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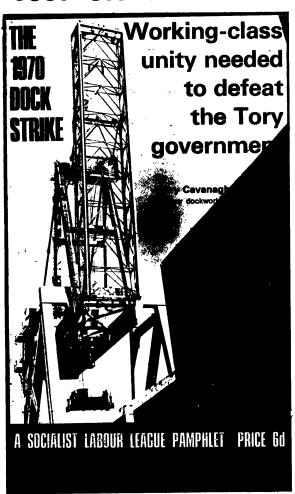
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5.50 News and weather.

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10.00 THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 1970.

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7.00 TOM AND JERRY.

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REVOLUTIONARY

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What was fought out in the military, political and ideological battles of the 1640s and the years which followed was the conflict of interests between a rising bourgeoisie, based pri-marily on capitalist property in the towns and a decaying feudal class closely allied to a semi-Catholic Church whose power and privileges rested largely upon its landed property.

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indication of the long period— stretching perhaps over 200 years — in which the forces years — in which the forces involved in the collision had been maturing in the womb of the old society.

And Cromwell was the central figure of the drama because, instinctively, he best understood the needs of the rising capitalist class and was most determined and ruthless in organizing and fighting for these interests against the forces of both the 'right' and the 'left'.

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'CROMWELL'

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bourgeois revolution.

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as a largely unreal figure.
Portrayed by Richard Harris, he appears as a brooding, shouting histrionic figure whose major declarations are invariably prefaced by a dramatic and quite irrelevant rolling of drums, and usually accompanied by the singing of heavenly choirs.

By contrast, Alec Guiness' Charles I is a much more satisfactory figure. We see a weak and vacillating Monarch pushed along by forces quite outside his con-trol: by the Queen representing the Catholic Church, by the various factions amongst his advisers, usually responding to the moves and strategy of his opponents. As such he no doubt evokes much more sympathy in the majority of his audience than does Cromwell.

But even the film's most satisfactory technical parts suffer from the general overall miscon-

ception. Thus the battle scenes, while they give a definite idea of the better morale and discipline amongst the parliamentary forces, fail to give any real idea of the role which politics played amongst the most conscious elements of Cromwell's army.

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of cavalry warfare.

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Most decisive of all was that

fact that his was a New Model Army which was, in effect, a political party, the party of the Independents, with its own political machinery. Delegates, known as "agitators' were appointed by the rank and

file to look after their grievances and at their regular gatherings political and religious discussions were inextricably inter-mixed. The demand for religious freedom and tolerance, with the

right of each religious group to settle its own form of worship, became an important political question which largely provided the fervour and sense of mission which Cromwell instilled into his troops.

In the same way the religious dimensions of the conflict—which in the consciousness of many of the participants were certainly the dominant question -are not posed in a sharp enough way.

It is true that the battle scenes provide some indication of the part which religious conviction played as we see Puritan preachers going amongst the troops to inspire them in their coming conflict.

This was obviously a frustrating exercise for the poor

chap and the puzzled man finally

admitted that he had come up against what he described as 'a

civil service blank wall'.

However, it seems that his

exertions were rewarded by a

magnanimous gesture from Roy Hattersley, the then Minister of

On February 4 of this year, he

some thorny problems with the threat of T&GWU soldiers being

moved into the docks to scab on

I wonder if Mr Cousins can

fellow union members.

Defence (Administration).

But no attempt is made to trace the connection between these deeply held religious differences and the economic and social interests which underlay

But it is perhaps in its treatment of the question of 'democracy' that the film is at its weakest and seriously distorts the real relationship of forces in the revolution. Throughout, the tendency is to depict Cromwell as a staunch and consistent upholder of the freedom of 'the people' against 'unjust authority'.

This, of course, is a serious

mistake. For Cromwell's relationship to the class forces throughout the struggle against the King reveal that he was the most consistent and tenacious upholder of the rights of and interests of the bourgeoisie and not of rights 'in

general'. Cromwell's role was a constant attempt, and largely successful, to balance between the forces on the one hand of those elements in the bourgeoisie, represented by the Presbyterians, who vacillated in the face of a fundamental break with King, and the Levellers wanted to take political



