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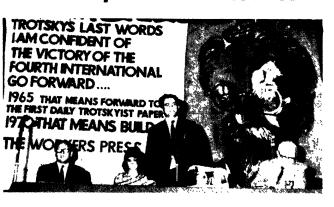
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The current report indicates that some workers may have benefited financially from introduction of the new schemes.

This is not unknown in the early days of productivity payment methods, when the existence of an apparently-satisfied 10 per cent is meant to convince those workers not yet in the scheme that they are missing out on a good thing.

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This, for example, could enable a tightening-up on repeat visits by fitters which might result in 'a decrease of 1 per cent in the number of fitters. required, giving a saving of £250,000 per annum'.

2. Improved effectiveness of supervision:

The PIB wants the extension of training for supervisors; where their bonus payments are related to the operative's output, it hopes, a greater chance for the supervisors to influence the level of performance will be attained.

3. Use of standardization in methods and organization:

This includes use of standard flexible and fixed couplings for appliances, agreed size for service-laying teams and adopting of standard methods of deploying, transporting and supervising of fitters.

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4. Extension of work-studied incentive payment schemes

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WSIP uses the British Standard scale, in which 100 is 'standard performance' and 75 is the starting-point for incen-

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5. Reduction in overtime:

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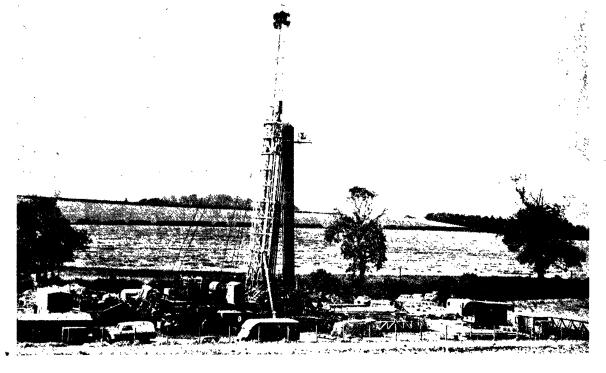
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This would include a record of all work-study times, which would act as a 'central data-bank of synthetic standards for use in future schemes'.

A key role is seen for the main unions involved.

These, it says, should increase work-study training for shop stewards and fulltime officials beyond the work-study 'appreciation'

On pay, the average weekly earnings figure for men in the gas industry in April of this year was £27 6s, and average hourly earnings 11s 4½d.

The average working week was 48 hours.

In return for a 1s 0½d flatrate increase for 60,000 manual workers in January this year, the trade union negotiators undertook 'to continue to promote the co-operation of employees in measures designed to achieve maximum efficiency of operations'.

At the present time, the gas industry is in the middle of a £1,000 million changeover to natural gas, an essential part of which, as far as the employers are concerned, is the move from a labour-intensive to a capital-intensive industry.

In 1969-70, direct sales of natural gas accounted for under 15 per cent of total sales: they are expected to account for over 90 per cent by 1974-1975.

With the outlined speed-up and manning reductions, it is clear that the benefits of modern technology are not intended for the man on the

WORKING-CLASS CONSUMER

Nor are they to accrue to the working-class consumer.

The PIB makes it clear that, in spite of all the 'savings', prices could still rise, and the Gas Council has indicated that it intends to make such increases in the near future.

At the same time, the indecent haste to get conversion through on the quick and on the cheap—is resulting in a mass of complaints on the use of natural-gas burners and on unsatisfactory installa-

Many users are finding, too, that natural gas is costing more even before any official price rise occurs.

The proposal to close 200 showrooms also shows complete contempt for individual customers, who will have to travel further to raise queries, pay bills etc.

On the other hand, no such penny-pinching is involved

when it comes to paying for increased work-study staff and senior management, whose numbers are expected to increase over the next four

The PIB's report gives an instance where three work-study staff spent nearly four

months setting standards for twelve mechanics in a garage —and completely new standards were to be set for every other garage in the area.

These people set themselves up with a job for life, and at a considerably higher rate of pay than anything the workers themselves can earn.

But an indication that gas workers are not prepared to stand idly by and watch a continuous erosion of conditions and available jobs is also contained in the report. It comments:

'Some 18 months ago, the Gas Council told us that the attitudes of the workers themselves were a major obstacle to faster progress and we urged the need for more persuasion to be done by management and union officers.

'The Gas Council has recently suggested that this difficulty persists.

'In some areas it is open to individual workers to refuse to join a scheme (there had been about 1,000 refusals by April 1970); there is a case for group decisions which, once taken, apply to all the workers concerned, as happens in at least one Board and is normal in very many industrial

situations.' The demand by 2,000 West Midlands Gas Board manual workers for a 50-per-cent pay rise to compensate for cuts in overtime working is only part of the answer to the Tories and employers' schemes, and to threats against the nationalized industries.

COMPLETE CONTROL

To this should be added the demand for workers' complete control of the industry as the only guarantee against misuse of workers' labour and against abuse of technology and natural resources.

A socialist alternative is needed now to the union leaders who directly 'set up' the gas workers for the Labour government's productivity plans and who now propose to 'live with' the Tories' sackings and Measured-Day Work preparations.

