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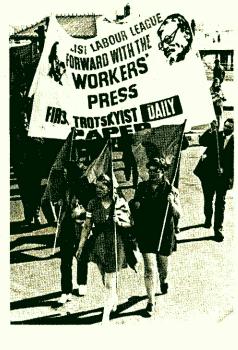
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Tories,' he commented.

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Hands off the unions! G (D D) THE SIX-DAY workers press

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 Poplar Civic Hall, Bow Road, E.3

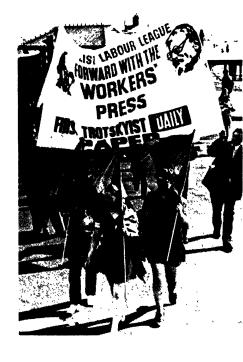
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PRODUCTIVITY DEALS: CRISISING

IN HIS book on productivity deals Tony Cliff of the International Socialism group submits to complete confusion by introducing 'insecurity' as something exclusive to payments · by · results systems.

He then goes on to say:

'In addition to this very reasonable desire for a more ordered and "rational" earnings structure there is the traditional socialist opposition to pieceworking. For over a century it has been condemned as being at the root of increased exploitation, bad working conditions and a low level of safety at work.

'One S Wales miner wrote

"Certain face workers had a wage average of above £22 10s per week and to some extent they did oppose the abolition of piecework, but the vote in favour of the agreement was solid. It was an acceptance of a principle adopted in the old miners' federation of Great Britain 60 years ago — the abolition of the piecework system in the interests of health and safety.

"Under piecework many a miner was in such a hurry to earn a living that life was quite a risk. There were those in the far off days as there are today who consider the abolition of piecework today as necessary in the interests of the working class - remove distinctions and wage differentials—equality of wages".

'And a docker wrote to me regarding piecework:

"Never again. To anybody that had to deal with hoof and horn, fish meal, chillies or cement, the thought of going back to piecework is simply

Beyond belief

All this is quoted without a word of explanation.

It reads like an employers' hand book on job evaluation. It is almost beyond belief that this can be said in the same book in which he attacks Measured-Day Work (MDW) for breaking down shop-floor organization, re-establishing the power of the foreman, etc.

One would almost think that Cliff was advocating a com pletely new system, but there is nothing else to advocate. since there exists only PBR and fixed-rate systems.

It is not that we set out here to uncritically support PBR as if it is the world's gift to the working class.

It is simply that PBR gives an advantage to the working class under prevailing objective conditions, while fixed-rate systems give the advantage to the employer. The employers are clear on this if Cliff is not.

Cliff then goes on to draw his conclusion from it which reveals his true position. He says that wage differentials lead to a 'fragmented' struggle, the lack of an 'overall workingclass strategy'.

From that it must follow that a uniform wage system is the way towards such an overall strategy. This is his policy.

In other words the employers are after a uniform wage structure in order to cut wages and increase exploitation. Cliff wants a uniform wages structure in order to create an overall strategy.

Such a position of course is absolutely nonsense.

In fact industries which have a uniform wage system are generally poorly organized and have no strategy at all.

Those that have the most wage differentials generally have the best organization because their strength is generated by the differentials themselves.

Differentials

We are not saying here that wage differentials will bring about united action or an overall strategy against the employers any more than fixed rates. This is a political question which we take up later

Cliff's position is completely divorced from the actual working-class struggle, which takes place with employers over surplus value not over abstract notions.

The job of Marxists is not to advocate a policy which is directly in line with the requirements of the employers, as Cliff does, but to give leadership in this struggle, take the theory of Marxism into the workers' movement and build the instrument of leadership—the revolutionary Marxist party.

One thing which runs through the whole book is Cliff's position on mutuality. He puts forward the proposition that 'mutual agreement' under the piecework ferred to productivity agree-

'Again and again in the following programme of demands we will find the question of "mutuality"-or "the

JUST OUT

STALINISM

A TROTSKYIST ANALYSIS

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PART TWENTY ONE

right to bargain"-coming to

'Whether it be mobility of labour, job evaluation, overtime or safety, the demand for "mutuality" strikes a dagger at the heart of a productivity deal. By establishing the right to bargain on these questions we gain a limited degree of workers' control over the productive process—and this is exactly what productivity deals are aimed at eliminating.

'As we saw earlier, the employers' aim in replacing pieceworking with Measured-Day Work is to re-assert "managerial authority" in the factory.

'They cannot do this and at the same time agree to mutuality. In the case of Measured-Day Work this is particularly important. By the demand for mutuality — of speeds, work standards, manning scales, etc -we expose the employers' motives in introducing MDW. In fact, MDW with mutuality is of no value to the boss and he would almost certainly rather have the piecework methods than this.'

THIS IS DANGEROUS STUFF!

The employers are now using the term 'mutuality' (previously the name for the struggle for piece rates, where the rate cannot be put in unless the



and his book

individual operator agrees) in the same way as Cliff—as the name for any agreement at any level between workers and employers.

It is used as the 'militant' word to cover up every betrayal cooked up after weeks of compromise and ending in 'mutual agreement'.

The IS group supports the introduction of productivity deals on the basis that opposition to them might split sections of workers.

'When management comes to workers and offers them a relatively large wage rise as part of a productivity deal, if rank-and-file leaders simply say "no" they run the risk of becoming isolated. They provide the most backward workers with a very dangerous weapon: "We'd have been £5 better off if only those shop stewards had accepted that deal".' (p.216.)

The fact that many sections of workers have rejected even bigger offers than this where firm leadership has been given is ignored by Cliff.

Adapts

Again the method is exposed. Instead of fighting for leadership, Cliff adapts to

Following this he says that a fight from within can be taken up on the basis of 'mutual agreement'.

This again leads straight to a trap. What happens in a factory is this:

- 1. Workers decide that in order to maintain their standard of living they want more money.
- 2. The employer says: 'Well maybe, but only in terms of a productivity deal'. 3. The workers say: 'No, we

want a straight rise without

strings'. 4. The employer then joins forces with Cliff and says: 'But you have nothing to worry about, just listen to what we have to say, there must be mutual agreement

before anything is accepted'.

In reality this is no more than a series of unprincipled

was a hatred of United States

lic notice seven years ago when it tried unsuccessfully to derail

Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker on April Fools Day

Since then FLQ members have been convicted for numerous

In 1963 the Front was responsible for a wave of bombings, including 15 devices placed in

The latest blast, according to security officials, was one at

the National Defence Head-quarters in Ottawa, killing a 50-year-old woman.

Montreal letter boxes.

