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CBI leaders asked Employment Minister Robert Carr to put more teeth in the already well-filled gums of the gov-ernment's proposed Registrar of Trade Unions.

The Confederation's economic staff had earlier called on behalf of their 12,000 employer members for a preas 'the most effective single measure to deal simultaneously with the problems of sluggish investment, rising costs and less promising export pros-

At the same time, the CBI concludes from a survey of 1,300 firms — employing between them some three million people and producing about 50 per cent of Britain's manufactured exports — that there should be no general stimulus to consumption at present; that the government should improve investment incentives and that rising production costs must be halted.

Key sections of Britain's employers are now eagerly awaiting their pound of flesh from the Tories—and quickly! CBI deputy director-general Douglas Taylor spelt out at yesterday morning's press conference introducing the survey that while the government is saying things with which employers are in sympathy, statements are by themselves

far from enough. 'Confidence is based on performance,' he observed. One aspect of the survey bears this out. It shows that there has been

little or no movement since the Tory election victory in June in employers' 'level o optimism about the general business situation'. 'The prospect for exports,' Imperial Chemical Industries

economics chief James Stewart told reporters, 'is not really cheering.
'In fact this is the first time in the eight years that we have been asking questions about exports that the pessi-mists have outweighed the

optimists.' **Optimism**

And he discerned a declining trend of optimism about exports in the period from late 1968 to 1970. This, of course, almost exactly corresponds with the period in which it became increasingly obvious to even

the most myopic employer that the Labour government was unable to shackle the But the survey also reveals, by implication, that the employers — particularly big employers — are carrying out heavy stockpiling of both raw materials and finished goods 'Indeed,' comment the CBI's economic staff, 'the balance of respondents reporting an increase in their stocks of finished goods is the largest

In other words the employPAGE FOUR COL. 5

four lobs at

(US Round-up) BACK TO THE 'PAYLESS

PAYDAY'

work anymore.

The fact is this is not a

business-as-usual situation. The

city labour movement is faced

with a situation that is rapidly turning back toward what we faced in 1934. The whole economic crisis of the country

is forcing the employers includ-

ing the city administrations, at the workers' throats more and

There are going to be some big explosions ahead. The old methods of these bureaucrats wheeling and dealing with the city administration to get a few

concessions here and there won't

Unless there's a real fight to

What does your caucus plan

Our caucus on the first

notice of the payless paydays, launched a campaign passing

around the city, demanding that steps be taken to call a mass

demonstration of city workers at

City Hall against the Lindsay

threat, aiming it at the demand that there be a general strike of

all city workers affected if the

payless payday threat was carried

announced last week that in order to offset city revenue losses brought on by the economic crisis he would impose on New York's 300,000 city employees 'payless paydays', pay cuts, a job freeze and lay-offs.

In 1934 Mayor Fiorello La Guardia actually imposed a 'payless payday' scheme whereby each city employee was denied a month's pay in the course of

that year.
What the Lindsay threat underlines is precisely the fact that the economic crisis which is tightening its grip across the country means the working class now faces a return to 1934 conditions.

But leaders of the city's public service unions are treating this threat with complete com-

They evade preparation to fight back against Lindsay by dismissing his threat as a manoeuvre to gain an advantage on the eve of pay talks affecting fire, transport, sanitation and social service departments.

'It's all part of the negotiations', claimed Michael Maye of the Uniformed Firemen's Asso-

Instead of this bluster, a mass demonstration to City Hall leading to a general strike of all city workers is being urged by militants to drive Lindsay back. Dennis Cribben, union militant and spokesman for the 'Committee for New Leadership', a rank-and-file caucus in New York

social services union, spoke to the US Trotskyist newspaper In this interview he comments on Lindsay's pay threat and the statement of Director of Labour Relations Haber that New York City workers will have to forgo

wage increases. The interview explains briefly and sharply the problems in front of this section of US workersjust as similar questions are posed in Britain.

In particular the way that unemployment is used in an attempt to weaken the pay fight, the treacherous 'business as usual' attitude of union leaders and the absolute necessity of a

What is your reaction to the Haber statement?

against the bureaucracy.

A. This is clearly a declaration of war on the dirty unions, as some 94,000 employees enter into collective bargaining for new contracts in January. The workers I've spoken to are completely outraged at both this statement and the statement two days ago to the effect that there would be payless paydays in the city. It is clear the ranks will not

stand for this attack.
It looks like the Lindsay administration is really setting up a situation where it will have the biggest strike on its hands tory of this city.

The Haber statement is the vicious statement ever

ration. It contains a complete string of lies. Haber contends that city workers should be content to accept no pay increases in their

1971 contracts because of their tenure, and job security, and pension rights. But in fact the Lindsay Administration over the past two years, and particularly now, is conducting the most ruthless campaign to attack jobs and

throw thousands of city employees out of their jobs. This has been very much the whole thrust of the Lindsay Administration. It is very clear that the Lindsay Administration is out to try to smash and break

What has been the response of the city labour leaders?

up the city civil service unions as we go into the 1971 contract.

Well it is very clear that all the city labour leaders who have commented on this are completely complacent about the tremendous threat now being made to the city labour move-

The remarks from Sanitationmen's Union head Delury reflect complete 'business-as-usual' attitude. He dismisses the Haber remarks as a 'trial balloon' and states that the city labour movement has heard this before and the city has come up with the

Lhe true face' of American 'democracy'

EVENTS in Canada have given one more indication of the repressive capabilities, the reflex actions of the liberal

bourgeois states. Beneath that smug, 'democratic' mask lies the vicious and savage reality of capitalist statecapable of transforming itself within hours if need be.

