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Senior stewards then convened a meeting at which company representatives dropped an earlier proposal that rates agreed could only be changed by annual review and agreed to normal piecework negotia-tions in the event of changes

in operation.
While increasing their previous money offer, however, they agreed to retain surplus labour only on condition that under existing circumstances the unions forwent the right to renegotiate pay for in-creases of one-and-three-quarter jobs per hour.

But normal negotiation rights were retained for increases above this figure. This was eventually

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Corby steelmen must be on guard

OFFICIALS of both the Amalgamated Engineers and Foundryworkers' and the Electrical and Plumbing Trades Unions will tonight address a joint mass meeting of their striking British Steel Corporation members at Corby. OPTIMISM was the keynote

In what has been in-terpreted as a Department of Employment and Productivitybacked move to provide a basis for restarting negotiations with the Corporation, both unions—as reported in yesterday's Workers Press --have now made the strike official.

If negotiations on the 2,100 maintenance men's £3 bonus claim are reopened following tonight's meeting, strikers must still be on their guard. BSC representatives are certain to insist that any settlement is accompanied by considerable productivity concessions.

S.Shields council men give strike notice

SOUTH Shields town council has been served with notice of strike action unless 1,000 of their employees—members of the General and Municipal Workers' Union - receive a 10 per cent wage rise by July 24.

Refuse collection, road maintenance, parks, and other council services will be hit. The council, which is controlled by 'progressives', has decided to set up a 'feasibility strike. A Labour councillor, V.

Fitzpatrick, also a convenor of Reyrolles, Hebburn, has called on the council to recruit more work-study staff to offer various pay structures to the men. A dangerous situation clearly faces Reyrolles' 11,000 workers when a convenor

many shop stewards there are expecting an attempt to introduce Measured-Day Work.

Thai planes bomb inside Cambodia

ment announced yesterday that its air force had been in action against N Vietnam and Vietcong forces inside Cambodia.

not ended with the with-

This was stated in Bangkok to be in retaliation for rocket attacks against Thai territory on Tuesday.
At the Paris peace talks, the N Vietnamese delegate Nguyen Minh Vy said that American aggression had

drawal of US troops from 'In fact, it still continues under one form or another,'

S Vietnamese forces, and those of the US puppet Lon Nol regime, are now joined by the Thais, also under US control. Nguyen also declared: 'The victories Mr Nixon

boasted of are merely a product of his imagination, aimed at camouflaging the heavy defeats inflicted by the Cambodian people and Liberation Army on American aggressors and the Saigon puppets.'

gas were fired by soldiers trying to drive back the brickworks alight.

A hail of stones, bottles and slates were thrown at police and soliders as they tried to force the Orange march through the overwhelmingly Catholic town. Seventeen canisters of CS

alarmist'. rioters who set the local Four policemen were injured in the fighting and urged other trade unionists to give moral and financial sup-

'THE PRESS WE DESERVE', which was published in June, is of interest only because of contributions to it by certain 'left-wingers', namely:

Raymond Williams, writer and academic who was to the fore of the recent campaign for a 'Convention of the Left'; D. A. N. Jones, contributor to 'Tribune' and the 'New Statesman'; and Peter Fryer, author of several books about pornography, prudery, scandals, etc., but of special interest to us because, after leaving the 'Daily Worker' and Communist Party in 1956, he joined the Trotskyist movement for a short time and was the first editor of 'The Newsletter', forerunner of 'Workers Press'; and John Palmer, leading member of the International Socialism group and is economic commentator for 'The Guardian'.

Iones is just a journalist with a smattering of radical and socialists ideas earning his living.

Williams bemoans the power of the commercial press empires and wants to be able to write as an intellectual for the working classes within capitalism but is, naturally, finding it hard going.

Palmer's political ideas we deal with in other articles in Workers Press; his chapter in this book on 'The Financial Press' is a mild criticism of the fact that the press functions on behalf of

big business.

The ideas of such men are of less and less relevance to the real political situation and the state of the press, because we have long been in the stage of monopoly capitalism which affects the press like every other field of investment, and because the age of reforms brought about by 'radical' pressure is long since

What is of interest is that, together with Fryer, they provide a certain definite service for the press and for capitalist

ideology as a whole. To have any sort of consistency and ability to keep its ideological grip, capitalism today cannot rely on those who are open and uncritical supporters of its everyday imperialist abomina

From the remnants and fringes Marxist tendencies near the workers' movement, capitalism constantly must nourish its middle-class ideological servants.

Williams, Jones, Palmer and their like are useful to show that capitalism has a conscience, to demonstrate that 'criticism' is

At the same time, there is a division of labour.

Behind this smokescreen (in England, thickened by traditional bourgeois hypocrisy) the ruling class concentrates its power and sharpens its knives and the political counterparts of Williams and company prepare to betray e working class in historic defeats, if only they are able to

Typifies

But Mr Peter Fryer has a special place in all this. And the job he has been given in this particular book typifies

that place. Having spent some years in the Communist Party, and a much shorter time in the Socialist Labour League, he is paraded as the expert who can prove that there is no revolutionary alterna-

His skills are put to use in order to bring together all the middle-class hatred and slander for the Trotskyist movement. The vehicle is his chapter's subject: 'Fringe Press and Naked

Although Fryer devotes more space to 'Black Dwarf' (the paper of Tariq Ali, of the International Marxist Group, until they left it to form 'The Red Mole') than to any other paper, he dismisses the Workers Press completely. The grounds on which he does so are very revealing.

Referring to the Workers Press (then 'The Newsletter') and 'The Morning Star' (then the 'Daily Worker') he writes:

'Two papers I used to work for are omitted from this survey, not because I used to work for them (though that might well alloy my objectivity) but rather because neither of them, despite bold claims, is independent or iconoclastic or revolutionary in anything like the ways the others

Their irreverence towards existing institutions, for instance, is highly selective. To be sure, the "Morning Star" has lately ventured to disagree with Soviet policy towards Czechoslovakia. 'A similar limitation impairs the claim of the infant Workers

Let us stop here. When Peter Fryer was working with the Trotskyists who founded the

Name

Socialist Labour League, he was extremely meticulous in analysing the sleight of hand by which other writers often created an impression without really bringing forward any evidence (for including the counter-revo example, Fryer's reply to Edward Thompson's attack on Leninism

sopher'. But now see Fryer's own method of creating an amalgam, in the old Stalinist style!

He says the Workers Press is 'highly selective' about who it criticizes, in the same way as

in the 'New Reasoner' in 1957:

Labour Review', September-

October 1957, 'Lenin as Philo-

the 'Morning Star'.

Distortion

This implies that both Workers Press and the 'Morning Star' are tied to some interest group on whose behalf the truth must be distorted or suppressed. He then, by his remark on Czechoslovakia, indicates that he knows that for the 'Morning Star' it is the bureaucracy stands in the way of truth.

And there it rests! Is the reader to assume that the Workers Press is similarly tied to the Stalinist bureaucracy? (Though without even the pat on the back for Czechoslovakia!)

