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The proposals, which are being discussed by the occupying workers, include: A PLEDGE to leave all machinery in the plant for up to two years. A PROMISE to keep wor-

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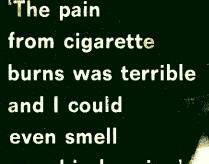
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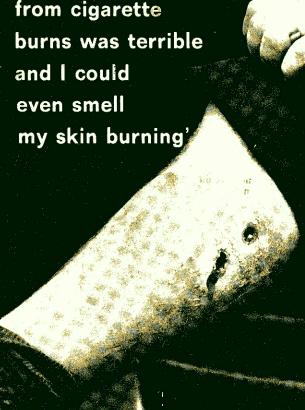
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BY IAN YEATS

A series of crisis meetings between the capitalist powers has only driven home the impossibility of restoring the pre-August 15 international agreement to overcome the

As Workers Press has pointed out consistently -Nixon's decision pushed the capitalist world towards trade

The trend towards the latter is now glaringly predominant.

Reporting back from a world tour international glass monopolist Lord Pil-kington told City businessmen on Tuesday that for the first time since World War II he had found the war if he had found the same worries afflicting every major country, he had visited; low investment, high unemployment, a high rate of inflation, failing demand and above all a lack

Raising the dollar price of gold cannot change this basic

The US government in any case is unable to open the 'gold window' because the \$40,000m in the hands of overseas bankers cannot be covered the \$10,000m-worth of gold in Fort Knox.

CURRENCIES

Nor can a realignment of currencies—likely to be discussed at the Group of Ten meeting in Washington tomorrow—'solve' the crisis.

The connection between paper money and gold, that is, the relationship between currency and value, has been decisively broken.

The capitalist powers have been discussing 'monetary re-form' for the last five years without result.

There is no way in which the employing class can put value back into currency except by the most titanic on-slaught against the working

The crisis within world capitalism drives the employers to attack all workers' rights and standards and move increasingly towards dictatorial and fascist forms of rule.

At the same time it must intensify the trend towards war-above all war to recapture the markets and territories lost to capitalism following the Russian and Chinese

These are the stark historical lessons of the 1930s which cannot be sidestepped by facile hopes that peaceful compromise can overcome the capitalists' crisis.

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intelligence officers, members

of the Special Branch, uni-formed RUC men and British

A consultant surgeon who

examined the men in Dublin

on Monday said the wounds

and marks on their bodies

could be consistent with their

accounts of being tortured with needles and burning

New terms to end **Plessey occupation**

Alexandria plant in the Vale

men, Eddie McLafferty and Jack Green, plus local union officer, Ian McKee, will report on an offer by Plessey's and the Lyons property group to find a buyer or buyers for the Alexandria

A PROMISE to keep wor-

But in return the men must end their 15-week occupation of the factory. Eddie McLafferty said yesterday that the men

decision.

making any decision on the terms other stewards in the group had to be consulted. 'The men have backed our fight by blacking any machinery that Plessey's wanted to move from Alexandria. We will consult them before making any move,' he said.

The management closed the Alexandria plant on September 3. Only very recently have they con-sented to meet the men who occupied the factory on the day of its closure. Together with the Lyons group, Plessey's is now pre-

But the workers must end their occupation, hand over the keys and allow the re-

'We want further safe-

of men, some of whom were said to have escaped in a car. Yesterday the army apologized for any confusion caused by the issue of different reports of the shooting.

> A spokesman said: 'Every effort is made to provide accurate information. But reports received from units in the more remote rural areas can become distorted by the passage of information through a variety of communications to army HQ. Unfortunately this happened last night.'

11 and 16.

ın Ulster.

working class.

carrying a gun.

It happened because the

army has been told to ruth-

lessly crack down on even

the smallest hint of oppo-

sition to Tory law and order

It happened because naked

violence is all crisis-ridden capitalism has left to offer the

Yesterday at Coalisland angry

Army command put out

First stories said McShane

their now familiar contradic-

tory explanations of the killing.

had been seen climbing over a

fence into a football field

Others involved a number

Apology

crowds stoned police and troops and burned vehicles in

retaliation for the shooting.

EARLIER at a Dublin hotel three Provisional IRA members who broke out of Belfast's Crumlin Rd jail last week added their stories to the growing dossier of Tory horror.

The three men, Martin Meehan, Tony Doherty and Hugh McCann claimed they had been tortured by British

Martin Meehan told reporters at Tuesday's press

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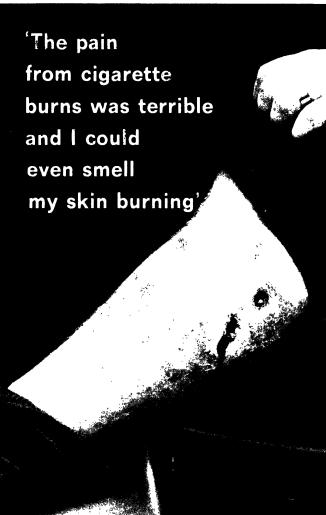
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PLESSEY combine shop stewards' committee will meet today to hear the company's terms for ending the workers' occupation of their

of Leven, Scotland. Leaders of the Alexandria

The proposals, which are being discussed by the occupying workers, include: A PLEDGE to leave all machinery in the plant for up to two years.

kers informed of all devel-AN OFFICE for the Alexandria convenor Eddie Mc-Lafferty and other stewards.

would not be rushed into a

guards before we can accept any terms for ending the occupation,' he said. He added that before

pared to promote an in-dustrial estate on the Alex-

moval of stocks and work in progress.

Terror campaign in Malaya

THE BRITISH Army atrocities in Borneo which we reported yesterday were no isolated instance. They were part of a deliberate policy pursued by the military command in order to instil terror into the people they were fighting against.

The troops in Borneo

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inherited these tactics from the British army which fought against the Malayan People's Liberation Army from 1948 to 1960.

In that lengthy period of repression in Malaya, headhunting was 'not an uncommon

experience'.

This is supported by a num-

photographs showing British soldiers, sometimes accompanied by Dyak trackers, holding the severed heads of Malayan resistance fighters.

These trackers, recruited from among the headhunting Iban of N Borneo, were used with most of the infantry united in Malaya. In 1952 there were 264 Dyaks in

They were actively encouraged



A Dyak tracker in the uniform of the Royal Marine Commandos poses with dismembered parts of the body of a liberation fighter. The Dyak headhunters were used with most of the British infantry units in Malaya.

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to collect 'trophies' by beheading or scalping their victims. And British army officially glorified these gory exploits.

The Royal Marine journal 'Globe and Laurel', for example, carried in May 1952 a fulsome account of the Ibans' activities written by Maj Harry Willcox, one of the men who recruited trackers in Borneo for the No 3 ommando Brigade in Malaya.

