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ATUA CONFERENCES

DOCKERS
Saturday, August 15
2 p.m.-6 p.m.
YMCA Room 1
Mount Pleasant
LIVERPOOL

MINERS
Sunday, September 6
Danum Hotel
High St
DONCASTER

For further details write to:
L. Cavanagh, 3 Gamlin St, Birkenhead.

For further details write to:
T. Parsons, 61 Derwent Drive, Ferry Fryston, nr Castleford, Yorkshire.

Memorial Meeting

SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE

ACTON TOWN HALL
High St, Acton

August 23 Sunday

Starts 3 p.m.
Admission 2s

Speakers:
G. HEALY (SLL national Secretary), M. BANDA (Editor Workers Press), A. JENNINGS (Editor Keep Left).

Chairman:
C. SLAUGHTER (SLL Central Committee).

Leon Trotsky's last words:
'I am confident of the victory of the Fourth International Go forward!'

This means:
Forward with the first Trotskyist daily newspaper—WORKERS PRESS

ALSO: The first public showing of the latest Young Socialists' film—'Youth in Action in the Year of Lenin and Trotsky'.



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Carr told TUC general secretary Victor Feather and TUC chairman Greene that the government 'stands in a central position', but that there could be no wages free-for-all.

Feather said that Carr's

statement that the government would set an example sounded as if this meant pressure on nationalized industries.

Greene did not consider that this would affect the NUR wage claim.

WAGES ATTACK IN ITALY

EMILIO COLOMBO, Christian Democratic Prime Minister in Italy's new centre-left government, told the Rome parliament in his opening speech that his cabinet will not devalue the lira.

He intends, however, to 'encourage investment' and fight inflation with 'measures of a fiscal nature—an open threat of tax increases, cutting further into real wage gains made in last autumn's labour contracts.'

GAS INQUIRY

THE Royal Navy Stores at Portsmouth yesterday started an inquiry into the lethal one-gallon gas canisters being washed ashore on the Isle of Wight.

'Devlin Phase Two by September 7'

IMPLEMENTATION of the second stage of Lord Devlin's productivity speed-up scheme on the London docks is now a very real threat within the next two months.

Dock employers, flushed with victory after the union leaders' acceptance of the Pearson inquiry recommendations, are now offering an extra £2 on the price of Devlin in an effort to sweeten the bitter pill of Measured-Day Work, two-shift working and abolition of manning scales.

In this way, they hope with the aid of the union leaders to overcome resistance to the scheme from any sections of dockers, particularly those in

Devon strikers get pay offer—but jobs not settled

SHOP STEWARDS at Ottermill Switchgear in Ottery St Mary, Devon, were yesterday to put an interim agreement to their 175 members whose stubborn strike has entered its 15th week.

The agreement will raise the skilled rate from 8s 1d to 11s 9d and the weekly flat rate will go up from £16 5s to £23 15s.

This offer, which falls very little below the original demand for a 4s 4d an hour increase, has only come after a bitter struggle.

This new development fol-

By an Industrial reporter

lows Monday's meeting at which the strikers overwhelmingly rejected the full-time officials' recommendation to return to work, and accept just a 1s increase on the bonus rate negotiated during week-end talks with management at the DEP.

After seven weeks of strike action the company, a subsidiary of the Drake electrical combine, sacked all the strikers and has taken on a scab labour force nearly equal to the number of strikers outside.

The strike committee was yesterday to urge acceptance of the agreement.

All jobs

But the question of redundancies has still to be settled. The strikers are determined to get all their jobs back despite the recent management threats that only a fraction of them would be re-employed.

If the pay is accepted, the men will clock on today, but stay outside the gates pending a meeting next Monday with the management on the redundancy question.

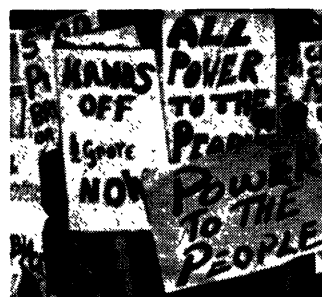
In the meantime they are expecting to be on the £16 5s guaranteed minimum.

Provisional

They were told that September 7 has been fixed provisionally for introducing Devlin.

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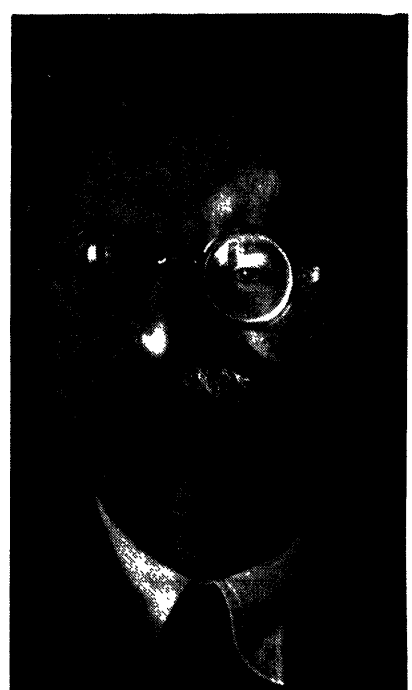
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THE BASIS of all 'productivity' working methods is the insistence that a wage increase can only occur through a direct intensification of labour by the workers themselves.

Increases in output by means of new machines, labour-saving devices etc., are not counted to the workers' credit.

The Labour government, through the Prices and Incomes Board, made this quite clear by insisting that increased pay can only be based on 'more exacting work' and 'changed working practices'. Why is this?

Karl Marx showed 100 years ago that under capitalism increased production through continued introduction of new, enormously expensive machinery and plant forces down the profit rate, i.e. the amount made compared to the amount invested to get it.

Firms which cannot afford new machines will try to turn the workers into machines. Firms which can afford them will try to offset the huge costs involved by getting rid of as many workers as possible, intensifying the labour of those remaining, and running the factories night and day, every day of the week.

This is why the introduction of new machines under capitalism does not mean a better, easier life, with a slower pace of working and with all workers only required to work a few hours a day.

It means a drive by the employers for timing to be introduced to ensure that the machinery worth hundreds of thousands of pounds is not held up for a single second because of the 'slowness' of the operator, for extended shifts to ensure round-the-clock, seven-day working and for the elimination of every worker who is not essential to the productive process.

In the present economic crisis the last government set up bodies like the Prices and Incomes Board to push through intensification of labour schemes (productivity deals) for every single worker. This work is now to be taken up and extended by the Commission for Industry and Manpower and the Commission on Industrial Relations under the Tories.

