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YOUTH IN CEYLON face a massive unemployment crisis. About 250,000 people out of a population of 12,000,000 are unemployed and—the majority are youth.

Industrialization in Cevlon began in the 1950s so most of the factory workers are very young.

On the tea plantations the youth face the same situation. They can't get more than three days' work in any one week. trade unions have demanded a six-day week.

Because of the world crisis the tea estates are going bankrupt and can therefore only give them less work and less pay.

The estate workers are one of the militant sections of the working class and they are most severely hit by the crisis.

Therefore a series of struggles are going on, especially on the privately owned estates.

The United National Party, as the direct agent of imperialism, tried to bring in the same sort of legislation as that proposed by the Tory government in Britain.

This includes the wages council bill which was meant to keep down wages and another bill to control the unions.

They were resisted by the working class through massive

strikes.
In 1966 there was a strike on all the plantations and in 1969 there was a government corporation strike.

A strike by 2,000 workers on the Keenakelay estate was going on when three people were shot by the police

The reactionary trade union



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leadership on the estates has a member in parliament appointed by the government.

work. The capitalists wanted

to get the Lanka Sama Samaja

Party (LSSP) and the Com-

munist Party to suppress the

has shown that this tactic is

coalition to pass the laws which the UNP proposed.

They have appointed a com-

mission to report on trade

union activities. Its chairman

was also chairman of the com-

mission which served the UNP

for the same purpose. Some

trade unionists have also been

appointed to this commission.

Bandaranayke regime in the

same way as Sihanouk's was

deposed in Cambodia. That

will be the strategy of imperi-

The cost of living has been

rising very rapidly. It has risen four times more in the

last four years than in the last

15. Devaluation cut down the workers' salaries by 20 per

Because of foreign exchange difficulties the government is

They will push off the

But the spread of strikes

They will try to get the

working class.

not effective enough.

The coalition government has specifically stated that it is not going to nationalize the Dirty work estates which are the backbone of the economy. The coalition government was brought in to do the dirty

The finance minister N. M. Perera, a renegade Trotskyist, has said that although the

going to cut down imports

including essential foodstuffs.

A Letter from

nationalization of the banks is in the coalition government manifesto, they cannot go ahead because of the immense amount of loans given to the Ceylon government.

Meeting of estate

workers in Matale.

It is certain that the coalition government is not going to change the economic structure of Ceylon which is **Resistance**

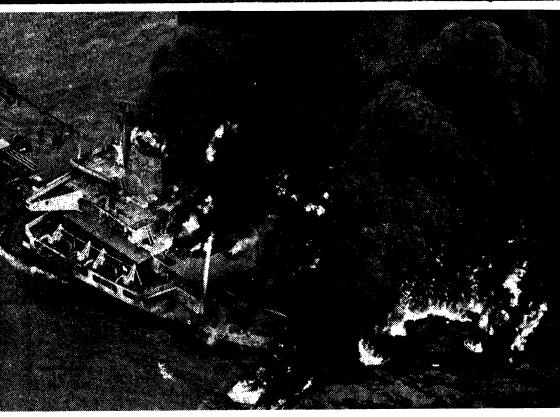
heavily influenced by imperi-

It has in fact given assurance to the capitalists that it will protect their interests. But the Trotskyist movement is building up to resist this strategy.

We have almost doubled the circulation of our paper-'Kamkaru Puwath'-since the coalition came to power. We publish two papers in two different languages.

We have started a theoretical struggle against not only reformists and revisionists but against adventurist and anarchist tendencies as well.

Youth league branches are coming up all over the country and in the trade unions we have militants coming forward to fight for a revolutionary programme.



Oil burning on the sea. The crippled tanker Pacific Glory sinking off the Isle of Wight last Saturd

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THE COLLISION off the Isle of Wight between the 'Allegro' and the 'Pacific Glory', which left a tanker aground, on fire and leaking oil, was, by any standards, a disaster.

Eight men were killed in the explosion which followed the collision, and hundreds of tons of floating oil threatened the

But it could hardly be described as an unpredictable

In fact, since the 'Torrey Canyon' ran aground three years ago and polluted the Cornish coast experts have repeatedly warned that a similar disaster was almost inevitable.

The giant tankers are a relatively new kind of vessel. They are among the largest ships afloat and have been built in large numbers since the closure of Suez made the Cape route a necessity for Mid-East oil imports.

Japanese yards are currently building tankers up to half a million tons, and even bigger ships are on the drawing

lanes around Britain the lack of manoeuvrability and the speed of these ships poses big

Their stopping distance is about six miles and since they travel at about 16 knots the tankers are extremely vulnerable. Their cargoes are highly inflammable, increasing the risk involved in even slight collisions. And they are bound only by rules of road developed in the days of sail.

England's Glory

which spring from the oil and shipping companies' all-out profit drive.

Tanker schedules are calculated so as to wring the last ounce of work out of the huge ships. Turn-round times have to be strictly adhered to and ships enter port on one tide and leave on the next.

Added risk

Productivity deals involving mobility and flexibility of labour have added to the risk. Under these deals key jobs concerning the safety of the entire ship can be entrusted to men who lack thorough training. Under-crewing-with consequent overwork — provides its own hazards of tiredness and inattention.

Flags of convenience are another source of danger. Standards required of ships' officers under the rules of some of these 'convenience' countries may be much laxer than they ought. And the tankers themselves may be less than adequately tested for safety.

All these factors contribute towards the hazards of a really bumper tanker disaster. Britain is a prime target. The English Channel is one of the world's busiest waterways, and with many archaic regulations still operating, it is one of the most dangerous.

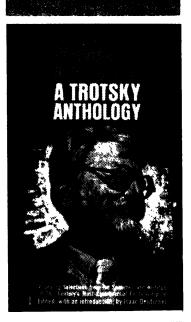
With all these dangers, it is only a matter of time, according to many experts, before a tanker disaster engulfs the whole South coast in oil.

