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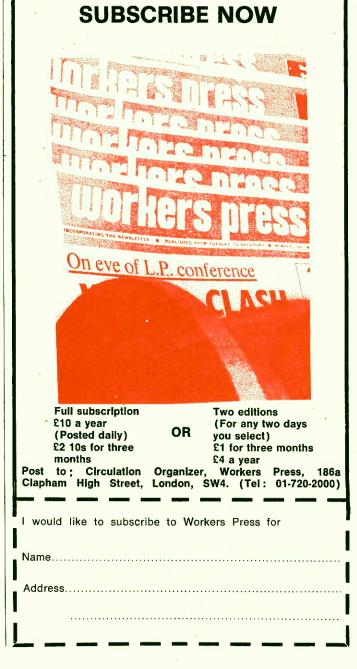
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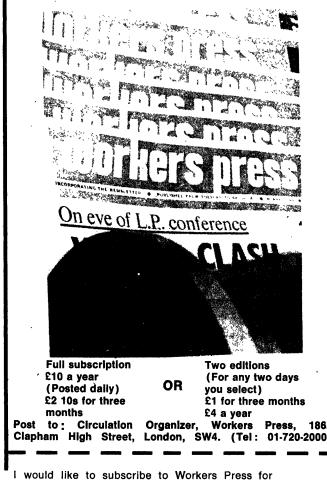
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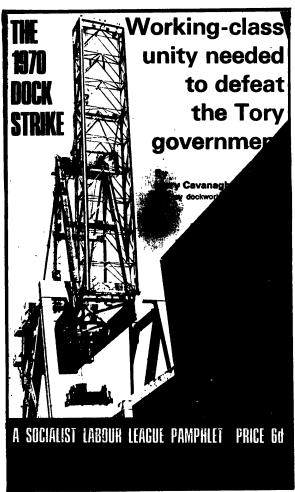
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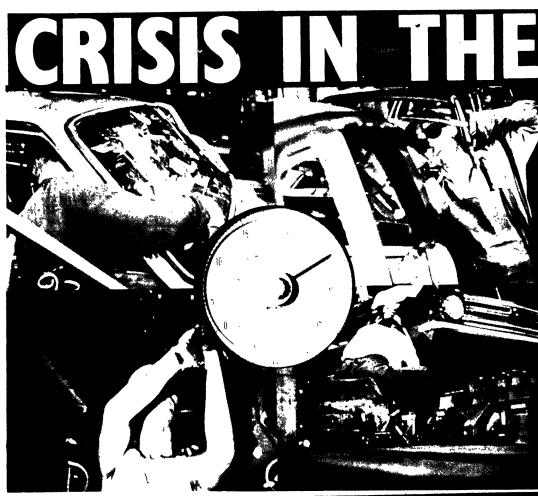
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Job evaluation phasing and equal pay (3)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Workers' participation, profit sharing and copartnership schemes have been in the news recently. What are all these about?

THESE schemes have been tried on and off for years by the employers. They were great favourites with some non-union firms in the 1930s.

The idea is that a worker is paid a section of his wages in the form of shares instead of in cash. He may also get an annual bonus which is related to the level of profits and which is paid in the same

This is supposed to make him feel like a capitalist and become enthusiastic about big profits.

It is also supposed to make the worker concerned about big output and efficiency and to make him more loyal to the

employer. The system being discussed at government level is that of wages increases being paid in this way. Of course it has been known in similar situations for workers to cash the shares and spend the money. Such 'disloyalty' would be blocked by regulating with-

drawals. The reason this system is being looked at is because it is obvious that the productivity deal swindle is not going to fool anyone for long and that a new confidence trick is needed to hold down wages and increase output.
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employers as far, as confidence trickery goes i.e. before they decide that the working class can only be beaten into submission by strongarm methods, is 'workers' participation' and 'workers' control' of the work process.

A great many conferences and discussions are taking place at the moment within capitalism's 'top brass' on these very subjects.

The theory of this is that if workers can be involved in managing capitalism, they will feel that it is their system and they will not want to change

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Of course the bosses at all times retain majority control of the enterprise and the workers really have no control at all.

This is why when socialists use the slogan 'workers' control' they are always very careful to explain that it must be workers' control of an industry that has been taken completely out of the hands of its capitalist owners and that nothing is owing in the

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an end. Some very left-wing sounding people often spend a great deal of time talking about 'workers' control' without explaining this point. So what they are advocating is something the employers have no great objection to i.e. that the workers participate in the

running of the processes of This actually happens on some jobs where work study has been introduced.

' Management and supervision are withdrawn and the stopwatch carrying 'workers' representatives' are given free rein to fix standards and ensure that they are adhered to.

This, of course, is no more than 'workers' participation' in raising profits and 'workers' control' of speed up!

Some sections of workers have had substantial rises under job-evaluated graded systems. Does this disprove what you are saying?

NO. The real crunch does not come until payments-by-results (PBR) and piecework are completely abolished from a combine or even an industry. While sections remain on PBR, managements with fixed rate payments are sometimes forced to concede rises they

would not otherwise give. They may find themselves in a situation where the gap between those individual factories on fixed rates and those on PBR become so wide that it becomes impossible to resist the pressure for the militancy generated by the differential

Alternatively, since it is the requirement of management to abolish PBR in all factories, this would be impossible if

the gap between PBR factories and fixed-rate factories, particularly within a combine, became enormous. It would obviously then be impossible to sell these schemes to those remaining on PBR.

'Workers' control can only take place after the industry has been completely taken out of the hands of its

capitalist owners.