One aspect of this attack on the working class has been the great encouragement given to the growth of management consultant and work-study firms which specialize in the introduction of Measured-Day Work and other methods and which assist in the setting up of permanent work-study departments in firms to ensure the smooth and continuous running of the new schemes.

It is important not only to look at the various methods introduced by the 'experts'—job-evaluation, MTM, etc.—but also to examine their way of analysing the 'elements' of which the work is composed. The thinking of these people runs along the following lines:

It is possible to divide all work, irrespective of trade, grade or skill, into two main parts: productive working, and non-productive working.

PRODUCTIVITY WORKING is any work directly concerned with the production of goods or a service; machine operating, ploughing, typing, hammering, humping goods, driving, weaving, etc.

NON-PRODUCTIVE WORKING includes:

- (a) preparing for work, fetching tools and materials, all work not directly associated with production, changing over jobs, walking from one job to another, cleaning up, assessing work, and much of the work done by craftsmen's mates, assistants and labourers.
- (b) Any delays in the work; waiting for materials, waiting for another job to finish, breakdowns, waiting for bad weather to end.

(c) rest: any action not part of the work process, whether short pauses from exertion, nose-blowing, cleaning spectacles, scratching, or a major rest from heavy work, tea-breaks, going to the lavatory, washing time and normal rests needed by human beings in attempting to carry out continuous activity.

Also, all work, whether productive or non-productive, is said to be either 'effective' or 'ineffective'.

INEFFECTIVE WORKING is any action which is not really necessary to the process of production. For example, a man turning his whole body sideways to pick up an object instead of simply turning his head and reaching out an arm, would be carrying out an 'ineffective' action.

The difference between the time taken to turn completely and the time taken to simply reach out for the object is called 'ineffective time'.

In general, according to the consultants' logic, any work which does not stick 100 per cent to their motion specification and to their performance levels must contain some ineffective working.

Wide variations are found in these theories purely to suit the convenience of the consultants and to fit in with whatever story is being told at the time.

For example, machine operators may be told that they are the only real productive workers on a firm because they are the ones who produce the finished articles. However, when the consultants are with the storemen, drivers or office workers, these also will be divided into productive and non-productive sections.

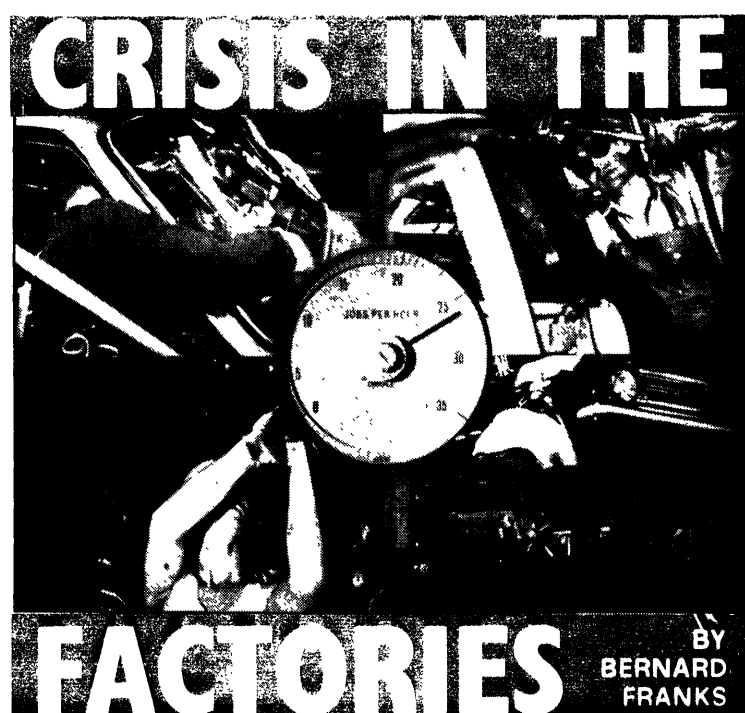
But in general, the consultants and employers set out to prove that as much of the work as possible is 'non-productive', especially where bonus payments are based on productive working only.

Further, it is usually found that anyone found vital to the

tion in manning and staffing for the same reason, speeding-up the machines, conveyor lines, etc., or giving the worker more machines to operate.

(2) Cutting and simplifying the non-productive working by use of:

Method study to rationalize every action, cutting out all wasteful, 'ineffective' move-



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(i) Direct and indirect labour

With this system, the workers who spend most of their time doing so-called productive work, who directly handle raw materials and components and work them up into finished products, are called by the consultants **DIRECT WORKERS**.

They are said to be directly participating in the labour process.

The remaining workers, who assist operations, who prepare the ground for production to take place or who look after the work place—who in fact are mainly concerned with so called non-productive work—are called

INDIRECT WORKERS.

They are said to be only indirectly connected with the labour process.

The logic of this system for the employers is that if as much 'non-productive' work as possible is to be cut out of the work process, then the indirect workers (whose work is mostly 'non-productive') must be eliminated altogether. This is, in fact, government policy as expressed through the recommendations of the PIB and the employers are making a concerted effort to eliminate all craftsmen's mates from industry in line with this.

The ridiculous lengths to which the 'experts' go to try and prove that deep divisions exist in work—and among workers—is shown in the 'official' definition of productive work, which, according to the British Standards Institution, is as follows:

'Work which alters the physical or chemical nature of the product or advances the process as a necessary contribution to its completion.'

(BS 3138 No A1012 Productive Work.)

The first part of this interpretation tries to limit productive working to only a minority of operatives who actually handle the end product; but the second part opens the door again to every single worker. The whole definition seeks to base productive work purely on a technicality of the process of production.

A long time ago Karl Marx exposed this fraud in the greatest detail, showing how capitalist economists define productive labour according to their own need and justify the existence of themselves and their system.

Marx showed that the basis of productive labour was not whether or not a worker took part directly in working up raw material into products, but whether or not he created a 'surplus value', a quantity of value over and above his own wages which is taken entirely by the employers as profit.

Marx showed that the modern developments of production, especially 'division of labour', where a process is broken up into separate jobs with workers simply concentrating on their own job, perhaps not even knowing what is going on elsewhere in the process or even what the end product will be, ensures that every worker is directly involved in production however 'secondary' the bosses try to make out his or her work is.

This is shown clearly in factory production where a

'But the totality of these labourers, who possess labour power of different value (although all the employed maintain much the same level) produce the result, which, considered as the result of the labour-process pure and simple, is expressed in a commodity or material product; and altogether as a workshop, they are the living production machine of these products... It is indeed the characteristic feature of the capitalist mode of production that it separates the various kinds of labour from each other, therefore also mental and manual labour—or kinds of labour in which one or the other predominates—and distributes them among different people.

