to be produced at the rate of 2,500 a week by Turner's, Wolverhampton, where wages are at least £8 a week lower than at Morris's own engine plant.

are to be supplied from Perkins, Peterborough, where a Measured-Day-Work-type agreement was recently introduced.

But short-time and unemployment during the winter months are clearly going to be the company's major weapons.

There are also reports that engines for some BMC lorries

'We've got to stop people walking out arbitrarily when they've got a grievance', stressed Lord Stokes during an interview on BBC-1's 'Chief Executive' series on June 19 this year. Until contracts between unions and management were made legally enforceable, he said, 'I don't think we'll solve our problems'.

M.D.W. - a vicious system!

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Its rates of pay are fixed and it is the management who decide how to pile on, split up or reorganize a worker's job so as to fill up his time with effort from the start of his shift to the final bell.

As one Oxford steward put it last week:

'The management could come along and say "we're increasing the production on this job". The steward would have no say except about how many men were needed to do the job — his strength would be destroyed.'

Put simply, this is the reason why the car bosses want the changeover and why carworkers must fight it.

No carworker, of course, believes that piece-work is perfect. It is not the system that the Oxford workers want to defend, but their right to organize.

As one Oxford sub-assembly worker told me recently:

'You can only earn money if you're on full production, but we've only reached our full schedule twice this year. The company tries to use this, of course, to make piece-work as unpopular as possible and place Measured-Day Work in a favourable light.'

A steward on the No. 2 Maxi assembly line, Tom Mac-nicholas, confirmed that his members had had less than four full weeks this year. But Measured-Day Work, he said, was 'a vicious system, which will have to be fought'.

To increase its share of home car sales and compete in the international market, Ley-

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The combine also has agreements to supply components to Sweden's Saab and Spain's Pergasso companies.

Mr George Turnbull, who manages the company's Austin-Morris division, is said to be 'a great believer in overseas investment'.

In line with this, Leyland has already built up assembly plants in Belgium and Italy.

At the same time, there are reports that some axle production for the new ADO 28 has been contracted to firms outside Britain.

Like many car manufacturers, Leyland is believed to favour an increasing standardization of car components across the whole international spectrum.

Later this year, moves in that direction will clearly be strengthened when Oxford's BMC service division opens a new department which will include European car parts among the wide range it will supply.

Senior steward Bob Fryer put it this way:

'The company's preparations for the Common Market will inevitably mean new attacks on wages and conditions. They'll have to speed up their efforts to bring us into line.'

We're in for a hard winter. That's why we've got to fight back firmly on every issue now.'

of the Communist Party's Dick Etheridge. What is his reply to this challenge?

The Communist Party, of course, was one of the main defenders of Scanlon's leadership during the engineering negotiations and led many workers into the trap of believing the 'strings' he agreed were harmless — that 'any steward worth his salt could get round them'.

For a time, of course, this appeared to be true. It appeared that workers were getting the money without the 'strings'.

In reality, however, the employers were merely bidding their time until they got the conditions under which they could fight for the 'strings' to be implemented.

Fortunately, the answer to the Austin reference does not rest with Mr Etheridge alone. It is a serious and urgent question for the whole combine.

The engineering 'strings'

TEN days ago, Leyland made its first move to collect the pound of flesh signed away by the trade union leaders during last year's engineering package deal negotiations.

It is demanding the implementation against workers in the Austin toolroom at Longbridge, Birmingham, of the deal's job-evaluation clauses. The union leaders — from both the Amalgamated Engineers and the Transport and General Workers — have, of course, upheld the company's position and said that the deal's provisions must stand. Only the price was at issue.

Interestingly enough, the Austin toolroom has for a long time been the stamping-ground



Canteen workers at the Morris Motors plant, Cowley, out in solidarity last week with 6,000 workmates over cutbacks which threatened the new Maxi line.



£70 million is to be spent at Cowley on new assembly lines and conveyor systems at the south end of the factory, seen above. Leyland plans to double output capacity with no increase in the labour force.

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British troops in Ulster

OBVIOUSLY one can assume that British troops are sent to Ulster to prop up British capital, that the decision to send them there, whereas they were not sent to Rhodesia for instance, depended on these interests.

Though it ought to be pointed out that rival capitalist interests will have different wishes in the matter and that pressure both on Wilson and on Heath will be coming from more than one capitalist direction.

But you do no service to the argument by the overly crude way you put it. Far from the sin of the British troops being the building of the barricades, there has been working-class resistance to the fact that the troops are removing barricades.

