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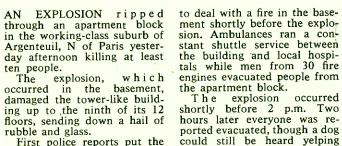
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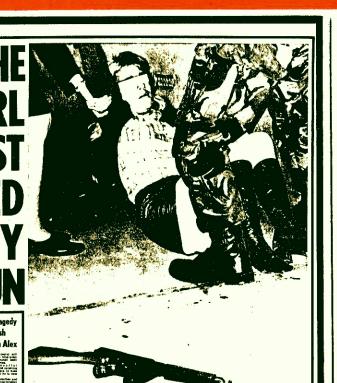
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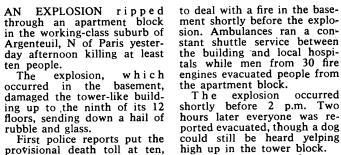
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IN RAWALPINDI, capital of W Paikstan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the new President, has announced that Awami League leader Sheikh Muji-bur Rahman is 'alive and well'. Bhutto added that he had not yet met him. Regarding the Sheikh's

'first have to take into account the views of the people of Pakistan'.

Bhutto has taken sweeping dictatorial powers. Martial law is to continue and all strikes are banned.



Davies: Travels today

Airlie warned that the stewards would 'sharpen' their struggle with management unless proposals that cumulatively covered the four yards were forthcoming.

'ARREST HEATH: He's trying to depose the Queen'

A statement yesterday from the British Movement,

imperial crown of the United Kingdom'.
Worded in the same anti-

quated way, the Movement's statement says: 'It will be submitted that this man's desire, endeavour, intention to subordinate the United Kingdom to the Common Market by accession to the Treaty of Rome, with the consequent curtailment of the sovereignty of the Crown in Parliament, amount to this offence.'

point out that one of the prerequisites of the birth of capitalism in this country. was the subordination of royalty to parliament and was achieved by the rising capitalist class by the simple expedient of cutting off the king's head.

We feel constrained to

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THE ARREST of Prime Minister Edward Heath is being sought today by the extreme right-wing British Movement because he has apparently tried to . . . depose the Queen!

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whose national secretary is Colin Jordan, said that an application for a warrant for Heath's arrest under the Treason and Felony Act of 1848 is to be made at Bow St Court in London today.

The Act states that it is an offence to 'compass, imagine, invent, devise or itend to deprive or depose our Most Gracious Lady the honour or royal name of the

Servant of monopolies

NIXON'S nomination of Dr Earl Butz to the post of Secretary of Agriculture has sparked off a domestic political row. His nomination was only approved by the Senate by a small majority.

Reason for the heat lies in the accelerated disappearance of the American family farms—once the pride of Jeffersonian democracy —under pressure from the giant agricultural businesses. At the present rate, 100,000

farms are disappearing every year, many of them swallowed up by these corporations. Although there are still prosperous farmers with their private planes and heated swimming pools, at least 1.5 million rural

American families live below the poverty line.

It so happens that Dr Butz, besides holding a chair at Purdoe University, was himself a member of the boards of four agricultural businesses and held stock to the value of \$109,000. He has also been quoted as saying that the farmers will either have to adapt themselves to changing conditions

In short, Dr Butz is not a popular figure with small farmers or with those Senators and Congressmen who depend upon their

votes.
Meanwhile farmers are confronted with a serious over-production crisis. A bumper maize harvest has filled barns and elevators to overflowing and current prices are below costs of production. Small farms are likely to disappear even faster than the present 2,000 a week.

Farmers do not expect that Butz will be sympathetic to their plight . . . and they are probably right. Nixon has probably written off the corn belt as a source of

votes.

Incidentally, the agrarian crisis clinches an old argument familiar to Marxists. That is that the laws of capitalist concentration did not apply to agriculture.

Certainly it has taken a little

Corn dumped in indiana.



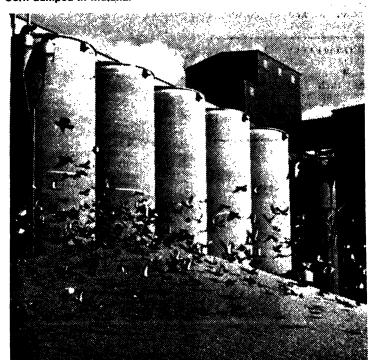
tion and the small farmer is now writ large and not only in the

Lettuce production in California is controlled by three firms. The biggest producer of fruit and vegetables in the state holds about 24 million acres, produces its own fertilizers, machinery and packaging material It cans its own produce as well as distributing it to the supermarkets.

Agriculture is no longer run by the farmers, but is operated on a large scale just as any other business. The main decisions are made in the city boardrooms not in the farmhouses.

Big capital has moved in and where the farmer survives it is as the servant of the monopolies. Butz is not likely to object to that. And if he loses his post, there are always the boards of the agricultural businesses to go

back to. His predecessor, Clifford Hardin, went straight on to the board of one of the biggest of them, the Purina Corporation.