Fryer deliberately does not say; and he does not say any more. Fryer cannot accuse the Workers Press of having failed

to ruthlessly and objectively criticize every section of the ruling class in Britain and throughout imperialism agency of that class, ing the counter-revolu-

The

politics

PETER

FRYER

'THE PRESS WE DESERVE'

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BY CLIFF SLAUGHTER

In the course of our task of building up the alternative leadership to defeat the ruling class and the Stalinist bureaucracy, we have fought always for the political independence of the working class from all bourgeois and bureaucratic forces. Fryer gives no evidence,

because he has no evidence. The 'Morning Star', subservient in its political origins and control to the Kremlin bureaucracy, is also, because of that. unable to take a revolutionary position on any of the political questions of the struggle against the capitalist class.

This is because the 'Morning Star' serves the Stalinist policy of collaboration with imperialism. It is not just a question of their needing to be able to 'criticize' Soviet policy on Czechoslovakia or some other question 'behind the Iron Cur-

This 'blind spot' of Fryer's raises an important point. When he joined the Trotskyist movement after leaving the 'Daily Worker' in 1956, Peter Fryer explained many times the connection between the Kremlin bureaucracy's interests and the British Communist Party's 'peaceful, parliamentary road to socialism' (see especially his book,

'The Battle For Socialism'). Yet now he 'forgets' this, which is the essence of Stalinism. And he adopts instead the orthodox and treacherous 'radi-cal' criticism of the Communist Party: they are all right, but they are not sufficiently critical of the USSR, etc. The role of this kind of criti-

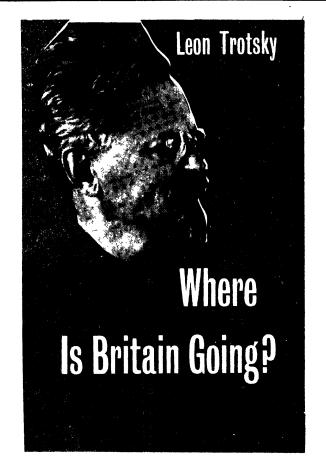
cism of Stalinism is to help Stalinism to do its dirty work, and to leave the door open for the Stalinists into some 'democratic' or 'left' popular front which can betray the working

Remarkably, this is exactly what happened to the revisionists of the 'Black Dwarf', of whom Fryer's generous treatment does not now seem as mysterious. They too discovered, after Czechoslovakia and in view of

the 'reasonableness' of right-wing CP spokesmen like Monty sort of 'left unity' over-rode all principled differences.

What is to be noted is that Fryer comes full cricle, back to the fringe of the Stalinists, just at the time when the class struggle in Britain against the background of world crisis, rapidly approaches the greatest confrontation since 1926, and when Stalinism prepares to

Johnstone, that Stalinism was no longer Stalinism and that some



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attempt its greatest betrayals. All this happens to Fryer, no doubt, while leaving him with the impression that he is a freethinking and urbane gentlemanjournalist and freedom-lover, arriving at his own conclusions on the basis of long experience

and pure reason! To be self-deceived in this way is precisely the fate, and the role, of such an ideologist. It is a serious warning to

Marxists, particularly in a country like Britain, that Fryer could, 12 years ago, be 'convinced' of the case against Stalinism and philosophical argument against bourgeois idealism, but that these changes were superficial, leaving actually entrenched his attachment to the basic idealist attachment of the petty-bourgeois individual to the institutions and traditions of the

capitalist class. There is no individual solution to these basic historical questions: they are the task of the revolutionary party of the proletariat.

It was on this point, the building of the independent revolutionary party, that Fryer broke with Trotskyism; his present thoroughly idealist position, serving reactionary ends, is the

It is no longer possible, at this stage of the process, to say that the course taken by Fryer is somehow politically 'unconscious'. He is forced by his own logic to launch into an attack on Workers Press, after saying he is not going to deal with it. He says nothing further about the 'Morning Star', but is viciously anti-Trotskyist:

'A similar limitation impairs the claim of the infant Workers Press — whose immediate pre-decessor "The Newsletter" I had the doubtful honour of founding in 1957—to be included among the free press as here under-stood.'

'Free press'

Fryer has explained in a previous paragraph that by 'free press' he means: '. . . free from press lords, free from rich advertisers and their influence, and free from too crippling a regard for the laws concerning

sedition, obscenity, and libel'. Naturally we are not to be accused of serving press lords or

We certainly act with the greatest possible responsibility towards our supporters and towards the working class for whose victory our paper was established, by not giving the class enemy the opportunity to put us out of business with libel proceedings.

We put this struggle to exist and grow higher than the feeling of freedom some anarchistically-inclined individuals may get from uttering libels. We 'freely' choose to avoid

And Fryer knows as well as we do that should the ruling class feel strong enough and sufficiently threatened, it would take any single issue of the Workers Press and 'prove' its seditions.

Freedom, as Fryer himself once explained at some length ('Freedom of the Individual', 'Labour Review', October 1958) comes from the unconsciousness of what must be done and not from the assertion of the indiaduais rreedom with as restrictions as possible.

Thus 'consciousness of necessity' is a process of struggle to build the revolutionary party and conquer working-class power, and not a mental exercise.

Once again we are back to Fryer's point of departure from the Trotskyist movement. It was, after all, a basic and principled question, and not at all a question of individual peculiarities and incompatibilities.

To justify his position, Fryen now strings together all the anti-Bolshevik charges he can find against the Workers Press and 'The Newsletter'

'Originally intended as a newsletter for those who quit the British Communist Party after the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, "The Newsletter" long ago ceased even pretending to be a news-sheet. Instead it preferred to lead its readers, step by step, through the barren fields of Trotskyist heresy-hunting. The Workers Press has inherited "The Newsletter's" singular preoccupation with enemies and

traitors, including the "rat groups", as rival organizations on the left used to be known in

Instead of four quarto sides, circulated by correspondence weekly, as in Fryer's day, we have now a daily paper which can present news, theoretical, historical and cultural material, and above all guide the members and supporters of the SLL in the day-to-day struggles of the working class. And Fryer objects that we are no longer a news-sheet!

Obviously, the amount of news is not his complaint. It is the political content of the paper that upsets him and makes neces-sary his attack, unequalled by anything else in his contribution to this book.

We may no apology for deal-

ing at length with every revisionist attack on every aspect of

We shall fight on policy On programme On principle
And we shall expose this dirty conspiracy to kick real socialists

WE DIDN'T MISS AN ISSUE
The last two issues of The Newletter have been produced under unusual difficulties.

Balliding work is in progress at the ort :- hop where our paper is produced. This work is part of the cour paper are planning.

At times it has been like turning out a paper on a building site. Worse than that, several machines had to be taken to pieces and put together again on another floor.

out of the Labour Party and salence all criticism to the Future Labour Offers AU!

The Right-wing leaders are trying to slap sticking-plaster over the mouths of all those was a resolute fight against the Tories.

