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#### 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,

4 P.M. Details from 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4

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

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

Hod. '16 years of planning went

of younger officers, who

warned of the danger of an

Israeli surprise attack and

It was the failure of bourgeois

nationalism, and the Bonapart-

ist regime and neutralist poli-

tics which it created, which meant 'running with the hare

and hunting with the hounds'

regarding imperialism and the

from the truth when it com-mented cynically on Nasser's

curses against America, and

America's response to the

curses by granting more loans,

aid and wheat and surplus

As Nasser's own spokesman,

Mohammed Hasanein Heykal

'For Egypt, foreign policy is one of her largest invest-

The more Egypt extended influence in the Arab region, the more demagogic anti-

American speeches Nasser made, the more dollars might

be extracted from the Ameri-

was that they were no longer playing the game. On the eve of the war, he was hoping that

the US would restrain Israel.

Johnson he was urging that

vice-president Humphrey visit

the Middle East, while vice-

president Zakariah Muhieddin

has been prepared to seek

diplomatic 'solutions' of the

Palestine problem might seem

in contradiction with some of

his more militant speeches. On

May 28, 1967, for example, he

was quoted as saying, 'We will

Field Marshal Amer: Used as

not accept any possibility of

However, the explanation given to Eric Rouleau of 'Le

Monde' by an official of the

Egyptian broadcasting service,

of connecting the microphones

of Cairo broadcasting station

together, so that Nasser was

addressing the masses and world public opinion at the

their own struggid

For 20 years, as refugees in

the camps or as an oppressed minority inside Israel, the

Palestinian people suffered because of Zionist colonialism

and because of the failure of

the Arab governments, whether feudal or bourgeois, to smash

The Palestinian guerrilla

only of the Palestinian masses'

resistance to Zionist conquest,

shape their own future in-

liberation movements arouse

support from the mass of

particularly the youth, in all

the Arab countries.

of the Arab ruling classes.

same time'.

Zionism.

'We committed the mistake

just about sums it all up:

scapegoat for defeats of June

co-existence with Israel'.

The way in which Nasser

would visit Washington.

In correspondence with

What Nasser did not realize

Radio Amman was not far

We are used to hearing

Nasser's failure was political.

into the first 80 minutes.

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struggle against it.

demagogy:

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remarked:

ments . . .

can imperialists.

nationalism, it has declared for neutrality, indifference, be-

tween 'progressive' bourgeois nationalist states and pro-imperialist feudal reactionaries such as the Saudi Arabian

It is asking for support from the masses, yet not aligning

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait contribute money to Al Fatah,

The reactionaries are pre-

but these states are as much allies of imperialism as Israel

with their struggles.

# Palestine and the Arab revolution





Top: The makeshift policy of Nasser's regime and his total lack of preparation allowed the Israelis to destroy most of the Egyptian Air Force before it even had a chance to take off.

Below: The struggle of the Arab masses is restricted by those like Yasser Arafat, who go no farther

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1967. In Tel Aviv, an Israeli spokesman claims that Egyptian tanks have begun moving into southern Israel. General Moshe Dayan, newly installed as Defence Minister, tells his troops: 'Soldiers of Israel! We have no aims of territorial conquest. Our sole aim is to bring to naught the attempt of the Arab countries to conquer our country . . . ?

At the United Nations, the Israeli delegate gets to his feet to make a passionate denunciation of the United Arab Republic for its invasion.

In fact, of course, most of the Egyptian Air Force had been destroyed in Israeli bombing of the airfields, and Israeli forces were beginning their invasion of Arab terri-

General Hod, the Israeli Air Force Commander, was to go on record later as saying about the air strike:

'Sixteen years' planning had gone into those initial 80 minutes. We lived with the plan, we slept on the plan, we ate the plan. Constantly we perfected it.'

The planned nature of the Israeli aggression contrasted with the makeshift policy of Nasser's regime, and his total lack of preparation.

The Israeli commander-inchief, Yitzhak Rabin, has acknowledged that there was no evidence that the Egyptian forces in Sinai were prepared for any offensive action. On the morning that the

Israeli planes attacked, the commanding officers of Egypt's air force were not available. They were recovering from an all-night party. The masses had to suffer for

the failure of their rulers. Thousands of Egyptian soldiers, mostly raw, underfed fellaheen torn from their villages and thrown into uniform, were captured by the Israelis, had their boots taken off them and were turned out into the desert without water.

The Palestinian people once again suffered the deliberate brutality of Zionist conquest. On June 12, 1967, at the village of Zeita, about 30 miles

north-west of Jerusalem: When all the villagers were assembled, Israeli guards climbed on to the nearest rooftops and trained their guns on the crowd. It was about 6.30 in the morning. No one was allowed to move and the villagers stayed where they were until 6 in the evening.

'No adult could go aside to relieve himself, no child could go and fetch a cup of water. While they sat there, Israeli soldiers carefully and systematically blew up 67 houses, including a school and a clinic maintained by the International Council of Churches' ('Sunday Times', June 16, 1968).

It was the same at Kalkilya, Beit Nuba, Yalu and other villages. For those who remained, a new period of brutal oppression had begun.

Inside Egypt, and elsewhere, part of the aftermath of the war was a new questioning by the Arab masses of the prestige and authority which the Nasser

regime had been accorded. The war held up a mirror to Egyptian society, and reflected in it were all the faults of the regime and the ruling class.

Nasser tried to find scapegoats for his regime. He blamed the army, arrested the air force officers, accused Field Marshal Amer of plotting against him.

In February 1968, mass demonstrations of workers and students took place; and from saying that the sentences on the air force officers were too lenient, the demonstrators went on to demand a new offensive against Zionism and reaction, coupled with political democratization within Egypt.

The students demanded the right to unions independent of What if the workers put the

same demand?

Nasser and his colleagues must have regarded the situation as ominous; recalling how the defeat of 1948 had precipitated the downfall of Farouk in 1952, and the coup with which they had launched their own revolution.

Nasser might blame his officers, but as boss of the lot, the chief responsibility for Egyptian unpreparedness rested with Nasser himself.

As a matter of fact, on the eve of the war, when he visited the forces in Sinai, Nasser was frankly criticized for his hesitancy by a number



If there was any tendency to demoralization after the debacle of June 1967, it has been offset by the guerrillas'

In March, 1968, in the defence of the village of Karameh against Israeli attack, the guerrillas held out against tanks, aircraft and paratroops and inflicted heavy losses on the Israeli forces sufficient to defeat the object of the attack.

This resolute stand not only restored Arab confidence, it helped to transfer it from the governments to the guerrillas.

In November, 1968, when the Jordanian government sent forces to Wahdad refugee camp to suppress the guerrilla organizations, the refugee youth rallied to stand by the guerrillas against Hussein's

In Lebanon, workers and students took strike action and came on to the streets to oppose the government when it moved against the guerrillas.

The Lebanese government's repressive moves were in line with those taken by other Arab governments such as the Iraq regime, to assert their authority by restricting the Palestinian movements and attempting to enforce their subordination to the governments.

These governments were joined by Nasser in securing a deal for the Lebanese authorities.

There is evidence that US imperialism was pressing for moves to be taken against the Palestinians.

Shortly before the attack was launched on the guerrillas, the US government had expressed concern about Lebanon's 'territorial integrity' being\_respected.