Head-hunting

Willcox describes the welcome of a returning head-hunter at his of a returning head-number at his native village as a 'solemn and joyful moment'. He goes on: 'First, foremost and of supreme importance to all concerned is the question of whether he has brought back an enemy head or the scalp and hair which nowadays serve as a token head.

'If he hasn't been lucky on his patrols [in Malaya] and goes back empty-handed the welcome is altogether cooler.

'But if he has, he will, of course, have sent word ahead, and at a meeting the head of the longhouse will have commissioned the most highly-skilled weaver among the women to veave a special ceremonial cloth for the reception of the head.
'This lady, in a state of great

excitement and importance, is the first to greet him, taking the head in the cloth, while the other women sing the anthem for returning warriors.

The tracker will have fitted the scalp or hair onto a pump-kin, giving it the appearance of a turnip head and this he places in the cloth with ceremony. 'Every boy and young man there is green with envy, and every girl gives him the sort of look Errol Flynn is used to.'

The British army can hardly claim to have been ignorant about what the trackers it employed were there for. They glorified their barbarous headhunting and went on using their services for at least another ten

Photographs of the Dyaks' hideous handiwork being held up approvingly by British marines were published in the 'Daily Worker' in April 1952. Tory newspapers immediately branded them as 'fakes'. After a week of evasion in the Commons, Tory Colonial Secretary Oliver Lyttleton was forced to admit

that the pictures were genuine. The government's response? It set a fine of \$200 Straits (£23 6s) for anybody taking similar photographs.

Their chief concern was to the evidence of their barbarity getting out—just as ten later in Borneo, Special Branch set itself the task of suppressing the pictures of Indonesian fighters whose heads were being used as 'trophies' by British troops.

Inseparable

This kind of hideous brutality and degradation is absolutely inseparable from colonial war. The only way British capitalism could protect its tin and rubber holdings in Malaya, like its oil interest in Borneo, was by systematic torture and brutality against the Malayan workers and peasants.

In the same way, in N Ireland today, the Tory government is trying to cover the plain evidence of torture and brutality against men detained without trial, justifying it on the grounds that such measures are necessary against 'terrorists'.

British imperialism is second to none in its history of colonial brutality. The same forces which produced these dreadful photographs are in action in Ulster today.

They are the Tory government and its military terror machine.



A British Royal Marine posing with the severed heads of two Malayan liberation fighters.

The crisis continues

THE ending of the state of emergency which was in force in Chile's Santiago province from December 2 to December 10 does not mean that the problems of President Salvador Allende's regime are at an end.

It is simply recovering from the first round of the attack by his right-wing opponents.

The big rally of middle-class women from Santiago's plush suburbs which sparked off the emergency was followed by a of big workers' rallies pledging support to Allende.

The right has failed to win control of the streets in Santiago, but the left-wing parties and the Central Labour Organization (CUT) leaders think it is enough to pass resolutions to defeat the

reactionary threat. The right will have to turn to other methods. It is calling for the formation of 'a Democratic Civic Union' to rally all oppositionist forces. It is believed that strategy to bring down the regime in the name of 'democracy'.

Similar slogans have been used by other fascist and military groups in Latin America sup-Central Intelligence Agency.

Coup plans

Other preparations for an armed coup are being made with US

encouragement. The build-up of a reactionary bloc centred on Brazil is a sgin

of the times. The former right-wing president, Eduardo Frei, has just spent six weeks in the US as the guest of the semi-official Council of Foreign Affairs. No doubt plans have been laid for his return to power in the event of a successful

It is believed that the right is now making more careful prestrategy, counselled by US agents

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and supported by US funds chan-nelled through Frei's Christian Democratic Party.

The authenticity of documents published in the press showing the links between the copper corporations and right-wing politicians have so far not been denied. Meanwhile bands of rightists are still active in carrying out terrorist acts. Recently a gang set fire to a Socialist Party office in Socialist

Allende says that 'violence will be met by violence, but in accordance with the peaceful road theory on which his regime rests, he looks to the army and the police, not to the working class. In a speech last week he made

a distinction between the monopoly and non-monopoly sectors of the Chilean economy. He called on capitalists in the latter to invest their profits in their own industry.

In the same speech he said that workers 'must not recklessly increase wages without there being a corresponding increase in

Speculation

While not compensating the copper companies, the Chilean government has undertaken to repay \$726m in loans from consortia arranged by previous gov-ernments through international

The Chilean central bank recently suspended foreign exchange transactions to stop damaging speculation.

The fall in copper prices and

export earnings, coupled with rising costs, has placed the Chilean economy in a precarious

Speculators organized a run on réserves. Cattle-owners took 300,000 head of cattle out of the country. Millions of dollars have left the country illegally.

Because of the run on the escudo and the higher price of imports, big shortages have appeared in the home market.

Inflation, sabotage of production and black market activities been allowed to develop over the past several months be-fore the Allende government began to take energetic measures. The new controls are very much like closing the stable door when the horse has fled.

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Allende

Allende's government officials have claimed that there is no foreign exchange crisis, thus flying in the face of obvious facts. Reserves, in fact, are diminishing and, on their own admission, are only enough to pay for two

Now the government has been forced to put through a devaluadifferent parities for different

Deterioration

The deterioration of the reserve position, which is offered as an excuse for the suspension of foreign exchange transactions, ought never to have been allowed to develop. It shows that the Allende regime went in fear of international capital and hoped to continue to work through the market, including the foreign exchange market.

These hopes were knocked onesided by Nixon's August 15 measures, since when Chile's external position has not ceased to deteriorate. The terms of trade are becom-

ing increasingly adverse.

The only outcome can be runaway inflation and economic collapse, opening the way for the demoralization of the working class and the return of Frei and

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Capitalizing on the jobless

THERE WAS JUST one big sign of enthusiasm at this year's National Careers Exhibition which came to a close yesterday. It came from the country's law-enforcement authorities.

Amidst one of their most widespread publicity campaigns, Britain's police forces and the army looked set on capitalizing out of the desperate jobless situation amongst youth.

'We are expanding all the time,' said an officer at one of the stands. And he was not

Over 25 per cent of the ground space at the exhibition was taken up by display stands of capitalism's different repressive forces, including Scotland Yard, Metropolitan Police, Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force.

Britain's police stand was the biggest ever with 'entertainment and participation activities for

Among 'celebrities visiting the stand at the special request the police forces were footballer Geoff Hurst, DJ Tony Blackburn and Jimmy Savile and Miss United Kingdom Marilyn Ward. 'Altogether,' said the Home

Office,' 27 police forces have combined to make this the most ambitious police exhibit ever mounted in this country and during the countr ing the show about 130 policemen and women will be on duty to man the displays, give the demonstrations and answer queries about the range of work play in today's modern police. And recruitment wasn't too

difficult either. The nice friendly copper next to the super motor bike showed you how to sit on it in the right position and how to switch on the various gadgets. In a simulated control room, one was able to send pictures or messages by radio to a facsimile receiver in a police car on the stand. Others tried their hand at

Photofit identification while some had their finger-prints taken, tried on police helmets, caps and crash helmets and used a frogman's communication set. All one required to join the

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At the exhibition police put on a demonstration for mounted police display of crowd control.

police was a good character and medical approval.