Even the Tory super Ministry of the Environment

would be unable to handle that. In fact, the rudimentary precautions taken after the Torrey Canyon' disaster would be almost useless if a big tanker lost most of its cargo

The contents of one big tanker could plaster the entire South coast in a thick blanket of dirty oil. The task of cleaning it up could take years, decimating wild-life along considerable stretches of coast.

Catastrophe is brought closer by capitalist greed, which drives for profit regardless of the wider dangers



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ABOUT SEVEN million workers, including peasantlabourers, the landless and semi-landless (under two feddans) and peasants, produce Egypt's national income.

Almost 20 per cent of these wage earners are in industry, which forms 23 per cent of national production and constitutes one of the highest figures

for industry in Africa.

The fact that such a low figure is considered high for Africa (being exceeded only in the 'white'-dominated states like S Africa) shows the extent to which imperialism has starved

the continent industrially.

The relatively high Egyptian figure reflects the relative strength, for Africa, of the national bourgeoisie.
In Egypt, as in Nigeria, Ghana and a number of other British

and French semi-colonies. imperialism uses an indirect system of cheap labour. Instead of using workers and super-exploiting them—as is done the mines and plantations of

Africa — the imperialist firms

often use peasant producers as a source of cheap labour. This is part of the system of imperialist super-exploitation of Egyptian semi-landless and smallallotment fellahin by Britain and the United States.

Forced to sell

These peasant producers are forced to sell their produce to imperialist buyers and intermediaries often at one tenth the

CLASS STRUGGLES IN **AFRICA**

Fighting for life

They get back much less than their own keep and support their families with additional agricultural or handicraft work the basis of the so-called 'subsistence' or 'tribal economy'.

This system of indirect labour is the economic twin of indirect rule and has obvious advantages to imperialism.

The main one is the almost automatic prevention of strikes, trade unionism and the political organization of the workers.

At the same time, it partially cuts the small land-holding, super-exploited peasant off from agrarian struggle for the redistribution of the land.

But his poverty is so directly related to his relative landlessness that he is driven into this struggle, in the end, but only after the landless labourers have paved the way.

Eighty per cent of Egyptian wage-earners are in primary agricultural and mining production.

semi-urban, the majority of workers are not urbanized in the normal sense.

The existence of this non-urbanized proletariat creates special problems for the revolution, because it is, nevertheless, working at the hub of the semicolonial economy and is in the most strategic economic position for a struggle against imperialism.

Even in secondary industry, the fight is for the right to organize, to strike and for democratic' rights denied by imperialism.

These are not 'trade union' struggles, but for life itself. The industrial wage minimum is about 8s a day and even young engineers and doctors earn only

about £6 a week. These wages are higher than those of the landless peasants and above the average income

of the 'peasant producers'.
Wages—direct or indirect—are related to the average life expectancy, which is 35 years—half that in the oppressor nations.

Not superior

The fact that Egyptian wages are one tenth and less than those in Britain is not due to any superior industrial or political organization of the British workers, nor to any political 'backwardness' in Egypt.

The fact is that imperialism has, from the start, maintained a totalitarian regime, directed by monopoly capital 'fused' with the state with its super-exploited, semi-colonial labour base.

The semi-colonial workers' class struggle is conducted in a virtual fascist, slave colony.

Imperialism has always been determined to maintain its colonial base at all costs, which means that it could neither conceive of nor afford, economically or politically, any of those con-cessions which were wrung out of it by the workers in the imperialist countries.
The 'luxury of democracy' was

to be confined to the imperialist 'democracies' themselves, until, as in Nazi Germany and fascist Italy, imperialism imported its own 'colonial' system into the imperialist countries.

'Democracy' was never possible nor intended for the colonial toilers. It would imply the erosion of the basis of imperialism—the super-profits made by means of the super-exploitation of the colonial workers.

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11.35 Weather.

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Weather.
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11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 7.00 p.m. KNOW HOW. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 FIRST ELEVEN. 8.15 THE MONEY PROGRAMME.

9.00 LOOK, STRANGER. 'Our Wilderness, Dartmoor'. 9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Johnny Cash Show with Glen Campbell, Jeannie C. Riley and Joe Tex.

10.05 'WITHOUT A CITY WALL'. A controversial view of London. 10.55 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.00 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

11.00 a.m.-2.55 p.m. Schools. 4.17 Origami. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.02 TODAY. 6.35 LAUREL AND HARDY CARTOON.

7.10 QUEENIE'S CASTLE. 'We Humbly Beseech'. New series with Diana Dors. 7.40 THURSDAY FILM. 'Sahara'. With Humphrey Bogart, Dan Duryea, Bruce Bennett, Lloyd Bridges, J. Carrol Naish. War

story. 9.30 THIS WEEK.

6.40 PEYTON PLACE.

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11.55 THE ULTIMATE TRIP.

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

SOUTHERN: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.35

Man from Uncle. 7.30 Film: 'Congo Crossing'. With George Nader, Virginia Mayo and Peter Lorre. A small W African country is a haven for wanted criminals. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 Aquarius. 11.55 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-4.18 London. 4.40
Hatty town. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20
London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00
Movie: 'The Pink Panther'. With David Niven, Peters Sellers, Claudia Cardinale, Robert Wagner and Capucine. The bumbling Inspector Clouseau is given the job of bringing a notorious jewel thief to justice. 9.00
Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 10.30

Chef. 11.00 Edgar Wallace. 12 midnight Weather.

HTV colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18 Report West. 6.18-6.35 Sport West.

