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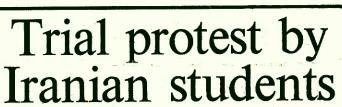
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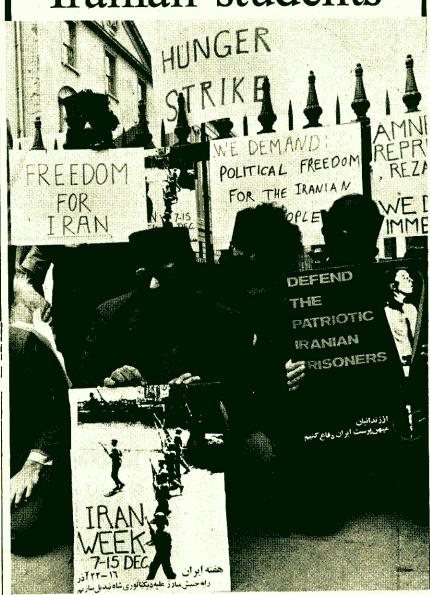
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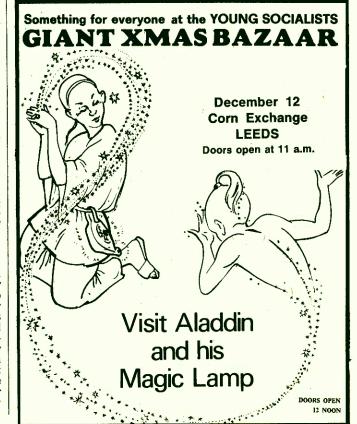
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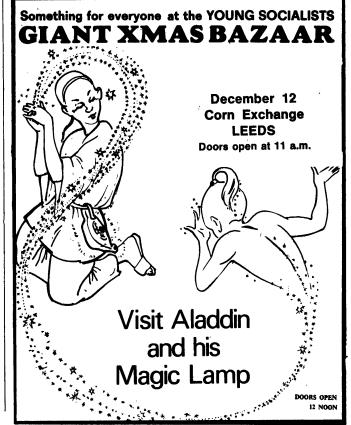
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Georgi Di trov, the new chairman of the Communist clear in his report:

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Its slogan was 'March separately, strike together'.

In contrast the Stalinist Popular Front of 1935 and after was based on class-collaboration on a common programme with parties of the middle and ruling classes as well as the reformists. The American Stalinist leader Earl Browder described it thus:

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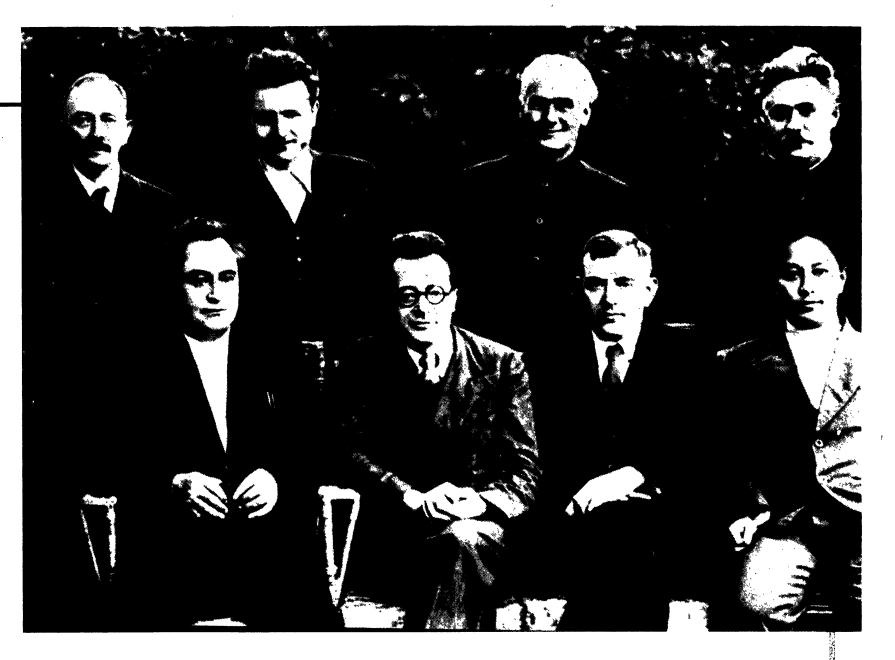
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This turn towards open class collaboration in 1935 by the International was a reflection of important social and economic changes in the Soviet Union.

A whole new bureaucratic layer of technicians, administrators, Party officials and highly-'shock workers' had sprung up as a result of the first five-year plan, and merged with the Stalinist bureaucracy.

For both imperialism and the bureaucracy, the main enemy was not fascism, but revolution.

According to Browder, '... the People's Front . . . finds in Trot-skyism its most immediate and bitter enemy'. In fact, Browder made the crushing of Trotskyism the pre-condition of the front's

Without this victory over every Trotskyist influence, unity in the fight against fascism and

#### **Exploited**

To introduce this new Popular Front line at the Seventh Congress, the new Chairman appointed Georgi Dimitrov.

Dimitrov was a Bulgarian Communist accused by the Nazis of

to unite can, and in fact did, have a great appeal. That is precisely its danger.

France, the Stalinists anchored their Popular Front on the capitalist Radical Party just when, under the blows of the growing crisis, the peasantry and urban middle class were turning away from its corrupt leaders in

The Stalinists were left prop-ping up an utterly discredited stinking political corpse, whose bankrupt capitalist programme was adopted en bloc as the policy of the Popular Front.

When the middle class becomes radicalized by capitalist crisis, it jumps unpredictably in all directions. At such times it requires strong leadership, discipline and a bold programme to fight for, and this can come only from the

Then five months later, Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, clearing the way for the Second World War.

counter-revolutionary job done, the Popular Front was wound up.

But its class-collaborationist principles remained the basis of all future Stalinist policy. The British Road to Socialism', the official programme of the Communist Party, is based on the policies of the 1935 Congress.

This was acknowledged by Aaronovich, as it has been by many other CP leaders.

The 'British Road' is a programme of class-collaboration like the people's front. It preaches the parliamentary road to socialism through the organs of capitalist state power.

a new theoretical gloss just when big business is preparing for extreme right-wing, Bonapartist forms of rule over the working In the trade unions, the Stalin-

Aaronovich attempts to give it

ists disarm the working class with reformist illusions about peaceful roads to socialism' in alliance with 'labour lefts'. So the December 8 strike is

presented by the Stalinists as a

protest action which will force the Tories to 'change their minds' over their anti-union legislation. True to Popular Front traditions, everything is staked on divisions within the ruling class, leading to a Tory retreat over the anti-union Bill.

This is completely in line with the strategy outlined by Aaronovich, which is to isolate 'the most reactionary' section of the ruling class and form an alliance with the rest.

Trade unionists must never forget that in the name of the 'people's front', Stalinists in Britain broke strikes on behalf of Churchill just as in 1970 the Polish bureaucracy helped to break the miners' strike for Franco in Spain and the cement strike for Lynch in Ireland by the export of 'black' coal and cement.

In the recent miners' strike, Workers Press has proved, the Stalinists played an equally treacherous role, adapting to the militancy of the miners, only to knife them in the back when the strike reached a strategic turning

When the issue of a direct challenge to the NUM bureauthe Stalinists knuckled under.