'This, however, does not prevent the material product from being the common product of these persons, or their common product embodied in material wealth; any more than on the other hand it prevents or in any way alters the relation of each one of these persons to capital being wage-labourer and in this pre-eminent sense being that of a productive labourer.

'All these persons are not only directly engaged in the production of material wealth, but they exchange their labour directly for money as capital, and consequently directly reproduce, in addition to their wages, a surplus value for the capitalist. Their labour consists of paid labour plus unpaid surplus-labour.'

Under capitalism can a lighterman, a lorry driver (in Marx's day a carter, carrier or drayman), a docker and a seaman be called productive workers?

Marx explains that they can, that the exchange value of goods is enhanced by their movement to the place where they are required and that profit is made on the labour of the workers who transport the goods just as it is on the labour of those who have actually made them.

Is a singer a productive worker? Marx says:

'A singer who sells her song for her own account is an unproductive labourer. But the same singer commissioned by an entrepreneur to sing to make money for him is a productive labourer; for she produces capital.'

Similarly:

'It is the same with enterprises such as theatres, places of entertainment, etc. In such cases the actor's relation to the public is that of an artist, but in relation to his employer, he is a "productive labourer".'

And a final example:

'Productive labourers may themselves in relation to me be unproductive labourers. For example, if I have my house re-papered and the paper-hangers are wage workers of a master who sells me the job, it is just the same for me as if I had bought a house already papered; as if I had expended money for a commodity for my consumption. But for the master who gets these labourers to hang the paper, they are productive labourers, for they produce surplus value for him.'

As we can see, the employers' concept is a fraud from top to bottom. When they claim that certain workers are no longer needed, this is entirely because work which was previously essential to the production process has now been eliminated by re-arrangement of work, by getting other workers to overlap the operation, or by introduction of modernization, etc.

A sweeper in a factory and a tea-lady in an office are working, not because the boss likes to provide employment, but because these workers directly contribute to the making of profit by the company.

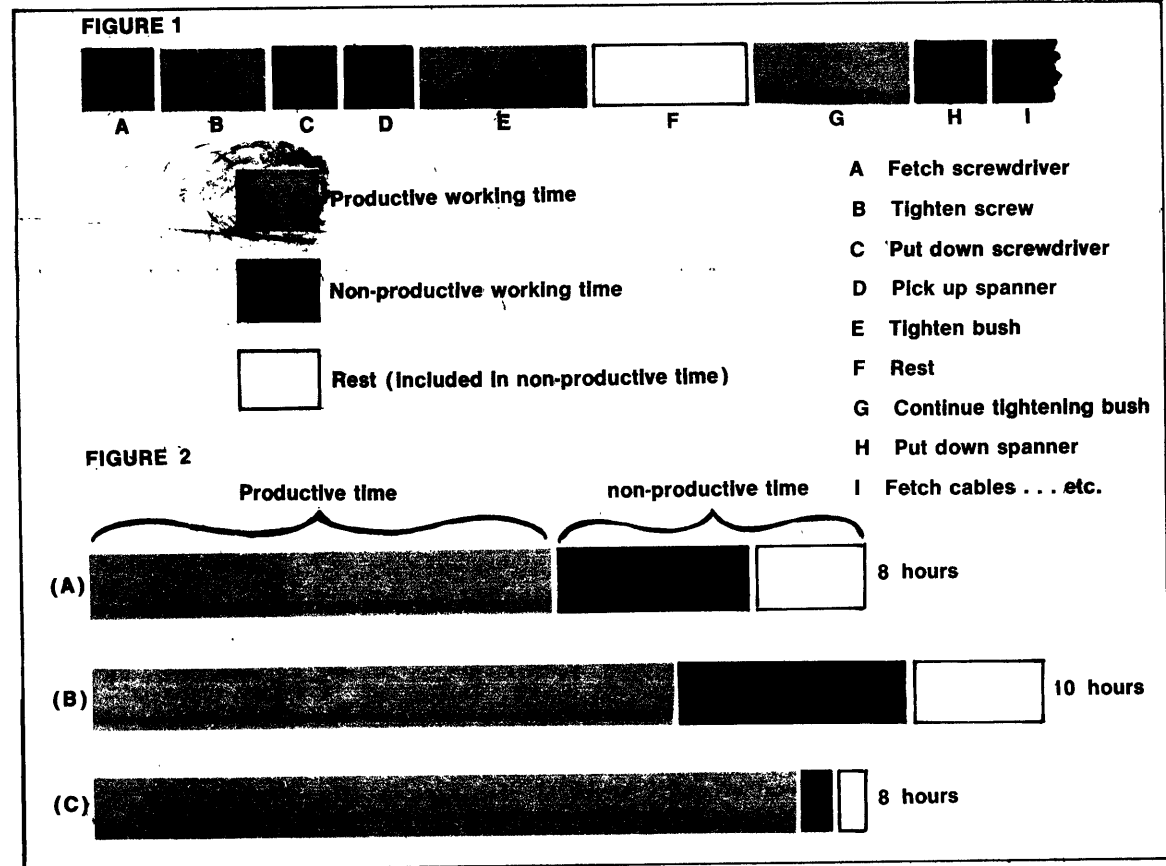
But an arrangement by which the machinists do their own sweeping and where vending machines replace the urn will soon mean that the labour of these workers is dispensed with.

In many occupations it is the assistants and labourers who are easiest to eliminate in this way. However, it is just as possible for the reverse situation to occur.

For example, a production-line machine may be changed over to operation by punched tape instead of manual control, but it may still require 'feeding' manually. In this case, it is the 'direct' worker who is out of a job, and the 'indirect' worker who is retained.

Under capitalist production the main 'non-productive' element is that collection of shareholders, company owners, land and property owners, speculators, bankers and financiers, who appropriate the surplus value created by the remaining 95 per cent of the population.

Total opposition to any attempts to divide the working class, whether black against white, factory against office workers, young against older workers, skilled against unskilled, is the only way to begin a struggle against the government's plans to throw thousands of workers out of industry in the name of 'greater productivity' and on behalf of this gang of parasites.



running of a firm—at least for the present—is termed 'productive', while anyone who the consultants think might possibly be removed from the work process is termed 'non-productive'.

But all work done is broken down into these components and on this basis, part of an electrician's work, with intervals measured by the stopwatch may look like Diagram 1 to a work-study expert.