Whether the unevenness of capitalist development in Ireland is the product of or cause of the religious strife is not now important, the facts are, that there is an abnormally high percentage of unemployed among the Catholics and that the Catholics are for the most part proletarian; (only in ghetto areas can the Catholic petty bourgeois survive) while the leadership of the Protestant masses is firmly in the hands of the small-business elements.

Mussolini modelled his fascist movement, his state ideal, and the blackshirts, on Carson's proto-fascist movement, with such groups as the Shankill Defence Committee being a political expression of blackshirts who have lost their obvious opportunity, but he too serves to give a theoretical background to the extreme B-Specials.

Therefore it is a false use of the class issue to expect the Catholics, as an oppressed minority, who, despite their clericalism, are forced by their position—as are the American Negroes—to accept the leadership of their proletarian activists to link arms with the Protestants who are firmly in the hands of a fascist and petty-bourgeois movement, even if that movement appears, (and to some extent is) fragmented.

You describe as middle class IS on the matter, and undoubtedly, IS so behaves, but unless you are going to say Trotsky was also a middle-class adventurer, it would be as well to accept that there is a distinction between a bourgeois democracy and a fascist tyranny, if only that a socialist should be looking from below, and from below one sees that workers' organizations can exist in the one and not the other.

Insofar as the B-Specials have in the past—and undoubtedly if they can will in the future—killed many opponents (I have seen B-Specials at work, and have met people who, having been beaten up and robbed, were unwise enough to complain to the orthodox police and had it all happen again); a B-Special regime means an end of all hope for Catholic workers; while the big-capitalist 'moderate Unionists' and the British troops to maintain them, will compromise with fascist elements as Brüning compromised with Hitler, but are nevertheless different.

L. Otter

A reply

LIKE all the opponents of Marxism, Mr Otter begins on the question of Northern Ireland by writing off the Irish working class.

Instead of starting from the fact that the Ulster crisis is part of the crisis of British

imperialism, he attempts to show that the B-Specials are a fascist formation, and have been since Carson.

Of course, if the B-Specials are fascist, there is no hope for the working class, since the Specials are a vital part of the state machine in Ulster, which must therefore itself be fascist.

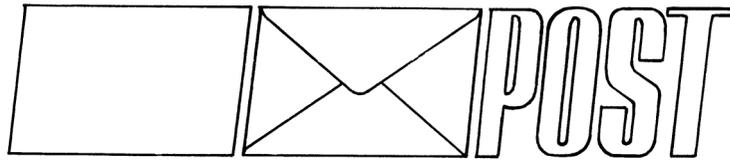
If anything is overly crude, it is this. The B-Specials are certainly a reactionary force, and they draw their strength from religious divisions fostered by imperialism.

But this does not alter the revolutionary character of the crisis in Northern Ireland, nor does it mean that the Socialist Labour League cannot distinguish between bourgeois democracy and fascism.

It simply means that Mr Otter sees no hope for the working class playing a decisive role in Ulster.

This can mean only one thing—we should now support the army as it guns down Protestant workers.

This position is calculated to divide the working class



A reply

NOBODY who has read the Workers' Press can accuse it of pulling punches in relation to the Tories.

On the contrary, like its predecessor, 'The Newsletter', Workers' Press fights consistently to warn the working class of the dangers of Toryism and expose those reformist and Stalinist leaderships which are guilty of opening the door to the Tories.

That is also the reason for our attacks on the 'Morning Star', which lies incessantly not only about the industrial scene, but on all political questions from Ulster to Vietnam.

Stalinist treachery all over the world has historically paved the way for the extreme capitalist right.

The Workers' Press will continue its fight to ensure that this does not happen again.

even further, confuse Protestant workers and drive them into Paisley's arms.

Unity of Catholic and Protestant workers is posed by the very character of the crisis.

The purpose of the imperialist intervention there is to subject the working class, which threatens to burst through the religious divisions established and fostered by imperialism. The task facing revolutionists in Ireland is not to worship the accomplished fact of religious division in the working class, but through struggle, to unite the working class against its real enemies: British capitalism and its Ulster caretakers.

This is where the Socialist Labour League differs from the revisionists and Stalinists, both of which have capitulated to imperialism and accepted that British troops are necessary.

Far from there being big splits in the ruling class on this issue, there appears to be startling unanimity, from the International Socialism group through to the Tory right wing.

Our objection to British troops in Ulster is not whether they take down or erect barricades, but that they are there to ensure the continued oppression of the working class, and to protect capitalist private property.

