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General Election: Osborne

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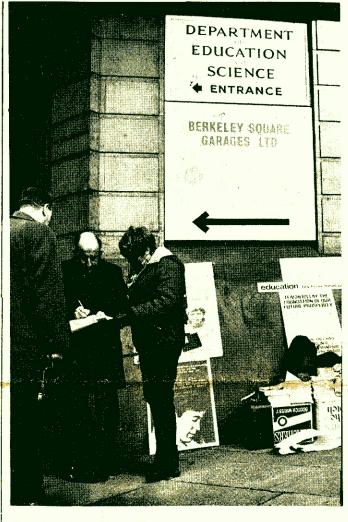
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L.B.J.'s son-in-

MARINE corps Major Charles

Robb said in Las Vegas yesterday that he had no personal

Robb's statement arose out

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Monday, December 8, 8 p.m.

The Cornwallis Building

**University of Canterbury** 

LIVERPOOL

Sunday, December 14, 7.30 p.m.

Shaftesbury Hotel, Mount Pleasant

SHEFFIELD

Sunday December 21, 7.30 p.m.

**Industries Exhibition Centre** 

Carver Street (behind City Hall)

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# Wilson's friends

IF one lesson emerges from the refusal of the left MPs to to throw Brown out of deputy leadership of the Labour Party after his remarks on the 'Pinkville' massacre it is surely this:

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1967 Middle East war, Heffer, together with other Labour MPs, rushed off to Israel on a fact-finding tour, the sole purpose of which was to cover up the hideous reality of Israeli treatment of Palestinian Arabs in the Gaza Strip and the left bank of the Jordan.

the 'Tribune' in glowing terms of the Zionist policies in the occupied territories and praised the insouciance of people like General Allon.

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Immediately after the June

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Railway police searched the
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Trades Council and a Communist Party member.

Many delegates, however, were angry that no resolution had been put down for the agenda on Vietnam whilst a lot of time was spent in discussing the acoustics of the hall for a forthcoming visit of

## General Election: Osborne (C) 19,977, Brumby (Lab) 15,885, Marshall (Lib) 7,222. Tory majority 4,092. BRS STEWARDS TO MEET:

**Briefly** 

TORIES HOLD LOUTH: In

the Louth (Lincs.) by-election, Mr Jeffrey Archer, 30-year-old Public Relations man, in-creased the Tory General Election majority by 6,635.

The result was:
J. Archer (C) 16,317.
B. Briggs (Lab) 5,590.
J. Adam (Lib) 5,003.
Sir G. Fitzgerald (Dem) 1,225. Tory majority 10,727.

British Road Services (Parcels) drivers' and loaders' shop stewards will meet on Monday to discuss their union leaders recommendation to accept the management's latest offer of a £1 increase on the basic wage.
Stewards representing 22,500 workers will have meetings in London, Glasgow and Man-

chester to decide whether to continue their strike for £4-aweek more on the basic wage. The management has said that any increase over the £1 offered will only be given in return for productivity con-cessions, but the strikers are determined to win their claim

The latest betting odds are: 9-4 on Conservatives and 5-4 against Labour.

CONTAINER MISSING:

Police are uncertain whether the freightliner container

loaded with cigarettes valued

at about £100,000, which vanished in London yesterday, was stolen or just mislaid.

## Wilson's friends without strings. BETTING ON TORIES:

of 2-1 on.

IF one lesson emerges from the refusal of the left MPs to Bookmaker William Hill has reported strong expectations for the Tories to win the next to throw Brown out of deputy leadership of the Labour Party after his remarks on the 'Pinkville' massacre it is general election.

Among the bets laid yestersurely this: day was one of £4,000 at odds

are our enemies

Those who refuse to fight Wilson and actively support the Vietnamese are also those who will fight actively against the British workers when they take the road to power in this country.

The 'left' MPs, like Heffer in particular, must be treated with the greatest suspicion and distrust

Immediately after the June 1967 Middle East war, Heffer together with other Labour MPs, rushed off to Israel on a fact-finding tour, the sole purpose of which was to cover up the hideous reality of Israeli treatment of Palestinian Arabs in the Gaza Strip and the left bank of the Jordan.

#### Glowing terms

He returned and wrote in the 'Tribune' in glowing terms of the Zionist policies in the occupied territories and praised the insouciance of people like General Allon.

When Hodgkin recently revealed in 'The Times'—and he has been backed by Amnesty International and dozens of other sources—the brutal tor-tures and harrassment of Palestinians carried out by the Zionist oppressors in Gaza and elsewhere, Mr Heffer was one of the first-together with the Tories—to protest that all this was untrue.

An MP who is ready to defend the crimes of Zionist imperialism in this servile and

**GREET** 

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See the film of the first issue being prepared and

printed and the film 'Young Socialists, 1969'

**CANTERBURY** 

Monday, December 8, 8 p.m.

The Cornwallis Building

**University of Canterbury** 

**LIVERPOOL** 

Sunday, December 14, 7.30 p.m.

Shaftesbury Hotel, Mount Pleasant

SHEFFIELD

Sunday December 21, 7.30 p.m.

**Industries Exhibition Centre** 

**Carver Street (behind City Hall)** 

MIKE BANDA (Editor of Workers' Press)

SHEILA TORRANCE (National Secretary of the

Young Socialists)

Speakers a.

#### BY MICHAEL BANDA

shameful way must be questioned by the working class. If, today, he is willing to defend and even embellish the ● PAGE 4 COL. 4 →

MARINE corps Major Charles Robb said in Las Vegas yesterday that he had no personal knowledge of any atrocities committed by members of his company against South Vietnam civilians.

Robb's statement arose out of a charge made by the Washington journalist Jack Anderson that, according to the testimony of four marines, members of Robb's company had committed atrocities against civilians. Major Robb said he thought

the news media would apprethat he would be 'especially sensitive to any-thing like this happening in his unit'.

Robb has good reason to ask for sympathetic treatment

from the press.
His father-in-law was also involved in US atrocities. His name? L. B. Johnson!

#### The container disappeared from King's Cross station between 3 am and 6 am yesterday morning. Railway police searched the York Way sidings to see if the container had been shunted into the wrong siding. N.L.F. PROPOSES TRUCES:

The National Liberation Front said yesterday on 'Liberation Radio' that they would observe three-day truces at both Christmas and the New Year.

This follows Thursday's announcements by the South Vietnamese government and the US army of one-day truces at the same times. Both the National Liberation

Front ceasefires will overlap the 24-hour truces which will start at 6 pm on Christmas eve and New Year's eve.

#### 800 STRIKE IN WALES: 800 workers at Ferranti Meters. Bangor, North Wales, came out on strike yesterday morn-

factory gates. The men are demanding the reinstatement of eight workers, including one shop steward, who have been sacked. The management said that the workers are 'unsuit-

ing and put pickets on the

The strikers allege that they have been sacked because of their militancy.

#### WEATHER FOR 24 HOURS FROM

FRIDAY NOON London area, SE and central

southern England, E and W Midlands: Sunny intervals and snow showers tomorrow. Wind SE to E, moderate or fresh, decreasing, light to-morrow. Very cold. Maximum 2C (36F). Frost tonight.

SW England: Periods of snow, heavy in places, but rain or sleet in Cornwall. Wind southerly, backing easterly, fresh or strong. Very cold. Maximum 3C (37F). Channel Islands: Periods of rain or snow. Wind S backing SE, fresh or strong. Very cold. Maximum 4C (39F).

NW and central northern England, Glasgow area: Bright with snow showers tomorrow. Wind mainly SE, fresh, falling light. Very cold. Maximum 3C (37F). Frost tonight.

Edinburgh: Sunny intervals and showers of sleet or snow. Wind mainly southerly, moderate or fresh. Cold. Maximum

4C (39F). Frost tonight. Northern Ireland: Rain sleet at first then brighter with showers. Wind N to NW, moderate or fresh, locally strong. Less cold. Maximum 6C (43F).

Outlook for 48 hours: Cold in most places, with snow at times chiefly in the N and E.

WE, the signatories of this letter, turn to you with words of deep alarm over the destiny and honour of our country.

In the last few years the menacing symptoms of a return of Stalinism have multiplied. This is particularly evident in the proliferation of trials of men who have dared defend their dignity and their liberty, who have dared to protest. These are the most terrible fruits of our epoch.

Of course, the repression hasn't reached the level of earlier years.

But we have ample reason to fear that among the leadership of the state and the Party there is a nostalgic group who want to reverse the course of our development.

