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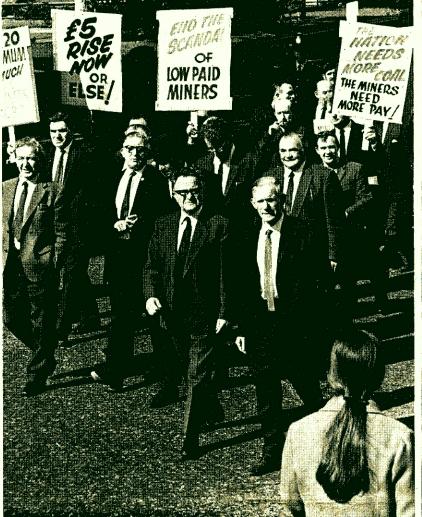
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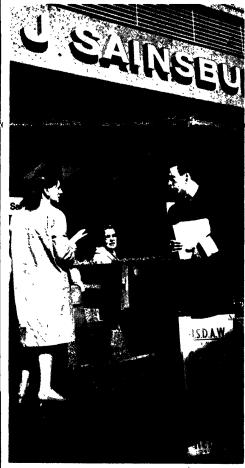
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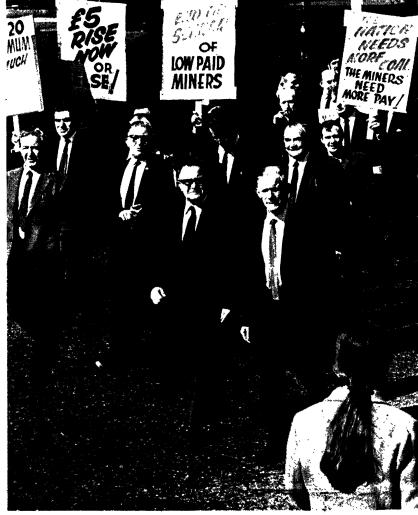
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Roy Lynk, Sutton, Nottingham, NUM branch secretary, expressed the militancy of the entire demonstration when he said: 'I think it must come to strike action. 'Robens has put up 12½ per

This shadow melts away when the resolution goes on cent, but this is just not to proclaim the determination enough. of Liberals to maintain their We also know it will be a

'independence' and develop 'power and influence' at all political battle. The Tories are out to make an example of some of the workers, but we Foreign policy is dealt with are not afraid of this. in a reserve resolution-discussed if time permits - on the Middle East, which sup-ports Israel's 'right to exist' and urges the Tory govern-

'Act now' 'We have been too loyal too

long. Now is the time to act, there is a shortage of coal. 'The present leadership have promised strike action, but this time they had better respond to the Isle of Man 'To my mind many of the

leaders have forgotten what it is like to work down a pit.' The miners then went on to lobby union leaders as they arrived for talks with the NCB at Hobart House.

'Get off your knees, Joe. You'd better not retreat on this one, one man shouted into the face of Joe Gormley, right-wing leader of the Lan-

'Want something' 'Official or unofficial - it

makes no difference to us. We want something out of the till this time,' called another group from Nottingham. Noise reached a crescendo as NUM leader Lawrence Daly pushed through the crowd at the main door.

He smiled, but was visibly nervous as he faced a massed chorus of: 'We want £5.'

See late news

Be 'fair' on wages -TUC plea

MEMBERS of the TUC's Nationalized Industries Committee met in London yesterday—but did not discuss how public-sector workers could

In fact the committee's discussions represented a further retreat before the Tories.

win their forthcoming wages

Indication

TUC general secretary Victor Feaher said that 'the government have got to give some indication' as to what they mean by 'fair' wage settlements.

But doesn't the National Coal Board decision to meet only a third of the miners' wage claim show the meaning government double-talk

about 'fairness'?
This makes nonsense of Feather's question: 'Is there at the back of their

[the government's] mind some kind of norm which isn't being disclosed?'
Yet he remarked that unions could carry on nego-

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sored by the Lancashire Federation of Trades Councils and eight Merseyside councils, delegates from Liverpool's Kirkby Trades Council are to demand the calling of a one-day strike and lobby of parliament. Industrial action, however. is unlikely to get even a mention at this afternoon's meeting over Palmer's between Trades Union Congress

general secretary Victor Feather and Tory Minister of Technology John Davies. In fact Feather made clear yesterday that he would merely concentrate on telling the Minister about the effects

of the closure. Davies — a former Confederation of British Industry president—is, of course, very well aware of what the loss of 1,000 shipyard jobs means in an area like the Tyneside; the government's decision not to intervene at Palmer's is entirely consistent with its

jobs and wages. And earlier this week, a meeting took place at Glas-gow's Upper Clyde Ship-builders which completely exposed the union leaders claims to be fighting this attack through 'pressure' on the government.

productivity-dealing attack on

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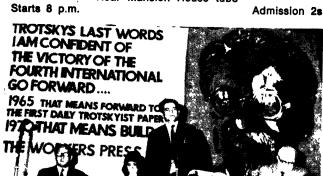
management meeting outfitting tradesmen that of workers suspended earlier this month pending talks on the

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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21 The second of Two Trotsky Memorial Lectures

'Trotsky's fight against revisionism'

BEAVER HALL **GARLICK HILL** Near Mansion House tube



Lecture given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)

nent authorities, make breaches in working-class areas of cities.

It does not matter whether the reasons are those of public health, the demand for centrallylocated business premises or new traffic requirements. The result is that the worst houses disappear only to reappear somewhere else, often in the immediate neigh-

In the Ministry report it is estimated that 135,000 houses in London will be pulled down by 1974. Not all of these are slums;

many demolitions will be the result of 'central area redevelopment', or to make way for urban

The law of supply and demand means that whatever is supplied is more profitable than something else. Workers' houses are not as profitable as offices or

So houses are built while others are demolished to make way for more lucrative invest-ments and in this way capitalism

is incapable of solving the housing question, even if it wanted to.

Engels shows how reformist

demands, such as the abolition of rented property, or individual ownership of houses, leaves capitalism untouched. This is why all sorts of public bodies are prepared to discourse on the subject and why the field is such

subject and why the field is such a rich one for charlatans and

The relationship in housing is between tenant and landlord, or

house-owner. No surplus value

is produced, although the tenant

may be swindled into paying more for the property than it is worth. To abolish one part of the capitalist class would still

leave the working class exploited

by the employing class as it was

The housing problem is caused by capitalism. The demands of tenants and those involved in a

struggle for better housing must be linked with the overthrow of

capitalism or they will remain isolated and ineffectual.