It is not unusual for a management to deliberately give a rise to a factory or a section in order to tempt another section who are reluctant to take the bait.

> Why do you say that graded systems are so dangerous?

GRADED systems are often introduced in order to get rid of incentive bonuses. The main danger involved is that they absorb all forms of payment into a number of grades with fixed payments and established differentials.

This effectively ends the normal form of negotiations which go on all the time under incentive payment over such things as changes in means and method, schedules, condition money merit payment, etc.

Productivity

Almost all such agreements contain basic clauses under which the unions have to agree not to submit claims which prejudice the established differentials, and clauses which tie all future wage negotiations to annual reviews based

on productivity. Such systems based on jobevaluated grades not only effectively peg wages, but when disputes take place they are often directed not against the company but against another grade of workers or against another union. Often if a grade of workers

ensure that every single employer is setting about putting this system into opera-

on'.

or imprison any operatives opposing its measures, then we must say that the new system has become a political veapon of the government.

worker, and further, attempts

to institute laws that will fine

This is why we feel it is important to tell those workers who quite rightly tell us that many of these systems are not new and that workers have made substantial amounts of money working on them, that what is now different is that these systems are used as a political attack on the capitalist class against the work-

For leading militants to deny this is the utmost treachery.

It means that workers will be fighting the joint power of the state, the employers and the union leaders' army on a purely local (home guard)

Defeat

This will inevitably lead to defeat and demoralization.

Let's take an example of just one government agencythe Prices and Incomes Board.

This body, which was set up by Act of Parliament has systematically examined the operations of the major industries and has in each case put forward the acceptance of jobevaluation, work-study, and Measured-Day Work systems as the only means of increasing wages.

policy of an individual firm or industry, but a political action affecting every single industry and the lives of millions of workers.

BBC 1

2.25-12.50 p.m. Nai Zindagi-Naya Jeevan. 12.55 Y 'Royal Welsh' 1970. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45 News, weather. 2.20 Racing from Goodwood. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory request week. 4.55 Happy age. 5.15 Tom Tom. 5.44 Abbott and Costello. 5.50 News,

6.00 LONDON. 6.45 THE DOCTORS.

7.10 LAUREL AND HARDY. 7.30 COMEDY PLAYHOUSE. 'Don't ring us . . . We'll ring you'.

8.00 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE. 'Recovery'. 8.50 NEWS AND WEATHER.

9.10 24 HOURS.

9.40 ROYAL INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW 1970. 11.00 THE FIFTIES. 11.15 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 excepts

take action and claim to be

upgraded, let's say for example

AEF workers in the tool room

claim to be upgraded on

parity with the electricians,

the ETU may well insist on

maintaining the established differential and the company

will stand outside the result-

ing dispute, standing only to

In some cases grading dis-

putes are referred to a panel

of union representatives from

each grade, at which the dis-

senting grade is simply out-

Such graded systems should

You say that the intro-

duction of these systems

is a political question,

but many leading mili-

tants, including Com-

munist Party members,

have continually denied

this over the last five

years. What exactly do

IN THE past, before the

government began to develop

these schemes, if an individual

employer got hold of a parti-

cular method and tried to

apply it on his own initiative,

then this was purely a local

matter, a local firm 'trying it

ment takes up such a system,

sets the country's leading

managements, university

experts and trade union lead-

ers to develop it, and when it

sets out through state legisla-

tion and state agencies to

tion against every single

However, when the govern-

you mean by this?

gain in the long run.

voted by the rest.

be totally opposed.

8.00 Derek and Iris in session, 8.20-8.50 Drosodd at Alun Williams, 11.17

Weather. Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. 11.17 News, weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six. 11.17 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.30 p.m. NEWS and weather.

8.00 LOUIS MALLE'S INDIA, Part 2. 8.50 FANNY AND JOHNNIE CRADOCK INVITE . . .

9.55 PHILBY. 11.05 News and weather. 11.10 LINE UP.

ITV

2.15 p.m. Racing from Redcar. 4.17 The Tingha and Tucker Club. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Anything You Can Do. 5.20 Ace of Wands.

6.02 I DREAM OF JEANNIE. 6.30 THE SAINT. 7.30 CORNATION STREET.

8.00 IT TAKES A THIEF. 'The Suzie Simone Caper'.

9.00 HUSBANDS AND LOVERS. New series. 10.00 NEWS.

9.00 HUSBANDS AND LOVERS. New series. 10.00 NEWS. 10.30 NEAREST AND DEAREST. 11.00 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.

11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. 12 midnight FUTURE OF THE FAR EAST.

REGIONAL ITY

CHANNEL: 2.15-4.15 London. 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings, 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 African patrol. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Nanny and the professor. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London. 11.40 Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 4.25 News. 4.27 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary.

News. 4.27 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 D 11.45 Faith for life. 11.50 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 2.15-3.45 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Sara and Hoppity. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.30 Doris Day. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Avengers. 9.00 London. 11.45 News. 11.55 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 2.45-4.15 London. 4.25 Women today. 4.40 Once upon a time. 4.55 London. 6.01 Report. 6.10 F troop. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Avengers. 9.00 London. 11.45 Westber

We repeat, this is not just a

Continued next Wednesday.

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

HTV Wales colour channel 41 as above except: 11.45 Y ydydd. 12.15 Weather. HTV Cymru/Wales black and white service as above except: 6.01 Y dydd. 6.30-6.35 Report—Wales.