These leaders want a docide party, whose members have the right to go on the knicker, address envelopes and lick the right to go on the knicker, address envelopes and lick the party of the property of

STOP PRESS: BEHAN'S APPEAL DISMISSED
Brian Behan's appeal against a sentence of six weeks' imprisonment, imposed for his activity on the picket line during the South Bank dispute, was dismissed at the Sessions on Thursday The sentence of two monthe 'imprisonment on Matt Lynch was reduced to a fine of £5

And it does not worry us even

him and his like as 'heresy

for one split-second that our reply to Fryer will be interpreted

hunting' and 'preoccupation with enemies and traitors'.

We do propose to track down every enemy and traitor, to diagnose his treachery, to prepare

Our fight against revisionism is a theoretical fight, which analyses and exposes every last

ideological barrier to the achieve-

ment of revolutionary conscious-

ness by the working class.

against others like him.

of the objective struggle of classes, from which a development of Marxism can then again The purpose of our paper is to fight through this process, not to 'express ourselves'.

This struggle for Marxist

theory is not just a matter of

In other words, two opposite class conceptions of what is freedom are here involved. Fryer is on the other side. Like every petty-bourgeois, he cynically rejects the fight for theory as 'heresy-hunting'.

For good measure, Fryer finishes his single long paragraph with a collection of the middle-class 'criticisms' common to all our 'radical' enemies, and built up out of years of carefully cultivated gossip, the material

CROYDON TENANTS DEMAND OVERTIME BAN TO STOP TORY EVICTION PLANS

By David Flinch

ANKRY Croydon tenants want effective action against the Tory-dominated council's attempts to evict tenants whose income is above £20 a week

Last Friday, in the Civic Hall, 150 people heard a battery of Labour councillors and parliamentary candidates speak on the Tory proposals

Coun Twichett recommended that all tenants refuse to fill in the forms, sent them by the council Parliamentary candidate for North-East Croydon, Mr Wolfgang, said. This is a national issue not just a Croydon one

A woman tenant declared. We have had no real support from the Labour Party. We want more than words."

Has been no lead?

Another demand from the floor that met with much approval was one worker's suggestion that they stop all overtime. After the meeting tenhals were complaining: There has been no lead on what to do?

One worker employed at Fords, a member of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, told me: to work, overtime that would compet the Tores to retrait. I shall pross this suggestion in my branch and on the local district committee, Mr Jennings, a member of the Electrical Trades Union and We should shut down sewage works, electricity and some of the factories for a day?

of which provocations are made:

'Costing sixpence per week, it claims to be "the daily organ of the Central Committee of the

Socialist Labour League"; in fact

it appears five times a week. Even so, its production and

independent distribution must

put a colossal strain on the SLL's meagre resources. Its pub-

lication is a considerable achieve-

ment, attributable more to com-mercial acumen and long hours

of work than to political suc-cesses of any kind.'

Fryer will soon have his

'Has been no lead'

The four-page quarto-sized Newsletter circulated as a

correspondence weekly in Fryer's day.

THE NEWSLETTER

GET THIS STRAIGHT, MORGAN PHILLIPS!

By PETER FRYER

was done was a scandal, too.

Supporters of The Newsletter in the Labour Party are going to fight for their position in the party. We shall fight tooth and nail, every inch of the way, using every rule, every syllable and comman of our democratic rights. In the course of the fight we shall strive to show the members who is loyal to Labour principles and who is betraying them. But we are not going to let the real issues at stake be obscured by these cheap red herrings of 'Red Clubs', code names' and all the real of the red-batting paraphermials that the News Chronicle is throusing into the course of the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the News Chronicle is throusing into the course of the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the News Chronicle is throusing into the course of the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the News Chronicle is through the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the news Chronicle is through the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the news Chronicle is through the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the red of the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the red of the red-batting paraphermials that the red of the red-batting paraphermials

words: it sharpens the instrument, the party, for penetration

ists that every step forward we have made would overtax our exhausted membership. We have gone from strength to strength while these relaxed gentlemen have failed to build anything

whatsoever. This is because we start from scientific analysis and definite political objectives. These objectives are defined as part of the strategy of the struggle for workers' power, and they are fought for at every step by the training of Marxists to over-come all problems in a principled

answer on the scope of our publication schedules. We have

already shown this, during the

As for the 'strain' on the League's 'meagre' resources, we

have been told by the revision-

general election campaign.

When we decided to start definite work for a daily paper in the summer of 1964, that was done on the basis of the developing situation and the opportunities of resolving the crisis of revolutionary leadership. Our members accepted every political fight and every sacrifice along the road. 'Commercial acumen' and 'hours of work' have nothing to do with it.

The petty-bourgeois enemy of Marxism cannot understand the Bolshevik way of resolving prob-lems and he hits back at it with this hoary old lie.

Was it 'commercial acumen' that raised the financial resources for the Workers Press, including one single fund of £25,000? Is it 'commercial acumen' that gets us a fund of £1,000 every month besides revenues from sales, SLL subscriptions, and other special funds?

Support

And what lies behind this money raising?
Only definite political cam-

paigns and support in the working class for these campaigns. They are carried through, and have been ever since 1961, by a developing team of young Marxists who are carrying out the injunctions of Trotsky at his death: to go forward to build the Fourth International.

Fryer's horizons are those of the petty bourgeois. He can see publications and papers only as the product of private enterprise, of 'commercial acumen, of long hours of

The revolutionary daily paper, built in every way only on 'political successes', and on the lessons learned from political difficulties and problems, i.e., as part of the development of Marxism: this he cannot understand, blinded as he is by fear or hatred of the revolutionary working class and its demands on the intellectual.

Fryer and those like him will continue to carry out this kind of attack. But we have their

We can expose to more and more workers and intellectuals the class content of the evolution of renegades like Fryer.

From deserting his post on 'The Newsletter', he has taken his time, but he has finally taken up his post-firmly and steadfastly on the other side, at a class forces can only force him time when the polarization of even farther to the right.

BBC 1

11.45-11.00 a.m. Watch with mother. 12.55 p.m. Dechrau canu dechrau canmol. 1.30 News and weather. 1.38 Wimbledon 1970. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Score with The Scaffold. 5.30 Space kidettes. 5.40

Junior points of view. 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 LONDON. 6.15 WIMBLEDON 1970.

7.10 THE VIRGINIAN. 'Men With Guns'.

8.20 ME MAMMY. 'The Day Verilia Went to Pieces'. 8.50 NEWS and weather. 9.10 THE FORSYTE SAGA. 'Swan Song'.

10.05 BRIAN RIX'S CINEMA. Personal choices.

10.35 24 HOURS. 11.10 'DIARY OF AN ENCOUNTER'. With Keith Michell and Geraldine

McEwan. Play about a wife who is tempted to be unfaithful to her husband. 11.45 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

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Midlands and E Anglia: 6.00-6.15 Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.47 News, weather. Weekend prospects for anglers. Road works report. North of England: 6.00-6.15 Look North, weather. 11.47 News, weather. Wales: 10.45-11.00 Ar lin mam. 12 noon-1.30 Cricket: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire. 6.00-6.15 Wales today. 7.10 Heddiw. 7.30 Dyna wall. 7.55-

8.20 Week in week out. 11.47 Weather. Scotland: 6.00-6.15 Reporting Scotland. 10.05-10.35 The conservation business. 11.47 News, weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.15 Scene around six, weather. 11.47 News, weather.