The United States government stands second to none when it comes to this type of action.
On October 15, President Nixon signed into law a new 'anti-crime' bill, originally designed 18 months ago as legislation to combat organized crime, i.e., the Mafia.

The House of Representatives however, tacked on to it a prooffence punishable by death.

The bill also allows for sentences of up to 25 years for cercoming out of the city administ- | tain 'criminals', even if their particular offences would normally carry shorter prison terms. Unextremely harsh sentences for those convicted of political

As certain as we can be that the anti-Mafia provisions will not be enforced — too many highly respected public servants would lose large portions of their incomes — we are certain the anti-bombing provisions will be immediately enforced.

Nixon, in fact, explicitly promised that this would be the case.

The United States government and the giant monopolies spend billions of dollars annually on counter-revolutionary activities. An army of federal, state and

local agents stand ready to strike that threatens the power or privileges of the employing class. This can be seen in the case of Angela Davis who was recently arrested in New York City by the FBI. She had been

hunted down in a witch-hunt

extending from one coast to the Miss Davis, a Communist Party member, is accused of having provided guns to Jonathan Jackson, whose attempt to rescue three prisoners from a Marin County, California, courthouse ended in a bloodbath

when police opened fire. A concerted attempt to whip up racialism and hatred against all militants is behind this nationwide witch-hunt. Her bail was set at \$250,000 and later refused altogether.

The American CP has launched

a legal fund for Miss Davis, it was announced last week. Angela Davis was replaced on the FBI's 'Ten Most Wanted Fugitives' list by another political figure and a woman as well.



Angela Davis

Bernadine Dohrn, a leader of the underground Weatherman faction of Students for a Democratic Society and former national secretary of the old united SDS, has been placed on the list charged with conspiring transport explosives with intent to injure persons or destroy buildings, possesion of firearms and destructive devices. including dynamite, mob action and inter-state flight.

The FBI's most wanted list now has 16 names—at least half of them wanted in connection with radical political activities.

The attacks on radicals and black militants especially cannot be seen as anything but attacks on the working class.

The apparatus that today is turned on Angela Davis, the FLQ and Bernadine Dohrn, will tomorrow be trained on strikers, the unemployed and revolu-

This is not a question to be discussed and considered in a scholarly manner at some future date. The battle is on, in Vietnam, in St Helens, in Jordan and in New York City.

UNEMPLOYMENT



California Gas Company in near Los Angeles. California's 7 per cent unemploymen pared to the 5.5 per cent national aver

THIS SCENE in California recently brought the dole queues of the 1930s right into the present. Over 700 workers lined up in

r to an advertisement for just

age—forced out-of-work engineers, journalists, and machinists to apply for readers' jobs.

FRIDAY'S

REVIEW BY N MAKANDA

Unless there's a real fight to thrust these unions into the sharpest struggles with the city, the city unions really stand to be destroyed. Q. What do you think should he done in this situation? Fruits of independence.

that never came

'City POLITICS—A study of Leopoldville, 1962-1963' by J. S. Fontaine, Cambridge University Press, 1970. £4.25

THIS 247-page work is another in the series of micropolitical studies conducted into the 'newly-independent' African states.

it suffers from relative isolation from its overall context, while, at the same time, either purposefully or willy-nilly, giving an enlarged view of a segment of this

Part one deals with the historical and economic background of Leopoldville and includes some material, unfortunately inadequately covered, of the infamous time in the 19th century when Belgian imperialism through King Leopold II, ravaged the Congo.

Such was the devastation of this conquest and pillage that, after 40 years of Leopold's company rule, the population was lower than it had been in 1881, when Stanley and Leopold undertook the 'civilizing' of the Congo, using Leopoldville as their base.

The Belgians set up a system of dictatorship based upon the super-exploitation of cheap wage and peasant labour. In this process the system of tribalism and proto-feudalism previously existing was destroyed physically as the people were dispossessed.

In its place Belgium placed a system of local police regimes, supervised by a 'white' racist oligarchy in situ and in Brussels. This racialist dictatorship was operated with equal ruthlessness by all governments of Belgium, whether 'socialist' or 'conserva-

The city of Leopoldville expressed this racialism by being topographically divided into 'white' and 'black' districts. The 'African districts of the city were further broken up into "tribal" communes as part of the divide and rule policy.

A system of migrant labour caused the majority of workers to be men, great numbers of became unemployed as part of the vast reserve army of cheap labour of the Belgian finance, mining, farming and commercial companies.

This aspect is documented in considerable detail in the book, which carries the analysis into the post-independence period, when Leopoldville's Kinshassa and other components expanded tenfold in a matter of a few years, as hundreds of thousands of hopeful workers and peasants streamed to the city in search of work and the fruits of the 'independence' that never came.

The book also gives an outline of the rise of the political parties including those of Tshombe and Joseph Mobutu, both of whom, under UNO auspices carried out the execu-



Leopoidville 1960:

The Belgian regime administered vicious repressions on Congolese workers.

tion of Lumumba and later of the guerrillas led by Gizenga, Gbenye and Mulele (whom Mobutu murdered in 1969, after the book was prepared.)

The Leopoldville workers were concentrated under Belgian rule with seven companies almost monopolizing the city's economy before independence in 1960, and continuing this economic dictatorship via the African nationalist bourgeoisie after independence.

The great majority of inhabitants were wage-earners, with 'staggering unemployment' permanent feature of this class.

These workers supported, with their under-subsistence wages, a parasitic horde of Belgian and imperialist racialistic 'white' workers and the new 'African elite'.

The educational segregation and starvation of the Congo toilers by Belgium, mainly through the Catholic and Protestant missionaries (who themselves ran rigidly segregated schools and hospitals), resulted in the total absence of any locally educated graduates.

The University of Lovanium was opened only in 1956, and then only as a subsidiary of the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium itself.