ROBERT MORLEY plays

the Earl of Manchester economic freedom beyond limits

which endangered the prospect of stable bourgeois rule. So Cromwell's attitude to parliament was an empirical one in line with this role. At stages he was prepared to use parliament, at other times to rid it of the most right-wing elements, while at others to dispense with it completely ('Take away this

bauble'). Cromwell's real base was not in parliament. His real solid support came from the army, which, in fact, was the main political party of

stated in the Commons that the revolution. members of the forces were not But apart from a few scenes forbidden to belong to trade outside parliament and of opposition from some of the ranks The catch was that memberto the compromise which Cromship obligations must be confined to payment of subscriptions. well was trying to effect with the King, we are not given any feel As yet there are no takers. If there had been, the present of the role which it played and the way in which it was able to dock strike would have raised drive Cromwell into positions

which he had not initially wanted to take. Trotsky was evidently a keen student of the Civil War and of the 'bourgeois Lenin' as he termed Cromwell.

He urged all conscious British workers to study this period, particularly for its lessons about the role which armed force plays in the settlement of revolutionary struggles, as a preparation to break the British working class from many of its parlia-mentary illusions.

It is no accident that the most fruitful work on the real forces that determined both the outcome of the war and the shape of British society afterwards has been done by writers, such as Christopher Hill, with some knowledge of Marxism, even though seriously distorted by Stalinism.

Indeed, it is impossible adequately to portray the real meaning of Cromwell's life at this decisive turning point in history from any other point of

Certainly it cannot be accomplished from a liberal standpoint which retains its illusions in 'British democracy' and the 'love of compromise'.

And because this film, even though not as bad as some reviewers have claimed, does not break from this erroneous view of the past, it must be judged a

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behind THE NEWS

THE working class goes into struggle with its history strapped across its back.

If the docker today fights tenaciously for a substantial in-crease in his basic rate and opposes the employers' attempts to drive him back to the conditions of the past under the guise of 'modernization', it is because dockworkers have had a history of bitter struggle against these rapacious employers which is burnt into his outlook.

Throughout the 19th century when the major East London docks were built—London, Victoria, East and West India dockers laboured under conditions where any security of employment was unknown and their physical condition was appalling. In Liverpool in 1912, a good year, 7,000 of the 27,000 in the

dock labour force were surplus to the employers' requirements. In London, the physical state of dockers was so bad that the bosses used Irish immigrant labour to do the heavier work. In a period of huge profits and increasing commercial prosperity, poverty and degradation was the most distinctive feature.

The upswing of trade in the 1880s enabled the dockers to push forward for improvements and union membership rose. It was in this period that the Stevedores' Union was formed.

It was the stevedores who

evolved strict rules for card checks at frequent intervals to ensure that trade unionists got The hereditary principle was

John Burns

built up, with special priority given to sons of stevedores on ioining the union.

Naturally, the employers were furious at the undermining of their 'hire-and-fire' prerogative and many union meetings were Conditions remained poor and

the East and West India Docks Company in 1880. It was at the end of this period, in 1889, that a huge re-

worsened with the bankruptcy of

vival of mass trade unionism occurred and led, in particular, to the giant dock strike of that

It was in the fight for the dockers' tanner (6d an hour with 8d for overtime) that Tom Mann, Ben Tillett and John Burns came

to the fore as leaders. Engels wrote critically on these leaders and his comments are not altogether out of place today
'The most repulsive thing here the bourgeois "respectability"

which has grown deep into the bones of the workers. . . . I am not at all sure, for instance, that John Burns is not secretly prouder of his popularity with Cardinal Manning, the Lord Mayor and the bourgeoisie in general than of his popularity with his own class.'

docks under workers' control and without compensation is long overdue, but the fight for such a programme against the Tories cannot be led by those who have that 'inborn respect for their "betters" and "superiors" . . . so old and firmly established that the bourgeois still find it fairly easy to get their bait accepted'.

The nationalization of the

forces are not unknown. It is 50 years since the police union in Britain was broken as an organization with the powers

TRADE UNIONS for the

police and even the armed

of strike action and since that period the 'armed bodies of men' that form the sinews of Britain's capitalist state machine have been kept in their proper place.
Of course, the illusions are
sown that the state is neutral and above politics and that the 'bobby' and the 'tommy' are just good, honest working-classs lads doing a necessary job of work,

Edinburgh. It is on the class nature of the state—the touchstone of revolutionary politics—that the reformists through to the re-visionists are revealed in their true class colours and that most clearly when the class struggle breaks through the surface in a period of crisis. This also puts them into some

peculiar positions. While British troops were representing the open fist of British imperialism in Ulster, the Transport and General Workers' Union leaders decided that they obviously needed some union protection.