ANGLIA: 2.15-4.15 London. 4.25 Newsroom. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 7.30 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby. 9.00 London. 11.45 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 2.15-3.45 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Branded. 7.30 London. 8.00 Avengers. 9.00 London. 11.45 Who knows, weather.

ULSTER: 2.15-4.15 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Viewfinder. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Viewfinder. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby. 9.00 London. 10.30 From glen to glen. 11.00 London.

YORKSHIRE: 2.15 London. 3.55 House-party. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 F troop. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 2.15 London. 3.40 Encore—university challenge. 4.10 News. Short story. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.10 Octopus. 6.30 Big valley. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London.

TYNE TEES: 2.15 London. 4.10 Newsroom. 4.15 My three sons. 4.40 Paulus. 4.40 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Survival. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Court martial. 9.00 London. 11.45 News. 12 midnight Man with all the resources.

BORDER: 2.15 London. 4.13 News. 4.15 Freud on food. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London 11.45 News. weather

SCOTTISH: 2.15 London. 6.00 Summer scene. 6.25 Police call. 6.30 Raw deal? 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 London. 11.00 Gateway. 11.35 Late call. 11.40 Two-shot golf.

GRAMPIAN: 2.15-4.20 London. 4.25 Handful of songs. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Mad movies. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Joker's wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 8.55 Police news. 9.00 London.



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FRANK CARTWRIGHT'S

EVERY FEW hours pilots of the US Air Force take off and fly around with nuclear bombs in the bellies of their B-52s.

Every child born in the world since the testing of such weapons began has been born with the radioactive element strontium 90 in its bones.

But if someone goes out into the street and screams that they have an atomic bomb inside them or that they are being destroyed by invisible rays, they will usually end up in a mental hospital with a few shots of 110 volts across their frontal lobes and nicely subdued in a hefty chemical straight jacket.

This situation is repeated in countless ways in modern capitalist society; madness often fiercely illuminates the normal world, and lights it so brightly and clearly that the mad one has to be shut up or locked away with great speed before he upsets too many people.

Most of the progressive thinking and practice in contemporary psychotherapy is concerned with precisely this state of affairs.

Alienation

Any treatment which does not recognize and found itself upon the alienation which capitalism fosters merely serves to prolong the confusion and despair so necessary to its survival.

But that in no way glorifies insanity. The desperation, terror and pain which make up so much of the experience are rarely welcome; they usually reflect not a growing awareness of intolerable objective contradictions, but a defeat in the battle of a subjective vehicle of those contradictions.

Sometimes, however, the subject gets a brutal and shattering insight into the real world; this may take a symbolic form where the reality of the unconscious mind surges up and invades the conscious mind with all its archetypal images, monsters and raging demons.

People who have experienced this breakdown of normal barriers sometimes speak of it afterwards as a crucial and enlightening episode. They occasionally emerge from it with memories of an experience of 'identity with all that is or ever was' and may be utterly changed in their comprehension of the world.

Sometimes too they refer to

GOD IN THE HEART

ing to the apparent totality of

This, of course, can also lead

to endless confusion, meta-physical ramblings and theological

speculations - most of which

nicely lend themselves to prop-ping up the archaic and re-

actionary churches and their

Such a way of speaking about such a valuable experience in itself reveals and flows from clear historical and philosophical

Lenin noted very clearly Feuerbach's analysis of the attempt to convert subjective

existence into an objective one ('Collected Works', vol. 38, p. 81)

and there is no cause for any

Marxist to remain caught in this

However it is currently very popular to tread this well-worn

dead-end of idealism and even to incorporate into it certain selected aspects of Marx's

It is especially treacherous ground because the experiences

upon which it is founded are

undoubtedly revealing and central

in any appreciation of modern

But the attempt to use them

Much of the art of the past

to help tie us to reactionary

100 years, for example, is an interlacing of language and delirium, but equally the opposition of these two, of art and

madness, is total; its an oppo-sition of life and death, reason

(in its fullest sense) and un-

reason, man and nature.

thought is not to be ignored.

idealist trap.

selected

writings.

their subjective perception.

For the assertion of madness their insight as an experience of God - not in an abstract, is the assertion of nature over metaphysical or personalized way, but simply as a means of allud-

'There is nothing that the madness of men invents which not either nature made manifest or nature restored.' (Michel Foucault, 'Madness and Civilization', p. 283.)

ALL THIS is prompted by the BBC-2 series "The Timeless Moment" (10.20, Friday).

These three programmes give us Geoffrey Moorhouse 'talking to people about insights into reality glimpsed through drugs, madness or mysticism'. 'Radio Times'. (My emphasis.)

Last week's film concentrated on two women who have gone through profound subjective crises and for both of whom the experience was creative.

Mary Barnes was a hospital

R. D. Laing



nurse; her insanity took the form of a complete regression to ingrowing back into adulthood and

She now paints and exercises an often irreplaceable compassion and understanding for other people in similar circumstances.

She has had exhibitions and, wishing no unkindness, has be-come a star spokesman for a particularly interesting form of approaching mental illness.

But the contradictions of this

method of approach in capitalist society remain dangerously confused in the minds of many who regard themselves as progressive and enlightened.

Mary Barnes expressed it well when she said about her experi-'The more I kept in touch with

my own depth the more I under-This is precisely Hegelianism, where being is converted into a

The truth is still Hegel on his head—the more I keep in touch with the world the more I understand my own depth.

And indeed the paintings of the two women (Morag Coate was the other) showed the same idealist inversion. As therapy there can be no quarrel with a picture which shows a chimpanzee who, after dismounting a bicycle and shaking hands with a man, climbed a pylon and was electrocuted by grasping the overhead cables.