On the eve of independence 89 per cent of the self-employed, 77 per cent of the employed workers and 80 per cent of the unemployed workers were either totally uneducated by Belgium or had not completed more than a year or two at primary school.

Moreover, the schools were racially segregated. This section of the book is one of the useful statistical areas covered, albeit for only a short period.

The book's material brings out a number of the contradictions of Belgian policy, including: (1) the anti-tribal policy, while

form of survey are borne in

yet using artificial retribalization for 'divide-and-rule' ends. (2) the policy of preventing the growth of a local bourgeois class,

and yet using what there was of this class to maintain Belgian interests through the artifice of 'independence'. (3) the failure of racial segregation to prevent the formation

of an urban (and mining) working class. The details of these contradictions are useful, providing the limitations of the micropolitical

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6.20 TOMORROW'S WORLD.

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8.30 NOT ONLY . . . BUT ALSO. With Peter Cook and Dudley

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 NANA. 'The Courtesan'.

10.05 24 HOURS. 10.35 MARILYN MONROE. 'River of No Return'. With Marilyn Monroe and Robert Mitchum. A saloon entertainer seeks help from a homesteader when her husband deserts her in Canadian

gold rush days 12.00 midnight Weather.

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Bachelor father. 12.02 Weather.
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12.02 News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.20 Scene around six, weather. 8.30-9.00 Music for a while.
12.02 News, weather.
SW, South, West: 6.00-6.20 Points
West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 12.02 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.05 LIFE IN OUR SEA. 'Signs in the Sand'. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

8.30 THE MIND OF MAN. Investigation into current research on the brain and human nature.

10.35 ELTON JOHN IN CONCERT. 11.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.10 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

11.00 a.m. Schools. 2.55 p.m. Racing from Doncaster. 4.10 U Thant-Secretary General. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Arthur! 5.20 Timeslip.

5.50 News. 6.03 TODAY.

6.30 PEYTON PLACE. 7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'Mannon'. 8.30 THE MATING MACHINE. 'Only Three Can Play'.

9.00 DIAMOND CRACK DIAMOND. 'Diamond Alone'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 POLICE FIVE.

10.40 CONCEPTIONS OF MURDER. 'Tea With Major Armstrong'. 11.05 FRIDAY FILM. 'Night Must Fall'. With Albert Finney and Susan

Hampshire. Murder and suspense thriller. 12.40 a.m. THE LAW ENFORCERS.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-3.58 London. 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 Horror: 'Son of Frankenstein'. With Boris Karloff. 12.10 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 12.11 Faith for life. 12.16 Weather.

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8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 X film: 'Bride of Frankenstein'. With Boris Karloff, Valerie Hobson and Colin Clive. Frankenstein goes in search of a mate. 11.55 News. 12.05 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-3.55 London. 4.18 Good afternoon. 4.40 London. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20 Mad movies. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'California Conquest'. With Cornel Wilde and Teresa Wright. Spanish Californians tire of Mexican rule. 8.30 London. 10.30 Fill this space. 11.15 Man in a suitcase. 11.55 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18, 6.01-6.35 Report West.

service as above except: 5.20-5.50 Am y gorau. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. 10.30-11.00 Welshscene.

ANGLIA: 10.58 London. 4.25 News. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Music match. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner'. With Michael Redgrave and Tom Courtenay. Borstal boy's revenge. 12.30 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00 London. 3.35 Decimalization. 3.49 Tomorrow's horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 From a bird's eye view. 7.30 Champions. 8.25 London. 10.30 Baron. 11.30 Midland member: Andrew Faulds, MP for Smethwick. 11.45 Object in view, weather.

ULSTER: 11.00-3.55 London. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Laredo. 8.30 London. 10.30 Deadline. 11.00 Film: "Barricade". With Ruth Roman, Dane Clark, Raymond Massey and Robert Douglas. Three victims of a stage-coach wreck are the unwilling guests of a mine boss.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Beverly hill-billies. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Yorksport. 11.00 Edgar Wallace. 12.10 Weather.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-4.25 London. 4.35 News. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Making whoopee. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 I spy. 9.00 London. 10.30 Movie: Vertigo'. With James Stewart and Kim Novak. A San Francisco detective has to resign because he suffers from vertigo. Hitchcock direction. 12.40 News.

BORDER: 1.38 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Training the family dog. 4.30 Cartoon. 4.40 London. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 London. 10.30 Thriller: 'Highway 301'. With Steve Cochran and Virginia Grey. Crime thriller. 12.15 News, weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-3.55 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Six-oone. 6.25 Put it in writing. 6.35 Man from Uncle. 7.30 This is . . . Tom Jones. 8.25 London. 10.30 Thirller: 'The Fiend Who Walked the West'. With Hugh O'Brien, Robert Evans, Linda Cristal and Stephen McNally. A bank robber is caught and put in a cell with a strange brooding man.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.55 London, 3.40 Dateline, 3.50 Horoscope, 3.52 Women today, 4.15 Pinky and Perky, 4.25 Crossroads, 4.50 Skippy, 5.20 Cartoon cavalcade, 5.50 London, 6.00 Dateline, 6.30 Patterns of folk, 7.00 Feature; Battle of the Sexes, With Peter Sellers, Robert Morley and Constance Cummings, 8.25 London, 10.30 In camera, 11.05 Legend of Jesse James, 11.35 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58 London. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Rumblie jumblie. 4.50 Cowboy in Africa. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Ask George Kidd. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Love, American style. 8.25 McCue's music. 9.00 London. 11.00 Man in a suitcase.