These people are classcollaborators of the worst opportunist type.

(PIB report No. 155, 'Costs and Efficiency in the Gas Industry'. HMSO 6s 6d.)

IMPORTANT READING

Gerwany Leon Trotsky

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6.00 ENTERTAINMENT WITH KERR.

6.25 CHAMPIONS' QUIZ BALL.

7.55 DON'T ASK US.

8.20 ME MAMMY. 'The night Enda entered a convent'. 8.50 NEWS and weather. 9.10 IT'S A KNOCK-OUT! Jeux sans frontieres.

10.25 24 HOURS.

11.00 'A HOT DAY'. Play by Janus Wasylkowski about a soldier taking a partisan prisoner to be executed.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except:

gether, as well as a substantial profit on the sale of showroom properties.

IN GENERAL, the report recommends that the Gas Council set up a management services department to keep a close watch on the development of the programmes of each Gas Board and to centralize information.

Sales staff

THE BOARD finds that the

performance of individual out-

side salesmen ranges from

below £10,000 to £40,000 per

These figures imply an aver-

The report states that four

age of from one to four appli-

sales a day should be made

a target figure. On the basis

of only three sales a day, it

says, a reduction of up to 1,900 sales staff could be

Showroom staff

CLOSURE of 200 'unprofit-

able' showrooms and ration-

alization of staff in those

of 1,050 showroom staff alto-

This would give a reduction

remaining is advised.

man per year.

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ances sold per day.

of view. 5.50 News and weather.

6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'Vengeance Trail'.

11.30 WEATHER.

Midlands, East Anglia: 6.00-6.25 Midlands today, look east, weather. 11.32 News, weather. North, North-West, North-East, Cumberland and Wesetmorland: 6.00-6.25 Look north, weather. 11.32 News, weather.

weather.
Wales: 12.001.30 Cricket: Glamorgan v
Lancashire. 1.30-1.45 Ar lin mam.
6.00-6.25 Wales today. 6.45-7.05 BBC 2

Heddiw. 7.05-7.30 Ryan a ronnie. 7.30-7.55 Week in, week out. Scotland: 6.00-6.10 Reporting Scotland. 6.10-6.25 Se ur beatha. 11.32 News, weather.

Northern Ireland: 6.00-6.25 Scene around six, weather. 11.32 News, weather. South-West, South, Weset: 6.00-6.25 Points West, south today, spotlight South-West, weather. 11.32 News, weather.

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.30 p.m. NEWS and weather.

8.00 COLLECTORS' WORLD. 8.25 SENTIMENTAL EDUCATION. 'Last Love'.

9.10 CINEMA: 'A Double Tour' ('Web of Passion'). With Madeleine Robinson and Jean-Paul Belmondo.

10.35 NEWS and weather.

10.40 LINE-UP.

ITV

2.00 p.m. Racing from Sandown. 4.10 Raj. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Arthur! 5.20 If I were you. 5.50 News. 6.03 Today.

6.30 PEYTON PLACE. 7.00 THE KENNY EVERETT EXPLOSION. 7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'Railroad'.

8.30 IF IT MOVES, FILE IT. 'Surveillance'. 9.00 CONFESSION: 'The Wind Blew Her Away'.

10.30 MANNIX. 'Nothing Ever Works Twice'.

11.30 FACE THE PRESS. Peter Watkins, film director. 12.00 midnight VANTAGE POINT.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 2.00-4.05 London. 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.40 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Channel report. 6.25 Crossroads. 7.00 The sky's the limit. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 Matinee: 'Young Savages'. 12.20 Weather.

WESTWARD: 2.00-4.05 London. 4.25 News, 4.27 Gus Honeybun show. 4.40 London. 4.45 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 Westward diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The sky's the limit. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 Matinee: 'Young Savages'. With Burt Lancaster, Diana Merrill and Shelley Winters. 12.25 Faith for life. 12.30 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 2.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Adventures of Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day, Scene South-East. 6.30 Junkin. 7.00 The sky's the limit. 7.30 Weekend. 7.35 If it moves, file it. 8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Violent Road'. With Brian Keith, Dick Foran, Merry Anders and Efrem Zimbalist Jr. 11.55 News. 12.05 Weather, Action 70.

HARLECH: 2.30-4.05 London. 4.25
Women today. 4.40 London. 4.55
Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01
Report. 6.10 The sky's the limit. 6.35
Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Man
in a suitcase. 8.30 London. 10.30
Funny you should ask. 11.00 Interview. 11.30 Conceptions of murder.
12.00 Weather.

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ANGLIA: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.25 News. 4.35 The romper room. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 It takes a thief. 8.00 Glamour '70. 8.25 London. 10.30 Film: 'Payroll'. With Mitchell Craig and Francoise Prevost. 12.25 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 2.00 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 "The legend of Jesse James". 7.30 The Champions. 8.25 London. 10.30 The Baron. 11.30 Midland member: Geoffrey Freitas. 11.45 Who knows, weather.