Leading the efforts in this direction at the latter end of last vear was Mr John Cousins, a national officer of the union.

HISTORICALLY, the small farmer is a dying breed.

new automatic tractor is being

tried out operationally for the first time. Past experiments with driverless tractors have usually been confined to limited applications in 'laboratory' conditions. The new system, however, is claimed to be suitable for a wide variety of operations in varied

The orchard model travels up and down rows of fruit trees carrying out spraying, grass cutting and weed-killing work.

placed underground by a mole plough at a cost of £10 per acre.

tractor but instructs it to lift, lower and operate its various implements in line with a preset programme. For example, its sensing device

According to a report on the system in 'Farmers' Weekly', running costs are expected to work out at £437 per season compared with £1,102 for payment of two shift workers at 8s 10d an hour.

redundancies: 'Instead we are intensifying with the same labour force.

a section of their Hereford orchard and it is expected that twice the output of apples will be forthcoming from the same acreage with no increase in staff

Look No Hands

While technological innovation opens up for the big farms the possibility of modernization and intensification programmes with a view to reducing the work force and increasing profits, small farmers are sliding into bank-ruptcy at the rate of 5,000 a year. On one Essex fruit farm, a

conditions.

The tractor, equipped with a £1,250 sensing and control unit, follows a buried cable which is

This system not only steers the

enables it to avoid running in the same wheel rut in bad weather.

It is estimated that one 'autotrack' system can cope with a 70-acre orchard, an immense advantage being that it can be left running day and night. The orchard management assert that there will be no

Bulmers have ordered one for

like the Oueen or the Duke of

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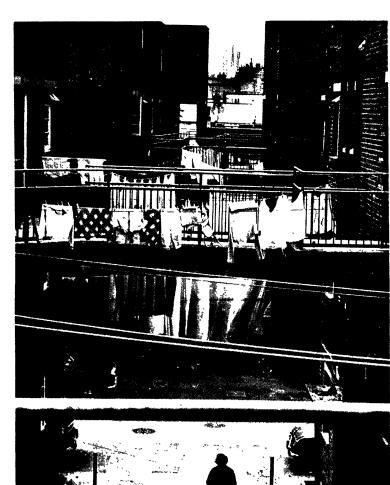
Posters carried by pickets in Southampton (right and below) carry a clear enough message for other trade unionists and for blacklegs.



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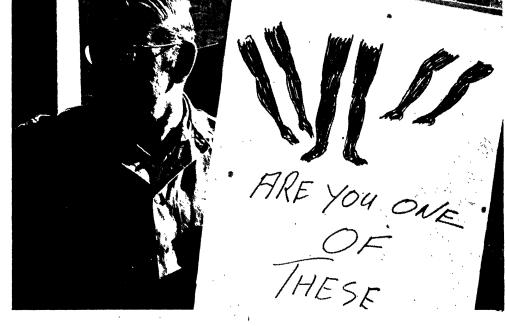
DOCKERS' FIGHT

THE HOME



Home for many dockers—and playground for their children under the shadow of the ports' cranes—are like the tenement flats in Southampton (left and bottom) and the terraced Liverpool houses (below left).

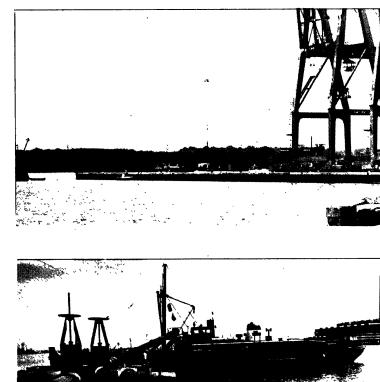




CONTAINERIZATION









modernization which, under capitalism, up and less job security. Extreme left: A gantry crane in Liverpool for lífting containers on to ships. Centre: The extension of the docks at Southampton. A dredger is taking earth from one bank of the river to build up the other on which more gantry cranes, like those at Southampton on the left, will be built.

This is the

ENTERTAINMENT





STRIKE PAY



the main centres for discussion during the strike are the dockers' clubs like the one (far left) in Bristol. Other dockers in London are seen (left) receiving their first amount of strike pay late last week.