In turn, this Stalinist line in

the trade unions of protecting the Tories serves the interests of the Soviet bureaucracy. The Kremlin welcomed the Tory victory on June 18, expressing the hope that Heath would

Wilson. So, as in the period of the pre-war Popular Front, the foreign policy of the bureaucracy shapes the counter-revolutionary line of the Stalinists in

a more 'independent'. anti-US foreign policy than had

western labour movement. To talk, as the Stalinists do, of this Tory government being forced to 'change its course' is to spread the illusion that there can be a 'reformed' or 'progressive' Tory government that will not be driven to attack the historically established rights of the working

What the Tories are seeking to do to the working class is the inevitable result of a profound crisis within British and world

There is no other way ahead for the ruling class other than to attack the working class through the destruction of its trade union rights, working and living conditions.

Class relations in Britain have therefore reached an historic

And because of this, the middle class, caught in between the sharpening conflict of the working class and the mono-polies, is thrown into political

They will be attracted not by 'democratic' protest, but only a powerful working-class movement united behind a socialist alternative programme, in defending all existing rights and conditions wrung from the ruling class, takes the offensive against the bankers and the monopolies.

This is the political purpose of the All Trades Unions Alliance Charter of Basic Rights.

Aaronovich, in his speech, warned against the danger of socialist demands splitting the

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'broad democratic alliance'. Here he was repeating the old Popular Front lie that the middle class are repelled by revolutionary policies and decisive workingclass action.

This is also implicit in the editorial of the Stalinist 'Marxism Today' (December 1970), which calls for a 'broad alliance of antimonopoly forces'—(among whom it specifically includes the Archbishop of Canterbury).

#### 'Changes'

The point is, this alliance is not intended to defeat the Tories, but to change their policies:

. the movement is still a very long way from reaching the level required to compel the Tories to withdraw their antiunion measures and cuts in the social services . . . Such an alliance could compel changes in current policies and open the way for more basic changes . . . (Emphasis added.)

Basic changes . . . in what? The Tory Party?

Since the editorial nowhere makes the call to bring this Tory government down, and talks only of changes in its policy, then this is what it must mean.

Aaronovich's revival of the Popular Front today is calculated from an all-out struggle against the Tory government in defence of its rights and conditions.

From our foundation, the Trotskyist movement has always fought against class-collabora-

The Transitional Programme of the Fourth International rejects completely the treacherous strategy contained in the 'people's

'Under the banner of the October Revolution, the conciliatory politics practised by the "People's Front" dooms the working class to impotence and clears the road for fascism. "People's Fronts" on the one hand - fascism on the other: these are the last political resources of imperialism in the struggle against the proletarian

Trotsky's analysis of Stalinist class-collaboration retains all its validity today.

It must become the political foundation of our struggle for revolutionary leadership against all those-Stalinists, centrists and reformists alike - who would betray the working class to its

Last date



A 'Popular Front' demonstration in Paris, 1936

#### Main enemy

This search for 'collective security' led to the Soviet Union's entry into the League of Nations (Lenin's 'thieves' kitchen') in 1934.

setting fire to the Berlin Reichstag (Parliamentary building) on the eve of the March 1933 election. Acquitted at the famous Leipzig trial, he was handed over to the Soviet government by the Nazis soon afterwards. His reputation as an anti-fascist hero was exploited by Stalin to the full.

> The basic, anti-Marxist, assumption behind his 1935 report was that fascism and imperialist war could be prevented without mobilizing the working class on a socialist programme for the overthrow of capitalism.

As Dimitrov said at the Seventh Congress:

'The extent to which this world-wide front is realized and put into action will determine whether the fascist and other imperialist war incendiaries will be able in the near future to kindle a new imperialist war, or whether their fiendish hands will be hacked off by the axe of a powerful anti-war front.'

Or, as Manuilsky expressed it:

'Today, the working class in most capitalist countries is not confronted with the alternative of bourgeois democracy or proletarian revolution: they are confronted with the alternative of bourgeois democracy or fascism.

be no struggle for power, but only an alliance with capitalist parties against fascism.

In other words, there was to

Looked at superficially, the Stalinist call for all 'democrats'

working class behind a revolutionary party.

The Stalinists could only offer it an alliance with the very leaders that time and again had betrayed the middle class to the

A 'democratic' alliance is put forward just when the middle classes turn in anger against bourgeois 'democracy'. The Popular Front 'against fascism' thus served to drive sections of the middle class directly over to the

And by tying the working class to the programme of the middle-class parties, the Stalinists prevented the working class from coming forward as the decisive force for reorganizing society along socialist lines, the only challenge that can break the middle class from the political grip of fascist demogogues and liberal windbags.

#### Tested

Within months of the Seventh Congress, the Popular Front was put to the test.

In France, the Stalinists tied the working class to the Radical Party, in Spain to the Republicans and bourgeois nationalists in the Basque and Catalonia.

Largely through the policies of

the Popular Front 'against fascism and war' the working class was soon to suffer from First came Franco's victory in

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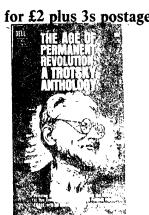
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'ANTI-CLERICAL groups' in the Italian Communist Party had better watch out.

The latest gambit in the Stalinist chiefs' campaign to get their backsides restored to the ministerial armchairs from which they were peremptorily evicted in May 1947—by Catholic Prime Minister De Gasperi—involves a new approach to the Church and a specific offer of political collaboration.

A front-page editorial in last Sunday's edition of the Italian CP daily 'Unita' set the pace.

Joint general secretary and 'left' Enrico Berlinguer reassured his readers that in voting for the recent Divorce Bill in parliament the Communists were not supporting 'anarchist individualism', but saw the measure as a prelude to an overall reform of family law.

#### **Proposals**

Useful proposals for this had already come 'not only from us, but from the socialist comrades and the deputies of the Christian Democratic and Republican Parties, all of which offer, at the least, the basis for a constructive

Only the very short-sighted can doubt that, like the recent parliamentary agreement with Christian Democratic Prime Minister Colombo on his inflationary economic 'decree', the reform of family law is seen by the Stalinists as a stepping-stone to the

The main obstacle to such a happy outcome is evidently the archaic prejudices of certain

Stepping stones Party members. Accordingly Berlinguer delivers a stern warning agreed revision of the Concordat between the Papacy and the Italian State—signed by Musso-

'anachronistic

(Our emphasis.)

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Berlinguer also proposes an

more than reform of family law.

clerical groups [as opposed to the majority of progressive, up-to-date divines] no less than the distortions, the sectarian exasperation and the irrespon-Party, in the post-war Italian Constitution. Such a revision, he holds, sible provocations of equally anachronistic anti-clerical groups.

'should always take account of the particular needs of the two contracting parties'. The Pope, therefore, is to retain his vast estates, tax concessions and legal immunities,

and the Italian taxpayer is to

continue to finance his professional pedlars of superstition,

all as part of a 'just relationship

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the initiative of the Communist

#### between Church and state'. Forgotten

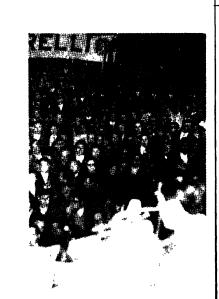
These perspectives on foreign policy are confirmed in a communiqué issued jointly by the Italian Party leadership and the delegation of Soviet CP bureaugests who recently visited Removements. crats who recently visited Rome.