ULSTER: 2.00-4.05 London. 4.15 The enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Viewfinder. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cinema: 'Mouse on the Moon'. With Margaret Rutherford, Ron Moody, Bernard Cribbins, Terry Thomas and June Ritchie. 8.30 London. 10.30 Two-shot golf. 11.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased).

YORKSHIRE: 2.00-3.30 London. 3.55 Houseparty. 4.10 Zingalong. 4.25 Matinee. 4.50 Phoenix five. 5.20 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.45 Beverley Hillbillies. 7.00 'The One That Got Away'. With Hardy Kruger. 9.00 London. 10.30 Yorksport. 11.00 Edgar Wallace. 12.00 Weather.

BORDER: 2.00 London. 4.13 News. 4.15 Room 222. 4.40 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Border roundabout. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The sky's the limit. 7.30 Ours is a nice house. 8.00 It takes a thief. 9.00 London. 10.30 'Yield to the Night'. With Diana Dors and Vyonne Mitchell. 12.15 News, weather.

GRANADA: 2.00-4.05 London. 4.10 News, short story. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.05 Put it in writing. 6.10 Doing your own thing. 6.40 Film: 'Dodge City'. With Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. 8.25 London. 10.30 The name of the game.

TYNE TEES: 2.00-4.10 London, 4.35 News. 4.40 London, 4.55 Thunderbirds, 5.50 London, 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 7.30 If it moves, file it. 8.00 I spy. 9.00 London, 10.30 Movie: 'Tea and Sympathy'. With Deborah Kerr and John Kerr. 12.40 News, Christian comment.

SCOTTISH: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.15
Dan. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Voyage to
the bottom of the sea. 5.50 London.
6.00 News. 6.05 Mad
Makem country style. 7.05 The name
of the game. 8.25 London. 10.30
Festival now. 11.00 Songs remembered. 11.30 Late call.

RAMPIAN: 2.00-4.05 London. 4.30 Rumblie jumblie. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Nanny and the professor. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 The sky's the limit. 7.25 Preview. 7.35 Garrison's gorillas. 8.25 London. 10.30 Never say die. 11.00 Outer limits.

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(US Round-up)

SUPERSONIC DISASTER?

AT THE same time as producing the biggest and fastest aeroplanes in its history, the US aircraft industry is facing its deepest crisis. Several major corporations could easily go to the wall.

Boeing, producers of the much-publicized jumbo jets, have cut their labour force by half since 1968 and 10,000 more sackings are to come before the end of the year.

Profits on the jumbo are said to be 'far in the future'. As the current issue of 'Fortune' magazine says:

'The outlook is a ruinous scramble for a permanently shrunken market, with some companies squeezed out of aircraft production and even the survivors forced to subsist on meagre rations. A decade ago. a dozen airframe manufacturers were able to thrive: a few years hence, it is difficult to see profitable business for more than three or four.'

This year the industry's sales of civil and military aircraft are down to \$14 billion -3.4 billion below the 1968

The number of jobs is sinking rapidly, contracting by 15 per cent in the last year alone, with tens of thousands of redundancies already promised

during the coming year. The crisis is compounded by the slow-down in growth of passenger transport, great hesitancy over the next generation of military aircraft and the excess capacity facing the coming generation of passenger planes—the SST's, jumbo jets and so on.

Worries

Boeing chairman William Allen said, quite correctly:

'The worries of today are largely things beyond our con-

Some companies are already battening down the hatches North American Rockwell's president claims:

'It's possible to survive if we tailor our operations to the requirements.'

And he means just that: North American has cut 23,000 workers from its payroll in just 18 months and is even trying to sell off its Los Angeles headquarters building along with several major plants.

The industry has been hit for the first time in decades by a sharp downturn in both civil and military aircraft.

The next generation of military aircraft—like the ill-fated F-111 swing-wing fighter and the giant C-5A cargo jet—have proved to be enormously costly, far exceeding the original cost estimates, and their military effectiveness has been called into question in many cases.

From being the prize plums which every Congressman sought to win for his home

PRESIDENT Nixon is not satisfied with listening in to what other people are saying. He plans to spend £416 million on a 'black box' to allow him to break into radio and television broadcasts and tele-

phone conversations. The system could sit on his White House desk in a container 'no bigger than a shoe-

One distinct advantage of the system—at least from Nixon's point of view—is that thereare no facilities for his victims to talk back.

state, each new military contract comes under the closest

Senate opposition is certain to ensure that many projects

General Dynamics faces going out of the military business altogether when F-111 production ends if the firm fails to win one of the increasingly

Rockwell's future in this field hangs on the very dubious prospects for the projected B-1 manned bomber.

During the boom the aircraft corporations grew fat on cost-plus contracts, but all

of awarding production contracts before development work and testing was finished in order to bring forward the start of production.

the F-111 swing-wing needed considerable redesigning in the prototype stage and this practice therefore led to extremely costly disaster.

ing a 'fly - before - you - buy' policy, putting the developers on their own to a much greater extent than before.

had more drastic effect than on Lockheed.

man of the industry—is apout production until 1973.