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Maurras sought to build a

Cracking the whip in the clothing

PART TWO industry by a special correspondent



Union officials aid speed-up

THE USE of work-study in the industry is not new. In the early 1930s clothing workers went on strike against the notorious Bedaux speed-up system.

Girls at Wolsey's stocking factory, for example, struck for two months—and this at a time of mass unemploy-

However, new and more intense systems are being introduced even where the stopwatch

The 'Little Neddy' report referred to yesterday deals with the predetermined motion-time systems which are based on the theory that all working activity can be broken up into certain basic human motions.

These had long ago been measured and given fixed times so in any operation it is only necessary to add up the basic motions to arrive at the 'standard time' for the job.

Studies

The case studies in the last part of the report are instructive. One, concerning re-organization of a trouser-room, states that at the start of the consultants' survey 200 operatives were producing 2,400 trousers a week.

Nine months later, 125 operatives working at '78 performance' were producing over 3,000 pairs a

Standard performance — 4,000

pairs a week-was attained within another nine months.

Another case-study examines e-organization of a folding section in a ladies' outwear factory.

In three weeks the work-study officers were able to reduce the number of folders from nine to five (seven instead of 13 in peak periods). The report states: 'The release of this labour went towards relieving the chronic labour shortage in the rest of the

The EDCs, the so-called 'Little Neddies', exist to bring together government officials, manage-ments and trade union leaders in what are basically committees for examining ways of increasing output and cutting back on jobs in each particular industry.

Collaboration

The report on work-study in clothing was produced for the clothing EDC by a working party which included the personnel director of Montague Burton Ltd, a technical adviser from Courtaulds Ltd, the director of Ellis and Goldstein (Luton) Ltd, and Mr R. A. Smith, training officer of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers

On the EDC itself, four union officials including Mr J. Macgougan, general secretary of the Tailors and Garment Workers' Union, sit alongside NEDO officials and nine directors of companies like Simon Kentons, Selincourts and John Colliersthe firm whose workers adopted the ironic slogan 'Fair Deal for Serfs'. in the clothing workers' strike of 1970.

It was in this action that 30,000 Leeds clothing workers showed the Labour government, the employers and the union officials that they were no longer going

to be the 'poor relations' in terms of wages and working conditions.

The co-operation in workstudy by union officials which has created speed-up and de-stroyed jobs, especially at a time of mass unemployment, should be condemned by every worker. It is no excuse to say that at the time the exercise was begun a shortage of labour existed in some areas.

Not passive

Eliminating jobs, even without sacking, drastically reduces the available places for school-leavers and older workers looking for

The EDC, in fact, is doing a job for the Tory government by preparing for new working methods and redundancy in industry which the government hopes the Industrial Relations Act will enforce. But the union officials are not simply passive associates in developing new methods of exploiting workers.

As the EDC report notes:

'The National Union of Tailors

and Garment Workers organizes special courses in work-study for their shop stewards.

A paragraph in the trouser-room case study also shows how union officials combine with work-study officers to play a key role in stopping any opposition to management's speed-up plans:

One group of four girls . . . continued to fall considerably below target and it was quite clear from follow-up studies that they were deliberately holding back production.

'By use of these studies, the union officials were convinced that this was the case; as a result, the girls were told that they did not have union support for their action and the problem

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Textile workers march (above) and vote (below) during the strike in February 1970.



Edited and introduced by J. S. McClelland. In the A rallying series 'Roots of the Right'. General editor George of the royalists

by Tom Kemp

THEORISTS of the extreme right in France generally remained polite and gentlemanly — in their writings. Charles Maurras is still spoken of with respect as a great literary figure — and surely overrated. Even Drumont, with his concentrated hatred of Jews, pours his poison into well-constructed sentences.

French rightists have maintained certain guiding principles from the time of the embittered emigré, Joseph de Maistre, writing in 1796, to the royalist supporter of Vichy, Charles

Hatred

They hated the French Revolution, its principles and its results. They were extreme nationalists in their hatred of aliens, particularly Jews.

They wanted a strong state ruled by a hereditary monarch and sanctified by the church—as a second best they were ready to accept a Petain or a de Gaulle.

The editor of this volume, J. S. McClelland, says:

'The right in France attacked rationality, universality and democracy and in doing so worked out an opposing position of great coherence and force.'

The first part of the statement is true; as for the second part, it is hardly borne out by the selections in this book. Who were these publicists addressing?

De Maistre was trying to rally the emigré aristocrats to fight the revolutionary government.

rovalist movement to overthrow the hated and corrupt Third Republic. They, together with the others.

The French Right wanted a strong state ruled by a hereditary monarch

-as a second best they were ready to accept a Petaln (above) or a

telling this section of French

society what they wanted to

Of course, deputies were cor-

rupt, newspapers were bought and the Third Republic (and its

successors) staggered from one

crisis and scandal to the next.