'The Economist' on October 25 commented that the US statement 'has been generally interpreted by a hostile Arab world as a blast at the Palestinian commandos - and as an encouragement to the Lebanese, and other governments, to take action against them'.

Knowing the resources and methods of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), it would not have been beyond them to have initiated the attack on the guerrillas themselves via contacts in the Lebanese army establishment.

#### **Palestinian** leaderships

To some extent, the Palestinian leaders have shown recognition of the line-up of forces. In August last year, Hassarein Heykal, editor of 'Al Ahram', generally regarded as a mouthpiece for Nasser, published an editorial praising the courage of a Palestinian commando. An Al Fatah leader remarked:

'Look carefully at this article. On the surface it is a sentimental eulogy to our cause, but this is simply for the masses to show that Egypt is 100 per cent behind the Palestinian resistance.

'If you look further on you will see that Heykal is arguing that the Palestinian resistance is secondary in importance to the Arab governmental policy. If this policy is to wait indefinitely for the Arab states to prepare for a new confrontation, then we must wait; if they accept an expedient diplomatic solution that requires us to stop our operations "temporarily", then we must stop. We do not accept Mr Heykal's ideas. We are directing the liberation struggle, not the Egyptian government; these governments will work for us because they know that their people support us' (Quoted by Hudson, 'Middle East Journal', Summer 1969). Following the agreement with the Lebanese government, a statement by the largest of the guerrilla movements, 'Al Fatah', claims that:

lution.

'Our struggle against the Zionist enemy is a common one and no doubt our valiant brothers the Lebanese masses will act as a bastion to protect our Revolution and will ensure its continuity' (Al Fatah statement, published in 'Free Palestine', November 1969).

In effect, this is acknowledging that the Cairo agreement was a compromise, open to interpretation, and that the way it is actually implemented will be decided by the balance of class forces in the Lebanon.

However, in the next sen-

ment with the Lebanese

'Most of the points agreed upon by the Palestinian and Lebanese representatives in Cairo follow the pattern drawn up by the Palestine Revo-

It goes on to say:

tence, the Al Fatah statement

'Unlike our previous agree-

pared to make demagogic play with the Palestine issue so long as they can use it as a diversion from the class struggle in their own countries.

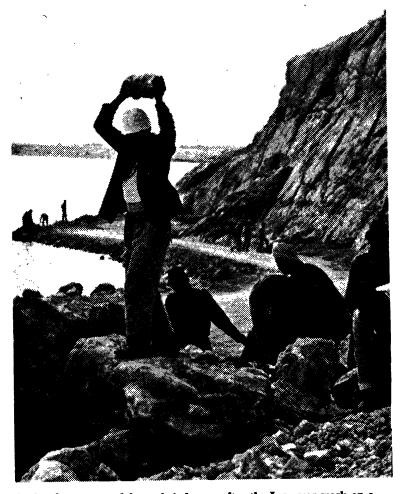
This fakery was exposed, to cite one example, when King Feisal of Saudi Arabia used the argument of unity against Zionism to call for support for his 'Islamic Alliance'

This alliance included Persia. which has been Israel's chief source of oil!

The recent Saudi Arabian provocations on the frontier with the South Yemeni republic, following that country's nationalization of British companies, are conspicuously reminiscent of the sort of aggressive acts that Israel has carried out on behalf of imperialism.

Certain upholders of imperialism, both in the Tory and Labour Parties, have been expressing sympathy for the Palestinians.

No one should be taken in by these people. They had very little to say when British troops were brutally repressing



Arab refugees ousted from their homes after the June war work on a new road to Kallia.

authorities, this present agreement has been guaranteed by official Arab third parties, who will supervise its interpretation'.

So it seems from this that Al Fatah is swinging between reliance on the masses and reliance on Arab governments, and avoiding a real analysis of the role of these governments. This may also reflect differences between various elements within Al Fatah.

The Al Fatah movement, while insisting on the independence of the Palestinian struggle, also insists that the Palestinians must concentrate on their own struggle to the exclusion of other struggles in the region, and in this way it observes the connection between the struggle against Zionism and the struggles against imperialism and Arab reaction.

Interviewed in 'Free Palestine', August 1969 issue, Yasser Arafat (also known as Abu Amar) stated:

'We will not interfere in the internal affairs of any Arab country that will not in its turn put obstacles in the way of our Revolution or threaten its continuation.'

Not only has Al Fatah not gone further than bourgeois the people in the occupied South Yemen. They are chiefly interested.

behind their 'humanitarianism', in revivifying the old alliance between the Foreign Office and Arab reactionaries. In an article praising Al

Fatah in the 'Sunday Times' on November 30, former Tory Foreign Minister Anthony Nutting savs:

'. . . the PLO as a whole accept Al Fatah's rule that interference in the affairs of the "host" countries should be avoided, and that, until liberation is achieved, ideological differences should be put aside. Arafat himself enjoys a close relationship with King Hussein and other Arab rulers of every political colour. And, from what King Hussein told me in Amman on this visit, whatever misgivings the Resistance may still have about other leading Iordanians, he personally now seems deeply committed to supporting the Palestinians, if only out of despair of Israel ever agreeing to withdraw from the occupying territories' (Our emphasis).

So Hussein has become 'converted' to the guerrillas' cause, only because he wants the Israelis to withdraw from the West Bank, but to smash the



Arab arrested by Israeli police in Tel-Aviv. Since the invasion every Arab is automatically a target for





Raw Arab youth recruited from the villages and trained in the Egyptian Army (right) had to suffer for the failure of their leaders. Out of this defeat comes a determination by the Arab masses to shape their own future independent of the ruling class. This is reflected in the growth of the Palestine guerrilla movement, now active from secret camps

Zionist state altogether and replace it with a Palestinian democratic state!

It was Hussein's grandfather, King Abdullah, who annexed the West Bank in 1950 as part of a deal with Israel.

Abdullah was assassinated for his complicity with the Zionists in dismembering the Palestinian homeland. Now Hussein would like to recover the West Bank.

However, if the Palestinians succeed in establishing a state of their own, then the West Bank will not be restored to the kingdom of Jordan, because it will form part of the republic of Palestine.

So if Hussein supports the guerrillas at all, it is unlikely that he goes along with their

It is more likely that he is prepared to back them as far as pushing for an Israeli withdrawal, in the hope of using them as bargaining counters which he can trade for another deal with the Zionists.

In attempting to subordinate the Palestinian movements to their own policies, all the Arab governments are endeavouring to restore the old pattern of relations which facilitate the imposition of a 'political solution' on the Palestinians, that is, a diplomatic betrayal.

The Western imperialists and the Soviet bureaucracy are both pressing for this. The only people who don't want it are the Palestinians, who want to determine their own future.

That is why the guerrillas are fighting.

Al Fatah was the first of the guerrilla movements in the field, and it is still the main one. It has attracted to its ranks large numbers of Palestinian youth, and its fighters have probably inflicted the main blows at the Zionists so far; but however effective its tactics, Al Fatah lacks a revolutionary strategy.

Although there are some left-wing elements inside the movement, its leadership has shown no intention of developing a political alternative to the existing Arab governments.

Consequently, the way is left open for these governments to attempt to reimpose their authority so that they can betray the Palestinians again.

Of course, Al Fatah is not the only Palestinian liberation movement, although to hear some people one might think

The September issue of 'Free Palestine' reporting the visit of British students to Al Fatah camps in Jordan says:

. . the Marxist-Leninists taking part in the camp adopted a resolution declaring "unconditional and uncritical support for Al Fatah".'