Pulling no punches

IN MY opinion the Workers' Press is very well laid out and gives workers the opportunity, along with the 'Morning Star', to read the truth on the industrial scene, but I feel it could do more for the workers if it criticized the 'Morning Star' less and the Tories more.

F. Martin
senior steward
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WEEKEND TELEVISION

SATURDAY

B.B.C. 1

10.00 a.m., Repondez S'il Vous Plait. 10.30-11.00, Wie Bitte? 11.55, Weather. 12 noon, Casey Jones. 12.25 p.m., Laurel and Hardy. 12.45, Grandstand. 5.15, Star Trek.

6.05, News, Weather. 6.15, Simon Dee. 6.45, Dixon Of Dock Green. 7.30, The Dave Allen Show. 8.15, Three Great Stars. 8.05, News, Weather. 10.20, Match of the Day. 11.20, Movie-Makers: The Boulting Brothers at the NFT. 12.00, midnight, Weather.

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North of England: 12.02 a.m., Northern News Summary.
 Scotland: 5.03-5.15 p.m., Sportsreel. 10.20-11.05, Sportsreel. 11.05-11.50, One Over the Eight. Wales: 6.15-6.45 p.m., Disc A Dawn.

Northern Ireland: 5.10-5.15 p.m., Sports Results, New Summary. 12.02 a.m., News, Weather.
 South and West: 12.02 a.m., Weather for the South and West.

B.B.C. 2

3.00 p.m., Saturday Cinema: 'The Wild Heart'. 7.00, News, Sport, Weather. 7.15, Gardeners' World. 7.30, Rugby Special: London Welsh v. Llanelli.

8.15, One Pair Of Eyes. 8.55, Vic Damone. 9.35, Line-Up. 10.05, The First Churchills. 10.50, Review. 11.30, News Summary. 11.35, Midnight Movie: 'Sea Wife'.

L.W.T.

11.10 a.m., RAC Road Report. 11.15, Saturday Session. 11.40, Stay Alive. 12.05 p.m., Thunderbirds. 12.55, News. 1.0, World Of Sport. 1.05, On The Ball. 1.20, Racing. 3.10, International Sports Special. 3.55, Half-Time Round-up. 4.0, Wrestling. 5.0, Results Service. 5.15, Bonanza. 6.10, News From ITN.

6.15, Wheel Of Fortune.

6.45, The Saturday Crowd. 7.30, Please Sir! 8.05, 80,000 Suspects: starring Clive Bloom, Richard Johnson, Yolande Donlan and Cyril Cusack.

10.00, News From ITN. 10.10, Saturday Night Theatre: 'Murder—The Colonel and the Naturalist'. 11.10, Frost On Saturday. 12.00, midnight, All Our Yesterdays. 12.25 a.m., The Church and Its Wealth.

Border TV

12 noon, Stay Alive. 12.25 p.m., All Our Yesterdays. 12.55, National News. 1.0, World Of Sport. 5.15, Tarzan. 6.10, National News and Border Weather. 6.15, Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45, The Saturday Crowd. 7.30, Border Sports Results. 7.35, Joker's Wild. 8.05, Feature Film: 'Ill Met By Moonlight' starring Dirk Bogarde. 10.0, National News and Border Weather. 10.10, Saturday Night Theatre: 'The Colonel and the Naturalist'. 11.10, Frost On Saturday.

Westward

12.25 p.m., All Our Yesterdays. 12.55, National News. 1.00, World Of Sport. 1.01, On The Ball. 1.20, Racing. 3.10, Sports Special: International Swimming From Aberavon. 4.00, Professional Wrestling. 5.00, Results Round-Up. 5.15, Tarzan. 6.10, National News. 6.15, Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45, The Saturday Crowd. 7.30, Please Sir! 8.05, The Saturday Film: 'The Seventh Cross' starring Spencer Tracey and Signe Hasso. 10.00, National News. 10.10, Saturday Night Theatre. 11.10, Frost On Saturday. 11.55, Faith for Life. 12.01 a.m., Weather.

Yorkshire

12.55 p.m., News. 1.00, World Of Sport. 1.05, On The Ball. 1.20, Racing. 3.10, Sports Special: International Swimming From Aberavon. 4.00, Professional Wrestling. 5.00, Results Round-Up. 5.15, Tarzan. 6.10, News. 6.15, Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45, The Saturday Crowd. 7.30, Please Sir! 7.00, The Big Saturday Film: 'Autumn Leaves' starring Joan Crawford, Cliff Robertson. 10.00, News, Weather. 10.15, Saturday Night Theatre: 'The Colonel and the Naturalist'. 11.10, Frost On Saturday. 12 midnight, Reflection.

