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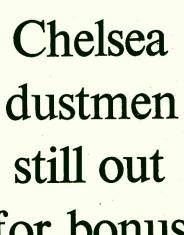
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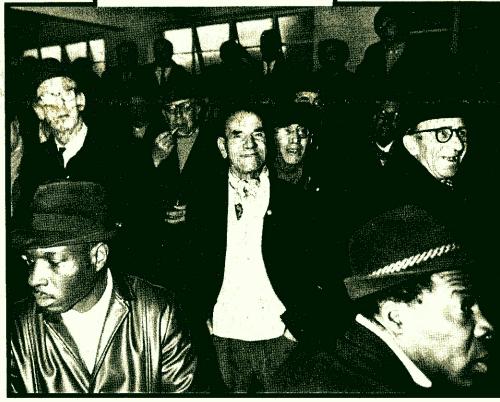
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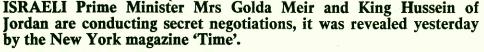
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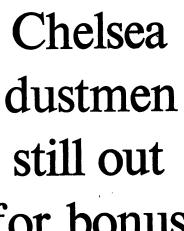
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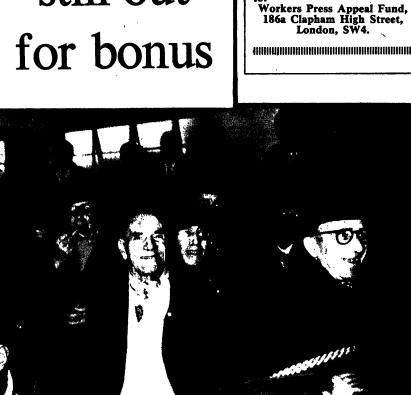
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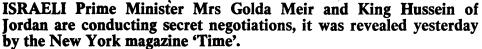
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action, but at the same time

we were not prepared to isolate the Scottish miners

and have unnecessary sacri-

fices,' added McGahey, who must know that the only way

to break out of isolation is

to campaign for the stoppage on other fields and destroy the

grip of the right wing in the

munist Party members are also in leading positions, the area executive appeared to have cancelled plans to go out to miners in Nottingham and Yorkshire to rally them round the men in the S Wales pits.

Large numbers of miners are still fighting on. In Wales the strike remained almost total yesterday

and in Yorkshire all the pits in the militant Doncaster area were idle. But in Durham the big

Westoe pit voted to return against the recommendations of the lodge committee and in Kent all the coalfield's 3,500 miners were back at work.

#### **ALLIANCE**

The course of the miners' strike proves that no degree of militancy alone will be able to destroy the alliance of the right and 'left' sections in the National Union of Mineworkers' leadership.

The miners need a new general staff that will battle to the end and face all the political consequences volved in such a fight.

#### Panthers for Vietnam?

S VIETNAM'S National Liberation Front has told the Black Panther Party it is willing to accept an offer of volunteers to fight the US

## Hull and NW backing for December 8 strike

to bring down the Tory government and this de-

'Those of you that don't like this might as well get

manded a general strike.

SHOP stewards at Girling's brake factory, Bromborough, Cheshire, have voted unanimously for strike action against the anti-union laws on December 8.

The committee supported the strike call of the Liver-pool Trades Council as the first step to bring down the Tory government. **HULL TRADE** unionists

voted unanimously at a 100strong meeting called by the Trades Council to work for the December 8 one-day strike agains the Tory anti-union Bill. Mr Jim Duffy, convenor

out now because you will live with this government,' **REFUSED** But the chairman refused

> the meeting mentioned the TUC's role except to criticize its 'slowness'.

> to accept a resolution call-ing on trade union leaders to begin a real mobilization of the working class against the Tory government. Few leading officials at

Only a railwaymen's union member (docks section)

These men he said agreed with the Tories on the need to curb capitalist inflation by halting wages.
East Hull's Labour MP John Prescot attacked the

> But he avoided all personal responsibility for fighting the Tories by declaring parliament to be a worth-less talk-shop and that the rank-and-file had to take

the lead. Many were critical of militant-sounding speeches from officials who had not lifted a finger against the Labourites' anti-union bill and now wanted to restrict the anti-Tory opposition to the smallest protests.



#### BY STEPHEN JOHNS DATELINE: NORTH EAST

'I dislike going down to the labour exchange... The atmosphere hits you as soon as you walk through the door. You know the moment you go in you won't get a job'

-A teenager from Jarrow talks about life on the dole

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YOUTH UNEMPLOY-MENT is the feature of the North-East's dole queues. If you are a school - leaver without qualifications your choice is the dole or bad pay in a job with hopeless prospects.

If you have a GCE or two you may get a job, but the employment you are forced to take is often far below your capabilities.

The prized apprenticeships carry with them the ever-present fear of the sack, either through plain redundancy or on some trumped-up charge of industrial misconduct.

We met young shipyard workers who would not talk to us because they thought that association with the paper might bring the retribution of their employers, and the sack would

force them back into the ranks of the unskilled cannon fodder that feed the labour exchanges

JACK GRASSBY is the secretary of the South Shields Trades Council and he first raised the call for a one-day strike against unemployment in the North-East.