In a desperate effort to break out of the contracting military market Lockheed is developing the 300-passenger L-1011 TriStar airliner: their first passenger plane in 15

This move still hangs very much in the balance despite last week's Senate approval of yet another bailing-out fund for Lockheed — this time of \$200 million of government

prontable areas with the

Competitors selling similar aircraft are paring profits down to the bone and the jumbo jets are barging into the preserve hopefully earmarked for the

one order in the last year!

at just over 100 against an estimated break-even total of

Operators apparently fear that cash shortages could prevent TriStar production proceeding at the necessary speed and have held off rather than risk finding themselves at the end of the queue for competing

'Everywhere there is need for new money . . . five of the new airframe manufacturers have increased their long-term debt by 39 per cent in the past 12 months in spite of record interest rates. The financial

Lockheed's financial crunch is likely to come about the time when the TriStar's effectiveness becomes clear during

circles as well as in the industry itself will be turned on the TriStar's first ventures into

The crisis in the US industry

One US aircraft chief is reported to have said of the sharpening competition and underbidding in the industry:

Capitalism remains capital-

never get off the ground.

rare new contracts. Similarly North American

that is finished. The practice even grew up

But sophisticated planes like

Now the Pentagon is adopt-

Nowhere have these changes

The company—long the sick proaching the administration with a request for permission to slow production of the C-5A cargo plane so as to spin

Lockheed's fight to break TriStar is fraught with diffi-

trijets' market.

Lockheed's order book for the TriStar has not grown by

Shortages

At present firm orders stand around 250.

There are good grounds for As 'Fortune' magazine com-

strain is intense . . .

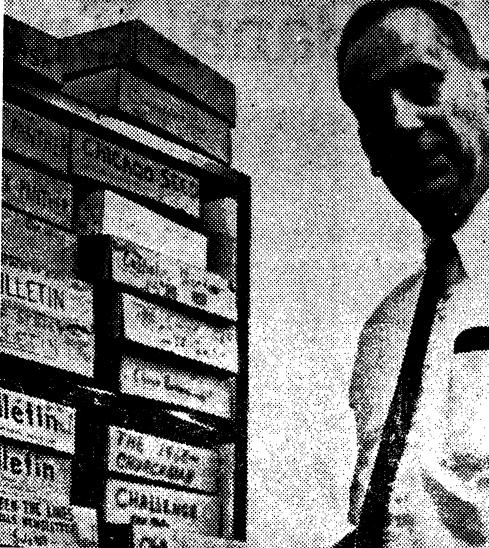
So not a few eyes in banking

-which produces two-thirds of the world's total aircraft exports-means curtains for its W European counterparts, hopelessly divided along national lines.

Rolls-Royce of Britain will be among those watching anxiously as this firm is looking to its contract to supply the TriStar's engines to be a mainstay over the next few

'Other executives grumble it's a crooked crap game, but

it's the only game in town.'



Former FBI agent K. Lambie with files

ONE OF the least known but best-financed right-wing groups in the United States is the American Security

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connections

budget in excess of \$1 million a year, is staffed by former FBI agents, endorsed by a long list of former generals and admirals, and is financed by some of the largest US corporations.

Right

Its major activity in the recent period has been a campaign in favour of Nixon's anti-ballistic missile programme and it is presently compiling a 'security voting index' which will rate members of Congress on how they stand on those issues that the Council feel are

This group operates on a

Council.

vital to 'security'.

Among the firms associated with it over the years are Marshall Field, Sears Roebuck. Stewart - Warner, Motorola, General Electric, Schick, US

Steel, and National Liberty. Contributions from these sources are written off as business expenses.

Kesearch

One of the most interesting operations of the group is their library and research centre in Wacker Drive, Chicago, which claims to contain 'the largest private collection on revolutionary acivities in America'.

Head collector is ex-FBI agent William K. Lambie and information from the files is provided to supporting corporations at a small fee.

Needless to say, the Workers' League's weekly paper, 'Bulletin', is amply represented in the files.

Those who think that rightwing groups are small, isolated and made up of nuts should think again.

There is a whole spectrum of organizations stemming from openly fascist and anti-Semitic groups to highly respectable ones like the Council, which openly works with the blessing

of President Nixon. But each of these organizations has its connections with others.

Acquired

For instance the American Security Council's files were acquired from a certain Harry Jung — now deceased — who published a right-wing, anti-

Semitic paper. In this way, the right-wing maintains its watch on the

revolutionary left. In turn, Mr Lambie and his private collection of counterrevolutionaries must be watched closely by the working class.

study 'TOWARDS "UHURU" IN TANZANIA'

By G. Andrew Maguire Cambridge University Press

TANIJ

THE AUTHOR of 'Towards "Uhuru" in Tanzania' was an adviser to the United States mission to the United Nations from 1966 to 1969 and part of that country's UN General Assembly delegation for five sessions.

In 1969, he was appointed to a 'development' post by Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York. On his way he had picked up a Ph.D. from Harvard and training at London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

He was thus fully equipped

Nyerere

to write a pompous, shallow 400page account of the rise and rule of the Tanganyika African National Union.