If we allow this to continue, we will have no guarantee that the year 1937 will not

It will be a long time before we see Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuri Daniel again; they are condemned to long years of suffering because they dared write what they thought to be true.

Young people like Viktor Khusatov and Vladimir Bukovsky were torn away from their normal lives for three years. Their only 'crime' was having publicly expressed their disagreement with the Draconian laws and repressive measures which once again ravage our country.

#### Illegality

The kangaroo court which tried them is a model of cynical illegality and falsifica-

The recent trial of Ginsburg and his comrades surpassed all limits in its scorn for human rights.

Vyshinsky<sup>1</sup> himself would have envied the organization of this trial.

He, at least, extorted confessions from the accused and statements from witnesses. Procuror Terekhov and Judge Mironov did not even feel the need to go through the empty formality of presenting proof.

Yuri Galanskov, physically a very sick man, was sentenced to seven years of hard labour. The sole and very fragile proof of his guilt was the deposition of an ignoble coward named Dobrovolsky.

Alexander Ginsburg was sentenced to five years hard labour in spite of the statements of witnesses and the most obvious

Even the life of Alexis Dobrovolsky, who played the sinister role of a Kostomarov<sup>2</sup> at this trial



Bukharin: Accused at the third Moscow Trial of espionage and putting broken glass in workers'

has even the shadow of a conscience, his 30 pieces of silver will be far from sufficient recompense for the contempt and rejection that await this slanderer.

Our organs of repression bear the heaviest responsibility for the moral mutilation of Dobrovolsky, now marked as a scoundrel who has destroyed and slandered his comrades out of vile self-interest.

Vera Lashkova<sup>3</sup> was guilty of having typed texts which the court considered criminal.

#### Similar crimes

And under the prevailing conditions in our country, as exemplified by the cases of others sentenced for similar crimes (L. Rendel, A. Marchenko and others), she will pay dearly for this offence. Her conviction will be marked in her passport and she will lose the right to live and study in Moscow.

The atmosphere surrounding the court was another link in the chain of illegality.

The official services shamefully lied to the Western Communist press. On the first day of the trial it was announced that its date had not yet been fixed.

Asked about it a few days

l Ex-White Guard and Menshevik; prosecutor under Stalin. 2 A militant in the time of Alexander II who betrayed his comrades when arrested by the

3 Lashkova typed the 'White Book on the Sinyavsky-Daniel Case' written by Ginsburg.



Yuri Daniel: Imprisoned for saying what he thought to be true.



Andrei Sinyavsky: Condemned to long years of suffering.



Pavil Litvinov: Wrote letter of protest about Ginsburg trial.



Alexander Ginsburg: Sentenced to five years hard labour.



Yuri Galanskov: Very sick man, sentenced to seven years.

# owards a return o Stalinism?

## A letter to leaders of art, science and culture in the Soviet Union by Piotr Yakir, Yuli Kim and I. Gabai

before the trial, the Deputy Chairman of the Moscow Municipal Court, Mironov, said that the court had not yet been informed of the case.

People who tried to enter the courtroom were subjected to brutal blackmail and contemptuous treatment: they were photographed, continuously spied on, their papers were checked, their conversation was recorded . . . and this is far from a complete list of the honourable deeds that marked the memorable days

of the Ginsburg trial. Without a doubt the most frightening thing about it was the number of young people (boys and girls) among the police spies; they spied instead of studying, they denounced instead of trying to grasp and understand, and, from the KGB's point of view, their work as informers was the epitome of youthful morality in contrast to Ginsburg's 'immorality'-Ginsburg who dared to intervene in favour of men convicted although innocent.

You are, of course, familiar with Larissa Bogoraz-Daniel's and Pavel Litvinov's letter. With full responsibility we declare that not only is every line of that letter true, but it is only a small part of the truth about the outrages and mockery of which the accused were victims.

Savage cries
The organization of the trial and the conduct of the judge, whose job it is to be absolutely impartial, in fact deprived the accused of the right to defend themselves and the savage cries of the 'public' created an unbearable climate of hostility for them.

In the public gallery people read the newspaper or slept, only waking up to demand a severer sentence.

The authorities once again organized a so-called 'public trial' by exploiting the vilest characteristics of specially chosen yes-men endowed with a solid indifference to the fate of others and too blind to worry about informing themselves or analysing the facts.

While in the public gallery the hysterical goodwives and Black Hundreds slept or in-



Theodorakis: Greek composes imprisoned by the military junta.

sulted the accused, in the corridor, and later outside in the cold, the real public milled around; friends and relatives of the accused were there, but the majority were people who didn't know them, but wanted to discover the truth—writers, students, teachers.

#### **Falsifications**

Our newspapers concocted a series of falsifications either based purely and lies or they presented carefully selected facts designed to mislead uninformed people.

The naive hopes for a purification of our public life that we nourished after the decisions of the 20th and 22nd Congresses have not borne

Stalinism is being restored slowly but surely. This process is fundamentally supported by our passivity, by our too short memory and

by the basic truth that we are used to an absence of freedom. Here are some signs of the rebirth of Stalinism in recent years.

The name of J. V. Stalin has been cited by the



'We still hear the long list of wrecking activities organized by the man who was People's Commissar for Armed Forces and chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council, L. D. Trotsky.'

Those who pretend to the role of ideological mentors have something very important:

'It is essential to take not single facts, but the whole complex of facts bearing upon the question under examination, without a single exception, since otherwise the suspicion and a wholly justified suspicion -inevitably arises that instead of an objective nexus and interrelationship . . . a subjective concoction is perhaps being offered for the justification of a dirty business. That, after all, occurs . . . more often than it would seem.'

These are the words of V. I. Lenin.

The pogrom against intellectuals is only the logical outcome of the atmosphere that has prevailed for several years in our country.

highest authorities in a completely positive way. The newspapers have drawn attention to the applause that has greeted

## **Justify conduct**

They have neglected to mention that this applause comes from people who servilely wish to serve 'strong' men, from people who want to justify their own conduct in the not too distant past or from people rotten with remnants of perverted nationalist sentiments.

For how long was it necessary to corrupt human nature to the extent that men could applaud the murderer of hundreds of thousands people and the organizer of tortures and torments?

2 The reappearance of Stalin's name could be explained by a wish to treat history objectively. An objective attitude towards a hangman is a fact of moral pathology of course, but still it could be understood.

But objectivity doesn't yet allow the truth to be told about the political leaders of the first decade of Soviet

It would after all be poslimits of internal Party discussion, to honestly say of some individuals that they did not engage in any espionage and that they did not put broken glass in food.

It would also be possible to explain what they did while they held important posts.

But we are still crushed under the great deeds of Stalin when he was People's Commissar for National Minorities and under the long list of wrecking activities organized by the man who was then People's Commissar for the Armed Forces and Chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council, L. D. Trotsky.

As a result, the term 'cult of the individual' has been banned. Literary and historic works in which Stalin and the crimes of the Stalinist period are criticized, are refused or not printed, even if they're already set in type (the memoirs of B. Vannikov, L. Slavin's book on Marshall Yegorov, the front-line memoirs of C. Simokov, the memoirs of Y. Ginsburg and many others).

#### Recommended

This has gone so far that the powerful ideological official Fedoseyev has recommended that we don't use the term 'cult of the individual', except in reference to the Latin American dictators and Mao Tse-tung.

4 To this day no democratic principle has been put into practice. The literary or artistic tastes of the parasites is still the law for writers, artists, publishers, readers and

Films that would be a credit to us rot in the cinema archives; marvellous paintings lie in studios and tiny attics.

In literature there is only room for the shabby works of the Kozhetovs and Smirnovsabove all those works which glorify Stalin—and only a privileged few have been able to read Solzhenitsyn's 'Cancer Ward'.

The attempts to stop what is called 'Samizdat', or uncensored literature, is doomed

to fail. If there had not been a

'Samizdat' in Russian literature we would have lost Radischev's novel, Griboedov's play 'Woe Wit', and numerous From poems by Pushkin. Even today the interest

shown by a series of readers

in unpublished works will preserve the truth about the thought and creative spirit of our contemporaries for better

There is nothing the parasites can do about it: the Zhdanovs pass into oblivion and the work of the Akhmatovas conquers generation after generation4.

Understanding this, the organs of repression will continue to resort to outright forgeries, as in the case of the absurd attempt to associate Ginsburg, editor of the White Book on the Sinyavsky-Daniel Trial, with the NTS emigré organization.5

In the humanist sciences simplistic and pernicious diktats of political opportunism still reign.