His motion, as we explained in yesterday's article, is now buried in the bureaucracies of several unions. Whether it will ever see the light of day is a matter for

Jack is also a lecturer in electrical engineering at the Marine Shields and he talked to us about the attitudes and prospects of the boys and girls he teaches.

'I think that more people in the North-East are coming round to the view that the only solution to the situation is a political one. Attitudes are changing and they are certainly changing rapidly amongst the youth at the

'Young people are becoming more and more aware of the reality of the situation they face.

'They see now that they need two or three 'O' levels just to get an ordinary job which is often well below their capabilities.

'I don't think they will just sit around and accept the kind of exploitation and depression their fathers accepted during the

'The situation among the youth is very bad. If you need GCEs just to get, say, a van driver's job, what kind of prospects face the youth with no qualification?

The consequences of this are that more and more young people are forced back into the schools and technical colleges. In my department there are anything from 25 to 30 students there merely because they can't get a job—this is in one department and there are 12 in the

'Others just leave the area, and this contributes further to the run-down of the North-East and more people in turn leave because of this. It's just a vicious

'The attempts to get jobs for the young are just chaotic. There is no effort to define the need of

youth employment. 'Firms take boys on when

the trading is good only to sack them again when there is a slump in orders.

'The youth who experience this kind of treatment get very bitter -as bitter as those who have no

'The youth employment bureaus are really just talking shops. They only give the employers an opportunity to justify their inefficiencies. The employment officers don't do a great deal-how can they in this kind

'It's really a matter of fending for yourself and getting what job you can in the North-East if

'I don't see any solution at all under this kind of government. Many of us in the labour movement wanted to see the last government set-up state factories to provide employment for the

'The Labour government tried hard, but their efforts were largely misplaced. For example, they pushed huge grants into firms, many of whom paid big subscriptions to the Tory Party.

'Other firms came into the area just to grab maximum grants then to shut up shop and cart the plant elsewhere — America

'Then there are the training boards and private training schemes; these are somewhat of

'Firms get government money if they send boys to the colleges for day release. So it pays some firms to employ youngsters and them to school just to pocket the grant. They might sack some of them when the

'Some other firms get money for operating their own training schools—apprentice factories we

'They don't care what the apprentices produce so long as the grants are flowing in.

'The other function of this kind of training is to isolate the boys from older workers, and of course trade unionism, in their most impressionable early work-

'They teach them all kinds of crafts ready for the day they hope they will break down all craft barriers. They really want to produce a new kind of worker with new values — the firm's values.

'I don't think anything can be done with this kind of government. It is clearly beyond democratic pressure.

'Workers and unions will have to take their own kind of action. The one-day strike, if it gets off the ground, will be a good beginning to this.'

Shipyards

BOB GLASS works in the shipyards on Tyneside and is a member of the South Shields, Jarrow and Hebburn and Bowden youth employment committee; one of those talking shops Jack Grassby referred to.

He told us of the battle he fights with employers, ten of whom sit on the committee.

generally try to understand the problems of youth unemployment in the area. The main idea is to encourage firms to enlarge their intake of apprentices. But the general outlook here is pretty grim.

'We had the closure of Palmers, that was a big blow, and now Glacier Metal has gone.

'Now we are sending a letter around to firms complaining about the abrupt way they announce redundancies, but most firms are ignoring this.

'The employers' side of the committee simply informed us that they had to keep quiet about closure or redundancies because they revealed their moves in advance all the labour force would leave too soon!

'All the firms get a lot of money from the training board. One shipbuilding concern was given £36,000 grants for training

'On our side of the committee we don't think that this money is well spent. The system of training that prevailed 100 years

'Generally boys are thrown in at the deep end among men and machinery to pick up what they 'We would like to see them

studying books on engineering to give them a real insight into the craft. But the employers say this is not possible.

'The whole future is bad. We could see in respect to Palmers that the government's intention

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is to run down the whole of

'The union leaders leave a lot to be desired in the fight against this. I used to have a lot of admiration for Danny [McGarvey leader of the boilermakers] but most of the national leadership, like him, get too involved in procedure.

'We have no real programme here for fighting unemployment. There seems nothing we can do to clear up the short-term problems, let alone the long-term

'I know what I would like to see though.

'It's about time men took their coats off and got stuck into the employers and this government.

'But there doesn't seem to be much fight left in a lot of them. I will back the one-day strike, but I'm not so sure if it will be backed at plant level.

BILLY WILKINSON lives with his mother and younger sister in a gloomy block of council flats in Newcastle. He is a member of the most underprivileged section of youth in the North-East-the youth without certificates, apprenticeships, GCE's and, consequently decent jobs.

'I have never had a proper job since I left school that was when I was 16. I have got this job now on a milk round; I start next Monday.

'It will be difficult for me early in the mornings in winter when there is snow on the ground because I have a bad chest. But they told me at the office if I don't take this job they will stop my money—that's £2 16s a week.

'The milk will give me £7 a week; that's for seven days. I have to start at five and I finish at 12, I might have to work late Sunday, they say.

'It's not worth it, I know that, but what can I do. I don't have much choice—or should I say I have no choice.