South and West: 6.00-6.15 Points West. South today. Spotlight South West, weather. 11.47 News, weather. Week-

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 4.30 p.m. WIMBLEDON 1970.

7.30 NEWS and weather. 8.00 WHEELBASE. 'A Car for the Holiday'.

8.25 VILLETTE. 'Apple of Discord'.

9.10 THE BEETHOVEN SYMPHONIES. Otto Klemperer conducts Symphony No 7 in A major and Symphony No 8 in F 10.20 MATCH OF THE DAY.

11.10 NEWS and weather. 11.15 LINE-UP.

2.00 p.m. Sandown racing. 4.17 In search of St. Paul. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Arthur! 5.20 Tom Grattan's war. 'Sky Patrol'. 5.50 News.

6.03 EARLY BIRD. Fashion, holidays, men and women. 6.30 PEYTON PLACE.

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

7.30 GUNSMOKE, 'Baker's Dozen'. 8.30 DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE, 'Finals'.

9.00 CONFESSION. 'The Python Method'. 10.00 NEWS.

10.30 INTERNATIONAL GOLF. Dave Marr (USA) v Brian Huggett

11.00 THE STABLES THEATRE COMPANY. 'Breaking It Gently'. 12.00 midnight TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE. Tony Blackburn talks about Ken Dodd.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 2.00-3.30 London, 4.02 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.13 Enchanted house, 4.20 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.55 Captain Scarlet. 5.20 Skippy, 5.50 London, 6.00 News, 7.00 Cartoon time, 7.05 Dr in the weather, 6.10 Report, 6.35 Crossroads, house, 7.35 Movie: 'The Pigeon' with Sammy Davis Jr., Dorothy Malone, Pat Boone and Ricardo Montalban, 9.00 London, 10.30 Monty and Kenneth, 11.00 London, 11.55 Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except. 4.00 News. 4.02 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 12 midnight Faith for life. 12.06 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 2.15-3.30 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Zingalong. 4.30 Lon-

don. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene South-East. 6.30 Junkin. 7.00 London. 7.30 Weekend. 7.35 Dr in the house. 8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 NYPD. 11.00 London. Midnight News. 12.10 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 2.30-4.05 London. 4.25 Women today. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report. 6.10 Bugs Bunny. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Adam 12. 7.30 Man in a suitcase. 8.30 London. 10.30 Funny you should ask. 11.00 London. Midnight weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.23-4.25, 6.01-6.35 Scene West.

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HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01 Y dydd. 6.30-6.35 Report-Wales.

ANGLIA: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.25 Newsroom. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Anglia. Weekend sport. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 It takes a thief. 8.00 Jokers wild. 8.30 London. 10.30 Stables Theatre Company. 11.30 'City of Fear'. With Vince Edwards, John Archer and Patricia Blair. An escaped convict is carrying a container of deadly radioactive material which could wipe out the whole city. 12.51 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 2.00-3.30 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Champions. 8.30 London. 10.30 That girl. 11.00 London. 12 midnight Midland member. 12.17 Pulse, weather.

ULSTER: 2.00 London. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Viewfinder. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cinema: 'Jazzboat' with Anthony Newley, Anne Aubrey and James Booth. An electrician pretends to be a big-time crook. 8.30 London.

YORKSHIRE: 2.00 London. 4.10 Zingalong. 4.25 Matinee. 4.50 Rainbow country. 5.20 Tom Grattan's war. 5.50 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Wheel of fortune. 7.00 'Quarter'. With Dirk Bogarde, George Cole, Basil Radford, Naunton Wayne and Mai Zetterling. Four of Somerset Maugham's best stories. 9.00 London. 10.30 University challenge. 11.00 London. Midnight weather.

GRANADA: 2.00 London. 4.10 News. Short story. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.05 Songs from the Two Brewers. 6.30 Julia. 7.00 Saint. 7.55 Dr in the house. 8.25 Man called Shenandoah. 8.50 Put it in writing. 9.00 London. 10.30 NYPD. 11.00 London.

TYNE TEES: 2.00 London. 4.08 Newsroom. 4.10 Better driving. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 7.30 Dr in the house. 8.00 It takes a thief. 9.00 London. 10.30 Stables Theatre Company. 11.30 Movie: 'Night of the Hunter'. With Robert Mitchum and Shelley Winters. A wandering soulsaver, bent on building a tabernacle, is put in prison for a minor offence. 12.58 News.

BORDER: 2.00 London. 4.00 News. 4.02 Houseparty. 4.15 Archery. 4.40 London. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Roundabout. 7.35 Bracken's world. 8.30 Albert and Victoria. 9.00 London. Midnight news, weather.

SCOTTISH: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.20 Scotland early. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Phoenix five. 5.25 Lone Ranger. 5.50 London. 6.00 Scotland now. 6.30 Handful of songs. 7.00 London. 7.30 Name of the game. 9.00 London. 10.30 In camera. 11.00 London. Midnight. Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.25 Survival. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.10 Cartoon cavalcade. 6.03 Pop scotch 70. 7.00 London. 7.30 Preview. 7.35 Name of the game. 9.00 London. 10.30 Finders seekers 11.00 London.

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(US Round-up)

Italian's Mafia-

SHOW-BUSINESS people have demonstration business this week.

Well-known stars were also billed to appear at entertainments before a rally called by the Italian-American Civil Rights League to protest outside the New York headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Thousands of Americans of Italian descent demonstrated on Monday bringing to a climax six weeks of protests at the FBI.

The grievances underlying this mobilization were said by the participants to be the racial persecution they had to endure.

So far, so good.

But Monday's rally was carefully stage-managed so that it turned out to be a 'pressure' manoeuvre to prove that the Mafia only exists in the minds of police officials!

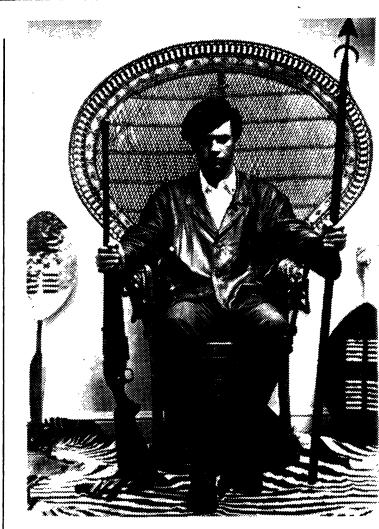
The campaign centred on the arrest of one Joseph Colombo Jr, son of a reputed Mafia chieftain, on charges of conspiracy to melt US coins and sell the silver.

