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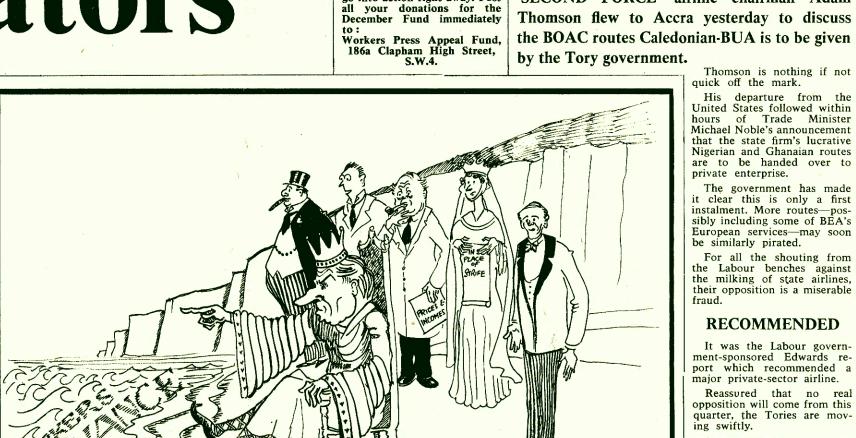
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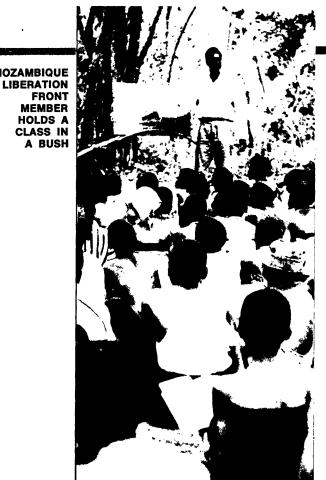
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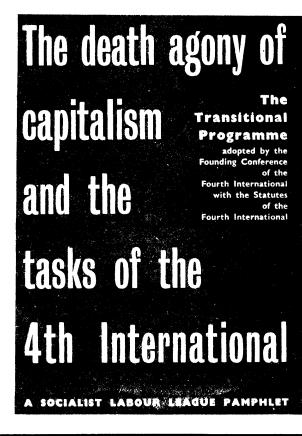
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French slavery in Senegal and Gambia was followed by the seizure of Senegal in 1840, Dakar's present site in 1857, colonial wars against Algeria (1830-1847), Syria, Lebanon, Morocco and Egypt, plus annexations of Gabon (1888), Dahomey (1893), Madagascar (1885), (1893), Madagascar (1885), Abangi Shari (later the Central African Republic) in 1888 and other areas of Africa.

At the same time France invaded China (1844, 1857 and 1885), Cochin-China (1862, 1867), Tonkin (1882), Annam (1883) and Siam (1893).

When Chad was overrun in 1913, Mauretania in 1903 as well Niger, Mali (former French Soudan), the Ivory Coast, Cameroons, French Congo and the old slave-hunting base, Guinea, France had already built up an armoury of military, social and ideological weapons which it used to mow down the resistance of the people of W and Equa-

France grabbed some 1.6 million square miles of land and subjected some 15 million people before the First World War saw the approximate end of the main process of conquest.

'Pacification'

A period of 'pacification' followed and in this process divide and rule became a major French strategy everywhere.

In Guinea, France used Fullas, Malinke and Soussou tribal and proto-feudal chiefs as agencies of divide and rule and of indirect rule and, at the same time, conducted a crusade against the Islamic faith.

All the experience of Faie-herbe, De Brazza and later Delafosse, Lyautey and Deschamps went into this murderous policy, carried out by French military groups through indirect rule These divisions and forms of

rule were carried over into the independent states of ex-French W Africa, including Guinea. The resisting chiefs were executed or deposed, whole tribes were dispossessed, broken

up and dispersed. Customary law was used to introduce a system of judicial apartheid—French workers and settlers introduced a colour bar into the towns they occupied; missionaries took charge of education (indoctrination).

The dispossessed were forced into conscription, forced labour

'free' peasant labour for French companies, such as the Companie Française de l'Afrique, which bought their product at cut-throat. but rock-bottom

CLASS STRUGGLES IN

Mining also became a primary industry pivot. Among the minerals were the iron and bauxite

Industrial starvation was as inevitable as in British Africa. Monoculture and mining dominated the economy and, on the eve of independence in 1958, Guinea exported 66 per cent of materials to France alone and imported the same percentage from France. Primary products comprised 74 per cent of all

5.5 per cent of Guinea's then 2.9 million people were wage earners (with families), yet the vast majority of Guineans were superexploited as peasant producers. Imperialism has never allowed the so-called classical proletariat to develop in Africa; the semi-

migrant. semi-peasant miner and

farm labourer, plus the peasant

Just before independence, only

producers, formed the prole-

class, France put the semi-colonial petty bourgeoisie into power, including the 'Marxist' (French-trained) Sekou Touré. French rule meant that the average person in Guinea died

To counter this revolutionary

before the age of 35. It meant that, by 1939, only 1 per cent of the children of school age were at school, and then only in primary school (about the same as in British W Africa). Three years before independence there were only 150 teachers

in French W African secondary schools. Of these only 20 were Africans. The percentage of school attendance in Guinea was too low for France to record for UNESCO at the time.

While the French state, mili-

tary and missionaries controlled the indirect native authorities, French trade unionists and 'socialists' were put in control of the nascent trade union movement by French imperialism.

to Guinea

These 'socialists' were aided, as the British 'socialists' were in S Africa, by the racilaistic 'white' workers in the towns.