Tyne Tees

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SUNDAY

B.B.C. 1

9.00 a.m., Nai Zindagi-Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Repondez S'il Vous Plait. 10.00-10.30, Wir Bitte? 11.00, Seeing and Believing. 11.30, Buying A House. 12 noon, Know How. 12.30-1.00 p.m., Representing The Union. 1.25, Farming. 2.00, Ten Classic Dishes. 2.29, News Headlines. 2.30, Daytime. 3.05, Film Matinee: 'Here Comes Mr Jordan'. 4.40, Hobbyhorse. 5.50, Going For A Song. 5.30, Dombey and Son. 5.55, Ken Dodd. 6.05, News, Weather. 6.15, Malcolm Muggeridge Asks The Question Why? 6.50, Songs Of Praise. 7.20, Father Agnellus Andrew appeals on behalf of St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney. 7.25, Detective. 8.15, British Film Night: 'Station Sahara'. 9.50, News, Weather. 10.00, Omnibus. 10.45, Monty Python's Flying Circus. 11.15, Weatherman.

All regions as BBC-1 except at the following times:

Midlands and East Anglia: 7.20-7.25 p.m., Sir Alfred Owen appeals on behalf of The Outdoor Pursuits Centre for Young People at Nassington. 11.17, Weather.

North of England: 7.20-7.25 p.m., Andrew Cruickshank appeals for Chester Cathedral. 11.17, Northern News Summary.

Wales: 2.30-2.55 p.m., The Newcomers. 2.55-3.25, Rugby Highlights. 3.25-3.45, The Newcomers. 3.45-4.40, O'r Nevadd Gynge'rdd. 7.20-7.25, Vincent Kane appeals on behalf of the Ockenden Venture, Hendre Hall, Barmouth.

Scotland: 10.30-11.30 a.m., For The Deaf. 3.05-4.40 p.m., Edinburgh Military Tattoo. 6.15-6.50, Sunday Set. 7.20-7.25, Appeal on behalf of War on Want. 11.17, Weather.

Northern Ireland: 7.20-7.25, Appeal on behalf of Wireless for the Bedridden. 11.17, Northern Ireland News Headlines, Weather.
 South and West: 11.17, South and West Headlines, Weather, Road Works Report.

B.B.C. 2

7.00 p.m., News Review, Weather. 7.25, The World About Us. 8.15, Bach Transmogrified. 9.05, A Year In The Life. 9.50, Show Of The Week. 10.35, Thirty Minute Theatre: 'Someone's Knocking At My Door'. 11.05, News Summary. 11.10, Line-Up.

L.W.T.

10.40 a.m., Church Service. 12.15 p.m., Sunday Session. 12.40-1.05, Your Living Body. 1.25, Sunday

Session. 1.55, Out Of Town. 2.15, Sports Arena. 2.45, University Challenge. 3.15, The Big Match. 4.15, The Flaxton Boys. 4.45, The Gold Shot. 5.30, On The Buses.

6.00, News From ITN. 6.15, All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35, A Man On His Own. 7.00, Stars On Sunday. 7.25, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 8.20, 'Autumn Leaves' starring Joan Crawford, Cliff Robertson, Vera Miles, Lorne Greene, Ruth Donnelly and Shepperd Strudwick.

10.10, News From ITN. 10.20, Music Hall. 11.20, Tonight With David Nixon. 12.05 a.m., The Church and Its Wealth.

Border TV

11.0 a.m., High Mass. 12.15-1.25 p.m., Sunday Session. 1.55, Border Diary. 2.0, Farming Outlook. 2.30, Adam 12. 2.55, Soccer. 3.50, The Prisoner. 4.45, The Golden Shot. 5.30, The Flaxton Boys. 6.0, National News. 6.15, All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35, A Man On His Own: Laurens Van Der Post. 7.0, Stars On Sunday. 7.25, Strange Report. 'Destroyer' starring Edward G. Robinson and Glenn Ford. 10.10, National News and Border Weather. 10.20, Music Hall. 11.20, Tonight With David Nixon. 12.05 a.m., Epilogue.