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Tribunal reveals

state powers

over passports

AN INTERESTING side light on Wednesday's Immigrant Appeals Tribunal decision to refuse a 20-year-old Kenya Asian girl a passport is that it appears that there is no case, law or statute which defines to whom and under what condition a UK

Wednesday, Mr

Gordon Slynn QC, for the Home Office, led a success-

ful appeal against an immi-

grant appeals officer's decision to allow Miss Shaheen Lakdawalla to hold an

Shaheen was issued with a UK passport in Kenya and gained an entry certificate to

When she applied for the passport she was a citizen of the UK registered under the 1948 British

Nothing

But despite this, Mr Slynn told the tribunal, she was subjected to

with US and British imperial-

Whatever the regime might

say about 'non-alignment' it is

becoming increasingly bound up with US imperialism's plans

to dominate the Middle East

since the acceptance of the

A turn to the right in

foreign policy betokens a simi-

lar turn in home policy. Hav-

ing betrayed the Palestinian

masses it now appears certain

that attacks against the work-

ing class and peasantry in Egypt must follow.

all part of a plot to destroy the

Jews, the Zionists try to present the Soviet Union in the role of

anti-Jewish ogre—to scare some loyalty back into the camp.

By linking Stalinist anti-Semitism and the Middle East issue, and whipping up emotional and anti-Communist hysteria (in

common with other reactionaries

they do not distinguish between Stalinism and Communism) the

Zionists particularly hope to

retain a grip on Jewish youth who are breaking from Zionism,

and are attracted to revolution-

Behind their noise about ogres,

the Zionists' real concern is for

ary politics.

Rogers peace plan.

exempted UK passport.

come to Britain in 1968.

Nationality Act.

passport should be issued.

Miss Shaheen

Lakdawaila

the West through war and

He is a former ambassador to Britain and was deputy

Prime Minister for Foreign

The post of Prime Minister

Fawzy's appointment as

PM indicates that the new

regime of Anwar Sadat places

a high premium on maintain-

ing and strengthening the

strained relations

was held by Nasser for three

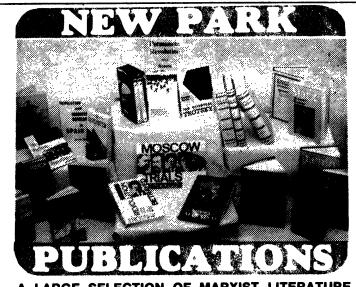
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BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

SOVIET Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko came close to accepting the Israeli proposal for a negotiated 'peace' treaty in the Middle East when he spoke at the United Nations on Wednesday.

His speech reflected the intense secret diplomatic dealing which has been going on at the UN between the Soviet Union and the United States.

It is now clear that the Soviet Stalinists are prepared to see a Middle-East settlement which would effectively ratify the existence of the Zionist state of Israel and rob the Palestinian people of their birthright.

In his speech to the Assembly of the UN, Gromyko endorsed the conclusion of 'an appropriate document which would be valid in terms of international law within the context of which the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all states within the Middle East, as well as their right to live in peace, would be respected and recognized'.

CONCEDES

Members of the Security Council (US, Soviet Union, France and Britain), as well as both other states represented at the assembly, must take part in drawing up such a document,

This is a formula which already conceded nine-tenths of the Israeli demands.

No doubt the basis for such an agreement would be some sort of international supervision, perhaps under UN auspices, of its

Israel would withdraw to its 1967 frontiers, Hussein's rule or the rule of his puppets would be established on the West Bank of the Jordan and the Arab revolution would be under the perpetual surveillance of an imperi-

Gromyko's proposal is even worse than the infamous Rogers-Gromyko plan which was forcibly halted by the civil war in Iordan.

DIRECT BLOW

Once the Palestinian commandos had been whipped into line by a combination of Soviet 'non-intervention', nationalist treachery from Arafat and barbaric butchery from Hussein's Army, the way was open for this latest blueprint for treach-

Those Palestinian commandos who disrupted the Rogers-Gromyko plan last month struck a direct blow at the very perspective Gromyko outlined in the

The full treachery of Stalinism —which supported the founda-tion of Israel as an imperialist client-state — is now being brought to bear once again on the Arab masses.

POST-GRADUATE students lose

over £18 a week by continuing

their studies, compared with a

conservative estimate of what they would be earning in a job,

according to an education plan-

The paper, 'Student Numbers in Higher Education in England

and Wales', reveals that graduates lose more than £14 10s if they decide to try for higher qualifications.

Advanced further education students lose over £13.

Postgraduates could earn about

£21 8s a week if working, the

paper claims—in what must be regarded as a rock-bottom figure.

A working graduate could earn about £15 13s a week and fur-

ning paper published today.

Students lose cash

by studying

There can be no compromise with this gendarme proposal, con-ceived in secret and unveiled over the graves of thousands of

The Arab Revolution can now go forward only in the most ruthless struggle against all those nationalist and Stalinist forces who want to strangle the Palestinian movement.

Up to now, the Arab states have always rejected the idea of a formal peace treaty with Israel, though there will no doubt be considerable Soviet pressure on Egyptian cabinet --h e a d e d by right - winger Mohammed Fawzi—to move towards such an agreement.

Gromyko's proposal to reactivate the Jarring mission in order to press through such a plan contains grave dangers of UN

Zionists plan an anti-Gromyko demonstration

THE JEWISH Board of Deputies is calling a demonstration against Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko when he visits London next week.

It is not clear yet whether the demonstration will be con-cerned primarily with the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, or with Soviet foreign policy in the Middle East.

It is likely that the two issues will be deliberately confused by those leading the demonstra-

The Board of Deputies is supposed to be a sort of representa-tive institution for Jews in

But ever since 1943, it has been under effective Zionist control and political direction.

Policy

Zionist policy regarding Jew-ish organizations which they con-trol is to use them, generally speaking, under the guise of speaking for all Jews, not to defend the interests of the Jewish minorities so much as to further Israeli foreign policy.