Still one of

Rents increase and housing conditions worsen-

Lancaster tenants to demonstrate

and agricultural

his listeners they could

remove him if they were

disatisfied with recent set-

and other industries, admitted

'NEW GROUPS'

solution to the crisis was for

the masses to 'take a direct

role in management', he an-

nounced that he would form

'new groups' to 'co-ordinate

So on the one hand, he en-

of action could be expected if troops were called in to the

A resolution passed at the

national shop stewards' com-mittee in London on Sunday

was read out to the meeting.

● Mass pickets on all dock

Mass demonstrations and

• Solidarity action by other

meetings outside all fac-

tories where goods would

trade unionists on the

docks and on the shop

'If troops are moved in

other trades would become involved like the NUR,' chair-

man Bernard Behan told the

meeting. 'We would call for

their support even if it was unofficial to start with, he

While these dockers prepare

for determined action to ex-

tend their strike, the Trans-

port and General Workers' Union leadership continues to

Southampton — also T&GWU members—to cross the picket

give authority to foremen

It calls for:

be taken

gates

• FROM PAGE ONE

'This is our responsibility

backs in the economy.

and agriculture.

added.

an economic

crisis in Cuba

COUNCIL TENANTS in Lancaster will be demonstrating outside the town hall council meeting tomorrow.

They are dissatisfied with the treatment of their complaints and angry about rent increases due on August 1.

They intend to serve the Tory-controlled council with notice to quit — a mock eviction order.

It is quite possible that a number of tenants will refuse to pay the increased rents.

Since the initial leaflet issued by the Marsh Tenants' Action Committee, thousands of signatures have been coming in on petitions against the increase.

On the Marsh estate itself practically all the tenants have

With the signatures have come donations of cash to help the tenants' movement; and from every estate in Lancaster there has been a stream of complaints about council's neglect of tenants' problems.

New action committees have been formed on the Ryelands, Ridge and other

PAY MORE

At a Marsh estate meeting earlier this month railway worker and Committee chairman Albert Rigby, said that while the tenants were being asked to pay more, they were getting nothing back.

Many pre-war council houses did not even have fitted washbasins. They still had outside toilets and could receive improvement

This point was reinforced by a woman from the Newton estate who complained that paintwork was in a disgusting condition and the house

needed painting.

The houses had cost £275 to build, but some tenants had spent as much as £2,000 to £3,000 'and they still want

A young mother from the Ryelands estate complained of the lack of play facilities for young children.

tenant, accused Tory councillors of treating council tenants as 'second-class citizens'. He urged that committees be formed on all the estates and tenants' complaints taken along to councillors.

'GET OFF'

'If your councillors don't do anything about them, the answer is in your own hands—get them off.

A young Ryelands estate building worker said that the action committee which had been formed on his estate was urging people to refuse to pay the increase. 'We want people just to pay

the normal rent. They will try to frighten us with eviction, but if we stand together we have nothing to fear. The council is due to meet

at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Tenants from the Marsh estate plan to meet at 6.15 at the Community Centre and to march through Lancaster to Dalton Square, outside the town hall, where they will be joined by tenants from the other estates.

CORRECTION

IN Fart 10 of 'An Introduction to Marxist Philosophy' by Cliff Slaughter (Workers Press, Saturday July 25) the quotation in paragraph three, column one should have read '... A definite social production relation'. The quotation in paragraph two, column the specific economic form in which unpaid social labour is pumped out of the direct

VISIT OFF

of the 'Shadow Cabinet', was forced to cancel his visit to-night to N Ireland, where he planned to speak at a meeting to protest against the imprisonment of Miss Berna-

also cancelled a visit. Both were unable to get flights in-

to the country.

A number of people are likely to be charged for taking part in Orange marches in N Ireland on Sunday, following the Stormont government ban on all parades. A Royal Ulster Constabulary spokesman said today names have been noted with

a view to prosecution'. Church parades took place

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THE DOCKER AND HIS FAMILY

'I don't think dockers are highly paid at all.

They have to work for every penny...

strike,' he says.

says Bristol

docker's wife

'Just at this moment I'm sick, my wife

is pregnant and we already have two

children, but all the men are behind the

'They say there is high earning on the

'To have a drink and keep my house

I have to work three or four nights a

week and Sundays to make my wage

'The trouble is you can earn good money one week then in another week your pay is

poor. So in a good week I can't spend the

money because I don't know

what the next week will bring.
'This is why we want the

higher basic.
'This will give us security

of earnings, but I would like

to see the rates go up on some jobs as well.