Things were much tougher at

other stands. Not only did one to have the necessary qualifications for common professions such as osteopathy and Gospel-preaching, but competi-tion, we were told, was keen. Those who made it, however, had a grand future ahead.

'They're really trying to impress the handful of people who stay on at school every year,' said one 16 year old.

Little to offer

'There are thousands of others who end up in labouring jobs in factories. I suppose that is not considered to be a "career".'

It certainly wasn't the sort of thing one would expect after four or five years in a secondary modern school. Apart from a mass of colourful literature and a glimpse of technical achieve-ments in industry, the majority of youth left the exhibition with

little else.
All they got was an idea of the potential stored up in scientific methods used today in almost every single profession. The architectural section dis-played well-polished walls and designs, while the Ministry of

Defence stand next to it showed a small scale model of a bombedout house with a tank nearby. And the Youth Employment Service put forward about ten bright new booklets for sale, knowing full well that it had failed to place over 19,300 school-leavers in any sort of jobs whatsoever. That was the reality behind

'Opportunity '71' and one which did not succeed entirely in fooling the youth. The exhibition is very impres-

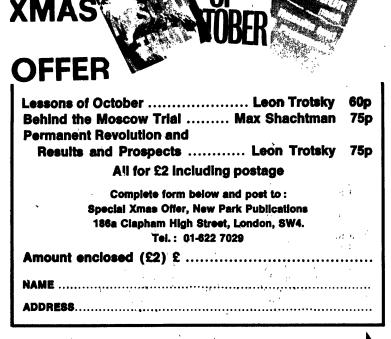
sive and well laid out, said John Dunn (15). 'But they have one every year. This one might look very much the same as last year, but the fact is that of all my friends who left school last sum-mer only three have found jobs.' A visit to Empire Hall, Olympia, he added, would not make things any different. 'The police seem to be doing all right. They're about the only people taking on new recruits. the police,' said another 15-year-

Effective

'It seems crazy to me to make a career out of destruction. One of those rocket launchers which the army is displaying could devastate a large piece of the

While shell-throwers, artillery, guns and rockets dwarfed all the other exhibits at Olympia, the evening papers, on sale at the entrance, reported 'heavy casualties' in the war between India and Pakistan.
'The Indians are using the

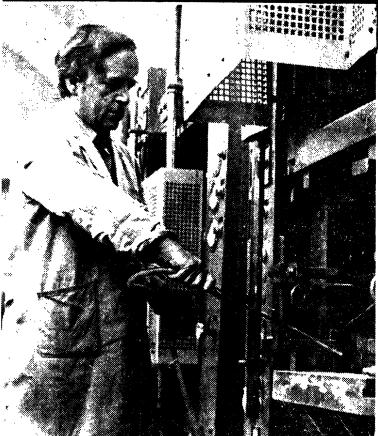
same machine as this field gun, said an attendant proudly. 'And it is very effective.'



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The 'Sunday Telegraph's' Paddy McGarvey goes to work on the shop floor



Insidious soft-sell corporatism

BRITONS don't work hard enough, the 'Sunday Telegraph's' Paddy McGarvey has been saying in a series of articles on the Common Market. McGarvey specializes in getting onto the shop floor and exposing alleged shortcomings among the workers.

Back in England after a trip to Germany, he was 'overcome with despondency' at our lack of 'positive attitudes to work'.

The Germans are hard at it by seven apparently (up at 6.15 a.m.) while we struggle into work at 8 a.m. with office workers not due for another hour and a great many boardroom mandarins not due for another

And it's not just the men in the factories who have seen the light and reap the fruits of hard

'Even the secretaries are like it. The admin staffs start at the same time as the factory and the girls are sitting at their typewriters clacking away at 7.15

There didn't seem to be any settling in period, like all the hair-primping, face-repairing, handbag-fumbling that goes on in English offices and there was a noticeable absence of shopping bags brought to work bulging with novels, women's magazing

and knitting.' McGarvey has obviously never heard of the shift system, otherwise he would know the outlandish times hundreds of thousands of workers come and go to work, and if he'd ever worked in a typing pool he'd know how many novels get read in the course of a day.

Battles

That apart, all that splendid Deutsche Ordnung hasn't got

economic miracle has turned out to be something less. Unemployment has gone up by 25 per cent in three months to 208,000 with another 100,000 on short-time and immigrant workers from Greece and Turkey are being refused entry or even sent

with prices rising at about 5 per cent a year, workers are being pitched into major battles with the employers to try

to hang on to living standards won during the miracle.

Of course, McGarvey isn't much interested in the real state of the Course, of the German economy, nor is he really suggesting that if only we all literally worked harder all Britain's problems would be

What he's talking about is how to protect the rate of profit from the effects of the slump. What he's talking about is shop-floor discipline and efficiency as a means of maintaining that rate

of profit.

The capitalists are now faced with the task of making the next best thing to slave labour pala-table to the working class and McGarvey has started the ball

rolling.

They have no need to make it palatable to the middle class.

There are plenty of bourfeels and petry-bourgeois cretins only too willing to believe that if a man's on the dole he's born lazy that a bit more discipline and deprivation wouldn't hurt

Anybody, MoGarvey worked on the show hoor of a Weidmuller-Klippon electrical components factory in Germany and England.

Significantly the factory he visited was non-union. He writes: 'A trade unionist won instant dismissal because he had been organizing in the firm's time. McGarvey shares the Tory

Workers with no unions, and therefore no defence against the employers, plant-bargaining with management retaining the right of instant dismissal for any who don't like the deal, and the induction of positive attitudes to work through the application of cost-saving and efficiency techniques.

The whole thing backed up by

a network of repressive antiworking-class laws like the Industrial Relations Act.
It is a dream which McGarvey

and the Tories see coming to reality once Britain gets into the Common Market and the capitalist class of Europe is able to

get together and try to impose

their will on the working class.

During his time on the shop floor McGarvey, a man whose work does not consist of mono-tonous, continuous eight-hour stretches, was surprised to see workers clock-watching at the

end of the day.

The atmosphere in the English factory?