In 1962, a Board of Deputies spokesman condemned Jewish youth who used their fists against fascists, and went to considerable efforts to persuade them to trust to petitions, trust the Tory Home Secretary, and trust the police.

ther education and education-

college students in the region of

Yet surveys show that their

actual earnings from vacation

during terms only amount to be-

tween £1 1s and £1 3s a session.

work and part-time teaching

BY CHARLES PARKINS

THE appointment of Mah-

career diplomat—and the only

living link with the displaced

monarchy—as Prime Minister

of Egypt is the most significant

appointment to be made since

Fawzy, a loyal servitor of

Nasser, is noted for his mod-

eration and his dedication to

preserving Egypt's links with

Fawzy, 70-year-old

moud

Nasser's death.

But the Board is noticeably silent now about Zionist gang violence against Palestinian Arab (including supporters Jews) in London.

In 1967 the Board of Deputies sent a delegation to Whitehall to complain because Foreign Secretary George Brown was not sup-porting Israel's occupation of Arab areas seized in the June

Auxiliary

Claiming to speak for all Jewish people in Britain, the Board was in fact functioning as an auxiliary arm of Israeli gov-

Although the Zionists have always extracted as much political capital as they could from the Stalinist treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union and E Europe, they have usually left activities as demonstrations on this issue to Jewish student groups.

However, since the June 1967 war in particular, Zionist propaganda has gone to great lengths to portray the Soviet Union as enemy number one of the Jews, and to make a connection between anti-Semitism in the Soviet bloc and Soviet support for the Arab states against

This is somewhat ahistorical to say the least.

police were launching a murder-ous pogrom of Jewish writers and intellectuals in the Soviet Union, Soviet foreign policy was supporting Israel, both at the United Nations and with arms



Gromyko

Today, of course, the Soviet bureaucracy has been pressing the Arabs towards a diplomatic deal with Israel.

It was under Soviet pressure that Syria withdrew support from the Arab guerrillas in the Jor-

To cap it all, the Kremlin offered the US the proposal of a joint military force to police the Israeli-Arab front against the Palestinian struggle.

Nevertheless, the Zionists continue to attack Soviet arms supplies to Egypt, partly to assist arms from the USA, and partly to keep up the idea of a Soviet plan to destroy Israel.

Credibility

Since the June war it has been difficult for the Zionists to carry on pretending that they are solely concerned with 'poor little Israel' fighting for the physical survival of its people.

The credibility of this image has worn thin, even among the Jewish people.

There is widespread sympathy for the Palestinians. So a new ogre is needed, and by presenting anti-Semitism in E Europe and arms shipments to Egypt as

the current practices by the authorities issuing them. In reaching its decision the

Avoided

the controls imposed by the 1968

There was, he said, nothing in the Nationalities Act which laid the legal qualifications for hold-

ing a British passport free from

matter within the Royal Prerogative and was entirely one of dis-

Indian refused

Tory club

membership

AN INDIAN who was refused

membership of the East Ham

South Conservative Club was

discriminated against, the Race

Relations Board announced

Mr Amarjit Shar had been a

party worker for about three

He appealed to the Prime Minister and the division's

prospective Conservative par-

liamentary candidate resigned

his candidature because of the

After hearing from Prime Minister Heath, Shar was still

dissatisfied and complained to

the board which said it sought

a settlement and an assurance

against further unlawful dis-

crimination. The club did not

The matter is now being considered by the board which will decide whether proceedings should be brought.

on Wednesday.

club's decision

give this.

Their issue was entirely a

Kenyan Asians Act.

Tribunal has closed a loophole that more than 200 Asians may have used for entry into Britain.

eligible to hold a passport came

By using their status as registered British citizens these Asians have avoided the fate of thousands of others in East Africa who have been denied the right to stay permanently under the notorious 1968 Act, which imposed controls on UK and colonial citizens who did not have sufficient connections with Britain itself and had not registered as citizens.

But Slynn's evidence also revealed the hitherto legally unstated power of the authorities over passports.

From his remarks this appears to be autocratic, non-accountable and applicable to any UK citizen whether born in or outside the

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Dangers ahead

FROM PAGE ONE

contrast, are refreshingly aware of the inquiry's nature.

They state correctly that they have nothing to fear from its findings and therefore will accept them as binding. 'We have strained every

nerve to reach a settlement, s a i d employers' secretary Reginald Griffiths. 'We see no reason for the strike to con-

Griffiths speaks here in grateful anticipation that the inquiry will be a manoeuvre that will defeat the strikers' intransigence.

But if the council workers accept anything less than their full claim it will be a defeat for all the working class and first blood to the Tories in their efforts to make their anti-union pro-

The campaign to pass the Industrial Relations Bill does not take place in some kind of legislative vacuum.

To get the Bill on to the statute book and to work in the factories and offices, the Tories know they must first wipe out industrial militancy and demoralize the working

They will do this in one way and one way alone-by defeating strikes and defeating them now.

Hence the Tory press hysteria on the need to break the will of the council workers'

Reminded

Yesterday's 'Financial Times' again reminded its readers and the government that this was what is involved in the

It bemoaned the new norm for wage increases, now at 10 per cent. This is a retreat from what they call the 'respectable single figure docks settlement' It goes on to detail the big wage claims now in the pipe

'It is against this background that the local council workers' strike must be considered,' it continues.

'From the point of view of any serious national effort to combat inflation, the local authorities have obviously offered too much in the first place and the government was rash to let it be known that the 14 per cent was in its view tolerable.'