'What I would really like to do is to own a cottage in the country and work on the land get lots of fresh air.

'I have books on this from the the library. I told the man on the dole this and he said I would get the money on the milk to leave Newcastle.

'I don't think the situation will improve up here. We would leave to the South-I lived in London once and I liked it there -but how can we get the money

GEORGE BLACK who is 18 was a clerk in a Jarrow steel

Future redundancies were announced and the threat of closure hung over the plant.

But George didn't see the day they closed the gates; he was sacked without ceremony one day

'We went down to the Jarrow and Hebburn labour exchange, but they refused us the dole because they said we had been sacked for industrial misconduct.



MCGARVEY

'Anyway they did ask me what kind of job I would like, so I said I would like to get back

into the steel industry.

'They sent me to this other man and he got out his files. But all the jobs semed to be miles away in North Shields or

for arriving to work late from lunch. He has been unemployed Newcastle and the wages quoted now for several months.

were £8 at the most. 'Well I didn't want to take a job like that. After fares, stoppages and what I give my parents would only have about 30s

over. I'm better off on the dole. 'I dislike going down to the labour exchange. I don't like it down there. The atmosphere hits you as soon as you walk through the door. You know the moment you go in you will not get a

'Go down there first thing to avoid the queue. When the crowd builds up there, it can take you over an hour to get your money.

'The' officials hardly speak to "scum" like us. I think its be-cause they think they are high-up officials working for the Ministry or something.

'Really after a few trips down there you feel like you have been doing it for years.

'There is only one thing we can do about a situation like this and that's take control-the workers I mean. The first thing would be to build up some organization that would be prepared to do this.

'Now the Tories are in there is going to be a big battle on these kind of things.'

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TUESDAY'S

THE LIBERATION OF L. B. JONES DIRECTED BY WILLIAM WYLER PRODUCED BY RONALD LUBIN SHOWING IN LONDON AT THE COLUMBIA, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

Oman Hedgepath (LEE J. COBB) questions Willie Joe (ANTHONY ZERBE) about the murder

# BRIAN MOORE POICE FOICE

WILLIAM WYLER'S 'The Liberation of L. B. Jones', is a surprising film.

Its form is conventional enough, a direct Hollywood exposition, with a tendency in the performances to melodrama. There are few nuances of detail and a scarcity of imaginative insight.

It is a broad, bludgeoning film, in many ways a pedestrian work.

Yet what is genuinely surprising is the sheer intransigence of the position it adopts, which is rare in the average Hollywood product.

It is certainly no palliative, it offers no reassurances. It presents merely the brutal outcome of a social situation.

For its director, a highlythought-of film-maker working always within the limitations of the commercial system, it represents a new turn, for there is a sense of outrage, of passion to the point of violence, which he thrusts uncompromisingly at the audience.

The story is set in a small town in Tennessee. There are deep racial divisions and tensions between black and white.

L. B. Jones is a black undertaker - prosperous, middleclass, a mild and respected man among the black community. He is married to a restless wife who holds him in contempt. She is having an affair with a white policeman, and L. B. Jones wants a

But the naming of the white co-respondent in court is not in the interests of the white community and ruling apparatus and the undertaker is subjected to, first, persuasion then intimidation, beatings and finally brutal murder at the hands of the police.

#### Uncompromising

As an exposé of police methods: of their racialism, their brutality, their corruption and murderousness; their frame-ups, their intimidation of witnesses, their cynical arrests—all of which are ultimately hushed up by the local lawyer and mayor — it must stand as an extraordinary and uncompromising film.

It is hard to imagine that a film which exposed British police methods with this outspokenness could ever be made in this country.

The chief of police gets confessions out of innocent victims by giving them electric

The sergeant and his buddy on patrol arrest an innocent black on a drunk charge, then rape the victim's sister in the back of the patrol car as part of the deal to get him off.

L. B. Jones is beaten up by the same two officers, his mouth gagged with sticking tape and shot through the

The sergeant slits his throat with a knife, removes his shoes and strings the dead body up to make it look like a ritual murder. They arrest two innocents as the murderers.

It is an ugly, bigoted, corrupt administration and the film exposes bourgeois justice for the fraud that it is.

In this it reflects the shifts and realignments taking place in American society and it is all the more remarkable that a man like Wyler should have made it.

It is a film that is well worth seeing.

L. B. Jones (ROSCOE LEE BROWNE) is roughed up (ANTHONY



# THEATBE

Joan Littlewood



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JOAN LITTLEWOOD stands out among the bleak English theatrical landscape like a giant of imagination and invention.

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#### **Defiance**

She is back at the Theatre Royal Stratford after several years' absence with a whole new company and season of

Stratford East seems to be in the process of demolition, for the theatre stands as the only living thing amongst empty boarded up shops and houses, and there is more than

an edge of defiance in her latest production of 'Forward Up Your End'.

It's a satire set in Birmingham on the town council bureaucrats and their pettybourgeois vulgarity and aspira-

The fiddling, the racialism, the vanity, the self importance, the money-grabbing and the wheeling and the dealing, parade on stage in the brash extravagant style of music hall, from which she has always drawn a strength.