Westward

11.00 a.m., The Morning Service. 12.15 p.m., Sunday Session. 12.40, Your Living Body. 1.05-1.25, You and Your Child. 2.00, Farm and Country News. 2.15, Star Soccer. 3.15, Feature Film: 'Rockets Galore' starring Jeannie Carson, Donald Sinden, Roald Culver, Joel Purcell, Ian Hunter. 4.45, The Golden Shot. 5.30, Forest Rangers. 6.00, National News. 6.15, All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35, A Man On His Own. 7.00, Stars On Sunday. 7.25, Feature Film: 'Ransom' starring Glenn Ford and Donna Reed. 9.10, Music Hall. 10.10, National News. 10.20, Strange Report. 11.20, Tonight With David Nixon. 12 midnight, Faith For Life. 12.06 a.m., Weather.

Yorkshire

11.00 a.m., Morning Service. 12.12 p.m., Sunday Session. 12.40, Your Living Body. 1.30, All Our Yesterdays. 2.00, Sunday Sport. 3.15, The Hasty Heart starring Ronald Reagan, Patricia Neal and Richard Todd. 5.00, Julia. 5.30, The Flaxton Boys. 6.00, News. 6.15, All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35, A Man On His Own. 7.00, Stars On Sunday. 7.25, Hawaii Five-O. 8.20, Some People. 10.10, News, Weather. 10.20, Music Hall. 11.20, Tonight With David Nixon. 12.05 a.m., Late Weather.

Tyne Tees

11.00 a.m., The Morning Service. 12.15-1.05 p.m., Sunday Session. 2.0, Farming Outlook. 2.30, Shoot. 3.20, Sunday Matinee: 'Contraband Spain'. 4.45, The Golden Shot. 5.30, The Flaxton Boys. 6.0, News. 6.15, All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35, Tomorrow's Child. 7.0, Stars On Sunday. 7.25, It Takes A Thief. 8.25, Film Premiere: 'Foreign Intrigue'. 10.10, News. 10.20, Music Hall. 11.20, Tonight With David Nixon. 12.05 a.m., From 'Ulysses' by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

ANGLIA

11.00 a.m., The Morning Service. 12.15 p.m., Sunday Session. 12.40, Your Living Body. 1.05, You and Your Child. 1.30, All Our Yesterdays. 1.55, Weather Trends. 2.00, Farming Diary. 2.30, The Baron—Night of the Hunter'. 3.25, University Challenge. 3.55, Match of the Week. 4.45, The Golden Shot. 5.30, Forest Rangers. 6.00, News. 6.15, All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35, A Man On His Own. 7.00, Stars On Sunday. 7.25, Strange Report. 8.25, Music Hall. 9.25, Star Movie: 'The Big Knife' starring Jack Palance, Ida Lupino, Rod Steiger, Wendell Corey and Shelley Winters. 10.10, News, Weather. 10.20, Star Movie continued. 11.20, Tonight With David Nixon. 12.05 a.m., Reflection.

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London councils hire scab 'dustmen'

By our Industrial reporter

LONDON borough councils are hiring more and more private contractors to remove refuse in attempts to break the dustmen's strike—now in its fourth week in some areas.

Contractors have worked in Soho, Covent Garden, the West End and tons of rotting vegetables have been removed from Portobello market.

A spokesman for Kensington and Chelsea borough, who ordered the work, said: 'This was an emergency measure. The market was becoming a serious health.'

'Bluebottles'

A National Union of Public Employees London organizer warned: 'Private contractors are hanging around the dumps like bluebottles.'

By Thursday morning council workers were out in Manchester, Bristol, Stoke-on-Trent, Nottingham, Bath, Ipswich and Hull, while Swansea dustmen have imposed an overtime ban to support their claim for an extra £1 a week.

In London council workers in 17 boroughs were still out, with those in 15 having returned to work.

Offer inadequate say Leeds dustmen

Jack Gale

FIVE HUNDRED Leeds dustmen, out on strike since Wednesday, decided at a mass meeting on Thursday to reject advice from union officials to return to work.

Union leaders told them nothing would be achieved by the strike that Leeds could not pay more than the national agreement and that there would have to be work-study schemes.

The dustmen rejected these arguments and pointed out the Edinburgh offer was due entirely to the London strike, not to the union leadership. The leaders would have settled for 18s, they said.

The union officials finally left the meeting saying that those who wanted to strike should strike and those who wanted to work should work.

Differentials

The dustmen regard the 30s. offered them at Edinburgh as inadequate and point out that it is not being paid as a straight increase. Differentials are being imposed. Grade one men would get 15s., street sweepers 17s., tip men and plant men £1 10d.

Drivers are offered an interim award of 15s. In addition there is a trial bonus for eight weeks of 25s. in return for a 10 per cent increase in productivity.