The FLQ forced itself to pub-

Workers Press notebook

worker who has fought through every aspect of the deal, while at all times maintaining a principled opposition to the whole concept of productivity bargaining, has laid the foundation on which the entire swindle can be replaced by a

Cliff develops his position like this:

assigned to the dustbin.

policy of basic wage increases

-without strings and with all

'productivity' methods being

'We must always start by opposing the productivity deal completely, and then later if necessary retreat to a position where we try and get the best out of the deal we can.'

But as he explains for rank-and-file leaders in this situation:

'It is better for such a leadership to choose their own time for making such a change so that the offensive strategy can be maintained and demands put forward that will undermine and expose the deal from

'The alternative of maintaining an inflexible rejection of any productivity deal can lead to a catastrophic division between the stewards and their membership which will be eagerly exploited by the employer and may lead in the end to the acceptance of a far worse deal than was

So it is those who continue to oppose the deals who play into the employers' hands.

The real treachery of Cliff's position is that he starts from the point that you can't fight and ends up with a list of minimum demands.

These are probably the most dangerous single aspects of the book. They require first that all principles are dropped.

Opportunist

Productivity and related systems are then 'opposed' in a purely opportunist way. A series of slit trenches are then constructed so that a retreat can be made swiftly every time the employer digs his

In the section on how to fight MDW on page 223 he

'When the employer proposes the introduction of MDW this should be opposed to the hilt. While MDW is being opposed, and/or after this resistance is broken, the following demands should be put forward.' (My emphasis.)

This is fantastic stuff. We are told not only to start from a position of predeterminea compromise under which conditions no fight could possibly take place, but while MDW 18 being 'opposed' we should propose a list of compromise demands to the company.

In other words we should say to the company—we will not have MDW at any price, but if we do, we want the following demands!

The main point about compromise demands, of course, is that there is no shortage

Everyone who wants to avoid a fight has a list in his pocket. In fact a list of compromise demands is the quickest way to head off a struggle and bring about a defeat. Cliff's list gives every

right winger and employers' agent exactly what he needs. Every worker who has been involved in this kind of struggle knows that when the attack comes and an attempt is made to split the ranks, it rarely takes the form of a

proposal to accept the employers' terms as such, it comes in the form of compromise demands. Cliff's demands therefore

are a series of pre-packed blackleg's charters available to the right wing and backward sections of workers for all

The more things Worken Pren change

'The Times' celebrated the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Communist Party of Great Britain with a couple of very sympathetic feature articles.

Whatever image CP leaders may once have had among 'The Times' readership, the rulingclass mouthpiece explains that nowadays they are nice English

In the days when the Party was being formed as the British section of Lenin's Third Inter-national, 'The Times' was less friendly. At that time, it reflected capitalist class at the spread of Bolshevism.

showed through his virulent hatred of communism. Later that year, the paper was

fighting to stop the negotiations for a trade agreement between Britain and the Soviet Union. The leader on September 21, headed 'The Government and the Bolshevists', fumed at these contacts with 'Lenin's agents'.

Next day a report appeared:
'Bolshevist Agents at Work. Inciting Unemployed in London.' This was followed on September 23 with: 'Communist Plotters. How the Unemployed are Exploited, dealing with the work of the newly-formed CP.

The report said, 'Readers' flesh crept at the news that "The Times" has received confirmation of the report that the turbulent minority of the unemployed in this country is being deliberately exploited by the Third (Red) International of Moscow (which is practically identical with the Soviet Government), through the agency of a small though very active group of agitators, whose names are now known to the police authorities in London.

'The body is well financed and

it is understood that the sum of £1,000 has been available for the railway fares and accommodation expenses of the trouble-makers.' In the correspondence which followed, several letters con-

AS MENTIONED in gratulated 'The Times' on exposing this flow of 'Moscow Gold' into Britain. What particular the state of the state of the times' on exposing this flow of 'Moscow Gold' into Britain. What particular the state of the times' or exposure the state of larly incensed one 'Times' reader might have derived from wealth confiscated from British firms in How different from the atti-

tude of 'The Times' today. There can be one of two explanations. Either 'The Times' has moved sharply to the left at some stage in the past half century. Or the now Stalinized CP is recognized as a vital part of the ruling class strategy to tie the trade unions No prizes are offered for the

THE Quebec Liberation Front, which has kidnapped two diplomats in an attempt to free 'political prisoners'. is an underseparatist movement founded in 1963. The FLQ (Front de Liberation

Quebecois) now represents only one component of a pettybourgeois movement to separate the largely French-speaking prov-ince of Quebec from the rest of

The 'nationalist' movement's fragmented factions agreed at a recent secret meeting in Montreal that their strongest common link

the more things On january 31, 1921, 'The Times' correspondent's report on the Leeds Fusion Conference was headed 'Orders From Moscow'. His annoyance at being denied entry to the Conference even showed through his mirrilar. same

LOOKING through 'The Times' for 1921, my eye fell on an item which seemed bang up-to-date. Headed 'Lord Inchcape on Control of Terrorists', it reported a speech to a meeting of Glasgow

businessmen.

The noble Lord was convinced that 'the control of the labour organizations was passing into the hands of men who were experts in terrorism'. But he had the answer ready.

He said: 'While opposed to repressive legislation, I think that, before a strike is called, the members of a trade union should decide for themselves by secret ballot, conducted under impartial auspices, what they wanted to do.' (Our emphasis.)

Half a century later, the Tory government is preparing to put Lord Inchcape's anti-union pro-

A policy explanation broadcast on a French-language radio station in 1963 said: 'Suicide commandos of the

FLQ have as their mission to destroy through systematic sabo-tage all the colonial symbols and institutions, particularly the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the armed forces, all the news media of the colonial English language, which hold us in contempt, and all business and industrial establishments which practise discrimination the people of Quebec.' Though French-speaking work-

ers may get the rough end of job discrimination and face many other problems, these will only be solved in unity with all Canadian and US workers in a revolutionary struggle against the French- and English-speaking capitalist class.

AN ITEM in the latest 'Private Eye' is worth noting. It reports a gathering in Brighton last month called by the Northern League. This organization, run from Holland, 'exists primarily to interest pròfessional people in Nazi and racist ideology', says the 'Eye'.

The Brighton meeting was a 'Pan-Nordic Summer Rally'. It was attended by several British racialists, but the ex-SS man who was due to speak could not

A big delegation from the

National Front was reported to have been there.

But the most interesting aspect of the 'Private Eye' report is the information that a Mr John Ormowe took a prominent part in the discussions. This gentle-man is the chairman of the Brighton Monday Club and a leading Brighton Tory.