#### Debunking

And if there is something random and electric in her choice of targets, which sometimes only reflect a petulance and over-triviality, this is well compensated by the sharpness of her debunking humour.

She has a marvellous eye for

the pretentious—the vulgarity of monopoly taste that is inflicted on us with all the neon-lit new restaurants and plastic bric-a-brac, the new pubs with cabarets and phoney French waiters, strip clubs and provincial orgies—but there is at the same time a sentimental nostalgia in her which can blunt her cutting edge.

#### Immediate

What she has fought for all her theatrical life is that the theatre can be a meaningful and immediate experience. She has tried to bring workers into the theatre to communicatewith all the skills she has derived from music hall and pantomime - contemporary critiques of society, drawing for material on sources that are as immediate as a news-

There is nothing mystifying

in her theatre, none of that deadening bourgeois formality that masquerades under the name of 'art'.

#### Heightened

Her theatre is raw and direct and stylish, not earthbound by a plodding social realism — but something heightened, compressed and vaudeville.

In her style of exposition, on her insistence on direct communication with an audience, there is a great deal that the revolutionary movement can learn in the propagation of ideas. She combines vigour and enjoyment-entertainment in the best sense of the word —with a sharp vision of the world. She has made the theatre a meaningful art again.

It's good that she's back from exile.

# De Gaulle's death confirms **Stalinist**

## THE SO-CALLED Militant strikemelodrama.

IN THEIR letter of condolences to President Pompidou on the death of General de Gaulle, Soviet leaders Brezhnev, Podgorny and Kosygin help to throw fresh light on the counterrevolutionary role of the French Stalinists during the great sit-in strike of May-June 1968.

· After standard references to the man who 'did much to revive the greatness of France'. the letter goes on:

'Our talks with him during his visit to the Soviet Union in 1966 marked the beginning of an important stage in the history of Soviet-French relations . . .

Then in a reference to President Pompidou's visit to the Soviet Union last month, it concludes:

'The results of your visit to the Soviet Union confirmed most convincingly the vitality and effectiveness of the course chosen by our countries for putting into effect the great possibilities inherent in the policy of peaceful co-existence between states with different social systems.'

The secret diplomacy of the bureaucracy ensured that the French and Soviet working classes knew very little about the subjects discussed and decisions taken at those 1966 talks.

But midway between these two Presidential visits, there broke out in France the largest, longest and most powerful general strike in the entire history of world capitalism which created a revolutionary situation. In fact, Pompidou would

never have been able to follow the Moscow trail in the footsteps of his master had it not been for the conscious, counter-revolutionary strikebreaking of the French Stalinists, who collaborated with de Gaulle in securing the evacuation of the occupied factories and the holding of elections.

Strike-breaking — as the Polish Stalinists have discovered — was essential for realizing 'the great possibilities inherent in the policy of peace-

ful co-existence . . . '
So anxious are the Stalinist leaders to pay their last respects to their strikebreaking ally, they raise just a tiny corner of the curtain behind which they conduct their secret dealings with the enemies of the working class.

# **Next time**

mandos who hi-jacked a Pan-American Boeing 747 jumbo jet from Amsterdam to Cairo in September struck better than they knew. Their 'catch' contained the

complete plans of the big NATO command exercise code-named Wintex, due to be held next March. The plans were taken off the plane just before it was blown up. The plans were being trans-

ported from Brussels NATO headquarters to Washington when the hi-jackers diverted the aircraft. Naturally, the Egyptian gov-

ernment, which confiscated the plans after the hi-jack, sent them back to NATO headquarters. But, just as naturally, they sent copies to Moscow.

The whole elaborate exercise has accordingly been scrapped. A new plan for testing out

NATO's command mechanism in the event of nuclear war with the Soviet Union has had to be drawn up.

It will reassure all patriots to learn that British Military Intelligence is confident its top-secret codes have not been broken by the Soviet Union, and that NATO senior officers and secret documents have been forbidden in future from travelling on commercial airlines.

# **behind** THE

Trade Union Committee is a shadowy body specializing in blood-and-thunder manifestos published anonymously and without imprint and written in the language of Victorian The intelligent reader's first

thought on seeing MTUC's handbills and manifestos is that they are a particularly crude provocation, and the impression is not lessened by the use to which they are put by the Tory press. S Wales' local Tory news-

paper, the 'Western Mail', is the latest grateful user of MTUC's outpourings, in an article designed to give the naive reader the impression that MTUC is tied up with the December 8 strike call. The article, headed. 'TUC

warns about strike inciters' starts with the news that the TUC has warned members against 'getting involved in attempts to incite a general strike'.

'This was confirmed', the 'Mail' adds with forced melodrama, 'after reports that circulars had been sent to workers in S Wales asking them to organize a general strike followed by a revolution in which they could take over the factories'.

A copy of the poster, which 'turned up' at the factory of Risca industrialist Geoffrey Howells, is reproduced along-

side. Headed 'General Strike and Revolution', it bears the legend 'prepare for Revolution, Prepare to occupy your factory'. It is issued by the retiring clandestine MTUC.