The report goes on to quote someone called Paul as saying: 'Al Fatah has mobilized the people in a classical Marxist-

Leninist way'. In the very same issue of 'Free Palestine', there is a quote from an article in 'The

Guardian' by David Hirst, on August 29, 1969, entitled 'Down among the pragmatic guerrillas'.

A movement that can give the impression of being 'prag-matic' and of being 'Marxist-Leninist', a movement that can attract praise from both Anthony Nutting and the Maoists-'uncritical support', note -really is pragmatic!

Its military wing, Al Asifa, has been the main guerrilla force operating, and the most effective so far; but however effective its tactics, Al Fatah lacks a revolutionary strategy.

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Of the other groups in the liberation movement, Yasser Arafat has explained (in 'Free Palestine', June 1969):

'The reason why other groups beside Fatah exist today is that many of these groups do not recognise that the present stage of the Palestinian struggle is that of national liberation and rely on deliberately limited support within the Palestinian popula-



King Feisal: Makes demagogic play on the Palestine issue to divert class struggle.

In other words, the left of the guerrilla movement does not accept the 'stages' theory of revolution, and they are not prepared to water down their programme in order to be able

to hob-nob with King Hussein. They prefer to rely on the 'limited support' they can get from the masses. Arafat's remark shows how superficial is the Al Fatah talk about 'people's war' and 'revolution'.

A spokesman of the Palestinian left, quoted by Michael Hudson in the summer issue of 'Middle East Journal' says:

'It is not enough to wear khaki and shoot to have a revolution, and the Palestinian youth are not giving their lives just to restore the oppressive rule of landlords and big businessmen in Palestine.

'It is not possible to have a revolution in the world today that is not leftist.'

Besides Al Fatah, the main movements that have emerged are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Popular Democratic Front.

The PFLP developed from the Palestinian wing of the Arab National Movement, Qawmyun El Arab, which aims at the unification of the Arab region, and has contacts in various Arab countries.

Unlike Al Fatah, the PFLP has declared for the overthrow of reactionary regimes such as the monarchy in Jordan.

Initially Nasserist, the Arab National Movement later adopted a more left-wing ideology, at least in phrases, and the PFLP leader George Habbash was sometimes reported as being a 'Marxist'.

However, the left-wing elements have now split away to form the Popular Democratic Front, led by Na'if Hawetmah. who is contemptuous of Habbash's claims to be Marxist, and characterizes him as 'petty-bourgeois'.

The PFLP has gained a great deal of publicity for itself by such actions as the hi-jacking of Israeli airliners, and it claimed responsibility for the fires at Marks and Spencers' stores too!

In fact, it looks suspiciously as though Habbash, whom some Palestinians regard as one of the 'old politicians', has been using young liberation fighters to carry out raids with little military value, but designed to bring maximum publicity for his own movement.

Heroism wasted in publicity stunts is a substitute for a real struggle.

The Popular Democratic Front, on the other hand, has worked to establish cells for popular resistance inside the occupied territories, and taken part in a number of guerrilla operations against the Israeli

In April this year, the PDF joined with Al Fatah's military wing, Al Asifa, in forming the Palestine Armed Struggle Command, for joint operations.

At the same time, it maintains its own political identity. The PDF is committed to developing a revolutionary political consciousness among the Palestinian people, and believes that the Palestinian liberation movement must ally with two forces — the Arab masses and the Israeli working class—to achieve its objects.

Support for national liberation struggles is mandatory for Marxists, irrespective of the leadership of these struggles.

At the same time, we have the right and duty to criticize and make some assessment of the movements concerned.

From what little knowledge we have, it seems clear that it is the Democratic Popular Front that comes nearest to providing the sort of programme and leadership needed by the Palestinian revolution.

SUNDAY

### SATURDAY TV

#### I.T.V.

11.10 a.m. RAC Road Report. 11.10 a.m. RAC Road Report.
11.15 Saturday Session: Families
Talking. 11.40 'The English
Sickness': 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: racing. 3.10 International Sports Special: boxing. 4.00 Wrestling from St Albans. 5.00 Results Service. 5.15 Bonanza.

6.10 News From ITN. 6.15 Parkin's Patch. 6.45 The Saturday Crowd. 7.30 Please Sir.

8.05 'Sergeant's 3', with Frank Sinatra, Dean Sammy Davis Jr.

Sammy Davis Jr.

News From ITN.

Saturday Night Theatre:
'Gentle to Nora', with
June Brown, James
Donnelly and Michael
Turner. A 43-year-old
suburban housewife has an affair. Frost On Saturday.

12.00 midnight All Our Yesterdays.
12.25 a.m. A Question Of Human Rights.

#### **REGIONAL I.T.V.**

CHANNEL: 12.55 p.m. News. 1.00 London. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45 London. 8.05 The Saturday Film: 'Attack'. 10.00 News. 10.10 London. 11.50 Weather.

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SOUTHERN: 12.52 p.m. Regional
Weather Forecast. 12.55 News. 1.00
London. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15
Michael Miles Quiz. 6.45 London. 8.00
Saturday Film: 'Breakfast At Tiffany's'
with Audrey Hepburn and George
Peppard. 10.00 News. 10.10 London.
12 midnight Southern News Extra.
12.05 a.m. Weather Forecast, The
New Liturgy.
WESTWARD: 12.25 p.m. All Our
Yesterdays. 12.55 News. 1.00 London.
5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15 Wheel Of
Fortune. 6.45 London. 8.05 The Saturday Film: 'Attack' with Jack Palance,
Eddie Albert and Lee Marvin. 10.00
News. 10.10 London. 11.55 Faith For
Life. 12.01 a.m. Weather.

HARLECH: 12.25 p.m. Survival. 12.55

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News. 1.00 London. 3.55 Half-Time
Round-Up. 4.00 London. 5.15 Tarzan.
6.10 News. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45
London. 8.05 Saturday Cinema: 'From
Here To Eternity' with Burt Lancaster,
Montgomery Clift, Frank Sinatra,
Deborah Kerr. Tough army story. 10.00
News. 10.15 London. 12 midnight
Weather.
Harlech (Wales) as above except:
6.45-7.30 p.m. Hyd A Lled.

ANGLIA: 12.55 p.m. News. 1.00
London. 5.15 Tarzan, Weather. 6.10
News. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45
London. 8.05 The Big Saturday Film:
'The Condemned Of Altona' with
Sophia Loren, Maximillian Schell and
Frederic March. 10.00 News, Weather.
10.15 London. 12 midnight Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12 noon The English ATV MIDLANDS: 12 midnight Reflection.
ATV MIDLANDS: 12 noon The English Sickness. 12.25 p.m. All Our Yesterdays. 12.55 News. 1.00 London. 3.55 Half-Time Round-Up. 4.00 London. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15 London. 8.05 The Saturday Feature Film: 'Sergeant Rutledge' with Jeffrey Hunter, Constance Towers, Billie Burke. 10.00 News. 10.15-12 midnight London.

ULSTER: 12.55 p.m. News. 1.00 London.

London. 5.05 Ulster Sports Results. 5.15 Land Of The Giants. 6.10 News. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45 London. 8.00 'Hud' with Paul Newman, Patricia Neal, Melvyn Douglas. 10.00 News. 10.10 London. 12 midnight Weather.