All this was grist to the rightist

At the same time, the growth of the working class, in size and

another threat.

middle class.

class consciousness, posed

When the workers occupied

the factories in 1936 the rightist

groups suddenly found that the money flowed in from the bosses

at the same time as the flood of

membership applications from the

were writing for the disgruntled members of the middle and upper class, not for that section of the bourgeoisie actually in

They wrote for impoverished aristocrats in provincial France; for lawyers, doctors and journalists who blamed their problems onto their Jewish competitors, and for their student sons in the Latin Quarter. They received support from army and navy officers, active and retired, and from political clerics.

In a real sense, then, they were preaching to the converted:

triumphed after the defeat of 1940 it was in the senile Bona-

'THE FRENCH RIGHT (from de Maistre to Maurras).'

Steiner. Jonathan Cape. Paperback £1.50.

> partist form of Marshal Petain. The people who read this kind of literature praised God that the evil Republic had at last Within a short time the regime was passing anti-Semitic legisla-

tion which went even further than the Third Reich and handed over French Jews to the Nazis. The writings of these rightists

exude contempt for the masses.

They praise the virtues of war (de Maistre says 'war is divine'), love of the soil, of the patrie (fatherland) and of the king.

In the opinion of Maurras, only a return to absolute monarchy could arrest the decadence of France.

Worship

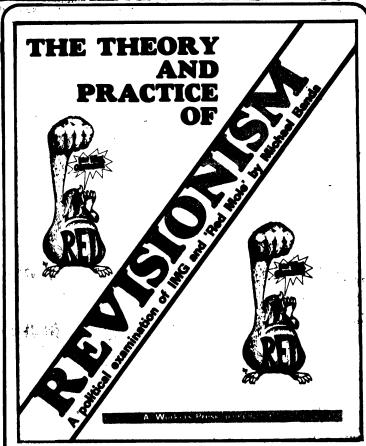
Barres indulges in a kind of morbid ancestor worship.

'Work, Family and Patrie' were the watchwords of Vichy, distilled from writers such as these to create a backwardlooking reactionary Utopia by permission of the Nazis.

De Gaulle himself was influenced by Maurras and his political conceptions were very much in the anthoritarian, rightist tradition. This tradition lives on, not only in the ruling Gaullist party, where it is modified by various other elements, but also in the extreme right and fascist groupings which conserve an important following.

The general impression from reading this book is one of tedium. Yet such turgid nonsense provides fascism with an ideology. These extracts can thus be usefully studied for what they represent.

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The magic goldmine

PHILIP WADE spotlights the Tooley St property bonanza.

eal and unreal

DOWN AMONG the slab of ugly, decaying warehouses that stand on the S bank of the Thames between Cannon St railway bridge in the W and Tower Bridge in the E, a group of property men have found a magic gold mine.

It is somewhat different to a real gold mine where value is created by the amount of physical work put into the mining of the rare mineral.

The owners of Hay's Wharf in Tooley St have a better plan: in the real estate world they call it capitalization.

In reality it is a perfectly, legitimate, legal way of raising money for values which are not

The sums involved here are considerable. Within seven years, the Tooley St estate—some 38½ acres — should, according to the developers, be worth £300m.

Today the site is worth comparatively little. The old warehouses have decemented into use

houses have degenerated into use-less pieces of wood and masonry worth a few million pounds. The former storage and wharf operations fell victim to the development of containers in the 1960s which dragged trade fur-

ther down river to Tilbury. But if the Tooley St property men get their way, as is 99 per cent certain, they will do the following:
CLEAR the land,

BUILD 2.5 million sq. ft. of offices, two hotels, a shopping centre and some private flats SELL the lot for £300m.

the cost of buying the land, construction costs and interest charges on borrowed money, in all about £135m.

That still leaves a clear capital profit of around £160m. Consider this: If offices, hotels and so on cost about £85m to build how is it possible to sell them for sums several times the

The linked secrets are the state of the property market and the methods of valuation used by estate agents and businessmen throughout the capitalist world.

There is now a total of 16.6 million sq. ft. of office space either built, under construction or planned for Greater London

In March 1970, the figure was 11.9m sq. ft., a leap of about 45 per cent in 12 months. So there is still a seller's market for office space in London. The property boom marches

Given this situation you call up a surveyor or an estate agent and ask him to make a valuation of the property you haven't yet

This is how he does it. This is how he does it.

Hay's Wharf hope to get a rent of about £5 for every square foot of office space, let alone the money they will get for hotels and shope.

If you have 2.5th sq. ft. to let that makes an annual rental of about £13m. This is where the

about £13m. This is where the magic comes in. You then treat this £13m as if it were the interest on a sum of capital. At 5 per cent, £13m

is the interest on a capital sum of £260m (i.e. x 13). The whole operation is known as capitalization and is the standard method by which capitalism amasses piles and piles of really fictitious capital. On the basis of expected

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annual rents of £13m you enter a figure of £260m in your balance sheets.

This fantastic inflation of values does, of course, work in

the opposite direction.