The 'comradely disagreements' which have been referred to from time to time since the invasion of Czechoslovakia have been forgotten.

In their place appears a 'convergence of views on the inter-national situation'.

Far-sighted observers of European politics do not exclude the possibility that this may be the prelude to a Soviet proposal to invite the Pope to a European Security conference.

His Holiness recently slashed his military budget by over half
—sacking several dozen ornamental Vatican guards who had formed a union to press for a wage increase. 🔹



Berlinguer

▲ Trotsky was German-born; his real name was Braunstein. A fortnight before the US entered the First World War Trotsky wanted to leave—as we now know to follow Germany's instructions—and take over the Bolshevik revolution. He was allowed to sail from New York and the ship put in at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Trotsky, his wife and sons and followers were put ashore by a senior naval officer, acting on the instructions of the British government. Soon, just as it happens today, protests were going up in many parts of the world demanding Trotsky's release. Maclean had forwarded his secret US information to the Chief of Intelligence in Ottawa and was urging the Cabinet that Trotsky should be detained. But after nearly a month on Canadian soil Trotsky and his party of seven were allowed to sail for Russia. (Our emphasis.)

## Falsification

evidence from one of Stalin's purge trials but an extract from the ultra-right weekly magazine 'Time and Tide'.

It comes in a review of a biography of John Bayne Maclean, the Canadian publish-

ing millionaire. In the same issue appears an article on strikes which described article on strikes which described the pay award won by dustmen as 'plunder', deplored the fact that 'Strikers . . . call on National Assistance to keep their families while they are idle', and finished with the rousing words 'Strikes are similarly out of date. People in all countries demand that in all countries demand that trade union tyrants shall be prevented from calling strikes'.

To which is added a heartwarming piece on 'The married life of the Queen'; a violent attack on students of Balliol College, Oxford — a notorious hotbed of communism — for being sick during dinner, and a cautionary warning to the Arch-bishop of Canterbury for his

'strange theology'.

'Time and Tide's' falsifications
go even further than Stalin's. For these people the October Revolution, and especially the roles of Trotsky and Lenin, were part of a 'German plan' which prolonged the most bloody war in history by a year and a half'. The Stalinists, of course, have

never felt able to deliver open insults to Lenin's memory. But there are important similarities between the two attacks on Trotsky — particularly the attempt to portray him as an alien in the pay of hostile powers, designed to have its impact on the most backward, prejudiced

A HITCH has arisen in the

scheme of the Paris municipal

13 in a unanimous vote which

among the first to support) to re-

name the 'Place de l'Etoile'-one

of the city's most impressive squares — 'the Place Charles-de-

Not that the 'left-wing' have

had second thoughts. But a

representative of the centre,

M. Edouard Frédéric-Dupont, has.

l'Etoile 'is closely linked in the

hearts and spirits of Frenchmen

with the Tomb of the unknown

soldier'-enshrined in the Arc de

Triompe ('Victory Arch') at the

who relish the bloodthirsty mili-

tary traditions of French im-

And the tomb of the unknown soldier, needless to say, is dear to all (such as Frédéric-Dupont)

centre of the square.

According to him the Place de

Gaulle'

(hatched on November

representatives were

Town Planning

THE Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party met this week to discuss the results of the Party's 11-month purge.

# 'Review' Czech



Accordingly he proposes to relegate the General (in name) to

the less imposing Porte Maillot,

one of the main entrances to the

city, and 'lying half-way between the Avenue of Defence and the Arc de Triomphe'.

The Gaullists are furious. And

But at whichever spot the

defunct General finally hangs up

his sign, he will be better com-

memorated than Lenin, who is

recorded only by the modest-

by the presence of a major underground station with the

among the representatives of 'the

left' the suggestion has 'provoked

a lack of enthusiasm'.

same name.

It was the first meeting of the Committee since it expelled former General Secretary Dubcek from the Party's ranks in June.

Dubcek's successor, Gustav Husak, delivered the main report which revealed that 310,000 members, or more than 20 per cent, had been expelled from the Party since the purge began.

Economic problems are also high on the agenda. The Czech press has been running a cam-paign for 'labour discipline', while trying to excuse the growing shortages of basic foods and housing.

#### Problem

There is also the acute problem of the official history of the 1968 crisis.

A commission has been drafting an account of the events leading up to the Soviet invasion of August 1968 and this has led to sharp clashes between ultra-Stalinists and Husak supporters.

The latter are attempting to curry much-needed popularity by putting some of the blame for the 'liberalization' movement on 'excesses' of the Novotny

#### Undermine

The old guard, afraid that cracy's history might undermine its authority, still insist that Dubcek was the tool of conscious counter-revolutionaries

These tensions proved that the regime's crisis, far from being resolved by the Kremlin invasion and occupation, is bearing down relentlessly on the top leadership.



#### Three of the 36 draughtsmen on picket duty this week Pay talks for draughtsmen

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PAY TALKS open on Monday at G. A. Harvey's, Charlton, office furniture plant in SE London for 36 workers who say they are 'the lowest-paid draughtsmen in London and NW Kent'.

Although the national minimum rate is £28 10s at 30 years, Harvey's draughtsmen receive a maximum of £29 even after 20 years' service, while their average wage is about £28 15s.

The company only agreed to open talks after the men struck for a week ending with a return to work yesterday.

Harvey's Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association committee member Frank Thompson told Workers Press that a claim for a 'substantial increase' had been submitted

since April. But at the end of last month —in works conference—management would only offer a pay review on an individual basis The draughtsmen saw this as cutting across agreed procedure

and began a work-to-rule.

But after a week, this was escalated to a strike because of the management ultimatum to sanctions or not to clock on.

#### China's 'door open' to wider relations

CHINESE Prime Minister Chou En-lai says his government is ready to open talks with the US on Peking's entry into the

United Nations. He revealed this in an interview with the Milan weekly

'Epoca': The door is open, but all depends on the seriousness with which the United States intends

to face the problem.'
The main problem remains the island of Formosa (Taiwan),

he explained.

The Chiang Kai-shek regime would have to be expelled from the UN before China could take

its place there.
Chou En-lai's comments reflect the continued softening of the continued softening of China's policy towards the capitalist world, which first became evident after the winding-up of the 'Red Guards' and Mao's 'Cultural Revolution'.

Moscow-Peking relations are also showing 'certain definite signs of improvement' according

signs of improvement' according to a Soviet broadcast to China earlier this week.

This conclusion is based on the recent re-opening of diplo-matic relations between the two countries, new trade agreements and the continued progress of talks in Peking on the disputed borders along the River Amur.

'Naturally, these improvements are good', the broadcast commented; 'the Soviet people welcome them'.

Chinese propaganda against the Soviet government has been markedly toned down over recent weeks. The old slogans directed against Russian 'social imperialism' and 'fascism' have been replaced by vague references to 'revisionists'.

This parallels Mao's turn towards closer relations with many capitalist countries, not-Canada, Italy and France. Maoist groups in Britain may well find their mentors making

approaches

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6.45 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN. 7.30 THE ROLF HARRIS SHOW

8.20 SATURDAY THRILLER. 'The Sound of Anger'. With Burl Ives, Guy Stockwell, James Farentino and Dorothy Provine. Two lawyers agree to defend a couple charged with a horrifying 9.55 NEWS and weather.