The process of putting this onto canvass, along with much else in the form of representational fragments, helps to objec-

tify experience and thus make it comprehensible to the person in-

But art, which also objectifies, also attempts to connect inner and outer experience and serves to forward consciousness of objective reality—even though it is inevitably passed through the subjective experience of the artist.

It may be therapeutic, but it is so on the premise that where the artist can no longer bring the work into being, where he can no more wrest a formed expression out of the raw opposite of nature and unconsciousness, it is exactly there that art faces us with the next great question to be answered.

In other words, it is the triumph of reason over unreason that we celebrate, the victory of form over chaos that excites our

We accept all of the world, all of nature and its workings in us, only the more to change it and bring it to comprehension.

The programme did nothing of this sort though.

It was intensely interesting in its material, but its makers totally reflected the latter-day idealism of theologians like Tillich and others.

One of the therapists taking part in the film is similarly

David Cooper, along with R. D. Laing, Aaron Esterson and others, has made a large contribution to the understanding of subjective processes and their dialectical nature.

Clarity

In his writings ('Psychiatry and Anti-Psychiatry', for example) he has traced these processes with great clarity and with clear ackknowledgement of the influence of Marx and other materialist philosophers. But the outcome is still existentialism.

None of them have been able to make the step into a truly materialist and dialectical theory of the unconscious.

Some—especially Laing— have come as close as you can go be-fore veering off from the im-placable logic of the class struggle and their responsibility before

This film was merely a glimpse of some of this; it is an area where a revolutionary film maker will one day make a critical

But in this period it is unlikely that we shall see such a piece on television. Idealism and God (however identified) are too important a part of the ideology of capitalism to be lightly broken with or easily thrown away.

Workers Press notebook

STRENGTH THROUGH

AS YOU bask in the holiday drizzle of the English summer, ponder the fate of Walter K., of Cologne. It might happen to you one day.

Returning from a mountain-climbing holiday, Walter was told by his boss that he had to refund his holiday pay, because he was so tired that he couldn't concentrate on his job.

Appealing to the Bonn Ministry of Labour, he was informed that the boss was right.

A Ministry spokesman even warned that anyone arriving back from holiday too tired to work might have to loss a week's pay as well. The W German trade unions' legal department

Said the man from the Ministry:

'The holiday exists so that workers can draw new strength for their jobs. The best way to spend a holiday is to sit back and do nothing.'

He warned workers not to spend long hours on do-it-yourself jobs around the house and told them that long cycle tours might jeopardize their holiday

However, a court has ruled that this does not apply to W German soldiers. For some reason, they are entitled to tire themselves out as much as they please.

So don't be surprised if the next productivity deal demands full reports on employees' expenditure of energy while outside the factory, checked by inspectors and special sleep-meters attached

A LETTER in the latest issue of the Communist Party journal 'Comment' illuminates the depth of the CP crisis—even if it can do little to resolve it.

Written by a sincere believer in the British Road to Socialism', the Party's reformist programme, it nonetheless puts some ques-tions to the leadership which

blow the whole policy sky-high.
The author, David Waddington, remarks on the urgings of Party leaders to contest all elections, even when little local political work had been carried out, while at the same time they talk about 'the general election being a culmination of five years' mass

work, not an interruption'. 'Who are they trying to kid, besides themselves?' asks Wad-

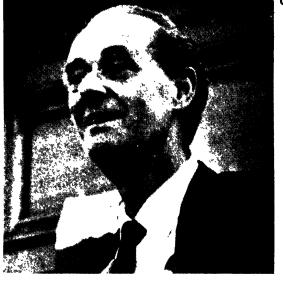
One wonders just how out of touch with the reality of branch life they must be. As for the "important political reasons" for our low votes, they have been with us for a long time. They don't explain the disastrous deterioration.'

Waddington insists on asking obvious, but studiously-

avoided questions.

'Why the continuing low level of local Party activity? Why so much passivity in our ranks? Why the continual loss of membership, the inability to grow? Why our weakness amongst young people, the critical section for Communists and the Left? Why the loss in votes and sometimes seats in areas where we should expect advances, e.g. GLC tenants? Why the crisis in "Star"

Questions to Gollan



sales by local CP branches? It's a fine paper . .

Waddington's demand for answers to these questions is all the more powerful because it comes from someone who so clearly agrees with the basic outlook of the leadership.
(His only tentative suggestion

to solve the problem is: 'Perhaps we can learn from the Italians.')
He reflects many workers who found their way into the CP because they thought it really was a Communist party, and got caught up in the basically conservative politics of Stalinism. Now, as the working class enters massive struggles against the Tories, they try to under-stand the CP's decline, and why

Gollan and company refuse to

'Of course there are no easy solutions,' says Waddington, 'but how much better we'll all feel when responsible Party leadership says "Yes, comrades, the facts are disturbing, so something is wrong; let us get together in

honest and open discussion and find the way out".

But he will never see the day when those who led the CP through the lies and slanders of the 1930s, the disciples of Stalin, conduct such a discussion—they

have too much to hide.

People like Waddington who are trying to understand the desperate problems of the CP, must go deeper than mere styles of work, or even than the reform-ism of the 'British Road to

Socialism'. He might do worse than to ponder the words of J. Gollan when he said:
'The Chinese comrades by implication suggest that Stalin was

against the concept of the possible peaceful transition to social-The British Road to Socialism" was published in full in "Pravda" with Stalin's full approval.'

AN AD in Paisley's 'Protestant Telegraph' announces: 'MAGNIFICENT ORANGE AND BLACK SHIELDS AND PLAQUES. The very latest tribute to Dr Paisley's success in Lacquered Mahogany.'