If you can imagine how fast an inverted pyramid could tumble down, you get a fair idea of the devastation that will folthe decapitalization pro-

There is always the problem with magic that you can return to the state you started out in at the most unexpected times. Midnight will also strike for Hay's Wharf.

magicians

Who are this small group of men and women who are set to make a fortune in the near

Chairman of Hay's is Sir David Burnett. He has been on the board for 21 years, during which time he wisely built up and consolidated the free-holds of the Tooley St estate.

Just over eight acrés have been bought in the past 15 years. In 'Who's Who', Burnett is Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance and other companies. That will be a help when it comes to raising finance for the opera-

Like so many other property tycoons he learned the tools of the trade as a surveyor and estate agent. Sir David is also a fellow of the British Institute of Manage2 The aristocracy are still meddling in property. Lady Jane Rayne, sister of the Marquis THE £300m will be shared then. by a group of dynamic tycoons of Londonderry, belongs to a family with extensive sharehold-

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ings in Hay's.

3 Michael Stanley, grandson of the 17th Earl of Derby, and Lady Jane's first cousin, has a bigger shareholding in the com-pany than any other director. His occupations apparently

include 'idleness, walking and wine' ('Who's Who').

Two men now have options to develop 23½ acres of land on the site on a 135-year lease.

One is the Hon William Grosvenor (29), Lord Ebury's brother and a relative of the

The Duke is head of the Grosvenor family which has owned most of Mayfair and Belgravia for nearly 300 years.

They've just bought a 'strategy'

which includes the rebuilding of Oxford St. But the story of

Britain's richest and most power-

ful urban landlords will have to be told another time.

5 The other man is one Michael Rivkin who owns the property company Renslade Investments, in which the Hon

William Grosvenor is a director

Before he got the option Rivkin, who is only just 30, had to fight a battle with Jim

Slater, chairman of Slater Walker Securities, and Sir Max Rayne,

Lady Jane's husband.
Slater had been buying Hay's

shares at a furious rate until he had 12½ per cent of the holdings.

Sir David Burnett fell through.

Jim Slater, however, sold his shares and his firm made £1½m

But Rayne's negotiations with

Rivkin's backer is Gabriel

Property and who once

6 Rivkin's backer is Gabriel Harrison, chairman of the huge Amalgamated Investment

thought of making a takeover bid for Hay's.

the deal in just six

and shareholder.

Duke of Westminster.

and aristocrats.

Hay's Wharf is only part of a vast tract of land in Southwark which has become ripe for 'development' as the traditional industries have dried out.

THE CITY

to the mystery

The people who make the decision about plans to build a jungle of socially-useless property are the members of Southwark which is Labourcontrolled.

Hay's Wharf put in a planning application for their scheme. So far no decision has officially been reached by the council's planning committee.

Just a few months ago, Southwark's planning department drew up a 'draft strategy plan' for the London Bridge and Thamesside

With over 41 miles of riverfront, and other land close to historic buildings like Southwark Cathedral hidden by industry, the council say there is a golden opportunity to rejuvenate and revitalize a large chunk of the borough.

Listen to what Charles Halford, chairman of the planning committee, has to say in introducing the plan.

... We believe there are

opportunities for commercial expansion, for encouraging the arts and entertainment facilities and for meeting tourists' needs. wark's historic assets can be given more attractive settings

and fittingly conserved.
'In addition, the long-held dream of more riverside walkways, gardens and parks can be realized. 'Improvements can also be

made to passenger transport

Map of London showing (large shaded area) the region of Southwark's 'Draft Strategy Plan for The London Bridge and Thamesside' and in red the Hay's Wharf goldmine.

facilities and not least there is a chance to increase the number of houses for renting and for sale,' he enthuses. The draft plan is only a guide

SOUTHWARK

and does not lay down any rigid proposals for land use allocation. And the council will not carry out any of these plans. All the land is in the hands of private developers.

The document admits they haven't got the money to under-take such a vast comprehensive, redevelopment programme. It also concedes that the council is pre-occupied with other problems in

Southwark has made lots of noise in public in telling Hay's they won't get away with their But the draft plan itself is

weak and vague in crucial places when it sets down the preferred uses for Hay's Wharf. The main conception of the council is to attract the overspill from the City of London and create more office jobs in the

Out of the four sectors into which Hay's Wharf is divided, offices are the preferred use in two and considered a suitable use in the remainder.

Hotels are also preferred in two sectors and considered acceptable in two others. But housing is only considered preferable in two sectors and inappropriate in the other

This is despite the aggravated housing conditions in Southwark where 22,000 families live in slums and hundreds are on the waiting list for council housing. Although the proposals contain demands for open spaces, public buildings, shops, and student hostels, it is most unlikely they will predominate in the minds of

the developers. There is little profit in that direction. The planners have started from

the conception of what exists at the moment. They see the com-mercial clossus edging its way from the City of London.

In order to hopefully gain a few crumbs like walkways and open spaces, concessions have made to developers like Hay's. All the cards are now stacked in favour of Hay's.

Their planning application is for 2.6 million square feet of offices, two hotels totalling 1.450 rooms, a shopping centre and 626 flat units.

If the developers build the flats it is certain they will not be for the working class. The rents will be astronomical.