The lessons of the struggles of the tenants' associations, many of them led by Stalinists and revi-sionists, is that the leadership

prevented them from developing into political struggles.

Diversionary demands were

made such as lower interest rates and rents freezing while rent strikes were embarked upon

without preparation and in com-plete isolation from the trade

The result was often bitter

disillusionment for the tenants who saw their efforts dissipated

into useless, blind-alley cam-

The frustrations over housing

must be drawn into the struggle to construct the revolutionary party for the overthrow of capitalism. Demands must be made which strike at the roots of the questions. Tenants' associations

must be linked with the trade

union movement.

HOUSING

Rachmanism

THE TORIES will intensify the Labour government's attempts to drive down the housing conditions of the workers as part of their attack on the conditions of the whole class.

The publicity given to London landlady Mrs Elsie Raum who was imprisoned for evicting a tenant and his family gives one indication of their policy.

The Tories and their Fleet St friends want to see a return to the days of Rachman. Following the 1957 Tory Rent Act millions of tenants found themselves with little security of tenure and were often the victims of thugs em-ployed by the big landlords to chase them off the property.

Labour's 1965 Rent Act improved security a little, though rents rose. Then, under pressure from the bankers to deflate the economy they clamped down on house-building and switched instead to modernization of existing property.

This was what the Housing Act 196% was about.

Its most important aspect was the decontrolling of rents where property had been modernized. The Labourites not only gave landlords money to repair dilapidated property, but allowed them to put up the rents as well!

The Tories have taken their

The Land Commission will be abolished. This was a half-hearted attempt by Labour to cream off in the form of betterment levy some of the profits made in land speculation and to buy and sell land cheaply to local authorities. For the Tories it is full-steam ahead for open speculation and fat profits.

Tory policy is the abolition of blanket subsidies of council tenants' rents. They propose to charge what is loosely known as 'economic rents' — that is economic for Tory councils and their allies in the City.

The Tory GLC talks of £12 or with a means test for those who

They have begun to implement this policy by announcing an increase of 10s a week from March 1 for GLC tenants, only six months after a similar increase. It is not unusual now to find GLC rents of more than £8 a week.

Local authority house building is to be slashed and authorities have been given the all-clear to sell as many houses as they can, a policy that Labour adopted before the general election.

Surplus myth

Labour accepted the myth of the 'housing surplus' — an excess of total houses over potential households — and used it as an excuse to cut back on building.

The Tories will act on it with a vengeance. Rents will soar, evictions will increase, land prices will encourage speculation and many more offices will be

This article will attempt to show the housing position in London and the provinces and will look at the relationship of housing to capitalism.

The report on London's housing issued by the Ministry in July illustrates the squalid housing conditions endured by millions of workers, the present state of London's housing stock and what changes can be expected by 1974.

The report, 'London's Housing Needs up to 1974' (No. 3, 6s) says that in April 1966 there were 2.4 million dwellings in the Greater London area. There were an estimated 2.6 million potential households, that is families, groups and individuals who formed households or would





have done so but for the

The study says that 131,000 houses were either vacant 'for the housing market to function freely or were not available because they were used as second

The number of houses short was 326,000 or 12 per cent of all households. By figure fell to 233,000. But little uilding took place in inner London, where most of shortage is and one third of the



Mr GEORGE CLARKE: Try praying

reduction was accounted for by migration from the central areas.

To these figures must be added 370,000 misleadingly termed 'unsatisfactory dwellings'. These are those that are about to fall down and those which lack basic amenities such as toilets, running water and bathrooms but which could possibly be repaired.

Added to the number of houses short we get a total of 696,000 houses too few for people living in London in 1966. one London borough the shortage amounted to over half of all the households in the area.

By 1969 the unsatisfactory dwellings had fallen by 53,000 to 317,000, giving a total deficit of 550,000 at the end of the year.

Underestimates

The authors admit these figures are gross underestimates of the position. The definition of 'unsatisfactory' is narrow and does

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not take into account multipleoccupation. And it ignores the fact that the number of houses unfit to live in grows as age overtakes them. GLC surveyors estimated that the number of unfit houses would leap by 110,000 in the period 1966-1974.

PAUL FELDMAN

Even less convincing than the narrowness of the report's concepts are its predictions. It is estimated that hy 1974 the stock of buildings will have increased. leaving a deficit of 106,000 com-pared with 233,000 today. And the report claims the number of unsatisfactory dwellings will fall to 230,000 from 317,000, giving a total deficit of 336,000.

The study assures that council building will not only hold its own in the next four years but actually increase and the same is made for private

But last year's housing figures showed the biggest fall in any year since the war. And with the deepening of the economic crisis there is no reason to believe the trend will be reversed.

Someone must have pointed this out to the people who com-piled the report because tucked away in the last column of one of its tables is an alternative estimate of the future position.

Based on current figures these estimates give a total deficit of houses, including those considered unsatisfactory, of 498,000 by 1974. Add to this their own conservative estimate of 110,000 more unfit dwellings and you get a staggering shortage of 608,000 houses in London in four years

Outside London the situation is the same. In Glasgow there are 50,000 families on the council's waiting list and 70,000 houses are unfit to live in.

Birmingham has 30,000 on the waiting list, with 6,500 applying each year; some 40,000 houses are unfit. Liverpool has 70,000 unfit houses and 35,000 people living in overcrowded conditions.

What is the solution to the housing question?

Des Wilson, ex-head of Shelter, the charity for the homeless, talks about convincing the powers-that-be of the position. He is constantly involved in dispute with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government over the definition of those considered homeless.

His view is that if only people could see what misery terrible housing conditions bring to millions of people then something would be done about it.

But this is not the answer.

All the figures quoted in this article are from government sources. Yet the Tories plan to make squalid conditions appreciably worse.

Claptrap

Other solutions range from praying, as Mr George Clarke recently did. to Communist Party plans to lower interest rates to encourage building and

freezing of rents.

This piecemeal reformist and idealist claptrap avoids the basic issues of the housing question which Engels illustrated in his

His three articles on housing were written in 1872 in reply to 'solutions' put forward by a social reformist and a follower of Proudhon. Engels wanted to fight against the idea of gradual reform of the evils of capitalism, housing being one of them, which were present inside the German Social Democratic Party.

Engels shows how housing is bound up with capitalism and how the abolition of a housing shortage means the overthrow of capitalism.

He says, 'It (the housing shortage) cannot fail to be present in a society in which the great labouring masses are exclusively dependent upon wages and in which improvements of the machinery, etc., continually throw masses of workers out of employment.'