This, however, is precisely the sort of material which finds a publisher in Britain and the US while literally scores of expert writers have their work turned down on grounds of 'limited market value'. The reviewer has seen at least one manuscript of an up-to-date work on Tanzania by a writer who has been simply unable to find a publisher to date despite his more modern material, wider research and much longer experience in situ.
Such is freedom of expression in the two leading self-styled

democracies.
And really—apart from a few interesting tit-bits which a man in Maguire's position would have little difficulty in obtainingthere is not much more to sav about this 'historically-oriented

micropolitical case study', as its introduction describes it. There are great gaps in these 'micropolitics'.

Chiefly, these relate to Tanzania's periods of direct German and British dictatorship-by comparison with which the 'one-party state' of Nyerere, with all its nightmares, is a Sundayschool picnic.

It is always interesting that supporters of the two most brutal dictatorships in world history, British and American colonialism, should be so concerned with the 'problem' of the one-party state; which happens in Nyerere's case—but, apparently, not for Maguire—to serve British imperialism so well.

The book concentrates on the 'tribal' group of the Sukuma.
It begins with a false, racial description of their 'Nilo-Hamitic' (sicl) origins, a shallow treatment of the early missionaries and complete failure to analyze the British influence behind the early so-called Arab slave traffic.

Although the treatment the period of TANU's rise is more factual, one searches in vain-to the end of the work, in fact—for any improvement in the standards set on the first

The book concludes with the 1965 elections which confirmed TANU in office, a justification of the one-party state, and an implied plea for Sukuma 'tribalism'.

A good work on Tanzania remains to be published.
Such works as indicated above, have already been completed in manuscript. Maguire's book emphasizes the need for their **REVIEWED BY N. MAKANDA**

Liberal obscures apartheid

'A HEALTHY GRAVE' By James Kantor

Seven Seas Publishers, Berlin

JAILED in Pretoria and Johannesburg in 1963 under South Africa's 90day detention law, the author gives a lively and very readable narrative of his experiences — as one of the accused in the Rivonia sabotage trialin the 'white' section of the country's prison system.

This was the trial which led to the imprisonment for life of Nelson Mandela—after whom Kantor named one of his children -- Walter Sisulu and other African National Congress

Kantor himself — neither a member of the Communist Party, nor an active ANC supporter but a wealthy lawyer at the time; liberal in his views-was acquit-

Unlike Bob Hepple, a liberal social-democrat, Kantor did not the other accused.

He left S Africa legally after his acquittal, rightly feeling that

re-arrest could be imminent.

The police on all levels emerge from the book as the right-wing extremists they are. So does the state prosecutor, Percy Yutar, a rabid Jewish anti-African and anti-communist typical of the upper echelons of all sections of the European community: Jewish, British and

Despite Yutar, Kantor can still talk of his own 'Jewish heritage racialism'-which, of course, is total nonsense.

Other serious defects of the book are his suggestions that racial tyranny began with the Nationalist Party's coming to power in 1948 and not, primarily, with British imperialism in the

19th century.
Indeed, this defect makes the otherwise absorbing story of police terror historically untrue



Nelson Mandela

For nowhere in his account does Kantor show that the Boer is the political servant, without real economic power, of the British imperialists who hold 95 per cent of the real economic

As a result of his inability to see the social forces behind the state and thus also the police, Kantor gives an unbalanced picture of Afrikaner brutality since the British in Durban, Johannesburg and other cities which they control are as notoriously pro-apartheid and anti-African as the Afrikaner in

Bloemfontein and Pretoria. Not only is it an unbalanced picture, but it helps to hide British imperialism's own eco-nomic dictatorship over the non-Europeans behind the official brutality of the apparatus.

More than this-books like Kantor's obscure the fundamental fact about apartheid - namely, that its basis is British imperialist

capital. As a lawyer he should know better—for the laws of S Africa are based on British-made laws, passed before and at the Act of Union of 1910.

He should know that the

Nationalists merely took over where the United Party left off in 1948, and that legally or otherwise the Nationalists did nothing different or new—nothing that the pro-British Smuts party had not done before (or British colonial rule before Smuts).

It is not an accident that minds like Kantor's should sympathise with the collabora-tionist ANC and CPSA, both of which have always collaborated with British liberalism and hidden the basic role of imperialism

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A TROTSKYIST ANALYSIS BY ROBERT BLACK

Two Moon missions are axed

Houston, Texas, Thursday ---Savage cuts in America's manon-the-moon programme left Apollo astronauts and scientists angry and dismayed to-

The US space agency, NASA, has axed two of the six remaining moon-landing missions—Apollo 15 and 19.

It said the moves anticipated budget cuts in the current financial year and would give NASA some cash-in-hand to meet the ever-rising costs of its long-term space exploration programme. Astronaut Charles Conrad,

commander of Apollo 12,

'It's not up to us to argue the point, but certainly we are discouraged.'

Cornfeld back

Geneva, Thursday - Bernard Cornfeld, former chairman of Investors Overseas Services Ltd., was formally reinstated as director of the mutual funds company and member of its seven-man executive committee yesterday,

pay demands for 98,000.

The employers said in

London that busmen can-

not have more money

until the present agree-

ment runs out next March.