By 1958 some 30,000 such workers controlled half a million

Africa town workers alone, mainly in Dakar (Senegal), Abadian (Ivory Coast) and Cona-These French 'workers'—only 16 per cent did manual work earned four to 20 times more

than African workers.
In the 1947 strikes, especially in Mali, Guinea and Senegal, colour discrimination was made the major issue by which Diallo

and Sekou Touré rose to power. Senegal's Senghor and the Coast's Houphouet repressed the strike movement in the interests of 'whites' who formed 2 per cent of the population, but consumed 33 per cent of the national income in 1958.

Background

(In Gabon 'whites' formed 1 per cent of the population, but took 55 per cent of the national income.) Such was the system against

which the Guinean workers fought for an independence they have still not won. Figures show what a difference independence has made to the

3.9 million population. The per head national income was \$83US in 1958, before independence. Now it is \$93US, and this includes French investors'

Life expectancy remains at 30

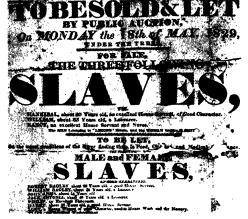
Primary school atendance is 18 per cent (very much higher than under France, but very low after 12 years) and secondary school

enrolment is 9 per cent.

The explanation for this state of affairs is that Guinea remains a French semi-colony, albeit outside the 'French Union'. Sekou Touré's usefulness to

France is played out, as Nkrumah's was for Britain in Ghana in 1966. The French, not to mention neighbouring Portuguese interests, have their own reasons for trying to install a less disobedient

servant in Conakry. Once more French troops may return to the colony which formed the bloody-hunting ground for the French slavers.





correspondent writes:

The second of two articles THE UNITED NATIONS Committee sent to Guinea after the recent alleged invasion has found evidence to support President Sekou Touré's accusation that Portuguese regular troops were used in the attack. At least three landings were

made. The main target was the PAIGC headquarters. PAIGC is engaged in a war of liberation in Guinea Bassau, a Portuguese colony. PAIGC train-ing camps were also attacked as were certain other targets in

Conakt PAIGC is the most successful of the African nationalist guerrilla organizations. It claims to control two-thirds of Guinea

The war is often referred to as the company's war because Companhia Unjao Sabril con-

trols most interests in the country.
There has been much pressure

from the company on the Portu-guese government to take action to stop PAIGC's advance.

The destruction of the PAIGC headquarters in Conakry is an adventure taken from the books of American imperialism and the

attack on Cambodia. The Portuguese are also on the offensive in Mozambique and Angola. Since May they have attempted to save deteriorating

situations in these countries. In the building of the Cunene Dam in Angola and the Cabora Bassa Dam in Mozambique they have massive fresh investments in which American, British, German. French and Italian capital have joined S African and Portuguese interests in massive pro-

jects aimed at the further exploitation of the area. S Africa even has three battalions of troops to help defend the Tete province of Mozambique where the Cabora Bassa dam is

being built.

The Portuguese recently acknowledged 331 troops dead in Mozambique. This is the highest ever Portuguese admission of

In Angola too they have encountered fierce resistance. In Guinea Bassau defeat is a real prospect. Given this back-ground, their attack on Conakry must be seen as an attempt to broaden the area of hostilities

to salvage the war. While Portugal turns to commando raids, S Africa pursues its three-year-old Verligte policy to divide the black African states. The diplomatic offensive to establish dialogue with African states is to break S Africa's isolation on the continent.

They had already found Dr Hastings Banda of Malawi to be

been able to weaken this by forcing Italian firms to withdraw from the Cabora Bassa project. As the offensive by S Africa and Portugal becomes increasingly internationalized, so does the struggle to defeat apartheid

IT APPEARS at first glance contradictory to speak of the 'accidental' or the 'chance occurrence' being subject to

Last week, we indicated the way in which the chance contingency is a part of the way things are—a necessary aspect of material processes.

But what do we mean by chance or a term which is often used as a substitute—'prob-

Here we have to discriminate between two different types of statement which can be made. The assertion 'It will probably rain tomorrow' is an example of subjective probability. It

is perhaps more a guess than any

kind of scientific judgement. We may note a certain dampness in the air or a particular cloud formation which leads us to make a comparison with similar conditions previously pre-

Ignorance

However, we are not in a position to control and repeat all the conditions which gave rise to rain on the previous occasion. In this case our statement that it will 'probably' rain indicates incomplete knowledge or ignorance of certain material pro-

Of a different kind is the statement: 'If I throw this dice. it will probably not come up six'. In this case, ignorance doesn't enter into the probability concept. If we continue to throw the dice we find that, although we cannot say in advance what

each throw will yield numerically—that is very sensitive to the way it is released—a pattern

After 600 throws, we will find that each of the numbers from to 6 appears approximately 100 times, providing the dice is a cube of uniform material.

Of course, each number won't appear exactly 100 times. We might obtain the sequence 103. 101, 96, 98, 103, 99, which totals 600. If we assess 'error' by comparing each deviation to 100, we get errors of a few per cent.

If we increase the number of throws to, say, six million, then the errors will be even smaller. We can, therefore, speak

objectively of a probability of one-sixth that the result of a single throw will be a six (or one, two, three, four or five for that matter!).

Our orginal statement was an objective statement.

From such considerations emerge laws of probability, which are quite separate from the laws of mechanics which govern the motion of a dice.

Of course, given all the information about the position and motion of the throwers' hand and the constitution of dice and table, we could say exactly what the result would be, however this is not necessary, particularly when we are dealing with large numbers of chance events.