He goes on, 'Violent and regularly recurring industrial fluctuations determine on the one hand the existence of a large reserve army of unemployed workers, and on the other drive the mass of the workers on to the streets unemployed.

'Workers are crowded together in the big towns at a quicker rate than dwellings come into existence under prevailing conditions and, therefore, there

must always be tenants even for the most infamous pigsties.

'Finally the house-owner in his capacity as capitalist has not only the right but by reason of com-petition, to a certain extent also has the duty of ruthlessly making as much out of his property in house rents as he possibly can.

'In such a society the housing a necessary institution and can be abolished together with its effects on health, etc., only when the whole social order from which it springs is fundamentally

Capitalism will not and cannot do away with the housing shortage and squalid conditions.

To show that this is true Engels returns to the centrepoint of Marxist theory, that of the creation of surplus value.

The worker sells his labour

power to the capitalist employer in return for a wage. During his working hours he soon produces the equivalent of the value of his wages. For every minute after that he is producing surplus value and profit for the capitalist. Engels argues that wages

approximate more or less to that which can keep the worker alive and enable him to propagate his kind. Obviously a worker needs a roof over his head if he is to fulfil this function, but no more than that.

The question of the state of this roof is not in question and

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the capitalist class is interested in that.

If rents in any period are tending to fall wages will also tend to fall.

No solution

Engels examines the capitalist solution to the housing problem and he says 'In present-day society just as any other social question is solved: by the gradual economic adjustment of supply and demand, a solution

As an example he cites the process by which speculators and

unions in the fight to defeat the which ever reproduces the ques-Nationalize the banks, land, tion itself anew and therefore is no solution.' building societies and building industry without compensation

investors, together with govern-

Force the Tories to resign!

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6.00 NATIONWIDE. Your region tonight, weather.

6.45 THE DOCTORS. 7.05 TOP OF THE POPS.

7.45 BACHELOR FATHER. 'Family Feeling'. New comedy series. 8.15 THE GOOD OLD DAYS. Old-time music hall.

9.00 NEWS and weather.

9.20 PRIZEWINNERS. 'In Need of Special Care'. The Camphill

7.30 p.m. NEWSROOM, weather. With Peter Woods.

8.40 LOOK STRANGER. Film of the last coasting barge in Europe

9.20 OUT OF THE UNKNOWN. 'Target Generation'. Science-fiction.

10.15 WORLD CINEMA. 'Shakespeare Wallah'. With Felicity Kendal,

2.05 p.m. Journey of a Lifetime. 2.20 It happened to me. 3.15

National exhibition of children's art. 4.17 Origami. 4.30 Crossroads.

6.55 FILM. 'Mr Moses'. With Robert Mitchum and Carroll Baker.

9.00 THE WORKER. Charlie Drake in the last of his present series.

10.30 CINEMA. Michael Parkinson's choice. Scenes from 'M*A*S*H',

12.00 WHY IT MATTERS. Former TUC secretary and now CIR

tonic to African natives until conned himself by a missionary's

Shashi Kapoor and Madhur Jaffrey. James Ivory's highlypraised film of a group of Shakespearian players in modern

School for mentally handicapped children in Aberdeen. 10.20 24 HOURS. 11.05 THE SELLING GAME. 11.30 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except:

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ITV

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.32 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.32 News, weather. weather.
Wales: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Wales today, weather. 6.45-7.05 Heddiw. 7.45-8.15 Week in week out. 11.05-

11.00 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

working under sail.

10.10 NEWS ON 2, weather.

8.00 BEETHOVEN MASTER CLASS.

4.55 Flipper. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.02 TODAY. 6.25 PEYTON PLACE.

11.30 Bric-a-brac. 11.30-11.55 The selling game. 11.55 Weather.

Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Reporting Scotland. 11.32 News, weather.

N. Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Scene around six, weather. 11.32 News, weather. Road works report. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.32 News, weather. ATV MIDLANDS: 3.50 Your stars tomorrow, 3.52 Women today, 4.10 Peyton Place, 4.40 Enchanted house, 4.55 Fireball XL5, 5.15 London, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Film: "Twenty Plus Two', 9.00 London, 11.00 Untouchables

YORKSHIRE: 4.00 Houseparty, 4.15 London, 4.30 Matinee, 4.55 Skippy, 5.20 London, 6.00 Calendar, 6.30 Saint, 7.30 Film: "Crime of passion", 9.00 London, 11.55 Weather.

ULSTER: 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Mr Piper. 5.20 London. 6.00 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon. 7.10 Branded. 7.40 Name of the game. 9.00 London. 11.00 What's it all about? 11.20 Love, American style.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.10 On site. 6.30 Saint. 7.30 Film: 'Flight to Tangler'. With Jack Palance. 9.00 London. 11.00 Invaders.

TYNE TEES: 3.15 London. 4.10 Newsroom. 4.15 Lone ranger. 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Police call. 6.35 Get Smart. 7.05 Love, American style. 8.00 Hawaii Five-O. 9.00 London. 11.00 Something else. 11.30 News. 11.45 What shape is happiness. Gin-swigging 'Doctor' Joe Moses (Mitchum) sells cure-all

BORDER: 3.15 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Sailor of fortune. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: "Undercurrent". With Katherine Hepburn and Robert Taylor. 9.00 London. 11.00 It takes a thief. 11.55 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.15 Eartha Kitt and the Penthouse Suite. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Film: 'Adventures of Quentin Derwood'. 9.00 London. 11.00 Singing for your supper. 11.30 Late call. 11.35 Two-shot golf.

chairman George Woodcock talks about his Catholicism.

daughter.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

11.00 THE AVENGERS.

9.30 THIS WEEK.

CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Origami. 4.25 Wendy and me. 4.55 Captain Scarlet. 5.20 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Cheaters. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Tiger in the sky'. 9.00 London. 11.00 All our yesterdays. 11.25 Weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.30 Faith for life. 11.35

Weather.

'Catch 22' and 'Too Late the Hero'.

REGIONAL ITV

SOUTHERN: 3.15 London. 4.00 House-party. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.35 The worker. 7.15 Film: 'Second Chance'. With Robert Mitchum, Jack Palance and Linda Darnell. 8.35 Department S. 9.30 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 NYPD: 'Fast Gun'. 11.40 Weather. Action '70.

GRAMPIAN: 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Cartoon. 4.20 Telephone game. 4.50 Floris. 5.15 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Win a word. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Comedy: "The Ladies' Man'. With Jerry Lewis. 8.45 Miss Grampian 1970 final. 9.30 London. 11.00 Kenny Everett explosion.