Together with other Tories present, he argued with the

National Front leaders about the power in Britain. His opinion was that it should be through the official Conservative Party machine.

Workers Press, and before it The Newsletter, has constantly warned that the Tory government is a step toward right-wing dictatorship in Britain. We must watch carefully all developments like the Brighton rally and the dangers they imply for the working class if a revolutionary leadership is not constructed.

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little more than a face-saver

for the workers' representatives

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out to be a policy of com-

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employers' aims. A large num-

ber of firms are putting forward

similar demands in their agree-

ments and are linked-up

to discussions on 'workers' par-

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selves up and putting them-

Exposure

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of the struggles against its

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In some cases, employers

In other cases, the confid-

ence trickery lasts barely long

enough to get the deal signed

before the screws are tightened.

But in every case, the

agreement's

have taken years to get round

its real aims.

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ated by his stand against the

In fact the fight to oppose

selves out of work.

What Cliff puts forward as

as a sell-out occurs.

IN THE week when the Tories' anti-union laws were published, the capitalist press performed as expected in relation to the council workers'

'Children, old-age pensioners, the physically handicapped, they were among the first to be hit,' declared the 'Express' on October 2. 'Troops May Fight Strike Threat to Health' was Saturday's

headline.
On Monday, October 5, 'Express' readers were told: 'Thames Peril Grows.' Like most other papers, the 'Express' quoted GLC leader Plummer to increase the panic.
'The possibility of sewage go-

ing backwards up drains is not just a question of flooding. There is a real danger of people drowning. This was his charming thought for your breakfast table.

The 'Telegraph' on the same day led with 'Volunteers Stop London Floods. Untreated sewage pours into rivers.'
The 'Sun' headlined: '500,000 Face Health Threat as Fears Mount Over Sewage,' followed next day with 'The Army on 15-

Minute Strike Alert'. After that, the 'Sun' was submerged in its own exclusive form of effluent—a classic work entitled 'The Sensuous Woman'.

And so it went on, with stories of dying fish and uncremated corpses, piling rubbish and plagues of rats and maggots. But millions of workers know that the struggle of the local government workers against star-

vation wages is a major battle to

stop the attack of the Tories on the whole working class.

Despite the nasty smell on the press barons' landing, trade unionists will back the council men in their fight.

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Crude parallel

'MARX WAS HERE', BBC-2's Saturday-night programme about Marx's exile in London, emerged as a crude and heavily vulgarized attempt to draw a parallel between the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign and the Grosvenor Square demonstrations, and the First International and the Reform agitation of 1867.

Shots of the Hyde Park demonstrations in which half a million workers turned out to fight for universal suffrage were intercut with filmed footage of the Vietnam demonstrations and shots of a mass lobby of parliament over the anti-union laws during the Labour government.

Kent University pundit David McLellan pattered away with stock liberal remarks about how Marx's ideas had never caught on among the pragmatic English with their gift for compromise.

Marxism might have been heeded in backward Russia. but English workers are first of all English and in any case the most bourgeois workers in the world.

This patronizing liberal dismissal of Marxism was paralleled by an equally patronizing account of Marx's own

Having laid heavy stress on his German-Jewish origins, the film went on to retail the usual stories about his carbuncles, his drinking, his relations with Engels and so on.

The idea was, no doubt, to dismiss Marx while simultaneously boosting present-day revisionists as being his followers.

Marx's writings on the Reform agitation were distorted to make it appear that he was simply an advocate of 'confrontation' between the workers and the police.

Why then, one is tempted to ask, did he go to all the trouble of studying capitalism and writing 'Capital'?

Why did he organize the First International Workingmen's Association?

Why did he struggle for dialectical materialism against the philosophy of the enemy

The crude vulgarizations of this type of programme would scarcely be worth taking up were they not part of a concerted effort to boost the

KENT STATE WEDNESDAY'S COLUMN

'Property or life?'

to all its institutions and

'they're rotten to the core. . . .

We're supposed to be evaluat-

Implacable

whom commute to office jobs

in Akron, were seen as implac-

able enemies of the students.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and

the Rotary Club, traditionally

rabidly right-wing organiza-tions, talked about what they

would have done if the National Guard hadn't been

'If they throw a bomb .

called in.

was armed.

Some members of the

The townspeople, many of

ing them . . . and we did'.

weapons to law enforcement officers in the case of 'armed resistance' that trained sniper teams can't handle.

In practice that means: Carry on as before.

In the television programme the viewer sympathized with the students, most of whom expressed deep disillusionment with capitalism. They were not developed politically, but groped for some understand-

Priorities

One girl said since the shootings she saw it as a question of priorities—which was more important, property or life? She thought life.

Another thought that unirevisionists and denigrate the re-occurrence of such inci- versity students, groomed to significance of Marxist theory. dents, according to the report, run the country, are exposed or a torch, I'm going to kill for the shootings.

somebody', said one and, 'they asked for it', another said of the four murdered students.

The Mayor who called in the National Guard said he had studied all the factors before he made a move, but felt 'it was necessary' at the time and still feels that it was.

It was possible to get some glimpses into small-town American life from the programme and the effect of the polarization of class forces on

But the deep crisis of American imperialism at the bottom of the break-up of traditional relationships which was so obvious in the programme was not alluded to even indirectly.

Despair

The war in Cambodia got no mention, nor did the Teamsters' strike which the same National Guard had been sent in to break just before going to Kent State.

And so the viewer was left Vigilante committees had in total despair with the students outnumbered and the already been organized and, according to one man, just 'working people in bitter opposition' according to the about everybody in the town interviewer and therefore, by implication, partly to blame

Oppositionists welcome Nobel prize for Solzhenitsyn

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of Soviet oppositionists have hailed the award of the Nobel Prize to Alexander Solzhenitsyn and have called his treatment by the bureaucracy 'a national shame'.

Thirty-seven men and women —among them Pyotr Yakir, the historian and son of Red Army General I. A. Yakir who was murdered in Stalin's purges have signed a statement against Solzhenitsyn's persecution.

FOUR DOCUMENTS received recently from Spain

reveal the enormous growth of the combativity of the

Spanish working class and its acute need for a prin-

They are 'Mundo Obrero' ('Workers World', January 1970,

('Workers World', January 1970, organ of the Communist Party of Spain [CPS]), 'Madrid Popular' ('People's Madrid') June 1970—produced by the Maoist Communist Party of Spain (Marxist-Leninist) (CPS-ML) — 'Madrid Popular' No. 1 (undated but produced this year) and 'Liberación' (splinter from CPS [M-L]) No. 1, produced this year.