The seeker who strays from the truth condemns himself to death but our historians, our philosophers and our economists are now obliged to do this every day. If, by some chance, a bit of the truth finds its way into print, the authors of it are persecuted. There are many famous examples of this.

The Crimean Tartars have just been rehabilitated. But the Soviet public knows little about this as it knows little about this people, victims of a monstrous crime, who still cannot return to its homeland. The Crimean Tartars who try to do so are sent back or subjected to various repressive measures.

But most degrading is the constant surveillance in all its forms that has become an integral part of the daily life of many Soviet citizens.

We have cited only a few examples of our public life

## Silent complicity

Once more we remind you: silent complicity with the Stalinists and the bureaucrats who deceive our people and with the leadership that stifle every sign, every complaint and every protest, leads logically to the worst result illegal reprisals against human

It is under these conditions that we appeal to you as creative labourers in whom our nation places unlimited confidence. Raise your voices

4 Akhmatova was condemned by a decree of the Central Com-mittee of the CPSU in 1946. This decree was drawn up by Zhdanov. 5 A White-Russian, pro-Nazi organization which publishes numerous documents of the communist opposition for provocative

against the imminent danger of the appearance of new Stalins and new Yezhovs.6

The fate of the future Vavilovs and Mandelshtams' is on your conscience.

You are the heirs of the great humanist traditions of the Russian intelligentsia.

You have before you the courageous example of the progressive intelligentsia of the

We understand very well that you are in conditions that require an act of courage on your part every time you are called upon to fulfill your

duties as citizens. But in the end there is no other choice: either courage or cowardly complicity with infamous actions; either the acceptance of risks or an alliance with the Vasilevs and Kedrins; either sacrifice or



Yezhov: Stalin's police chief responsible for the purges.

joining the ranks of the yellow hack journalists who dirty the columns of 'Izvestia' and 'Komsomolskaya Pravda' and who consider it morally justifiable to publicly slander the men they help to condemn.

We only want one thing: that our people have the moral right to protest against the imprisonment of Theodo-

reasons. It receives these documents from the KGB via the CIA.

rakis<sup>8</sup> for six months. We remind you again: men who have dared to think lie in hard labour camps.

The silence of each one of you will be one more step towards the trial of another Daniel or another Ginsburg. Then slowly, with your silent consent, a new 1937 will advance.

6 Yezhov: Stalin's police chief responsible for purges.

7 Mandelshtam: Soviet poet deported in 1937 who went mad and then died in a Siberian camp. 8 Greek composer imprisoned by the Colonels.

MARK ZBOROWSKI (as he spells his name, in the Polish fashion), the original of 'Etienne', the Stalinist agent mentioned in your review of the book by Ignace Reiss's widow, is co-author of a book called 'Life Is With People'.

The book is an 'anthropological' study of life, in the 'Fiddler On The Roof' period, in the small towns of the western provinces of the Russian Empire which had a largely or even mainly Jewish population.

**Z**borowski comes from Uman, and the book is written out of his own experience.

The point is worth making because Zionist propaganda has had considerable success in presenting the image of Jews as always and everywhere victims of Stalinism.

In reality, of course, not only were there Jews like Kaganovich and Mekhlis among Stalin's right-hand-men, and chief executives in his 'purges' (not to mention men like Berman and Minc in Poland, and Rakosi, Gero and Farkas in Hungary), but Jews were active at lower levels of the Stalinist terror apparatus. Indeed, they still are. The letter from Zinaida Grigorenko you recently published gave the names of the two military judges who 'dealt with' her husband's case: one of them

was called Kantorov.
Whenever a Jewish name appears among the victims of repression in Russia, the Zionist-influenced press makes sure everybody notices it.

The same task is not performed in relation to Jewish members of the terror appara-The reason of course is

simple. For Zionism it essential that 'world public opinion' should see 'the Jew' always and everywhere as the oppressed victim. Not only does this facilitate

the myth of 'poor little Israel', it also fosters the idea that there can be no future for 'the Jews' in the Soviet Union, and the only hopeful prospect before Russian Jews is emigration—to Israel of course!

As there is obviously no prospect of Israel getting the

'European-type' Jews, its rulers feel the need of, by way of from Britain. emigration France or America, Russia and Eastern Europe generally are the countries they concentrate

The hope—Ha-Tikvah!— of the Zionists today appears to be that, as a result of their ceaseless propaganda and agitation, a 'package deal' between the United States and the Soviet Union in the not too distant future may include the deportation of a million or two Jews from Russia and Eastern Europe to

Then the next move can be a campaign to prepare world opinion for further expansion of Israel, in order to provide

'living space' for these im-

migrants. Having already reached the Nile, the Zionists now need to press on with their drive to the Euphrates, to complete their recreation of the empire of Solomon.

Yours fraternally,

Brian Pearce

COMMENT COMRADE Pearce makes a telling point against the Zionists, but unfortunately his letter leaves unanswered the question: does the bureaucracy use anti-Semitism as an instrument of policy inside the USSR and even Eastern Europe? In our opinion it

Editor.

# CS gas in Londonderry

Dear Editor,

THE SILENCE with which the Himsworth Report on the use of the control agent CS in Londonderry by the Royal Ulster Constabulary has been

received is disturbing. The Himsworth Report, compiled by eminent members of the medical profession, including the Chairman of the Chemical Defence Advisory Board, gives CS a clean bill of health. No serious medical effects of its use are discovered.

Abandoning any pretext of scientific objectivity, the Committee frames its judgements in a legalistic language which implies a presumption of the innocence of CS.

First-hand reports from persons exposed to CS are treated sceptically as 'allegations', whereas official statements are accepted as 'facts'.

In the absence of biochemical tests which would be the only means of establishing whether or not reported effects were caused by CS, the Committee's presumption permits them to deny or dismiss the belief that CS was responsible for bronchitic and asthmatic attacks, 60 to 100 cases of diarrhoea and several cases of loss of consciousness.

The Home Office inquiry did not consider it within its terms of reference to consider the justification for the use of gas, the weather conditions in which it was used, or the degree to which it affected plainly innocent persons.

Since the report was published, CS has been used against strikers in Nigeria and anti-war demonstrators in Washington with very little

public reaction. It is not difficult to foresee that this Home Office-Porton report will be used to legitimise all future action with CS in Britain against demonstrations and is a threat to the right of free demonstration in

every sphere. The purpose of anti-personnel weapons is to get politics off the streets and back into the corridors of power, where they can be contained

safely by bureaucracy.

Can the left unite to campaign for the prevention of such weapons?

Yours fraternally,

Chris Farley, Ken Coates, Russell Stetler.

# Palestine and the Arab revolution

THE ISRAELI Defence Minister. Moshe Dayan. has once again added a new phrase to the Hebrew political vocabulary.

His previous contribution, made shortly after the June 1967 war, was in reference to his expansionist policy, when he used the phrase 'Merhav lehya'—living space, or as Hitler used to say 'lebensraum'.

Dayan's latest contribution to Zionist political jargon is 'haanasha svivavit' - neighbourhood punishment, the phrase he used recently when declaring the official policy of the Israeli occupation forces from now on: collective 'punishment' of Arab villages or districts for resistance activities.

#### Pretext

Previously, when Arab houses were destroyed the pretext was that the occupants had assisted the guerrillas. From now on, it will be enough that they have not collaborated actively with the occupation forces, by giving information, etc.

General Barlev has said that if there are incidents in Bedouin areas, the whole tribe will be punished. In Hebron at the beginning of November, 'neighbourhood punishment' was implemented: following a grenade attack on a military vehicle, Israeli troops seized 26 shops on the main street.

Some Israeli government members are said to be annoyed about Dayan's policy statement; Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, among them.

Eban is shortly to visit the United States. Presumably his objection is that Dayan's bellicosity does not help Zionist diplomacy. It can hardly be on humanitarian grounds, since the policy that Dayan declared official has already been ap-

**B.B.C.-1** 

10.00 a.m. Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.30-11.00 Wie Bitte? 12

noon Weatherman. 12.05 p.m. Casey Jones. 12.25 Zokko! 12.45

6.05 News and Weatherman.

6.15 Simon Dee. 6.45 Dixon of Dock Green. 7.30 The Morecambe and Wise

8.15 High Adventure: "Twilight of the Gods' with Rock Hudson, Cyd Charisse. Skipper of an ancient brigantine fights

All regions as BBC-1 except at the following times:

Midlands and East Anglia, South and West: 12.07 a.m. Weather.