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ANGLIA: 10.58-2.55 London. 4.30 News. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.15 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Roustabout'. With Elvis Presley and Barbara Stanwyck. When a drifter joins a carnival he becomes the main attraction. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 Prisoner. 11.55 At the end of the day. ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-2.55 London.
3.49 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today.
4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted
house. 4.55 Fireball XL5. 5.15 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Movie: 'American Guerrilla in
the Phillippines'. With Tyrone Power,
Micheline Prelle and Tom Ewell. A
young Navy ensign is left behind in
the Phillippines after the Japanese
occupation. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30
London. 11.00 Untouchables, weather.

ULSTER: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Joe 90. 5.20 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon 7.05 Branded. 7.35 Name of the garne. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 Londo 1. 11.00 What's it all about? 11.20 Aquarius.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 Rainbow country. 5.20 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Saint. 7.25 'Girl in the Headlines'. With Ian Hendry, Ronald Fraser, Margart Johnston and Natasha Parry. A top model is murdered. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 Dancing championships. 12 midnight Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.01 Six-0-one. 6.20 This is your right. 6.30 Man from Uncle. 7.30 Film: 'The Admirable Crichton'. With Kenneth More, Diane Cilento and Cecil Parker. A butler gets marooned on a desert island with his master. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 This is . . . Tom Jones.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.10 News. Lone Ranger. 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Police call. 6.35 Film: "Tarzan's Desert Mystery'. With Johnny Weismuller. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 University challenge. 11.30 Late news. 11.45 Gratitude.

BORDER: 1.38-2.55 London. 4.10 News. 4.15 Sailor of fortune. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Mr and Mrs. 7.45 "Torpedo Run". With Glenn Ford and Ernest Borgnine. War film. 9.30 London. 11.00 Bracken's world. 11.55 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.55 London. 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Film: 'Branded'. With Alan Ladd, Mona Freeman and Charles Bickford. 8.45 Music of the Highlanders. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 11.00 Singing for your supper. 11.30 Late call.

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These problems are a nightmare in themselves, but they exacerbated by others

IMPORTANT lessons for all trade unionists can be learned from the recent three-month clash between Rolls-Royce and the draughtsmen's union DATA. Despite its left-wing pretentions, DATA proved unable decisively to counter the aircraft giant's intransigent lockout campaign. Rolls-Royce's investments are threatened by a contracting world market and falling profits—as a special correspondent outlines below. This was why the company fought as it did.

MASSIVE airline re-equipment programmes have failed to resolve the aircraft manufacturers' crisis.

Hopes that wide-fuselage jets to replace 1960s' models like the Boeing 707, the Douglas DC-8 and the VC-10 would raise profit rates, have proved illusory.

The only wide-fuselage aircraft so far in service is the long-range Boeing 747 jumbo, with a maximum passenger capacity of

The medium range Lockheed L-1011 'Tri-Star' and the McDonnell-Douglas DC-10, both US areoplanes with very similar range and capacity, are under development.

A consortium of French, German and Dutch manufacturers is developing the short-range A-300B 'Airbus'.

Here the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) is building the near-identical 311. And there is still the Concorde which fulfils no immediate demand. Its cancellation seems to be merely a matter of

All these aircraft needed a new range of bigger aero-engines.

Won contract

Large-fuselage aircraft engines are made by Pratt & Whitney and General Electric in the United States and Rolls-Royce in

Two years ago Rolls-Royce won the 'Tri-Star' engine con-

The estimated £70 million cost to develop this engine (the RB-211) looks like being exceeded by about £30 million.

Airline profits have never been lower, but manufacturers are offering a greater range of air-

craft than ever before.

In the first quarter of this year US airlines lost \$71 million. Average return on a £6,600 million operating revenue was 3.9

Rosy picture

Clearly, few of the new aeroplanes will ever go into service. Market forecasters painted a rosy picture of air-lines buying the 747 for longrange routes, the DC-10 or 'Tri-Star' for medium ranges and the or the BAC-311 for short 'air-bus' hops.

Meanwhile the Concorde would appeal to the rich businessman who wanted to cross the Atlantic in three hours -a mythical market if ever there

was one.
These predictions have gone Passenger traffic has not expanded as anticipated and airlines want planes that can be

used on a whole range of routes.

The DC-10, for example, could extend its range and capacity by fitting more powerful engines
—attracting airlines to the DC-

10 instead of the Tri-Star. The Tri-Star has still attracted only 178 orders, which is short of the 225 break-even target. To add to its problems, Lockheed is in dispute with the US

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Markets' crisis spurs air plants' Set up speed-up

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

government over enormous cost over-runs, which the administration has iibbed.

Drag down

Tri-Star's failure will drag Rolls-Royce down with Lockheed.

The Rolls-Royce engine that could power a long-range Tri-star is a development of the

The only other aircraft likely to use this engine in appreciable numbers is the projected BAC-311 'airbus'.

The British government would have to pay engine-development costs of about £70 million, and airframe costs of £150 million.

But—and this is a very big the government went with the BAC-311, it have to break into the market for short-range, wide-fuselage jets, the territory until now of the Europeans' A-300B.

The break-even point for each aircraft of this later type is 215. Yet 'The Economist' estimates the airbus market at only 200.'

The British government can ow buy back its share in the now buy back its share in the A-300B project for just £20 million—a fraction of the cost of the 'go-it-alone' BAC-311.

The A-300B consortium has also offered a £25-million loan to Rolls-Royce for developing a version of the RB-211 as an alternative to the General Electric engine planned for the A-300B.

No panacea

This offer is no panacea for

An A-300B powered by Rolls-Royce could only be sold in the all-important US market to airlines equipped to maintain Roll-

The current talks between the A-300B consortium and the government indicate that the Tories may decide to rejoin the consortium.

the consequences for aircraft industry workers will be similar. If the government backs the 311, it will be on vastly different terms to earlier subsidies in the

Whichever decision is taken

As labour is by far the largest cost-component in any aircraft. attempt to impose a virtual wage freeze as well as the usual speed-

Port bosses Phase Three

UNIONS representing London dockers agreed earlier this week to an urgent request from the port's dock labour board to be allowed to recruit 750 more men.