To clarify this point, let us leave what is a relatively simple dynamics problem and consider another chance occurrence—a

In the collision between two

NECESSITY AND **CHANCE**

cars, there is clearly an enormcould greatly alter the character of the collision or even avoid it

a little on that bend or the other had accelerated away from the traffic lights a little faster. . . .

accidents we will find an irregular and unpredictable variation in certain details (location, damage,

Accidents

However, as we consider larger and larger series of accidents, we find that new properties begin to appear and the fluctua-

For example, the total number of accidents in the London connected with traffic density. We may test out the suggestion that the 70 mph speed limit or the introduction of safety belts reduces the number of deaths on

cated that smoking increases your chances of contracting lung

Here we are dealing with statistical laws and every insurtheir objectivity.

tion in conditions leading up to the death of any individual, it is possible for insurance companies to sell life insurance

ADVANCE

is usually called off!

What is recognized is that, although many interdependent factors finally result in death, certain of them have a dominant influence on the outcome.

Without having to trace cause and effect in any detail, war is

We may show the objective nature of statistical law in another way.

When a ball falls through air speed in every direction.

The ball is therefore struck millions of times a second by these minute bits of matter that, statistically or 'on the average', frictional stresses.

follow a smooth curve but it will move erratically under the molecular blows.

Such experiments established the existence of molecules without of course making 'pressure' any less real.

tingencies pointed the way to

ALEXANDRA

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microscopic law while vielding well-known macroscopic effects.

The existence of molecular motion, far from undermining the reality of 'pressure', enriches our conception of it. This 'chance' process is a necessary part of that phenomenon.

Engels takes up some of these points in his correspondence with Schmidt (1895):

'[You] absorb yourself to such a degree in details, without always, as it seems to me, paying attention to the connection as a whole, that you degrade the law of value to a fiction, a necessary fiction . . .

'The reproaches you make against the law of value apply to all concepts, regarded from the standpoint of reality. . . The concept of a thing and its reality run side by side like two asymptotes, always approaching each other yet never meeting . . .

'Is it any different with the rate of profit? At each moment it only exists approximately . . . as an average of many businesses and a series of years. But if we were to demand that the rate of profit—say 14.876934 . . . should be exactly similar in every business and every year down to the 100th decimal

place, on pain of degradation to fiction, we should surely be grossly misunderstanding the nature of the rate of profit and of economic laws in generalnone of them has a reality except as an approximation, tendency, average, and not as immediate reality.'

GREAT NATIONAL

RALLY AGAINST

The edge of conflict. 3.15 Drop us a card. 4.17 Origami. 4.30 Crossroads, 4.55 Flipper, 5.20 Magpie, 5.50 News.

6.35 PEYTON PLACE. 6.55 NEAREST AND DEAREST. 'Make Yourself at Home'.

6.02 TODAY.

and her tenant. 9.30 THIS WEEK.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 CINEMA. 'The Railway Children'. 11.00 THE AVENGERS. 'The Correct Way to Kill'. 12.00 midnight THREE SCORE AND MORE.

REGIONAL ITV

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

SOUTHERN: 3.15 Drop us a card. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.35 Man from Uncle. 7.25 Film: "Room for one More". With Cary Grant and Betsy Drake. Poppy Rose's wife collects human and animal strays. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 Aquarius. 11.55 Weather. Action 70.

willing. He has now been joined by Ghana, Ivory Coast, and S Africa combines this with a racist policy of 'separate development' at home while

attempting to suppress liberation movements in Rhodesia, SW Africa and Mozambique. The Italian working class has

and Portuguese imperialism.

BBC 1

11.40 a.m.-12 noon Schools. 1.00-1.25 p.m. Swyn y glec. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Blue Peter. 5.20 Scooby-Doo, where are you? 5.44

The magic roundabout, 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

6.45 THE DOCTORS.

7.05 TOM AND JERRY. 7.15 'SUMMER HOLIDAY', With Cliff Richard, Lauri Peters. David

Kossoff, Ron Moody and The Shadows. British musical film. 9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 PLAY FOR TODAY. 'The Hallelujah Handshake'. By Colin

Welland. With Tony Calvin. Henry joins the church to do good

11.20 IMPROVING YOUR PLAYGROUP. 11.45 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today, Look East, weather. 11.47 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.47 News, weather. weather. Wales: 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.05 Heddiw. 7.15 Hennessys in session. 7.35 Week in

week out. 8.10-9.00 J.T. 11.47
Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland, weather. Nationwide. 11.47
News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.47 News, weather. Seconds Sec

weather.

W. South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.47 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 7.00 p.m. KNOW HOW.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 FIRST ELEVEN.

8.15 THE MONEY PROGRAMME. 9.00 LOOK, STRANGER. 'Who Brought the Light'. The remote

Hebridean Flannan Isles. 9.20 THE BLACK AND WHITE MINSTREL SHOW.

10.00 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.05 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

10.35 WORLD CINEMA. Sergel Eisenstein's 'Ivan the Terrible'. Part

2.00 p.m. Journey of a lifetime. 2.15 I see something beautiful. 2.25

7.25 THE THURSDAY FILM. 'The Notorious Landlady'. With Kim Novak, Jack Lemmon and Fred Astaire, Story of a landlady

CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Origami. 4.25 Mona McCluskey. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Farming news. 6.15 Sports round-up. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Make Mine Mink'. With Terry-Thomas. 8.30 This is your life. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 All our yesterdays. 11.25 News, weather.

HARLECH: 3.15-4.15 Drop us a card. 4.18 Women today. 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35

Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'A Girl Named Tamiko'. With Laurence Harvey and France Nuyen. A half-Russian, half-Japanese photographer in Toyko longs to get into the United States. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 10.30 Christmas celebration. 11.00 Darker neighbour. 11.45 Weather. HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18 Report West. 6.18-6.35 Sport West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 5.20-5.50 Dibyn dobyn. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. ANGLIA: 3.15-4.15 Drop us a card. 4.30 News. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.15 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'You Came Along'. With Robert Cummings and Lizabeth Scott. Three flyers go on a war-bond tour and fall in love with the lady publicist in charge of the arrangements. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Man in a suitcase. 11.55 Epilogue.