North of England: 12.07 a.m. News

Scotland: 5.00-5.15 p.m. Sportsreel. 10.25-11.10 Sportsreel. 11.10-11.55 One Over The Eight, Weather.

Grandstand. 5.15 Star Trek.

modern competition.
10.10 News and Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day.

12.05 a.m. Weatherman.

11.25 Braden's Week.

**SATURDAY** 

### BY CHARLES PARKINS

plied. It was only the declaration that was new.

On October 25, Israeli forces destroyed some 20 houses in the village of Halhul, for alleged assistance given by the villagers to saboteurs. There have been a number of house demolitions carried out in Gaza recently as a 'punishment' for grenade incidents.

'Curfew' tactics have also been widely used as a collective punishment technique.

The village of Beit Sahhur was placed under curfew following rocket attacks from nearby hills on Jerusalem. The curfew was for 22 hours a day, and was enforced for nearly four weeks.



the phrase used by Dayan (above) to describe the official policy of the Israeli occupation

During this time people were not even allowed to open their windows.

During a curfew at Rajah, Israeli troops shot two curfew 'breakers' on November 17. Curfews are now in force in Ramallah, and in Gaza, where an unsuccessful attempt was made on November 16 to assassinate the military governor, Brigadier-General Ben-Meytiv.

Gaza's largest boys' secondary school has been confiscated for military purposes because of demonstrations by pupils.

Wales: 6.15-6.45 p.m. Disc A Dawn.

Northern Ireland: 5.10-5.15 p.m. Sports Results, News Summary. 11.25-11.55 Square One. 12.07 a.m. Weather.

**B.B.C.-2** 

3.00-4.20 p.m. Saturday Cinema: 'Something Money Can't

7.30 Rugby Special: Scotland v. South Africa.

Cameron Country: Back

7.00 News, Sport and Weather. 7.15 Gardeners' World.

to Bikini. The Ice Show.

9.35 Review.
10.25 The First Churchills.

11.10 Line Up.
11.35 News Summary.
11.40 Midnight Movie: 'Town

I.T.V.

11.10 a.m. RAC Road Report.

11.15 Saturday Session: Families Talking. 11.40 'The English Sick-

WEEKEND TELEVISION

The Israeli newspaper, 'Haaretz', on November 14 carried an editorial criticizing Dayan's declaration. It stated:

'Neighbourhood punishment, in fact, amounts to collective punishment. . . .

'The method of "neighbourhood punishment" will strengthen feelings of animosity to Israeli rule. And if as a result of this the saboteurs enjoy increased co-operation in the territories, what shall we do then?'

A good question. Perhaps the answer, so far as Dayan's supporters are concerned, can be inferred from the letter which Mrs Meir sent to Nixon, congratulating him on his November 3 speech which pledged continuation of the Vietnam war.

#### Same course

The Zionists are embarking on the same course as led to the US imperialist murder of Tu Cung village.

The Israeli government is in the same trap as any other occupying, colonial power, oppressing another people. The harsher their repression and the bigger their reprisals, the more the bitterness and determination of their victims grows, and the stronger becomes the

In the past, Zionist propaganda pretended that the Palestinians did not exist. More recently, it has claimed that there is no popular backing for the Arab guerrilla movements.

According to a Zionist pamphlet distributed this summer entitled The Aim of Arab Terrorist Organizations', the Arab guerrillas received 'no aid or comfort from the Arabs in the areas which Israel presently administers. . . .'

'The attempt to equate the aims of Arab terrorists with those of a genuine resistance movement is clearly invalid. They have failed to get any serious support from the Arab

ness': Fact or fiction? 12.05

p.m. Thunderbirds. 12.55 News From ITN. 1.00 World of Sport. 1.05 On The Ball. 1.20 They're

Off! 3.10 International Sports Special. 4.00 Wrestling. 5.00 Results Service. 5.15 Bonanza.

The Saturday Crowd.

7.30 Please Sir! 8.05 'Boys Night Out' with James Garner, Tony Ran-

10.00 News From ITN.
10.10 Saturday Night Theatre:
'Faith and Hilary'. With
Hilary Baker and John
Baron. Written by Julia
Jones. Teenage romance

12 midnight All Our Yester-

All independent channels as London ITV except at following times:

CHANNEL: 12.55 p.m. National News. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 8.05 The Saturday Film: 'The Five

Lancashire boy.

11.10 Frost On Saturday.

days. 12.25 a.m. Left Alone.

dall, Kim Novak and Janet Blair. Comedy.

between coloured girl and

6.10 News From ITN. 6.15 Parkin's Patch.

population of the Israeli-administered areas.'

Maybe these Zionist propagandists can succeed in convincing themselves.

They obviously haven't convinced their own military, who would rather rely on policies like 'neighbourhood punish-

Maybe the Zionist politicians feel better if they say 'administered areas' instead of occupied areas. The officers, however, being closer to reality, know that they are an army of occupation with the job of crushing the Arab population.

Moshe Dayan is a realist. There has been a division of labour within the Zionist movement between 'realists' like Dayan, carrying out their dirty work of aggression, and 'idealists' like Eshkol and Meir who pretended that reality, the Palestinian Arabs, did not

When Eshkol was asked by the American magazine 'Newsweek' about the Palestinians he answered:

'What are the Palestinians? When I first came, there were some 250,000 non-Jews here: mainly Arabs and Bedouins. It was a desert; more than underdeveloped. Nothing.'

#### New state

Dayan, speaking inside Israel, is more honest: 'We came to this country,

which was already populated by Arabs, and we are establishing a Hebrew, that is, a Jewish State here. In considerable areas of the country we bought the land from the Iewish villages were built in the place of Arab villages. You do not even know the names of these Arab villages, and I don't blame you, because these geography books no longer exist. Not only do the books not exist, the Arab villages are not there either. Nahalal [Dayan's own village] arose in the place of Mahlul. Gvat [a kibbutz] in the place of Jibta, Sarid [another kibbutz] in the place of Naneifs, and Kfar Yehoshua in the place of Tel Shaman. There is not one single place built in

SOUTHERN: 12.52 p.m. Regional Weather Forecast. 3.55 Half-Time Round-Up. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15 Michael Miles Quiz. 8.00 The Saturday Film: 'The Pumpkin Eater' with Anne Bancroft, Peter Finch, James Mason. 12 midnight Southern News Extra. 12.05 a.m. Weather.

WESTWARD: 12.25 p.m. All Our Yesterdays, 5.15 Tarzan, 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune, 8.05 The Saturday Film: As Channel, 11.15 Frost On Saturday, 11.55 Faith For Life, 12.01 a.m.

HARLECH: 12.25 p.m. Survival. 3.55 Half-Time Round-Up. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 8.05 Saturday Cinema: 'Something Of Value' with Rock Hudson, Dana Wynter, Sidney Poitier. Friendship between white man and African in Kenya breaks down. 12 midnight Weather.

Harlech (Wales) as above except: 6.45-7.30 Hyd A Lled.

ANGLIA: 12.55 p.m. News. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 8.05 The Big Saturday Film: 'East Side West Side' with James Mason and Barbara Stanwyck. 11.15 Frost Saturday. 12.02 a.m. Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12 noon The English Sickness—Fact or Fiction? 12.25 p.m. All Our Yesterdays, 3.55 Half-Time Round-Up. 5.15 Tarzan. 8.05 The

life — to be prepared and armed, strong and tough. . . .

The Zionists' creation of more refugees, their repression and deportations, only succeed in building up

On another occasion, in 1956, Dayan spoke at Nahal Oz, near Gaza, at the funeral of a kibbutz guard killed by

'Let us not today fling accusations at the murderers. Who are we that we should argue against their hatred?

against them a bigger wall of bitterness and hatred.

'For eight years now, they sit in their refugee camps in Gaza, and before their very eyes, we turn into our homesteads the land and the villages in which they and their forefathers have lived. . . . We are a generation of settlers, and without the steel helmet and the cannon we cannot plant a tree and build a house.

this country that did not have

a former Arab population. . . .'

(Dayan's speech to students at

Haifa Technion, March 1969.)1

infiltrators.

'This is the fate of our generation, the choice of our

1 Speech quoted in 'Israca Information Bulletin', No. 2, June-July, 1969. Published by 'Israeli Revolutionaries Action Committee Abroad'.