Port employers say they need these men 'as a matter of urgency' to enable them to take advantage of the two-shift working provided for as part of the Devlin 'modernization' scheme's second phase.

But as BERNARD FRANKS outlines in the following article, the employers are already preparing the ground for Devlin Phase Three. And complete elimination of the 1947 Dock Labour Scheme—under attack recently by several leading employers—forms an essential part of their strategy.

MANY OF THE 'outstanding increases in productivity' achieved by the dockers at Tilbury over the past two-and-a-half years were outlined recently by the Tilbury docks manager at a container conference in Genoa. Italy.

Some of the achievements he listed were:

■ Reduction in the size of labour force required to about 10 or 15 per cent of the number of men required under the conventional break-bulk system.

■ A tenfold or 1,000-per-cent increase in productivity. One container berth can handle between 700,000 and 1,000,000 tons of cargo, compared with only one-tenth of this figure on a general-cargo berth using quay cranes or ship's gear under the break-bulk system.

A reduction in ship turnround time comparable with the reduction in size of the labour

• Flexibility of working, and flexible working hours worked to the requirements of individual customers (US lines at No. 40 berth and GLC at No. 39 berth).

However even this staggering boost to the employers' profitmaking plans is not being seen as a final limit to output.

With the signing of Phase Two of the Devlin scheme, the dock employers hope to push ahead with its implementation in preparation for the next step— Phase Three.

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This will include widespread introduction of advanced timeand-motion methods (as a basis for the Measured-Day Work system payment); extension of two shift working into a three-shift, seven-day system; an intensification of all flexibility and disciplinary measures.

According to 'The Port', talks have already reached an advanced stage between the Port of London Authority and Transport and General Workers' Union officials for the introduction of three-shift working at the container berths at Tilbury. The report adds that the PLA is also hoping 'to introduce this seven days a week by the end of the year'.

As far as work-study is concerned, the National Ports Council has been a leading advocate of its introduction.

Articles in the Research and Technical Bulletin of the NPC have dealt with the use of the Methods - Time Measurement (MTM) system as applied to dock work. These included a time-study of pallet loading.

One example of the council's conclusions relates to 'relaxation allowances'. This explained:

'Usually there is an agreed minimum allowance of 10 per cent—six minutes per hour—but it should be emphasized that this includes all personal needs, e.g. lavatory, blowing noses, etc., and is taken when convenient.

'It is not intended that staff should stop hourly to take their relaxation allowance. Breaks for refreshment form part of the

closing-down of Thames-side wharfs now appearing at the rate of one a fortnight. The latest is the Free Trade Wharf at Shadwell, which will mean 120 dockers being returned to the 'unattached' register.

union plans.

sion to traditional systems of payment must be linked to the fight against the Tories' anti-

They were quick off the mark in organizing a protest meeting on Tuesday night at less than 150 people turned up. This was not the group's first protest to the Tories. Already its director, Frank Field, has sent a letter to Heath, warning of the effects of Italian govt 'exposes'

AT THE END of a month of political crisis and

The parliamentary commission of inquiry into the Mafia has pre-pared a report which openly denounces the close links denounces the close links between the 'honoured society' and the Sicilian politicians and

administrators. The commission, headed by 'liberal' Christian Democrat Franco Cattanei, has 'discovered': 'a really incredible situation of criminal activities, intrigue, evil practices, and connivance public authorities with the Mafia'.

This after 'inquiries' lasting for years during which this situa-tion has been public knowledge!

'Reservations'

Cattanei went as far as to express 'reservations' on the recent election of fellow Christian Democrat Vito Ciancimino as Mayor of Palermo, the Sicilian

Italian police chief Angelo Vicari, in Sicily to head the inquiry into a series of recent crimes, has publicly hinted at Ciancimino's Mafia connections. Ciancimino, who has threat-

ened an action for slander, has been the subject of repeated police inquiries. Several times he

TIME-STUDY

Meanwhile the real face of

Devlin continues to be exposed, with announcements of the

a cut in pay and a tightening of discipline with the implemen-tation of Phase Two, work for some of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Tories' anti-

The port employers would certainly make the Tory proposals the mainstay of the Phase Three present.

Mafia politicians

bloody violence in Sicily, and faced with a mounting outcry over the links of the public authorities with Mafia activities in the island, the Rome government has sought to clear itself with a strongly-worded official document. BY A

CORRESPONDENT

Sicilian 'junta' (regional government) took up office again after resigning en masse on October

Their resignation had been in protest against the Rome government's decision to divert a planned steel plant from Sicily to Reggio Calabria, scene of a general strike and heavy rioting earlier th Police chief Vicari is in Paler-

mo following a series of crimes which are undoubtedly the work

Several weeks ago Mauro de Mauro, a left-wing journalist doing a feature on the Mafia for the magazine 'Ora' was kid-napped and has not been seen

Arrested

A leading Palermo business-man, Nino Buttafuoco, has been arrested in connection with this. On instructions from Rome he is being held in isolation. His food is prepared under guard, and those who cook it also required to eat some of it, lest he should be 'persuaded to silence'.

Last week four 'doctors' walked into Palermo hospital carrying sub-machine guns under their white coats, and murdered a minor 'mafioso', Camdido Ciuni. He was in hospital following an assassination attempt earlier in the week.

After his murder his brother, Mario, was arrested for 'illegally carrying arms'. He had apparently gone to the police headquarters to ask to be jailed for his own protection, prudently carrying his gun on the way. The October events are by no

means exceptional. The Mafia has for many years been involved in Sicilian (and national) politics taking a heavy rake-off from public funds.

Protest NOT the way to fight Tory cuts

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

TORY chancellor Anthony Barber's slashing cuts in social services have aroused the rage of the worthy liberals who run the Child Poverty Action Group.

the cuts on poor families.