'They [the workers] concentrate on their work in long silent stretches'. The assembly work, we are told, is 'varied. Two of them are doing a lot of paper-work stock-taking as well. There is little excuse for bore-

Corporatism

Production workers at the factory earn around £20 a week and after ten years they get a gold watch (not the strap just

Not that one's devotion to the company ends with mere work in Oh, no. There's an outwork system too, so that workers can

take components home to assemble themselves or by their According to McGarvey the workers are all deliriously happy. Home to lunch every day (there's no canteen), in Germany working in a 'Sound of Music setting', and in England looking out of

huge windows at a pleasant view of Shearness (assuming they have time to look up from the bench). And, of course, everyone rushes in early and co-operates to keep the factories clean and tidy. It's a case of one big happy

family. All these are the ideas of corporatism for which McGarvey's work is an insidious, patern-

Now they are little more than dreams in the employers' minds. Once Britain gets in to the Common Market, and with the recession deepening all around, they will do their best to bring them to reality.

Ian Yeats looks at the



A typical 'happy' assembly worker at Klippon's Sheppey factory — as appeared in the 'Sunday Telegraph' of December 12.

Pierre Frank and the International Committee

By CLIFF SLAUGHTER

PRINCIPLES are very awkward things to those who proceed in politics with the method of opportunism and man-

Pierre Frank, veteran leader of the Pabloite revisionists (the Ligue Communiste) in France, is discovering this, not for the first time in his life.

Like Joseph Hansen of the Socialist Workers Party (USA), he has been unable to resist the temptation to comment on the divisions within the International Committee of Fourth International (IC).

And he burns his fingers very badly, just as Hansen does. (See the previous three-part article on Joseph Hansen and the International Committee.)

Having avoided for so many years the principled theoretical questions in the world Trotsky-ist movement, Frank cannot approach the present differences in the IC except from a 'tactical'

He would like to use the SLL's criticism of the OCI (Organization Communiste Internationaliste, French section of the IC) for his own ends in France. But, unfortunately for him, the

principled nature of the IC majority's criticisms calls in question all his own political past and future! Frank's difficulty is to make use of the SLL's criticisms while still covering up the differences he has, within the Pabloite move-

ment, with Hansen and his followers. He also does not want to reveal the political differences even within the Ligue Commun-

On top of all this, he still is obliged to slander the SLL, because he senses quite correctly that it is around the politics of the SLL that the decisive issues in the movement will be settled.

To do all these things at the same time has produced a predictably confused article by Frank ('Intercontinental Press',

November 29.)
Hitting out at the SLL, Frank

'Healy [SLL national secretary] leans towards ultra-leftism (not the Maoist or spontaneist but the "Third Period" Stalinist This hash has been served up

by Ernest Mandel and his friends for years, but it is in remarkable contrast to the main body of Frank's own article.

For example, he quotes the October 24 IC document at length on the OCI's mistaken

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electoral policies and its abstentionism on a whole number of issues, and says:

'... it is on Lambert's [OCI secretary] policies in France that Healy's attack is especially severe. It warrants being quoted at length because the whole story, or almost the whole story, is there.'

He proceeds to quote at great length, and concludes that the IC's criticisms 'are very similar, if not identical, to those long expressed by the Ligue Com-

This is not true, but it indicates that Frank agrees with the criticisms.

The IC majority in fact criticized the OCI for failing to fight for a massive vote for the Communist Party Presidential candidate in 1969.

This should have been done. at the same time insisting on the CP pledging socialist policies. Similarly we criticized the OCI for never raising the question of the Stalinists forming a government during the 1968 crisis.

It is sheer nonsense for Frank to quote these passages and still accuse us of 'Third Period' sectarianism!

The Stalinists of the 'Third Period' (1929-1933) refused any support to social-democrats against the Nazis on the grounds that reformists were 'social-fascists'. Rejecting the united front, they said:

'After Hitler, our turn.'

Now, if it comes to 'Third policies, what price Frank's opposite numbers in Britain, the International Marxist Group and its 'Red Mole'? In the General Election of

1970 in Britain they advocated abstention between Tory and Labour, and recommended breaking up Labour meetings, just as the Stalinists had done in the 1930s!

The same Robin Blackburn who advocated this line most vociferously had an article printed in Frank's own 'Rogue' as recently as November 6. It is only for the sake of

peace and quiet in his own organization that Frank takes us to task for ignoring the candidacy of the Ligue Communiste's own Alain Krivine. Frank knows that this was

adventuristic nonsense, and his problem is that our criticism of the OCI carries even greater weight against his own organization.

This adventurism is not difficult to reconcile with sheer reformist opportunism.

For example, the same Krivine, together with other Pabloite leaders, meets regularly and officialy Rocard and the leading committee of the PSU, a party of 'new left' reformists.

This difficulty, of reconciling his comments on the IC divisions with the position in his own organization, is matched only by the international dilemma for

Whereas he concentrates finding sticks to beat the OCI, Hansen puts all his weight in against the SLL.

All these elements have been forced into a theoretical and political impasse by the crisis of capitalism. They would like a way out of this impasse, but they want to do it without getting involved in the questions of principle.

Above all, they must not allow anyone to raise the historical questions of their own theoretical origins. We saw in earlier articles how Hansen distorted the history of the splits and unifications in his own history, and how he twisted the question at issue between the SLL and the OCI on the latter's claim

Frank is no better. Like Hansen, he rushed through the fake 'reunification' of the 1963 on the basis of refusing to discuss the issues of the 1953 split and their theoretical implications.

that the Fourth International

had been destroyed.

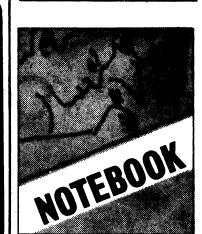
Later, in the course of the inevitable internal disputes among those who 'reunified', Frank admitted that to support Pablo in expelling the majority of the French section in 1952 had been a great mistake.

It is an accounting on these questions that Frank fears. Because of this, he resorts to the same falsifications as Hansen, referring to the '... "Interna-tional Committee", whose declared aim was to "recon-struct" the Fourth International, allegedly "destroyed" by the "Pabloites".

So afraid is he of the past, of a real discussion, that he ignores the fact that one of the outstanding differences between the SLL and the OCI is that we reject this idea that the Pablo-

ites were able to destroy the Fourth International! A real discussion of just what Pabloism was, what its effects were, and what the lessons of the fight against it were—these are essential questions for the

revolutionary movement. Neither Frank, Hansen nor anyone else can prevent their being answered.



I FIND it intolerable,' said the High Court barrister, 'that members of the bar should be expected to work in such conditions.

What does he mean by intolerable? The choking dust and heat miners work in? The blistering heat in the steelworks or bakeries or laundries?

Does Mr Michael Ogden, QC suffer body-smashing manual work day after day, work in difficult or cramped conditions or get himself filthy?

What is he complaining about? The temperature in his court 'I am beginning to feel as though I am in a Turkish bath,'

Poor fellow. It must be tough working at court all day in a temperature of 72 degrees.

Physical Mao

CONFERENCE on physical culture took place recently in the Kwangsi province of China. The participants agreed that, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee with Chairman Mao as the head, the situation on the physical culture front in the region was excellent'.