£28 I suppose, but this means some weeks working maybe 50 hours, sometimes

'Now its strike pay and national assistance. But the

men are in good spirits; at

the moment we are ready

'I hope it isn't a long strike, but we have no choice, we have to stick it

'I saw Tonge on the tele-vision. He said he didn't

'So far we haven't felt the

pinch, but in the future I don't know, I don't know

Mrs Worlock was angry

about all the false news-

paper and television stories

about the dockers.
'I know what its like. I

see Mike when he comes

home, and I have to manage

on his pay,' she told us.
'I don't think dockers are

highly paid at all. They have

to work for every penny

I would like to see some of the employers do the kind of filthy work they

have to do on these ships.

'On some jobs Mike can hardly breath and then

injuries to the back are a

NUT diversion

THE NUT yesterday attacked the government's proposed £100-million-a-year education

cut.

Deputy general secretary
Mr Fred Jarvis said this
'made nonsense' of the late

Mr Iain Macleod's promise to

increase expenditure. 'It is

tragedy that Mr Macleod did

not live to give effect to his

strong and sincerely-held views

on educational expenditure.' (Our emphasis.)

common danger.'

much more than this.

for the fight.

want to talk.

they earn.

how we'll manage.'

'I can get an average of

docks, but this is not altogether true.



economic crisis admitted by A DEMAGOGIC Bonapartist gesture during his Havana speech on Sunday night, Cuban leader Fidel Castro told

BY ROBERT BLACK

In his speech marking courages hopes that workers' control of production might the 17th anniversary of be introduced to help solve his first armed attack on the crisis—and on the other, announced that the decisions the Batista regime, Castro affecting the economy have admitted serious and growalready been taken over the heads of the 'masses', and that ing problems in industry new forms of control and direction have already been approved by the Castro leader-The most spectacular re-

verse had been the failure to Castro employs the same reach the sugar harvest target demagogic and Bonapartist methods in the political of ten million tons, for which the entire population has been mobilized over the last six

Having clamped down on all dissident and alternative But there were also short-comings in the beef, milk, fertilizer, fuel, tyre, rubber political tendencies both outside (i.e., the Posadas group)

and inside (i.e., the Escalantes 'micro-faction') his movement, and blocked even the creation of a ruling body or the writing of a constitution, Castro now invites the Cuban masses to remove him if they so desire!

Revisionist admirers and apologists of the Cuban regime may well attempt to present the speech as yet more proof of Cuban socialist democracy.

In fact it represents an acute crisis for the Castro ruling group, which is mirrored internationally by its growing ties with reactionary governments in Latin America and the Caribbean.

'US troops have crossed Laos border

IT WAS disclosed Washington yesterday that US troops have crossed into Laos several times to fight liberation forces there. These invasions of Laotian territory were first reported on May 4 in a testimony before a House

of Representatives sub-committee made by Defence

Secretary Laird four days after Nixon's invasion of Cambodia.

Laird said he authorized the intervention because US troops were being fired on from across the frontier -the same pretext that was used to justify the US invasion of Cambodia.

Drivers face extension of docks scheme

ROAD HAULAGE operators are to push ahead with attempts to introduce the tachograph, referred to by many drivers as 'the spy in the cab', even though the Tory government has shelved for the time being the provisions for its compulsory use.

As far as the employers are concerned, speed-up and rationalization of working operations associated with containerization and other modern systems for handling cannot stop at the docks, but must be extended to give a minimum handling operating time with all means of transport.
The notorious Devlin scheme on the docks has already been further developed for use with modernization of ships and the reduction in size of crews in the

form of general purpose agree-Now, many transport firms are hoping to use the tachograph as a basis for similar productivity deals leading to 'reduced labour costs' and 'greater efficiency' on the

Fix standards

At the present time, the in any vehicle.

Also, the trade journal 'Motor Transport' reports that Lucas Kienzle, the main

Britain, has already set up 14 tachograph installation centres. All drivers of commercial vehicles have a direct interest in ensuring a victory for the dockers, in the face of the employers' plans to widen the scope of speed-up and cuts in manning associated with Dev-

Hull dockers entering their meeting yesterday.

Labour 'lefts' call a march

EIGHTY people took part in Sunday's demonstration London in solidarity with the dockers organized by the Labour Party's Socialist Charter wing.
This included seven varieties

'left' protesters from the IMG Pabloites to the 'Unity Theatre' song group via the Lawrence Daly, National Union of Mineworkers' secre-

the demonstration: 'It is important for miners to support the dockers. They

Daly acts upon this. Daly praised 'left unity' symbolized in the 'small but magnificent' demonstration.