Reflected in their pages is a wave of struggles and open defiance of the fascist regime

unprecedented since Franco's butchers victoriously concluded

their war of extermination of all

organized labour and civil liber-ties in 1939, with the direct aid of Hitler and Mussolini, the

hypocritical connivance of 'demo-

cratic' France and Britain and the bloody treachery of Stalin-

Workers Press readers will know of the massive strike of

the Asturian miners in January

of this year, involving the entire coalfield—still unsettled.

lona went on a go slow for higher wages, held mass meet-

ings in the factory and produced their own paper 'Asamblea

Perhaps the most significant strike reported in 'Mundo

'Mundo Obrero' reports many strikes throughout Spain in the face of Franco's Guardia Civil. SEAT (motors) workers in Barce-

cipled Marxist leadership.

In it they reply to the salvo of abuse hurled at the writer since he announced his intention to accept the prize in Stockholm.

The statement says that Solzhenitsyn's novels contain 'civic inspiration, philosophical and high artistic crafts-

It refers to the 'humanitarianism' of the positions Solzhen-itsyn has adopted and to his consistent and courageous

Courageous stance

Obrero' is that of 14,000 agricultural workers in December 1969 from the vineyards of

Jerez for 300 pesetas (36s) for a seven-hour day. The strikers were backed by solidarity actions

in the area and the local shop

keepers and small-holders.
'In all the villages there are collections, meetings and slogans

painted on the walls, many slogans. The white walls of the little Sevillian villages are

daubed with a multitude of

strange patches, some black, some red: they are slogans painted over by the three-cornered hats (civil guards).

'The atmosphere is one of

great struggle. In Trebujena a committee of workers gave economic aid to the most needy

families and one worker was

arrested. In consequence there

was a demonstration of the entire village to the barracks of the Guardia Civil, but as a pre-

against the

Franco

regime
But workers need

defence of them.
Solzhenitsyn, a former teacher
and Red Army man, spent many years in prison camps after he wrote a letter to a friend criticizing Stalin at the end of the

His novels deal with his experiences in the camps and in the hospital where he was treated for cancer after his release from prison.

Refused

Solzhenitsyn has adamantly refused to bow to the Stalinist literary censorship in the USSR and his powerful novels are a ruthless exposure of Stalinism. Last year he was expelled from the Soviet Writers' Union— Daniel and Sinyavsky into prison

camps.
The Writers' Union, together with a number of its hack func-tionaries (none of whom come up to Solzhenitsyn's knees in literary stature) has attacked him

as 'anti-Soviet'. Ageing Stalinist hack Leonid Sobolev issued a well-publicised statement.

'Everyone knows,' he said, 'how indignant the Soviet people

and our entire society, has been at Solzhenitsvn's behaviour.' [His two greatest novels, 'The First Circle' and 'Cancer Ward' have been barred from publica-

tion in the USSR for fear the same 'Soviet people' might form their own judgement on them.] . . . Since Solzhenitsyn said nothing for a number of years about the political speculation around his works, then we may

say that objectively by the logic things, he is a willing tool in the literary-political game of the old world.'

Logic

back into the USSR. Soviet diplomats have been putting out feelers in this direc-

award of the prize to become another of those regular occasions for the continuation of that badgering which consistently occurs against Solzhenitsyn

here . The British Stalinist organ 'Morning Star' reports without comment the scurrilous state-ment of the Soviet Writers'

Union. This is hardly surprising from the organization that welcomed the persecution of such writers

revolutionary leadership caution they cut the telephone wires and posted pickets of workers at all the entrances to the village. They said: "If they attack us, they'll get it back, and if they don't set him free we will go inside". The worker was freed immediately.'

These heroic actions of an uncowed working class take place in defiance of vicious police

Three construction workers were killed in Granada in the summer during a peaceful demonstration. 'Madrid Popular' also reports two workers killed in Erandio in peaceful demonstrations against emissions of noxious vapours from local fac-

The Maoist journals give rich evidence of mass protests and actions on the streets and in workers' quarters (barrios), particularly in Madrid, the centre of the fascist bureaucracy.

These are aimed against scandals and swindles, largely related to the housing question, similar to the Matessa affair involving ministers of Franco's cabinet.
At Virgen de la Antigua, in 1953, money was collected from workers as down-payments for houses which were not built. Now, still not fully fitted with

installations, they have been occupied by the rightful owners.

The fascist courts were forced after the event to find against the building society.

The walls of Madrid are

covered, everywhere, with slogans calling for action and solidarity and attacking the Franco regime. The police are unable to paint them over fast enough.

The crumbling Franco government must deal with the world economic crisis and the need to meet the wages offensive and open workers' resistance with an increasingly demoralized state which is completely discredited.

The CPS policies as published in 'Mundo Obrero', are a conscious attempt to smash the independent, revolutionary actions of the working class, as they successfully did in 1936-1937.

They call for 'an alliance of political forces, an alliance capable of realizing a minimum programme based on political, democratic and national democratic

These, they say, can guarantee 'the transition to democracy . . . without bloody conflicts, without civil war and without reprisals'. They want 'a pact which, encompassing the freedom-loving groups in the bourgeoisie, could obtain the support of the church and the Army'.

This, when the Spanish bourgeoisie, in accordance with capitalism's world-wide move to the right, is revitalizing fascism by means of its traditional props the army and the Catholic church.

The crisis in the Spanish Communist Party has assumed tremendous proportions.
Carillo, CPS general secretary

has been howled down in meetings with the large membership of his party in Paris.

The January 23 'Mundo Obrero' is riven with contradictions-on one page they call on the Polish Government to give the lie to reports that they had provided coal to break the Asturian miners' strike and deplore Soviet diplomatic advances to Spanish Fascism.

On another they report a meeting of European CPs in Moscow attended by the Polish and Russian Stalinist parties and which 'proceeded in an atmosphere of fraternal co-operation'. They have no intention of fighting international Stalinism's rapprochement to fascist regimes and their protests are merely a feeble attempt to cover their left flank and retain a hold over workers inspired by the Asturian example.

The development of the Maoist groupings, largely amongst student youth, represents an attempt to develop an alternative to the bankrupt CPS.
Their courageous activity is

tragically disorientated. 'Madrid Popular' places excessive stress on the 'Yankee-Fascist government' and sees the struggle in Spain as a national liberation struggle, thus unable to counter demagogic fascist chauvinism against the Americans. They approach the struggles in

the 'barrios' in separation from that of organized labour and the struggles of the class as a

'Liberación' idealizes the spontaneously thrown-up workers' organizations. None of the documents showed

that the struggle against fascism and for the civil liberties it suppresses is a revolutionary struggle in the deepest sense of the word, a struggle for the expro-priation of the Spanish bourgeoisie by the independent action of the armed working class supported by the peasantry.