YORKSHIRE: 12.55 p.m. News. 1.00 London. 5.15 Cowboy In Africa. 6.10 News. 6.15 The Saturday Crowd. 7.00 Please Sir! 7.30 Edgar Wallace. 8.30 'The Giant Claw' with Jeff Morrow and Mara Corday. Science fiction. 10.00 News and Weather. 10.10 London. 12 midnight Late Weather.

GRANADA: 12 noon The English Sickness. 12.25 p.m. Families Talking. 12.55 News. 1.00 London. 5.15 Garrison's Gorillas. 6.10 News. 6.15 The Saturday Crowd. 7.00 Please Sir! 7.30 The Comedy Film: 'My Wife's Family' with Ronald Shiner, Ted Ray and Diane Hart. 8.55 Cartoon Time. 9.00 Strange Report. 10.00 News. 10.10-12 midnight London.

TYNE TEES: 12.55 p.m. News. 1.00 London. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15 Batman. 6.45 London. 8.00 Saturday Film: 'Wings Of The Eagle' with John Wayne, Dan Dailey and Maureen O'Hara. 10.00 News. 10.10 London. 11.55 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. 12.25 a.m. O Light Of Life.

SCOTTISH: 12 noon-12.25 p.m. The English Sickness—Fact or Fiction? 12.55 News. 1.00 London. 5.15 Cowboy In Africa. 6.10 News and Weather. 6.15 The Saturday Crowd. 7.00 Please Sir! 7.30 The Saturday Feature: "Two Rode Together with James Stewart and Richard Widmark. 9.25 Scotsport. 10.00 Weather and News. 10.15 London. 12 midnight Late Call.

GRAMPIAN: 12.12 p.m. Mr Piper. 12.35 Vintage Comics. 12.55 News. 1.00 London. 3.55 Half-Time Round-Up. 4.00 London. 5.15 Cowboy In Africa. 6.10 News, Highland League Results. 6.15 Wheel Of Fortune. 6.45 London. 8.00 'Nine Hours To Rama' with Horst Bucholdt as Gandhi's assassin. 10.00 News. Weather 10.10.12 midnight 10.00 News, Weather, 10.10-12 midnight

#### B.B.C.-1

9.00 a.m. Boxing. 10.00 Repondez s'il vous plait. 10.30-11.00 Wie 10.15 Match Of The Day. 12 noon Weatherman. 12.05 p.m. Casey Jones. 12.25 Zokkol 12.45 Grandstand. 5.15

6.05 News and Weatherman, 6.15 Simon Dee. 6.45 Dixon Of Dock Green.
7.30 The Morecambe and Wise

Show.
8.15 High Adventure: The Comancheros', with John Wayne, Lee Marvin, Stuart Whitman. Gun-running to the Comanches.

10.15 Match Of The Day. 11.15 Braden's Week.

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

Midlands and East Anglia, South and West: 11.57 p.m. Weather.

North of England: 11.57 p.m. News Summary. North of England: 11.57 p.m. News Summary.
Scotland: 5.00-5.15 p.m. Sportsreel 10.15-11.00 Sportsreel. 11.00-11.45 One Over The Eight.
Wales: 6.15-6.45 p.m. Disc A Dawn. Northern Ireland: 5.10-5.15 p.m. Sports Results, News Summary. 11.15-11.45 Square One. 11.57 Weather.

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

Saturday Cinema: 'The Passionate Stranger', with Ralph Richardson, Margaret Leighton and Carlo Justini. Novelist wife of a disabled professor sees an interesting plot for a new book in the arrival of an Italian chauffeur.

7.00 News and Sports.
7.15 Gardeners' World.
7.30 Rugby Special:
v. South Africa. Cardiff 8.05 Moby Dick: The Great American Novel. CBS documentary. 8.55 The Ice Show.

9.35 Review. 10.15 The First Churchills. 11.00 Line Up. 11.25 News Summary.

11.30 Midnight Movie: 'Gilda', with Rita Hayworth and Glenn Ford. A gambler is suddenly faced with woman from his past.

#### A letter . . .

Dear Editor,

In your comment on my letter printed under the heading 'Zionism and Stalinism' you raise the question of the bureaucracy's use of anti-Semitism as an instrument of policy in Russia and eastern Europe generally, and seem to invite me to comment on this.

**Anti-Semitism** 

How indeed, can a bureaucracy which includes a substantial Jewish element follow an 'anti-Semitic' line? Menahem Begin, the right-wing Zionist leader, an ex-Polish Jew, who is now prominent in Israeli politics, goes so far as to say, in his book 'The Revolt' (published here in 1951) that the Soviet government is anti-Semitic'.

As he points out, the presence of so many Jews at every level of the bureaucracy sets definite limits to the toleration, let alone encouragement, by the latter of the anti-Semitic moods that undoubtedly do appear among the people? A serious anti-Semitic movement would inevitably turn against the regime. In this official anti-Semitism à la Hitler is out of the question in the Stalinistruled countries.

This does not mean that different factions of the bureaucracy do not use anti-Semitism from time to time, along with other 'ideological' weapons, in their internecine

In Poland recently it appears

that a group composed mainly of men who fought in the partisan bands during the war has been struggling against a group whose members returned to Poland in the baggage-wagons of the Red Army, and in this struggle the fact that the latter group includes a number of lews has not been overlooked by their rivals—any more than the fact they they were asso-ciated with the worst excesses

The exploitation of prejudices by Stalinist bureaucrats takes all sorts of forms, of course. During the frame-up trial of Lazlo Rajk, held in Hungary under Rakosi in 1949, the wretched victim was obliged to recite, as part of the scenario written for his public performance: 'I wish to add that I am of Aryan descent, and genuinely too, because on one side I am Saxon'. Probably you remember, as I do, how this item in Rajk's 'evidence' was used to quell doubts about the trial in leftwing circles in the West: 'There you are, you see, the fellow makes a point of his "Aryan descent", so he must

of Stalinist repression in the

late 1940s and early 1950s.

in the Soviet Union

be a Fascist hyena, after all'. When the Germans attacked Russia in 1941, measures were taken in many areas threatened by the invaders, despite the chaos and confusion that reigned, to evacuate all the Jewish women and children (and quite a few men too). They were taken eastward in special trains to places of safety. This is largely why, in spite of the Nazi massacres, such a considerable number about three millions—of Jews are still to be found in the Soviet Union, attracting the covetous attention of the Zion-

Many of them left their evacuation areas after the war to return to the western regions—there was, of course, no restriction on their movements such as still applies to the Crimean Tartars!— but a good few have remained, in and around Tashkent. This is why the proportion of Jews in the Communist Party of Uzbekistan is so much higher than it was before the war. My example illustrates how much more complex is the relationship between 'the bureaucracy' and 'the Jews' than is implied in the propagandist phrases which are so handy-but the use of which plays straight into the hands of the Zionists.

You point out, in your piece headed 'Wilson's friends are our enemies', taking the example of Eric Heffer, how Zionism, semi-Zionism and crypto-Zionism are being used nowadays for 'Trojan horse' purposes by the enemies of the working-class movement. The Workers Press is doing a great deal to expose and combat this menace, especially through the invaluable articles by Charles Parkins. The pernicious humbug of Zionist propaganda needs to be shot down wherever it appears.

Brian Pearce.