ATV MIDLANDS: 3.49 Horoscope.
3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place.
4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Fireball
XL5. 5.15 London. 6.00 ATV today.
6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: "Beau
Brummell". With Stewart Granger,
Elizabeth Taylor and Peter Ustinov.
9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London.
11.00 Avengers, weather.

VLSTER: 4.30 Romper room, 4.50 News, 4.55 Joe 90. 5.20 London, 6.00 UTV report, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Cartoon treat, 7.05 Branded, 7.35 Name of the game, 9.00 Nearest and dearest, 9.30 London, 11.00 What's it all about, 11.20 Aquarius. YORKSHIRE: 3.15 Drop us a card. 4.15 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 Rainbow country. 5.20 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.45 Room 222. 7.15 "Mozambique". With Steve Cochran, Hildegarde Neff. Murder mystery. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Georgian State dancers. 12.05 Weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Rocket Robin Hood. 5.15 London. 6.01 Newsday. 6.20 This is your right, 6.30 Man from Uncle. 7.30 Film. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Quentin Durgens. TYNE TEES: 4.10 News. 4.15 Lone ranger. 4.40 Sara and Hoppity. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today. 6.30 Police call. 6.35 Film: 'The Lion and the Horse'. With Steve Cochran. Ben Kirby and his love for a manhating black stallion. 8.00 I spy. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 University challenge. 11.30 News. 11.45 How many times.

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 The pursuers. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Mr and Mrs 7.45 Film: "The Spider and the Fly'. With Eric Portman, Nadia Gray and Guy Rolfe. French police are trying to catch a gentleman safecracker. 9.30 London. 11.00 Bracken's world. 11.55 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 High living. 7.00 Film: "The Five Pennies". With Danny Kaye, Barbara Bel Geddes and Louis Armstrong. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Play better golf. 11.30 Late call. golf. 11.30 Late call.

golf. 11.30 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 3.49 News. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Cartoon. 4.20 Telephone game. 4.50 Fantastic four. 5.51 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Win a word with Lesley Blair. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 On the buses. 7.30 Comedy: 'The Love Lottery'. With David Niven. Peggy Cummins, Anne Vernon and Herbert Lom. Famous film star is offered as a prize in a lottery. 9.00 Nearest and dearest. 9.30 London. 11.00 Ev.

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German apprentices THURSDAY'S strike against sackings

FRANKFURT apprentices hit back against the growing offensive from the German ruling class against youth conditions.

Over recent months there has been a prolonged struggle between different sections of apprentices and their employers and Willy Brandt's government.

The Frankfurt apprentices at the Apprentices Training Workshop came out on strike for eight days from November 25 against sackings carried out in

Youth had been thrown out of their training course, allegedly for 'lack of aptitude' after three months' probation period.

One apprentice at Bosch electrical components company claimed he was sacked after talking back to his employer.

As one of the apprentices said:

'How can you tell if someone has an aptitude for his trade when he has learned nothing for three months apart from bending and polishing?'

The strike was successful in the end—the three sacked youth were reinstated and full wages were paid for the period of the

Demonstrated

This strike is one of many such militant demonstrations organized by the youth. In recently apprentices demonstrated against SPD deputy Freidrich Marquadt over the question of violation of their indentures.

In Bavaria pupils recently struck in five towns against edu-cation cuts introduced by the right-wing Christian Social

Such militancy, particularly on the part of the youth, is in response to increasing activity of the extreme right, of whom CSU leader Strauss has become the vociferous spokesman.

A planned rally in Essen by the neo-fascist NPD was stopped



recently by the mass protest and pressure from the town's

Students

STUDENTS in Louvain, Belgium, have charged Justice Minister Vranck with racialism over the which were to have been brought

into operation on December 1.

In protest against the laws several dozen Louvain students began a hunger strike which ended last Friday.

The laws stipulate that foreigners must obtain a provisional residence permit before arriving in Belgium and that they must have a valid passport (except for the nationals of EEC countries), sufficient financial resources and

As a so-called concession the cabinet has now agreed that the until Ianuary 1.

Following a meeting with university rectors the Minister has proposed to draw up a 'foreigners code' and announced the set-

for deportation or expulsion

The students have emphatically declared their opposition to these developments, pointing out that the Justice Minister retains his discretionary powers in relation to the laws.

They have declared they will

POLITICAL FLIRTATION between the 'state capitalist' International Socialism group and the Communist Party came a step nearer consummation at the debate last weekend between representatives of the two organizations.

Both parties to the flirtation Communist Party because they badly need the 'left' credentials IS can provide and IS because it want to get closer together, the aims at the construction of centrist regroupment of elements from the Communist Party, the Labour 'left' and various shades

That is why they can conduct an entire debate with Monty Johnstone, the former Trotskyist who has now become chief theoretical apologist in Britain, without once mentioning the Stalinist history and character of the Party.

No longer

In fact, Duncan Hallas, main speaker for the 'state capitalists', specifically ruled that the Communist Party is no longer a Stalinist party:

'It [the CP] is no longer, I repeat, a Stalinist party in any meaningful sense of that word . the party programme and the party practice alike reflect today a left reformist position.'

How to get rid **Marxism**

BY JOHN SPENCER

This kind of 'opposition' opposition which consciously rejects the conclusions of Marxism about the Communist Party is grist to Johnstone's mill.

By putting a 'left' gloss on the party's class-collaborationist programme, 'The British Road to Socialism' he is able to pose as a revolutionary.

The 'state capitalists' clearly took to heart Johnstone's opening request that 'At a debate like this we will put this kind of childish abuse [i.e. references to the Communist Party's counterrevolutionary character] behind

Mock-battle

A debate for these people is simply a means to get politically

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nearer under the guise of a

And there was plenty of mock

Not only did the IS speakers not challenge Johnstone's phoney 'left' pose, they built him up as being in opposition to the proclaimed political line of the Communist Party.