ULSTER: 12.55 p.m. News. 5.05 Ulster Sports Results. 5.15 Land Of The Giants. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 8.00 'Summer and Smoke'. 12 midnight

YORKSHIRE: 12.55 p.m. News. 5.15 Cowboy In Africa. 6.15 The Saturday Crowd. 7.00 Please Sirl 7.30 Edgar Wallace. 8.30 "The Fantastic Disappearing Man' with Francis Lederer, Norma Eberhardt, Ray Stricklyn and John Wengraf. Vampires. 12 midnight Weather.

TYNE TEES: 12.55 p.m. News. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.15 Batman. 8.00 Saturday Film: 'The Pumpkin Eater' with Anne Bancroft, Peter Finch, James Mason. 11.55 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. 12.25 am Filippus.

SCOTTISH: 12 noon-12.25 p.m. The English Sickness—Fact or Fiction? 5.15 Cowboy In Africa. 6.15 The Saturday Crowd. 7.00 Please Sir! 7.30 The Saturday Feature: 'Tip On A Dead Jockey' with Robert Taylor, Dorothy Malone. 9.25 Scotsport. 12.08 a.m. Late Call.

GRAMPIAN: 12.12 p.m. Mr Piper. 12.35 Vintage Comics: "Up To Mischief'. 3.55 Half-Time Round-Up. 5.15 Cowboy In Africa. 6.10 News, Highland League Results. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 8.00 Main Feature: "The Inspector'. 11.15 Frost On Saturday.

Dayan has also acknowledged:

. . the fact is that since 1936 all that we achieved was secured through the force of

In contrast with the myths of Zionist propaganda idealism, that 'we only wish to live in peace', etc., Dayan speaks plainly as a brute-force mili-

The future offered by Zionism is war, oppression, and more war.

Zionist colonization created the Palestine conflict. The Zionists bought land from absentee landowners or terrorized Arab farmers into quitting. The Zionist movement opposed the employment of Arab workers.

Everywhere that the Zionists acquired land, the Palestinian Arabs were driven out.

'We want Palestine to be Jewish as England is English,' declared Weizmann.

There had to be Arab resistance to Zionist conquest, and there was resistance.

In 1936 came the Arab general strike, and between 1936 and 1939 there was peasant rebellion throughout the countryside, against Zionist colonization and British rule.

However, the Palestinian masses lacked the leadership they needed for their struggle.

#### **Dominated**

The Palestine Arab community remained dominated by the landowners, who might incite anti-Jewish feeling, but were ready to profit from the sale of land to the Zionists.

The landowning class could not develop the popular struggle, and did not want to break with imperialism.

From 1947 to 1948, Zionist policy, following the United Nations (UN) partition decision, was carried out by military means. There was the massacre of Deir Yassin on April 9, 1948.

Menahem Begin wrote:

'. . . Arabs began to flee in

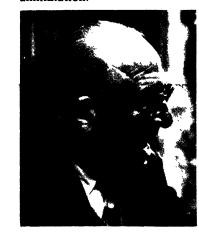
2 Both quotes from Uri Avneri, 'Israel Without Zionists', Mac-

ing out successful attacks on other fronts, while all the Jewish forces proceeded to advance through Haifa like a knife through butter. The Arabs began to flee in panic shouting "Deir Yassin". One million Arabs were driven from their homes to become refugees. Ben Gurion declared: "Thanks to Haganah, we have a state that is bigger, and more

From 1948 to 1967 the Palestine problem became obscured as the 'Arab-Israeli problem'.

Jewish".'

Zionist propaganda presented it to the world as being purely a conflict between states, with 'poor litle Israel' surrounded on all sides by aggressive neighbour states bent on her annihilation.



Eskol: Tried to pretend Palestine Arabs did not exist.

Inside Israel, the government seized thousands of acres of Arab land, while denying the refugees the right to return. The Palestinian people were scattered, and lacked political identity or leadership.

In the late 1950s, however, a new generation emerged of young Palestinians seeking to lead the masses of their people in a popular struggle, to liberate their homeland and create a Palestinian state. They did not believe in relying on the existing Arab governments.

By 1965, groups of Palestinian commandos were making raids across the Israeli border.

The Israeli government continued to pretend that it was only confronting belligerent neighbouring states; but the November 1966 raid by Israeli forces on the village of Es Samu was clearly aimed at intimidating the Palestinian masses.

# **PART**

It failed in its object. There were mass demonstrations in Amman, demanding that the people should be armed to

The Israeli expansion in 1967 again solved nothing for

It brought under Israeli occupation, among their other subjects, the masses of Palestinians whom they had driven out in 1948, and these came into contact with the generation that had grown up under Israeli rule.

The 'Palestine problem' reemerged clearly, as a national liberation struggle, and the conditions were created for a real popular resistance move-

#### Bigger wall

The Zionists' creation of more refugees, their repression and deportations, only succeed in building up against them a bigger wall of bitterness and hatred.

Not only have they failed to impose acceptance of their rule upon inhabitants of the newly-occupied territories, they are also kept busy now with surveillance and detention of young Arabs in Galilee, Haifa and elsewhere.

They have also had to take repressive measures, including arrests, against those Jewish youth who have had the courage to stand up against chauvinism and Zionist aggres-

Although Zionist propaganda tries to play down the effectiveness of the Arab guerrillas, the fact remains that more Israeli troops have been killed in the occupied areas than were killed in the actual June

The Palestinian people, after 20 years of neglect, have gained world recognition for their problems — thanks to their own struggle, to the fighting spirit of their youth.

Not only the Palestinians, but all the Arab masses, accord a respect to the guerrillas which they do not give to the Arab governments.

They have seen the debacle of these governments in June 1967 and contrasted it with the heroism and determination of the guerrillas one year later at the battle of Karameh.

#### Wide appeal

When the Palestinian liberation movements denounce great power diplomacy and Arab reactionaries, when they say that they do not put their faith in the Arab governments but in the masses, they have a very wide appeal for the workers and peasants throughout the Middle East.

The Arab governments, whether feudal reactionaries or nationalist bourgeois army officers, do not like this, any more than they like to lose the initiative in the Palestine issue.

The line-up of forces was shown in the Lebanon crisis.

It is not only a question of whether the guerrilla movements can defeat the Zionists, but also whether they can prevent a stab in the back from Arab reaction.

The Arab masses must be mobilized, with revolutionary leadership.

After many years of corruption, intrigue and betrayal, the Palestinian guerrillas have opened the door to a new kind of politics in the Middle East. Are they prepared for the next

## SUNDAY

**B.B.C.-1** 

9.0 a.m. Nai Zindagi-Naya Jeevan. 9.30 Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.00-10.30 Wie Bitte? 11.00 Seeing and Believing. 11.30 Buying A House. 12 noon Know How. 12.30-1.00 p.m. Representing the Union. 1.25 Farming. 2.00 Education Programme. 2.29 News Headlines. 2.30 Day Time. 3.05 Film Matinee: 'Charley Moon'. 4.35 Here's Lucy. 5.05 The Undersea World Of Jacques Cousteau. 5.55

6.05 News and Weatherman. 6.15 Malcolm Muggeridge asks The Question Why. Songs of Praise.

7.25 Paul Temple. 8.15 The Sunday Musical: Bitter Sweet' with Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy. Film version of the Noel Coward play.
9.45 News and Weather.
10.00 Omnibus: Noel Coward.

10.45 Monty Python's Flying Circus. 11.15 Weatherman.

All regions as BBC-1 except at the following times: Midlands and East Anglia: 11.17 p.m. North of England, Northern Ireland, South and West: 11.17 p.m. News South and West: 11.17 p.m. News Headlines, Weather. Wales: 1.25-1.50 p.m. Farming In Wales. 2.30-2.55 The Doctors. 2.55-3.25 Rugby Union. 3.25-3.45 The Doctors. 3.45-4.05 Dwedwch Be Fynnoch Chi. 4.05-4.35 Maes A Mor. 6-50-7.25 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canunol. Canmol. cotland: 10.30-11.30 a.m. Gaelic Mass. 1.25-1.50 p.m. Farm Forum. 10.45-11.25 Braden's Week. 11.25 Weather.

**B.B.C.-2** 

7.00 p.m. News Review and Weather.
7.25 The World About Us: Hill tribes of the Philippines. Elisabeth Söderström and Gerald Moore: Songs by Haydn, Schubert, Mendel-

ssohn. Grieg, Mussorgsky and Strauss. 9.10 A Year In The Life:
Salcombe. 9.55 Rowan and Martin's Laugh

Thirty Minute Theatre: 'Lecture To An Academy' with Tutte Lemkow. 11.15 News Summary.