The union side asked their

executives to take militant ac-

tion from September 13 by banning overtime and stand-

ing passengers and refusing to

co-operate in the introduction of more one-man-operated

The companies, including

strike POST OFFICE factories in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Monmouthshire are to be halted by a half-day strike this afternoon in support of a claim for improved leave for

POEU

lower staff grades. 2,600 members of the Post Office Engineering LATEST PAY CLAIM REJECTED Union will be taking part in the stoppage, which follows the break-**Bus overtime** of prolonged

> cessor Corporations. Lowest-leave grades in the Post Office were due for an increase in holiday allotment to three weeks a year, but the formation of the Post Office Corporation last October meant a further round of protracted and fruitless negotiations.

Post Office and its suc-

The Corporation has offered to raise minimum leave to three weeks, but the unions want minimum leave allowance raised to four weeks, with increases based on length of service.

Grades affected

the Post Office Corporation,

was not available for com-

ment yesterday. He is on

NOT STRIKES

up a special committee to look into ways of providing

more money for employees from next March.

Mr Alan Dix, managing director of the Volkswagen importing company, said at a London press conference yesterday that he doubted if strikes in the British car industry had made more than 1 or 2 per cent difference in the number the state-run National Bus of foreign cars imported into Company, have offered to set

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LATE NEWS

'This is a success story,' port employers' chairman Walter Lewis told reporters at the employers' headquarters, as he announced the Devlin

that union representatives Peter Shea (Transport and General Workers' Union) and Les Newman (National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers) had not agreed to take part in yesterday afternoon's celebrations.

'With a little more persuasion I think we could have got them along,' he said. Shea, he said, had brought his fellow delegates through tremendous difficulties, 'some

of which have been very difficult for them to swallow', to sign the deal, while Newman had had 'considerable diffi-

culty with his own conscience' Both had agreed in the end. One item of expenditure to assist the deal's speed-up terms is the £350,000 the employers have laid out on food and drink vending machines

ISRAEL WAITS FOR US MOVE

(See page one)
Tel Aviv Thursday—Israeli leaders today decided to await further action from Washington on Egypt's reported ceasefire violations, before taking any drastic action on the question of the Middle-East peace talks, it is reported

The decision was taken the Israeli cabinet.



POEU members took militant action during July last year for a 10 per cent pay rise.

Confirmed

This opinion is also con-

states that the Chancellor, Mr

Anthony Barber, will warn his

Cabinet colleagues that cuts

in public expenditure will be

announced in the autumn 'in

isolation from the rest of the

have such a variety and num-

ber of cuts to make that it will be impossible for them

'to compress all the Conserva-

tive fiscal and economic com-

mitments into one enormous

Tories to the TUC General

Council's pleas for more

■ Take dental treatment out of the National Health

PLESSEY

PROFITS UP

PLESSEY, the electronics and

telecommunications group, yesterday came out with an-

other set of record profit

They show that profits for

the year ending June jumped more than £3,500,000 to

WEATHER

London area, SE, central southern and E England, E Midlands: Rain spreading from west during morn-ing. Brighter with sunny spells later. Moderate or fresh SW winds. Near normal. Max. 20C (68F).

Midlands, Channel Islands, SW

England: Dull with rain or drizzle.
Becoming brighter with sunny spells and scattered showers.
Moderate or fresh SW to west winds. Near normal. Max. 19C (66F).

It seems that the Tories

firmed by

'expansion'

Service.

figures.

£24,834,000.

'The Times', which

Miners are underpaid —Belgian strikers

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN THOUSAND miners in the Zolder pits of Limbourg coalfield in Beccu, Belgium, are out on unofficial strike for a pay increase of 12s 6d a day.

Earnings at present average about £4 a day and the miners are demanding publication of a report, suppressed by the government for several months, that reveals that miners are seriously underpaid relative to other sections of workers.

Although the official miners' union, headed by Catholic and Social-Democratic bureaucrats, has refused to support the strike, the action is likely to spread to other sections of the coalfield, which employs a total of 23,000 men.

In the spring of this year, the whole field struck for two months for a 15 per cent pay increase, but the men were driven back to work for much

Crucial factor

A crucial factor in this setback was the treachery of the union leaders, who refused to make the strike official—cutting off the miners from both strike pay and social security —and who organized a secret ballot in an attempt to force

Police were also used in strength at that time to break

pickets and arrest militants for 'obstruction' during strike

Spanish coal output down

ACCORDING to a recent report by Spanish mining companies, production in the Asturian coalfield has declined by 23 per cent in the first six months of this

The report claims that the recent series of strikes in the Asturias is the main cause of the drop in output.

The Franco regime has imported 71.3 per cent more coal over the last year to offset the effects of such strikes. Much of it came from Poland at the height of the month-long strike of winter.

The productivity of the Asturian pits is a pressing problem for the fascist regime and to help solve it, Polish and Soviet technicians and productivity experts are now working in the region.

US firms slash investment

FURTHER cut - backs in capital investment by US big business are anticipated in a report just published by the Securities and Exchange Commission, together with the Commerce Department.

Hit by sharply-declining profit returns, US firms have planned to spend £34,208 million on new plant and equipment this year, an increase of only 6.5 per cent on 1969.