MONTY JOHNSTONE

'Whatever comrade [sic] Johnstone's personal position may be,' said Hallas, clearly implying it was several degrees to the 'left' of the official Stalinist line, 'that is most certainly not the posi-tion of the British Communist Party today.'

Johnstone, who has for years posed an entirely phoney 'opposition' to the Communist Party leadership, was delighted with this evaluation, using it against the Socialist Labour League: 'The Workers Press claims I am a right-winger, but it appears I am now a left-winger', he said.



DUNCAN HALLAS

Johnstone's formulation of the 'British Road' certainly appeared very 'left', with talk of 'breaking the state', 'bringing about a showdown with monopoly capi-talism' and 'establishing democratic working-class control'.

Build-up

This, however, is just cheap phrasemongering and bears no relation to a principled stand.

By refusing to raise the Com-munist Party's and Johnstone's own Stalinist history the IS debaters deliberately and con-sciously built up his credentials a left-winger, and fostered Johnstone's deception.

But Iohnstone remains completely tied to the parliamentary road to socialism, quoting the Chilean model as an example of British Road-type Stalinism in action. 'We won't need Soviets in Britain,' he said, 'why do you need indirect election when direct representation through parliament'...and so on.

Cannot fight

The IS cannot fight the Stalinists because it is seeking opportunistically to manoeuvre with

'left' union leaders on the spot and challenge the leaders of the trade unions to fight the Tories. In fact Roger Protz, the other

Neither side wanted to put the

'state capitalist' speaker in the debate, advocated the formation of rank-and-file 'action committees' to fight the Bill on the ground that the leaders won't do anything anyway.

This line dovetails neatly into the Stalinist position, which is not to criticize the union chiefs and to cover up for all their opportunistic manoeuvres.

The Communist Party's line was neatly put across quite naked by Johnstone's team-mate Tom Bell, newly-elected secretary of the Young Communist League.

Amusing

Bell set the right tone for his philistine contribution with the remark that 'Nothing amuses me more, as a former apprentice in the building trade, than to hear intellectuals shouting from the sidelines telling the working class how to organize'.

It was not clear whether this was a reference to Johnstone or Hallás—in either case it was mis-



ROGER PROTZ

Bell's most revealing utterance, however, which also went un-challenged by the IS speakers, ran as follows: 'We hear a lot

'When are we going to get rid of these outgrown dogmas?

Well, the Communist Party long ago 'got rid of' the 'out-worn dogma' known as Marx-

It physically annihilated the core of Lenin's Bolshevik party in order to do so. The 'state capitalists', too,

have gone a long way down the same theoretical road. Their hostility to Marxism is a

potent force bringing together the IS and the Stalinists, both of whom are enemies of revolution.



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STALINISM'S free protection racket on behalf of the union leaders has sought new fields in the last week.

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

With the calling-off of the power industry work-to-rule, its territory was extended to include union negotiators' chairman Frank Chapple.

This new pitch on the right, however, in no way means shop has been closed on the 'left'.

Chapple's acceptance of the Tory formula 'consideration of the national economic interest' in the terms of reference of the government's Power Court of Inquiry was of course endorsed by-among others-engineering union executive councilman Bob Wright, to whom the 'Star' normally prefers to be friendly.

Problem

A knotty problem for some 'Star' leader writer!

'Many power workers', editorialized Tuesday's 'Morning Star', 'will feel a sense of letdown because their representatives have accepted this Tory condition despite their opposi-

Which only goes to show that the faster the union chiefs retreat, the more pathetic become the Communist Party's desperate attempts to channel away criticism of them

Best efforts are still reserved for old clients, however.

Saturday's 'Star' headlined as 'Unions support pay moves by three million' a story which was forced to touch, faintly at least, on what Workers Press had reported the previous day: the OPPOSITION of 'lefts' Hugh Scanlon and Jack Jones to submission of an interim engineering-industry pay claim before expiry of the present agreement.

The 'Star' omitted to mention Scanlon's position just as it did when he opposed on identical grounds an interim-claim resolu-tion at the April 1969 AEU National Committee meeting.

Hotter

potato at last April's National Committee, when a call for the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions to lodge a £3 'no strings' interim claim received 26 votes for and 26

In such circumstances, the 'Star' had to report Scanlon's last-minute intervention against the resolution—but buried it in in the eleventh column-inch of a report largely devoted to a toothless resolution on equal

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

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Bernard Franks analyses the three-year productivity drive against power workers

ELECTRICITY-supply workers have over the past six years been the target of a systematic government-employer campaign to rationalize the industry.

The aim has been to eliminate thousands of jobs and to get much more work from those employees remaining—to get one man to do two men's work.

At the same time introduction of new systems which are a product of the latest developments in electrical technology are to be used to displace even more workers.

Poland

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reactionary Lynch government in Ireland, with Polish cement arriving just in time to weaken the strike of cement workers

Gomulka's treaty W Germany continues this strategy of collaborating with imperialism while cracking down on all working class and student opposition at home.

This is the real meaning of 'European Security'.

Now the full force of this counter - revolutionary regime is directed against striking workers, not of Spain and Ireland, but Gdansk, Gydnia

The power and scope of the movement is reflected in frantic radio threats against the strikers:

'For all this, sort of barpower and strong, efficient blows are needed.'

While tanks patrolled the streets of Gdansk, militia men were sent into the Cegielski Marine Diesel works the industrial centre of Poznan, more than 100 miles

There had been reports of protests against the price increases there also.

Poznan was the scene of strikes and bloody fighting in the 1956 movement against the ultra-Stalinist regime which made way for Gomulka so - called

Now its workers are on the move again—only this time against the leader who betrayed all their aspirations,

Six people were killed and many injured in two days of serious street clashes, the official Polish news agency PAP reported yesterday.