11.20 Line Up. I.T.V.

11.00 a.m. Church Service, 12.15 p.m. Sunday Session: Families Talking. 12.40-1.05 Your Living Body. 1.25 'The English Sickness': Fact or fiction? 1.55 Face The

Press: Osbert Lancaster. 2.25 Out Of Town. 2.45 Sports Arena.
3.15 The Big Match. 4.15 The
Flaxton Boys. 4.45 The Golden
Shot. 5.30 Hark At Barker.
6.00 News from ITN.

6.15 All Creatures Great and Small. 6.35 Seven Days. 7.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased).
'The Outriders' with Joel

McCrea, Arlene Dahl and Barry Sullivan.
News From ITN.
This Is . . . Tom Jones with Tony Bennett and Vikki Carr.

11.20 Tonight With David Nixon 12.05 a.m. Left Alone. All channels as London ITV except at following times:

CHANNEL: 12.15-12.40 p.m. Families Talking. 2.13 Today's Weather. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 Feature Film: 'Ambush' with Robert Taylor, John Hodiak and Arlene Dahl. 5.30 Bugs Bunny. 6.00 National News and Channel News Headlines. 7.25 Feature Film: 'Sahara'. 9.10 Strange Report. 12 midnight Epilogue, Weather.

SOUTHERN: 12.12 p.m. Regional Weather Forecast. 12.15 Sunday Session. 1.30 All Our Yesterdays. 2.00 Farm Progress. 2.25 Seaway. 3.15 Southern Soccer. 4.10 Beverly Hillbillies. 4.40 Southern News. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 7.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 8.20 The Sunday Film: Take Her, She's Mine' with James Stewart, Sandra Dee, Robert Morley. Generation Gap comedy. 12.05 a.m. The Weather Forecast.

WESTWARD: 1.05-1.25 p.m. You And Your Child. 2.00 Farm and Country News. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 Feature Film: 'Ambush' with Robert Taylor, John Hodiak and Arlene Dahl. 5.30 The Bugs Bunny Show. 7.25 Feature Film: 'Sahara' with Humphrey Bogart, Dan Duryea, Bruce Bennett, J. Carol Naish, Lloyd Bridges, Rex Ingram. 9.10 Strange Report. 12 midnight Faith For Life. 12.06 a.m. Weather.

HARLECH: 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 2.15 Soccer Special. 3.15 Parkin's Patch. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.35 Sunday Parliament: Violence—Whose Responsibility? 7.25 Strange Report. 8.25 Screen On Sunday: 'The Fugitive Kind' with Marlon Brando, Anna Magnani and Joanne Woodward. Nightclub entertainer decides to leave this kind of life. 10.10 News. 10.20 Screen On Sunday (part two). 10.55 This Is . . . Tom Jones. 11.55 Weather. Harlech (Wales) as above except: 5.30-6.00 p.m. Testun Trafod.

ANGLIA: 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.55 Weather Trends. 2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 The Baron. 3.25 Parkin's Patch. 3.55 Match Of The Week. 5.30 The Forest Rangers. 7.25 Star Movie: 'Heller In Pink Tights' with Sophia Loren and Anthony Quinn. 9.10 Strange Report. 12.05 a.m. Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.45 Cannonball. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 'All The Brothers Were Valiant' with Robert Taylor, Stewart Graigner, Ann Blyth. 5.30 The Secret Service. 7.25 The Sunday Feature Film: 'Red Skies Of Montana' with Richard Widmark, Constance Smith, Jeffrey Hunter, Richard Boone. Western. 9.10 Strange Report.

ULSTER: 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 2.30 Mad Movies. 2.55

Football. 3.50 The Baron. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 7.25 Peyton Place. 8.20 Star Movie. 12.05 a.m. Weather. YORKSHIRE: 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.45 All Our Yesterdays. 2.15 Sunday Sport. 3.15 'I Was Monty's Double' with John Mills and Cecil Parker. War-time British Intelligence story. 5.00 Julia. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 7.25 Hawaii Five-O. 8.20 'The Hook' with Kirk Douglas, Robert Walker Jr., Nick Adams. Three American soldiers with a North Korean prisoner. 12.05 a.m. Late Weather.

TYNE TEES: 10.10 a.m. Postgraduate Medicine. 2.00 p.m. Farming Outlook. 2.30 Shoot. 3.20 Sunday Matinee: 'Watch It, Sailor' with Dennis Price. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 7.25 It Takes A Thief. 8.25 'Johnny Cool' with Elizabeth Montgomery and Henry Silva. 11.20 Seaway. 12.15 a.m. Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 1.30 p.m. All Our Yesterdays. 2.00 Diane's Magic Theatre. 2.15 Mr Piper. 2.45 Sports Arena. 3.15 Feature Film: 'Carbine Williams' with James Stewart, Jean Jagen, Wendell Corey. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 7.25 Hogan's Heroes. 7.55 The Bogart Festival: 'Passage to Marseilles' with Humphrey Bogart, Claude Rains, Michele Morgan, Sydney Greenstreet, Peter Lorre. 12.02 a.m. Late Call.

Peter Lorre. 12.02 a.m. Late Call.

GRAMPIAN: 11.40 a.m. Postgraduate Medicine. 1.05-1.29 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.50 Farm Progress. 2.15 All Our Yesterdays. 2.45 Sports Arena. 3.10 Sherlock Holmes Film Library. 4.15 The Flaxton Boys. 5.30 The Double Life of Henry Phyfe. 6.35 Oh Happy Day! 7.00 Towards Christmas. 7.25 Marcus Welby MD. 8.25 This Is . . Tom Jones. 9.25 The Big Film: "Whatever Happened To Baby Jane?" with Joan Crawford and Bette Davis. 10.10 News, Weather. 10.20 The Big Film (part two). 12 midnight Sunday Talks.



Dayan: 'There is not one single place built in this country that did not have a former Arab population . . .'

hundreds.

US forces.

claims he was exposed to

nerve gas at the govern-

ment's Porton Down bio-

chemical warfare experi-

mental station 16 years ago.

previous application for a

pension refused on the grounds that the illness he had suffered since the in-cident did not stem from his

work at Porton.
In August, 1953, Mr

Cockayne was testing a new

breathing apparatus in a cloud of nerve gas when he

was made unconscious because of a fault in an eyepiece.

SECRET

**TALKS** 

REQUEST

DENIED

Paris, Friday.-The British

embassy today denied press reports that Britain had re-

quested secret poltical talks

Mr Cockayne has had a

Share prices

reflect U.S.

war policy

THE CONTINUOUS fall of share prices on the

New York stock exchange over the last three

weeks is an unmistakable sign that once again

the underlying problems of the US economy

are breaking through to the surface.

The shares of major

companies reached their

lowest values for many

years—US Steel a 15-year

low, Du Pont a ten-year

low, Union Carbide a ten-

year low and General

The immediate causes

making for this lack of con-

fidence are the consistent warnings from the Nixon

administration that the tight

money policy will continue and the growing realization

that Nixon intends the Viet-

were looking to the end of the war to solve, even if only

temporarily, the balance of

payments problem, allowing unhindered expansion at home

and the removal of restrictions

on the outflow of capital into Europe.

CONSTANT

Nixon is determined to con-

tinue his anti-inflationary policy through keeping the

money supply constant as against the 5 to 6 per cent

annual rise expected in 'nor-

In the second quarter of 1968, the economy was growing at a 7½ per cent rate each

year. At present, there is no

The various forecasts of

level are a grim warning of the attacks which the working

year's unemployment

mal' times.

growth at all.

any sort of fight.

establish

Sections of US capitalism

nam war to continue.

Electric a six-year low.

1967.

## Lessons of the British Titan THE SEVEN-WEEK-OLD official strike dispute of 400 workers at the British Titan chemical firm, Billingham, against the

firm's productivity deal, has ended without any guarantee that the men's demands will be met.

By our industrial reporter

### HOOVER **WORKERS 'RETURN'** PLEA

MORE THAN 1,800 men at Hoover's Merthyr Tydfil factory ignored a plea from an Amalgamated Engineers and Foundryworkers' leader on Wednesday to return to work.

At a mass meeting in the Miners' Hall, they voted almost unanimously to continue the two-week-old strike.