'The 'Mail's' most scurrilous touch, however, is to try and link the poster with plans for a one-day strike against the Tory anti-union laws. Directly after informing its readers that

copies of the poster have been sent to Heath, other cabinet ministers, the Director of Public Prosecutions and Monmouthshire Police, the 'Mail' goes on:

'Two suggested dates have been given' — note that the paper carefully avoids saying who is calling for these dates —'December 8 for most of the country, including S Wales, and January 1, for the Midlands.

Why a national strike should be organized separately in different places on two days almost a month apart is a question that might well baffle all but the most boneheaded 'Western Mail' reader.

More important, however, is the 'Mail's' crude attempt at linking it with MTUC's provocative poster.

As is well known, the call for strike action on December 8 was made originally by the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions — a body which so far as is known has no connection with the socalled MTUC.

The Workers Press has supported and campaigned constantly for the strike call.

The fact that neither the TUC nor the Labour Party are supporting the December 8 strike call is not news, as the leaders of both these organizations are widely known to be flat on their backs before the Tory antiunion offensive.

The Militant Trade Union Committee — in the classic manner of the provocateur is only assisting the Tory press to spread confusion.

George Taylor and Willard

Harris of the University of

Illinois Hospital — were

attempting to find out why

those who get their kicks by

sniffing aeroplane glue among

other substances occasionally

and unexpectedly drop dead.

which were first exposed to the

vapour emitted from glue made

them highly susceptible to

heart failure if they were then

placed in situations of near-

asphyxiation, as would be

encountered by asthma suf-

conducted using the aerosol

untreated survived four min-

utes in a plastic bag without

any ill effects, while nearly

half of a treated group of 22

mice died of heart failure after

experiment was repeated up to

out, it is no longer possible

to label such aerosol propel-

They say that the sensitiza-tion of the hearts of mice is

'rapid in onset, long-lasting

The rest died when the

As Taylor and Harris point

propellent gas.

only one minute.

160 minutes later.

lent gases as 'inert'.

The experiments were then

Twelve mice which were

They discovered that mice

THE USE of aerosol sprays to relieve the symptoms of asthma has increased tremendously since their introduction some ten years ago.

Undoubtedly, their appearance on the market—at first completely unrestricted—was considered an unqualified boon to the millions of sufferers from this debilitating disease. However, it soon became

apparent that all was not well and to date many hundreds of asthma sufferers have died from using the sprays.

This was a phenomenon which has remained inexplicable until now, but finallysince December 1968—resulted in these aerosols becoming unobtainable in Britain except on a doctor's prescription. However, according to the

current edition of 'New Scientist', the results of research carried out by scientific workers at a Chicago hospital indicates that the dangerous component in the sprays is not the active drug (which aids breathing during an asthma attack by widening the bronchial passages) but the high-pressure gas which forces the drug through the aerosol nozzle in the form of the

spray.

Naturally, this gas was supposed to be inert, that is, taking no part in the main function of the drug.

If the results obtained are correct, the implications go much further than asthmarelieving sprays, for the propellant gas is inhaled to some degree by all users of aerosols, whether they contain pesticides, polishers, hair sprays or windscreen de-icers. The research workers -

and potentially lethal'. Similar studies carried out on cosmetic sprays and various household aerosols support their original findings.

Naturally, it is not possible to do similar controlled experiments on humans, but they conclude that 'studies are urgently needed to determine the amounts of these propellent gases inhaled by and entering the blood of patients with asthma, housewives and others who use pressurized dispensers many times a day.'

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Did Nixon

STALINISTS and revisionists have joined forces

in the United States to play down the signific-

ance of the recent mid-term elections there and

pooh-pooh the idea that Nixon's campaign

repression'

himself?

stone

heralds a turn to the right.

Joseph Hansen of the Socialist Workers Party claims

in his magazine 'Inter-continental Press' that the

Workers Press 'should have

known better' than to write of

Nixon's policies as 'a pro-

gramme for Bonapartist rule,

with a strengthened police

force, the suspension of many

cherished constitutional rights

and an all-round purge directed against "radical-liberals" who are reluctant to

Weakness in

redundancy

MANAGEMENT at the Acton electrical plant of Evershed and Vignoles has issued a lengthy memorandum

in a bid to quell growing anger in the factory about

# A most dangerous fraud

FROM PAGE ONE

December 8 was 'not strike against the government at this stage . . . that has to come later'.

Phil Ballard, who was last year expelled from the National Union of Seamen for his part in distributing anti-junta leaflets in Greece, is quoted as saying that 'penal clauses had been included in the Merchant Shipping Act because the union had not organized strongly enough against

'The Labour movement must not make the same mistake on Carr's proposals.' In fact, Ballard made quite a

different point. Both the TUC and the Labour Party, he said, had expressed sympathy with the seamen's requests for help in eradicating the penal clauses in the new legislation-but nothing had been

The 1966 seamen's strike could have been won 'but the TUC didn't provide the leadership', he said.

'Learn by our example. The TUC are not going to be able to provide the leader-ship this time — it must come from the rank and

Even the speech of TUC Youth Award winner Janet Harkness, a member of the SOGAT Division 'A' executive, was cut down to political size.