10.05 MATCH OF THE DAY. 11.05 BRADEN'S WEEK. 11.40 Weather.

#### REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia, North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland, SW, South, West: 11.42 Weather.

dawn. 10.45-11.05 Match of the day. 11.42 Weather.
Scotland: 5.00-5.20 and 10.05 Sports reel. 10.35-11.05 Monty Python's flying circus. 11.42 News, weather.
N Ireland: 5.05-5.20 Sports results, news. 11.40-12.00 Sports final, news, weather. Wales: 12.05-12.25 Cadi ha. 1.25-1.35 Amateur boxing. 5.50-6.15 Disc a

#### BBC 2

3.00-4.40 p.m. Saturday cinema. 'Lucy Gallant'. With Jane Wyman, Charlton Heston, Claire Trevor and Thelma Ritter. A woman sacrifices love for her career.

6.45 TEST CRICKET FROM AUSTRALIA. Second Test, Australia v England. 7.15 WESTMINSTER.

7.35 NEWS, SPORT and weather.

7.45 RUGBY SPECIAL. 1871-1971, RFU Centenary Year. London Welsh v London Irish. 8.20 CHRONICLE. 'Why the Armada Was Beaten?'

9.10 CHAMPAGNE ON ICE. 9.55 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. The Defeated.

10.40 DISCO 2.

11.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 11.10 TEST CRICKET. 11.40 MIDNIGHT MOVIE. 'The View from Pompey's Head'. With Richard Egan, Dana Wynter, Cameron Mitchell and Marjorie Rambeau. A successful New York lawyer returns to his home

#### ITV

11.05 a.m. RAC road report. 11.10 Music room. 11.35 Toolbox. 12

6.10 NEWS FROM ITN.

6.30 THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES. 'The South Rises Again'.

7.30 IT'S TARBUCK.

9.00 FRAUD SQUAD. 'The Price of a Copper'.

10.10 THE FROST PROGRAMME. David Frost.

#### REGIONAL ITV

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.45 Mr Piper. 12.15 In search of St Paul. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather.

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ANGLIA: 12.15 All our yesterdays.
12.45 London, 5.10 Ev. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Gold-diggers. 6.45 'Whistle Down the Wind'. With Hayley Mills, Alan Bates and Bernard Lee: A young girl discovers an escaped murderer hiding in a barn. 8.30 It's Tarbuck. 9.00 London. 11.10 Name of the game. 12.35 Epilogue.

weather.

ULSTER: 12.30 Wind in the willows.
12.45 London. 5.10 Beverly hillbillies.
5.40 Sportscast. 6.10 London. 6.15
Golddiggers. 6.45 Picture: "Escape
From Fort Bravo'. With William Holden, Eleanor Parker, John Forsythe
and Polly Bergen. Four Southern
prisoners escape from a Union gar-

rison during the Civil War. 8.30 It's Tarbuck. 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 11.10 Frost.

YORKSHIRE: 11.30 Casting around.
11.55 Toolbox. 12.20 Skippy. 12.45
London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 It's
Tarbuck. 7.15 'Carry On Constable'.
With Sidney James, Kenneth Connor,
Charles Hawtrey and Kenneth Wildiams. Three raw constables are
posted when a flu epidemic hits a
police station. 9.00 London. 10.10
Marcus Welby MD. 11.10 Tom Jones.
12.10 Weather.

12.10 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.25 On reflection. 11.50
Toolbox. 12.15 Fireball XL5. 12.45
London. 5.10 Lost in space. 6.10 London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 New
people. 7.30 It's Tarbuck. 8.00 FBI.
9.00 London. 10.10 Film: 'The System'.
With Oliver Reed. A beach photographer sells pictures and addresses
of pretty girls to his friends.

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Frost. 12.10 Epilogue.

\*\*BORDER: 11.50 All our yesterdays. 12.20 Pheonix 5. 12.45 London. 5.10 Big valley. 6.05 Sports results. 6.10 London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 It's Tarbuck. 7.15 "The Shiralee". With Peter Finch, Dana Wilson and Elizabeth Sellars. A swagman arrives home to find his wife and lover together. 9.00 London. 11.10 Queenie's castle. 11.40 Love, American style.

Dracula\*. With Peter Cushing.
GRAMPIAN: 12.30 Stories of Tuktu.
12.45 London. 5.15 Gunsmoke. 6.10
London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 It's
Tarbuck. 7.15 Movie: "A Yank at
Oxford". With Robert Taylor, Lionel
Barrymore and Vivien Leigh. The star
athlete of a small American college
gets a scholarship to Oxford. 9.00 London. 11.05 Match report. 11.25 Untouchables.

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Award-winning American film about a lonely city boy. 5.35 Little 6.00 NEWS and weather.

6.10 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks the Question Why.

6.45 SONGS OF PRAISE. 7.20 DAME ANNA NEAGLE appeals on behalf of the National

Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund. 7.25 DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK. 'Dust'. 8.15 GARBO THE INCOMPARABLE .'Anna Karenina'. With Greta Garbo, Frederic March, Freddie Bartholomew and Maureen O'Sullivan. A young Russian countess leaves her stuffy hus-

band and runs off with a young army officer. 9.45 NEWS and weather. 10.00 OMNIBUS. 'Eisenstein'. Part two. Life and work of the Russian

10.50 AD LIB.

11.20 Weather.

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y glec. 4.25-5.10 Doctors. 5.10-5.35 Here's Lucy. Scotland: 2.30-3.00 First person sing-ular. 6.10 Portraits. 6.15 Jesus today. 6.45-7.20 Christmastide carol ser-vice. 11.22 News, weather. N Ireland: 2.30-3.00 Cross country quiz. 11.22 News. weather. quiz. 11.22 News. weather.

#### BBC 2

7.00 p.m. NEWS REVIEW and weather. 7.55 THE WORLD ABOUT US. 'Three Men in a Balloon'. 8.15 MUSIC ON 2. 'The Three Faces of Jazz-Folk, Showbiz, Art'.

10.00 THE GOODIES. 10.30 TEST CRICKET FROM AUSTRALIA. Second Test Match, Australia v England. 11.00 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

#### ITV

11.05 FILM NIGHT.

11.00 a.m. Church service. 12.10 p.m. On reflection. 12.35 Music room. 1.00 Toolbox. 1.25 Granny gets the point. 1.45 All our yesterdays. 2.15 University challenge. 2.45 The big match. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 4.45 The golden shot. 5.35 The Flaxton

6.05 NEWS FROM ITN.

9.15 THE ROADS TO FREEDOM. The Defeated.

6.15 HOT SEAT. Introduced by Des Wilson. Barbara Castle

answers questions. 6.35 TURN OF THE YEAR.

7.00 A HYMN FOR CHILDREN. 7.25 PLEASE SIR! 'Peace in Our Time'. 7.55 'PARRISH'. With Troy Donahue, Claudette Colbert, Karl Malden and Dean Jagger. A young stranger comes to Connecticut to learn about tobacco growing.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.15 HAPPY EVER AFTER. 'Don't Walk Away'.

11.15 THIS IS . . . TOM JONES.

12,10 a.m. IDEAS IN PRINT.

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.35 London. 2.23 Weather. 2.25 Farming news. 2.35 Date with Danton. 2.45 London. 3.45 Man from Uncle. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Marriage on the Rocks'. With Frank Sinatra and Deam Martin. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Court martial. 12 midnight Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 12.35-1.24 London. 1.35 Farm and country news. 1.45 Acres for profit. 2.05 Cheaters. 2.35 Date with Danton. 2.45 Big match. 12.10 Weather.