#### ...and a reply from the Editor

COMRADE Pearce's comments are very interesting. They show that the bureaucracy's policy towards the Jews is as capricious as its attitude towards the other national minorities and his reference to 'anti-Semitism à la Hitler being out of the question' is certainly correct. Rut the

a class and for historical and sociological reasons cannot use anti-Semitism 'à la Hitler'. Because it lacks the stability and homogeneity of a ruling class and stands at a low cultural level, the bureaucracy is extremely sensitive to any minority group—political or national—which in any way impugns its social status or threatens its stability as the ruling minority in the USSR. This is particularly true in

relation to the Jews in the USSR, who constitute today the largest community of Jews in the world, and the most gifted and 'rebellious' national minority in it.

Referring to this aspect of the bureaucracy's policy relating to national minorities, Trotsky wrote:

'The more considerable the level of development of a given national group, or the higher the sphere of its cultural creation, or, again, the more closely it grapples with the problems of society and personality, the more heavy and intolerable becomes the pressure of the bureaucracy.' He concludes: '. . . since the

Kremlin is the residence of the

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character of Hitler's antibureaucracy.

advance.

Is it not a fact that in the

pagandist phrases' when I policy.

The presence of Jews as technicians, scientists and administrators—and even policemen-in the bureaucracy does not alter this fact by a scin-

It only demonstrates the impossibility of trying to solve the problem of the Jewish minority within the framework

ism, was based on the criterion 'administrative convenience'. Stalin's attitude to the Jews

ary approach. His first attempt to solve the pounded by the creation of Israel and the desire of certain Jews to emigrate. In this sense the Stalinists and Zionists are no antipodes

the Jewish problem. tionary parasitic stratum can-

as well as all other minorities. The affair of the Crimean

the colour of an automatic Russification, leaving to the other nationalities the sole indubitable cultural right of celebrating the arbiter in their own language' ('Revolution Be-Indeed Soviet anti-Semitism

does not take on the strident and violently pogromist Semitism which served a vastly different purpose from that which animates the Soviet

the fact, for example, of Iewish communities being removed from the areas threatened by the German

of leading Jewish personalities, then liquidated them.

same period that Stalin supported the formation of Israel and the partition of Palestine, he was busy concocting the Slansky Trial, with its crude anti-Semitic overtones, and the

write this, but am only trying to point out, however complex the relationship may be, that the bureaucracy and not just a section of the people, as Pearce implies, does resort to anti-Semitism as an instrument of

problem in a purely adminitrative way was the creation of Birobidjan-the autonom-

#### **B.B.C.-1** 9.00-9.30 a.m. Nai Zindagi-Naya

Jeevan. 10.30-11.30 Morning Service. 1.25 p.m. Farming. 2.00 The Education Programme, 2.29 News Headlines. 2.30 Day Time. 2.55 Film Matinee: 'The Glenn Miller Story, with James Stewart and June Allyson. Tribute to bandleader Glenn Miller. 4.45 Carols For Christmas. 5.15 The Undersea World Of Jacques Cousteau.

6.15 Malcolm Muggeridge.

6.50 Songs Of Praise. 7.20 Jack de Manio appeals on behalf of CURE—National Addiction and Research

7.25 Paul Temple. 8.15 Play of the Month: Celia Johnson in 'The Marquise' by Noel Coward.

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

countryside of Ireland. Workshop: The March King—John Philip Sousa. Documentary.

the Curate.

You Going To My Pretty Vaid? The development of women's fashion in-cluding Twiggy and Mary Quant. 11.25 Weatherman.

Midlands and East Anglia: 11.27 p.m. Weather. North of England, Northern Ireland, South and West: 11.27 p.m. News and Weather.

Addola Dduw.

At Barker. 6.00 News From ITN. 6.15 All Creatures Great and

> (Deceased). 8.20 'The Beauty Jungle' with

Janette Scott, Ian Hendry, Ronald Fraser and Edmund Purdom. 10.10 News From ITN. 10.20 This Is . . . Tom Jones. 11.20 Tonight With David Nixon.

CHANNEL: 11.00 a.m.-12.40 p.m. London. 2.13 Today's Weather. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 Feature Film: 'Battle Circus', 4.45 London. 5.30 Bugs Bunny. 6.00 National News and Channel News Headlines. 6.15 London. 7.25 Feature Film: 'Kim' with Errol Flynn and Dean Stockwell. Rudyard Kipling's Indian adventure. 9.10 Strange Report. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 11.55 Epilogue, Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00 a.m. London. 12.12 p.m. Regional Weather Forecast. 12.15 London. 1.05 You And Your Child. 1.30 All Our Yesterdays. 2.06 Farm Progress. 2.25 Seaway. 3.15 Southern Soccer. 4.05 The Beverly Hillbillies. 4.35 Southern News. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 8.20 Sunday Film: 'The Beauty Jungle' with Janette Scott, Ian Henry and Ronald Fraser. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 12.05 a.m. Weather, The New Liturgy.

HARLECH: 11.00 a.m. London. 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 Parkin's Patch. 3.45 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 4.45 London. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Strange Report. 8.25 Screen On Sunday: 'City Jungle' with Paul Newman, Barbara Rush and Diane Brewster. 10.10 News. 10.20 'City Jungle' (continued). 11.05 This Is . . . Tom Jones. 12.05 a.m. Weather.

Harlech (Wales): 5.30-6.00 p.m. Testun Trafod.

ANGLIA: 11.00 a.m. London. 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. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Forest Rangers, Weather. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Star Movie: 'Green Fire' with Stewart Granger and Grace Kelly. 9.10 Strange Report. 10.10 News, Weather. 10.20 London. 12.05 a.m. Reflection.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00 a.m. London, 1.05-YORKSHIRE: 11.00 a.m. London. 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.45-All Our Yesterdays. 2.15 Sunday Sport. 3.15 'The Midnight Story' with Tony Curtis. Traffic policeman investigates a murder. 5.00 Julia. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Hawaii Five-O. 8.20 'Force Of Arms' with William Holden, Nancy Olson and Frank Lovejoy. Wartime love story. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 12.05 a.m. Late Weather.

#### authorities, and the outlying territories are compelled to

keep step with the centre, bureaucratism inevitably takes

Publications).

Comrade Pearce mentions

That is true. Not only that. Stalin even secured the help like Erlich and Alter, in the struggle against fascism-and

Even more significant is Stalin's policy in the post-war period.

'Doctors' Plot', whose terrible logic was abhorrent to sections of the bureaucracy itself? I am not indulging in 'pro-

tilla.

of 'socialism in a single country'-a country, moreover, which was only just emerging from medieval backwardness. As Lenin pointed out on many occasions, the bureaucracy's policy, and this was the infantile version of later Stalin-

is the most vivid proof of this non-Marxist and reaction-

ous Tewish territory.

This was a total failure because the Jews were a largely urban community who found ample scope for their talents when the Revolution destroyed the ghetto and gave an impetus to the development of of science and the arts.

From one extreme, Stalin swung to another, administrative solution: forcible assimilation into Russian society. This assumed a complete ignorance of the cultural background of Soviet Jewry and produced

disastrous results. All avenues of Jewish cultural expression were shut down and the best exponents of Yiddish literature and art were silenced.

coincided with the so-called 'irrevocable triumph of socialism' and the political reaction which followed it. This policy encouraged anti-Semitism in the USSR. Post-Stalin policy towards

Not accidentally this policy

the Jews has changed the emphasis, but not the reactionary content. Hyman Levy pointed out the untenable thesis of Kremlin

policy some years ago when he

stated: 'Instead of trying to force Jews into a strict, non-Jewish category by physical elimination of their cultural leaders, Jews are being encouraged to merge themselves completely by offering them almost, but not quite, every facility for integration, except in the political field, while at the same time no assistance is provided to express and encourage their own specific literary, artistic, and dramatic forms.