INDIES university students occupied the administration building in Port of Trinidad Black Power leader Carl Blackwood being stopped from entering the country after attempting to attend a conference in St Lucia. He was banned from there and from Antigua.

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is because they can build on the foundations laid by the Labour government. Prior to 1963 no form of

modern productivity system was being operated in the in-1964-1965 the notorious 'status' agreements were introduced—with the full backing of the union con-

In theory these deals were to raise the status of all power workers to that of salaried staff. In practice they were an attack on the existing status of the industrial grades by breaking down in the name of 'flexible and efficient use of manpower'.

Transfers

This included a stepping-up of inter-plant transfers devel-'inter-craft flexand a pooling system for craftsmen's mates.

of jobs and signed an agree-

ment with the employers in 1968 setting out guidelines

for future productivity deals which included the sentence:

'These schemes will involve

arrangements to adjust the

Up to the present time con-

tinuous efforts have been

made to introduce productivity

deals and their associated

methods into every aspect of

Times bank

Use of job-evaluation, time-

study, motion-study and mobility of labour is being

stepped up. Reorganization o

maintenance, for example-

sections-meter reading and

has meant fewer men needed.

ally a work-study data bank will exist which will supply

standard times for every pos-

sible task and action con-

nected with work in the

SYDNEY, DEC 10-When the

Australian Labour Party

showed signs that it was

developing socialist tendencies

some months ago, the party's

Federal Executive quickly went into action with their

demolition hammer and

smashed the state executive.

'left' leaders who held most

of the offices in the state and

replacing them with tame yes-men, highlights the ALP's

complete decadance and its

withdrawal from anything

but an alternative capitalist

party is obvious to advanced

workers. But it is still the

party to which they turn, if

not in active support, at least

at the ballot box.
The Stalinist Communist

Party of Australia has shat-

tered into a number of groups

and somewhere in between.

-pro - Moscow, pro - Peking,

And although wielding

strong influence in some unions the CP probably has no more than 3,000 members

in the whole of the country.

The need is obviously for

a revolutionary party to fight

the opportunists who at pre-sent back the ALP, and to present socialist alternatives

to capitalist measures.

That the ALP is nothing

hinting at socialist policies.

This action of removing the

branch of the

It is expected that eventu-

size of the work force'.

(PIB Report 79.)

The status agreements also set out to cut back on the wage bill by eliminating overtime and to introduce 'stagger patterns' among day workers. These involve working a

five-day week spread over

During the 1965-1968 period the Labour government directly intervened in the affairs of the industry through a series of reports by the Prices and Incomes Board. The Board continually laid heavy emphasis on the need to introduce work-study through-

out electricity supply. All payments were to be tied to bonus schemes regulated by calculations based on stopwatch time studies.

The PIB claimed that the general level of working in the industry was low. Performance was said to be below 65 on the 0-100 performance scale (where 100 equals standard performance).

Speed-up

This meant that workers must speed-up a considerable amount before they could obtain even the smallest bonus payment which was to be paid at 65 on the above

The PIB was quite clear that with new working methods 'some reduction in labour force over and be yond that arising from natural wastage is inevitable'.

The leaders of the unions involved in the industry entirely agreed with the cutback

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

Discuss the proposed draft of the Charter of Basic Rights

SE LONDON: Thursday, December 17, 8 p.m. Artichoke pub, Church St, Camberwell Green.

VEATHER

SCOTLAND, N Ireland and N England will have squally showers, but also sunny intervals, especially in sheltered eastern districts.

It will become generally cloudy in W Scotland and N Ireland with some rain or drizzle and hill fog patches in the evening.

Central and E England will start cloudy with occasional rain, becoming dry with sunny intervals in the afternoon.

W England and Wales will have sunny intervals and showers, but the showers will die out during the afternoon Temperatures generally will

Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Mostly cloudy with some rain in extreme W and N. Dry with frost and fog patches elsewhere. Rather mild in W, but a little colder in

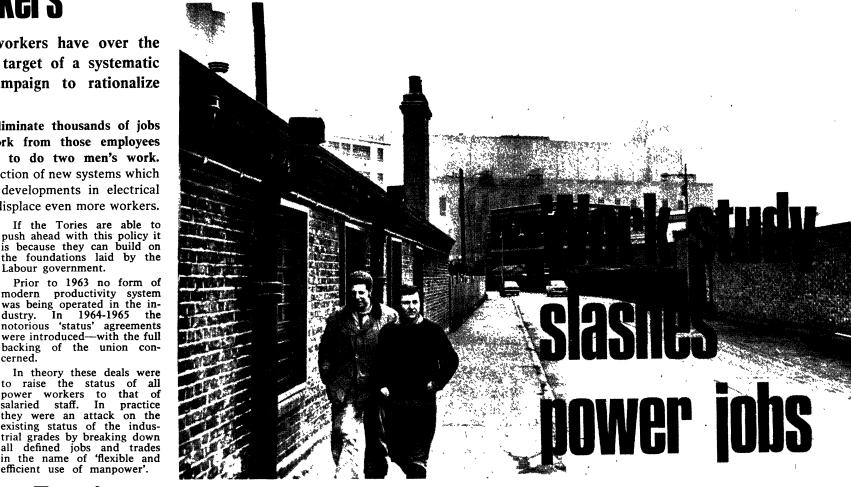
LATE NEWS

... OR ANYONE?

'It would be the easiest thing in the world to call one-day general stoppage but this is not even in the thinking of myself or anyone or the General Council', TUC general secretary Feather said yesterday.

LYNCH WON'T FLINCH Eire Prime Minister Jack Lynch told the Dail yesterday that the government had not taken a decision on whether to introduce internment without trial, but warned that they would not flinch from interning anyone if they had

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FIRST OF TWO ARTICLES **CONTINUED TOMORROW**

The PIB commented: 'The All supply employees will implication of this sentence be expected to enthuse over is that improved performance winter working of standard should lead to a decrease in the number of men required times set in ideal conditions any given work load.'