In typical liberal style he links this with a quite gratuitous reference to the cuts' effect on industrial productivity:

False impression

'The Bill gives the public the false impression that most families in poverty are going to get substantial help. In fact most will not get any help at all and will be paying more for school meals and milk, prescriptions, food and rent.

'Some will be getting a few shillings a week—but not enough to raise them out of poverty.
... Along with the extension of means-tested welfare benefits, it may act as a disincentive to the low-paid to earn more by seeking a better-paid job or by earning more through overtime. It may have a generally bad effect on working moral and hence pro-

The Bill, he warned, might even contribute to social conflict. All in all, he concludes, it will do more harm than good.

The issue of the Bill's effect on productivity is hardly likely to worry the Tories. Their prescription for increased

productivity is starkly simple: a good stiff dose of unemploy-ment will make every employed worker jump to it.

'Broken promises'

They don't need Mr Field's warnings to tell them how to raise productivity.

Still less do they require the outraged words of CPAG chairman Peter Townsend, who accused Heath at the meeting of having broken his election campaign promises.

If Townsend was gullible enough to believe the Tories would actually improve the situation of the estimated two million people on the poverty line then he has only himself to blame.

government-in which the meeting's chairman, Miss Joan Lestor, held a minor ministerial post failed despite repeated urging to raise family allowances is only another index of the extent to which it opened the way for the Tories.

The Tories are setting out to abolish the Welfare State and substitute the law of the capitalist jungle.

Their actions even moved Transport and General Workers' Union chief Jack Jones to quote the good Book: 'To him that hath shall be given. . . .'

Worse off

Shell magnate David Barron. Jones said, would be nearly £30 better off as a result of the tax cuts. Poor families would be worse off than before.

But Jones' call for 'a great massive movement to change the approach of this government . . . and maybe even to change the government' is misplaced. He is one of the chiefs of the

greatest-ever mass movement of the British working class. If he and his TUC colleagues decide, this government can be forced to resign in a matter of

If pressure is to be applied, it must be to demand that Jones and his fellow union chiefs call out the entire organized working

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Mayor of Palermo

has faced criminal charges along with dozens of other Sicilian

politicians and notables, includ-

ing several Professors at Palermo

During the early 1960s he was

At this time the Mafia was

concentrating much of its energy

on speculation and protection

rackets in the construction indus-

From 1959 to 1964, 4,025

building licences were issued,

four-fifths of them going to one

of a group of five men, described

as 'wall-builders' and such like.

pendent funds.

None of them had any inde-

Many of the allocations were

Ciancimino still faces charges

made in committee while fewer

than the required quorum were

in charge of Palermo public buildings and works.

university.

London dockers, who have already found themselves taking

of bribery and corruption in

ENTHUSIASTIC

The administration has refused to recognize that the men belong

agreements, if given the chance. Rejection of Devlin and rever-

connection with various public

To face the growing scandal Christian Democrat-led

Lancaster cleaners forced to back down CLEANERS at Lancaster University have backed down on their claim for a 40-hour week plus overtime and have agreed to work a 48-hour week.

Government is

stopping claim

—NUPE members told

In helping organize the full-

● In helping to raise finance

• In organizing a test case at

receiving benefit.

strike.

G&MWU.

est support from other trade

unionists for a march through

Lambeth in support of the

from other trade unionists.

the Social Security offices to

ensure that all strikers are

Fraternal greetings were also

The meeting voted unani-

mously to demonstrate outside

Lambeth Town Hall on the

occasion of the Mayor's banquet.

At one stage the officials

recommended acceptance of the

employers' plan, even though official union policy is for a 40-

to the T&GWU, despite a

demand from the students that

In the presence of union

leaders willing to collaborate rather than fight, the employers

were able to approach men

individually about accepting a

Some agreed and their soli-

brought from the T&GWU and

'YOU ARE facing not only the

council, but a government that

is trying by various means to

stop the employers from meet-

ing our claim', secretary of Lam-

beth council workers NUPE

branch told a meeting of 150

Area officer Harry Barker

Guest speaker Vivienne Men-

delson brought fraternal greet-

ings from the Lambeth Trades

Council and offered its support

reprimanding NALGO

members involved in strike-

in four particular ways:

breaking.

gave a report on the overall

members on Tuesday night.

strike situation.

The university employs older men as cleaners at a rate of £13 8s 4d a week and it is understood they are trying to keep the wage bill down by

refusing overtime. Previously the men had rejected the employers' proposal and as a result 40 of them were sent dismissal notices.

These were later withdrawn in the face of mounting student support for the cleaners.

T&GWU officials involved in the dispute were hostile to student intervention, although this was welcomed by cleaners themselves.

they should.

48-hour week.

darity collapsed.

Early battalion leader in

Spanish Civil War

Union officials paved way, but

'We won't have MDW at Oxford'

Praise indeed!

PRAISE for Tory Chancellor Barber's economic cuts came yesterday from the 'Wall St Journal', mouthpiece of the US stock market.

The Tory policy the 'Journal' says, 'Not only reverses Britain's long-term socialistic drift, but is based on a principle that is well worth notice in the United States.

'The fact that a British government has dared to propose such a sharp reversal of past welfare state policies indicates the extent to which Britain has become dis-illusioned with some of those

• FROM PAGE ONE

93s. Merthyr tenants can look

forward to paying rents just as high as those in Southamp-

The discrepancies in London

between the various boroughs provide an index of the extent

to which rents can be ex-

pected to rise.