The aim of the experts is to speed-up working by:

(1) Intensifying the productivity working through:

Fixing fast times to rates of pay, retraining to hammer harder, type faster, etc., simplifying work to remove the need for accuracy, using intimidation, threats, and general pressure from management, using mobility, flexibility and interchangeability to ensure that the worker is fully occupied at all times, reduc-

ment (picking up two tools at once, changing work sequences, changing lay-out of work-place for minimum movement), introduction of machines to bring up materials, etc., elimination of craftsmen's mates who carry out many of the supplementary actions, setting a fixed percentage of times for contingencies (say 5 per cent which must be kept to).

Also through cutting down on rest periods by setting times which allow only a fixed percentage of rest each day (any other rest taken resulting in a drop in earnings), setting the worker to a machine which he cannot leave, planning of work sequences to cut out stops, agreements between bosses and trade union leaders to cut out tea breaks, washing time etc., restrictions on going to the lavatory, use of 'critical path analysis' and flow-line methods to ensure that at all times the worker is confronted with a pile of work to be done (much of the discussion in the capitalist press about 'inefficient management' is aimed at managers who have not got the flow of work sufficiently well organized to keep the workers fully occupied in this way).

The employer is so keenly interested in extending the productive time because this is when the actual products are completed; (the cars come off the line, the building components are assembled, the cargoes are moved from ship to shore, etc.) for him, more productive time means more output as well as raising opportunities for large reductions in the work force.

Let us take an example of the sort of change this type of working could make. (Fig. 2).

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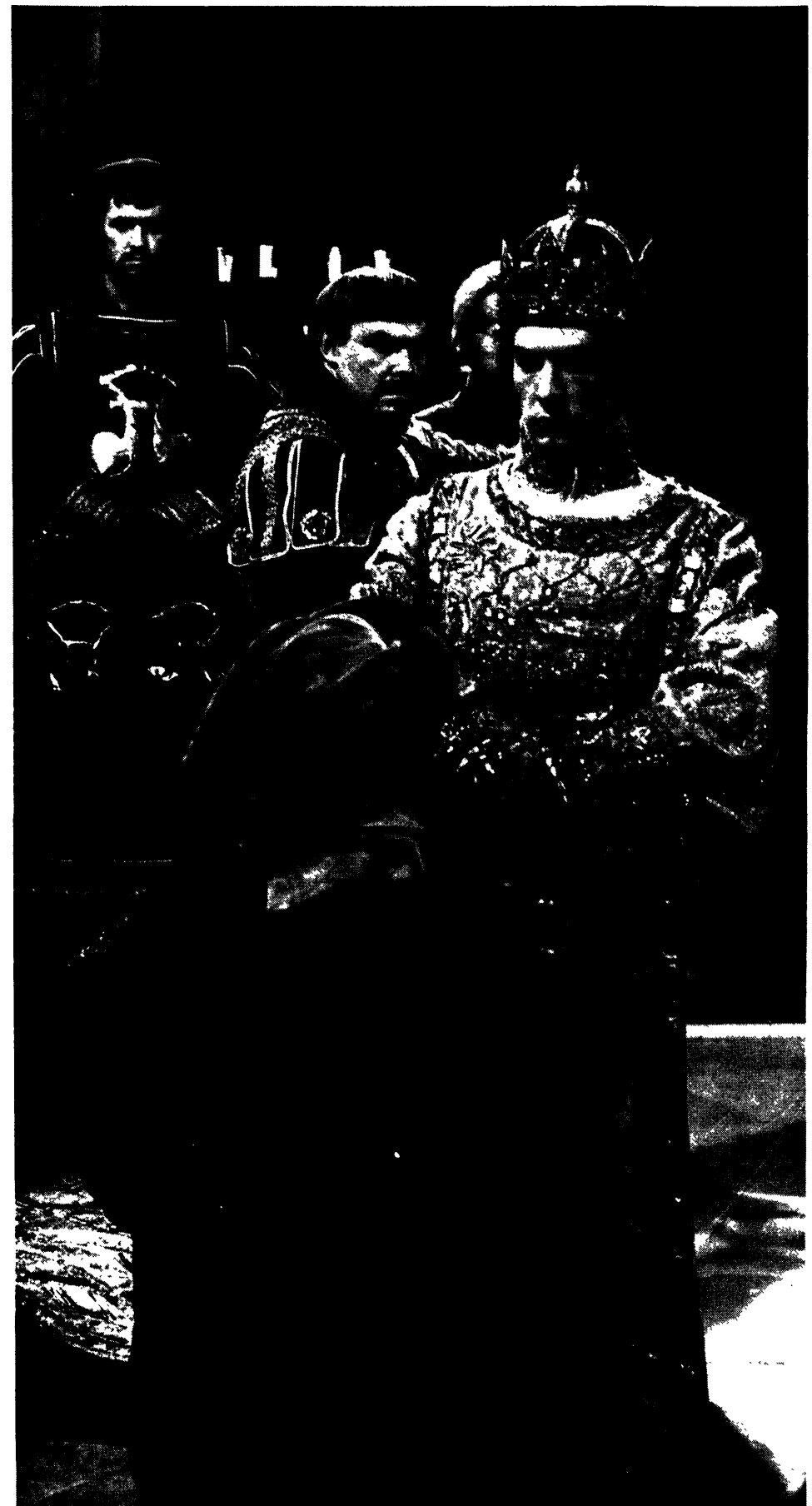
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'What shall we do with the King?'



Ian McKellan as Richard II



(Left to right, facing camera) DAVID CALDER as Lord Ross, TIMOTHY WEST as Henry Bolingbroke and IAN MCKELLAN as King Richard II.

TWO REVIEWS BY MARK JENKINS: The BBC-2 television production (Thursday July 30) of William Shakespeare's RICHARD II performed by the Prospect Theatre Company is reviewed below. A review of Christopher Marlowe's HENRY II will appear in tomorrow's Workers Press.

tv column

THE TRAGEDY of 'King Richard II', like all of Shakespeare's plays, never ceases to astound even those well acquainted with the texts when it is performed. The Prospect Theatre's presentation, Thursday, July 30, was masterly.

Ian McKellan, superb in the lead role, acts out the tragedy of a feudal monarch who is gradually forced to the realization that Kingly power is not god-given but rests upon the power of men and swords.

Once these desert him, he is left a pathetic spectacle with all the formal trimmings and outward symbols of monarchy but in reality feeble, confused, a broken mortal. Finally half-mad, he is murdered.

Waning

In the 14th century the power of landed aristocracy of whom the King was head, was waning.

The wool merchants in parliament were a growing threat to the outmoded nobility.

The play abounds with references to the bankruptcy of the King and the wealth of the commons:

... their love lies in their purses, and who so empties them by so much fills their hearts with deadly hate.'