The Mafia seems to have used a combination of strongarm tactics and appeals to the solidarity of the American-Italian community to drum up assistance for one of its favourite sons.

For a bomb exploded in an Italian-owned Brooklyn factory which did not pay its respects on Monday by closing.

One of the most popular banners on the march read 'Just because we have Italian names, its doesn't mean we are

The organizers announced beforehand that those taking part would have the added incentive of entertainment provided by such well-known personalities as Frank Sinatra, a man with many friends in all walks of life, and Sammy Davis Jr, also a man it appears of many parts.



HUEY P. NEWTON, Black Panther Party (BPP) founder and leader, may be freed from San Luis Obispo penitentiary within a matter of weeks.

A California appellate court has reversed his 1968 manslaughter conviction for allegedly shooting an Oakland cop. He was originally sentenced to serve two to 15 years in state prison.

Newton, along with Bobby Seale and Eldridge Cleaver, founded the BPP in 1966 to defend the Oakland ghetto community from the notoriously brutal attacks of that city's police

department.

The party's political theory, to the extent that it constituted 'theory', consisted of quotations from Mao and Franz Fanon, ghetto bravado and reformist formulations, all jumbled together in a typically pragmatic, N American fashion.

Since its formation, a systematic campaign of virtual extermination has been directed against the BPP, undoubtedly sanctioned by FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover and the White House

Police raids have claimed the lives of many party members from one coast to another. Beginning in 1967 with the murder of 18-year-old Bobby Hutton and the re-arrest and eventual flight of Cleaver, through the murders of Chicago Panthers Fred Hampton and TOMORROW should see the only mass rally in Washington in recent months which President Nixon has been privately hoping will draw a

As reported in an earlier column, the 'Honour America Day' jamboree gets under way tomorrow organized by Nixon's two stalwart campaigners—Bob Hope, holder of the largest of the many large US show biz fortunes, and his side-kick, the Rev Billy Graham.

Not a very formidable team one might think to boost Nixon's drooping political fortunes.

But help is coming.

large attendance.

Veteran performers Jack Benny and Red Skelton have also

THE ENTERTAINERS

To make a quip about the court and its jesters or the clowning dwarfs of the decadent Spanish monarchy is tempting but really overlabours the point.

Ample measures have been taken to make sure the message — 'to rekindle the American spirit of patriotism', (what else?)

The crowds that usually flock to Washington on Independence Day for the traditional celebrations will be greeted by the Rev Graham assisted by a US Army band and no less than a 500-voice

Astronaut Colonel Frank Bor-

man—a living symbol of the advance of science—will read a prayer to the Almighty.

However, not all has gone smoothly for the show organizers.

Despite their protests to the contrary, rumours inevitably went the rounds that the whole 'Honour America' exercise was simply to whoop up support for Nixon and the Vietnam war under the thin cover of

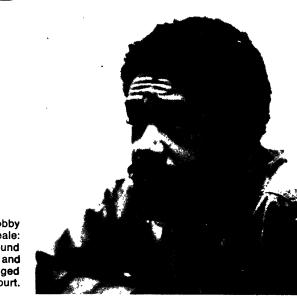
The White House, so the story goes, was anxiously following the preparations for tomorrow and immediately sent out instructions for more 'doves' to be included on the list of sponsors.



Not the sort of demonstration that Nixon wants tomorrow, but certainly one expressing what many American people feel most of the time.

Newton founded the Black Panther Party in 1966 to defend the Oakland (San Francisco) ghetto from brutal police attacks. The poster seen left has now been dropped as a sop to the liberals who now support the Panthers. It was considered 'too obscene' for their taste.

The one that got away?



Seale bound and gagged

The demand for his immediate release must be taken into the American labour movement, for the attacks on the Panthers are attacks on all workers.

It is also reported that the

order has gone out to the local Panther organizations to abstain from obscenity and threats of violence so as not to alienate white liberal supporters, notably conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein and actress Jane Fonda.

some semblance of protection and support, have increasingly turned to white liberals and to They will receive no protection

from this type of treacherous When you enter into this kind

of popular-front territory you sign your own political death The scale of repression directed against the BPP is by no means

unique in American history.

On the contrary, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), in the period of 1910-1925, faced precisely the same unrelenting

They were a small body of heroic men as well, politically unprepared, who attempted to take on the American state power.
They too faced the lawmen and vigilantes, the frame-ups and out-

right murders. They were organizationally decimated by the 'armed bodies of men', as Engels described the

The absolute accuracy of this description becomes evident as we examine the American imperialist state.

What is there to the American state besides 'armed bodies of men'? Certain conclusions must be

drawn by all American revolutionaries. There is only one power with the strength to smash the American state-machine and that is the power of the American

working class, organized under

revolutionary leadership.

Police harassment and raids have claimed the lives of several leading Panthers. Fred Hampton was shot in his bed. Below the bullet



THE DARLING of the avantgarde, Canadian premier Pierre-Eliot Trudeau, is out in front again — this time with wage freezes and other assorted attacks on Canadian workers.

Actually he's an old hand.

His administration has twice intervened in the past year to attack militant strikers-first to break the strike of longshoremen on the West coast and then to literally smash the Montreal

Now Pretty Pierre is attempting to impose a 6 per cent wage

postal truck drivers' union by

firing 300 men.

Canadian trade unionists have rebuffed his efforts.

In words—the 1.6 million member Canadian Labour Congress rejected outright the wage curbs, refusing to 'comfort the servile agents of government'.

And in practice-Toronto construction workers, steel and tug-boat men have all won increases of 30 per cent spread over two

The construction workers' settlement came in the midst of

North of the border

negotiations between the Treasury Board and the postal workers when the government was trying to clamp the 6 per cent ceiling on pay increas

The postal workers ungratefully felt that a 24-per-cent difference was rather a large credibility gap.

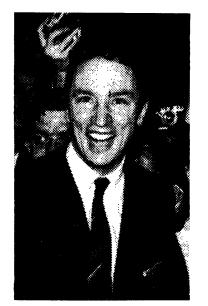
They walked out and 8,000 struck last week.

Trudeau's troubles have just

As Canadian capitalists desperately compete for larger shares of a shrinking flow of US capital, the workers move ahead with

The ruling Liberal Party government must take them on

But the Canadian working class is confident and quite pre-pared to fight for the gains it has



Trudeau: An old hand at attacking strikes.

Further education **EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT**

the Industrial Training decided to make use of exist-Act passed under the ing further education (FE) Tories in 1964 and sub- colleges. sequently developed by the Labour government, all firms in order to share employers were assured a out the additional cost of steady supply of cheaply- training. trained labour.

were made immediately:

Instead of building costly new training centres

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A SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE PAMPHLET

UNDER THE terms of all over the country, it was

Principals of FE colleges were given a money incentive

• A levy was imposed on

Two major economies if they introduced schemes under the supervision of the relevant Industrial Training Board (ITB).