A survey carried out last May pointed to a planned increase of 7.8 per cent. And cutting-back is still in progress. This decline in the US investment rate dominates the approaching clash between United Auto Workers and the 'Big Three' motor firms, three-year contract expires in two weeks time.

'Dead' Soviet **oppositionist** in forced

THE SOVIET oppositionist Ghennadi Gavrilov, who was reported last May to have been sentenced to death and executed under military law, is alive and serving a six-year forced labour sentence in a Mordovia camp.

The news of Gavrilov comes from the same source — the Milan daily 'Corriere della Sera'-that reported the transfer of the imprisoned oppositionist Alexander Ginsberg from the Mordovia camp to the Vladimir Prison in

Gavrilov, who was an officer on a Soviet nuclear submarine stationed in the Baltic, organized there an opposition group, the Union for Political Rights.

They campaigned for the realization of the rights which exist on paper in Soviet law, including political and intellectual freedom, but emphasized that this must take place within the framework of a socialist state.

'The Party', wrote Gavrilov, 'must lead, and not oppress.' The Union for Political Rights strongly opposed the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Other members Union were arrested with Gavrilov, but no news is yet Union available of their fate.

advocates of 'planned capitalism', has deep implications for the British working class. It is the most recent of a series of strikes in countries where social democracy has sunk deep roots into the Labour movement.

A year ago, 'wildcat' strikes in W Germany forced union leaders to increase their modest claims on the em-

ployers.

The result was the biggest round of wage increase secured by the German working class since the boom days of the 1920s.

The W German were quickly followed by miners and engineers in Sweden, another stronghold of reformism. In each case, the workers took on their own union bureaucracy as well as the employers.

Pernicious

The Dutch dock strike is part of this international crisis of social democracy which, in Holland as in Britain, has played a pernici-ous role in the workers' struggle for socialism.

The British dock strike, though greatly weakened by its official leadership, gave an example of militancy that has now been equalled by their brothers across the Channel. Britain's portworkers asked for and were given complete backing by Rotterdam dockers.

Now is our turn.
The struggle is against the same enemies — the international monopolies and their accomplices in the trade

Without a fight against reformism and for socialist policies in the docks—nationalization under workers' control - British and Dutch dockers cannot win their demands.

Protection

FOUR THOUSAND police and military forces were con-centrated in the centre of The Hague yesterday to provide the security measures pledged by the Dutch government to Indonesia's President Suharto for his two-day stay

Suharto postponed his visit twice after students from the Island of Ambon in the Moluccas seized the donesian embassy earlier this week, holding the Ambassador's family as hostages.

They were demanding an undertaking from Suharto

to consider granting the Amboinese independence from

Meter readers' jobs in danger

Information is then passed automatically to a central accounting computer so that made up.

and can be used for the re-mote control of supply of the house or flat.

electricity and gas authorities to reduce the number of

LATIN AMERICA

Chilean police attack homeless squatters in Santiago.

Chilean miners to

THE 11,000 coal-miners of the Lota-Schwager pits, in the South of CHILE, have been on strike since Monday for a 50 per cent wage increase. The management have for 50pc rise

refused to improve on their offer of a one-third.

Rapidly rising prices in Chile mean that very large increases are necessary merely to keep the real standard of living of workers from deteriorating. The government, with one

day to go to the presidential election, has threatened to try to break the strike by special imports of coal. During the election cam-

paign the right wing have hardly bothered to conceal their willingness to attempt a military coup if the right-wing candidate, Jorge Alesandrini, is defeated.

US support
The US Ambassador,
Edward Korry, has also been active in support of Alesan-

On Monday shots were fired during clashes between police and demonstrators outside the US Embassy. Police also attacked home-

less squatters who occupied unused land owned by land speculators, including the Catholic University of Chile, in the centre of Santiago. THE 'Central American University' at Managua, capital of NICARAGUA, has been shut down by the government after a student strike lasting over a

Hundreds of students occupied the buildings and demanded the resignation of the university's rector, the Jesuit Father Leon Pallais, who tried to run the university with no control by students or staff. IN Caracas, capital of VENE-ZUELA, the Chamber of Deputies has passed a government bill placing all univer-

sity matters under the direct control of the government and abolishing the theoretical 'autonomy' they previously The new law will provide a

legal cover for police attacks on left-wing students and staff on the campuses.

Barricades During the 'debate' on the

bill the Chamber of Deputies was surrounded with a guard of hundreds of armed police. IN BOLIVIA, the students of San Andres University, in the capital, La Paz, have launched a campaign of demonstrations against the summary execution by government troops of eight guerrillas, two of whom were students of the university. They erected barricades and to the Ovando regime in

held marches in the streets of

La Paz, demanding the return

of exiled staff members and

the re-establishment of free-

The university, 'taken over'

for a week in July by fascist

'Phalange' thugs, has now be-

come a centre of opposition

dom of speech.

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

IN COLOMBIA, the government has launched a massive sweep against guerrillas in the Santander eastern region after seven soldiers were killed in

an ambush.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

SOUTH-EAST LONDON: Sunday, September 6, 3 p.m. Kerfield Tavern, Grove Lane, Camberwell Green. 'The Tories and the unions.'