All this, it continues, 'is not good cheer for a general wages-restraint policy that had anyway begun to look ex-

Could anything be clearer than this statement from the paper that leads in Tory and industrial

The strike is now at a most crucial and dangerous stage. Weakness now would end in a defeat which would have consequences for the whole of the working class.

All workers must follow the example of Swindon engineers and support the council workers not because this would be a fine gesture of solidarity, but because the council workers are engaged in a front-line battle against the Tory attempts to legislate against the unions.

Tories '£54 for 54 hours' claim brings retort: We want the lot out

DISCUSSION

ACCORDING

OT

B.R.S.

GROW

MASS PICKET AT

CROYDON AGI PLANT

DATA members from several factories in the

Croydon area yesterday mounted a mass picket outside AGI Croydon where six of their fellow

members have now been locked out for seven

Draughtsmen from TMC, Dulwich, were out in force not only in support of the AGI men, but also as part of their own struggle for a guaranteed wages scale.

This was in defiance of a management decision

to lock them out for the rest of the day if they

Many placards pointed to the dangers of the government's proposed anti-union legislation.

Only the most determined struggle for policies of this kind—bringing the weight of

the employed to bear on behalf of and in unity with the unemployed—can halt the

national trend, stamp out the

and push back the Tory offen-

Unemployment in the W Midlands, Scotland, E Anglia,

the SW and the SE has in fact

increased over the last month.

Areas

4,047 more workers now wholly unemployed than in

September—is the worst hit.
In the SOUTH-WEST,

In the SOUTH-WEST, 3,093 more have been made

wholly unemployed in the last

SCOTLAND, where the

total number registered as

unemployed has shot up by

2.240 since September 14, is

with 4.4 per cent of the total

labour force out of work

coming dangerously close to Ulster's 6.8 per cent level.

In N IRELAND 35,612

workers are now registered as unemployed.

CBI survey

ing class in general has both

eyes firmly glued on the actions of their friends at

Westminster, is pushing them

for all it is worth and—at the

same time—is carefully pre-

paring for the decisive battles

it knows its plans will inevit-

movement must make its

preparations in an equally thoroughgoing and ruthless

WEATHER

IT WILL be cloudy with rain at times over Scotland and N Ireland, but some bright periods will also occur over E Scotland.

N England and N Wales will be mostly cloudy. There will be some bright or sunny intervals as first, but occasional rain later in the day.

S Wales and SW England will be cloudy with light rain or drizzle.

S Wales and SW England will be cloudy with light rain or drizzle, but brighter intervals are likely to develop inland in the afternoon.

The Midlands, eastern and central southern England will be cloudy but mainly dry, with some bright or sunny intervals. Temperatures near normal.

peratures near normal.

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday:
Unsettled with rain at times in all

areas. Temperatures near normal.

The labour and trade union

ably provoke.

FROM PAGE ONE

The SOUTH-EAST — with

scandal of reg

now say Birmingham

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

council workers

'I SHOULD like to know where Alderman Griffin got his information from that one of our men—he didn't say which one—had earned £54 for a 54-hour week,' demanded Mr Stanley Greathead, a Transport and General Workers' Union shop steward, employed in the Birmingham public works department.

According to a report in the Birmingham 'Evening Mail' Mr Frank Griffin, leader of the Tory-controlled city council had quoted, at a council meeting, 'official statistics of wages provided by the City Treasurer'.

The lowest recorded wage, Griffin said, was £13 13s 7d for a Parks Department worker after stoppages.
(He hastily added that gross pay was a tremendous £17 16s 3d—'well above the £16 10s minimum the unions were de-

manding'.)
The 'Mail' report continues: 'Ald Griffin added that one leader in the Public Works Department had earned £54 13s 2d for a 54-hour week'.

Militant

Council employees who spoke to Workers Press after a mass meeting this week were in an angry and militant mood.

To many of them, Griffin's attitude epitomizes Toryism 'Not only is he against the low-paid workers, another T&GWU steward exclaimed,

but the Tories look down on us. They want to give us what they think we should get. the bargain, that we don't pay enough rent. £6 10s a week is our money, how much does he expect us to pay?

Coats off

'I'd like him and Mr Solomons [chairman of the Salvage Department] to take their

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SHEFFIELD: Crooksmoor Vestry Hall, Crooksmoor Road,

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

Speakers will be from the Pilkington Rank and File Committee

GLASGOW: Partick Burgh Lesser Hall, near Merkland Street

COVENTRY: Keith's Club, Cox Street, 3.30 p.m.

coats off and come with us for a week,' said another 'I should like to know where Griffin got £54 a week from,' Bro Greathead repeated.
'There's men in this meeting

today, public works men from Road, Harborne, who are getting less than 11 guineas for 40 hours. 'I took these members' pay slips to the local newspaper and showed them to a news He admitted we'd opened his eyes . . . but he didn't publish these facts!' Bro Greathead claimed. (Workers Press has photostats of these pay slips with

Quote

net pay on some standing at £11 15s 10d a week.)

'You can quote my own wages,' he told Workers Press. 'Our week starts at 10.30 p.m. Tuesday night and ends at 7.00 a.m. on Sunday morning. 'My top wages, working nights, 40 hours, including eight hours double-time on Saturday night, plus shift allowances was £24 7s 0d

before stoppages.
'And I must emphasize, we have to work Saturday nights. Any man who's lost two Saturday nights without a sick note is sacked.'

It is terrible wages and conditions like these which have produced a spirit of determination amongst the Birmingham men who are indignant at union leaders not calling

Induced

Many angry workers claimed that men still at work were being induced to scab on the

The Birmingham men have unanimously demanded that local officials approach their city's men stopped.
'We want the lot out now. I think the council have been laughing at us,' said one

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

'No anti-union laws' 'Force the Tories to resign'

OLLERTON: Saturday October 24.