A recently built three-bed-

room flat costs 43s in Tower Hamlets, 47s in Southwark, 82s from the GLC, 132s in

Lambeth and 163s in Kensing-

Triple

The Tories' aim is Chelsea rents for all—tripling the Tower Hamlets rent and deal-

ing a crippling blow to work-

All this of course takes

place against a background of

rising unemployment, sky-rocketing cost of living and

government strike - breaking

against workers fighting for

Walker's free market hous-

They put paid to any hopes

ing costs mean dire poverty for hundreds of thousands of

of relief for the two million

families living in accommoda-

tion declared unfit for human

habitation, or for the hundreds of thousands of home-

less whose ranks are certain

workers and their families.

ing-class tenants.

higher wages.

say Morris stewards

CO-OPERATION with British-Leyland's plans to replace piecework with Measured-Day Work would be like 'agreeing to wrestle with a grizzly bear if he agrees not to scratch'.

This warning is issued to carworkers at the £410 million combine's Morris assembly plant at Cowley, Oxford, in the latest issue of the Transport and General Workers' 5/55 branch

to be swelled by wholesale

In private housing, the

pected. Rent control will be

wound up completely, leaving

hundreds of thousands of tenants facing higher rents.

All in all, the government hopes by 1975 to save up to

£200 million from the introduction of 'fair rents'.

will take on average £4 out of the pockets of every man,

woman and child in the

country.
Of course, says Walker, there will be rebates for those

in need—means-tested rebates, doled out after a stringent and

humiliating inquisition and only to those who are already on or below the poverty line.

Tory housing policy is a

policy of deliberate, calculated

wholesale misery for millions and penny-pinching cuts for

monopolies and the sharp

businessmen who can hope to

see rates and taxes fall drama-

The Rachmans and the

an unprecedented bonanza

These are the only benefici-

aries of the Tories' class-war

building sharks are slavering

at the mouth in anticipation

Of course for the

tically, it is a godsend.

of high rents.

housing policy.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

CONFERENCES

Support Pilkington glassworkers and their

right to strike!

Defeat the proposed Tory anti-union laws

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

NEWCASTLE: Royal Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street, 3 p.m.

SHEFFIELD: Crooksmoor Vestry Hall, Crooksmoor Road,

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

GLASGOW: Partick Burgh Lesser Hall, near Merkland Street

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

Speakers will be from the Pilkington Rank and File Committee

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

This means that the scheme

steep rises can be ex-

evictions.

same

Branch officials make two important points in condemnation of last week's unsuc-'Chelsea' rents cessful attempt by Cowley director Ian Showan to 'split the factory by going over the

> proposals. In unilaterally issuing a letter via supervisors to all employees without consultaunion officials or shop stewards, they claim that

> heads of your elected representatives' with new MDW

the company: Breached both the national procedure agreement and the formula on which the plant's pieceworkers returned to work after a recent six-week strike.

 Attacked negotiation rights and procedures within the factory.

Full report

The union's local, regional and national officials have been given a full report on Showan's action and asked to raise it at national level with Federation.

Under the formula arrived at by national officials at York for the pieceworkers' return, it was agreed that Leyland would submit its proposals for a new pay system to operate on production of its ADO 28 model at a works conference—the third stage of the nationally-agreed procedure.

'The fact that no agreement could be reached on the date for this conference does not alter this,' says the article.

'The company has therefore no right to apply'—as Show-an's letter did—'for a local conference until the works conference has been held.'

Local conference is the fourth stage of procedure ac-cording to the terms of the 1922 York memorandum.

Even more serious, say 5/55 officers Bob Fryer, Tony Bradlev and I. Barrett, are the company's actual proposals:

Serious

£37 per week for a full piecework effort . . . to be assessed by the use of all the work-study methods agreed in the 1968 package deal.'

The article emphasizes that this poses a complete change from pay systems operating in the factory 'which are based on mutually-agreed piecework

A statement by the factory's T&GWU shop stewards' subcommittee, also reproduced in the 5/55 magazine, strongly criticizes the pieceworkers' return - to - work settlement agreed by national officials of the T&GWU, the Amalga-Engineers and the Vehicle Builders at York.

It was when 'the company had reached their weakest point' and the strikers 'had reached their strongest and most determined', the state-ment says, that 'the officials came in with their half-baked formula which . . . left the question of MDW wide open'.

Warning

But the stewards warn: 'We do not intend to see the company create the conditions to drive down wages and make Morris Motors a

Measured-Day Work, they say, is 'against the policy of every major trade union body on the plant: joint shop stewards' committee, AEF district committee and the 5/55

Wilfred Macartney

WILFRED MACARTNEY, who for a short time was Commander of the first Englishspeaking battalion of the International Brigade in Spain, died on Monday this week in London,

aged 71. His best-selling book 'Walls Have Ears', pub-lished by the Left Book Club, described his experiences in prison.

Macartney was sentenced

to ten years imprisonment in 1927 on charges of passing information to the Soviet Union. He was involved in a

particular incident in January 1937 on the eve of the departure of the British Battalion for the front.

According to one Communist Party member, Fred Copeman:

... the Party leader-ship could not quite countenance a non-Communist leading the battalion in its first action . . . it was privately indicated to Macartney that he might perhaps stand down in favour of a Party member, but he refused to consider

Meeting

'On the very morning the battalion was due to leave, the commissars summoned a meeting of brigade leaders and Macartney was brought post-haste to headquarters by official car.

'The Political Commissar of the British Battalion accompanied him, and somehow on the brief journey a gun went off acciden-tally and Macartney was wounded.' ('The International Brigades, Spain 1936-1939' by Vincent

Another account places the accident in the head-quarters itself, but the people involved are the

Result Vincent Brome says in his

'It led to the result desired by the Party hierarchy, since Macartney had to go to hospital and Tom carrying Communist, took command.'

Yet the obituary

HEALTH ALL NOT JUST THE RICH

MEDICAL students health workers yesterday demonstrated in London against the Tory cuts in the National Health Service-with the slogan 'Health care is a right, not a charity'.

Starting from St Thomas' Hospital the marchers-400 strong-crossed over the River Thames to lobby 'left' MPs and those from the hospital areas at the House of Commons.