The electrical union leadership have been particularly

For example, 'Contact' of March this year purports to show how relaxation allowmade to workers are based on a number of factors including energy motions, posture, eye atten-

OVER the three-year period up to the present the power supply industry labour force has been reduced by 25,000. The total number of employees in the industry in England and Wales on March 31, 1970 was 196,962. This is 11,205 or 5.4 per cent fewer than March 31, 1969.

avid in their enthusiasm for work-study. Supply-shop stewards have been sent to the union's college at Esher for work - study 'appreciation' courses. The union's journal has carried explanatory articles work-study.

tion and atmospheric conditions.

The article explained that allowances are also given for personal needs and gave 'Toilet requirements including washing hands, wiping



Power workers demanding £10 outside pay talks.

Australian

In common with the working class of the industrial western nations Australians have come through a period of capitalist stability.

Although there is growing militancy in the demand for pay increases, the mass consciousness has still not gone beyond economic demands.

Australia with its vast supply mineral wealth is the recipient of investments from imperialist nations like the United States, Japan and

Capitalism can still afford to make concessions to its workers and, under present conditions, it would be an illusion to think that the working class is in a revolutionary mood. Over the years revolutionaries have worked within the

trade union movement, the

ALP and the Communist

Party, but it is the battle in

Victorian ALP that is

understandably providing a focal point for the socialists. To see all those who are fighting for socialist principles revolutionaries would be misleading.

Many are mere 'left talkers' and others feel that with a bit of shoving in the right places the ALP will fight for workers' demands. But what is important is

that the party workers in Victoria flocked to the support of the state executive before it was axed by the

Federal Party.

In the short term the Federal leaders, by devious manoeuvres, were able to oust their opposition. But the battle is by no means over.

Unions form the hard core of the state branch and this week officials representing 30 unions recommended that the new Victoria branch to be

PAR AVION

BY AIR MAIL



established next year should have a 60 per cent voting control for the unions.

George Crawford national secretary of the Plumbers' Union, and former president of the dismissed Victorian ALP executive, warned the party this week that 'unity for unity's sake' had now come to an end and the Federal leaders would in future have to earn any support they wanted from the Victorian left — although exactly what he meant by this was not spelled out.

thousands of workers

Charter can rally

FACED with a fundamental Tory attack on every right they possess, workers are being expected to kow-tow to the most abject parliamentarism from the Labour leaders.

Add to this the treacherous yesterday's meeting of Trades Union Congress chiefs and you have the context for today's contributions to the pre-conference discussion on the draft Charter of Basic Rights.

Saturday's Birmingham All Trades Unions Alliance conference, at which the draft will be fully discussed and amended, can be a rallyingpoint for many thousands of

A campaign to force the union leaders to fight the Tories must be built around the Charter; in this way we can then make it, as one of today's contributors ments, 'a political Bill'.

PRINTWORKER FREDERICK FOLLEY is deputy father of his union chapel at a London blockmakers. Married with one daughter, he here discusses the impact of the Tory offensive and his attitude to the Charter:

FIRST LET me say that I am absolutely against the Tory Industrial Relations Bill, in all its forms. If successful it will put the working class back 50 years—as our union hand-out says 'the only right you'll have left under the Tories is to get maimed at

I think the teenagers won't stand for this Bill, although they don't know what it was like in the 1930s. You see they won't stand for what my mother and father stood for, but they don't realize yet what the Tories can do. I think there's no room today for a

sweat from brow, blowing

Union officials hotly deny

that there is anything fund-

amentally inhuman or degrading about the use of microtiming.

Inefficiency

Workers who complain are

told that problems have arisen

through bad communications,

bad application or inefficient

management-not because the

methods are solely geared to

increasing exploitation. A not-

so-keen view, reported in 'Contact', was from a supply-

shop steward. In answer to

put in it wasn't too bad, but now there seems to be trouble.

I think it is something to do

with the timing. When for

one period you get a 95 per-

formance they think we will

'Not true, we can't do it,

even when they pose another

station against us and say they can do it—WHY CAN'T

YOU? We can't always do it.

tain 95 you've got to go at

'WHY IS THIS?—AFTER ALL 95 is not 100, IT'S NOT EVEN STANDARD PER-

'Well, we will never reach

100, it's a physical impossi-

a large amount of unmeasured work which is paid at 75, and we just cannot make 100.'

not the only one in favour of

such methods. The AEF has

its own productivity depart-ment which advises on the im-

plementation of the schemes. The Transport and General Workers' Union also condones

the methods and has pub-

lished a pamphlet on how to

According to the supply bosses the 25,000 jobs cut-

back in the last three years

were achieved through con-

trolling recruitment, natural wastage and redundancy.

sales rose by 5 per cent and

capital expenditure on new plant etc. was £402 million.

the supply industry made an operating profit of £306.1

During the same period

During the year 1969-1970

After deducting interest the

In general, the industry has

It is easy to see how, for

many power workers involved

in the recent action, working

to rule simply meant drop-ping all productivity methods and reverting to doing one

been doubling its size every

ten years.

man's work.

balance of revenue was £64.5

negotiate productivity deals.

The electricians' union is

ility. For one thing we have

'WHY NOT? Well to main-

get it every week.

it and keep at it.

FORMANCE.

'When the scheme was first

questions he explained:

nose, drinking water.'

Tory party. Capitalism has had its day.

I am in full agreement with the Charter of Rights, I think it should be given to the TUC as a basis for them to tell the government that it's this Charter that should be made the Industrial Relations Bill for parliament and their Bill, or any Bill like it should be thrown out.