12 noon. 'The Plough', Ollerton. 'Miners and the ATUA.' Speaker: Mike Banda, Editor Workers Press. NEWCASTLE: Sunday, October 25, 7.30 p.m. Hotspur Hotel Haymarket. market.
SOUTHALL: Tuesday, October 27,
8 p.m. Southall Community Centre. Bridge Road.
SW LONDON: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon Road. Clapham Junction.
LINCOLN: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Swiss Cottage Inn, Newland. land.
W LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Prince Albert Pub, Balfe Street. Kings Cross.
N LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.
THANET: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Willson Hall, Willson Road, Ramsgate Ramseate.

MANCHESTER: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Whitsheaf Hotel, High Street.

SE LONDON: Thursday, October 29, 8 p.m. Artichoke Pub, Camberwell Church St, Camberwell Green.

DEAL: Thursday, October 29, 8 p.m. Pier Hotel, Beach Street.

'Miners Must Win'.

CORBY: Thursday, 8 p.m. Nag's Head.

Swindon

• FROM PAGE ONE

from their union.

In WANDSWORTH, Lon-

don, 200 dustmen walked-out four days after they had

received strike instruction

At TOWER HAMLETS

talks were held over the

question of calling in private

contractors to clear the mounting piles of rubbish.

cleaners walked out in

EDINBURGH and closed the city's 120 schools, and at CROYDON, Surrey, a

strike by caretakers kept 50,000 children away from

A public opinion poll pub-

lished yesterday showed that 59 per cent of the

public supported the strikers.

This was 'heartening news' said Derek Gladwin, G&MWU regional secretary.

their desks.

School janitors, cooks and

LONDON: Woodlands Hall, Crown Street, Acton, 7.00 p.m.

ATE NEWS

underground, 7.30 p.m

COUNCILS' OFFER (See page one story)

Union spokesman said Denbigh (Wales) and Bridgwater (Somerset) councils had offered full 55s to local strikers.

Crewe and St Helens (Lancs) councils had asked for talks tomorrow to nego-

'HI-JACK EXCHANGE

The Costa Rican government today agreed to release four leftist guerrillas in exchange for four American passengers aboard a Costa Rican airliner hi-jacked to

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Jobless total

● FROM PAGE ONE unemployed, have cut through

A meeting of over 300 men at the company's Fazakerly, Liverpool, Industrial Equip

plant overwhelmingly

this dangerous claptrap to give

passed this resolution: This meeting demands the right to work in a period of unemployment. We redundancy in any or form and are

opposed to any sackings. We reiterate the policy of the Merseyside Lucas area shop stewards' committee for nationalization of the Lucas combine to guarantee the right to work which is higher

than the right to profit. We call on the support of other trade unionists in the area in our refusal to allow anyone to go through the gate and finally, that we cease all overtime working forthwith.

Determined

The factory makes hydraulic pumps, motors and transmissions and the company has declared that as the market is now falling far short of expectation they intend to reduce their labour force in the next six months.

BSC to close wire works

WHITEHEAD HILL wire works at Cwmbran, Monmouthshire, which forms part of the wire group of the general steels division, is to be shut down, the British Steel Corporation announced yester-

Most of the 96-strong labour force at the 100-yearold works will be offered alternative employment within the corporation.

General shot

GUNMEN in three cars yesterday shot and seriously injured the Chilean army commander-in-chief, General Rene Schneider, as he drove to work.

A defence ministry communique said the unidentified gunmen forced the General to stop. They then ran over to his car, smashed the windows and opened fire.

THOUSANDS of police, some

armed with grenade launchers, were on duty vesterday in a massive demonstration of force designed to quell any resistance to the three-day trial of Alain Geismar, leader of the Maoist-Proletarian Left Movement.

Geismar, a 31-year-old doctor of physics, is on trial for incidents arising out of demonstrations held earlier this year to protest at the banning of his movement the reactionary Pompidou regime.

The Pompidou government has legalized a number of left-wing groups which were banned during May-June 1968, but has refused to lift the ban on the Maoists and the Pabloite group led by Krivine and

Instead it has chosen to intensify the repression against the Maoists with the tacit approval — and occasional protest - of the French Stalinists. Geismar told the court that he is proud to have made the statements on which the charge of provocation is based.

'Bogevman' His lawyer Maurice Courrege charged the govern-ment with using Geismar as a 'bogeyman' to frighten

the electors. Since the Maoists are a small group based largely on students and with little following in the working class, the French bourgeoisie's interest in smashing it is solely to intimidate any potential dissidence in the working class and prepare the necessary legal precedents for jailing trade unionists at a later date.

This has a sinister parallel in Britain with the jailing of the Cambridge students under the 'riotous assembly' section of Common Law. Not surprisingly, the prosecutor has asked for one three years jail for

Strike rally banned

THE ARGENTINE government yesterday banned a rally planned by the General Labour Confederation (CGT) during today's ten-hour strike. The government claimed

that the union was taking orders from exiled president Juan Peron. Today's strike was called last month to press wage demands and protest against the government's economic policies. It follows a 24-hour stay-

at-home strike on October which virtually brought the

New town's rents to go up

RENT rises for 15,000 tenants at Hemel Hempstead, Herts, ranging from 3s to 6s a week, to begin next April, were announced yesterday by the Commission for New Towns and

Sinister parallel in Geismar's

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

18 months in prison for provoking violence against police. Geismar, who faced a maximum three years in jail, has already served four months while awaiting trial. While the trial was going

GEISMAR was sentenced to

on, hundreds of students harassed or arrested in the Latin Quarter by the police. In Lyons 80 youth were taken in for questioning on Wednesday. In Paris 370 were arrested.