The 'Star' failed to report her loudly applauded remarks,

'I can't see the Joneses and they are not there at

'When you come out on December 8 you are going to come out unofficially, because your leaders have not given the right to strike officially. It's up to you to demand it from them!' It would be difficult to find a

more concise argument for the campaign waged by Workers Press to make the union leaders fight the Tories with all-out official

copy because it is hell-bent keeping opposition to the government's legislation plans down to manageable, Feather-style, protest

'counter - confrontation', in other words, is not only a sham — it is a dangerous

#### **ALL TRADES** UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

'Victory to the Miners!' 'Force the Tories to resign!'

DAGENHAM: Wednesday, November 18, 8 p.m.: Mash Green School, New Road.

SOUTHALL: Tuesday, November 24, 8 p.m.: Community Centre, Bridge Road.

WILLESDEN: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Labour and Trades Hall, High Road, N.W.10.

LUTON: Friday, November 27, 8 p.m. AEU House, 396/398 Dunstable Rd. 'The Charter of Basic Rights'.

#### LATE NEWS

ROME STUDENTS MARCH Students staged demonstrations, strikes and sit-ins in. Rome and other Italian cities yesterday in scattered protests against police actions and

classroom conditions.
In Rome hundreds students marched through the city centre, smashing windows and stoning buildings to protest against alleged brutality by police who broke up a sit-in at a Rome high school last Friday.

In Verona, 1,000 technical students kept up a four-day strike and staged a mass demonstration in the streets to demand cheap meals and reduced fees.

#### **DAVIES-FEATHER** 'CONSULTATION'

Trade and Industry Secretary Mr John Davies met TUC

'Pilkingtons would like to see us all nailed to the wall. leaders yesterday to discuss improving 'consultative pro-cesses' between the unions

Mr Davies' invitation. The meeting discussed procedure for exchanging views and the Department's policies.
The TUC delegation was by its general secretary

Victor Feather.

and his Department-the first of a series of consultations at

Southampton Corporation busmen yesterday decided to end their five week-old strike and return to work tomorrow

year and £2 next. when union officials go South

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Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. been unclear.



THE SACKED Pilkington's glassworkers were fighting for two basic workers' rights, the right to work and the right to strike, John Potter, secretary of the Pilkington's rankand-file committee told a meeting of the All Trades Unions Alliance in London.

The Tory government was trying to apply Lord Harry Pilkington's medicine on a national level and deprive the whole of the working class of these rights, he said.

'This is why the fight for our re-instatement is central to the campaign to defeat the Tory legislation on unions, housing and social services.

'At St Helens we were just the first to feel the lash,' John Potter told a meeting of 200 London trade unionists on Sunday night.

He outlined the story of Pilkingtons, how after a strike that won a £3 wage increase, the management had sacked and blacklisted 250 men in an attempt to destroy the new militancy spreading to their six St Helens factories.

John Potter

black Pilkington's glass. We want money each week so we

can keep our struggle going

and we want you to take the matter up with your own union leaders to demand they

Campaign

'This fight cannot be separ-

ated from the great campaign that must be waged against

the Tory government and the

'First workers must support

the December 8 strike against

the laws, but only as a cam-

paign for a general strike organized by the TUC.

'No amount of protest and

demonstration will make this

government move. The only

thing that scares them is the

mobilization of the entire

Another rank-and-file com-

mittee member, Brian Wood-

ward, told the meeting how

much his struggle at Pilking-

'The things that have hap-pened in St Helens, or "St

Pilkingtons" as we now call it,

have made me convinced that

we must fight with all we

have got against the diabolical system of capitalism that de-

prives a worker of all his

rights at will, and discriminates against our black brothers

'We have been out of work

Not down

'We are blacklisted by employers on Merseyside, we are battered and belted, but

are not down on the

all over the world,' he said.

tons had changed him.

do something.

anti-union laws.

working class.

the Scanlons and the Dalys on this platform, giving the message on your behalf. No.

But the 'Star' is forced to chop and slash its reporters'

The Communist Party's

CARDIFF: Wednesday, November 18, 8 p.m. Marchioness of Bute public house, Little Frederick St. MANCHESTER: Wednesday, Nov-ember 18, 8 p.m. Wheatsheaf Hotel, High St, off Shude Hill.

NORTH LONDON: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.

WEST LONDON: Wednesday, Nov-ember 25, 8 p.m.: Prince Albert Pub, Balfe Street, Kings Cross.

SE LONDON: Thursday, November 26, 8 p.m.: Artichoke Pub, Camberwell Church Street, Camber-

ground.

SOTON BUSMEN RETURN

The demand has been dis-cussed for several years, but, as one striker commented,



# Union laws part tee of no victimization, Victor Feather, the general secretary of the TUC, had done nothing to defend the sacked men or fight for their rights, he added. 'But we don't just want your verbal support. We want you to get your factories to

But we have pledged ourselves to fight it out at St Helens, and fight it out until we win! The story of the Pilkington

struggle brought forward a great response from engineers, workers and other workers in the audience. They all spoke of their own battles and proved the truth of John Potter's words when

he said Pilkington's sackings general campaign to destroy the power of the working John Potter closed the meet-

ing by thanking ATUA memand sympathizers who contributed to the fine collection of over £61.