Weather. 12.10 London. 12.07
Weather. 12.10 London. 1.30 Sara
and Hoppity. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm
progress. 2.45 London. 3.45 Seaway.
4.35 News. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film:
'I Died a Thousand Times'. With Jack
Palance and Shelley Winters. Thriller.
10.00 London. 11.15 Frost. 12.10
Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.45
University challenge. 2.15 Big match.
3.15 Film: 'Battle of the Sexes'.
With Peter Sellers, Robert Morley
and Constance Cummings. An American company send their female
efficiency expert to Scotland. 4.45
London. 7.55 Screen: 'Flying Leathernecks'. With John Wayne, Robert
Ryan, Don Taylor and Janis Carter.
War spectacular. 9.40 Eartha Kitt in
the Penthouse Suite. 10.00 London.
11.15 Frost. 12.10 Weather.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 12.10 Dan 'sylw. 12.50 Sel a'i sylwedd.

ANGLIA: 11.00 London. 1.25-1.50 London. 1.55 Weather. 2.00 Farming diary. 2.30 University challenge. 3.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 3.55 Match of the we.k. 4.40 London. 7.55 Marjorie Morningstar'. With Natalie Wood and Gene Kelly. A college girl visits a resort where she meets an exciting entertainer. 10.00 London. 12.10 Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.30 Mr Piper. 1.45 London. 2.15 Star soccer. 3.15 'The Hostage'. With Ron Randell, Mary Parker and Carl Jaffe. A revolutionary leader in a South American country is under sentence of death for murder. 4.41 Horoscope. 4.45 London. 5.35 Forest rangers. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Pleasure Seekers'. With Ann Margaret, Tony 'Franciosa, Carol Lynley and Pamela Tiffin. Story of three American girls living and working in Madrid. 9.53 Popeye. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Saint, weather.

REGIONAL ITV

ULSTER: 12.10-1.30 London. 2.15 London. 3.45 Champions. 4.45 London. 7.55 Movie: 'Halls of Montezuma'. With Richard Widmark, Jack Palance, Karl Malden and Robert Wagner. Second World War film. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Festival cinema.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.35 Calendar. 1.55 Farming diary. 2.25 Soccer. 3.20 'The Card'. With Alec Guinness, Glynis Johns and Petula Clark. Denry Machin rises from rags to riches. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Marriage on the Rocks'. With Frank Sinatra, Deborah kerr and Dean Martin. The Great American Marriage goes sour. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost.

GRANADA: 11.00-12.10 London. 12.35 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Interpol calling. 2.20 Cartoon time. 2.30 Football. 3.25 Greatest show on earth. 4.20 'General Nulsance'. With Buster Keaton. 4.40 London. 7.55 Picture. 'Tycoon'. With John Wayne. Laraine Day and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. Men might die if the railway builders bore a tunnel through soft rock but it will save money. 10.00 London. 11.15 Frost.

TYNE TEES: 11.00 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Farming outlook. 2.25 Shoot. 3.20 Champions. 4.15 Nanny and the professor. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'A Place in the Sun'. With Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor. 10.00 London. 10.15 Tom Jones. 11.15 Challenge. 12 midnight Epilogue.

BORDER: 11.00-1.25 London. 1.50
Farming outlook. 2.15 Diary. 2.25
Football. 3.20 Saint. 4.15 Ev. 4.45
London. 7.55 'The Third Day'. With
George Peppard and Elizabeth Ashley.
Mystery thriller. 10.00 London. 10.15
Tom Jones. 11.10 Frost. 12.15 Eplogue.

SCOTTISH: 12.10-1.25 London. 3.20 All our yesterdays. 3.50 Seaway. 4.45 London. 7.55 Cinema: "The Third Day". With George Peppard and Elizabeth Ashley. 10.00 London. 12.15 Late call

GRAMPIAN: 12.10-1.25 London. 1.45 London. 2.15 Farm progress. 2.45 Granny gets the point. 3.10 Movie: 'Girl on the Boat'. With Norman Wisdom, Millicent Martin and Richard Briers. Two young Englishmen board a trans-Atlantic liner in New York. 4.45 London. 7.55 Cinema: 'National Velvet'. With Mickey Rooney and Elizabeth Taylor. Story of a boy, a girl and a horse. 10.00 London. 12.10 Nobody's listening anyway.

noon Wind in the willows. 12.15 p.m. Stingray. 12.45 News. 12.50 World of sport. 12.55 On the ball. 1.20 They're off! 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Racing from Catterick. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from Lingfield. 3.10 International sports special. 3.55 Results, scores, news. 4.00 Wrestling from Doncaster. 4.55 Results service. 5.10 Forest rangers. 5.40 Ev. Kenny Everett.

6.15 SATURDAY SPORTS NEWS.

7.00 GOLDDIGGERS IN LONDON.

8.00 HAWAII FIVE-O. 'The Ransom'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

#### 11.10 AQUARIUS. 'Thoroughly Modern Melly'. 11.55 IDEAS IN PRINT.

CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 5.15 Shane. 6.10 London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 It's Tarbuck. 7.15 Film: "Carry On Constable". 9.00 London. 10.10 Theatre. 11.10 Frost. 12 midnight weather.

Mr Piper. 12.45 London. 5.15 Voyage to the bottom of the sea. 6.10 London. 6.15 Film: "The Naked Truth'. With Terry-Thomas, Peter Sellers, Peggy Mount, Shirley Eaton and Dennis Price. Comedy about a scandal-mongering magazine. 8.00 It's Tarbuck. 8.30 Fraud squad. 9.30 Golddiggers. 10.00 London. 10.10 News. 10.20 Name of the game. 11.45 Out of town. 12.05 Weather. Action 70.

Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 12.15 Skippy. 12.45 London. 5.10 Robin Hood. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 7.05 F troop. 7.30 Saint. 8.30 It's Tarbuck. 9.00 London. 10.10 Cinema. 10.40 Name of the game. 12.05 Weather. HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.15 Rhyfedd o fydd. 7.00-7.05 Arthur.

logue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12 noon Decimalization. 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 5.10 Jokers wild. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 Legend of Jesse James. 7.10 It's Tarbuck. 7.45 Horoscope. 7.48 Film: Kiss the Blood Off My Hands'. With Joan Fontaine, Burt Lancaster and Robert Newton. The story of a London waterfront murder. 9.00 London. 10.10 Happy ever after. 11.10 Frost, weather.

11.40 Love, American style.

SCOTTISH: 12.15 Survival. 12.45 London. 5.15 Mad movies. 5.40 Wheel of fortune. 6.10 London. 6.15 Golddiggers. 6.45 It's Tarbuck. 7.15 Movie: "Ten Seconds to Hell'. With Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance. 9.00 London. 11.05 Match report. 11.20 Late call. 11.25 Film: "Brides of Dracula". With Peter Cushing.

## SUNDAY

of British Industry, which, whilst acknowledging the damage the dispute has inflicted on members' profits, has urged the government to stand firm.

Beneath all these man-oeuvres are the 115,000 power

Over the last two years they

have seen 20,000 redundancies

in their ranks whilst produc-

tivity has risen by 40 per cent.