Throughout the 1960s when it came to a question of social or private development, the latter

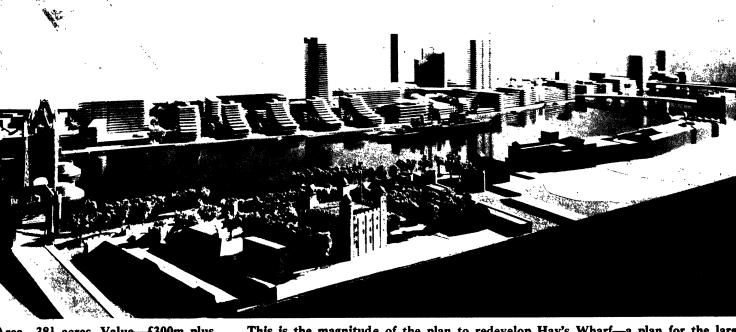
They held the key cards: ownership of the land and the ability to raise large sums of finance.

That is why London is cluttered with unused, monstrous offices like Centre Point and gaudy hotels for the rich.

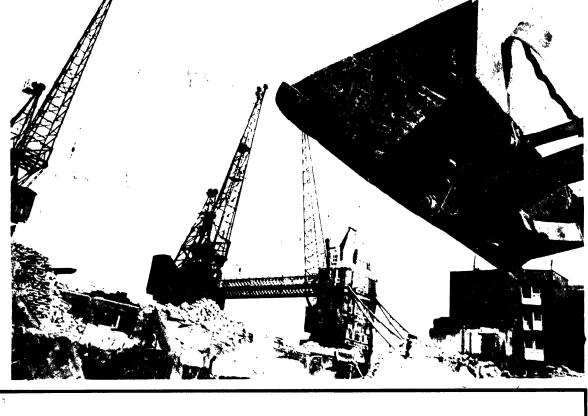
The lesson's of Hay's Wharf are clear. The proper planning of our cities and the abolition of the housing problem are completely dependent on the common ownership of land and the financial institutions under the control of the working class.

No amount of 'draft strategy plans' will solve the question There is no evidence of one that has ever worked in favour of the working class.

INCIDENTALLY, while making inquiries at Hay's Wharf's offices, we were told that their public relations work was being handled by the Property correspondent of the Financial Times', Michael O'Halloran.



'Area—381 acres. Value—£300m plus . . . This is the magnitude of the plan to redevelop Hay's Wharf—a plan for the largest and most exciting commercial project to be undertaken since the Great Fire of 1666'. — From the Hay's Wharf official publicity





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BBC 2

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- 7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE. 7.30 CORONATION STREET.
- 8.00 BENNY HILL SHOW. 9.00 FAMILY AT WAR.
- 10.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. Labour Party.
- 10.15 NEWS AT TEN. 10.45 TREASURES OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM. Coins.
- 11.15 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. From Bolton. 11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. Anthony Howard.
- 12.00 IT MATTERS TO ME. Rev Paul Ostreicher.

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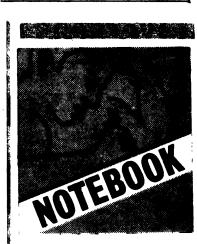
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GRANADA: 3.40 Cooking. 4.10 News. Towards the year 2000. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Lon-don. 6.00 News. 6.15 This is your right. 6.30 Shirley's world. 7.00 London. 10.50 Smith family. 11.20

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SCOTTISH: 3.30 Grasshopper island, 3.45 Crossroads, 4.10 Dateline, 4.55 London, 6.00 Dateline, 6.20 Popeye, 6.30 McQueen, 7.00 London, 10.45 Colour me White. 11.15 Late call, 11.20 Lone



Doing the dirty work

SOME of the papers, not to mention Tory Central Office, have been waging a campaign to make Education and Science Secretary Mrs Margaret Thatcher popular.

During her 18 months in office the 'Mirror' said last week, Mrs Thatcher had:

- Deliberately slowed down the
- trend towards comprehensives. Axed free milk for primary school children.
- Raised the price of school

 Helped the direct grant schools. Doubtless Thatcher is the most

unpopular member of the govern-

ment. But the fact remains the policies are those of the government as a whole and no just a reflec-

tion of her personal whims. The sooner everybody realizes this, the sooner we'll get a government that won't Thatchers of this world to do its



Popular Mrs Thatcher.

30 per cent M' lud

OLD-AGED pensioners will be pleased to learn that peers of the realm have awarded themselves a 'modest' but significant increase in expenses for attending that totally useless institution — the

House of Lords. These poverty-stricken gentlemen actually had to struggle by on £6.50 a day for boring everybody to death with their speeches Now they have given them-selves approximately a 30-per-cent increase. They are to get £8.50 each day, which is a couple of quid above the weakly hand-out to old people without titles. But this foolish comparison leaves out the tremendous over-

keep up appearances.