The King complains: 'We are enforced to farm

our royal realm, the revenue whereof shall furnish us for our affairs in hand. If that comes short our substitutes at home shall have blank cheques, whereto, when we shall know what men are rich, they shall subscribe them for large sums of gold, and send them after to supply our wants.'

Fearing the Commons will tear them to pieces 'like curs', the King is forced to lean heavily on the merchants for support.

Price

But by asking too high a price for charters and levying heavy taxes, monarchs always faced the danger that they might back a rival candidate for the throne. That is what happens in this play.

But what is illustrated with even greater clarity is the break-up of feudal relationships that accompanies this growing conflict.

All considerations of birth and position are cast aside. Chivalry, the family and morality are breaking up under the power of the money economy.

The King banishes and dispossesses his cousin, Bolingbroke and seizes his uncle, John of Gaunt's land. The old Duke of York warns him:

'Take Hereford's rights away and take from Time his charters and his customary rights . . . For how art thou a king but by fair sequence and succession.'

But spurred on by historical forces over which he has no control, Richard commits the act that brings his eventual downfall, and more than that, brings into question the institution of monarchy itself.

When Bolingbroke returns to claim his lands, the Commons backs him and it is clear he can challenge the King for power.

The nobles, the artisans and the soldiers all desert to Bolingbroke so that the acting King (York) is in a quandary. He has to choose between two relatives, one of whom is the King. He chooses might and Richard returns to find himself a King in name only, bereft of power.

A firm believer in the divine right of kings, he calls on God to send angels to assist him. He calls on the nettles to sting his enemies. But it is all in vain.

When he meets Bolingbroke he awaits instructions. 'What shall the King do now?' — a far cry from the medieval institutions. The King is now at the mercy of a subject.

'Cover your heads and mock not respect with solemn reverence. Throw away respect, tradition, form and cere-

monious duty, for you have but mistook me all this while—I live with bread like you . . .'

The Church makes an eloquent plea proving beyond question that Richard is 'rightfully' the King. Bolingbroke's men reply:

'Well have you argued, sir; and for your pains, of capital treason we arrest you here.'

So much for argument. Finally Richard is not even King of his own grief. He is deposed and smashes a mirror in front of the court: 'Sorrow hath destroyed my face'.

The new King Henry, unimpressed by the dramatics, replies:

'The shadow of your sorrow hath destroyed the shadow of your face.'

This deposition of a King was not lost on the bourgeoisie.

Over two centuries later they executed Charles and Hobbes wrote Leviathan. Shakespeare it seems foreshadows even Hobbes in this great play.

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PROBLEMS OF CULTURE UNDER THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT

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'Star'

prepares sell-out to Zionism

ONE manifestation of the opportunism of the Communist Party has always been a strong pro-Zionist element, and not only among its Jewish members.

There have been times when Stalinist policy in the Middle East has not been popular in these circles, but Soviet support for the formation of the State of Israel in 1948 kept them happy for some time, even through the most open periods of Stalinist anti-Semitism which followed.

Moscow line

At the present time, CP leaders can defend the Moscow line without offending their pro-Zionist supporters in the slightest. Soviet acceptance of the existence of a Zionist state can be openly proclaimed, although in fact it has been their policy for 22 years.

As the Soviet bureaucrats and the imperialists have moved towards a deal at the expense of the Arab people, the line of the 'Morning Star' has had two main themes.

First comes praise for Nasser, and opposition to those who criticize him for going along with the Rogers plan.

Second, the 'Star' has stressed the division of opinion in the Israeli camp.

Last Wednesday, Foreign Editor Sam Russell wrote a feature headed 'Israel's hawks are not yet caged', which, while developing these lines of



NASSER and Israel's new 'dove' MEIR

argument, comes very close to open Zionism.

To those who 'accuse' the Soviet Union of arming the Egyptians, Russell has an answer:

'But in his speech of July 23, President Nasser made it quite clear that . . . the mere replacement by the Soviet Union of the arms lost by

Egypt was not sufficient to ensure the defence of Egypt.'

'As for offensive aircraft', says Russell 'the US and Israel know that so far no Soviet MiG-23 planes have been supplied to the Egyptian air force.'

Russell clears the Soviet bureaucrats of the charge that they really defend Egypt against the Israel stooges of imperialism!

He stresses that the Rogers plan is in line with the United Nations resolution of November 1967, and declares:

'Israel knows quite well that the intention of the resolution was to ensure withdrawal from all occupied territories. Only when this is done can Israel obtain the guarantees for her security within the borders she had before June 1967.'

Repeatedly

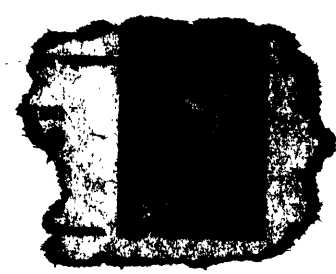
'As for the Soviet Union, it has repeatedly stated . . . that "every state in the Middle East has the right to independent national existence and to independence and security".'

Russell assures the Zionists that Stalinism is quite prepared to defend the existence of their state, based as it is on the oppression of those Palestinians who remain in their own country and the permanent exile of hundreds of thousands of others.

The only condition laid down by Moscow is withdrawal to the pre-1967 borders. But just how essential is this proviso?

A pointer to the future

US Secretary of State ROGERS (right) and 'Morning Star' man SAM RUSSELL



course of the negotiations is provided by Russell:

'The Soviet Union,' he says in his eagerness to show how 'reasonable' he is, 'did not exclude the possibility of modification of its proposals, providing the principles were accepted by Israel and the US.'

Now Russell turns to the defence of Arab 'unity' behind Nasser and the attempt of 'Israel's hawks' to exploit 'differences among the Arab States'.

Israeli 'doves'

It is noticeable that the 'Star' has never explained who the Israeli 'doves' are, by the

way. Now Moscow Radio implies that Mrs Meir has qualified for the title!

Before concluding his article with an irrelevant quotation from a Soviet admiral, Russell gives us the following classic sentence:

Big effort

'But a big effort is being made to overcome the difference and secure full Arab appreciation of President Nasser's action in accepting the US plan, even though it contained nothing new.' (Our emphasis.)

Russell brings to the work of preparing the most direct and open betrayal in the his-

tory of Stalinism many decades of training in such treachery.

Nationalism

As Arab nationalism has developed (and in the last three years the Arab guerrilla movement), the Stalinists have pretended to be a friend of their struggle.

They have all along been quite conscious that this was only preparatory to selling the Arab people to Zionism and imperialism.