Physical culture departments were called upon to mobilize the masses to repudiate counter-revolutionary revisionist black goods such as 'championship mentality', 'material incentive', 'the theory that physical culture is useless' and the theory that 'physical culture cannot go to rural areas'.

With an eye on touring table tennis teams, it was agreed to implement seriously the principle 'friendship first and results second' and to repudiate thoroughly great power changing. chauvinism.

It was concluded that all physical culture workers should seriously study Marxist-Leninist

The boot on the other foot

THE BOOT was on the other foot, so to speak, when Sir David Barran, chairman of Shell had right-wing, patriotic Labour MP Douglas Jay to lunch the other

You see, like all good Fabians, Jay had a decent education. None of this state education system for him. No, he landed up at Winchester public school. When he got there he found he needed a fag. In public school parlance this

is not something you smoke, but a pupil who runs around polishing his master's shoes, and so on. Anyway, Jay turned to Barran for the job.

To cut a long story short, it seems that Jay had one occasion to flog Barran because he wore Jay's trousers on a date. Now Sir David, and head of

one of the world's largest oil firms, Barran had a little laugh when the roles were reversed. At the lunch the new master

reminded the Labour servant of capitalism about the Winchester incident. It is reported that Jay was not amused now that the boot is on the other foot.

Brinkmanship

HUGH SCANLON is teetering on the brink.

No, this is not a reference to possible battle in the engineering industry over the current pay claim.

The President of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is literally about to fall over a cliff—or at least he will if he stays in his holiday hideaway in the Isle of Sheppey.

Like a relentless tide of militancy the sea is rapidly eroding Scanlon cottage. Each day the little nest gets nearer the terrible edge—20 more feet and t's down into the raging surf. Already a large crack has appeared in the wall. But the union leader has already fled the coop and moved

his furniture out. But he is unlikely to get any compensation—he's not insured for landslides! Now I'm no great believer in the Biblical parable, but there

does seem to be a message in this happening somewhere?

LATIN AMERICA

Land reform Crisis

by Tom Kemp

A RECENT seminar on agrarian reform in Latin America held in Chiclayo, a city 470 miles N of Lima, Peru, heard a Colombian peasant denounce 'experts' on the peasantry who had no idea of the hunger, unemployment and misery of their

Official delegates were present from 26 countries. The seminar lasted a week and was closed by the Peruvian Minister of Agriculture. Many of the officials attending expressed dissatisfaction with the failure of agrarian reforms.

Much of the land in Latin America is held in huge estates, called 'latifundia', by rich and powerful landowners. They are closely allied with the big foreign corporations, which dominate the economic life of the Latin American countries and with the urban capitalists.

lation are poor, with tiny holdings unable to support a family or no land at all. They form a cheap labour force for the big landowners and employers.

The masses of the rural popu-

The land reforms of most Latin American countries have been of a purely token nature and have done nothing to get to the root of the problem.

This the seminar recognized. But, composed of officials and experts coming from the national bourgeoisie and the petty bourgeoisie, it could only think in terms of a really 'effective'

The final report said: 'The situation caused by under-development can only be surmounted by a profound structural change on levels, which is able to eliminate the relations of exploiter and exploited in the economic, political and social fields'. It called for the active participation of those concerned.

An agrarian reform in Latin America of the sort which was carried out under the aegis of the bourgeoisie in Europe is out of the question.

The agrarian question can only solved by a social revolution which clears out imperialism and its agents in the bourgeoisie. Latin American countries are rotten-ripe for such an overturn.

This cannot be carried out by guerrilla struggles or peasant movements. It requires the building of parties of the Fourth International based on the working class and leading the peasantry.

This is a conclusion which the seminar was obviously unable to consider and nothing in Latin America is likely to be changed

BBC 1

12.55-1.25 Tresarn. 1.30 Pogles' wood. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 4.15 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Blue Peter. 5.20 Dr Dolittle.

IT'S AWFULLY BAD FOR YOUR EYES, DARLING . . .

5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather. 6.00 NATIONWIDE. Your region tonight.

6.50 TOM AND JERRY. 'Salt Water Tabby'. 7.00 OWEN MD. 'A Country Pursuit'. Nigel Stock. 7.25 TOP OF THE POPS.

'Forsaking All Others'. 8.30 HOLIDAY 72.

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. PLAY FOR TODAY: 'THE RIGHT PROSPECTUS'. George

Cole, Elvi Hale. 10.35 24 HOURS. 11.20 CONFLICT AT WORK. 'The Shop Steward's Role'.

BBC 2

11.45 Weather.

11.00-11.25 Play school. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 EUROPA. 'How Can a Prime Minister Just Vanish?'

THE VIEW FROM DANIEL PIKE. 'The Short Price Premium'. Roddy McMillan

9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK: 'SCOTT ON THE SUPERNATURAL'. Terry Scott.

10.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.10 FILM: 'VIVA MARIA'. Brigitte Bardot, Jeanne Moreau. Two girls join in a S American revolution.

ITV

1.40 Some great painters. 2.10 Katie Stewart. 2.35 Sing true. 3.10 All our yesterdays. 3.40 Origami. 3.55 Yoga. 4.25 Tea break. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News.

6.00 TODAY, Eamonn Andrews. 6.30 CROSSROADS. 6.55 FILM: 'THE SEVENTH DAWN'. William Holden, Susannah

. . AND MOTHER MAKES THREE. 'Growing Pains'. Wendy Craig. 9.30 THIS WEEK. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10:30 CINEMA 11.00 MARCUS WELBY, MD. 'Don't Ignore the Miracles'.

12.00 ONE POINT OF VIEW.

York, Capucine. Malaya, 1953.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC-1 except: Vales: 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.50 Heddiw. 7.15-7.25 Tom and Jerry. 8.00-8.30 Week in week out. 11.47

Week in week out. 11.47
Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.50 Reporting Scotland: weather. Nationwide. 11.47
News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.50 Scene around

REGIONAL ITV CHANNEL: 2.45 Atr for all. 3.05 Farmhouse kitchen. 3.30-3.55 Yoga, 4.05 Origami. 4.18 Puffin. 4.22 Nanny and the professor. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.15 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.15 Sports round-up. 6.35 London. 7.00 Film: 'Slege of the Saxons'. 8.30 This is your life. 9:00 London. 11.03 British Museum. 11.30 News weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.55 Gus Honeybun. 4.18 News. 6.00 Diary. 10.59 News. 11.30 Faith for life. 11.35 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 1.35 Sara and Hoppity. 1.50 It's all yours. 2.25 Bavaria. 2.45 History of motor racing. 3.15 Out of town. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.40 Women. 4.10 Houseparty. 4.23 Terry bear. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Joe 90. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.45 Junkin. 7.15 Film: "Two and Two Make Six' George Chakiris, Janette Scott, Alfred Lynch. 9.00 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 Marty Feldman. 12.10 Weather. It's all yours.