Take the leader of the House, Earl Jellicoe — an old Tory and godson to the late King George

He has Tidcombe Manor and its extensive grounds to keep going in Wiltshire. Then there is his London residence in the fashionable Onslow Square. In addition there are the heavy drinking and dining bills at his club 'Brook's'.

The Labour leader in the House Lord Shackleton—faithful to his class—congratulated the Tory Jellicoe for winning the increase. But he needs the money too. What with a few paltry directorships, he finds it very hard to

make ends meet.

He's senior executive director the John Lewis Partnership, director of Rio Tinto Zinc Development Enterprises, Mercury Insurance Holdings, Woodrow Wyatt Holdings, etc. (so nice to see a Labour man getting on).

So the men who rule us, while submitting demands for the Lords, resist the clamour from the old for more money. Listen to the Tory Minister for Health and Social Security Sir Keith Joseph. We quote from Press Association:

'Sir Keith Joseph said there would be no Christmas "bonus" for pensioners. "The government have been particularly careful to avoid any impression that there was to be any immediate increase".'

Stretching the Xmas spirit

THE OLD Christmas spirit took a bit of a buffeting in Willesden

the other day.

Bishop of Willesden the Rt
Rev Graham Leonard arrived at his new home in Willesden Lane to find it already in use . . . by tramps. A difficult moral problem for

someone who's probably pre-paring to preach Christ (sorry, vicar) knows how many words

from texts like 'And there was no room in the inn . . . How close to the season of goodwill can you get and still call the cops to defend your rights under the laws of property you defend for the other 360-odd

days in the year?

Engineering orders at 1963 low

OCTOBER figures for engineering export orders were nearly as low as those recorded in 1963. New orders from overseas markets only rose by 1 per cent during the third quarter of this year. Significantly, deliveries fell by a massive 6 per cent.

The index for October stood at 103 (1963=100), 12 points lower than at the end of any previous month this year, according to Department of Trade and Industry statistics issued on Monday. In the home market new

Engineer clerks drop pay claims

BY DAVID MAUDE

ENGINEERING employers were rubbing their hands yesterday over clerical unions' decision to drop all national claims for acrossthe-board pay rises.

The decision—affecting about 400,000 workers all told—fits neatly into the employers' strategy for taking on its labour force in small groups plant by plant.

More immediately, it takes the heat off the Engineering Employers' Federation for new minimum rates for clerks of £18 for men and £15.50

Besides these minimum-rate demands—amounting to £2.50 and £2.35, respectively—the claim, submitted three months ago, asked for a general pay rise for workers who did no receive one last year.

Leaders of the clerical and administrative, transport and general and general and municinal workers' unions will now instruct their 250,000 members to submit similar claims at plant level on the expiry of current agreements.

Manual union leaders are moving in a similar direction after the rejection of their national pay claim.

And following the breakdown of talks aimed at re-placing the 1922 York procedure agreement, they are attempting to set up plant-by-plant arrangements in this sphere also.

The employers are delighted with these developments.

Earlier this year the technical and supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers terminated national pay bargaining with both the engineering and shipbuilding employers.

The EEF now openly claims that it has held down draughtsmen's pay as a result.

RENT increases imposed under the new Housing Bill will be 'the last straw' for council tenants, Labour 'left' MP Frank Allaun told a Commons committee yesterday. Tory MPs and councillors in marginal seats were going to be 'booted out' if the Bill went ahead, added Allaun.

orders rose by 7 per cent in the third quarter compared with the previous three months.

But the October figures only put the position back on a par with May orders, the best month so far this year.

Desperate for any crumbs of comfort to avoid saying the word 'recession', the 'Financial Times' headlined the news a 'Cheering report from DTI on

engineering orders'.

But it was only last Friday that Martin Jukes, directorgeneral of the Engineering Employers' Federation, told a different story. Businessmen in London

heard him talk of little re-covery in the engineering industry before autumn 1972 at the earliest. As far as the 70,391 registered unemployed in the mech-

ing sector were concerned, he not see any prospect of work for some time.

But other key sections of Juke's speech snow that what he really means is that these unemployed engineers will

anical and electrical engineer-

Boom

never work again.

If a boom in orders came, he went on, the industry would be able to produce about 15 or 20 per cent more saleable output with the existing labour

'We have still, despite the mass shake-out in engineering, a lot of spare capacity. We shall be able to increase out put without absorbing a very large proportion of the un employed, he said.

The Tory government's strategy of forcing up the dole queues and increasing the rate of exploitation of those still working has already had the right effect, so far as the employers are concerned.

It is estimated that output

per worker has increased by over 7 per cent since 1970 on the basis of 1 million workers being on the dole this Christ-

FIVE WEEK strike at Lucas Industrial Equipment, Fazakerley, continues with the men insisting on mutual piece work price is estab-lished. They want to retain the right to be paid average earnings while negotiations on any new agreement proceed managements right to put a man on the clock if he refuses to accept a management offered price on a job under negotiation.

STUDENT sit-in at Swansea education college ended yesterday after four weeks, but students warned this was not the end of their battle against the alleged victimization of a Communist Party student for his political beliefs. Swansea Labour - dominated council had taken out injunctions against the students.