THE WORLD Council of Churches' September decision to give financial donations to the African National Congress of S Africa (ANC), the Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) of 'Rhodesia' and other 'liberatory' movements in Africa was a tribute to their collaborationist

There was no need for Council to stipulate where or how the money should be used.

It will be used for military adventures by the ANC and ZAPU. But these are merely show-pieces of human sacrifice staged by the Liberal-Stalinist ANC leadership to secure Organization of African Unity (OAU) and United Nations

Lives will again be thrown away to show that the ANC and ZAPU are a 'force'.

Insurance policy

The World Council-especially the United States and W Germany churches—would not have given a donation if it was not certain in advance of the reformist, non-revolutionary nature of the recipients.

This assurance has long been provided by the histories of these organizations and by their present associations with im-

ANC and ZAPU receive world church

the UN and the World Council of Churches itself.

The donations are simply premiums on an insurance policy to guarantee that there is no overthrow of the racialist-imperialist regimes, but a rapproachement between reformism and apartheid.

It was for the same reason that the World Council backed 'Biafra' and every other dirty and murderous imperialist trick in Africa since and including the murder by the United Nations and Tshombe of Lumumba.

Not independent

The ANC and company are virtually part of the World Council set up through their

collaboration with the Anglican and Catholic churches.

As such the decision to hand over cash was hardly an independent one, in which the ANC did not have a hand.

Having shown itself a 'good boy of imperialism, the ANC was due for a reward more substantial than the Nobel Prize awarded to Chief Albert Luthuli, ex-ANC head.

Rome conference

The ANC is not alone from this point of view.
Without detracting from the unquestionable courage, heroism and sacrifice of its members and

Liberation of Angola (MPLA) is

Roberto Holden, leader of the Angola Liberation Front.

At MPLA's June-July con-

unity and understanding'.
When interviewed by Basil

fast producing a leadership which is following in the wake of

(The American Central Intelli-Agency approved of Holden as 'non communist' long

ference in Rome, which, signifi-cantly, was backed by the ANC liberal-nationalists of London, its leader, Angostinho Neto, a Protestant, made an appeal to the Pope for the sake of 'greater

Davidson ('Sunday Times' August 30, 1970) Neto, leader of a real guerrilla movement (which is much more than can be claimed by the ANC leaders) said that he was willing to get 'western' help.

He was a 'neutralist' in foreign policy.

This puts him in the camp of the West, as all 'neutralism'

Having said this does not mean that it is in any way the right of European or American Social Democracy to criticize the national movements of Africa, or for the genuine socialist movement in Europe and the USA to give anything but un-conditional financial, material etc., support to the anti-British, anti-Portuguese, anti-apartheid struggles in Africa.

Struggle

Where there is a struggle there is unconditional support, critical But where there is a political deal with imperialism and apar-

theid in the offing, it is another question.
The MPLA and similar armed bodies are at war with Portugal.

All fire to their arms! But the ANC is not at war with apartheid. It is in league with the British Liberals, Anglicans, the World Church Council

It is neither a mass nor a revolutionary movement. ANC victims, like those on trial today, have to receive full financial and material support from British labour. But ANC policy, never.
The Popular Front of the ANC

and ZAPU with the Liberals, Anglicans and World Council of Churches is an unholy alliance against the oppressed people of S Africa and Rhodesia.

It is purely in the interests of

a deal with apartheid which can only preserve the cheap labour supply and colossal investments of imperialism, especially of British imperialism, in southern Africa. And now, for a thousand pieces of paper, they are, once again, selling the struggle to imperialism's ecclesiastical minions.



Young factory workers read the Young Socialist paper 'Keep Left'.

SOUTHERN Ireland may be separated from its northern neighbours by boundaries and government, but the youth of both countries face the same consequences of British imperialism's iron heel.

British troops do not patrol Eire's capital, Dublin, as they do in Belfast and Derry, but the Fianna Fail has its anti-trade union laws and its notoriously brutal police force.

The sunny advertisements in the glossy British Sunday magazines invite the reader to travel by Aer Lingus and get away from it all down by some picturesque

But the youth of S Ireland have a different story to tell.

This is no country of pleasant simplicity and pretty scenery, with all the years of the 'troubles' forgotten. The mark of British imperialist repression is the stark reality.

The official unemployment figure of 59,587 — about 3 per cent of the population—does not give a true picture of the conditions in S Ireland.

PITIFULLY

Many youth who either cannot find a job or refuse to work for the pitifully low wages offered emigrate to England.

Others, on leaving school, may never have a job—they are not included in the Ministry's figures.

Today the youth in S Ireland find themselves in the centre of a growing militancy on the part of the working class against Lynch's capitalist republican gov-

Such an upsurge is personified in the 21-week strike of cement workers for a £7 increase in

Their determination was only finally broken by the actions of the Polish government in exporting cement to Ireland to help break the stoppage.

In the face of such a challenge from the working class the Lynch government faced a serious crisis within its own ranks earlier this year — two ministers were sacked from the government for alleged gun-running.

In the build-up of these events the working-class youth have surged into the forefront and their movement towards political action has been crystallized in the recent launching of the Irish Young Socialists, sister organiza-tion to the Young Socialists in this country, which embraces both N and S Ireland.

RESPONSE

Led by YS National Secretary John Simmance, a special recruiting team visited Dublin from Britain to join the Irish Young Socialists in the building of their revolutionary youth movement.

Outside factories and on the housing estates the response they received was enthusiastic.

The young people they spoke to were keen to help build new branches and work towards the IYS projected rally in Dublin on September 26, which will be attended by Young Socialists from all over Ireland.

At a plastics factory a group

'We have to do seven rolls of girls said.

> ized at the factory for asking for trade union organization.

> the outskirts of Dublin with thousands of council houses and little else:

Coming from these kind of

the emancipation of the working class from the yoke of imperialist oppression.

conditions-dictated through the

ynch government by the exploitation of British imperialism.

chief investor in S Ireland—the

youth are searching for a solution to the problem which has been

with their parents and their grandparents for generations.

The IYS has found a ready

response to its political cam-

paigns amongst the working class who are seeking an alternative to

the platitudes of reformism and

the blind alley of Irish national-

They have reported good

sales of their own paper 'Youth Bulletin', as well as the Young

CONFERENCE

They will hold their first con-

ference in January 1971 and cam-

paign around a programme of demands against anti-trade union

laws, unemployment and for the

nationalization of the basic in-dustries within a unified Irish

As the only youth movement

to oppose the presence of British

troops and begin the building of

revolutionary leadership to end partition, the IYS fights along-

side the British Young Socialists

to prepare the working class for

the common struggle against the

In this fight they join hands with the international struggle of

Trotskyist youth in the fight for

Socialist Republic.