Bosses still press Devlin Phase Two Crucial stage in docks pay talks

A CRUCIAL and dangerous stage for dockers in both London and Liverpool has been reached in pay and productivity negotiations between their employers and union officials.

By David Maude

In Liverpool yesterday, union negotiators again resumed talks on an interim settlement for the port's 10,500 dockers—a settlement designed to pave the way for the Devlin 'modernization' scheme's second phase.

They are to report back to stewards on Monday. On Thursday, a five-side union-employer working party reported back to London's enclosed docks modernization committee from two-and-a-half weeks of intensive negotiations.

Real issue

One knows that the real issue is not pay, but whether dockers are to be chained to the redundancies, speed-up and tighter discipline demanded by their employers. In a word, Devlin. The single-minded determination with which the employers are pressing for the implementation of Phase Two highlights the continuing crisis of docks leadership in both ports.

Negotiate

Despite their rejection of the Merseyside employers' proposals at the beginning of this week, however, the port's stewards decided on Wednesday to forgo involving the rank and file in industrial action and return to the negotiating table. Yet what the employers are proposing—the ending of the 'awards' system—would deprive dockers of their most important lever for pushing up earnings and prepare the ground for the elimination of the piece-work system.

- Call a halt to the retreat now!
- For a united fight of all ports against the Devlin scheme Phase Two!
- Nationalize the docks under the control of those who work in them without compensation to their present owners!

B.B.C. UNION CONTINUES GUERRILLA STRIKES

ASSOCIATION of Broadcasting Staffs members at the BBC are to press their pay claim by continuing lightning strikes and an overtime ban.

Mr Tom Rhys, ABS general secretary, told a 3,000-strong Hammersmith meeting on Thursday:

'Such action gave the BBC no time to organize strike-breaking measures. It might not be a nice gentlemanly way to fight, but it is the only way to fight.'

The meeting decided to take further action if there was any more victimization. Two crews were suspended during Thursday when ABS members stopped work at 5.30 p.m.

Two programmes, '24 Hours' and 'London Nationwide', were cancelled. Mr Rhys felt that if the suspended workers were not reinstated 'this will strengthen the pressure for a total strike'. ABS members expressed anger at TV managing director Mr Hugh Wheldon's directive that staff who withdraw their labour would be suspended.



Rank Precision men lobby shareholders

By Rex Henry

WORKERS FROM the Camden Town and Highbury Rank Precision Industries—who went on an indefinite strike on Wednesday night—lobbied company shareholders a stone's throw from London's Mayfair on Thursday morning.

Inside the meeting, £50,000-a-year company chairman John Davis was refused to settle the men's demands.

John Hannington, secretary of the combine committee, told the Workers Press: 'After a series of one-day strikes, the two factories decided to come out in support of our wages claim and against the company's policy—which is destroying the instrument-making industry for which we work.'

'We put in a claim for £5 a week increase in pay, four weeks' annual holiday and a 37½-hour week. As an interim settlement we want the £2, the extra week's holiday and the cut in hours.'

An overtime ban has been imposed by the ASTMS and DATA members at the two plants after a meeting on Wednesday night.

All work normally done by AEF members has been blacked. If there is no speedy settlement, the other unions could well join the strike.

Closure fears

The 200 strikers fear that the company may be planning to close the two remaining London factories.

It has already shut one factory at Camberwell. AEF convenor Louis Holland explained that the last offer made by the Rank management involved the introduction of time-and-motion study.

'They offered us an increase in our basic rate, but at the expense of piece-work rates. In exchange for this "offer" we are meant to allow the time-and-motion men.'

At Rank's Debden, Essex, factory, machine shop and optics works stopped work on Wednesday over the introduction of time-and-motion management.

The management was forced to back down and withdraw them.

Miners comment on pit strike

YORKSHIRE miners involved in the growing strike throughout the coalfields have made the following comments in interviews with the Workers' Press:

4 Hours are not the real issue. The real issue for a national strike is wages. Besides surfacemen's hours, we should demand: £17 basic for surfacemen, £20 underground, £30 for contractors guaranteed minimum and a 35-hour week as the answer.

4 This seems an unimportant issue, but it has done something the leaders haven't done. We should not return until all questions are settled—pit closures, third day-wage structure, rents dispute, complete change of the negotiating machinery to allow reports back to local branches before all major decisions.

4 Many miners are dissatisfied with the National Executive. Nothing has been done on these hours. I think every branch should mandate

to their delegates to say they've no confidence in the NEC on this. The strike must continue because if we can't win 20 minutes we can't win anything.