He covered up for Jones and O'Leary and their refusal to fight Devlin Phase Two.

This is to be expected.
For both Jones and Daly are committed to carrying out



Docker's wife Mrs Mike Worlock: 'I would like to see some of the employers do the kind of filthy work the dockers have to do on these ships

Arabs march over Nasser-US deal

A THOUSAND Arab workers and youth took to the streets of Amman yesterday to demonstrate their hostility against the Hussein regime's acceptance on Sunday of the US Middle-East 'peace plan'.

The marchers called for the continuation of the armed liberation struggle against the Zionists and opposed any settlement with the current occupiers of Palestine.

Houston police kill negro militant

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

A MILITANT Negro leader-Carl Hampton—was killed by police gunfire and six others were injured in Houston, Texas, early vesterday,

The shooting began after a rally protesting against the arrest of two Negroes.

Houston suburb where the headquarters of the newly-established 'People's Party Number Two' is situated, and arrested more than marchers on various charges.

Fighting then broke out and the police opened fire.

And in Tel Aviv, the Israeli government has begun to look more favour-

This became evident when the Israeli cabinet, after a day-long session on Sunday, met again today to re-examine the US plan for a three-month 'cease fire' and mutual withdrawal by both Zionist and Arab forces from the present battle lines.

Toned down

blusterings, which he is now using to cover over his capitulation to the US plan. Nasser's speech to the

Arab Socialist Union Congress last week contained the usual ritual references to the continuation of the 'armed struggle' against

been carefully excluded from the Soviet news agency 'Tass' coverage of the congress.

guerrilla groups have un-doubtedly been forced to take up a position against Nasser's capitulation by the pressure of the Arab masses, especially those driven from their Palestinian homeland

them of the popular support which they have won over the last year.

Compromise? Yet even now a com-

promise with Nasser and Hussein is possible. None of the guerrilla

denounced the Rogers plan until Nasser pronounced on They all hoped that

them from having to clash openly with the Egyptian President. After a delay of several weeks and a series of high-pressure talks in Moscow,

Rogers plan whole.

(63F). Glasgow area and N Ireland: Cloudy with rain and hill and coastal fog, becoming brighter. Light westerly winds. Rather cool. Max. 16C (61F). were forced to speak out. But their complicity in Nasser's manoeuvring over the last month reveals them Outlook for Wednesday and Arab nationalism and Thursday: Cloudy with some rain or drizzle in most parts,

With all their heroism and

A SERIES OF WORKERS PRESS INTERVIEWS 'Britain's

ANTONIO SALAZAR, former Prime Minister of Portugal, died yesterday in Lisbon aged 81.

Nearly two years ago, he suffered a brain stroke and his understudy Marcelloe Caetano took over as premier.

Salazar's regime has been a bastion of reaction in Europe since the dictator came to power in 1932.

When Franco launched his rebellion in July 1936, Salazar placed Portugal's transport network at the fascists' dis-posal for the movement of men and material from Africa, Germany and Italy into Spain.
The Tories have lost their 'oldest ally'—and only they will mourn him.

Pearson

● FROM PAGE ONE

whose outcome is decisive for the entire working class.

The publication of the Pearson Report now strengthens the hand of the employers and emphasizes the complete inability of the official union leaders to do anything but retreat before the Tories on these main issues.

On the eve of the strike, Transport and General Workers' secretary Jack Jones tried to foist an unacceptable settle-ment on the re-call delegate conference.
When the Tories threatened

to send troops onto the docks he took a further step back and recommended dockers to handle perishable cargoes. Now the retreat has turned into a rout.

Jones' comment on Pearson's arrogant rejection of his members' demands was: 'It is a significant advance on what the employers pre-viously offered' and announced that the docks' delegate con-ference has been re-called for

Leadership

The dockers must now be prepared against the ending of their struggle by these

A new rank-and-file political leadership must be built around a socialist programme for the national-ization of the docks without compensation and under workers' control.

The demand for the £20 basic wage must be integrated with the struggle to reject outright Devlin Phase Two and the Tories' proposed

and the lories' proposed anti-union laws.

We warn all dockers that such a leadership will not be forthcoming from the Labour 'lefts', the Stalinists or their revisionist allies.