Socialists' paper 'Keep Left'.

The Young Socialist team recruiting



Socialists sister organization

in Ireland

of young girls—Kay (16), Tina (14), Ann (15) and Bridgette (15) described typical conditions for vouth their age.

Because of the low standard of living, they said, the large majority of young people had to work as soon as they were able at 14—in order to help make ends meet at home.

VICTIMIZED

One girl showed a wage packet of £2 for four-and-a-half days' work on a job which started at a.m. and ended at 5.30 p.m. with only one break of minutes in the morning and 30 minutes for lunch.

'When you start you are put on piecework. The foreman is constantly looking over your shoulder.

plastic a day and sometimes our hands get cut and burnt,' the

Recently 15 girls were victim-

The Young Socialists' team centred most of its recruitment work on an industrial estate on

Only the Tenants' Association Bingo Hall, with its admission fee of 8s, offers any kind of relief from boredom and frustra-

YOUTH NEWS EVERY THURSDA

most of its leaders in the field. the Popular Movement for the

SCIENTIFIC WORLD

Is anybody there?

PART FOUR

from the standpoint of method.

No longer was the solar system God-given, but matter in motion, coming into being over a period of millions of years in a process of change.

At the recent 14th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union in Brighton, Professor Fred Hoyle took the nebular hypothesis as his starting point and attempted to resolve the angular momentum problem as a material 'sorting out' subordinate to the main process.

MAGNETIC THEORY

Hoyle invokes magnetic theory which, of course, was not developed in Kant's day, and calculates that the necessary distribution could have occurred if a moderate magnetic field has operated over a period of about 10,000 years -a short period in astronomical terms.

However, even where planets exist, the development of life depends on many other factors, not least of which is the nature of the parent star itself.

Putting the stars into some sort of order required a long period of observation and classification. The recognition that the light from a star contained vital information about its constitution was the necessary key that finally opened the door.

Towards the end of the last century, it appeared that stars fell into certain categories according to their spectra (see part 3) and the different types reflected differences in tem-

The seven main types were classified in order of decreasing temperature by the letters O, B, A, F, G, K, M. Our Sun falls in the G category.

PATTERN

Meanwhile Russell at Princeton and Hertsprung in Europe came upon another striking

They found that the overwhelming majority of stars of a particular type had the same inherent brightness (luminosity) and are said to lie on the 'main sequence'.

Summing up their results: if a star lies on the 'main sequence', then the hotter it is, the brighter and larger

it is and the shorter its lifetime.

For example, a B-type star will be about 17 times as heavy as the Sun and five times as hot, whereas an Mtype will be about one-third the size and one-third cooler.

The main sequence is the home of a star as long as its fuel is hydrogen which is converted to helium by a continuous thermonuclear ('hydrogen bomb') reaction.

Once a star's internal heat and pressure build up to the point at which the reaction can take place, it moves on to the main sequence and stays there until the hydrogen in the core is exhausted.

BURN UP

The period on the main sequence must be long if life is to develop. The age of the earth is about 4,600 million years, about a third of which passed before the necessary chemicals for life had evolved.

The big stars burn up so fast that some of them stay on the main sequence for only about one million years, whereas the smallest M-types remain there for more than 100,000 million years. Yet these small stars may be too cool to support life on their planets, if any.

During the 1950s, Huang in the United States carried out an investigation into the possibilities of life-bearing planets orbiting the different types of stars and came to the conclusion that the most probable candidates were the smaller F-types, the Gs and the larger

Fortunately, we fall right in the centre of this range! In other words, if a star

is very hot, it is too shortlived; if too cold, suitable planets could only exist in a very narrow band close to their Huang's candidates strike a

happy medium. In our solar system, Mars lies just within the zone of toleration, as does Yet, given a suitable star

and the existence of at least one planet within it, there are still further conditions—on the planet itself-which must be satisfied for life to evolve which is in any way similar to that on Earth.

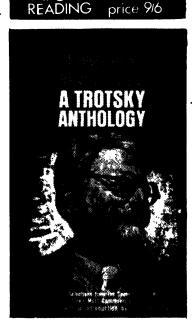
• To be continued.

THE EXTENT to which life exists outside our own solar system obviously depends crucially on the frequency with which planetary systems are formed.

The argument about the origin of our solar system rages as fiercely today as it did 200 years ago when the different possibilities were first seriously proposed.

Any plausible account of the system's birth must take into account certain well-estab-

lished astronomical facts. The planets all lie close to one plane; they all rotate in the same sense round the Sun;





although lumped together they have only one thousandth the mass of the Sun, they embody 98 per cent of the angular momentum of the whole

These properties tell us something about the origin of the system, because the Sun and its retinue of planets, taken together, are billions of miles from any other massive bodies and can be considered isolated. Under these conditions certain overall properties of the system are conserved throughout its life.

EXAMPLE

Let us take the example of angular momentum.

Roughly, the angular momentum of a body is calculated by multiplying its mass, speed and distance from the centre of rotation.

satellite orbiting the earth has constant angular momentum and, therefore, when its distance from the earth decreases, its speed increases. Strictly speaking, this is only approximate because of the influence of the Moon,

In 1745, the French naturalist Leclerc suggested that a comet-which he erroneously considered comparable in size to a star-struck the Sun offcentre, started it spinning and tore away matter that became

the planets. The possibility of such a collision is extremely remote and would make the number of planetary systems extremely

The Pleiades-

a 'galactic'

star cluster.

Later scientists who took up this 'hot' hypothesis and carried out detailed calculations of the outcome of such a 'catastrophe', found great difficulty in keeping the displaced material in solar orbit

In addition, the fact that temperature involved would be over a million degrees centigrade held out the possibility that the matter would explode rather than

CONDENSED GAS

condense into planets.

Ten years after Leclerc, Kant proposed that the whole universe was originally gas that condensed into regions of higher density. One of these became the solar system, which - because of its spin - flattened into a disc. Then, due to gravity, the matter coalesced into the Sun and the different planets.

From the standpoint of explaining all the facts, the 'cold' theory of Kant seemed unable to explain why the planets should have the lion's share of the solar system's angular momentum and this seemed a severe criticism of the 'nebular hypothesis'.