HARLECH: 2.45 Sesame street. 3.50 Rigmarole. 4.15 Tinkertainment. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Young Gulliver. 5.20 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Sky's the limit. 7.10 Film: 'What A Way To Go' Shirley MacLaine, Paul Newman, Robert Mitchum, Dean Martin. 9.00 London. 10.30 Seeds of love. 11.00 Untouchables. 12.00 Weather.

HTV West as above except: 6.18-6.35 Sport West.

HTV Wales and HTV Cymru/Wales as above except: 5.20-5.50 Dibyndobyn. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. 10.30-11.00 Songs of the Celts.
ANGLIA: 4.05 Women. 4.35 News. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.15 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 London. 7.00 Dick Van Dyke. 7.30 Film: 'The Dlamond Llzard'. 9.00 London. 11.00 Avengers.

ATV MIDLANDS: 1.40 Paulus, 1.55 Survival, 2.20 Thunderbirds, 3.10 Yoga, 3.35 Horoscope, 3.40 Women, 4.10 Family affair, 4.40 Rupert Bear, 4.55 London, 6.00 Today.

6.35 London. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 Film: 'Uneasy Terms' Michael Rennie. 9.00 London. 11.00 Randall and Hopkirk. Weather.

ULSTER: 4.00 Yoga. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.20 London. 6.00 UTV explores. 6.35 London. 7.00 Country sound. 7.30 Film: 'The Tartars' Orson Welles, Victor Mature. 9.00 London. 11.00 What's it all about? 11.20 British Museum.

YORKSHIRE: 2.33 No valley is an island, 3.15 Pied pipers, 3.20 Matinee, 3.45 Yoga, 4.05 News, 4.10 Women, 4.40 Origami, 4.55 Bush boy, 5.20 London, 6.00 Calendar, weather, 6.30 Smith family, 7.00 Cartoon, 7.10 Film: 'Beneath the Twelve-Mile Reef' Robert Wagner, Terry Moore, 9.00 London, 10.30 Yorksport, 11.05 Cinema, 11.35 Drive-in, 12.00 Weather. GRANADA: 3.40 Towards the year 2000. 4.05 News. Peyton Place. 4.35 Paulus. 4.50 Captain Scarlet. 5.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.25 Dick Van Dyke. 6.55 Edgar Wallace. 8.00 Persuaders. 9.00 London. 11.05 Film: 'The Steel Key' Terence Morgan.

TYNE TEES: 2.30 No valley is an island: 3.05 Pied piper. 3.10 Ballet for all. 3.40 Looking at. 4.05 News. 4.10 British Museum. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 Captain Scarlet. 5.20 London. 6.00 Todav. 6.25 Tournament. 6.55 Film: 'National Velvet' Elizabeth Taylor. 9.00 London. 10.30 Police call. 10.35 Sport. 11.05 Cinema. 11.35 Drive in. 12.00 News. 12.15 Revolving chair.

SCOTTISH: 3.30 Peter. 3.45 Cross-roads. 4.10 Dateline. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.15 A place of ber own. 7.00 Film: 'The Rat Race' Tony Curtis. 9.00 London. 11.00 Late call. 11.05

GRAMPIAN: 3.30 News. 3.33 Rumblie jumblie. 3.55 Yoga. 4.25 London. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.20 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Dick Van Dyke. 6.35 London, 7.00 Film: Robin and the Seven Hoods Frank Sinatra. 9.00 London. 11.00 British Museum. 11.30 McQueen. 12.00 Epilogue.

The injustice of it all

Lord Donovan

LORD DONOVAN, who died on Monday night, aged 73, will be remembered as the man the Labour government called on to head the Royal Commission on Trade Unions set up in 1965.

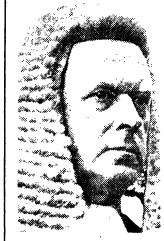
By the early part of 1965 the Labour government elected in October 1964 was facing press hysteria calling for action against unofficial strikers.

The balance of payments had worsened and the ruling class felt it was time to turn and face the work-

As usual the Labour leaders under Harold Wilson proved pliable. They first proceeded to restore full legal immunity of trade unions, breached by Rookes v Barnard in 1964, by passing the Trades Disputes Act

At the same time, however, they set up the Royal Commission on Trade Unions, which turned out to be the opening shot in moves to abolish trade union rights altogether.

The choice of Lord Donovan, a High Court judge, to head the Commission proved acceptable. Woodcock, then



Lord Donovan

secretary of the TUC, showed he was willing to help dig the trade unions' grave and accepted a post with Donovan.

After all, it couldn't be that bad if a Labour judge, a rarity in itself, was to oversee it all?

Knighted

From 1945 to 1950 Lord Donovan, then plain Terence Norbert Donovan, was a Labour MP in Leicester. After five years as an MP he was knighted and made a High Court judge.

It was a year after Ramsay MacDonald formed a national government with the Tories in 1931 that Lord Donovan left the civil service and first became a

But it was after the war that he gained his 'liberal' image by coming out, for example, against the death penalty as early as 1948.

Lord Donovan was also known for his opposition to the flogging of convicted criminals. It did more harm than good, he said.

What is less well known is that the 'liberal' took an active part in suppressing the Greek revolution, isolated by Stalin and crushed by the British army.

In 1945 he headed the British government's legal mission to Greece.

The Royal Commission reported in 1969 and the trade union movement soon 'liberal' Lord Donovan.

DRAUGHTSMEN at GEC-

AEI, Rugby, have called off a campaign of one-day rein-

union executive's refusal to

LATENEWS

Sacked office - committee
member Bernard Pearce has has expressed total disagreement with the EC's decision.

back them financially.

Eire students join protest

A SIT-IN by students at University College, Galway, entered its third day yesterday with no lectures being held.

The protest is over three suspensions last week after a room, formerly used by stuties wanted for administrative purposes, was occupied.

A THREE-DAY token strike by medical students began yesterday at Dublin's Mater Hospital. They are protesting about censorship of a Christmas film they have made.

The authorities say one section of the film dealing with the Archbishop of Dublin, Dr James McQuaid, is offensive.

The

Newspaper

Society

Indian troops close in on Dacca

'Stalingrad' boast falls flat

PAKISTAN'S Army in Bangla Desh seemed on the verge of surrender yesterday as Indian forces closed in on Dacca. Pakistan's commander Gen 'Tiger' Niazi dropped his boastful bombast about fighting to a finish and send a desperate message asking for a ceasefire.

The Indians claimed yesterday to be within a mile of the city boundary as the Pakistani appeal came through.

Indian commander Gen Sam Manekshaw replied that Indian air force planes would stop attacking Dacca 'as a token of my goodwill'.