The central question for workers in Spain is the building of the Spanish section of the Fourth International theoretical conflict with Stalinism and any anarcho-syndicalist illusions in the class.

BBC 1

'MAN ALIVE' returned to

BBC-2 last week with the

first programme in a four-

part series called 'The Mood

This one dealt with Kent,

Ohio, where four students

were killed and nine wounded

by the National Guard after

demonstrations against the invasion of Cambodia by

Also out last week was

the special report on the

Kent shootings by President

Nixon's commission on cam-

Lethal force

television programme were

cluded that the 'danger the

Guardsmen faced was not a

danger which called for lethal

force' and that there was no

justification for the 61 shots

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apparently liberal.

American troops last May.

9.15 a.m. Schools. 12.25-12.55 p.m. Nai zindagı—naya jeevan. 1.00-1.25 Iris. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05 Schools. 2.50 Racing from Cheltenham. 4.25 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Ondra fights for freedom. 5.15 Tom Tom. 5.44 Magic roundabout, 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE, London. 6.45 THE DOCTORS.

7.10 TOM AND JERRY. 7.20 STAR TREK. 'Friday's Child'.

8.10 SOFTLY, SOFTLY—TASK FORCE. 'Time Expired'. 9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather.

9.20 SPORTSNIGHT WITH COLEMAN. International football: England v W Germany. International boxing: Scotland v Denmark. International skating.

11.20 THE SKY AT NIGHT. 'Rockets to the Planets'.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except: Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.37 News, weather. North, NE, NW, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.37 News, weather. weather. **Wales: 6.00-6.4**5 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 7.20-

7.40 Ask the family. 7.40-8.10 Ble carech chi fynd? 11.37 Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 11.37 News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.37 News, weather.
SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.37 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.05 p.m. SQUARE TWO. 'Networks'. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 TIMES REMEMBERED.

8.10 MAN ALIVE. 'The Mood of America'. Clarkesville, Pennsylvania, the mining town where Jo Yablonski was murdered. 9.00 FANNY AND JOHNNIE CRADOCK INVITE . . . you to a hot buffet.

9.20 OUT OF THE UNKNOWN. 'Immortality Inc'.

10.10 FACE THE MUSIC.

10.50 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.55 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

ITV

11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Schools. 4.17 Tingha and Tucker club. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Lift off. 5.20 Ace of wands. 5.50 News. 6.02 TODAY.

6.35 THE SAINT, 'A Double in Diamonds'.

7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THE CHAMPIONS. 'Operation Deep-Freeze'. 9.00 SPECIAL BRANCH. 'Sorry Is Just a Word'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 MAX. Max Bygraves with Judith Durham, Aimi MacDonald. 11.00 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. From Fairfield Halls, Croydon. 11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. 12.00 midnight THE GLORY OF LOVE.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.06 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Wind in the willows. 4.25 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 African patrol. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasurehunt. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London.

don. 11.45 Epilogue. News, weather. WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.45 Faith for life. 11.50 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Wind in the willows. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.30 Best of Lucy. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 10.30 Storyline South. 11.00 London. 11.45 News. 11.55 Weather. Action 70.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except for: 4.23-4.25, 6.01-6.35 Report West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except for: 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd. ANGLIA: 10.58-3.00 London. 4.25 Newsroom. 4.35 Romper Room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.49 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Branded. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London.

ULSTER: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Bracken's world. 9.00 London. 10.30 An evening with . . . The Tasters. 11.00 London.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Hogan's heroes. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Big valley. 9.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker, 4.55 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.25 Police file, 6.35 Avengers. 7.30 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby. 9.00 London.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.10 News. 4.15 Wally Whyton style. 4.40 Paulus. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Survival. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. 11.45 News. 12 midnight Epilogue. BORDER: 1.38-3.00 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. 11.45 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 Max. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Bonanza. 9.00 London. 10.30 Scotsport. 11.45 Late call

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-3.00 London. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Cartoon. 4.25 Freud on food. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Week. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 8.55 Police news. 9.00 London. 10.30 Scotsport. 11.20 London. 11.45 A kind of living.

Vauxhall stewards wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 10.30 Storyline South. 11.00 London. 11.45 News. 11.55 Weather. Action 70. HARLECH: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.25 . . . And Gladly Teach. 4.55 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Bold Ones. 9.00 London. links discovered

THE ACTIVITIES of Moral Re-Armament have once more been brought to light — this time at Luton's

Vauxhall Motors plant. Under the auspices of MRA, shop stewards and sometimes their wives, have been meeting Vauxhall management at social occasions attended by, among others, Mrs Dagmar Hegland, wife of the firm's former chair-

man and managing director. Two AEF shop stewards who were involved in these gatherings were removed recently from the stewards' committee executive at a 50-strong shop stewards'

Mr Glyn Morgan, Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundryworkers convenor, said of the two men that 'they had been acting dangerously by meeting directors.

'These men are the elected representatives of the shop floor. If they want to see any management they should have done so in the company of fellow trade unionists, not behind backs.'

Admirer Moral Re-Armament founded by an American theologian Dr Frank Buchman who was a fervent admirer of Hitler and a friend of SS Reichsfuhrer

—Himmler. Buchman put forward four basic ideas by which

to live: honesty, purity, unselfish-

ness and love.

Which of these ideas appealed to the two Vauxhall stewards is not known, but certainly instilling the last two into shop-floor militants has more purpose than obeying abstract principles.

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

One of the two stewards removed from the executive was a repair worker in the trim shop, Mr Gilmore. He told reporters that he saw himself as a link between the management and the shop-floor workers, believing that he was near to establishing 'new relationships'

He is reported as saying 'I have found that Moral Re-Armament provides a ground to meet all sorts of workers in the motor industry'.

between the two.

He is also said to have met both Vauxhall's personnel director and financial director in 'non-union circumstances'.

Meeting

He said: 'At one stage my wife wrote to Mr Hegland about the industry and we met him and his wife at the Westminster Theatre during the production

Several Vauxhall stewards accepted invitations to this meeting. One shop steward who refused to attend said the invitation had been presented as an exercise in 'participation'.

that Messrs Hopper and Gilmore were, like herself, only interested She explained: 'I felt that so much of the misunderstanding, mistrust and suspicion came up

because people from different ranks did not get to know each

other and discuss their prob-

Mrs Hegland apparently found

A Vauxhall worker commented wryly that the main problem the Heglands would have been interested in discussing with men from the shop floor was the continuing losses of millions of pounds by Vauxhall Motors.