And just to make doubly sure that these arrangements

Transitional

Programme

with the Statutes

under fire

A NEW round of pay talks for 340,000 teachers opens in London today as the key National Union of Teachers submits its £225 million pay claim to the Burnham negotiating committee. A london teacher reviews here some of the recent developments in the field of further education.

would meet the needs of employers, top executives of several big firms were given important places on the

Mark Clark, through the gagging and sentencing of Bobby Seale by the hated Judge Julius Hoff-

man, through the savage beating

of New York Panthers inside a

Brooklyn court-room by plain-clothes detectives, through the arrest of New Haven Panther David Hilliard for 'threatening the life' of Richard Nixon,

intimidations and harassments.

the bestiality of American im-

perialism within its own borders

The three-man panel of judges based their May 29 decision to

reverse Newton's conviction on

three technical errors committed

by the original presiding judge,

Monroe Friedman.
It is reported—and it is not

difficult to imagine—that Cali-

fornia authorities, from Governor

Ronald Reagan and company on

trick in the legal—and not so

legal - book to prevent Huey

Newton from gaining his free-

They will assuredly try every

down, are foaming with rage.

has been brightly illuminated.

the countless arrests,

Emphasis was immediately put on training as opposed to further education. It was hoped that such courses would be run by instructors rather than more costly lecturers.

Most ITB courses now running are short—usually six months in duration — and geared to the needs of local industry.

A large percentage of course time is given over to instruction in various skills and far fewer hours per week to what are described as liberal studies. For both teachers and students, ITB courses worsen

they have to work. Full-time students and staff normally work on a 9 a.m.-5 p.m. basis five days a week, with holidays at Christmas, Easter and Summer. ITBs destroy such tradi-

the conditions under which

tional practices in order to fit in with employers, who will only part with valuable labour for short periods of time. Apart from the pace of instruction, the working day is

lengthened so that many students have to work 9 a.m.-7 p.m. with a break of one hour for lunch. The line of the leadership

of the Association of Teachers Technical Institutions (ATTI) on such questions can be illustrated by two quotations from their 1968 docusition to the opportunist cies of the ATTI leaders.

ment on 'The Extended College Year': Association wel-

comed the agreement recently reached with local authority organizations on integrated courses, which gave an assurance that teachers' conditions of service will be maintained.'

'It is difficult to make demands for investment of large capital resources in buildings and equipment and then to allow them to lie idle for 14 or more weeks in the year without at least examining the implications of more continuous use.'

There has been a reluctancy to fight these schemes in the past because:

1. Official ATTI policy is not only to accept ITB courses but to promote them; leadership claims ITB courses are inevitable,

3. ITB courses are introduced on a voluntary basis with 'full consultations' with the ATTI and with members working the courses.

With the Tories back in the political saddle at Westminster, both teachers and students can expect a further tightening of the screws.

These attacks on further education—like the employers' speed-up drive in the factories -must be opposed on principle and in complete opposition to the opportunist poli-

I. C. Turner, former Clerical and Administrative Workers' stewards' chairman from Liverpool's Netherton English-Electric plant, writes:

WITH THE General Election now over I feel I can, without harming the party I have supported for over 20 years, ask that papers such as your excellent fighting-machine make issue of this year's Birthday Honours List.

I refer, of course, to the knighthood offered to my ex-

Remember Woolwich? Remember Netherton? Remember English-Electric, Liverpool?

Thank you Wedgwood Benn and your party of MPs, including Mrs Dunwoody. Thank you Mr Wilson for the redundancy payments which some of these ex-workers are trying to make a living from, even now; over six months after their jobs are gone.

Above all, thank you Sir Arnold Weinstock for showing how wrong we were in thinking that Britain under Labour was for the working class.

Now genuine and sincere thanks to the Workers Press for their support. I only wish the membership at large had really read the truths you tried to give them.



Merseyside AEI-GEC workers demonstrating through Liverpool last year.

Historical

• FROM PAGE ONE

ism in one country against world revolution—is based on official Soviet sources which are beyond question

He draws his material from 'Lenin's Collected Works'mainly volumes 33 and 36—and the 'Memoirs of Fotieva', one of Lenin's personal secretaries during the period under discussion.

This attack on official Stalinist versions of Soviet history could not have come at a worse time for Gollan.

Many rank-and-file workers are deeply disturbed at the electoral fiasco suffered by the Party on June 18. 'Morning Star' sales continue to stagnate, while Party

membership declines. At the same time, the Gollan leadership draws almost daily more close to Wilson's 'left' apologists in the Labour Party and the trade

This move even further to the right leaves CP factory militants exposed to the Tory - backed employers' offensive on trade union and shop-floor organizations.

Already Gollan's trade union allies are bowing the knee to their Tory masters.

Here the questions of communist history raised by Lindsay are all-important. How did the Soviet bureaucracy degenerate to the extent that it now welcomes the Tory victory of June 18, and aligns itself with anti-communist regimes in Spain, Greece and else-

The 'parliamentary road to socialism' of the British Communist Party is an in-tegral part of this world Stalinist strategy, which had its origins in the events discussed by Lindsay (with the all-important proviso that the roots of the bureau-cracy were also located in international reverses suffered by the working class, starting with Germany

Lindsay concludes his article with the statement:

'This story of Lenin's last days should be known to all communists. To talk of Leninism and of fidelity to Lenin without realizing what his struggle was in those days is to insult his memory.'
Fidelity to Leninism today

means the fight for Trotskyism, which alone continues the struggle for the principles betrayed by Stalin. Lindsay has begun a very important discussion inside the British Communist Party. Is Gollan going to reply?

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TODAY the Burnham Committee meets to consider the teachers' salary claim for 1971. Earlier this year the teachers won a £120-a-year interim rise on the basic scale prior to the termination of the current salary agreement. The £120 was won after prolonged strike action in several areas. The new claim for a scale of £1,250-£2,200 compares with the existing scale of £980-£1,720. IN TONES reminiscent of the Kenneth

Williams show 'Stop Messing About', the National Union of Teachers general secretary Mr Edward Britton told a meeting in Boston, Lincolnshire, last

'I very much hope that the new government will keep its promise to increase substantially the level of education expenditure.'

The one virtue of his speech is that its complacency serves as an alarm signal to the entire teaching profession in this crucial period as the Burnham Committee meets today to consider the NUT's claim for a new salary scale of £1,250-£2,200 to operate from 1971.

Before analysing the NUT's claim, it would be as well to remember that this leadership sponsored Tory and Liberal candidates in the General Election, even though it is now affiliated to the TUC.

It also substantially backed the White Paper 'In Place of Strife' and the setting up of the Commission on Industrial Relations even while the teachers were locked in struggle with the self-same government over the interim £135 claim.

This equivocation is not naïvety, but the hallmark of deep-seated middle-class opportunism.

This fact must be foremost in the minds of all those teachers who want to fight for a living wage in the profession and who want to defeat the Tories and their 'Black Paper' friends, and defend comprehensive education.