BIRMINGHAM: Tuesday, September 8, 8 p.m. The Wellington', corner Bromsgrove St and Bristol St. 'Trade unions — the vital

COVENTRY: Thursday, September 10, 7.30 p.m. City Arms, Market Way. 'Significance of the Rolls-Royce DATA lockout'.

A TELEMETERING system by which domestic gas and electricity meters can be read every 30 seconds—and controlled from a central station has been developed by Plessey. Readings are converted into signals which are fed back directly via telephone cables to a central service station which can memorize up to 10,000 readings.

The equipment is two-way

With the present drive of

workers by any means possible, it is more than likely that this equipment will be taken up particularly with a view to eliminating meterreading inspectors and cutting back on accounts and other office staff.

DEVLIN DEADLINE (See page one) to cut meal-break times.

deadline. He was sorry, he added,

during a five-hour meeting of

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The trades mainly affected by the demand are motor mechanics, assistant factory technicians, stores assistants, watchmen, packers and porters. Lord Hall, chairman of

Middle

cast

● FROM PAGE ONE tary aspects, stability in the region is required by the oil companies, whose income plays an important part in the

US balance of payments. The Soviet bureaucracy also wants a Middle-East deal to be tied up.

It has been associated with every stage of the preparation for the talks, especially securing Nasser's co-operation.

It may be expected to take

an understanding attitude to

the US declarations on the cease-fire violations. It wants the Suez Canal opened even more urgently than the Americans. The Israelis, including their

'hawks', are trying to get the best deal possible from the

negotiations by putting pressure on their American

FEARS METHODS Washington now fears that Israeli methods of bargaining may be so violent as to put the whole venture in jeopardy. In that event, it is possible that the US, with Stalinist support, would impose its will by force, carrying out the plan

Either way, the Arab revolution can suffer a big blow, as a result of its betrayal by the Arab leaders and Moscow.

Rolls-Royce

FROM PAGE ONE

Shop stewards at the Ansty. Coventry, factory — who are supporting the DATA men by blacking material — have already blocked the management's Measured-Day Work proposals, which were to be implemented from August 27. A defeat for DATA is therefore essential to Rolls-Royce. who are desperate to push through speed-up plans in the face of huge economic problems and the almost-certain refusal of the government to provide a further financial

At the centre of DATA's fight is the battle of all the combine's workers who now face these attacks.

All DATA members must strike for the increase without strings and must be supported by every manual

Heath swings axe • FROM PAGE ONE Cut the unemployment weapons will, no doubt, be confidently displayed. benefits to strikers.

students into loans. ● Maraud the state air • Carry out a series of, so far, undisclosed attacks on

Convert the grants of

housing and education. With the money 'saved' from these operations the Tories can well afford to present a bonanza to big business and the middle class in the

form of corporation and other tax cuts.
The Tory Cabinet thus gives the lie to all the reformist speculation of the 'Tribune' and the 'lefts' about Heath's decision to hold another election in the spring of next year.

Damage

Far from preparing for another election, Heath and his Cabinet are preparing to use the retreat of the 'lefts' and the trade union bureaucrats to inflict as much damage and demoralization as they can on the trade unions and the

In face of this concerted attack the silence and collaboration of the trade urion leaders and the 'lefts' is politically despicable.

Mr Norman Atkinson,

unemployed.

Labour MP for Tottenham has stated that the political wing should now become 'second ary' to the trade union wing. This is nothing more than an evasion of the responsi-

bilities of political leadership which the trade union ranks are crying out for. It is, moreover, a cover-up for the unprincipled reformist politics of the 'left' trade union leaders who have consistently ducked the real issues of effective opposition to pro-ductivity dealing in industry

and growing unemployment. Leadership

None of these questions can be solved by the present trade

NW England, SW Scotland, Glasgow area, N Ireland: Dull and wet at first. Becoming brighter with sunny intervals and showers. Strong to gale southerly winds, becoming fresh or strong west to NW. Near normal. Max. 17C (63F). union leadership. Only a revolutionary leader-ship in the trade unions, based on a policy of socialist expropriation of big business under workers' control, can solve the problems of unemployment and increasing misery of the working class brought about by the Tories.

Central northern and NE England: Cloudy with rain spreading from west. Brighter with sunny spells and showers later. Fresh or strong southerly winds, becoming fresh NW later. Near normal. Max. 16C (61F). The first task of such lead-Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Continuing unsettled with rain at times in the north and near nor-mal temperatures. Becoming dry and warmer in the south. ership is not merely to oppose the Tories, as Mr Atkinson suggests, but to force the Tories to resign. **Driverless tractor**

for industry BY BERNARD FRANKS

THE DRIVERLESS tractor system used for fruit farming is now being developed for industrial uses. A thousand yards of floor wiring in the Green Shield Trading Stamp company's Daventry warehouse has enabled the remote control (stopping, starting and steering) of a tractor and trailer as part of the storage operations.

Increased size and simplification of many stores and warehousing systems, including those for food and car components, make it quite likely that more employers will be looking to this comparatively cheap method for reducing