However, Engels in his 'Dialectics of Nature' hails the theory as a big step forward **TUC plea**

tiations 'in the usual way' and the TUC would only react to 'concrete decisions' by gov-

ernment.
Feather was reporting on the 'consensus' reached at yesterday's meeting, which was attended by union leaders Jack Jones, Sir Sidney Greene, Lord Cooper, Tom Jackson of the Post Office Workers' Union and teachers' leader Edward Britton and others.

Move quickly

The TUC is to move quickly to meet Tory Employment and Productivity Minis-

ter Robert Carr on these

make the point that the date of the projected meeting is not tied to any of the strike

deadlines for current negotia-tions on public-service wor-kers' pay claims.

The union bureaucracy is taking very good care to keep right away from the wages battle-front, where the Tories have already taken up their positions.

Panthers

attacked

ONE Black Panther was killed

and three others injured in a

gun battle with police in the southern US city of New

Orleans yesterday.

But Feather was careful to

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Manchester

black

Ferodo

BY A CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER dockers

have decided to black goods

from the Ferodo plant at

Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derby-

shire, where 200 craftsmen

have been on strike since

In a statement the Man-chester Docks Shop Stewards'

'We fully support the official Ferodo strike com-

mittee in principle and will do

our utmost to black all Ferodo exports through this

There was sharp reaction from the bosses and a spokes-

'The strikers should not lose sight of the fact that in doing this they are jeopard-izing their own future.'

Official

of the Amalgamated Union of

Engineering and Foundry-workers which has declared

the strike official. Trouble

began six weeks ago when the

management refused a no-

strings demand for a £10-a-

They earn £24 12s for a 40-

additional payments calculated on the basis of an 8s 4d

Management have offered

a £2-a-week rise in return for

Latest offer

Union officials are under-stood to favour this settle-

ment and to want to abandon the £10-a-week, no-strings demand in favour of pressing

for a 25s-a-week interim pay-

ment while the new bonus schemes are being worked out.

Fear

strike committee are collabor-

They are calling for a more

principled shop-floor leader-

ship and are also calling on

docks and factories to black

Blanco letter

PERUVIAN peasants' leader Hugo Blanco, now serving a

prison of El Fronton, has written a letter to the Com-

mittee for Solidarity with the Victims of Repression in Peru. Prison authorities have now

removed his typewriter for

writing 'articles on agricultural

Blanco's letter in tomorrow's

We publish the full text of

reform and political stories'.

New relations

Workers Press.

THE SOVIET

ating in this retreat by keeping

quiet about it.

all Ferodo's goods.

week which includes

week pay rise.

The men are all members

Dockers

Jobs strike

future of their jobs, 100 had already accepted 'voluntary' These jobs could have been

Some 4,000 UCS finishingtrades men walked out on September 4 in defence of their work-mates' jobs, but were persuaded to return to work after only four hours when union officials announced that the management had agreed to negotiate.

So the possibility of winning an important skirmish in the fight against unemployment was abandoned by the Stalinistdominated local union leader-ship at UCS for hopes of a management change of heartdemoralizing those concerned and doing UCS's work for it. At base, the same approach is evident in the Tyneside action committee's demand earlier this month that Davies

publish the Commission on Industrial Relations' forthcoming inquiry report on shipbuilding as quickly as possible Union leaders—who recom-mend co-operation with the inquiry in March 'because', according to the boilermakers' Dan McGarvey, 'we are in the 12 months' election period' continue to foster illusions in it under the Tories!

JANUARY REPORT

In fact, a CIR spokesman said yesterday, this report, scheduled for next month, has now been delayed until

But Tory policy is quite

They intend to encourage the employers to defend their profits—unhindered by any consideration for the unemployed. (Vickers say they are closing Palmer's because they are not getting their usual 12 per cent per year from the yard.)

And they are using the alltoo-willing union leaders to help cover over this purpose. As South Shields Trades Council secretary Jack Gasby said in announcing his council's strike call:

'It is evident that local trade unionists have had a bellyful of unemployment.

'The Labour government took action and failed. The Tories do nothing at all. 'This is a response to the

failure of the delegations that visited London to get any response from the Minister Defence of the right to a job must become the club

to break the Tories' back. The fight against unemployment begins in the factories.

Rolls-Royce threaten new lock-out

ROLLS-ROYCE has threatened to lock out 250 draughtsmen from Bristol plants today if they continue to black work from the Coventry plant which is in dispute.

Sainsbury

• FROM PAGE ONE

job. It's just terrible,' said Jacqueline Fernihough, a filler hand at Blackfriars.

While sympathising with the strikers' demand that they should retain pension and other rights, T&GWU sources yesterday expressed fears that the dispute could be used to undermine closed-shop agreements.

The strike, which started last week, has been made official by USDAW. The Blackfriars workers will meet at the Friars Hall this Friday and may march in protest to Westminster.

WEATHER

London area, E Midlands, SE, central southern and E England: Cloudy with light rain in places at first. Mostly dry later with a few sunny spells. Wind SW, fresh. Near normal. Max 19C (66F). West Midlands, NW and central northern England: Rather cloudy. Occasional slight rain but a few bright intervals. Wind SW, fresh. Near normal. Max 18C (64F). Channel Islands, SW England: Rather cloudy. Occasional rain or, drizzle. Coastal fog. Wind SW, fresh or strong. Near normal. Max 18C (64F).

Glasgow area: Cloudy with rain at first followed by sunny spells and showers. Becoming cloudy later with occasional rain. Wind SW, fresh. Near normal. Max 16C (61F). Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Changeable with rain at times in the North and West. Mostly dry in SE. Temperatures near normal, but becoming rather warm in the SE.

The departments affected at Bristol will include the production office, jig and tool drawing offices, workshop drawing offices and instrument design. The 1,000 Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association members at Coventry have been locked out follow-

DANGERS IN CAV WORK-SHARING

Dutch witchhunt leads to pay freeze

THE PURPOSE of the recent panic whipped up by Dutch pressmen and politicians over 'Paris-trained, Albanian-directed Maoists' allegedly responsible for the Rotterdam dock strike, became clear when Queen Juliana opened the States General (the Dutch parliament).

More stop in GM car strike

WITH THE United Auto Workers strike in its second day, 5,500 Detroit workers in General Motors plants excluded from the strike were sent home yesterday

> because there was no work for them.

The Woodcock leadership of the UAW has instructed its members at 28 GM plants to report for work, on the pretext that they make parts for other companies.

It is official UAW policy to stop only one of the 'Big Three' car companies in any strike action.

Rank-and-file militants have been calling for an all-out strike against Ford and Chrysler as well as GM.