Political strike against Franco regime AN ESTIMATED 50,000 workers

held sit-down strikes of varying durations in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Bilbao and other Spanish towns on Tuesday despite displays of force by security police and the para-military Civil Guard.

TAX

SWEETS

NOT

DENTAL

The strikes — called by the illegal Workers' Commissions—were an unprecedented display of working-class solidarity with Franco's political prisoners and a blow at the infamous Trade Union Law now on its way through the Cortes (parliament).

Metalworkers, printers and builders were well to the fore in the strike movement.

Franco's official sources claim that 'only' 15,000 workers took part in the strikes, but this is clearly a gross underestimation.

The strike was the first big

The strike was the first big political strike against the fascist regime. Previous strike struggles have been confined largely to

economic questions.

Under the tight repression of the Franco police, the organization of such a big solidarity strike is a sure sign that the Spanish working class is finding its feet in struggle.

FREEDOM

and amnesty Hundreds of students and young workers marched through Madrid under the noses of the police, shouting for freedom and amnesty. Police made a number of

baton charges and dózens of More than 3,000 people gathered near the Atocha railway terminus in central Madrid where the Workers' Commissions had called for

demonstrations against the Earlier in the day at Madrid University, police broke down the doors of the Political Science faculty and batoncharged a group of about 400 students who were chanting

In the Catalan textile town of Tarrassa, workers struck and demonstrated and a priest was among those arrested.

Spanish actress Julia Pena stood up in a performance by German theatre company in Madrid and called for the release of political prisoners.

ARRESTED then released

Police arrested her, but she was released when the actors refused to continue the play unless she was set free. These tremendously inspiring demonstrations and strikes indicate that Franco's senile and malignant fascist regime can no longer wall off the workers and youth of Spain from the revolutionary movement of the European

Racialist move by Ceylon govt Work permits plan concession to right

reactionary step of introducing work permits for an estimated 10,000 workers of Indian

CEYLON'S coalition government has taken the descent.

This is part of plans to Ceylonize the economy, a Ministry of Defence and Affairs spokesman said in Colombo vesterday. The permits will apply to workers with Indian passports,

but without visas. This covers Tamil traders

and small businessmen who have frequently been the target of ultra-reactionary Sinhalese agitation.

Coalition

The Ceylon government, a coalition of renegade Trot-skyists, Stalinists and Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party, is thus making important concessions to the ultra-right in a demagogic attempt to win support from unemployed workers.

This is in line with the increasingly anti-working-class policy of the coalition, which is faced with growing econo-

Recently, on the Keenakalay tea estate, two strikers were shot dead by police. Militant leaders of the plantation workers—many of whom are of Indian descent-are now in

Racialist

The thoroughly racialist

The Plantation Ministry in

The LSSP's treachery is now creating an extremely serious situation for Ceylon workers.

Each concession the government makes towards the Sinhalese nationalists and the tea monopolies opens the door farther to a right-wing clamp-

Spanish Stalinists plan future betrayals

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BY DAVID BARNES

A STATEMENT by Santiago Carrillo, Spanish Communist Party general secretary, lays bare the acute dangers facing Spanish workers if the fight against fascism and the employers is led by those tied to the Stalinist 'road to socialism'.

In an interview in Paris published yesterday in 'Le Monde', Carrillo says:

'All those who are in favour of the restoration of demo-cratic freedom, even if they have goals opposed to ours, even if, in the past, they have supported the Franco regime' can be the allies of the Party. 'The Spanish regime has kept its fascist forms, and our first task is to put an end to these. For that, we are ready to do business with the devill' It was this policy, tying the working class and poor peasants to the requirements of those employers who were prepared (quite hypocritically) to swear their allegiance to democracy, that strangled the Spanish revolution and led to Franco's victory in the Civil War.

Lead

It was in the name of 'first defeat fascism, then struggle for socialism that Stalin's political servants in Spain took took the lead in handing back the factories and land to the ruling class.

They destroyed the organizations (and murdered their leaders) who called for class unity against the oppressors.

There is a bitter reality

when Carillo says in jest that 'Spanish socialism will march with a hammer and sickle in one hand and a cross in the other (i.e. hand in glove with the 'progressive' elements of the Catholic Church). For the increasing pressure

from the CP leaders for 'unity' with any and every self-styled 'anti-fascist' paves the way for a repetition of the terrible vengeance wreaked by inter-Spanish working class in the 1930s.

Handle

The bankrupt political position put forward by Carrillo gives a handle to the Moscowsponsored group, headed by former General Enrique Lister, which has split from the Spanish Party and supports the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Lister accuses Carrillo of leading the Party towards integration in Spanish neo-capitalism and the so-called democratization of country'.

He also accuses Carrillo personally of the deliberate betrayal of Party members Comorera and Monzon, captured by the police when crossing the frontier illegally, and other forms of treachery. In Lister's mouth these accusations are the basest hypocrisy and cynicism.

He is backed to the hilt by the Moscow Stalinists, now moving inexorably towards greater trading and 'cultural' relations with Spanish fascism and thence to full diplomatic recognition of the regime.

training Israeli pilots-

THREE Beirut newspapers yesterday published identical report that British technicians are training Israeli pilots in Cyprus. According to the report, 60 Israeli pilots arrived at Akrotiri base in Cyprus on October 8 and began training there

months An Israeli military spokes-man yesterday described the story as 'another lie in the long series of fabrications thought up by the Arabs about

ernment plotted the invasion of Egypt with Israel and France and secretly planned the Suez operation.

At that time, rumours of collusion were strongly denied.

the two-party

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union laws for 'protest' action.

This serves as a cover to obscure the role of the union bureaucrats because in practice they avoid an all-out campaign to force the union leaders to fight

Impossible

Yet is is impossible to mobilize the masses unless this is done.