The shop, situated in Belfast's Sandy Row, also offers 'All general Orange badges, pins, wallets, notebooks and jewellery, at PROTESTANT PRICES'.

However, the main attractions are photographs not only of Dress.

are photographs not only of Dr Ian R. K. Paisley, but also of William, Prince of Orange. This is a considerable technical achievement, since King Billy passed into the Protestant **JUST OUT**

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Behind Coventry DATA strike

Rolls-Royce offensive on pay and jobs

THE WORSENING economic position of Britain's aero-engine giant Rolls-Royce now lies at the centre of every sectional dispute arising in its many factories.

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REPORTER

sible to recover the cost of

For Rolls-Royce the prob-

lem is to find new customers.

In Britain the only possibility is the BAC 311 engine

which at present has no funds

The European air bus contract has gone to Pratt and Whitney and in the USA

Rolls-Royce has General Elec-

tric as well as Pratt and Whitney to contend with.

Rolls-Royce has put top management into the hands of

Hambros Bank comes Mr

Thomas Murrow, who, as well

as five other directorships, is

President of the Institute of

Chartered Accounts of Scot-

From Royal Dutch Shell comes Mr David Fleming and from British Rail fame comes

According to the 'Sunday Times', July 26, 'the company is looking hard at areas it

could most easily hive off and

since non-aero activities are

relatively neither very large or

very profitable, hiving off in some cases should be perfectly

practicable'.

connections with

so-called economic advisers.

for development.

research and development.

That is why the struggle of the company's design and technical staff at Coventry must now change course its claim for a substantial wage increase is to be success-

The strategy of the Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association for its 1970 increase followed its successful 1969 tactic and only Coventry was chosen for the battleground.

In 1969 it was Scotland and it took a four-week strike for the Scottish factories to win their claim.

This claim was then lodged in all Rolls-Royce factories nationally. Having conceded the claim in Scotland, the company was in no position to resist elsewhere.
On June 16, 1970, the
Coventry Rolls-Royce fac-

tories lodged a claim for a substantial increase in wages. The company replied with a national offer of 7 per cent.

This was rejected by the union which continued to fight on a local level by calling out 24 key design staff in Coventry and all other Coventry DATA members then applied sanctions (work

Letter

Rolls-Royce replied with a personal letter to each DATA member informing them that unless normal working was resumed their pay would be stopped from July 14. On July 15 the company technically locked out 900

To do this, of course, would throw Rolls-Royce into DATA members from its Parkside and Ansty factories even greater conflict with the in Coventry.

It is the reason for this change of tactics by the company from 1969 that is important and must be grasped defeat is not to follow. Behind Rolls-Royce's decision to take on DATA is its intention to rationalize its

present wages structure, to make the labour force pay for its present economic troubles. Rolls-Royce is in serious financial trouble. Their need to attack wages stems from: £15.9 million in 1968 to £6.4 million in 1969 and a con-

tinuing fall expected through 1970 and 1971.

(2) A drop in share prices from 45s in 1968 to 11s at present for a pound share. (3) The cost of development of its main new product,

the RB-211, has risen from

million to over £100

(4) The financial difficulties of the Lockheed Aircraft Co and the fact that it is now only expected to sell 175 of L-1101 airbuses, instead of the original estimation of 350 aircraft, making it impos-

WEATHER

London area, SE and central southern England, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Dry with sunny periods. Light afternoon showers. Near normal. Max. 20C (68F).

W Midlands, NW, SW and central northern England: Sunny periods, isolated Near normal. Max. 18C (64F).

Edinburgh, Glasgow area: Dry and sunny. Isolated showers in afternoon. Cool. Max. 17C (63F).

N Ireland: Scattered showers at first. Dry later, with sunny periods. Rather cool. Max.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Dry and bright at first, but rain spreading from the West later. Temperatures about normal.

JUDGE KIDNAPPED napped Daniel Manelli, who has handled cases dealing with members of the guerrilla movement. The kidnappers broke into his house and carried him off in a stolen car.

NASSER CLOSES COMMANDO STATION

(See page one) Palestinian guerrillas, who oppose his deal with the US, Nasser yesterday closed down two Cairo-based Palestinian Commando radio stations. The betrayal of the Arab revolu-

COMMONS GAS: BELFAST MAN HELD vestigating the throwing of

arrested earlier. The man, described as lecturer-journalist living in W London, was arrested by RUC Special Branch men at Larne

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CID officers are in N Ireto make an appeal for financial land making further investigahelp.

BUSMEN END STRIKE

and District Traction Company depot returned to work yesterday after four days' strike action over proposed changes in working practices Negotiations over a new

THE DOCKER AND HIS FAMILY

These stories of the highly-paid docker are a lot of talk about...'

Royal docks in London for 12 years without ever experiencing the mythical £35 a week wage.

'The papers keep talk-

Mr McCrudden is 'fortunate' enough to be sick, so for the moment he doesn't have to manage on £5-a-week strike pay.

This is what he told us in his Canning Town council house shadowed by Ronan Point.

American giants. It is only through this con-In the next decade under flict and the driving to the Devlin the staff on the docks is going to be cut by 70 to 80 per cent. wall of one or more of these giants that profitability can be restored, because total output

in the civil field, outstrips total demand, as it does also in air-

Competition

This is why Lockheed is also in trouble. It has to compete with Boeing and Douglas. It is this competition that has ended the British air-frame industry's position as a leading producer. This was the reason for the turn towards European joint ventures like Concorde and the air-bus.
So Rolls-Royce has no basic

home market and last year home sales only accounted for £14 million out of a total of £100 million. In order to compete Rolls-

Royce must reduce its total wages. bill. This is the reason for the lock-out in the present DATA

dispute.