While Russell's friends have been fond of cloaking their anti-Semitism in the guise of fighting 'Zionism', their true aim has been quite consistent with the real Zionists.

Fiendishly clever these English

FRIDAY'S 'Daily Telegraph' revealed the amazing story of how George Watt, the British engineer held as an alleged spy in Peking until last week, fooled his captors.

He had been told that he should show his repentance for being a spy by bowing three times a day to a picture of Mao.

For reasons not yet divulged, Mr Watt, who had readily signed a confession of espionage,

objected to this un-British act of obeisance. But, with great ingenuity, he found a solution.

Under a piece of wood in a drawer he concealed a 4d stamp, bearing the portrait of Her Majesty the Queen.

'When his meals were served,' reports the 'Telegraph', 'he stood up, flicked the block of wood in the partly opened drawer to one side, and bowed to the Queen's picture on the

stamp. (Our emphasis.) To his jailers watching through a peephole, he appeared to be bowing to Mao's picture above the table.

'The stamp accompanied Mr Watt when he crossed the border into Hong Kong—wrapped in greaseproof paper and hidden in a tube of toothpaste.'

It is understood that real British agents are now to be issued with stamps, blocks of wood and tubes of toothpaste.

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Dunlop toolroom men block speed-up

TOOLROOM workers at Dunlop's Coventry factory have blocked the second stage of the management's speed-up plans.

A 200-strong meeting overwhelmingly rejected a recommendation that they allow the timing of job 'elements' to take place. This is a significant decision for all toolrooms in the Coventry area and other engineering workers.

Time-study schemes lay the basis for a future wage structure in which the toolroom rate—based on the average earnings of skilled piece-workers in the district—will be replaced by bonus earnings.

Rootes—now Chrysler UK—which pushed through Measured-Day Work a year ago is now insisting that the toolroom ceases to be tied to the toolroom agreement.

The first stage of time-study was introduced at Dunlop in February on the recommendation of the convenor and the

WEATHER

London, SE and central southern England, E Midlands: Bright early. Cloud increasing. Perhaps a little rain later. Wind West, backing SW, light or moderate. Normal. Max. 21C (70F). Channel Islands, SW England: Cloudy with mist or fog. A little drizzle at times. Wind SW, light or moderate. Rather cool. Max. 18C (64F). West Midlands, NW and central northern England: Cloudy, dry early, rain at times later. Wind SW, increasing mist or fog. Rather cool. Max. 18C (64F). Glasgow and N Ireland: Cloudy with rain or drizzle and extensive hill fog. Wind South, moderate or fresh, locally strong later. Normal. Max. 17C (63F). Edinburgh: Dry early. Cloud thickening, with rain later. Wind West, backing SW, moderate or fresh. Normal. Max. 17C (63F). Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Unsettled. Showers or rain at times in most places, also bright or sunny intervals.

Paynter shows 'new-look' CIR to Merseyside

A LEADING representative of the Commission on Industrial Relations visited Merseyside yesterday to discuss the situation in the local Lucas factories with shop stewards.

Mr Will Paynter—ex-NUM president and one-time leading Communist Party member—was given the 'honour' of revealing the new CIR image to Liverpool workers.

The Tories are giving the CIR teeth 'to intervene in firms and industries with records of chaos and unofficial strikes', in the words of the 'Sunday Times'.

Stewards at Lucas Industrial Equipment and Lucas Gas Turbine, however, have refused to collaborate with the CIR, a decision endorsed by Liverpool AEF district committee. But the CAV stewards committee decided by a majority of one vote to meet Paynter.

Maintenance engineers at CAV and Lucas Industrial Equipment at Fazakerley have been on strike for a week for a £5-a-week increase.

The management of both factories has refused to move from an offer amounting to 30s and the strikers will be meeting again on Friday.

Clothing workers demand strike on sackings

FORTY cutters have been declared redundant at John Colliers Ltd., Leeds.

A telegram demanding an official strike for their reinstatement has been sent to the head office of the Tailors' and Garment Workers' Union, Leeds and District Clothing Workers' Joint Liaison Committee has demanded an unofficial stoppage by all Leeds garment workers if official sanction is not forthcoming.

The Leeds district committee of the union defeated a resolution demanding an official strike by one vote. Already these 'leaders' are way behind their members!

The redundancies include all the cutting-room workers' committee and shop stewards at the Lady Lane factory.

Only three weeks before the sackings were announced a local full-time union official assured John Colliers' employees that no decision would be made until mid-September.

The management claims it cannot find enough machinists to keep all skilled cutters occupied. Mr M. P. Frankel, managing director of the manufacturing division of Montague Burton Ltd. (the largest clothing factory in the country) has issued a press statement claiming that trouble is being caused by people from outside the clothing industry.

More dangers ahead for immigrant workers

'MUCH MORE serious charges' are being considered against the 18 people arrested after police attacked a 'Black Power' march in Notting Hill, London, on Sunday.

The 18 are now remanded on bail until October 28, when police may well press for them to be sent for trial on conspiracy charges, which carry far heavier sentences than the offences with which the 18 are presently charged.

The wheels of Tory 'law and order', backed inevitably by the police, are beginning to turn faster and faster.

Home Secretary Reginald Maudling yesterday received a report on the demonstration and is to decide in the next few days whether he needs to make any suggestions about the situation.

Black Power militants in the area claim with justification that they are being singled out by the police for attack.

But this is not a racial question. Recent weeks have seen the police attacks on strike pickets outside the Burnham Oil refinery site in Merseyside, the jail Borstal and deportation students from the Cambridge students protesting against the Greek fascist regime and the police harassment of striking Pilkington workers during their hard-

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

fought struggle, not to mention the shooting of 19-year-old Daniel O'Hagan in Belfast last month.

Same causes

Behind the so-called 'race riots' in Notting Hill are the same causes which sparked off the struggles there 12 years ago: slum housing, racism, low wages, police brutality and unemployment.

In reality, the police harassment of Sunday's demonstration is part of an attempt to hold down one of the most exploited and victimized sections of the working class.

The entire experience of Notting Hill teaches that there cannot be the slightest reliance on the capitalist law courts or government intervention. The murderers of Keizo Cochrane, killed in 1957, are still at large.

That is why the statements of people like Roy Shaw of the Black Panther party, who demanded that the Home Secretary set up a public inquiry into the relationship between black people and the police, can only be described as reactionary.

Sawh wants the inquiry to consist of two clergymen, a peer and the Liberal Mark Bonham Carter.

Such an inquiry can only serve to whitewash the police and open the way for further police brutality, as any worker in Belfast, now suffering from the Home Secretary's 'reforms', could testify.