4 Peter Balderson, underground development worker at Glasshoughton pit: 'We should be going like the dustmen and demanding a minimum of £5 increase. Miners will give massive support on this.'

4 We wouldn't have to go begging to the Coal Board for a 20-minute thing. They would be out like a bullet. The bigger the strike the more chance it has of winning.'

Police protect B.S.R. scabs

POLICE clashed with strikers outside the BSR Ltd. factory in East Kilbride, Scotland, where hundreds of workers have been on strike for union recognition over several weeks.

Stones and coins were thrown at buses carrying scab labour and extra police cordoned off the factory entrance.

From M. Shaw

The picket line has recently been strengthened by engineers, electricians and printers from local factories.

But as the picket has grown, the pickets allege, the police have become more provocative. Scuffles with the police are now common at the factory.

One woman alleged she had stumbled and accidentally brushed against a policeman. She was taken to a police station and charged with causing a public nuisance.

Illusions The women and youth who form the backbone of the strike are learning important lessons from the struggle.

Many began with illusions in Wilson. Last week he promised to take up their case with the Department of Employment and Productivity and made a small donation to the strike fund.

He said he supported the principle of union recognition.

Free access But Wilson is Prime Minister of the same state whose police are being used against the strikers to maintain free access for scabs.

This is a declaration that every employer has the right to protection when he tries to break the union.

Wilson's talk of socialism and trade union unity are remarkably out of place when his police are arresting pickets and doing their best to break the strike he claims to support.

Paisley tenants oppose rent rise

Workers' Press reporter

COUNCIL house tenants in Paisley unanimously passed a resolution calling for the resignation of the Provost of Paisley at a meeting held in the town hall on Tuesday night.

This followed a meeting of the town council earlier when police were called to restore order.

At the start of the council meeting a 11,307-signature petition opposed to recently imposed rents increases was presented.

It was organised by a joint committee of trade unions and council house tenants following a public demonstration in the town some weeks ago.

There was a noisy argument when the Provost tried to have the petition referred to the housing management committee.

One tenant accused the Provost of being a traitor to the working people of Paisley.

Adjourned The council meeting was adjourned and at this point the police arrived.

While the council meeting continued the tenants held their own meeting in the town hall.

Rents have been increased by amounts varying from 2s. to 8s. and rents have also gone up by 3s. 4d. to 25s. 10d. in the £1.

Miners

FROM PAGE ONE The NUM Barnsley area panel, which represents 20,000 miners, has passed a unanimous vote of no confidence in Ford.

More than 200 Yorkshire strikers are travelling every day to picket Nottingham by car to picket pits which are still at work.

The present leadership of the NUM must be forced to make its position clear.

In particular, left-talking Lawrence Daly, NUM general secretary, must speak out.

Where do you stand in relation to the strike Mr Daly?

Slag processors strike for £3 wage rise

Workers' Press correspondent

ONE HUNDRED slag processors at Margam Abbey Steelworks, Port Talbot, have been on strike for a week in support of a demand for a wages increase. The strike decision was taken at a mass meeting last Friday.

The men, members of BISAKTA, working for Margam Slag, a subsidiary of the Steel Company of Wales, are demanding an all-round £3 increase without strings.

This would give them parity with those doing similar work in the plant.

About 18 months ago the union accepted a management proposal which was a fore-runner to the 'Green Book' productivity deal.

The deal soon became apparent as an attempt to split the men by giving about 20 machine operators £5 to £7 bonus, while the rest had next to nothing.

For example, a man loading a lorry with a Euclid machine gets £5 while the driver gets no bonus at all. The men are expected to work excessive overtime at a low rate.

HIT BACK

They hit back by imposing a restriction on overtime, limiting the working day to 10 hours.

The company retaliated by 'poaching' three greasers onto the Steel Company of Wales staff, where there is no union organization.

These men began to do work previously restricted to BISAKTA members—the overtime restriction was broken, and the strike was called.

So far they have been told that the £3 demand can only be met if they accept a 25 per cent manning reduction. This has been rejected.

The strike of the Margam Slag workers is only part of a mounting tide of struggles throughout the Port Talbot steelworks.

COMING OUT

In spite of the treachery of the officials of most unions in signing the 'Green Book', larger and larger sections of workers, basing themselves on the confident offensive of the international working class, are coming out against managements' plans to speed-up the work, break trade union strength and slash the labour force.

AS ONE million workers staged a general strike in the Milan region, Rome witnessed the most moving demonstration ever experienced in the Italian labour movement.