That inveterate left phrase-monger Mr Michael Foot is now a respectable member of the Wilson shadow cabinet, which has given its full sup-nort to the use of treepre port to the use of troops on the docks.

The Communist Party's

'Dockers . . . have made it clear that they will continue their two-week-old strike for an increased basic weekly wage until the employers put forward a reasonable offer.'
(Our emphasis.)

Cover tracks

Meanwhile, the so-called International Marxist Group,

allying themselves with for-mer members of the Stalinist-dominated Liaison Committee have issued a leaflet which deals with the strike as an economic struggle.

wing trade union leaders through to the 'lefts' of every variety—is now to blur the central political issues and hence prepare for a defeat, which would have serious implications for every section of workers

If troops are sent into the

with the dock employers must be broken off and an all-out struggle waged for the follow-

basic demand.

present leadership.

 Nationalization of the docks under workers'

• Force the Tory govern-

LATE NEWS

MICHAEL FOOT'S

Mr Michael Foot, a member

Mr Arthur Latham, Labour MP for Paddington North,

at Rathfriland and Magheralin, Co Down, despite police

MORE POST CHARGES UP The Post Office yesterday proposed to reduce the basic letter weight from four to two ounces to raise an extra £100 million a year.

Inland parcels would go up by about 14 per cent. An inland parcel now 3s for 2 lbs would cost 4s. Foreign letters under one ounce now 9d would cost 1s. Post cards now 5d would

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Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders is attempting to fix standards for the device so that it can be fitted

suppliers of the instrument in

tary, said at the meeting after

need ours this month, we may need theirs next month to win our wage claim for a £20

All miners must demand

modernization for the employers at the expense of the working class and thus weaken the working class before the determined employers and Tory government. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

ably on the plan put forward by State Secretary William Rogers a month ago.

Sensing the softening attitude of the Zionists, Moscow has deliberately toned down Nasser's verbal

All such references have Leaders of the various

> by the Zionist invaders. Support for the Rogers plan would have deprived

groups—even those claiming to be 'Marxist-Leninist'—

Nasser's Moscow trip would provide them with a new formula that would prevent

Nasser swallowed the The liberation groups

all as tied to the ideology back-stage dealings of Stalinist diplomacy.

militancy, these organiza-tions are still unable to lead

the Arab workers and peasants to victory over imperialism and the establishment of a unified Arab These are tasks which require Marxist, Trotskyist

leadership. The present critical Middle-East situation de-mands the building of such a leadership. Without it, the Arab people will be betrayed by the Kremlin and the Nassers

to imperialism.

workers' state.

ally distorted E German

Brandt's talks with the

Kremlin, conducted as they

are in the strictest secrecy, provide no safeguards against

new imperialist onslaught on

the Soviet Union.
Only the working class of

the imperialist countries, in a

struggle for power, can do

But because such a policy

conflicts directly with the Stalinist strategy of preserving

the status quo (so-called

'peaceful co-existence'), the

bureaucracy prefers to man-oeuvre between the various

groups of imperialist powers.

again that genuine defence of the Soviet Union against im-

perialism demands not only

an all-out fight against the

capitalist classes of the West,

but the political exposure and defeat of international

WEATHER

London area, E and W Midlands, E England, central northern England: Dull with

drizzle and hill fog, becoming

mainly dry with sunny intervals. Winds light or moderate,

SW. Normal. Max. 21C (70F).

SE England, central southern England, SW England: Dull with drizzle and hill and

coastal fog, becoming brighter inland. Moderate SW winds. Normal. Max. 21C (70F), but

cooler near coasts.

Channel Islands: Dull with fog and drizzle. Moderate SW winds. Rather cool. Max. 17C

becoming drier and brighter from the NW later. Rather

cool in the North, near normal

temperatures in the South

The Moscow talks prove yet

● FROM PAGE ONE against its supposed US rivals. Such a policy not only involves open support for the W European ruling classes against the workers — as in Spain and Greece — it also undermines the bureaucratic-

'Morning Star'—as if in anticipation of Jones' treacherous reaction to Pearson—said yesterday:

Undoubtedly they will now continue to cover Jones' trail as he places the employers' terms before tomorrow's con-

The line-up-from the right-

of workers.

The dockers must give no support to the right-wing trade union leaders and must mobilize the whole labour movement against the Tory

government and its policies. docks, there must be complete solidarity of all sections of workers with the dockers and a national stoppage must be called. Above all, any negotiations

● No retreat from the £20

No confidence in the

control without compen-