'Shocked'

The UK Inter-racial Council, set up to 'promote racial harmony', claims to have been 'shocked' by the demonstration.

'We welcome the initiative taken by the many coloured people who went to Harrow Rd police station to apologize for some of our countrymen,' said council officials.

The council also welcomes the Home Secretary's inquiry into 'Black Power' organiza-

Ulster

Health is a clear warning to the extreme right wing elements in the Unionist ranks.

Faithful to the Kremlin line of welcoming the Tory government, the organ of the British Stalinists is boosting the counter-revolutionary myth of the need to support the 'progressive Tories' such as Maudling against their colleagues supposedly further to the right.

No strings

Settlement under conditions where a breakdown in negotiations would constitute a failure to agree, procedure deemed exhausted and the decks cleared for strike action.

Negotiations were therefore conducted with the bargaining in the employers' court and with the constant threat of strike action which the employers knew would be solid.

A leading steward told Workers Press: 'This agreement was achieved firstly by the firmness of leadership in the factory; secondly by the strength and consciousness of the workers in the sections, who were not stampeded by the first cash offer made and were able to recognize the strings; thirdly, by the correctness of the policies adopted.'

Hospital tele-control

BY BERNARD FRANKS

TWO NEW electronic methods of monitoring working operations are outlined in this month's issue of 'Work Study', the specialist magazine for management and consultants.

At a Bradford-on-Avon rubber plant, photo-electric equipment is used to assess output per man in a process which involves the feeding of batches of hot rubber into an extruding machine.

The rubber emerges in strip form ready for further processing, but no decision Sensing heads are fixed on either side of the caged feed to the machine.

These pass signals to a Servis machine time recorder linked to control units which record the passage of rubber into the extruder.

The information provided is used to fix payment as part of an incentive bonus scheme. The second system, installed in the new Crawley



Scene outside the Marylebone magistrates court after Monday's hearing of the case against Black Power marchers. Vanessa Redgrave, who stood bail for some defendants, is seen left.

tions—an inquiry designed simply and solely to lay the basis for a more stringent police 'surveillance' of immigrant organizations.

Michael Abdul Malik (Michael X) also dissociated himself from Sunday's demonstration and announced that instead he favoured 'direct action' like the attempt to liberate a prisoner from Caledonian Rd police station last month.

Malik rejects demonstra-

tions because he opposes the mobilization of the working class in order to organize and force the Tories to resign.

On the contrary, demonstrations, in so far as they contribute to this aim, deserve support.

The Tories and their police can and must be driven back, but this will only be done on a class basis in a fight against racialism to unite the black and white working class against the Tories.

'Devlin Phase Two by September 7'

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What the union representatives have made in the offer, bringing weekly pay for category A men to £36 10s and for category B men to £28. This is, in effect, a consolidation of the rises recommended by the Pearson Report.

Overtime rates have been raised and higher holiday payments will be made retrospective provided Phase Two is in operation by the end of September.

against the proposals, this position becomes simply a trap.

The tone of the statement issued by employers' chairman Walter Lewis after last week's modernization committee gives every indication that the dock bosses consider this to be the case.

The London modernization committee is to meet again in the near future to consider the position in the light of the 'Blue' union executive meeting.

Illusory

Maurice Foley, chairman of the T&GWU's No. 1 docks group, has said that the group secretary Peter Shea is looking forward to the implementation of the deal in the next few weeks and holding out the illusory hope that after a year's operation they will be 'in a favourable position to logically pursue a claim for further improvements'.

Quite the reverse is the case. The £2 increase in Devlin terms is a price the employers will willingly pay to get the scheme on the docks.

Once it is firmly installed, dockers will be fighting for their livelihoods. This is the logic of the acceptance of Pearson.

The biggest question mark hangs over the 'Blue' union, whose executive is due to report to a mass meeting within the next fortnight.

It appears to have no plans to carry forward the fight to keep Devlin off the docks.

Many dockers are critical of the NAS&D's failure to give a lead against Pearson during the strike, when its sole instruction to members was 'Don't cross picket lines'.

The 'Blue' union is still opposed to the manning recommendations of Devlin stage two, but without a fight

AS SOVIET - W GERMAN PACT IS SIGNED

Ulbricht bid for E German recognition

E GERMAN leader Walter Ulbricht's letter to NATO and 'non-aligned' heads of state reflects a fear that the Moscow-Bonn pact will undermine the viability of his regime.

The Brandt-Kosygin pact, signed today in Moscow, contains no clause calling for the diplomatic recognition by Bonn of the E German government.

Until a few weeks ago, Ulbricht's propaganda machine had been maintaining a constant barrage against the Brandt government for refusing to entertain such a step.

Under strong pressure from Moscow, this campaign was dropped, and Ulbricht publicly criticized his own Party's press for insisting that little could be expected from the Social-Democratic-Liberal coalition in Bonn.

Faced with the fait accompli of the W German-Soviet non-aggression pact, Ulbricht is trying a new tactic.

Relations

His letter asks for NATO and other capitalist governments to open up diplomatic relations with E Germany—entry into the United Nations is also canvassed.

As yet, this move has received no public Kremlin backing—a possible indication that Ulbricht is acting on his own initiative.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETING

SW LONDON: Tuesday, August 18, 5-7 PM, Grosvenor Road, SW11. 'Lessons of the dock strike'.

Yugoslav miners to lobby Tito

UNREST among Yugoslavian coal miners, which has already led to strikes against low wages and high food prices, now appears to be reaching a climax.

According to a Zagreb Home Service broadcast, 'the Praesidium of the Conference of Trade Unions of the Kreka-Banovici Tito Mines has sharply condemned the manner in which "Rad", the paper of the Trade Union Federation, in its issue of July 31, commented on the miners' reaction to the shortage of wagons used for transporting coal'.

The union paper, the broadcast continued, stated that it 'could not support certain demands and measures requested by the miners of the Tuzla basin, including the sending of a delegation to Comrade Tito and suspension of coal deliveries to the railways'.

Pressure

This, the paper claimed, 'was tantamount to bringing pressure to bear on the Federation and on the Yugoslav railways'.

Which is precisely the purpose of trade unions! The miners' own leadership have reacted to the attack made on them in 'Rad'.

'We have asked to be received in audience by Comrade Tito and we will not change our mind on that'.

We do not intend to ask the President of the Republic to solve all our problems, but wish to acquaint him with our difficulties and with what we are trying to do, because the accumulated problems of the miners have regularly met with lack of understanding on the part of the responsible officials whom we have approached over the years.'

Dubcek

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many Czechoslovaks refuse to read the Stalinist press.