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the proposals arise not out of a desire to protect the unions, but because they would prefer

financing.

Yesterday a National

Union of Students' dele-

gation, headed by its

Communist Party president

Digby Jacks, spent two-and-

a-half hours at the Educa-

tion Department discussing

the government proposals.

They put their case to Mr Willan van Straubenzee, parliamentary under-Secretary of State, who stressed that

the government document was a consultative one and that

the government was anxious

to have the views of all interested parties, including

Many students, however, feel that the university authorities' objections to the

SE ENGLAND and E Anglia will be mainly cloudy with a little rain or drizzle and it will

be very mild. Wales, SW England, central southern England, the Midlands and N England will be mild and cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle at first, but it will become brighter and drier from the West. S Scotland, N Ireland, the Lake District and NE England

will have sunny intervals and

isolated showers with near normal temperatures. Central and N Scotland will have sunny intervals and rather more frequent showers with near normal temperatures. Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Some rain at times but mainly dry in the S. Tempera-

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tures rather above normal.

Charge of the Kitson brigade

BRIGADIER Frank Kitson, head of military intelligence in Ulster, has received warm approval for his demands for the fight against 'subversives' in Britain.

As we revealed in a special series of articles, Kitson is de-manding that the government set up a special command dedicated to counter-subversion and counter-insurgency.

In particular he wants the army to take over internal security in Britain and he wants the rationalization of the security outfits now run by MI5 and Special Branch. It is important to understand that Kitson's idea of 'subversion' includes workers taking strike action; he equates mass protest demonstrations with 'extremism'. Not unexpectedly, Brig W. F. K. Thompson, defence correspondent of the 'Daily Telegarph', has wholeheartedly thrown



himself behind Kitson's pro-

In a review of Kitson's book, Thompson opens with

'Let no one doubt that if the gunmen in N Ireland are allowed to achieve their aim, the incipient menace of the violent minority in other parts of the UK will become a serious challenge to our open society, if not immediately then before the end of this

decade.'
In the fight against revolutionaries 'the basic requirement is good intelligence', says

He goes on: 'This, as Brig Kitson sets out, consists of basic intelligence collected by the Special Branch of the police through high-grade sources, and contact intelligence developed by commanders through a multitude of

low-grade sources.
'It is his particular contribution to revolutionary war-fare to insist that the primary aim of the commander's operational plan must be to obtain intelligence instead of expect-ing this to be handed out on

Thompson makes two speci-

tained in Kitson's book.

He calls for a policy of registering all gelignite, explosives and detonators as is done at present with firearms. He also says: 'Secondly, Britain must come into line with other countries and issue all citizens with identity

But it is Thompson's wide-ranging final recommendations which are the most sinister.

The relationship between the security forces and the civil power at all levels may need to be redefined, the rules for urban development drawn up, and local authorities trained in their security duties . . .
The adequacy and nature of the security forces needs ex-amination. The police alone will not be adequate to main-

circumstances. Is there a need for a gendarmerie or should they continue to rely for support on the Army?

NLF takes

Plain of Jars

LIBERATION troops yesterday took complete

control of the strategic Plain of Jars in N Laos

following government forces withdrawal from

the last remaining outpost there.

Government soldiers had

been holding out at Muong-

phan, nearly 100 miles N of

Vietnam, after 15,000 NLF

troops, supported by tanks

and an anti-aircraft battery,

overran the Plain at the

It was the heaviest-yet

defeat for the government's

tain law and order in all

with most government units failing to contact their head-

The fall of the Plain of Jars

opens the road for the libera-

tion troops to attack Long Cheng, where US-backed

counter-guerrilla troops have an important base.

Are these simply the scrib-blings of men on the extreme ishment? Can their proposals be taken seriously?

two points need to be made. After writing his book at Oxford, Kitson was sent to Ulster as the army's top counter-subversion operator. He obviously has friends in

carries the blessing of no lesser person than the Chief of General Staff, General Sir

prepare for the operations of tomorrow. It will be of the greatest possible help to him, and I hope it will be read by all those concerned with training the army.'

SW AFRICA'S Ovambo workers are standing solid in their strike against the infamous contract labour system under which they are em-ployed in the country's mines

Ovambo workers are packing up and leaving for the Ovamboland reserve close to the Angola border.

ignored In reply to these questions, By a Workers Press correspondent A CALIFORNIAN company which generates nuclear power

high places.

And secondly, Kitson's book

In his introduction to the book, Carver writes: 'Nobody could be better qualified than Brig Frank Kitson to write on

'This book is written for the soldier today to help him

and industries.

The strike has paralysed most of the country, and the only significant group of Ovambo workers still at work is the 6,000-strong labour force in the Ovanionumber. force in the Oranjemund diamond diggings.
All over the country,

Essential services in places like Windhoek, the capital, have been so badly hit that the authorities have had to recruit white schoolboys to

has been charged with failing

The US Atomic Energy Commission also says that the firm did not tell employees how much radiation they had been exposed to while work-

to measure possible radio-

activity leaks during repair

Danger of

radioactive

leaks

The firm, Pacific Gas and Electric, has another plant emits radioactivity within its boundaries at the rate of 155 millirems (a unit radiation measurement) over a year.