'We now need money every week. Our members who are sacked are now losing their earnings-related dole benefit. 'Christmas is coming on and we want to give the children a party. So keep the money coming for the fight,' he said.



Brian Woodward

#### WEATHER

ALL AREAS will have sunny spells and showers, which will be frequent and heavy in the N and will fall as snow over high ground. Thunder will accompany some of the heavier showers.

Cloud will increase in SW England and Wales, with more general rain later in the day.

Temperatures will be near normal in the S, but it will be rather cold in the N.

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Continuing unsettled, with showers or longer periods of rain. Temperatures near or a little below normal.

### Aberdeen shipyard vote to stay out

FINISHING trades workers at Hall, Russell's Aberdeen shipyard have voted to continue their strike into its second despite local press scares of the 'consequences' of delays for next month's launching of the biggest ship

ever built in the city. The 200 men want parity with steelworkers — a £7 increase — and have rejected management's offer of £3 this

to negotiate, they seem 'to forget about it either in Stonehaven or Montrose'.

The AEF district committee has backed the strike, but the attitude of union officials has



London dustman Tony Sweeney speaking to the conference.

### **Inflation crisis**

Carr's anti-union measures he admits, 'could well lead to something akin to revolution' and would place too many strains 'even with a greatly expanded police force'!

Million out Professor Alan Day of Lon-

don Universi with Lawson. University also agrees 'If, as I think quite likely, an unemployment level approaching a million for a year or two would do the trick, Mr Heath could slow the intwo would do the trick, flation down again to a toler-

able rate . . Despite the attractiveness of the deflationary stick for some Tories, there is little doubt that more politically astute, but hardly less ruthless, groups in the ruling class

— Heath included — have decided on a more flexible policy of combining a certain measure of inflation with the application of the anti-union laws and close collaboration with the trade union bureaucracy in order to squash any

Deflation at this stage, they argue, would require high interest rates. This would adversely affect

#### 'Re-examine' Quebec liberties

GOADED by the conspicuous failure of police efforts to trace Quebec Liberation Front (FLQ) kidnappers, Quebec premier Robert Bourassa called on television yesterday for a 're-examination of liberties'.

'We are not going to tolerate this terrorism . . . and we will not cede to blackmail,' he told viewers. 'This new element of terrorism means that we should re-examine our liberties in Quebec . . since the government must protect itself.' If the government had bowed to FLQ demands, he

added, 'a precedent would have been set which would have undermined our democratic system and paved the way to anarchy.'

# split on

AS THE Italian parliament resumes its debate on the amended economic 'decree' this week the labour movement's political 'leaders' are engaged in a desperate search for new forms of class collaboration to prop up the regime.

Mancini, secretary of Italian Socialist Party (largest of the social democratic parties), presented a report to last week's Central Committee meeting at which he proposed a 'wait-and-see' attitude to

their participation in the centre-left government.

Like many of the Christian realize that the centre-left formula is now worn so thin

They seek new camouflage
—in the form of participation or formal support for the gov-

### COLLABORATE

to collaborate in the same programme-attacks on wages and employment sugared with

six years. Vice-Secretary of the Communist Party Berlinguer ex-plained to the Central there 'are signs of . . . the beginning of a new phase in

As Lord Balogh concluded:
'If Heath cannot stop the
unions Mr Powell might'! The demand to make the trade union leaders fight for a general strike to bring down Tory government could ing class'. not have been underlined

mine greatly the export poten-

tial of the big corporations

feels that deflation 'would

weaken the main aim of the

government's policy by making

it more difficult for em-ployers to stand up to strikers'. ('Sunday Telegraph',

Ronald Butt, November 15,

Heath's statements and

government policy clearly indicate that the Tories are

reconciled to a winter of in-

dustrial struggle and that their response will be to lean even

more closely on the trade

union leaders while pushing

through their scab's charter

and utilizing the menace of Powellism to force even more concessions from the TUC.

The Treasury, it is believed,

growth of the economy.

the already anaemic

• FROM PAGE ONE

more succinctly!

With Israel's 'defence' budget expected to reach £750 million in the next financial year (an increase of 50 per cent over the current figure) economic strains are driving the Jewish working class into action against the Zionists.

Strikes for higher wages have broken out in the docks, power stations and in the schools, with increases of up to 40 per cent being demanded. This is the force creating

the open rift between Meir and Dayan in the Zionist leadership, and not just the question of Soviet missiles. The joint crisis of the Arab and Israeli regimes creates, with the building of revolutionary leadership, the conditions for united action by Jewish and Arabian workers against Zionism and imperialism.

This is just what Meir and Hussein fear.

# ITALY

# Social democrats

BY DAVID BARNES

munist Party) opposed the majority and demanded full

backing for the centre-left.
'There is the risk,' he said,

'that control of the country

will pass out of the hands of

the government, the parlia-mentary majority and the

**ESSENTIALS** 

Nenni and the 'lefts' do not

differ on essentials. They both

seek to shackle the working

class to reformist politics

But Nenni points forward to

the future of social democracy

and Stalinism in Italy — collaboration in the 'law-and-

order' policies which the em-

ployers require to discipline

are strengthened.

the working class.