This problem was evidently too much for MRA as Hegland has now been removed from his post under the shadow of the company's declining fortunes. Mrs Hegland continued: 'A

friend introduced me to Mr Hopper and Mr Gilmore at the play and I invited them to call on my husband and me at our home [a £35,000 house in the hamlet of Harpenden] with their wives if they were passing any time'.

Return

And of course such compliments have to be returned.

So Mrs Hegland paid a visit to Mr Gilmore's council house on her birthday. Mr Gilmore, who says that he has no 'personal ambitions' and says he is a 'patriot', intends to

persist in trying to bridge the

gap between workers and man-He lent fuel to an anti-communist witch-hunt in the local Luton press by claiming that the Communist bloc among the AEF shop stewards has effec-

tively removed us from leader-

These events are timely because the employers are now desperately using all agencies that can be found to 'persuade' workers to accept participation schemes, whether under the guise of 'left' talk or religion and mysticism.

This is Stalinist logic, where a writer becomes a 'willing tool' in a 'literary-political game' if he Solzhenitsvn's literary stature does not need the official imprimatur of the Soviet bureaucracy

to sustain it.

But Sobolev's statement is ominous and laden with veiled threats. There is a danger that if Solzhenitsyn goes to collect his prize, he will not be allowed

tion at Stockholm. As the oppositionists' appeal warns: 'We are prepared for the

as Blok, Mandelstam and Paster-

nak in the past.

The leaders of the British Communist Party must be forced to say where they stand in this latest round in the Stalinist bureaucracy's literary police surdown bomber

Coalition shelves nationalization

Ceylon workers ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **ALL TRADES**

MEETINGS

OLLERTON: Saturday October 24, 12 noon. 'The Plough', Ollerton. 'Miners and the ATUA.' Speaker: Mike Banda, Editor Workers Press. COVENTRY: Wednesday, October 14, 7.30 p.m. City Arms, Smithford Way.

London

'How to defeat the Tories'

CROYDON: Thursday, October 15, 8.00 p.m. Prince of Wales, Thornton Heath Clock Tower. WILLESDEN: Thursday, October 22, 8 p.m. Labour and Trades Hall, Willesden High Road. SOUTHALL: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Southall Community Cen-tre. Bridge Road.

SW LONDON: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon Road, Clapham Junction.
W LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Prince Albert Pub, Balfe LONDON: Wednesday, October

5 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven

murdered by police

THE COALITION of renegade Trotskyists, Stalinists and Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party, which came to power in the General Election of May 1970, has lost no time in showing its real class nature to the working class in Ceylon.

PUBLIC LECTURES

Elements of Marxism

The importance of Marxist philosophy in the building of the revolutionary party.

Three lectures by G. HEALY (National Secretary of the Socialist Labour League)

DAGENHAM

Monday October 19 Monday October 26 Monday November 2

Kay's Restaurant 271 Ilford Lane

Three lectures by

(Editor of Workers Press) **BLACKFRIARS**

M. BANDA

ACTON Thursday October 29 Thursday November 5

Thursday November 12 'Kings Head' High Street

Acton. 8 p.m. Two lectures by

G. HEALY in Glasgow

Sunday October 25 Sunday November 1 Partick Burgh Hall (nr Merkland St tube)

OXFORD

Thursday October 22

Thursday October 29

Thursday November 5

Northgate Hall

Oxford

Monday October 26

Monday November 2

Monday November 9

Friars Hall

Blackfriars Road

SE1. 8 p.m.

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Saturday, November 28 Saturday, December 12 Corn Exchange Leeds Doors open 12 noon

> parliament on October 27. **ROVERS STOP AGAIN**

British - Leyland yesterday laid off 1,500 carworkers from

its Rover assembly plant at Solihull, Warwickshire.

The lay-offs took place as production of the 2000 and 3500 models was shut down

fortnight at Rover's Acocks

Green, Birmingham, engine

factory over delays in the

implementation of a new pay

structure for internal trans-

the second walk-out in a

LATE NEWS

DEARER SCOTTISH GAS (See this page) Gas is likely to cost up to ten per cent more in Scotland, the Gas Board said

yesterday.
CIVIL SERVICE CUTBACKS The Prime Minister was last night meeting Civil Service representatives to outline the effects of the re-structuring of government machinery

on the Service. Tory plans for slashing government spending will involve curbing the number of Civil Servants.

Yesterday the Cabinet was told of Heath's final plans for merging and cutting back government departments These are to be announced tomorrow or Friday. The Cabinet's main business was the economic review to be announced by the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer in

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Two Indian estate workers were shot dead £775 a and one seriously wounded when an armed year more police party fired on striking workers in the for police Keenakalay tea plantation in the first week of chief September.

This is revealed in a belated report from Ceylon SIR ARTHUR YOUNG, who returns from Belfast soon, paper of the Revolutionary Communist League (Ceylon mand of the Roval Ulster section of the International Constabulary, may receive a Committee of the Fourth £775-a-year pay increase.

The Court of Common Council, the City of London's local authority, which is to

consider upping his salary to £7,210 tomorrow, will also consider pay rises for the

There has been little suc-

cess, however, for the country's 109,000 policemen

who launched a campaign recently for a 56 per cent

Docks idle

Marseilles docks were idle

yesterday because of a 24-hour dockers' strike to back

demands for higher unemploy-

ment pay and changes in

SURFACE workers have no

adequate union representation. When officials come up for

election to union jobs, the

men on the list are just names

We have no way of knowing

As far as we know, the men

working on coal-handling and

materials, those who in

general comprise the main

labour force on the top are

represented by only one

When issues arise in-

volving one man, or a group of men, usually there is no

union man on the job to go

into the grievance. By the

time a report is made to the

union the issue is cold, and

as there are sometimes three

officials on the managerial side, the scales are weighted

heavily in favour of the em-

ployers.
This is the weak side of

our union organization. We

claim that every department,

or section of work, should

have its own direct represen-

tative as does the car indus-

Instead of having one man covering all jobs in general,

there should be an elected

shop steward on each job and

arrangement allows for loose

and indecisive interpretation

of rules. Some jobs are covered by the required num-

ber of men, other jobs are

under-manned, so that men

with no experience are called upon to fill jobs in an emer-

gency where there is a man-

This increases the risk of

The men on the pit surface

are never consulted with regard to pit organization.