Last year they reluctantly accepted a 10 per cent increase — well below their original demand—because they knew their leadership would

Now the stage is set for another sell-out. But will it

stewards yesterday rejected an offer of an extra 1s 6d an

demand for a £5-a-week in-

The offer would have given

Since the electricity dispute

them an extra £3 for a 40-

began on Monday, there has been a state of emergency in

N Ireland. Power use has been

banned to all but essential

manufacturers — making an estimated 200,000 workers

Communist Party - with in-

fluence in many power stations—is only too clear from yesterday's 'Morning

workers is the same advice they give to all workers who want to fight the Tories—

more militancy but lay off the

leaders, accept a few shillings

It is a policy to disarm

the power-workers and allow the right in the union

to get busy with the retreat.

This is the lesson that all

power-workers must learn if

Wage freeze in

Holland

IN AN announcement in The Hague this week the Dutch

government declared its inten-

tion to impose severe wage

restraint on the working class.

Pay rises, they say, must not exceed 2 per cent in the period to April 1, 1971.

Sections of the employers have been demanding a complete 'freeze' of all wages.

Although the government does

not feel strong enough for

such a measure, it is deter-

mined to use the inflation of

in W Europe to attempt legal

the organized working class, faced with a rapid inflation

wages by over 20 per cent.
From then until now,

little serious attempt to en-

struggles by dockers and building workers during this

threatening a severe balance of payments crisis, the employers

back at the working class.

Holland was the first state

But in 1964 the strength of

prices to cut real wages.

wage restraint.

force their 'norms'.

But following

autumn, and with

Their advice to

and go back to work.

Yet the approach of the

electricity-supply

not fight for any more.

happen?

hour week.

Star'.

Power

• FROM PAGE ONE

THE BRITISH Communist Party leaders hate Trotskyists and Trotskyism because we have always told the truth about the crimes of Stalin and the counterrevolutionary politics of Stalinism.
When the German Communist Party

with its theory of 'social fascism' split the working class in 1933 and allowed Hitler to come to power, our move-ment was the only movement to fight for the united front of the working class against fascism and expose this be-

When Stalin betraved the Spanish revolution in the late 1930s, the present-day leadership of the British CP fully supported him. They condoned the brutal murder of working-class militants in Barcelona and other parts of Spain who would not accept Stalin's

When Stalin organized the frame-up and murder of the majority of Lenin's Central Committee during the infamous Moscow Trials of the same period, the British CP wholly endorsed his actions and have not to this day repudiated him. When Stalin signed the 'peace pact'

ON DECEMBER 8 our paper Workers Press appeared as usual. It was printed in the early evening of Monday,

Our issue for Wednesday, December 9 did not appear until 12 noon on that date the members of SOGAT employed by our printers not only participated fully in the one-day strike, but also in the demonstration on December 8.

We were therefore unable to print our December 9 issue as would have been normal in the early evening of December 8. (SOGAT Division A members employed by our printers were on strike from a.m. on Tuesday, December 8 to 8 a.m. of Wednesday, December 9.)

During the demonstration Mr Bert Ramelson, national industrial organizer of your Party, openly abused members first refused permission nor-

with Hitler in August, 1939 he was fully supported by the British CP.
When during the Nazi-Soviet peace pact Stalin handed over Jewish members of the German Communist Party who had escaped to the Soviet Union after Hitler came to power in 1933, to Hitler's SS, the leaders of the British

No one has given such wholehearted support to Stalin as Bert Ramelson, present industrial organizer of the CP This man, together with the rest of the older leaders of the Party, has complete contempt for the history of the international working class. Behind the scenes he has contin

uously conjured up mountains of iles against the Trotskyist movement. In the old days he was foremost in calling us agents of Hitler and fascism. Now he lyingly denounces our members

to fight against the scourge of Stalin-ism, which is once again raising its head, and thereby coming to the of the most reactionary forces in Britain.

as 'scabs'. And all this from a mai

licking Stalin's boots.

Tory government.

who has never done anything in the working-class movement, apart from

On Tuesday, December 8 during the

anti-union laws demonstration Ramelson

organized a deliberate provocation

son could get away with such Stalinist

lies are over. His contemptible action is a measure of the bankruptcy of the

industrial policy of the CP which re-fuses to fight for the resignation of the

We ask our readers to join with us

## We as Trotskylsts, long ago pledged ourselves to smash Stalinism politically and we are going to do it. andtheirlies

papers represent definite points

movement. We must defend

The Workers Press will con-

tinue to defend the right of

CP members to organize any

opposition to the Tory govern-

ment they wish, although we

may disagree with the very serious political dangers of

your Party's policy in such

As industrial organizer of your party, we consider Mr Ramelson acted in a way that

not only slandered and

maligned our paper and its

sellers, but also opened the

each other's rights.

Workers Press as being 'scabs'

Mr Ramelson was, of course, creating a provocation which members of the Communist Party. In some cases our sonally abused, but physically pushed around as well.

When they tried to explain the position, they were show-ered with abuse by a handful Communist Party members who were acting under the influence of Ramelson's provo-

On the platform at Hyde Park our cameraman was at taking pictures from the platby a member of our NUI reporting team which convinced the organizers that they must grant this facility.

In our opinion this action by Ramelson reveals his inability and that of others to answer politically to the policies of the Socialist Labour League. But that is not by itself the most serious side of the affair.

We have a Tory government which will shortly be attacking not only the Wor-kers Press but the 'Morning Star' as well. No matter what political differences be-

OF COURSE as the Charter says, 'The working class must never give

up their basic rights, they

must not allow the Tories

door to weaken the working class in the common fight against the Tory government. We ask you as general sec-retary to place this letter before the next meeting of your Executive Committee. We ask your committee to repudiate Ramelson's actions and provide an undertaking that it will not happen again.

G. Healy, National Secretary

#### Kremlin

At the same time, the imperialist arms build-up against the Soviet Union and the working class continues.

The US stockpiles strategic nuclear weapons and gives heavy military aid to client like Cambodia and

ing-class struggle in different parts of the world pushes the bureaucracy to try and conciliate with imperialism. But the more the Soviet leaders concede, the more the imperialists, driven by pressing needs of their own crisis, demand.

at Helsinki, strengthens imperialism and makes it still more demanding.

the SALT talks. Far from being a step towards universal disarmament, as the Stalinists would have us believe, they allow the US to strengthen its nuclear power against the

#### Strengthen

of court. Britain.

powers and special laws rushed on to the Statute Book to cripple strikes and force workers back to work. The US government's home policy, like the British government's, is increasingly dictated by the growing threat of economic slump, as unemployment continues to grow and profit rates fall. At his conference the Presi-

dent made clear that he is dissatisfied with present efforts to check inflation: 'Now is the time for labour and management to quit bet-ting on inflation and help start fighting inflation,' he said. 'I

FROM PAGE ONE cisive stage in British working-class history: the defence of its basic rights demands the struggle for a real workers' government for workers' power. This is the real meaning of the campaign for the Char-

> It is the essential preparation for this decisive political struggle. That is why every trade unionist should attend the December 19 Conference of the All Trades Unions Alliance which will discuss the Charter of Basic Rights and the next steps against the

ter of Basic Rights.