He added: 'Since you have indicated your desire to stop fighting, I expect you to issue orders to all the forces under your command in Bangla Desh to cease fire immediately and surrender to my defending forces wherever they are located.'

Manekshaw's reply to Niazi went on: 'Immediately I receive a positive response from you I shall direct Gen Aurora, the commander of Indian and Bangla Desh forces in the eastern theatre, to refrain from any air or ground action against your forces.'

But he warned that the offensive would be reopened this morning unless the Pakistani command complied with the surrender terms.

The ceasefire request reached New Delhi via the US Embassy yesterday morning. It was countersigned by Gen Farman Ali, military adviser to the former E Pakistan governor Dr A. M. Malik.

Dr Malik and his aides resigned on Tuesday to seek refuge in the 'neutral' Intercontinental Hotel.

Fight knocked out

Niazi had promised to turn the battle into a 'Stalingrad', with Pakistani forces fighting for every inch of ground within the city. But the Indian advance and the resignation of the government seem to have knocked the fight out of him.

His garrison in Dacca probably numbers about 20,000, but they are beaten men. They have been on the retreat ever since Indian forces entered Bangla Desh, and are now trapped, while the Indians have complete mastery of the air.

Desperate appeals from Islamabad for the soldiers to sacrifice their lives in the cause of holy war have fallen on deaf ears.

The Pakistanis know their own chance of survival lies in surrender to the regular Indian forces. If they fall into the hands of the Mukti Bahini guerrillas they can expect no

Niazi's ceasefire appeal is

clearly the only way they can hope to save their skins.

S African strike widens

STRIKE action among contract workers in SW Africa spread yesterday as the first batch of Ovambo tribesmen

left from Walvis Bay by train for their homes in the northern part of the territory. About 600 Ovambo copper

Isolated from their families' and confined in military-style barracks, the workers are ruthlessly exploited by the mineral companies.

Their determined strike is a blow to the S African government, whose occupation of SW Africa was recently declared illegal by the United

TALKS between Rolls-Royce executives and union officials searching for a peace formula to end the seven-week strike 6,800 manual workers at Rolls-Royce Patchway, Bristol, who are striking over a cost of living claim, were adjourned late yesterday.

> The immediate task is the construction of an alternative revolutionary leadership in the

trade unions together with a campaign to force the Tories to resign.

A Labour government must

summer—the writer dreams of a world where people would be popping into their friendly, with-it, High St job super-market every five minutes, just for the hell of it! **Ulster** • FROM PAGE ONE conference that his arms and Sinister legs had been strapped to a chair with iron clamps while The implications of this his head was held with karatekind of thinking, which runs ance centres. or judo-type holds. Alongside this, smaller and even more inadequate services through the booklet, are, to say the least, sinister.

What the D of E proposes He said: 'They then got long needles of steel and began prodding them into my hands, into the bones on the back of operate. TURN the employment ser-No wonder state-run labour vice into a self-managing unit within the department under my hands and sometimes the needle went in so far it came through the palms of my a new Chief Executive responsible for expenditure and

Government tightens grip on jobless

TORY plans for the urgent modernization of the state-

run employment service

will certainly NOT provide

That is something determined by the deepening capitalist crisis and the Heath

government's policy for dealing with it. Not by the 'good intentions' or otherwise of civil-service planners who drafted 'People and Jobs'.

The Department of Employment's booklet on its plans

nevertheless contains some useful sidelights on the high-unemployment, high-mobility society the Tories want to

Towards the end of the 28-page booklet is a strange criticism that many labour

exchanges are 'depressingly institutional and sited in back streets, so that few people call without a specific

'They started scraping the

bones of my hands with the needle. I felt tremendous pain,

not much in my hands but in

my brain. I was screaming. This went on for about two hours and I just wanted to

'Then they cut a deep hole in the back of my hand at the

thumb. This wound was later stitched at Crumlin Rd jail

and required six stitches two days later. They prodded my thumb and scraped the bones.'

Tony Doherty showed press-

men two open wounds on his left leg (see picture) where he

with cigarettes. He had about 100 other marks on his thighs

Doherty said he was strapped

'I could hear matches being

struck as cigarettes were lit. The pain from the burns was

terrible and I could even smell

'Practice'

After the press conference an army spokesman claimed

Ballymurphy district of Belfast.

TORY Home Secretary Reginald Maudling warned yester-day that the IRA terror cam-

paign had assumed 'new and

Earlier he had talks with

right-wing Protestant leader the Rev Ian Paisley, but Maudling denied they had dis-

cused the possibility of direct

But all the signs are-in-

cluding Maudling's statement that the army is capable of reducing IRA terror to 'some-

thing acceptable' and his talks

with Paisley-that the Tories

are clearing the path for some

Maudling appealed to depublican Premier Jack

Lynch to clamp down on IRA extremists in the S.

seriously wounded in Belfast yesterday when they were ambushed in a city street.

Two British soldiers were

form of direct rule.

Republican

more vicious forms'.

to a chair and hooded:

and buttocks.

my skin burning.'

torture.'

more jobs.

purpose'.

HIVE OFF the finding of jobs and the placing of people from payment of unemployment benefit, extending the self-service techniques beginning to be used in the former activities and paying out all benefit by post in future.

EXTEND the forward planning and predicting capacity of the service—using com-puters and other aids to facilitate redeployment from

administration.

As reported in yesterday's Workers Press, Employment Secretary Robert Carr also favours the establishment of a national manpower council involving trade unions and management with government. If the union leaders accept this proposal it will authentically trim out the whole

corporatist plan.
Despite the record of the deplorable employment service, there can be no set of neutral, non-class proposals for improving it. Even so,

Your friendly 'jobsmart' will not solve unemployment

Se I NTRE

BY DAVID MAUDE

yesterday's 'Morning Star' worked hard to imply there How much further from reality can you get? Up in his ivory tower—far away from the government-sponsored shake-out which has But it is worth looking at the record, nonetheless. been destroying close on 10,000 jobs a week since the

Small For the size of the problem,

the government service as it stands is amazingly small: about 7,000 staff divided between 1,000 general offices, 600 specialists in the 45 offices covering the professional and executive field and 200 at 44 coupacitoral guid-200 at 44 occupational guid-

for disabled people and youth

exchanges have this unenviable record of handling only about 20 per cent of the total job changes in an average year. Or that over the last five years only one in three of those who registered as unemployed were found jobs.

Though largely drawn up under the Labour government, there is little in the D of E modernization which will improve this record.

And in her parliamentary attack on the proposals Bar-bara Castle MP made clear that this was not her chief

'If by improving the employment service we succeed in getting down by just one day on average the time taken we save the loss of 3 million working days a year,' she said.
It is significant, however, that the Labour scheme for making the employment service an independent body free of day-to-day Ministerial con-trol has been scrapped.

The Tories want to keep a firm grip over the administra-tion of mass misery.