In touch

No time has been fixed for the resumption of official talks between the UAW and GM, but they were reported to be in touch with each other yesterday.

throne — a government policy statement for the coming session — opened with a promise to take 'energetic measures' against 'those who wish to impose their views by force'. The witch-hunt gets official government sponsorship and

Her speech from the

is available for use against sections of workers who wish to impose 'by force' (strike action) their 'view' that they are entitled to wage increases to keep up with the rocketting cost of living in Holland.

And as Queen Juliana got down to brass tacks, the reactionary Dutch coalition regime spelled out its interpretable and the results of the res

regime spelled out its intention to try and solve the economic crisis at the expense of the working class.
Government spending is to be cut by 140 million florins

(£17m) a year and a sweeping tax increase of 3 per cent will be imposed from next year covering wages and salaries, petrol and cars. There is also to be a credit

borrowing powers of public authorities. Plans to be drawn up by the state Economic and Social Council for a wage freeze are also on the agenda.

the elimination of craftsmen's mates and for the introduction of a new conscientious workmanship payment. An extra 18s will be paid for giving up

tea breaks.

squeeze and a ceiling on Their latest offer is a basic rate of 13s 3.6d an hour which with normal overtime and incentive payments would mean the men would have 'an opportunity' to earn £8 17s 4d

Franco agency

FROM PAGE ONE

The utter cynicism of the deal has a double edge.

Over the last nine months Spain has been swept by a series of bitter and inspiring strike movements against the Franco regime. miners defied the fascist

police, army and the tortures of Franco's jailers before they were driven back to work by starvation—and the arrival of coal from Poland.

as well as the bureaucracy. Diplomatic relations were quickly established with

working class against Franco

Fear

Fear of the approaching

class-collaboration and every Communist Party member and leader must declare

UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

SOCIALIST

Some workers fear that union leaders are ready to accept the bosses' modified productivity agreement even though many of the men are still solidly behind the original And they say that Communist Party members of the

later Soviet technicians were Under the new agree-

Soviet Union.

European revolution, directed against the Stalinist bureaucracy in the East and capitalism in the West, has driven 'Tass' and Franco's journalists into each others

GRANTHAM: Thursday, September 17, 8 p.m. West Gate Club. 'Wages, Measured-Day Work and the Tories'.

THE SOVIET government yesterday named Vasili Tolstikov, until recently a pro-minent Leningrad Party leader, as the Kremlin's new ambassador to Peking.
There has been no Soviet diplomatic link with China for the last four years.

'Provisional government' in Jordan is an attempt to create the form of a guerrilla-based government without its submen say that large Hussein, however, has chosen another path. His military

regime, leaning to the left on Arafat and to the right on the Zionists and the imperialists, a counter-revolutionary, Bonapartist regime. The Arab revolution is most

dangers, both from without and within. But it is also gaining daily in strength and confidence.

It is this awakening of the Palestinians that now demands the most repressive measures the imperialists, Zionists

and the Arab bourgeoisie. British Labour cannot allow the Palestinians to fight alone. Industrial action must taken in their defence if the Zionists, Hussein or the US imperialists unleash an attack

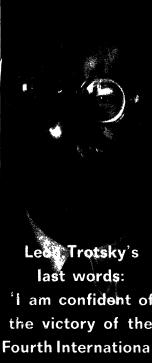
on the guerrillas.
Out of the ferment in the guerrilla movement, with all its illusions and political immaturity, will come the cadres for the Trotskyist revolutionary party in the Middle East, the surest guarantee for the victory of the Arab revolution.

GLASGOW Partick Burgh Hall (nr Merkland St underground)

7.30 p.m. Admission 2s.

'Trotsky and the coming English Revolution' Speaker: G. Healy (SLL national secretary)

October 4



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LATE NEWS

COAL BOARD OFFER

The National Coal Board has offered pay increases to Britain's 290,000 miners that are well below their demand for increases in the region of

After two-and-a-half hours' talks yesterday the NCB said they were prepared to give basic rate increases of £2 10s to lower-paid surface and underground workers, £2 6s to higher-paid surface and underground workers and £1 17s 6d to te 60.000 miners who work under the National Power Loading scheme.

Glyn Williams, S Wales area

NUM president, said:
'On the question of strike action all I can say is that the Isle of Man conference is on record as demanding this if the Coal Board do not concede to our requests.

MEIR FLIES TO U.S. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir flew to the United States vesterdav to have talks with President Nixon. She was accompanied by Foreign Minister Abba Eban and several aides.

OFFICIALS REPORT G.K.N. TALKS BREAK DOWN

Union officials reported to GKN-Sankey stewards last night that talks with management had broken down again. After Tuesday's three-hour meeting with the unions, company chairman H. Spencer Killick said the firm had been under 'extreme pressure' to increase its offer but had been unable to do so.

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work is also occurring at the Hucknall, Nottingham, factory where engineers and DATA members are refusing to handle transferred com-**Determined** Determined to hold down pay and introduce Measured-

ing a demand for an increase of around £5 a week.

The company has refused to move from its 7 per cent offer, which would give rises of £2 5s to £2 15s.

Blacking of the Coventry

Day Work the company is intent on enforcing black-legging against the locked-out Coventry workers.
At the moment the 110,000 DATA members are being levied nationally to pay for the dispute, but no plans have been advanced to extend

Sheffield Stalinists welcome speed-up pay rises

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

SEVERAL steel and engineering pay claims in Sheffield are in danger of being tied to productivity deals by the local Stalinistdominated engineering union

district committee. A recent committee meeting congratulated Davy United shop stewards for concluding a deal with the engineering firm giving workers 1s 6d across-the-board rise with 6d more when 'work-measurement' begins.

The gravity of this retreat on productivity is underlined by the large-scale redundancies at the firm. 'Work-measurement' can only be a preparation for more.

The company was so keen on the deal that they financed personal telegrams to striking workers telling them of the meeting where the deal was ratified.

Boasts

Local AEF secretary and Communist Party member George Caborn has made local press statements boasting of the productivity deals he has negotiated. But there is increased oppo-

sition to these shackles.

SIX HUNDRED steelworkers at BSC Stockbridge are now on strike for £10 giving them a 50 per cent

INSPECTORS at the English Steel Company's River Don works and Edgar Allen engineering workers are demanding £6.

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Holland?'.

worse.

ful editorial on the rhetori-

Holland, it transpires from

the wails of 'The Times', is

suffering from an acute

attack of the same incurable

disease that has gripped

Britain for the last five

In some respects it is even

'Politics' complains 'The

Times', 'have been taken over by long-haired elves,

the working class by Maoist

dockers and the Church by

That is hardly all. New anti-

union legislation, it seems, has not prevented workers

from pushing wages well

above the government-ordained level.