In their own way the CP and the 'lefts' dampen down the struggle, because, tied as they are to the reformist 'peaceful road', they fear the revolutionary climate Most dangerous of all,

they refuse to see that the anti-union laws are only part of the Tory offensive. Slashing the Health Service, raising rents and creating unemployment are

all tied up with the antiunion laws. What is needed is not just a day of protest in the form of industrial action. but the broadening of this campaign to draw in the widest layers of workers, many of whom are not in

unions. An alliance with sections of the middle class who are being impoverished more and more by the big monopolies (working through the government) is vital. The working class in alli-

ance with the most hard-hit sections of the middle class be mobilized much more effectively on political issues than on purely industrial forms of protest. Street.

Political

This is the role of Workers Press. Ours is the only daily paper which calls for a political campaign to

Mass arrests bring down the Tory government. We say that the antiin Brazil

by leading the fight. Such a fight would then be the centre of the move-

It could become the core of a vast movement which, when provided with revolutionary leadership, could put an end to the Tories and capitalism for ever. This is, indeed, the only

road forward now.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

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

SWINDON: Sunday, November 8, 7.30 p.m. Eastcott Hotel, Manchester Road.

Night cleaners' fight for union recognition

who work in London government office buildings are involved in a protracted recognition dispute which has led to the sacking of shop stewards.

The women, employed by the contractors 'Strand Cleaners', are picketing at night outside government offices such as the Board of Trade in Great Smith The dispute is likely to

spread to other offices as other cleaners, including non-union members, have refused to transfer to the picketed buildings. Pickets at Great Smith Street told Workers Press

that two shop stewards had been sacked on the allegathat their work was unsatisfactory.
This followed

attempt to negotiate a proper payment for cover-ing extra work caused by absent colleagues. The two stewards, along with 11 other contract

One of the picket line organizers said that she had been sacked four weeks ago just after she joined the T&GWU.

organizing the rest of the cleaners into the union.

the weekend, 500 of them in Sao Paolo alone. A police spokesman said this was necessary to prevent widespread demonstrations on the anniversary of the death of WEATHER communist and guerrilla leader Carlos Marighela at the hands of the police.

SHOWERS will be more frequent and heavy at times over Scotland, N Ireland and N England. Showers in southern districts will be mostly light and will die out later in the torture.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

BRAZILIAN police arrested 4,000 left-wing suspects at

It will become rather cold in the North. But temperatures will be near or a little above normal in the South.

torturing prisoners. Fleury is under judicial investigation for leading the 'Death Squad' — a right-wing terrorist organization, cruited mainly from policemen, which is responsible for a large number of political

Hostility

World-wide disgust and hostility towards the Brazilian regime is now such that the 'Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' (a subsidiary organ of the USpromoted Organization of American States), has decided to investigate to the commission of the USpromoted Organization of to investigate torture allega-

But the Brazilian govern ment has refused to admit an investigator even from this body, adept as it is at whitewashing the friends of American imperialism.

Most of those seized were eleased after 'identity checks'. But those held in jail face mic crisis. and indiscriminate

Seven Dominican priests on trial in Sao Paolo for 'complicity with the guerrillas' have accused Sergio Fleury, the political police chief, of participating personally

character of the measure is underlined by the fact that while it applies to Indians, it does not affect the remaining British subjects working mainly as tea estate managers.

the coalition is held by former Trotskyist Colvin R. De Silva, who joined the coalition together with N. M. Perera and other leading members of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party.

down on the working class.

Britons claim

under British supervision. The training period is three

In 1956, Eden's Tory gov-

LATE NEWS

underground, 7.30 p.m.

ULSTER ROADS SWOOP About 250 British soldiers and a large number of members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary took part in wide-ranging road checks close to the N Ireland border yesterday to cut down the number of illegal entries.

NEDC 'BROKERING'? National Economic Development Council yesterday dis-

cussed Tory public-spending

cuts.
TUC spokesmen appeared to have raised few objections to NEDC chairman Fred Catherwood's proposal that he acts as an 'honest broker' to draw up a new tripartite structure—government, unions and employers—to discuss wage controls.

US ELECTIONS (See page one) House Senate Governors New Old New Old New Old 52 243 53 57 27 18 77 187 44 43 20 32 Dem 252 243

Rep 177 187 3rd party

PAY WAR—BARBER Chancellor told Commons yesterday that in private sector of economy in no circumstances will the government encourage or connive at inflationary pay settlements for the sake of short-term peace

and quiet. 'We shall use all our influence against settlements which we believe against national interest.'

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ously unique campaign against dissent and students might have provoked liberal-minded

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US ELECTIONS

Nixon's and Agnew's venompeople to protest at the strident atavism of Nixon's 'philosophy', but the aim behind this attack was to paralyse the Democrats by forcing them to state an alternative.

Senator Muskie's speech on Tuesday night revealed be-yond doubt that the Democrats are not only in disarray, but are completely bankrupt No issue

problem. There is no disagreement about what we want. There are only different approaches to getting it. The harsh and uncomfortable fact is that no one, in either party, has the final answer... Scarcely concealed in Muskie's speech is the tacit admission that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans can separately control the giant American working class

which, under the stimulus of

war, inflation and growing

To his TV audience he said

. . . there is no issue

flatly: '... there is no issue of law and order, nor of

violence. There is only a

unemployment, is beginning to straighten its back and unleash powerful blows at the Class-conscious American workers can draw only one conclusion from the elections and that is to start building now an independent labour party based on the trade unions and put an end, once and for all, to the cynical

Macartney in yesterday's 'Morning Star' made no mention of this event and

described Macartney as 'a consistent supporter of the "Daily Worker" and the "Morning Star" who had 'strong Communist con-

union laws can only be effectively fought through forcing the Labour and trade union leaders to declare that this is their aim

ment against the Tory cuts in the standard of living.

MEETINGS

WOMEN night cleaners

cleaners, joined the Trans-port and General Workers' Union some weeks ago.

She then set