'The expectation is, presumably, that on this basis the Jews as such will vanish.' As Levy remarks:

Jew on the Central Committee,

'Today there is not a single

and indeed, no Jew in any high political position' ('Jews and the National Question'. Hillway Publishing Company. 1958. Emphasis in original). Far from solving the problem, this attitude has only aggravated it-and this situation has been further com-

—but twins. Neither of them can solve

The existence of this reacnot be reconciled with the genuine and unfettered development of the Jewish minority,

Tartars and the persecution of Grigorenko shows that only a political revolution by the working class can establish the conditions for such a flowering

6.05 News and Weatherman.

Institute.

7.00 p.m. News Review and Weather. 7.25 The World About Us: The Green Island. The

9.15 A Year In The Life: for

9.45 News and Weather. 9.55 Omnibus: Where Are

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

Wales: 1.25-1.50 p.m. Farming In Wales. 2.30-2.55 The Doctors. 2.55-3.35 Springboks in Wales. 3.35-3.55 The Doctors. 3.55-4.15 Dwedwch Be Fynnoch Chi. 4.15-4.45 Ble Carech Chi Fynd? 6.15-6.30 Insight. 6.30-6.50 Addola Dduw.

Scotland: 6.15-6.50 p.m. Sunday Set. 6.50-7.20 Songs Of Praise. 10.55-11.35 Braden's Week.

10.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: 'The Switch', with Barbara Couper and John Castle. 10.30 Rowan and Martin's

Laugh In.

11.20 News Summary. 11.25 Line Up: with guest

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: Lt.-Col. Colin 'Mad Mitch' Mitchell. 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

Small. 6.35 Seven Days. 7.25 Randall and Hopkirk

12.05 a.m. A Question Of Human Rights.

#### **REGIONAL I.T.V.**

WESTWARD: 11.00 a.m. London. 1.05-1.25 p.m. You And Your Child. 2.00 Farm and Country News. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 Feature Film: 'Battle Circus' with Humphrey Bogart and June Allyson. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Bugs Bunny Show. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Feature Film: 'Kim' with Errol Flynn. 9.10 Strange Report. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 12 midnight Faith For Life. 12.06 a.m. Weather.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00 a.m. London. 1.05-1.30 p.m. You And Your Child. 1.45 Cannonball. 2.15 Star Soccer. 3.15 'Hurricane Smith' with Yvonne De Carlo, John Ireland, James Craig. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Secret Service. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 The Sunday Feature Film: 'Woman Obsessed' with Susan Haywood, Stephen Boyd. 9.10 Strange Report. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 12.05 a.m. Weather. VILSTER: 12.15 p.m. London. 1.05-1.30 You And Your Child. 2.30 Mad Movies. 2.55 Football. 3.50 The Baron. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Peyton Place. 8.20 Star Movie: 'Foreign Intrigue' with Robert Mitchum, Ingrid Thulin and Genevieve Page. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 12.05 a.m. Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00 a.m.-12 noon Morning Service. 12.35 p.m. Your Living Body. 1.00 You And Your Child. 1.25

All Our Yesterdays. 1.55 Fireball XL5. 2.25 The Pursuers. 2.55 Football. 3.50 The Doris Day Show. 4.15 Survival. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 The Big Picture: 'The Nun's Story' with Audrey Hepburn and Peter Finch. Story of a spirited novice. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. TYNE TEES: 10.10 a.m. Postgraduate Medicine. 11.00-1.05 p.m. London. 2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Shoot. 3.20 Sunday Matinee: 'No Time For Tears' with Anna Neagle, George Baker, Anthony Quayle. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 It Takes A Thief. 8.25 Film Premiere: 'Destroyer' with Edward G. Robinson and Glenn Ford. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 11.20 Seaway. 12.15 a.m. The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico. Read by Jennifer Claire.

SCOTTISH: 12.15 p.m. London. 1.05 You And Your Child. 1.30 All Our Yesterdays. 2.00 Diane's Magic Theatre. 2.15 Mr Piper. 2.45 Sports Arena. 3.15 Report: 'Now That The Buffalo's Gone'. 4.45 London. 5.30 The Flaxton Boys. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 7.25 Hogan's Heroes. 7.55 The Bogart Festival: 'To Have And Have Not' with Humphrey Bogart, Walter Brennan and Lauren Bacall. 10.10 News. 10.20 London. 12.05 a.m. Late Call.

GRAMPIAN: 11.40 a.m. Postgraduate Medicine. 12.15 p.m. London. 1.05-1.29 You And Your Child. 1.50 Farm Progress. 2.15 All Our Yesterdays. 2.45 London. 3.10 Sherlock Holmes. 4.15 London. 5.30 The Double Life Of Henry Phyfe. 6.00 News. 6.15 London. 6.35 Oh Happy Dayl 7.00 Towards Christmas. 7.25 Marcus Welby MD. 8.25 This Is. . Tom Jones. 9.25 The Big Film: 'One-Eyed Jacks' with Marlon Brando, directing himself in a Western. 10.10 News, Weather. 10.20 The Big Film (part two). 12.10 a.m. Sunday Talks.

#### **EGYPTIANS** RETURN HOME AFTER MOSCOW TALKS

THE top-level Egyptian delegation which, has spent the last three days in Moscow for talks with Soviet leaders left

for home yesterday.

During the last session of the talks, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko met his Egyptian opposite number Mahmoud Riad in a final attempt to agree on a joint approach to the Middle-East

## Rent and fares attack on West Midlands workers

Families in three-bedroomed

have to pay £4 4s. 2d., a 9s.

Announcing the rises—the

was 'deeply sorry that there has to be these increases, but we have to face up to

Reality

The reality referred to by Alderman Dark is that in the next two or three years, Birmingham Corporation will

have to repay seven-year loans of over £20 million borrowed

interest rates of 2½, 3¾ and 4¼

further sums must be borrowed at rates of nearly 10

To pay back these loans,

'Alderman Dark said that if

the minister did not see his

way clear to keeping the spirit

of the government's intention

that housing money should

cost 4 per cent, the housing

account would have to be

looked at again for another

potential increase in six months' time.' ('Evening Mail',

all on the Labour government!

rine cynical electron promises' of the Labour leaders of 3 per cent mortgages and 4 per cent interest rates—broken long ago—are used by the Tories to attack the working class.

Dark commented 'We are

gambling on the fact that the government will keep the

spirit of its intentions . . .

when interest rates do begin to fall the rents could be

With the government pledged to repay £300 million

each year for the next ten

years to the international bankers, he must know there

is little chance of such a

Possible deficit

IT IS much the same story in STAFFORD where 5,500 tenants face increases ranging

from 4s. 8d. to 10s. 10d. a

A deficit of £82,271, largely

the increases were not

made, said Alderman C. H.

Merrey on Wednesday, December 3.

ON THE same day, increased rents for 27,000 council ten-

ants in DUDLEY were de-

tailed by the Housing Com-

The rises are of similar

amounts to those at Stafford

and come into effect from

April 6. Again, the spectre of

interest rates was raised by councillors—Labour and Tory.