Rolls-Royce says its 7 cent offer would put £4.2 million on the total wages bill and the company can afford no more; also that each extra 1 per cent on the total wages bill must mean a 3 per cent reduction in the labour force over the next five years. This statement opens the for a compromise, a settlement with strings

attached. This puts the DATA claim in line with the company's attempt to end piecework for manual workers.

Change

The lock-out cannot be fought as an economic

struggle. The workers' strategy must be changed to a political strategy to fight the company's and the Tory government's

attacks. At its centre must be the nationalization of Rolls-Royce as part of a nationalized aircraft industry producing airport industry under workers'

All Rolls-Royce workers, technical, clerical and manual must join the Coventry workers fight against Rolls-Royce's wage rationalization

LATE NEWS

Armed men yesterday kid-Uruguayan Judge

In his first move against the tion has already begun.

Scotland Yard detectives in-CS gas grenades in the House

of Commons last week were flying into London yesterday from Belfast with a man

abuse. cular that representatives of the Ottery strikers were not in N Ireland. allowed by the rally organizers

> An open letter has been sent by Mr Ferguson to TUC secretary Mr Vic Feather who was speaking at the Tolpuddle rally.

BUSMEN at the Aldershot shift and productivity system



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nonsense. I've never seen this £35 wage they

GEORGE McCRUDDEN has worked on the

ing about this fabulous sum we are all supposed to get-I haven't seen it. Last year I earned about £1,400, this was with an average of three or four nights overtime,' he says.

'You can see what the issues are behind this strike.

'Phase Two is happening now, the machinery is on the dock at this moment.

Replaces men

actions

anger

Devon

AFTER 12 weeks the strike

of workers at Ottery Switch-

gear Ltd., at Ottery St Mary

in Devon is entering a crucial

The strike is for an in-

crease in the basic rate of

4s 4d an hour and 100 per

The Ottery bosses have

hired student labour at a

rate above that received prior

to the strike by skilled

have been sacked. There are

can only take 70 back.

All 180 now out on strike

The management has said it

The General and Municipal

Workers' Union made the

strike official only after a

At the last week's mass

meeting workers vehemently

expressed dissatisfaction with

the union leadership and the

way the strike was being

officials have opened dis-cussions with the employers

at Bristol — a breach of an

agreement that strikers would

be consulted on every pro-

build a new leadership if they

are to win this strike which is

crucial to all pay and con-

It has been reported that

Newton Abbot Trades Council

secretary Mr David Ferguson

has resigned over 'trade union

He has said that trade

unionists who attended the

recent Tolpuddle rally in

Mr Ferguson added in parti-

were greeted with

ditions in the South West.

The Ottery men have to

claim that union

cent trade unionism.

150 inside.

month.

handled.

They

posed move.

bureaucracy'.

'At Tilbury, for example, you have a grain terminal where two "legs" can unload 4,000 tons of grain in Officials'

'The point about pro-Wales

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an hour. This replaces the

grain hoppers and all the

staff that used to work

can even operate ships in

Tilbury without any men at

decent basic is connected with all this, we want an insurance for the future.

have been told they

The demand for a

'We have to work hard to

get it. For example on a

timber ship every piece has

to be bundled separately

and the pieces are very heavy. With fruit we have

to stack the boxes in about

six different places which

may be up to 50 yards

'Sometimes we have to

carry the boxes at speed

Hartlepools

compromise

THE HARTLEPOOL delegate

to the national docks con-

ference, who is also secretary

of the Hartlepool strike com-

mittee, told Workers Press that he had been given a clear

mandate: no compromise on

the £20 basic and no to Dev-

'The men are more deter-

mined than ever after a report

in the local newspaper quoting

Robinson, the managing direc-

tor of the Tees and Hartlepool

Port Authority, as saying that the dockers earn £1,800 a year

without any mention of the

excessive overtime that would

have to be worked to get

'Our basic wage is £11 1s 8d—that is 5s 7d an hour.

Agreement

'But under a local agree-

'The other hour we only

'We are also disgusted at

the employers' splitting tactics by negotiating a £19 5s basic

with the crane drivers, mem-

bers of the NUR, only weeks

One docker echoed the

mood of the Hartlepool

dockers when he said to a

this dispute. The Tories are taking on the dockers first, so

if we fail it will be a big set-

A meeting of 130 dockers at Tyne dock unanimously re-

jected the Pearson proposals

and instructed their represen-

tatives to stand firm on the

A spokesman for the men said the Pearson proposals, as

they stood, contained nothing

'I can't see an early end to

Workers Press reporter:

back for other workers.'

original claim.

ment if we work two hours

overtime we only receive the

basic rate for one hour.

get our piece earnings.

before the strike.'

anything like this amount.

lin Phase Two.

apart.

them.

ductivity is that the employers always gain; they don't give anything away. Now the last time there was a rise I was working for the PLA [Port of London Authority]. When we got the rise they increased the tonnage so we really didn't get anything out of it at all.
'This is what they will try to do again.

nearly 100 yards and at the end of a day I've been so tired I can hardly stand up.'

Other dockers claim that

they only get a good pay packet once every two or

three months and that then

The rest of the time they

The S Wales ports grew

up and declined with coal

Co-operation

The dockers' leaders have

been prepared to co-operate

with the employers to halt

the rundown and hang on

The result in the docks is

that in 1969, for the third year running, the five ports

together made a profit of more than £368,000, while

the whole of the British

a surplus of £161,367.