Several hundred spastics, many in their wheelchairs, advanced in a wheel on the capital.

They were demanding more state expenditure on schools and rehabilitation centres for the handicapped and disabled.

Spastics in 'normal times are used and cherished as objects of pity and charity.

Roused by Italy's 'Red October', they press their own demands, together with millions of other workers and peasants.

Spastics demonstrate at Rome parliament

A.T.U.A. meetings SWINDON

Speaker: Frank Willis Young Socialists candidate in the parliamentary by-election

Thursday, October 23 8 p.m. Pinehurst Common Room

Wednesday, October 29 8 p.m. Swindon Town Hall

LIVERPOOL Lessons of GEC-English Electric

Sunday, October 19 7.30 p.m. Museum Lecture Hall William Bruce Street

DONCASTER Miners in Struggle and the Workers' Press

Tuesday, October 21, 8 p.m. Bayhorse Hotel, Bentley

CASTLEFORD

Wednesday, October 22 8 p.m. Ship Inn

LEICESTER

'Wages battle, unemployment and Workers' Press' Thursday, October 23, 8 p.m. Queens Hotel Rutland Street

NOTTINGHAM

'The Workers Press and the fight against low wages, productivity deals and redundancy' Thursday, October 23, 8 p.m. Peoples Hall Heathcote Street

All Trades Unions Alliance conference

Motor workers' conference All car, car components and delivery workers are invited to a motor workers' conference

Digbeth Civic Hall, Digbeth Birmingham

Saturday November 8 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Write for credentials to: R. Parsons, 21 Strawberry Path, Blackbird Leys, Oxford.

Conference fee: 5s. a person

CORRECTION

The article '5,000 Hull engineers fight deal' in Wednesday's Workers' Press stated that dockers were among those who struck in solidarity with the strike at Priestman's Brothers, Hull. In fact, the dockers were on strike on the separate issue of job mobility, wages and opposition to the second phase of Devlin. They have backed all Priestman's work and given financial support to the Priestman's strikers.

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Union chiefs retreat on incomes and equal pay

By an Industrial correspondent

IT IS two weeks since the close of the Labour Party conference and six since delegates to the 101st Trade Union Congress packed their bags and left Portsmouth.

What have the trade union leaders done in that time about the two big questions which shook up both these gatherings—equal pay for women and the future of the government's incomes legislation?

Two documents which give part of the answer have been under discussion this week.

Burning questions

In their headlong retreat before the government and the big employers, the union chiefs would no doubt like to relegate both issues to the sphere of bureaucratic toing-and-froing with the Department of Employment and Pro-

ductivity and the Confederation of British Industry. This cannot be so.

If pay legislation and equal pay broke surface at Brighton and Portsmouth it is because these are now burning questions for millions of workers.

Circulated at the beginning of the week, Mrs. Castle's equal-pay document sticks fast to her Brighton line that equal pay can not be implemented before the end of 1975.

This, of course, is not 'a reasonable period of five years' from now, as she claimed at Brighton, but just over six!

A central feature of the proposals is clearly to be the use of job-evaluation studies to decide whether the work done by women justifies equal payment by being 'of equal value'.

Dispute about this would be enmeshed in a legal framework comprising industrial tribunals and courts spread over the country.

Castle is due to be published in about a month's time, after it has consulted the executives of all its member unions.

Compulsion

It is believed that far from rejecting the DEP's job-evaluation proposals, TUC leaders are demanding that compulsion be applied here!

In this they will no doubt have the full backing of engineering union leaders, who were meeting the employers on Thursday to review the results of the job-evaluation working party on women's wages set up as part of last year's engineering pay deals.

There are big dangers for women workers ahead here. At roughly the same time as the TUC leaders are due to publish their collective reply on equal pay, Mrs. Castle is due to begin consultations both with them and with the CBI about the government's future wage restraint plans.

Drafting of a new White Paper is already at an advanced stage.

Masked by talk about 'helping the lower-paid workers', the draft is expected to contain proposals for continuing to lay down a ceiling for wage increases and reactivating the four-month delaying powers of the 1966 Act.

No confidence

After their 'will they, won't they' performances at Brighton, no trade unionists can have the slightest confidence that the union leaders are going to conduct any fight against these proposals.

The decision, however, does not rest with them but with the big working-class forces now coming forward into struggle—of which the miners, the dustmen and the car workers are only the advance guard.

It is from this quarter that the real fight against the Tories, the Labour traitors and their 'left'-talking friends in the union leaderships is coming.