Decisions affecting labour relations and the whole range

of coal operations are taken

drastic overhaul of the out-

moded times of starting and

finishing shifts. With increased

mechanization and speed-up.

it is one-sided modernization,

when men have to work eight-

hour shifts, with the day shift

I consider that with the

bad conditions most men

have to work under, through

It is time there was a

accidents and lowers the standard of efficiency on the

try and engineering.

The present

power shortage.

over their heads.

starting at 6 a.m.

branch official.

whether they work down the pit or on the surface.

retirement age regulations.

commissioner and

assistant

wage rise.

traffic wardens.

International). Not satisfied with murdering these unarmed workers, the police then buried their victims without even the formality of an

This atrocity, for which the 'United-Front' government must bear full responsibility, immediately evoked a massive movement of sympathy amongst on workers plantations.

Huge strike

One hundred thousand workers struck work in the marched through Colombo under the banner of the Ceylon Trade Union Federa-

tion, demanding action against the pro-imperialist assassins in the coalition.

The RCL paper points out that the coalition, begovernment which does not seek to expropriate imperialits repression of the working class, attack its demoassembly and smash its

trade unions. The shooting of estate workers and the baton charging of textile workers in the Velona factory is not an aberration. typifies the regime's attitude to the trade unions and

working class. Despite this criminal repression and the frantic activities of the reformists, says the paper, the working-

class struggle continues. The only way to stop the repression and prevent the government from turning the whole of Ceylon into 'Keenakalay' is for the trade union federations and left parties to organize a general strike and for the reformists to withdraw from the coalition and lead the developing working - class

Answer

The only effective answer to the coalition, says the RCL, is the setting up of a workers' and peasants' government based on the left parties and trade

British workers and par-ticularly 'Morning Star' readers would do well to study this example of Popular Frontism in practice since the 'Morning Star' only a few weeks before the shooting took place carried an euphoric interview (August 26) with Pieter Keuneman, Stalinist Minister for Housing and Construction, who lyingly assured forcign supporters that the election of the United Front 'has created new possibilities for the further advance of the anti-imperialist and socialist

Pimenov trial starts

forces of Ceylon'.

SOVIET nuclear physicist Andrei Sakharov is among the five signatories of a letter demanding admission to the trial of a mathematician accused of 'anti-Soviet fab-

The trial of Revolt Pimenov opens in Kaluga Regional Court today. He was arrested in Leningrad four months ago. The letter said: 'We are seriously disturbed at the arrest and indictment of our colleague, all the more so because of the practice of severe sentences on such charges in recent years'.

bomber over the town of Khao-Klao, in Petchabon province about 200 miles north the capital, Bangkok.

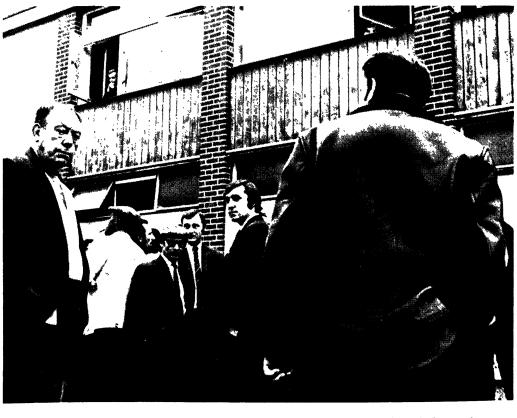
They took the area at the beginning of this month, but have retreated before a strong offensive by troops of the US-backed government in the last few days.

However, they are still harassing government strong-holds on the borders of the mortar and artillery fire.

Lambeth dustmen Thai guerrillas COMMUNIST guerrillas in Thailand have shot down a still breaking

strike

BY DAVID MAUDE



Council workers from other London boroughs listen attentively below the windows of yester-day's Lambeth meeting for a decision.

Workers bear brunt of gas price

HOUSEWIVES will face a winter of higher gas bills and workers in the industry productivity speed-up, according to British gas chiefs yesterday.

But the big factor in the poor performance was the sharp rise in interest charges to over £91 million. Mr T. Mervyn Jones, chairman of the Wales Gas BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

in his report on the 'unprecedentedly high level' interest charges and warns that his board will make every effort to step-up the productivity of its employees. Chairman of the Eastern Gas Board, despite a profit-

able year, warned that work in the area's plants would have to be intensified. 'In the coming year every effort will be made to increase efficiency and obtain higher productivity

in order to absorb as much

interests with their members,

but if strike action is decided upon, they will turn a com-

plete somersault and after two

weeks they will sell the men

LETTERS

present leadership, the mood of the men would ensure that

£5 a week would be won

Most men accept the inevit-

ability of a wage increase with a resultant increase in the cost of living. I think that

if we campaigned hard enough

on the job to expose the evils

of the prices and incomes

policy, the rank and file would

A clear class viewpoint on

this subject would be followed

by concerted, solid class action to smash the Tory

We would stand a better

chance of winning the £20-a-week minimum if we called

upon other unions for sup-

port, notably the railwaymen

and the power station

under new leadership.

follow the lead.

policies.

I personally believe that if

Surface workers and

the miners' pay claim

and

from higher wages and salaries,' he reports.

as possible of the large inrises creases in costs resulting

Reports from 12 area gas boards show that despite record sales during 1969 of 5 264 million them. 5.264 million therms and gas appliances to over a million customers, the industry's profit fell from £17,500,000 to £13,700,000.

Board - one of the three

inclement weather, dust and

fumes, the case for a six-hour

And a day shift starting at

a.m. would improve

There is no incentive for

the coal away from the pit

head, yet with increased pro-

duction the real value of his

by the rise in the cost of

wages is continually reduced

The disparity between the

Most pit top men rely on

surface man's wages and the

overtime working to boost their earnings. Yet with a labour force whose average

age is well above 50, many of

v h o m are incapacitated

through injury or industrial

disease, some men are not able

to work overtime and, even if

the £2 10s offer were accepted,

many would still not exceed

£14 10s-a-week take-home pay.

to accept the £2 10s offer?

Yet why will some men vote

The real reason is that they

Most union leaders at pit

desirous of making a militant

stand on the wages issue

because they want it to appear

national level, are

see the present union set-up

a screen for the NCB.

miner's is too great.

surface man to work

day is firmly established.

efficiency and lower

incidence of sickness

absenteeism.

harder.

living.

The industry's guiding body, the Gas Council, rejects in the report the Prices and Income Board

estimate of savings that could be made in the face of higher wages.

During the last few

months gas workers in several areas of Britain have struck unofficially in support of their claim for a £20 minimum and a 25 per cent incentive guarantee for men not on incentive bonus.