No witness

Jean Paul Sartre, existentialist philosopher, play-wright and editor of the Maoist journal 'Cause du has refused to Peuple'. appear as a witness in the frame-up of Geismar.

But instead of appealing to the working class to fight their bureaucratic leadership and demand of them that solidarity action with Geismar be taken, he made an anarchist invocation of violence which received no

Standing on an empty oil drum outside the Renault Motor car factory at Billancourt, he said: 'There has been so much

violence against you that the only way to react is Such tactics are guaran-

response from the Parisian workers.

paign now for the immediate release of Geismar and the lifting of the government ban on the Maoists, the Communist League and the

and make their repression easier for the jailors of British trade unionists

teed to isolate the Maoists

must learn the lessons of the Geismar trial—and the Cambridge trial-and cam-'Lutte Ouvrière' group.

Guevarist guerrilla captured

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

OSWALDO CHATO PEREDO, Bolivian guerrilla leader and follower of Che Guevara, has been captured by the Bolivian army, commanderin-chief General Luis Teran announced in La Paz yesterday.

Copper pay rise in Chile

WORKERS at the Chuquicamata copper mine in North Chile have ended their 21day-strike.

Miners and clerks at the pit have agreed to accept a per cent wage increase together with fringe benefits. Their original demand was for a 51 per cent rise, but company offered only 45 per cent.

government spokesman said that the strike had cost 16 million dollars in lost

Teran said Peredo — who is head of the National Liberation Army (NLA) and another guerrilla chief, former student leader Mario Suarez Moreno, were captured in fighting around the town of Teoponte, 190 miles North of La Paz.

Four NLA fighters were killed in the clash, he added among them a Peruvian and

The NLA was founded in 1967 when Che Guevara began his unsuccessful attempt to organize guerrilla

BROTHERS

Chato Peredo's brothers Inti and Coco played an im-portant part in the movement, though both were killed by government troops in the big CIA-backed military drive organized by President

Chato Peredo reformed the group later and organized the kidnapping earlier this year of two German goldmine technicians, who were released on July 23 in exchange for ten guerrilla prisoners held in jail. Since that time the Bolivian army, once again with the support of US 'advisers', has mounted a major campaign to wipe out the NLA.

ANTI-GUERRILLA

The new Bolivian president Juan Torres-billed originally as a 'left-winger' — is continuing the anti-guerrilla cam-

In addition, he has made no announcement about the release of French journalist Regis Debray, who is serving a 30-year sentence in Bolivia for his contacts with Guevara before his death.

Torres himself played an important part in planning the 1967 campaign which led to

March, has declared her inten-

tion of wiping out the Naxalites, but this is proving

W Bengal is the most crisis-

It is India's biggest indus-

Despite government repres-

sion, workers there have engaged in big strike struggles

over the past few months,

closing down the steel com-

plex of Durgapur in August,

and bringing the whole state

The Naxalite movement is

tion which began with land-

Naxalite strongholds outside

W Bengal are Kerala in S

India and Orrisa and Andhra Pradash in central India.

The land-seizure movement

has widened in scope since

the Naxalites were formed,

and only last month some

12,000 arrests were made as

the government clamped down

on landless peasants occupying

Many Naxalite leaders have

been shot or arrested in recent police campaigns; but a series of individual acts of terrorist reprisals would be a

retreat from the essential task

the landlords' estates.

in the North of the state.

Maoist-oriented organiza-

to a standstill in a 24-hour

trial centre, with a huge heavy industry complex

easier said than done.

ridden state in India.

around Calcutta.

stoppage in July.

Police deaths in India's most crisis ridden state

assassinated by unknown assailants in the Calcutta slum areas of Howrah and Ranaghat earlier this week, bringing the total number of police deaths in the province of W Bengal over the past few months to

The deaths are said by the police to be part of a campaign of assassinations waged by the Maoist Naxalite movement, which is now the prime target of government repres-

Indian premier Mrs Indira Gandhi, who placed W Bengal

-Photographs taken of drugs case public

DURING a drugs case being heard at Durham Magis-trates Court on Wednesday this week police took photographs of people arriving. This was admitted by deputy Chief Constable of Durham, William Hogg, who said: 'The police took photo-

court. An explanation was given to the chairman. There was nothing insidious about what was done.' These photographs were taken by a camera placed out of sight in an upstairs room on the court premises. and they concerned indivi-

graphs of people entering

tried. President

duals who were not in-

volved in the cases being

Mr Richard Ayre, president of the Durham Students' Union, is reported as saying:

'I condemn the police action. We are taking legal advice about the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act. 'After today let no stu-dent doubt the report of the National Council for Civil Liberties that the police are watching us all.'

incident continues the pat-

gallery

of provocateurs on political demonstrations and the sentences meted out the Cambridge students who demonstrated at the Garden House Hotel against the Greek military dictatorship.

Tension

on democratic rights. The ruling class proceeds

class movement which must be broken.

of mobilizing the strength of the working class in this area against the repressions. The Moscow-oriented Communist Party and the pro-Peking Communist Party (Marxist) have turned their backs on the Naxalites and tacitly solidarized themselves with the police measures.

hunger and appalling poverty are driving the workers and peasants into struggle, however, will not be overcome by police measures, even with Stalinist assistance. The Indian employing class

The crisis in W Bengal

where unemployment, land

has yet to tackle the powerfully-organized workers in the area, who have repeatedly shown their willingness to fight.

The increasing tension of the class struggle is met by greater emphasis on the repressive functions of the state and increasing pressure

utterly ruthlessly in such matters. The proposed laws against the unions are of course the main target of the changes they want. From their point of view it is the organized working-

The answer to all these interferences and attacks on democratic liberties must be

a political one. Every attack must be exposed in the course of building the united workingclass movement to bring down the Tory government.