The total debt on the Housing Revenue Account is £35 million and a one per

cent increase in interest rate

meant finding an additional £350,000, explained the mathe-

Interest rates over the past 12 months had risen from

77 per cent to 101 per cent.

nine months after an increase

ranging from 3s. 8d. to 10s.

earlier this year.
Families living in three-

bedroom pre-war houses will

the council meeting.

One Labour alderman pointed out that £3,390 had just been paid for a new civic

car, and the council had re-

cently sold some land which he felt would 'cushion' the

matically-minded chairman.

mittee chairman.

through increased interest rates, would have to be faced

With the

'gamble' paying off.

week from April 27.

The cynical election 'prom-

December 4.)

ing class.

between 1962 and 1964

per cent.



A young tenant demonstrator makes a telling point.

Vietnam

fascist gangs, strike-breakers and killers in the most de-cisive war of all—against the

The mercenaries and those

Hitler began by baiting

and attacking the Jews, but

ended up by terrorizing and

smashing the entire German

and European labour move-ment on behalf of the

That is why working-class

solidarity with the Vietnam-

In essence we are fighting the same battle against the

same enemy-world imperial-

ism.

These new revelations must

serve as an added political

spur in our campaign to stop

the Wilson trip to Washington. The British labour move-

ment cannot in any way be identified with the leader of

the system that instructs its

soldiers to maintain their 'kill

If they do, they are, in fact,

helping to dig the graves not only of the workers and peasants of Vietnam today, but the British working class

democrats before the war.

take the same road here.

We must not allow them to

quotas'.

ese people is so urgent.

that train them today are the

potential fascists and union-

FROM PAGE ONE

working class at home.

smashers of tomorrow.

PROPOSED bus fare rises and increases in rents in Birmingham and district will be the latest blows aimed at families in the West Midlands.

Under the proposals of the West Midlands Transport Authority, fares will increase in the new year by up to 3d.

The recently-introduced 6d. fare, a rationalization of the 4d. and 8d. fares, will go up to 9d.—an increase of over 100 per cent in the cost of a journey previously costing 4d.

There is already a great deal of resentment over the erosion of the standard of living, particularly amongst council tenants, who are in for some

IN BIRMINGHAM an average increase of 7s. 6d. will come into force on February families will have increased rents of 10s. or even more.

## Radiators men stand firm

TWO HUNDRED press operators at Coventry Radiators have decided to continue their threeweek strike over suspensions and will be meet-

The strike, against management attempts to introduce arbitrary speed-up under the terms of a new productivity deal, has seriously hit production at the factory and is now affecting other firms in the

The bodies they are instructed to produce belong to the same class as ourselves. No trade unionist, Labour or Communist Party member or socialist can abstain on the issue of Wilson's

Midlands area.

tiated. . .'

in the future.

That was the depth of the betrayal by the German social In the same paper on December 5, Raine launched

This statement could create considerable confusion.

or his company.

As the strikers' financial

us, but on all organized workers in the country.'
The strike has yet to be

## made official.

### at public meetings

**WORKERS PRESS** 

See the film of the first issue being prepared and printed and the film 'Young Socialists, 1969'

#### **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)** 

Speakers MIKE BANDA (Editor of Workers' Press) SHEILA TORRANCE (National Secretary of the Young Socialists)

#### 7d., an 8s. increase. post-war houses, at present paying £3 15s. 2d., will now 9s. will also go on two-bedroomed post-war flats. the standard of living working - class sixth in four years — on December 4, 37-year-old December 4, 37-year-old Anthony Beaumont Dark, Tory Housing Committee chairman, explained that he

real attacks in 1970, if the local councils have their way.

Rent of a pre-war non-

In a statement to the 'Coventry Evening Telegraph', managing director Mr H. W. Raine said that however serious the position is, he is not prepared to give

way. He said: 'We must stand firm because we believe we have a fair agreement freely nego-

a witch-hunt against the Radiators strikers with his

# against speed-up

ing again next Thursday.

totally unfounded claim that Trotskyist activity is behind industrial unrest at the fac-But, as workers pointed out at the time (see Wednesday's Workers Press), the strike is due to the company's own

#### Slippery slope

Replying to Raine's latest outburst, Radiators' convenor George Anderson said:

'Mr Raine is prepared to stand firm. He should examine his foundations, which are on a slippery slope. If he is so sure of his side of the story, then I am prepared to publicly debate this with him—in front of TV cameras if necessary.'

The strikers are not involved in a debate with Raine,

appeal to trade unionists says:
We appeal for the support of all trade unionists in our just struggle. The attack on our conditions is management's attempt to make us work at arbitrary and excessive speeds.
'It is an attack not only on

## LIBYA CABINET

THE TWO Libyan Cabinet Ministers accused of plotting to overthrow the new military regime are to be brought before a court martial, it was announced in Tripoli yester-

day.

Defence Minister Adam Al-Hawas and Minister of the Interior Moussa Ahmad, both Lieutenant-Colonels, face possible death sentences under a new law issued on Thursday, which also set up the threeman court that will try them.

No mercy

Chairman of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council Colonel Muammar Gaddafi said: 'There will be no mercy for the traitors.'

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. 7d. will go up to £3 10s. financiers' for the high interest rates.

All these local Labour leaders avoid responsibility for taking up a fight to remove the Labour leadership, which, by refusing to make the employers and the bankers pay for their economic crisis, opens the way to the Tories and worse attacks on the

#### Feeble protest

The feeble protest by Birmingham Labour MPs at the House of Commons on the day that the increases were announced must meet with a sharp rebuke from their con-

In their statement, the MPs, led by Julius Silverman (Aston), and Christopher Price (Perry Barr), call for a 'full examination of the efficiency of the Tory housing adminis-

But nothing is said about the 'efficiency' with which their own Party leaders are making the working class pay for the economic difficulties of capitalism.

Instead, they propose to 'urge' Housing Minister Anthony Greenwood to stop the increases, if they prove 'substantial'.

Greenwood, of course, has already approved a 7s. 6d. 'norm' for increases, which is being manipulated by the local councils so that the average rise is 7s. 6d., though some In other words, another massive increase after six months and we can blame it families may pay up to 2s. 6d. above this. The Labour MPs also put

forward the reactionary policy of increasing Birmingham We have already pointed out in the Workers Press that

this will not solve the problem of interest rates and will only drive a wedge between council tenants and workers living in privately-owned houses.

The group is calling for a boycott of local Labour clubs in Rowley Regis, Oldbury and Smethwick to 'put pressure' on the Labour government to reduce interest rates. Whilst correctly seeing the government as the chief in-stigator of these attacks on the standard of living, this is

**By a Workers Press** 

correspondent

THE METHODS of 'struggle'

proposed by the Tenants' Action Group in WARLEY,

where increases averaging 7s. 6d. are proposed for 26,000 tenants, must also be rejected.

not the kind of programme which will shift Greenwood The 'grass roots' Labour Parties and clubs have in many areas been long ago 'boycotted' by members feel-ing betrayed by Wilson.

But this has had no effect on the policies of the govern-ment, which is tied hand and foot to the dictates of the international financiers.

What is required is a fight inside and outside the Labour Party to remove Wilson and his cabinet and implement socialist policy for the crisis.

The rent increases will not go to improve the standard of accommodation for tenants, many of whom are being forced to rent slums from the council.