Transport Dock Board had

The BTDB will invest

£26 million in the S Wales

ports by 1972 in a bid to build new harbours, berths

and jetties capable of com-

peting with the level of

mechanization at other

British and European ports.

In an area with unemploy-

ment twice the national average (40,000), the dockers' leaders have been

concerned to work with the

employers to build up trade

But the price of these

efforts was summed up by

the dockers who told me:

'I rue the day I ever came

to the docks. You have to

work hard and fast and at

the end of the day you just

PETER CROSSLEY (26) was

fatally injured in a car acci-

dent on Saturday July 25

and died in hospital on July

Newsletter', predecessor of

In November 1969 he

applied for membership of

the Socialist Labour League

and was admitted as a can-

summer of 1969.

Workers Press.

didate member.

in the Teesside area.

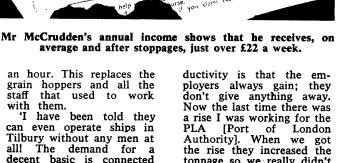
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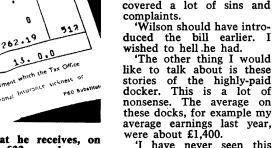
feel dead.'

to jobs.

it only rose to about £27.

would earn £16 minimum.





'I have never seen this fabulous £35 wage they talk about. And to get what I did, I have to work three or four nights a week overtime, that is up until about 7 p.m. each night—say a ten-hour day.
'We're also annoyed about

'Even better would be

Nationalize

in the election, people on the dock had their feet

knocked from under them.

'When Wilson was beaten

nationalization, a dockers want this.

Jones, he had no authority to defer the strike. He was entirely out of order on this. 'I think there should be a change at the top, but you try to change it. Men won't

other than to say that it is

a significant advance on the

Not even the 'Daily

This reactionary paper

has been forced to point

out that Liverpool dockers

will gain nothing from the

new overtime offer, whilst

many pieceworkers 'will also find very little extra

because their overtime is

already at a rate well in excess of the time workers'

'Many already get very

close to 12s an hour for

some work after normal

There is nothing for-tuitous in Mr Jones' politics. Having accepted the Devlin

Plan he must accept the

Pearson report and all its

son is to fight Devlin; to fight Devlin, is to oppose

ones and the Communist

Party all down the line and

build a new leadership in

the docks industry which

will not compromise on the

£20 basic or the larger

issue of 'modernization' and will fight for the nationalization of the in-

dustry under workers' con-

trol without compensation

truth for British port-

from the wage claim or the

prospect of state interven-

This is the moment of

There can be no retreat

to the port bosses.

workers.

Therefore to fight Pear-

8s $3\frac{1}{2}$ d an hour.

hours.

implications.

Telegraph' has dared to go

previous offer of

as far as Mr Jones.

employers.'

go to their branch meetings, at the most you will get about five. 'The times of these used

Royal Group, London, docker George McCrudden shows his

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to be about 7.30 in the evening, this gave people some time to get home and change, etc. But now they are 5.30 no one goes at this time, after a day's work they want to get home.

'At the moment on the dock we have a stewards' leadership. Since Devlin, they have been feeling their way and the union have been schooling them.

Took over 'This is the group that took over from Dash. 'The power of Jack Dash was this: You could go along to your delegates in the union and ask to be negotiated on a job, I have

done it myself personally, and they would refuse to 'But Dash would always try to come along and sort it

out.
'But anyway I don't know what is eventually going to happen down here. 'With Devlin the labour force is simply going to be cut to pieces—cut to pieces.'

tion in the docks.

Jones and O'Leary must

that all trade groups be

Palestinian Arabs expelled

from their homeland by the

Zionists in the wars of 1948

RIGHTS

Organization, after attacking

the record of 'official Arab

circles' for failing to uphold

the rights of the Palestinians,

correctly pointed out in a

statement issued this week

that the Rogers-Nasser plan

for a cease fire would hit first

of all at the activities of the

on fida'i [guerrilla] action con-

sequently producing a conflict

with the Palestinian Resist-

And that, of course, is the

whole purpose of the deal so

far as Nasser and the other

nationalist government leaders

role of the Egyptian leader-

ship is openly acknowledged

and welcomed in the United

States, where the deal was

John Hess, Cairo corres-

. . . the consensus among

Tribune', wrote on July 27:

the 'Herald

The counter-revolutionary

. . it would mean a ban

Palestinian guerrillas:

The Central Committee of

Palestinian Liberation

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Crossroads

'No' to Pearson & Devlin

Pearson ● FROM PAGE ONE

unionist can accept report.

'But Merseyside dockers always expect a retreat at some point. They're prepared for this and I'm certain they'll fight unofficially even if the delegates rat.'

But the dangers of what some dockers are beginning to call the passive strike are revealed in the comments of seamen on the situation.

NUS member Joe O'Rourke said 'At our branch meeting the question of seamen taking perishable goods to be dumped at sea was raised. It was stated by the NUS official that there had been no approach whatsoever by the T&GWU workers for solidarity or any communication as regards the present docks dispute.

Another seaman, Sid Car-

'The Pearson inquiry into the seamen took two years to complete and resulted in defeat for us (seamen).

'The Tories see this as a test case for their incomes policy and anti-trade union laws. And the whole of the trade union movement must be mobilized in support of the dockers.'