The new claim represents a £5 3s-a-week increase at the lower end of the scale. By present-day pay claim standards, this is exceedingly modest, particularly if the tinues to undermine teachers' living standards.

unions demanding ten increments in-stead of the 14 required to reach the maximum wage. This would mean 36s-a-week every year rise and would barely keep pace with the cost of living.

The current claim could hardly achieve NUT salary policy of freeing 'teachers already in the profession from economic worry'. Any retreat on any point of the salary claim by the union leadership is therefore a serious matter This claim must be won in

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that the union's leadership

was recommending acceptance.

the union had undertaken not

to raise wages during the life

of the extended agreement it

had an 'escape clause' for re-

opening talks if there was an

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Productivity bogey behind teachers'claim



full and that means a fullscale national stoppage.

The employers will seek to concentrate on the union's proposals for rationalizing the graded posts and Head of Department structure.

The document 'Union 1971 Salary Policy' prepared by the national executive reads like a 'ballet of bloodless categories'. The negotiations, it says, depend upon 'the general economic climate, the willingness of the employers to pay, the attitude of the teachers,

and the attitudes of people outside the teaching profes-But there is no concrete analysis, no real preparation of the teachers for the tasks ahead, no estimation of the

likely strategy of the employers and the government.

There are no lessons drawn from the experience of the struggle for the interim claim. Indeed Britton, in a letter to the 'Daily Telegraph' on une 29, describes allegations that teachers are preparing for

'alarmist'. Teachers had to strike for £120, but presumably will get £270 without a struggle.

eventual strike action as

What precisely is 'general economic climate'?

A sustained fall in share prices in London, Wall St and the main economic centres, rising world interest rates, a falling off in world trade, increasing rivalries between the major capitalist powers to 'correct' their 'own' balance of payments deficits at the expense of their competitors and, most important for education, the consequent demand for cuts in governexpenditure on the social services.

And what of the 'willingness of the employers to pay'? Is this not determined by the 'general economic climate'. If a Labour government was forced to abandon its reformist programme and resort to cuts in education, what do the union leaders expect the party of the 'Black Paper' to do with the teachers' claim?

As the All Trades Unions Alliance teachers' conference document said in February

this year: 'Arising out of the betrayals of the Labour government a General Election threatens the return of the Tories bent on making the working class pay for the crisis.'

The main contribution at the conference outlined the crucial position of teachers' pay in the crisis of the employers and the government. Labour under capitalism is a commodity. Like any other commodity its value is deternined by the amount of labour that goes into its pro-

It is the labour of teachers at all levels that produces labour of various skills and levels for the market.

But since to 'solve' its crisis the capitalist class must force

down the cost of labour in general (i.e. by an attack on Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.

Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. he wages and living standards of the working class) it must of producing that labour. In other words an assault

on the education system and teachers salaries is an integral, even central part of the plan to reduce labour costs in in-

The chosen weapon is precisely that used in the factories—PRODUCTIVITY. On this subject there has been much bleating from the NUT 'leaders'. The salary

Productivity as defined in the government's prices and be applied with justice to workers who produce a tangible end-product or who provide services which can be

measured quantitatively.



NUT secretary Britton

teacher or to any professional worker whose services cannot be measured quantitatively.

'The end product of the teachers work is not even the school leaver. It is the mature adult . . . ' (Our emphasis.) In this statement we find a vile concoction of professional snobbery, liberal philanthropy

and bureaucratic complacency. Productivity is not 'pos-sible', it is being applied. And not only in factories but in offices and banks occupations which likewise considered themselves immune.

Nowhere is productivity applied with 'justice'. Its purpose is not the semination of 'justice', but the reduction of unit costs. Teachers do produce a tangible end-product. To a

Materialist

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liberal the end-product appears in the divine form of a 'mature adult'. But to the capitalist class the end product is labour. labour can be quantified and categorized, indeed there are whole civil service civil service departments devoted to the assessment of the various categories and quantities of labour available and reauired.

But the NUT leaders cansimple-minded philanthropists. They know that productivity proposals will be put before them by the management side of Burnham. They read 'The Times' edu-

cational supplement.
They, all of them, have a pretty good idea of what these proposals are likely to be from a series of articles that appeared in the supplement in bruary this year. These articles were pre-pared with the most exhaus-

tive set of salary satistics, provided by the Department of Education and Science (DES). Why have the union leaders not seen fit to draw the attention of the teachers to the discussions raging in the DES about productivity? To say that productivity is

'not applicable' is to sidestep the point. If the employers could show —as they surely intend to—that productivity is applicable,

laborate in implementing productivity proposals? Writing in a three-part series on teachers' salaries in 'The Times' educational supplement on February 20 this year, Professor Maurice

Peston said: 'Some people think that economic factors do not matter in education. They approach the question of teachers' salaries in terms of what teachers deserve either because of their intrinsic merits or by comparison with others. My view is that economic forces do work in educa-

'At the present time education is a highly labour-intensive activity. It is a characteristic of economic growth that manpower gets dearer relative to other productive inputs and that any activity using a disproportionate amount of manpower will become expensive compared with activities in general.

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All salaries, above the maximum of the basic scale, are calculated on the basis of the teacher having reached the maximum of the basic scale.

series are along the same

More recently, on May 1, the educational supplement published a leading article by E. J. T. Brennan of the Cambridge Institute of Education entitled 'Why not Productivity Deals?'

He is less subtle and does not go in for economic justification. He asks: 'Does it really make sense

... for teachers to be stuck with the incubus of 12 weeks annual holiday and the theoretical seven-hour day?' He proposes that in return for 'truly professional salary scales' teachers might agree to the extension of the working day, shorter holidays.

Mr Brennan's views are

certainly not confined to the corridors of the Cambridge

Institute. Mr Britton may well cry ... 'the management have not yet

up with the fight for a socialist solution for the crisis, based on a policy of the nationalization of the banks and private industry. It is the fight for socialist policies and leadership that teachers will find allies in all other sections

of the working class.

defeat and disillusionment.

The present demand must be

won in full if teachers are not

to face further attacks under

conditions where a united

struggle would be very diffi-

pay claim and the cuts in the

education system are questions

which concern government

and local authority finance at

a time when finance is dic-

tated by the banks and the needs of industrial monopolies

for a new leadership for

teachers is inseparably bound

The struggle for wages and

preparing for recession.

'But the issues raised by the

Certain of the elements of The producer becomes merthe next stage of social evolution are thus prepared at one level, but unless they are related to developments along 'really revolutionizing the road', within the basic production relations, they remain quantitative changes.

> In so far as the more basic development does not take place, then the other development 'tends rather to preserve and maintain' the old mode of production as its precondition. This is precisely the role of the 'barbarous' form of state developed out of the necessity of public works and all that went with them in the floodvalleys to ensure the continuation of agriculture.