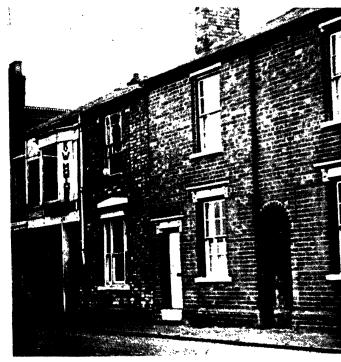
The cash will go straight into the pockets of the money-The only answer to the rent increases is the immediate suspension of interest pay-ments, and the instigation of a socialist housing policy, with the construction industry and land nationalized under

workers' control. This must go alongside the bringing under state owner-ship of all building societies, banks and insurance companies.

The fight to achieve this demands the building of an alternative socialist leadership in the working class. The fight against rent increases is closely linked to the present struggle in the Midlands factories, a great number of which are con-nected to the motor industry. The big financiers who pull the strings to make Wilson jump and who are the ones who gain from rent increases are also behind the attacks being mounted against wages

representation or they will find management will take advantage of them,' said Mr Reg Hayes, Transport and General Workers' Union and conditions in the factories. Tenants' committees must branch secretary. seek the support of the shop stewards' committees and trade union branches in this Mr Hayes considers, however, that the Pontypool workers have done well out of the

Council tenants, ratepayers, new deal. factory workers and busmen are all engaged in a common



Housing in Smethwick, near Birmingham.

#### Jones intervenes in Jan. 1 strike

ONE man of whom it should never be said that he is not a democrat is Mr Jack Jones. More than a belief in democracy, however, is going to be required if Britain's 70,000 municipal busmen are going to win the 10 per cent wage The Dudley rises come just claim Jones has submitted on behalf. Considerably their

Mr Jones, who is general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, alnow pay an extra 8s. 10d., whilst the increase for a ways likes to give everybody the benefit of having his say. three-bedroom post-war house will be 9s. 8d. a week. Although Labour apparently So when it appeared that some 28,000 of his members were planning to go on strike has a majority on the Dudley Council, only 'a number' of Labour councillors were reon January 1, it was only natural that this benefit should be conferred on . . . Mr Fred Mulley, Mr Desmond Plummer and Sir Richard ported as voting against the rises, which were approved at

Wasn't it? Mulley is, after all, Labour government's Minister of Transport; Way is, after all, the new chairman of the London Transport Board and

Another Labour alderman Plummer is, after all, Tory

#### WEATHER

Weather for 24 hours from Friday noon: London, SE and Central Southern England, East Midlands: Occasional rain at first. Becoming mostly dry with variable cloud. Fog patches overnight. Wind variable, light, increasing south, moderate. Normal. Maximum 7C

West Midlands, Channel Islands, SW, NW and Central

Northern England, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Bright in-

tervals at first. Increasing

cloud with outbreaks of rain spreading from the west. Wind south, light, increasing moderate or fresh. Normal. Maximum 8C (46F). Edinburgh: Bright or clear intervals. Increasing cloud,

perhaps occasion rain later. Wind south, light, increasing moderate or fresh. Normal. Maximum 6C (43F). Outlook for further 48 hours: Rain at times, especially in the west. Near normal temperatures in the west, rather cold leader of the Greater London

As the busmen are protesting against cuts threatened when the GLC takes over London Transport on January these are obviously the people who matter. Aren't they? Mr Jones' concern is, of course, all for the public

good. 'We want', he said yester-'to discuss the serious crisis in bus transport . . . in some areas of London there has been a virtual collapse of public transport due to inefficient management and over-emphasis on economy in-

stead of providing an adequate public service.' If this is the case surely Mr Jones should be calling mass meetings of his members to discuss the threatened further cuts; the fight against speed-up, productivity deals and redundancies; the struggle for a decent living wage. Similarly with national T&GWU bus secretary Mr

Alan Thomson. Mr Thomson apparently thinks that the municipal men have simply to argue that there is no reason why the busmen's claim should not be granted, on the basis of increases paid to other sections of low-paid workers, and the employers will cave in. He is

wrong. None of these issues, of course, can really be solved outside the battle for workers' control of public transport and the nationalization of the basic industries in order to direct funds towards the pub-

lic services. Is this why no such meetings have been called?

#### MEET MR. LOLLIPOP IN LEEDS TODAY



Mixed

reaction to

new ICI deal

LEADERS of 3,500 production workers at ICI

Fibres, Pontypool, are divided in their reaction

to the new productivity deal being introduced by

the company at their factory and throughout the

From our own correspondent

a steward re-negotiating a

bonus rate for the job and

this was easier, said Mr

Less strength

under WSA the shop floor has less strength and less manoeuverability.

'In other words I think that

'As far as taking more re-

sponsibility, and being treated as staff is concerned, I think that's just "window-dressing"

—to make us accept the productivity deal.

been abolished under this plan. The job itself disciplines

measured down to the last

As in all productivity schemes WSA offers certain immediate advantages to the

workers.
But ICI have introduced the

deal solely to raise produc-

increase is expected within a

In this case, the 25 per cent

Costs slashed

Administrative and super-

visory costs have been slashed

and the new output is only

being achieved on the basis of

work speed-up and breaking down job-demarcations.

Workers must consider two

First: would they have done

better under the old system? Second: if demand for ICI

products slumps, will the company's current benevolent

second.

things.

'Some supervisory jobs have

worker. All work is

**PONTYPOOL** 

combine.

But at least 12 months

will be needed before the

consequences of the new

Weekly Staff Agreement'

will become apparent, they

told Workers Press re-

'My advice to all ICI wor-

kers faced with this scheme is to make sure they have the

fullest shop-floor and union

25 p.c. rise

Under the scheme, intro-

duced 11 weeks ago, the men's

basic weekly pay has on average risen from £22 to £26 in

return for an anticipated 25 per cent productivity increase.

Worked out on the basis of

the latest techniques in job-

evaluation, the plan places

get more money a worker

must prove that the quality of his job has changed.

For example, he has to

prove there is more respon-

sibility or more mental effort

The old bonus system has

ICI-always famous for its

paternalism—also claims to

have given workers more in-

terest in their jobs and the

company by allowing them

Critics

critics of the scheme on the T&GWU Fibres Committee.

methods are better. This new

scheme of total involvement

from the shop floor means

that the management gets more out of the worker by

making him believe he is

taking more responsibility, said Mr Don Jackson.

'Once a deal like this has

been signed, there is nothing

we can do for 12 months. If

within that time any depart-

ment wants a wage increase

by moving up a grade every-

thing has to go back into the

melting-pot and the manage-ment has to be given proof

that the job should be re-

'This is a difficult and com-

'Before it was just a case of

**'Phoney** 

war'

ing to lead a principled fight

to clear out all forms of state

intervention against the trade

the Labour leaders by the movement of the working class, they remain there only

Equally treacherous

The Communist Party, for instance, is quite able to square advice that trade union-

ists should 'campaign with all

their strength to get the White

Paper rejected and made in-

Vilson 'speak for Britain' on

In both cases it is equally

Vietnam when he visits Nixon

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in order to confuse.

in January.

plicated thing for workers to

graded.

unions.

There are, however, strong

been scrapped and, in addition, an improved sickness

scheme introduced.

extra responsibilities.

'Traditional

workers in eight grades.

porters this week.

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