## Demonstrations throughout Europe organized a deliberate provocation against the Workers Press. We, here, are publishing a copy of the letter we sent to John Gollan, secretary of the CP. This matter is not going to be allowed to rest. The days when Ramelilowed to rest. The days when Ramelilowe over Burgos trial

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

DEFYING baton-swinging police, 400 students marched through central Madrid chanting 'Franco assassin' in one of yesterday's countless demonstrations throughout Spain in solidarity with the 16 Basque nationalists on trial in Burgos.

They were among 15,000 Madrid University students boycotting lectures for the duration of the In BARCELONA at least 17 people have been arrested following three demonstrations in separate parts of the

Police moved in when 300 demonstrators carrying placards labelled 'Franco executioner' gave out leaflets denouncing the trial to a Barcelona cinema queue.

Another group marched up the city's fashionable Ramblas Boulevard shouting 'Down with tyranny'. Hundreds more overturned a police jeep and, as police advanced, hurled stones, broken bottles and paving stones at them.

#### 'Amnesty' chant

In SARAGOSSA, police detained a group of students after a demonstration had marched through the city chanting 'Amnesty, amnesty'

The court, which ended its hearings on Wednesday, is now awaiting the verdict of the five presiding military officers. They are expected to give judgement in the next five days. The prosecutor has demanded death sentences for six of the accused and prison terms totalling 724 years for the rest.

The anti-Franco upsurge has even penetrated into his former clerical-fascist strong-hold of NAVARRE, where 45 Pamplona University students have begun a hunger

Earlier on Thursday they took part in a demonstration by hundreds of students against the three-month state of emergency which has been in force since last week in the neighbouring province of Guipuzcoa, and the Burgos trial.

Solidarity actions with the Burgos 16 continue to escalate all over Europe. In NAPLES, students fought police outside the Spanish consulate, while further demonstrations took place in GENOA and FLORENCE.

#### Bitter memories Italian workers, who have bitter memories

of fascist rule, gave a lead to the working class everywhere, when the dockers' unions decided to 'black' all Spanish shipping for a week. They also called for similar action by all Europe's portworkers 'to step

> perpetrated by fascism in Spain'. This appeal must be heeded Labour. The Tories plan to

> carried through in Spain after nearly three years of civil war -the destruction of the trade unions.

The power of the working class can stay the hand of Franco's executioners, but only if we act now.

## Revisionists

Tories this power cut would never have happened. Since they got in everything went

Out of that I take home £17.

'To get that I have to work three weekends out of four.'

BERT PRICE is chairman of the Nine Elms transport union branch—the largest union branch based on governments of E Europe. Battersea power station.

#### Concerned

He was concerned that the 'unions must have been put in a position through that they might sign something under duress.

'Though we've offered at any time to put on extra plant, i.e. generators for hospitals, at no time has the Board asked us to do this, he added.

• FROM PAGE ONE 'demands that expose the hollowness of the employers'

It suggests that these should be 'a proper guaranteed wage', guaranteed cost-of-living bonus to be paid annually', 'no running down of the workforce' and 'full mutuality over all changes in work practice, work study and movement of

labour'.

In other words, workers are urged to accept the main plank of Leyland's proposals the elimination of piecework -and then crawl to the management for a worthless paper promise that changes in working conditions will be mutually agreed.

The All Trades Unions Alliance's booklet 'The MDW and productivity-deal swindle' explains in detail that mutuality is completely impossible once shop-floor control is destroyed through the ending of piecework.
As Bernard Franks points

out in that booklet, the real treachery of the IS position is that it 'starts from the point that you cannot fight and ends up with a list of minimum demands'.

This is not the first time that International Socialism has engaged in such activities. In July of this year, senior shop stewards angrily rebutted charges made in a leaflet issued outside Morris Motors by the state capitalist group claiming the factory had gone one step nearer Measured-Day

It was later forced to apologise to stewards for this action, but only—so it would seem—to cut and come again. Carworkers will reject such policies with a contempt equalling that with which they brush aside the witch-hunt.

#### Solzhenitsyn joins Sakharov group

NOBEL prize-winning novelist Alexander Solzhenitsyn has just joined the unofficial Soviet 'Human Rights Committee', friends of the writer reported yesterday.

The group, which bars entry to Communist Party

members, was recently formed by leading nuclear scientist Andrei Sakharov to protect the constitutional rights of Soviet citizens.

#### WEATHER

N AND E SCOTLAND and E England apart from the extreme SE will be mainly dry, but rather cloudy, though there will be some bright periods especially over Scotland.

SE England, E Midlands, NW England and SW Scotland will start mainly dry and bright with variable cloud, but cloud will increase and there may be rain at times later.

crease and there may be rain at times later.

SW England, the W Midlands, Wales and N Ireland will be mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain.

Temperatures will be near normal everywhere.

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Unsettled with rain at times in most places. Rather cold in N and E. Temperatures near normal elsewhere.

Charter of Basic **Rights** 

A FORMER leading member of the Communist Party in the Sheffield area, Sam Holmes today makes a particularly valuable contribution to the discussion on the All Trades Unions Alliance's draft Charter of

for the Charter today and the big class struggles in which he was involved on first joining the political or most of Sam's 33 years in the CP he was a

He comments on the relation between the fight

member of its Sheffield area committee. His questioning of the CP's parliamentary road to socialism led him to re-examine its whole political past, and after reading Trotsky's 'Revolution Betrayed'

he left it in 1969. Sam Holmes is at present convenor of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers' painters' section in Sheffield's public works department.

**ALL TRADES** UNIONS ALLIANCE | ORDER YOUR **MEETINGS** 

Discuss the proposed draft of the Charter of Basic Rights

OLLERTON: Sunday, December 13, 7 p.m. The Plough. Speakers: Trevor Parsons and Brian Lavery, Yorks miners. CASTLEFORD: Sunday December 13, 12 noon. Ship Inn. Speakers: Trevor Parsons and Brian Lavery, Yorks miners.

GLASGOW: Sunday, December 13, 7.30 p.m. Kingston Hall, Paisley DAGENHAM: Monday, December 14, 8 p.m. Marsh Green School, New Rd. ACTON: Monday, December 14, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Acton High St.

WEST LONDON: Monday, December 14, 8 p.m. Prince Albert pub, Balfe St, NW1. SOUTHALL: Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Community Centre, Bridge Rd. SW LONDON: Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Prince's Head, Falcon Rd, Clapham Junc.

ABERDEEN: Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Music Hall. CROYDON: Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Plough and Harrow, Thorn-ton Heath Pond. ton Heath Pond.
LEEDS: Tuesday, December 15,
8 p.m. Trades Council Club, Upper
Fountaine St.
E. LONDON: Wednesday, December
16, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Chrisp St
Market, E14.

FINSBURY PARK: Wednesday, December 16, 8 p.m. Sir George Robey pub, opposite Astoria. SE LONDON: Thursday, Decembe

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### **Briefly**

**HOME** secretary Reginald Maudling told the Commons he hopes to introduce a new Immigration Bill—expected to reduce immigrants to 'alien' status-into parliament soon after the Christmas recess.

A COMPROMISE undertaking ended the High Court hearing yesterday of an application by John Lawrence, father of the Press Association chapel of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, for an order restraining joint general secretary Richard Briginshaw and three officers of the union's London Clerical Branch from expelled from the union.

Both parties undertook that 'So long as Mr Lawrence complies with the directions given to him in accordance with the rules presently applicable to the society known as Division 1 of SOGAT (or as the defen-

dants contend NATSOPA) nothwithstanding that the directions may be given in the name of NATSOPA, the defendants undertake not to take any step to enforce the decision to expel Mr Lawrence taken on November 9'.