Their Bill is against any human rights, even the United Nations' Charter—to put a man in prison because wants to strike!.

I feel very strongly about this and I'll tell you why. Did you know Rule 18b? I saw men being released after they'd been in prison being cheered by their mates, I think this Bill wants to take us back those days of Rule 18b.
As Deputy FOC I can go

to prison under this new Bill if I call for strike action, but I've been elected democratically by my chapel mem-bers and if we had something like this Charter it would be our protection.
With this Charter being made a political Bill stronger rights and better conditions than we've got

You see, most people think that the trade union officials are siding with the bosses and that's why this Charter made such a good impression on the people I work with because it was unionists who have the in terests of the working class at heart.

Do you know what I'd call this Charter: the Magna Carta of the working classes; of course, I've read the Magna Carta to see what rights there were in it for the working class.
Our brothers in the USA

have had all this bother with redundancies. I know a bloke in RCA whose factory laid off a load of wor-kers so they could open another factory in Mexico and one in Puerto Rico to get workers at half wages; so you see the workers in other countries are in the same situation, with attacks

from the bosses.

If the Bill becomes law and we let them get away with it, it could be the end of some of the unions and an end to some of the rights in the Charter. We won't be able to strike, but we

need to strike to get some-

thing that is really ours by

I don't think a one-day strike is enough. It's also the opinion of a lot of people around the trade that it should be longer than a day or it just won't be effective. I don't think the CP, or Moscow, really want to bring down the Tories. (Moscow seems to be using the Tories to work with.)

Either the TUC must fight this Bill by calling for a General Strike to bring down the Tories or they must resign to be replaced by a real body of workers. This Bill is a political Bil and must be fought politi-cally. If Mr Vic Feather

says it's not, then he must be waiting for a job on the other side. They've got an enormous building down in Gt Russell St and all I see outside is

enormous Rolls-Royces — it makes me sick!
I think an inefficient firm threatens the rights of wor-kers and should be taken

over by the workers. I think one thing that should be made clear is that all workers should be made co-partners in the firm and have a share in the profits. That is to say that eventually in all the large industries the workers should take over, national-

ize them under workers' control this time without compensation (just pay them what they originally paid out).

I agree with what you say in the last part of the Charter about building a new leadership in the unions.



BRINSLEY BROWN (above), a member of the Furniture Trade Operatives' Hammersmith branch, was one of the London limb-makers recently witchhunted viciously by the Fleet St press during their nine-week strike. Here he uses the Workers Press to give his views:

WHAT the Tories are proposing in their Industrial Relations Bill hits at fundamental working-class rights and must be fought in every possible way. I'm in agreement with the Charter as it is, and while would like to see some additions, I don't find much need for amendments as it stands. Wage increases should in

my view always go up with profits. Unless this is done profits will always be in the hands of the company directors and management The Tories' intention is

to make the working class Ultimately, the result of

this will be a form of slave labour.

This policy of the Tories is no different to the days when child labour was one of the means to increase productivity and exploit the working class.

Capitalistic anarchy will prevail if the working class going to be restricted in their right to strike.

The workers are already affected by the loss of their income and threats that they will lose their jobs. To add to these legal penalties is

We definitely need to press forward our own Charter in every manner possible.

lated social security and, as

George Bibby told me in St

Helens this week, 'it's hard to be patient when you have no

money and a family to-keep'.

All workers must come to the aid of the victimized glass workers and follow the ex-

This is not a plea for sym-

pathy for an isolated group of

ample of the Hull dockers.

Glassmen

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information on a number of sacked glass workers. He claims he was told that the men were good workers, but on no account should be allowed to work with other

Pit job Rank - and - file committee member George Bibby applied for a job at Parkside colliery he worked as a miner in 1968 before he started at

the glass factories. He was told that there has been such a great response to the Coal Board campaign to attract labour into the industry that there were no But again the Coal Board

continue to advertise for men at Parkside and especially for ex-miners like Mr Bibby Other approaches to Ford, Vauxhall and Standard-Triumph on Merseyside have been turned down by respective managements.

The men are still determined to fight on for the right to work and the right to strike, but after Christmas they lose their earnings-reworkers in the North. As Gerry Caughey, chairman of the rank-and-file committee, told the Workers Press: Campaign 'More workers will face our plight under this government. St Helens will become the whole of Britain if a great

campaign to stop all employers

destroying the basic rights of

workers is not launched.

'I have to fight against a feeling of self-pity each day; we must realize clearly what the Tories want and how they will get it, and there can be no greater example than what has happened to us all at

 Donations and news of support for the rank and file should be sent to Pilkington's Rank and File, 19 Greenfield Rd, St Helens, Lancashire.

protests from their course of

destroying the nationalized industries and taking away

the hard won rights of the

leaders must be forced to make January 12 the begin-

This is why the trade union

● FROM PAGE ONE mented: 'Rio Tinto isn't here

for its health . . . It is non-sense to consider this (the test boring) in isolation from future development'. EVERY day brings fresh confirmation that the Tories can-not be driven back by

ning of a General Strike to force the Tories to resign. The nationalized industries and the rights of its workers can be defended in no other

working class.

Air offer 'silly' says Cousins

A UNION officer yesterday warned that the airport staffs' work-to-rule will be intensified if the employers' 4½-percent offer is not improved

John Cousins, national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' aviation section, referred to the offer

as 'silly'. The unions, representing 42,000 British airport and airline workers, are demanding a 7-per-cent cost-of-living rise plus an additional increase.

As the work-to-rule and

overtime ban entered its third day, British European Airways announced that they were limiting exports to priority cargoes—such as perishables and medical equipment—as a backlog of freight began building up in the cargo centre.
The airline has also called a

12-hour halt on imports and the post office has held up all mail, due to be delivered abroad by BEA.

Caledonian - BUA passenger flights were delayed by an average of an hour.