Acton

fight

redundancy prospects.

Democratic leaders, these men as to be transparent.

#### ernment by the Stalinists.

For their part the Stalinists go out of their way to demon-strate that they are prepared promises of reform—that has been the stock-in-trade of centre-left governments for

Committee last week that the political struggle, more open and closer'.

These were the result, as he

put it, of the Party's struggle against 'adventurists' who seek to 'isolate the most advanced elements of the work-

#### **EXPLICIT**

Quite explicitly, the Stalinist leaders' plans for parliamen-tary collaboration require a drive against the Party rank and file and the trade unions who put forward class demands and show themselves ready for a fight to the finish on wages, conditions and trade union rights.

In the metal and rubber industries of the North hundreds of thousands of workers face struggles to establish their labour contracts.

And in Reggio Calabria 3,000 youth and high-school students demonstrated in the main streets on Friday against the government's failure to give reforms in the area following the general strike and riots last month.

demands on the Socialist Party chiefs which force them to make left statements and force some of them more openly to the right.

**RIGHT** These movements make

Nenni, the aged ex-leader of the party (who used the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956 to break from the post-war

# The majority of workers at the plant walked out for the

BY A WORKERS PRESS

factory aimed at achieving a 6.5 per cent profit on an estimated turnover of £3.18

**NOT POLICY** 

'Anyone who is not dedicated to the success of E&V

They point out that though leading stewards claimed a 100 per cent turn-out on last week's strike, 300 engineers at the Devonshire Works stayed inside.

tary redundancy'-indeed, one leading steward is believed to have put himself top of the list of volunteers.

day last Wednesday after management refused demands for a proper redundancy Eversheds are planning a major reorganization of the

In January, the firm sacked 132 workers, supposedly to solve 'economic difficulties'. This time, workers fear, the cut-back may be even greater.

Management representative David Simpson claims in his memorandum that redundancy is not part of Evershed and Vignoles' policy.

But he adds: 'In our profit forecasts, we have not in-cluded any cost savings by sudden staff reductions, but we do intend to allow natural wastage, retirements and voluntary redundancies to continue in order to trim our total number to a level where higher wages and salaries can

be paid from higher profits. and is not fully pulling his weight should not be with us,

he warns ominously. Despite last week's one-day stoppage, many workers at the plant are dissatisfied with the stewards' response.

Many of the factory leadership accept the idea of 'volun-

This creates a dangerous situation, especially where management is talking in terms of what Simpson calls substantially increased factory

output with the same labour

force as we have today'.

### tremendous class conflicts generated by growing un-employment, inflation and the Vietnam war. But Hansen doesn't agree.

'The "law-and-order" issue on which Nixon and Agnew con-centrated proved,' he says, 'to have been a bad choice.'
But why did Nixon and Agnew campaign on law and order? Is it—as the Workers Press maintains—because they

BY JOHN SPENCER

embark on out-and-out

Hansen and the Stalinists

want above all to avoid draw-

ing revolutionary conclusions

from Nixon's campaign. They

do their best, for example, to play down the San Jose stoning, claiming it was all a

put-up job.
'The San Jose stoning was a Nixon Fake' claims the 'Militant', the SWP's weekly.

It is simply echoing the Stalinist 'Daily World' which

eight days previously claimed a 'Nixon Hoax at San Jose'.

Highlighted

When the unemployed

workers and the students of

San Iose stoned Nixon's cam-

paign car they highlighted the

against the working class, just as the Tories are in Britain? On this question, Hansen is unaccountably silent. According to his theory, Nixon is the first president to stone himself. Perhaps Hansen will now re-open the

are preparing further attacks

### Kennedy case and discover that it was really Kennedy who hired his assasin.

Serious issue A much more serious issue is involved here, however.

Hansen undertakes an elaborate detour in an effort to show that the elections really mean nothing for the working class. He claims a radicalization

of 'wide sectors of the populace, beginning with the blacks, travelling to the youth, then to the Puerto Ricans, Chicanos and other minorities and now the women'. The main sectors of the

working class have not yet begun to move in a massive way', he claims, ignoring the very big wages movement building up in the US—the strike of 400,000 workers, the teamsters' strike and the rail-

way workers' wages struggle. The class struggle nowhere enters Hansen's calculations. which are entirely concerned with the surface of US events.

He is unable to explain why Nixon and Agnew campaign for 'law and order' because he sees the class struggle in

#### terms of 'social protest'. Consequences

'War, inflation, high taxes ... unemployment, poverty... these are some of the palpable consequences of the policies of the American ruling class that

in turn touch off social pro-His complacency in the face of the ruling-class demand for laws against the working class is a clear index of the extent to which the SWP has turned

away from the working class.

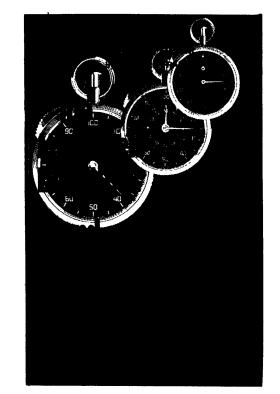
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