Frank Lennon (NUS) added:

'The militant seamen feel that the dockers are quite justified in the fight for a £20 basic and deserve their full

Moscow tells **Indo-Chinese** 'defeat is inevitable'

WHILE THE Soviet bureaucracy finds Arab leaders only too willing to collaborate with imperialism against the national movement in the Middle East, it is becoming increasingly frustrated with resistance to a similar strategy in SE Asia.

a Chinese-language of imperialism as inevitable.

Ignoring the whole history of the Indo-Chinese struggle, and especially the complete rout of the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954, the broadcast stated:
'As US imperialism has

expanded its aggression against Indo-China, the self-

the Tories

foreign observers here is that

both Mr Nasser and the

Kremlin's leaders genuinely

want a settlement if the price

The same writer notes that

Nasser's line is reflected even

in the new slogans adorning

the hall where the Arab

Socialist Union Congress is

One banner proclaimed

'Israel must be defeated in the

field of psychological war!' -

a far cry from the old slogans

As representatives of their

native capitalist, and landlord

classes, the Arab bourgeoisie

fear the rising popular struggle at home more than the threat

Nasser, by accepting unconditionally the Rogers plan,

also recognizes the Zionist

And by the same token, he

denies the right of the Pales-

tinians, in the annexed regions

and in the refugee camps, to

struggle for the return of

This is the measure of

To enforce the terms of the

deal, Nasser will now join

with Hussein in attacking the

Jordan-based Liberation move-

destruction of Zionism.

the military

the troops go in!

Force

resign!

is right.'

being held.

calling for

from Israel.

state of Israel.

their homeland.

Nasser's betrayal.

broadcast to SE Asia a week ago, Moscow Radio openly called on the peoples of Indo-China to accept the victory

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

styled revolutionaries have asserted that "a weak nation can defeat a strong one; a small nation can defeat a big one; the people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country"."

Opposed

The Stalinist peaceful co-existence policy is diametric-ally opposed to this contention. So the broadcast

'Frankly speaking, such a policy has isolated the peoples of small countries. The peoples of small countries will inevitably be defeated in the antiimperialist struggle because their strength is no match for that of imperialism.' (Our

Under the guise of attacking the Maoist theory of 'self-reliance' (itself a response to the treachery of the Soviet bureaucracy in Vietnam) the Kremlin recommends a line of total capitulation to imperialism, and at a time when the puppet regimes in Saigon and Phnom Penh (recognized by the Kremlin) are faced with growing armed and mass

emphasis.)

opposition to their rule. The history of guerrilla struggle against imperialism in S Vietnam and now Cambodia and Laos proves that workers and peasants of small semi-colonial countries can inflict defeats on even the most powerful and well-armed capitalist states.

Established

The NLF Test offensives of 1968 and 1969 established this for all time.

The immense sacrifices of the Indo-Chinese people have failed to produce final victory only because of Stalinist treachery at the conference table and in the embassies of Europe and America, and, above all, because of the refusal by the Stalinists and reformists to mobilize the working class of the imperialist countries for industrial action against the Indo-

Last lap for Italian coalition

CHRISTIAN Democrat Treasury Minister in the outgoing Rumor cabinet Emilio Colombo has accepted, with out enthusiasm, President Saragat's mandate to form a new centre-left (Christian Democratic, Social Demo-cratic, Socialist and Repub-

His chances appear slim since the Social Democrats are still refusing to join any adists, no matter how right wing the programme, until Socialist-Communist co-operation at regional and local level

Colombo embarked on his task saying: 'I have no illusions, but a great deal of

PETER CROSSLEY

Peter was a member of the Stockton branch of the Recently he was accepted Socialist Labour League and developed as an enthusias-League and took responstic worker for the Workers ibility for the circulation of the Workers Press in the Press. A computer systems anaarea. This meant taking on lyst in Darlington, he first himself the job of expanding became active with the

Young Socialists during the the paper and its political contents. It was undoubtedly the He was quickly attracted by the campaign to found fight for the daily paper and the Workers Press as the the role played by it that inspired Peter's developfirst Trotskvist daily paper in the world, and began to give considerable help in the circulation of 'The

ment as a Trotskyist. He was an untiring worker for the paper and was especially prominent in selling and reporting for it during the clothing workers' strike which spread from Leeds to the North East in the early part of 1970.

This comrade would think Since then he had be-come one of the mainstays nothing of taking 70 copies of the Workers Press and of the work of the League selling them himself in any weather conditions.

contribution in them soon fired him with the urge to develop himself politically. In the last few months he made a very determined effort to study the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky.

Peter Crossley represented in his activity, his devotion to the movement and his determination to overcome difficulties, his big personal sacrifice and, above all, his fight to develop politically, those qualities which are necessary for the building of the revolutionary party. The Workers Press and Socialist

mourn the death of an important comrade and send the deepest condolences to his parents, all of family and those closest to

These struggles and his

Labour League

FIRST STEPS

Past attacks on guerrilla bases in Lebanon and Jordan were not due to 'misunder-standings', as the leaders of both the armies and guerrilla groups involved claimed at the time.

They were the first steps towards the deal that has been concocted by Moscow and Nixon and now openly approved by Nasser.

The Arab Revolution, a mass movement of nearly 100 for national unity and self determination against im-perialism and its internal agencies in the Arab capitalist and landlord classes, is now at the crossroads. Either 'Nasserism', the ideo-

logy of the Arab bourgeoisie and compromise with imperialism and Zionism, or the fight for socialist leadership on the programme of the Permanent Revolution.

That is the choice now facing the Arab masses.

China war.

lican) government.

ended.