Union leaders urged them to return to work immediately so that negotiations with the management could be re-

But the men say that the management have shown no indication of wanting to discuss their pay claim.

The production workers are The production workers are claiming a service increment of up to £2 10s. — payable after one year with the company—to augment their basic weekly wage of £15 17s. 6d.

#### Incensed

The men are particularly incensed that the management signed a new increments agreement with the craftsmen in June awarding them up to

'The company are not pre-pared to recognize the skills of the production worker,' said Mr Idris John, AEF

works convenor.
'The men on the production line are governed by time-study and have to work at an extra high pace, said Mr John.
More than 1,300 men were
made redundant at the works two years ago.
In their ruthless drive to

cut costs and raise profits through increased productivity vers are constant speeding up work and introducing new labour-saving machinery.

Since the beginning of this year productivity has increased by 5 per cent, he

said.
'We feel we should have a bigger share of the profits.' There is an output bonus of about £4 a man each week, but even with an increased scale of service increments, the workers could only expect to take home a wage of about £22 before tax.

'Our men are finding it extremely hard to live because of prices shooting up everywhere,' said Mr John.

'We are prepared to stay out on strike until the management show some willingness to make concessions or even to simply discuss our claim,' said Mr John.

The night men made redundant by the deal will not be taken back.

The jobs, however, will be manned by Transport and General Workers' Union members at present employed by the company, and the incentive scheme investigated by a mutually agreed team of consultants. The team's decisions will

#### **Terms**

In a statement issued by the firm after informal talks with union officials the company makes it quite clear that the men will be returning on the company's terms.
The document states:

'Because of reduced production over the past month and the possibility of the strike continuing for some time, the company has made alternative arrangements to ensure continuity of supply to

customers. 'Even if there is a speedy return to work, output will be down for some time. As you well know reduced tonnage means that:

(a) The company will have difficulty in finding suitable work for all its general workers in the coming weeks. (b) Some employees on work-measurement incentive bonus schemes will unavoidably receive reduced bonus

#### Closure

'In spite of this situation the company is prepared to take back everyone in their employ, though some of you may not return to your former jobs immediately. . .

The LTB proposed in

negotiations that the men

would only last until the

existing vacancies for 'mechanical craftsmen' were

filled. The LTB would then

revert to the new system which had caused the dispute.

The main point at issue is

the alleged breaking of the

existing agreements by the

up' semi-skilled craftsmen (principally members of the

The Board wants to 'make

the grade of

The document ends, after making the concession of the independent team of consultants to look into bonus payments, with the threat that the plant will be closed if any further action is taken.

It is obvious from the wording of this statement that the company intends to reshuffle the labour force during the initial period of the return to

It is also clear to many Titan workers that the strike was only recognized in the first place in order to allow the local T&GWU officials to dominate the negotiations.
On Friday, November 21 an official proposed that the men should agree to only half of the sacked men being re-

While there was a sizeable opposition to this compromise, the official, leaning heavily on

already been outside the gates for six weeks, was able to carry the day.

Having led a retreat on this vital question, the union then conducted informal talks with the management which resulted in the compromise

#### No opposition A number of important lessons are spelt out in this

The so-called 'left' T&GWU leadership, locally and nationally, is leading no opposition to the government's and employers' offensive on product-

ivity deals. The struggle against these deals has to be understood, above all, as a struggle for a revolutionary leadership in the trade union movement against all the bureaucrats now in

## **Plessey** worker sacked

THROUGHOUT British industry, the employers, together with their friends in the labour movement, are desperately attempting to force through productivity deals. any trade unionist who

Events at the Plessey factory in Liverpool reveal the hatred they show to

opposes their plans. On Monday, November 24, a petition was circulated around the Plessey factory asking senior stewards to call

> the productivity deal.
>
> A large number of workers signed the petition as many are suspicious that the deal will mean changes in conditions and speed-up. The petition was met with strong opposition by some

a mass meeting to report on

'No strings'

At a meeting of Department 15, a young trade unionist spoke for a wage increase without productivity She was then called to a meeting by shop stewards.

What she didn't know, until the meeting was in progress, was that members of the management were present! At this meeting, manage-

ment stated that her activities -which had consisted of speaking against the productivity strings at a union meeting — could disrupt months of negotiation.

On the Monday evening at 4.45 p.m., this young trade union member was summoned to the office, given the sack, and hastily ushered out of the The ostensible reason was that she had not put all the

necessary information on her application form, i.e., that she had been a student.

Plessey workers must act immediately. No victimization-immediate reinstatement of

this trade union member! For a mass meeting to report fully on the negotia-tions!

No productivity dealsfor an immediate wage in-crease without strings!

#### Nerve gas N.A.T.O. and case reopened THE DEPARTMENT of Warsaw Pact Health and Social Security is to re-open the case of Mr W. Cockavne, who

AFTER a six-hour interview with

a US army board of inquiry in

Washington on Thursday, Captain

Medina disciaimed any knowledge

of a massacre in the village of 'Pinkville' in March 1968.

a press conference, but he refused

to comment on the discrepancy

between his version of the events

at 'Pinkville' and accounts that

put the number of dead in the

Medina claimed that only 20 to 28 civilians had been killed by

Medina made this statement to

THE TWO military 'summit' meetings of NATO and the Warsaw Pact have both issued statements favouring an all-European 'security

night, underlined the Kremlin's policy of working through the West German government of Social Democrat Willy Brandt towards an understanding with all the major NATO powers:

'Pinkville'—a routine

operation says Medina

'If the new West German government draws the lessons from history, rids itself of the ballast from the past and, acting in accordance with the spirit of the

with France. The reports said Britain had handed over a note to **UNDER** France suggesting such dis-cussions just before this week's PRES-Common Market summit in

The Hague. But an Embassy spokesman said there was no truth in the story.

#### ● FROM PAGE ONE **Spending** these 'strings', the employers

will have to achieve the abo-lition of all existing proce-dures in the industry which guarantee 'mutuality' in rela-tion to payments-by-results ● FROM PAGE ONE systems, including piece-work. This would require, as far as the Transport and General Workers is concerned, the dreams for education — class sizes brought below the 'maximums', raising the schoolagreement of a trade group

leaving age, university educa-tion for all those who qualify, and so on—have been dealt a final death blow. delegate conference. Next Tuesday (December 9), senior shop stewards from various selected factories in Teachers, in the same way the industry have been called together for a meeting at Birmingham's Transport as many other sections of workers, have been forced to House.

Already the Labour 'lefts' are raising the cry that the cuts are 'not what socialism is

But what is their alternative?

The developing economic crisis is fast bringing to an end the period when the 'lefts' alternative to Wilson of arguing for the re-allocation of resources — 'Cut the arms bill', for example—could retain any credibility at all. Wilson is now to cut de-fence spending by 2 per cent a year at the same time as

curtailing the social services. More and more workers will be drawn to revolutionary politics by the inability of the 'lefts' to put up any challenge to this latest proof of Wilson's complete subservience to the needs of British capitalism in

#### defend, let alone fight for the improvement of, their wages and conditions against the They are to discuss proposed changes in the pieceeconomies of the government. work system. Is this meeting designed Alternative as preparation for a delegate conference at which changes in procedure would

be discussed? Major struggle

### If it is, Jukes' attack on

the trade union leaders could well herald the beginning of a major struggle in the engineering, motor and other The employers are meeting

big resistance to their plans. BRITISH-LEYLAND has not been able to introduce Measured-Day Work in Oxford and several other areas. THE PORT employers have not been able to push through containerization and the

containerization and the second phase of Lord Devlin's 'modernization' FORD have not been able to fully implement the 'penal

clauses' treacherously agreed by the union leaders in March this year, and they now face growing determination on the part of Ford workers to fight for parity of earnings with Midlands carworkers.

This resistance is of decisive

importance for socialists. 1970 promises to be an extremely critical year for the working In order to answer the

problems posed by the em-ployers' threats it will be necessary to settle accounts with all the betrayals of the Labour government and the retreats of the union leaders

#### draw closer conference'. The Warsaw Pact meeting, which ended in time, displays a realistic approach to problems creating tension in relations Moscow on Thursday between European states.

By the foreign editor

He described how he killed a

Medina said he saw the woman

Then, out of the corner of his eye, he saw a movement and thought to himself:

was wounded and turned away.

'Boy, you've had it, you're dead.'

two shots 'instinctively' at her.