SW LONDON: Tuesday

December 21, 8 p.m. Small Hall, Clapham Manor Baths,

Clapham Manor St, SW4. Elect a Labour government

pledged to socialist policies'.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

people snatched in raids 'often Make the Tory government resign! voluntarily helped the security Return a Labour govern-'Afterwards it it is common

ment pledged to restore full employment and repeal all laws against the unions! practice to allege they were forced to help. 'When the three men were admitted to Belfast prison they were medically examined and the doctors' reports make

absolutely no mention of cigar-SHEFFIELD: Thursday ette burns or other forms of December 16, 7.45 p.m. 'Broughton Inn', Attercliffe Common (near No 4 gate, Yesterday the army rounded up another 17 men in the

Thursday, December 16, 7.30 p.m. The Lewisham Arms, Prosser Street. Discussion on ATUA manifesto.

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday December 22, 3 p.m. Christ-mas social: Mount Pleasant BRACKNELL: Thursday December 16, 8 p.m. The 'Red Lion', High Street. Community Centre. All unemployed workers and youth welcome.

River Don steelworks). WOLVERHAMPTON:

YOUNG SOCIALISTS' STUDENT SOCIETY HUDDERSFIELD

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Special Course of lectures following ATUA National Conference decision to prepare for the

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RIGHT-TO-WORK

Kilmarnock

Speakers:

Sam Kay (Convenor, Massey Ferguson) Joe Moriarty (UCS) (Both in a personal capacity)

was passed, stripping away every right of the trade unions established in 150 years of struggle and creat-Society.

ing the machinery which could, if not smashed, open

Reinstatement strikes ended at Rugby

his 340 colleagues attempt to win his job back with a

work-to-rule and overtime

A mass meeting of the men

The shop stewards' move ment and the power of the working class on the shop floor came under direct attack from the Donovan Although Donovan proposed no legal strait-jacket as then, workers' ability to win wage increases above

The man

who put

the anti-

union

machine

in motion

national - negotiated agree-ments was to be destroyed. Measured-Day Work was recommended as the only system of payment, with its non-negotiable rates.

Plant bargaining was to be taken over by full-time officials with their more 'responsible' outlook. proposals to set up the first statutory body to deal with unions, the Commission on Industrial Relations, and the recommendation that unions under the 1906 Act should not apply to un-official bodies like shop

Acting on the report shortly afterwards, Barbara Castle brought out 'In Place of Strife' in the early part of 1969.

stewards.

Taking its cue from dissatisfied Tories and employers, who said Donovan was a step but recommended no legal framework, the White Paper added 28-day cooling-off periods, legal backing for CIR decisions

and strike ballots. The White Paper was subsequently withdrawn following a consistent campaign in the working class, including the strike of 250,000 workers against it on May 1, 1969.

In June—at a specially convened Congress in Croydon—the TUC agreed to act as 'policeman' until

time: was more favourable.

Corporate But Lord Donovan had not failed. The door to the corporate state had been opened by his report. trade union leadership had moved even closer to the state and the CIR was now in existence, with George Woodcock as chairman, ably supported by ex-Stalinist and ex-miners' leader Will Paynter.

And before he died, Donovan saw the Tories return to power in June 1970 to carry out a job Labour had failed to do.

On August 5, 1971, the Industrial Relations Act the doors for the corporate

Ritual burning of employers' letters yesterday Hot reception for newspaper

'scab' threat PROVINCIAL newsmen working in London, yesterday gave a hot reception to 'scab'-or-be-sacked threats sent out by the Newspaper

They stood on the steps of the Society's London offices and burnt the letters, later

Pearce, a deputy executive

member of the technical and

supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of Engin-

eering Workers, was dismissed on November 18 for

attending a meeting on union

ENGLAND, Wales, N Ireland

and S Scotland will be mostly

dry with a little drizzle in the

in the E.

N Scotland will be rather

cloudy with rain at times.

It will be very mild in all areas except N Scotland where

it will be a little colder than

yesterday.
Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Little change.

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W and bright or sunny spells

WEATHER

'Although we are acting entirely unilaterally, I think we will have helped to give the lie to this claim,' Alan delivering the ashes to emlie to this claim,' Alan Leatherbarrow, chairman of the union's London provincial offices' section, said after-

Ken Morgan, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, stated categorically that no chapel had asked

ployers' spokesman Norman

Richards with a strongly-

in the day that a number of journalists' union chapels were calling for strike notices

issued for December 29 to be

Richards had claimed earlier

worded covering note.

withdrawn.

for withdrawal. The NUJ issued the constitutional 28 days' strike notice last month after turning down the Newspaper Society's £2.40 to £3.50 pay

offer. On Tuesday, some 9,000 provincial newsmen received letters from member papers warning that their 'employ-ment will be treated as having ceased' once the strike starts. The letters were accom-panied by a declaration which

journalists not wishing to withdraw labour were invited to sign. Yesterday's reply from the London men described the move as 'a calculated and determined attempt at strike breaking and intimidating members to disobey specific

NUJ instructions'.
The Printing and Kindred Trades Federation said in a statement that it was recom-mending affiliated unions that if any action taken by NUJ members in Newspaper Society houses on the instructions of their executive leads to copy being prepared or pictures taken by anyone not authorised to do so by the NUJ, the work should not be handled by members of federated unions'.

Croats held in Tito crackdown

A WAVE of arrests rippled through Croatia yesterday as the Yugoslav Communist Party cracked down on separatist elements in the republic.

Police held 16 people in Zagreb accused of crimes against the people and the state.

They included four of

the student leaders of last week's strike at the city's university. Among those detained was a journalist from the nationalist weekly 'Hrvatski

The city's public prosecutor has resigned from the CP after accusations of inefficiency and the presi-dent of the Croatian War

Veterans' Association has also abandoned his post. At the Croatian central of 'hostile propaganda'.

Tjednik' and a man alleged to have distributed hostile

Adriatic port of Split, other student leaders have been arrested charged with acts Prison sentences of up to two months and fines of under £10 have been imposed on 18 of the 76 people arrested following disturbances in Zagreb on

miners at Reheboth, near Windhoek, downed tools yesterday, joining nearly 6,000 other workers in the town who went on strike two days ago against the contract labour

● FROM PAGE ONE

which could result in lower pay increases.

No wonder he made clear

to reporters at a press conference earlier this week that he had no intention of breaking off relations with the Tory government. With the devaluation of the rationalization of production in order to meet the trade war on a competitive basis. Productivity will again increase and unemployment will soar still further as the

as the only road to ending unemployment.

Back to the 1930s

Tories turn the acquiescence

be returned, pledged to poli-cies of nationalizing the basic industries under workers' control, without compensation,

up exploitation and discuss 'threshold' wage deals

> of trade union leaders to their advantage. The working class now faces enormous dangers as un-