According to an official survey just completed in Slovakia, only 10 per cent of the province's adult population read a daily newspaper, while 9 per cent do not read any papers (all strictly censored by the regime) at all.

The gulf between the bureaucracy and the mass of the Czech people is as deep as ever. Slimy attacks on Dubcek only serve to deepen it still more.

Nasser 'means business' - Zionist leader

HOW LITTLE the Zionist leaders have conceded by agreeing to the US-inspired 'peace proposals' was revealed by the Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon in an Israeli Home Service interview.

By our Middle East correspondent

When reminded that the Soviet and US governments imposed an unconditional withdrawal from Sinai on the Zionists after the 1956 war, Allon replied:

'The strong US reaction was primarily aimed at Britain and France rather than Israel... as I see it, we shall not—at least in the foreseeable future—face the possibility of pressure with withdrawal without conditions, apparently in negotiations, as happened after the Sinai campaign in 1956.'

Allon's confidence comes from his recognition that at this time, both Nasser and the Soviet bureaucracy are ready to come to terms with Zionism quite openly:

GUARANTEES

'When a cease-fire was indirectly proposed to us some months ago, it was not accompanied with any guarantees whatsoever... Since then, however, the cease-fire has been included in a written arrangement detailed in clauses with US government guarantees, apparently in coordination with the Soviet Union.'

'We have a basis for assuming that the present cease-fire will not be misused [i.e.,]

Amman, Jordan, Tuesday — Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat has sent an aide to China, N Vietnam and N Korea for important talks on the Middle East.

The talks the emissary would conduct, the Al Fatah newspaper said today, would deal with measures to be taken to foil the US peace plan.

for an Egyptian military buildup, as the Premier said in her address to the nation.'

Allon was even able to praise Nasser, while expressing concern that the Egyptian President might have ruined his militant reputation by agreeing so readily to a deal with the Israelis:

'I believe to move from a situation of cease-fire towards peace negotiations looks more feasible than to jump from hostility to negotiations.'

'RISKS'

'Therefore, I do hope that President Nasser thought this problem over very carefully before he decided. He did undertake certain dangers and risks—I mean the opposition of other Arab countries, and the terrorist organizations are all opposing this move, maybe some little opposition at home too, and it seems that he means business... (Our emphasis.)'

So the Zionists are ready to agree to a cease-fire and talks because certain guarantees—touched on by Allon—have been given to them by both the Soviet and US governments.

Nasser knows this too. That

is why the Zionists are praising him for his decision to back the US plan despite the unpopularity that it is already stirring up in the Arab masses.

Polish praise for Vatican

THE NEW Vatican policy of collaborating with the international Stalinist movement has been praised by the Rome correspondent of the Polish journal 'Zycie Warszawy' in a recent dispatch from Italy.

In a broadcast on Morawski's report from Rome, Polish Radio commented:

'... in a series of moves undertaken by the Vatican this year, among them Cardinal Willebrand's visit to Moscow and Leningrad last spring, or Patriarch Vazgen's meeting with the Pope and the latter's cautious support for the Brandt eastern policy... proves the Vatican has changed its stand towards socialist countries.'

To confirm the views of the journal's Rome correspondent, the broadcast approvingly notes:

'The Vatican official newspaper "Osservatore Romano" reports ever more boldly and extensively on the peaceful initiatives of socialist countries, reprints articles from the Moscow "Pravda" and from other papers of the socialist camp... To sum up, the signs testifying to the emergence of a "new eastern policy" in the Vatican are so obvious that nobody questions them any more.'

Very much in the spirit of the Christian-Stalinist 'dialogue', pursued in Britain with such vigour by James Klugmann and John Lewis, the broadcast concludes:

'The church, fighting for its place in a world that changes quickly and gets ever more secular, has simply come to the conclusion that it cannot afford negating the existence of the new forces which cooperate in the formation of the history of man, and must establish a dialogue and find some *modus vivendi* with those forces for its own good.'

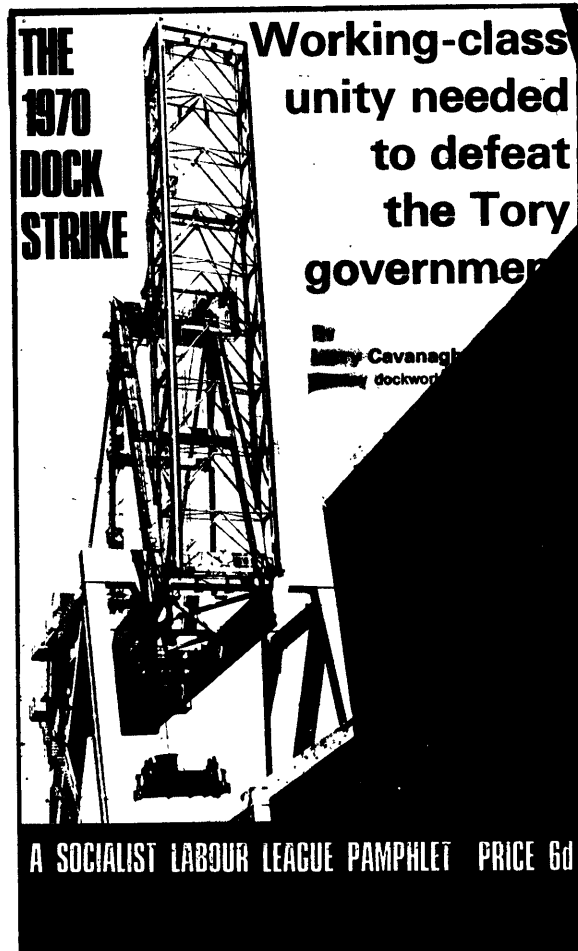
Rescue

This concerted attempt by European Stalinists to rescue the Catholic Church from disaster is part of its wider policy of class-collaboration with imperialism.

It is no accident that Vatican-Stalinist relations have improved in the same time as Poland (together with other E European Stalinist regimes) has entered into the closest diplomatic and economic relations with the Franco dictatorship in Spain.

The Franco regime, now more than ever, through the introduction of 'Opus Dei' members into the Spanish cabinet, is intimately linked with the so-called 'progressives' in the Vatican.

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After a mass meeting yesterday shop stewards said that the firm's offer of a productivity deal was unacceptable in its present form.
CANISTERS DUMPED BY NAVY
(See page one)
Gas canisters washed ashore on beaches in the Isle of Wight yesterday were part of a navy consignment dumped in the Solent last month, a Navy spokesman said.
The dumping of all other material was being examined.
ANTI-UNION PLANS
(See page one)
Unless the new Registrar is satisfied with a union's rules

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