LONDON accountant John Ness Prentice was yesterday appointed receiver of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board by the High Court. Board is unable to repay over £6 million due on bonds maturing in January. Creditors represented at the court included the Sun Alliance Insurance company, Shell-Mex and BP, Prudential Insurance and the Legal and General Assurance Society.

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to take the road of Mussolini and Hitler' and this is precisely the alternative if the working class fail to their hard-won logical whole of Heath's comments that 'we shall change the course of history . . . to the extent that it may precipitate civil

war' was surely prompted by his mentor. Churchill who said in reference to Musso-— 'never will any government be without the means to combat the evils of Bolshevism' (the working class). That's what it's

The working class stands strong, arms akimbo on its inheritance. It emerged from the war strong and confident. It could have taken power then under correct leadership and its strength has grown. It will not go

Capitalism too sits on its inheritance, its own crisis, a tendency inherent in capitalism anyway. But this time it has inherited the full fruits of its own devices that were intended to pacify restore capitalism in Europe.
The capitalists expect the working class to solve their problems. Not this time,

It ought to be easy to lick the Tory government, but the struggle is damped

The French working class were defeated in 1968 simply because de Gaulle was nodding vigorously in the direction of Moscow. Heath merely inclines his head in the direction of a European Security conference and the Communist

Party funks the fight. Poland exports coal and cement, Moscow exports ideas such as the European Security conference — all strike-breaking activities. The British CP will not antagonize Heath nor will the trade union leadership risk losing their stake in this society. This is where the ATUA is 100 per cent correct — a revolutionary leadership is an urgent

necessity.
The task of the ATUA, the SLL and the Workers Press in a few short weeks before January 12 is to raise the level of understanding of the entire working class to demand of the JC that it will organize the fight against the Tories.
The alternatives keep

coming up, as the Workers Press says, a Bonapartist dictatorship, Mussolini and all that. Well, that's where I came in. There must be thousands like me saying: 'That's where I came in. Not again! Not this time, mate!'

This time we're strong, let's take 'em on. It's what the Tories want, to take on the working class in a struggle and defeat them. But not this time! I've seen most of it before, more than 30 years in the Communist Party. I'm not looking for similar

situations in the past, but there are many but with one big difference — the strength of the working class today.
But on harking back to the past I well remember the Stalinist lie 'After Hitler our turn'. To make the leap from that assertion to the call today for a General Strike—opposed by the CP

- exposes the whole character of Stalinism. Between these two points lies almost the entire history of the betrayals of the working class. Well, let a rallied and

united working class have a

bash at changing

**● FROM PAGE ONE** were negotiating and not con-fronting each other. The Soviet Union's conciliatory attitude to the Americans provides Nixon with the political means to do what he pleases in Vietnam and the Middle East—and in attacks on the working class at

Stalinist bureaucracy fears revolution. The development of work-

Every concession, in Cambodia, in the Middle East, or

This is the real dynamic of

They also strengthen Nixon for his struggles with the working class at home. Railwaymen were forced back to work yesterday after only 24 hours on strike when the Administration rushed emergency powers through Congress and threatened to fine rail unions for contempt

This use of the US antiunion laws shows clearly what the Tory law will mean in It allows for emergency

think it is a question of timeliness.

Dissatisfied Nixon said he was dissatis-fied with the 1970 unemploy-

ment average of 4.9 per cent, but made no reference to the present level: 5.8 per cent. Attempts to revive the economy by lowering interest rates have not so far succeeded, and Nixon is turning to more and more brutal-attacks on workers' wages struggles in order to recoup

his position.
In this situation, the attitude of the Soviet bureaucracy poses acute dangers. Not only does it strengthen Nixon's hand against the working class at home and overseas, but it allows him to build up the American war machine aimed against the

#### **Nothing** Third Reich relics emerge • FROM PAGE ONE from their holes

and dustmen can come out on strike.

'We're not striking. Our industry has had more increased productivity than

ROLAND TABBERT, leader of the 'German any other and we've been Liberation Movement' declared in a newspaper offered the lowest increase!' His colleague, craftsmen's mate HAROLD PRITCHinterview on Thursday that his group would march on Bonn today to protest against West ARD, said of the reasons

behind their action:

#### Tories

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT 'If it weren't for the Strauss is backed in his bid for the leadership of the opposition Christian Democratic Party by a formidable 'My wages are £23 11s. group of industrialists headed

king Herbert Quandt, a relative of Goebbels. This group is determined bring down Brandt by whipping up middle-class and refugee hostility to his policy better relations with the

Hitler's steel magnate ally

Friedrich Flick and the arms

The temper of the Strauss campaign can be judged from his recent remark: 'If anyone tries to stop me coming to power, I shall murder him . . . I want to achieve freedom, justice and

A solidarity demonstration in Paris.

Germany's treaty with Poland.

His Swastika-wearing sup-porters may be joined by another neo-Nazi outfit,

Action Resistance', which is

led by Dr Peter Kleist, one-

time boss of the Eastern Divi-

sion of the Nazi Foreign

Ministry, and Dr Herbert

Boehme, a former Nazi 'poet'.

defy a ban imposed on the

march by Bonn police:

same vein. he added:

was rejected.'

Tabbert states that he will

'The march will take place.

We will arm ourselves with clubs and will strike back

vehemently.' Very much in the

good elements of Nazism and

this is to be the form which was laid down by the Fuehrer

[Hitler]. The bad part, such

as the extermination of Jews,

and student organizations have

have already pledged counter-

demonstrations if the fascist

Only last week, trade

unionists clashed violently

with 'Action Resistance' in

the Ruhr industrial city Essen.

German labour comes from

Franz Iosef Strauss, whose

ultra-rightist demagogy is un-

doubtedly encouraging these

depraved relics of Hitler's

Reich to emerge from their

The biggest menace to W

march does take place.

W German trade unionists

'We want to carry on the

well-being for the German people; if necessary I shall use a machine gun.' These are familiar words. W German workers, by hitting back at budding fascist

#### groups, are beginning to give their answer. Anguilla 'treated like a

colony'-Bradshaw AFTER two weeks' haggling in London over the future of the Caribbean island of premier of St Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, yesterday reported complete deadlock.

The island seceded from the Association in May 1967 and was occupied by British troops in March 1969, by orders of the Wilson government.

Bradshaw told a conference that on the basis of the Wooding Report on a fully-elected local council on the island, but that Tory Foreign and Commonwealth Minister Joseph Godber had rejected the report.

'It seems the government

politan police and 130 the

To heel

by a force of 80 Metro-

wants another colony,' com-

Anguilla is still controlled

However, Bradshaw made it clear that, whatever the argument with the Tories over a political solution, Anguilla must be brought to heel in a legal sense', and firmly tied economically to imperialist interests in the

Bradshaw's main interest in the island is the development of tourism, particu-larly the Tory offer of £1 million towards the construction of an international

In addition, he has recently requested armoured trucks and rocket launchers from the British government to deal with growing working-class unrest in the

Happening 'In the Caribbean, all

Meanwhile, Anguilla re-mains an occupied territory and by the end of this year, the sum total which will have been spent since the invasion on improving the island's roads and communications will be about £200,000-

sorts of funny things are happening,' he said.