PACT LEAKED made their first proposals' ('Daily Telegraph' June 29), but teachers are not obliged to chew the cud whilst the

Kremlin-Brandt deal against

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE TERMS of the proposed Bonn-Moscow Pact, 'leaked' by a W German magazine this week, specifically endorsed the permanent division of Germany first agreed between Stalin and the allies at the end of the last war.

Clause three of the proposed pact reads, in part:

"... to regard as inviolable now and in future the present borders of all countries in Europe, including the Oder-Neisse line and the border between the Federal Republic and the German Democratic Republic.' (Emphasis added.)

We can do no better than According to the same conclude this article with the final paragraph of the resolusource—the magazine 'Quick' — Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko insisted that any reference to German unity be tion adopted by the ATUA teachers' conference of Feb-

ruary this year.
'In the job of channelling the anger and militancy of the teachers into harmless protests, the national executives have willing accomplices in the "lefts" and the Communist

The sophisticated statistics of the DES lead Keith Norris

of Brunel University to this

it impossible to raise both (the basic scale and the progressive

earnings of teachers) signifi-cantly. The new DES figures

seem to me to suggest that the emphasis should be on the

career structure.'

If Norris's thinking is in line with the DES, then Pro-

line with the DES, then Professor Peston's proposals for
loans for young teachers becomes clear.

It will be the strategy of
the government and employers
to placate the older teachers
with special payments and
split them off from the

younger more militant teachers. This would drive a wedge into the teachers' ranks. 'A career structure' is what the reactionary National Asso-ciation of Schoolmasters has

been advocating for years.

Translated into 1970 language the call for a 'career

structure' can only mean the

willingness to trade in the

living standards of the young

and the non-graduate teacher

in return for a few perks for those in the middle and upper

Teachers must reject this

completely and demand no

retreat from the basic scale

and acceptance of the union's

demands in full, as shown in

ranks of the profession.

the table on this page.

Society then tends to economize on such activities.

their effect will be in the

direction of using relatively fewer teachers while throwing

the burden of education more

on the pupil to learn, both in a conventional environment

and using all manner of new

talk of a new 'teacher-learning system in which the simple

old fashioned teacher-pupil

relationship with its pre-occupation with class sizes

He concludes his article with six points for considera-

• A more careful gearing of salary to performance.

performance within schools.

Merit awards for special

• Higher average salaries

• Higher maximum salaries.

• Reconsideration of the

age at which peak salaries are

Special borrowing facili-

It seems clear that what is

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being proposed here is higher productivity from teachers. The other two articles in the

ties for young teachers.

will become less significant.'

Professor Peston goes on to

equipment.' (Our emphasis.)

One may speculate that

'Financial constraints make

conclusion.

'In accepting that the Labour government can be pressurized into making concessions and does not have to be fought, they become the main agents of the national executive in limiting the fight of the rank-and-file.

'At the same time, they apologise for the executives with the argument that the teachers would not support

wider action. 'Clearly to leave the struggle in the hands of such leaders is to open the way to

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omitted from the text. COUNTERWEIGHT Despite the devastation

wrought by German imperialism in the Soviet Union during the last war, the Kremlin is seeking to build up W Germany as a counterweight to the US—even at the risk of an open split with Ulbricht's E German regime.

Agreement between the Kremlin and W German Chancellor Brandt on the calling of an all-European security conference centres on common fears of a united German working class.

> British-Leyland, Oxford

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cepted by the senior stewards in order to save the 40 jobs that would otherwise have been eliminated.

'The main point about this agreement, says Fryer, 'is that all the advantages of the piecework system remain and the piecework system remains fully intact.

'Effort is based on the piecework prices. Operators still receive the piecework national award.

The right to negotiate normally under piecework in the event of changes remains. The agreements are subject to the piecework agreement. All merit, ex-office and condition

payments remain the same.'
What, then, is behind IS's lying distortion?

For some time, this motley, middle-class revisionist grouplet has been maintaining that those in the trade union movement who stand out in uncompromising opposition to productivity schemes such as Measured-Day Work will 'isolate' themselves from workers it believes will be attracted to

them by the siren of higher initial payments. 'Oppose productivity . but not negatively,' they say.

CONCLUSION

The only conclusion that

can be drawn from the leaflet its members issued in Oxford this week is that the group is seeking to 'prove' its own opportunist case by attempting to undermine the shop stewards who have unequivocally, and successfully, resisted all attempts to force the hatred doctrine of productivity dealing down the throats of the workers they represent.

Few more despicable forms of political adventuring can be imagined.

'Make **EEC** democratic' -Italian CP says

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE ITALIAN Communist Party wants the Common Market to be more democratic.

According to the Stalinist paper 'L'Unita', the European Economic Community will only be a poor imitation of the United States if it goes on as at present.

.Up to now, they say, EEC 'has been conceived and developed as a sub-system within the Atlantic Alliance'.

They demand reforms which will make possible 'a new and wider Europe'. They call for an end to the 'policy of blocks' and 'pro-found economic and social

changes'. These views have been put forward by the Italian CP representatives on the Strasbourg European parliament, where they have formed part of the Italian delegation for the past

The French Stalinists have not been at Strasbourg, but only because the Gaullists have not let them go, a ban which they have loudly bemoaned.

Positions

The situation of the Stalinist parties in relation to the Common Market is now as follows

In Britain they make gestures of opposition to British entry, in alliance with rightwing Tories. In France, they would wel-

come Britain into the EEC but not as an agency of the

In Italy, they now go the whole hog, asking only for one or two reforms in the structure of this organization of the monopolies.

WEATHER

London area, SE and central northern England, E Midlands: Bright intervals. Scattered showers. Winds NW, strong, becoming westerly, fresh. Near normal. Max. 19C (66F).

Central southern, SW and NW England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, Glasgow area, N Ireland: Sunny intervals. Isolated showers. Winds westerly backing SW later, moderate or fresh. Normal. Max. 19C

Edinburgh: Scattered showers. Winds NW, strong, becoming westerly, fresh. Rather cool. Max. 15C (59F).

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Changeable with rain at times. Near normal.



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growth of the surplus product within the commune, however, is the essential process of free-

ing man from the 'natural' undifferentiated commune and its direct ties to the natural environment. Only by freeing himself from these ties with nature and the primeval commune does man begin the long march to eventually restore communism at a higher level, a truly human and universal level, on the basis of all the

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conquests of the period of class society. Marx gives an analogous presentation of the transition from feudalism to capitalism: 'The transition from feudal-

ism to capitalism is twofold.

However much this serves historically as a stepping-stone - witness the English 17th-

its precondition.'51 (51 'Capital', Vol. III, p. 329.)

chant and capitalist, in contrast to the natural agricultural economy and the guild-bound handicrafts of the medieval urban industries. This is the really revolutionizing path. Or else, the merchant establishes direct sway over production.

century clothier, who brings the weavers, independent as they are, under his control by selling their wool to them and buying their cloth—it cannot by itself contribute to the overthrow of the old mode of production, but tends rather to preserve and retain it as