● See 'Miners scapegoats' in Workers' Notebook inside.

workers are met separately,

without support from the others, then the old com-

romise solution will follow.

with the railwaymen and

power workers. This could

become the springboard of a

new working-class offensive to

defeat the employers and the

ists should make it clear that

as the capitalist class unites

in its fight to lower the

class, and use elements of the

trade union movement to undermine working class

solidarity, then we will call upon all sections of the working class, middle class

and professional workers to

close ranks and oppose the

manoeuvres of the employers'

class in the intensified wages

struggle.
In fighting for better wages

and conditions, it would be a

mistake to isolate the intellec-

tuals of the middle class

by the system.

because they too are exploited

It is only by carrying out a

campaign on the broadest

basis of the mass labour

movement, that realistic ad-

vances can be made in the

S. H., Glasshoughton

Colliery, Yorks.

All Communists and Social-

government.

I believe the time has come for integration of the miners

Guerrillas ● FROM PAGE ONE the good grace of

LAMBETH DUSTMEN split three

to two yesterday against support-

ing the council unions' rolling

A number of militants refused to

work and joined strike pickets from

Hackney, Southwark, Kensington and

Chelsea outside the gates of the

But appeals from rank-and-

file dustmen's leaders failed to persuade a majority of the

men to answer a two-week-old strike instruction from their union—the Transport and General Workers'.

And a 'stay united' plea from T&GWU regional officer

Peter Evans sent the 100-or-so

dustmen who voted to strike back to work pending a further meeting next Monday.

ALL OUT

that leaders of the three unions involved in the strike —T&GWU, Public Employees

and General and Municipal

Doubts about the unions'

selective strike policy and fears of another half-baked

compromise settlement — like

that concluded at Edinburgh 12 months ago — were major factors in the confusion at

yesterday morning's 90-minute Shakespeare Rd meeting.

firm assurances either that an

all-out strike would be called or that the final pay settle-

ment would be no less than the £2 15s demanded.

PLEDGE

But he pledged that he

would meet officials of the other unions to put the Lambeth men's case and

report back to a further meeting next Monday morning.

London strike committee

chairman Tony Sweeney—who said later he thought the

union was largely to blame for

warned yesterday's meeting of

the seriousness of the struggle

Referring to the Tories' threat that troops would be used to break their struggle,

he appealed to them to show a united front and join the

the Lambeth situation

Evans was unable to give

Most Lambeth men now say

borough's Shakespeare Rd depot.

Israeli imperialists and the Hashemite King Hussein of This outright sell-out of the

Palestinian revolution would legitimize the Zionist state of and permanently rob the Palestinian people of their birthright.

Capitulation It was for this that Arafat signed the Cairo agreement with Hussein.

His capitulation to Hussein meant capitulation to Zionism and imperialism. There can be no compromise with these treacherous middle-of-the-road nationalist

leaders who are well on the way to a monstrous betrayal in the Middle East.

War plans

FROM PAGE ONE

influence in the area while it thought the imperialists were at a disadvantage. It was, Home added, part of a global effort to see how far it was safe to 'push the

> This contrasts sharply with remarks made in Singapore on Friday by Navy Minister Peter Kirk who said—in answer to a question about the Soviet Navy:

> 'It is obviously worrying when a new presence injects itself into an area like the Indian Ocean, but the threat is not so great that one should get all steamed up about it.

If this is the case — and Kirk as Navy Minister is well placed to know — just what are the Tories getting 'all steamed up about'?

For Home is certainly going to considerable trouble to adopt the most belligerent stance he can over S African arms and the Soviet Fleet.

ALERTED

Only last month, the United States Sixth Fleet was placed on battle stations and airon battle stations and arr-borne troops alerted as the US prepared, together with Israel, to go to war in the Middle East.

Nixon also allowed it to be made known that US nuclear weapons are maintained in the colonels' Greece and in Turkey, right on the Soviet border.

Workers—must call out high-ways, refuse and sewage workers in all 32 London border.

The Tories' belligerence in the Indian Ocean — which Home implies is part of a 'global' effort — is intimately tied up with these American war preparations. boroughs before they will Although council workers in Bromley joined the campaign yesterday, there are still only 23 boroughs out.

Heath's declaration of war on the working class in Britain is not separate from these plans. Imperialism is now preparing for war against the working class of all the major capitalist countries of

Europe.

Despite the vacillations of the Tory sections represented by Kirk, the Tory right wing is at the helm and running up the war flags.

Imperialism, it is true, maintains itself only because of the international classcollaboration practised by the Stalinist bureaucracy.

ONSLAUGHT

But this does not in the least exclude the preparation of war against the Soviet Union.

An international onslaught against the working class — planned by imperialism in the death agony of world crisismust involve a drive to take back all the gains won by working-class struggle in Britain and internationally. While Heath and Carr pre-

pare to strip the working class at home of 200 years' hard-won rights to organize, Home joins Nixon in pressure aimed ultimately at taking back the conquests of October, the nationalized property relations in the

This can only be done by imposing the most ruthless capitalist dictatorships in Europe and America.

That is the international rationale of Heath's corporatist programme.

WEATHER

A southerly airstream covers the British Isles. NW Scotland and N Ireland will be rather cloudy with a little light rain at times but also some sunny spells.

Over remaining areas of Britain, mist and fog will clear slowly during the morning to give some sunny spells by afternoon. However, fog patches will persist all day near South-facing coasts.

It will be warm and humid in all areas.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Little change.

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a political fight

their Tory government are preparing to destroy all that up in the past through struggle and sacrifice.

by the miners. Look what Heath says on industrial relations, or should I say anti-union laws. He is prepared to discuss

back above half a century.

Tory government.

We miners must insist that there is no retreat by the NEC on the basic minimum surface workers, £22 for underground bye-workers and wages demand of £20 for £30 minimum for face workers.

P.B., Glasshoughton Colliery, N Yorkshire area.

Our wages fight is

IN MY opinion employers and working class has built

In view of this statement, must cast a searchlight on the forthcoming wages struggle

wages. The government would act as 'responsible employers' and would expect private employers to do the same. This means simply that the government intends to sup-

press wage demands in the public sector of industry,

the private sector.

And should a private employer give way to a wage demand under threat of strike, the government would put pressure on the banks to restrict loans to that employer. Look what Carr says on

the Bill, but the main content will remain the same. If the government is allowed to get away with this legislation, and there is a possibility of this because of the treacherous reformist and Stalinist leadership in the trade unions and

labour movement, the working class would be driven So the miners' wages fight must be seen in its true perspective. That is, a fight not only against Robens and the Coal Board, but a fight against the employing class and its