He then claimed to have fired

Medina also said that the

attack on the village was a routine

operation — perhaps the most truthful statement of the whole

peasant woman.

proceedings!

by socialist countries and by all peace-loving peoples.' Changed line

this will be welcomed both

This statement, issued at the end of the Warsaw Pact conference, is a far cry from the old Stalinist line of the 'German menace' and the 'Bonn militarists'—until recently churned out by all the world's, and especially West European, Communist

It remains to be seen how far the NATO powers will go in responding to this new initiative by the Soviet

bureaucracy.
Clearly, big diplomatic moves are already under way—aimed not at 'preserving peace', but at the European working class.

#### The Dow Jones Indus-By our foreign correspondent trial Average - an index linked to the prices of

Professor Milton Friedman, the chief spokesman of the Chicago School of economabout 50 leading shares ists, foresees unemployment rising as high as 8 or 9 per on Wednesday reached its lowest level since January cent if the present monetary policy continues any longer,

#### 6 p.c. JOBLESS

Even the normally cautious Federal Banks are predicting 6 per cent unemployment in

Nixon's monetary policies are also forcing up interest rates to record levels not only in the US but throughout the capitalist world.

The tighter international competition which results and the sharpening of class

tension in Europe—emphasize that the attempts of the US to extricate herself from her economic difficulties involve a deepening of the whole world economic crisis.

#### **DETECTIVES SUSPENDED** BY YARD

FOUR London detectives have been suspended from duty in connection with allegations made seven days ago by 'The

Scotland Yard named the officers as Detective Inspector Bernard Robson, of the Yard's provincial liaison department; Detective Sergeant Gordon Harris, of the Regional Crime Squad Office; Detective Sergeant John Symonds and Detective Constable Harold Hughes, both of 'M' division. Inquiries into the 'Times' allegations are said to be being pursued 'with the utmost vigour'.

## North-East clothing trade dispute

once and for all in their new

'yield level' productivity deal they plan to bring in.

We have had a team of

'time-and-motion' men in our

They spend their time try-

ing to get you to increase

your work output and cutting

factory for the past year.

HAVING read Slaughter's article in the Workers Press on Saturday November 22, we would like to furnish some details of what has been happening in the clothing factories on the North-East coast.

Just over a month ago workers at the Jacksons Tailoring factory in Sunderland came out on strike demanding a £2 wage increase. Despite tremendous feeling

and marches on other clothing factories for support, this was promptly headed off by the full-time officials of the Tailor and Garment Workers' Union and the girls persuaded to return to work.

A week later 600 girls and women at John Collier's Tailoring factory in South Shields walked out in protest at the union's acceptance of the 13s. 4d. a week rise and

This happened despite warnings from the shop stewards who said that they would

#### Wages have dropped as tey intensify work and iminate jobs, moving eliminate

productivity deal.

get no backing from the union, and continued working in the factory. At a meeting in the after-

noon attended by 600 strikers to decide on further action, shop stewards who attended did not speak, but called in a full-time official to try and succeed where they had failed in placating the strikers. The whole of the leadership

stood there exposed, totally

unable to cover their retreat other than to plead for order in a very hostile meeting.
Girls who came forward from the floor to speak were told they could address the meeting only if they were shop stewards.

This was quickly remedied by the rank-and-file who immediately elected one of them on the spot to hear a from the spot to hear a programme for an immediate £2-a-week rise and for throwing out the 'time-and-motion' that had started in the factory aiready.

The meeting ended in up roar with no vote being taken and the instruction to return to work immediately. At a mass meeting the fol-

lowing Tuesday, which was held up half an hour waiting for a representative from their executive to arrive, two CF members on the platform tried to evade their responsibility and blame it on the members for their poor attendence at branch meetings. There was deadly silence when one girl asked 'Why is it that one girl does two girls

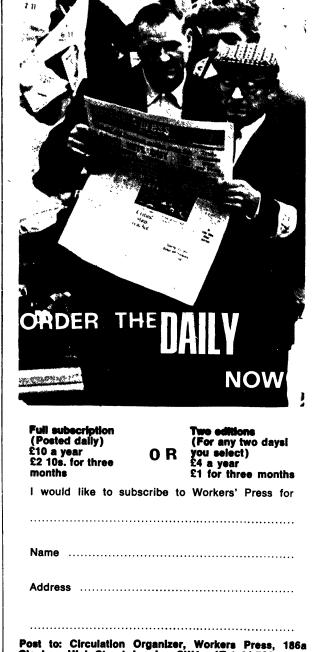
Half the girls at the meeting walked out, disgusted with leaders that would not lead and engaging in 'unproductive' activities. 'leaders' are now working with the bosses to get piece-work and 'time - and - motion'

Some of us are beginning to understand where the blame lies and the rottenness of the

Our campaign has already begun to build the All Trades Unions Alliance (ATUA) in the factory and stop the re-treat before it is too late.

May we use this opportunity to greet the Workers Press and wish it every success in

> Yours fraternally Two garment workers.



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#### SOCIALIST LABOUR LEAGUE PUBLIC MEETING

Czechoslovakia, persecution of Soviet intellectuals and the Communist Party Congress

## Monday Dec. 15, 8p.m.

**HOLBORN ASSEMBLY HALL** 

John's Mews off Northington Street (nearest tube Chancery Lane) Speaker: G. Healy (national secretary, Socialist Labour

League) Chairman: M. Banda (Editor, Workers Press)

STOP WILSON'S WASHINGTON VISIT! FOR THE DEFEAT OF US

### IMPERIALISM IN VIETNAM! **DEMONSTRATION SUNDAY JAN. 11**

ASSEMBLE: Speakers' Corner (Marble Arch), 2 P.M.

MARCH: via Oxford Street, Regent Street, Trafalgar Square past Downing Street. MEETING: Lyceum Ballroom, near Aldwych,

return and that the status 'mechanical craftsmen' and quo be re-established. But it appeared that this

L.T.B. engineers

determined

to continue

ACTON, London, railway workshop engineers

have turned down a London Transport Board

(LTB) proposal for working a new grading system

and now enter their 12th week on strike.

thus by-pass recruiting any-Rejected outright

By a Workers Press reporter

This is seen as a move to introduce mobility of labour and the men have rejected it

1,000 workers who service and maintain a large proportion of the London tube trains have been laid off at the depot as a result of the strike by the 400 craftsmen.

According to Thursday's 'Guardian' one-fifth of the trains on the Bakerloo and Northern Lines are out of service—20 out of 100 on the Northern Line and nine out of 45 on the Bakerloo Line, as well as 30 escalators and four

Conservative These figures are known to be conservative. The men have stood firm in the face of the LTB's threats and they have received considerable support from other

LTB sections.

However, the danger is that the real significance of the 'productivity deal' aspect is being obscured. The strike committee has issued a statement saying: 'We are simply out on the principle of maintaining agreements and conditions already

in existence.' But there is much more involved in this dispute.

The LTB, like all nationalized industries and big business, is attempting to carry through a complete modernization which means breaking the strength of the unions to speed up the work and reduce the labour force; oneman operated buses; increased 'spread-over' shifts (new schedules which mean shorter

running times); angle manning These and other measures are all part of this drive and LTB workers should unite to fight them on a programme no productivity deals, for workers' control and the abolition of compensation and interest payments to the

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## Wilson's friends

chains which bind the op-pressed Arab workers and farmers, what will he not do when the working class begins to fight against the capitalist system in Britain?

By a foreign correspondent

ton yesterday.

ambassador in

Sinister The role of these 'lefts'and Heffer is no exception—is becoming increasingly sinister.

regime and its anti-workingclass policies while acting as a parliamentary safety valve. If the My Lai massacre has served one purpose at least, it has opened the eyes of millions to the counter-revolutionary role of these people.

More and more workers are saving 'Save us from our 'left' friends — and we shall deal Vietnam only complements with our own class enemies'.

## U.S. and Chinese officials meet

UNITED STATES and Walter Stoessel, chatted informally at the function Chinese officials met for with the Chinese chargé the first time in two years, d'affaires in Warsaw, Lei it was revealed in Washing-Yang.

Officials say the meeting was a chance encounter, though President Nixon has The contact was made at a Yugoslav embassy recepseveral times stated that he tion in Warsaw. The US would like formal talks to be Poland.

Warsaw or elsewhere. The presence of a Chinese diplomat at the Yugoslav reception also suggests that Peking is maintaining its recent policy of restraining attacks on the Tito leadership which, until the Kremlin in-vasion of Czechoslovakia, had been denounced by Chinese as the arch-traitor to