The metalworkers won a new

and very favourable wage

agreement, including a sliding-scale cost of living

allowance, which was above

the level acceptable to the

government. But the gov-

ernment gave in . . . This is certainly not to the

celibate priests . . .

theme of 'Is this

Holland scares 'The Times

A CAV worker questions a stewards' report yesterday. SHORT-TIME working and redundancies still threaten workers at CAV's Acton, London, plant.

mentation

monitoring.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

severely impede the imple-

Economies

economies are due to the drop

in diesel sales and the effect

of the GKN-Sankey strike. Further, they claim that banks

are refusing to extend credit

facilities.

This is clearly in line with

the Tory government's wages

offensive with its insistence on

productivity deals forced through against a background

of increasing unemployment.

toring has been installed in

the factory and this, with cut-

backs and unemployment,

prepare the way for further

attacks on wages and working

Already tele-control moni-

Lucas-CAV claims that its

of tele-control

At a mass meeting outside the factory yesterday morning many workers expressed their doubts about managements no short-time working for at least six weeks'. CAV plants at both Sud-

bury and Rochester will be on short-time by the end of the week—despite similar assur-

Departments The Acton cut-backs will affect at least three departments; the nozzle shop, where production will drop from 6,000 to 4,000; the 440 line could be halved by October;

the ignitor section will be down from 62,000 to 48,000 a month. The stewards' committee refused to back strike action earlier this week, deciding instead for work-sharing.

This is entirely in line with their June retreat on the tele-

control monitoring system. Big dangers are opened up by AEF convenor John Pax-man's statement: 'If we have shared the good times, we can share the bad times.' In fact, the stewards' pro-posals differ in no way from

those of the management they both talk of work-sharing and cutting overtime. The chairman of yesterday's meeting refused a call from

one worker to ban all outside contract work; which would

liking of British Conserva-

tives - least of all 'The

all is that the escalating

class struggle in Holland coupled with the solid

determination of the Dutch

workers could soon put in

question the existence of

Holland's greatest anach-

chronism—the monarchy—

and with it the bourgeoisie.

Holland, like that of Britain, France and Ger-

many is simply this: the

closer a country is to 'pros-

perity' the closer it is to

Put briefly, the paradox of

Times'. O Tempores . . .

What worries them most of

STRIKING maintenance workers attacked vans containing free food for would-be strike-breakers this week at Shell Chemicals' giant Carrington plant, Manchester.

Earlier, pickets attempted city.

The eight week-old strike

cent across-the-board increase in their basic rate.

Though seven of the ten unions involved have made the stoppage official, plant operatives, under Transport and General Workers' Union instructions, are working machinery maintained by scab

Upset trays

Trouble flared on Monday office workers from entering Manchester.

volunteers from the staff.

They later returned to the factory and upset trays of sandwiches and cartons of

L'pool refuse drivers meet

their claim, submitted in May. Talks were held yesterday between Liverpool corporation and Transport & General Workers' Union official Mr Bob Robinson in a bid to end the

Nassser's Kremlin - backed move to form an Arafat-led workers in the company's garage.

Send support

Strikers have called on all trade unionists to send financial support, black all repair work for the Shell Carrington site and boycott Shell garages

General strike tion, several issues stand out very clearly. FIRST, the Arab revolution is the decisive factor in

They have seen for the first

a supposedly backward

By helping to generate this

struggle. That is why they are

now the target of a world-wide

diplomatic and political con-

spiracy.

SECONDLY, the guerrilla movement itself, includ-

ing its leadership, is reflecting

these profound changes at the

Soviets' may well be an Al Fatah attempt to outbid the

Popular Front for the Libera-

tion of Palestine, it also re-

flects the semi-conscious strivings of the Palestinian

Substance

While the call for 'Arab

Nixon's planned tour of the Middle East. Europe, where he will meet not only Heath and Franco, The Palestinians, after many years of Nasserism and then but President Tito of Yugothe Arafat leadership, have slavia, also has ominous imbeen deeply stirred by the audacity of the guerrilla hi-jack operations and their Tito, a renowned 'fixer' for both the Soviet bureaucracy sustained military struggle against the Zionist occupation. and the imperialists, has close

base.

power.

links with the Arab ruling classes, and Nixon has already time that the most powerful made it clear he intends to imperialist states in the world can be outwitted and defied In Israel itself, Zionist extremists of the Centre Party are openly demanding an invasion of Jordan to prevent the overthrow of Hussein, awakening, the Habbash group have played a truly progress-ive role in the Palestinian while the Meir government itself would not oppose his

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plications.

Cairo, Washington and Mos-

replacement by a regime under In this extremely complex and rapidly changing situa-

Police hinder Shell pickets

to block the entrance of the company's headquarters in the

involves 750 maintenance men who are demanding a 25 per

when 150 strikers prevented Shell-BP House in Oxford Rd,

STRIKING refuse drivers are meeting in Liverpool today on their £1-a-week incentive bonus claim already paid to corporation binmen.

The 215 men have been on strike since last Thursday for

By an industrial reporter coffee bound for off-site

police contingents are hindering the pickets' effectiveness. The refusal to accept any productivity deal is a major issue. A Shell stewards' leaflet

right of trade unionists to enter into negotiations for a straightforward increase in wages, without strings of any kind, with a company which consistently declares record profits year after year.

'Having concluded "productivity deals" at every one of their plants in the UK, this Company now insists that this is the only way Shell employees can win future wage increases. But what happens when a group of workers have sold everything or call a halt to selling any more?

'The financial gains are soon overtaken by rises in the cost overtaken by rises in the cost of living whilst the Company retains and continues to progressively exploit their part of the bargain—the only way forward is for a conventional wage claim!

and goods.

The Polish Stalinists' decision to break the miners' strike was a turning point for the Franco regime

Bulgaria and Czechoslo-vakia, while Polish, and

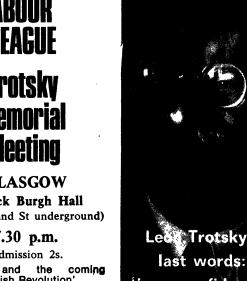
sent into the Asturian pits to speed-up production. ment, Soviet reporters will presumably be able to describe in great detail the struggle of the Spanish

Franco's EFE, we are sure, will be equally enthusiastic to retail the heroic struggles of the Stalinist opposition in the

This is the most naked where they stand.

ALL TRADES

workers and peasants for



Sunday