The AEC is now proposing a safety level of five millirems. The AEC does not control

the output of atomic energy in the US. Unlike most other countries. the land of private enterprise

insists that such lethal forms of energy be in the hands of private individuals. The story came to light when an employee was sacked

for raising questions of safety. He then went to the AEC with a list of 49 alleged safety hazards at the plant.

Now the AEC has written to Pacific Gas asking them what action they propose to

It should be interesting to see the response from a firm which once planned an atomic plant near the San Andreas fault in hazardous earthquake

'When Wilson discovered Cabinet secrets were being leaked to Salisbury he was furious.'

IT'S DIFFICULT to restrain one's laughter while reading the baffling accounts in the Tory press about John Fairer-Smith, the man alleged to be heading the S African spy n etwork BOSS in Britain.

We've been following Fairer-Smith's activities for years.
Here's some information you won't have found in the

national press.

Fairer-Smith was born in England but went to live in Rhodesia. He joined the Rhodesia police force and rose to the rank of sergeant. He was in the CID and the equivalent of the fraud

squad. He became interested in security as well. He says he left the police force and travelled to S Africa where he joined a firm of business consultants. Some people say the firm was a cover for

the security police.
When he arrived back in Britain, Smith opened a company called Argen Ltd with his wife as partner.

CONVENIENT

His office is situated in Abbey House, about 200 yards from Scotland Yard in one direction and the House of Commons in the other. Very convenient, you might It has now been revealed

in the capitalist press that Smith hired Norman Black-burn, who operated as a spy, against anti-apartheid groups in London. Eventually Blackburn and young girl working at No

10 Downing St were arrested under the Official Secrets Act. Blackburn was jailed for encouraging the girl to remove cabinet documents from the typing pool at No

How did the police come to suspect the theft in the first place? This hasn't been discussed

before. The story goes like this: Wilson and his colleagues had been deliberating on some major question relating to sanctions. Within 36 hours of the decision being taken it was front-page news in the Salisbury papers. Wilson was furious about this security 'leakage'. He demanded a top-level in-quiry and demanded from the security chiefs that those responsible be appre-hended and charged.

All along, of course, the security froces knew that a spy operation for Rhodesia and S Africa was being mounted in this country. They knew because members of their staff were also working for the spies!

CHARGES

Reluctantly, therefore. MI5 and the Special Branch began their investigation. Blackburn and the girl were arrested and charged.

In his '24 Hours' appearance a week ago Blackburn pointed out that the police who arrested him must have known about Smith - his name appeared on corres-

More on the spy rumpus

Nevertheless, Smith was never charged with any

there. More recently he became involved with Gramco, the offshore property fund company which crashed at the end of last year.

become the largest property bond company in the world, Gramco suddenly stopped

to take up residence in Lonstomach and testicles slit with a knife in the Lebanon. In the Gramco operation,

Smith's job was security.

In this he worked for Charles Lyons, Gramco's security chief and eventually a director. Before moving to a plush suite in the Gramco offices in Millbank Tower, Lyons worked at the US Embassy, as a fully-ac-credited diplomat.

Thus Smith's connections not only covered S Africa House, but also ex-employees of the American Embassy.

Smith narrowly escaped the headlines early this year when the Falquet Brothers, two Swiss private investigators, were arrested after allegedly bugging the phone calls of certain businessmen. Swiss police let it be known that the job was carried out for Smith and that they would like to see him if he ever visited Geneva.

Although the item received some publicity in this country, Smith was again

Now Smith has been named in parliament by James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Erith and Crayford, and statements and documents have been put into the hands of Home Secretary Reginald Maudling.

DETAILS

It will be surprising if Maudling doesn't know at least some of the details of Smith's background. Maudling himself was the presi-ent of an offshore property bond company called Real Estate Fund of America which was in direct competition with Gramco. REFA in fact, was an almost exact imitation of Gramco and the two fought huge sales battles around the world.

Disco—Comedy films. 'The Bear', High Street. All un-

employed workers and youth

LUTON: Thursday Decem-

ber 30, 8 p.m. Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Rd. The fight against Stalinism

READING: Monday January

3, 8 p.m. Trades and Labour Hall, Minster St. Discuss

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

laws against the unions!

BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday December 22, 3 p.m. Christmas social: Mount Pleasant

youth welcome.

ATUA Manifesto. BRACKNELL: Tuesday January 11, 7.30 p.m. 'Red Lion', High St. Discuss

in the trade unions.

BEXLEYHEATH: Tuesday

January 11, 8 p.m. 'The Upton', Crook Log. Trade unions and basic rights.

Special Course of lectures

SUNDAY JANUARY 2 Historical Materialism today

BEAVER HALL, GARLICK HILL (Nr Mansion House tube) 7 p.m.

given by

G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)

LATENEWS DRAUGHTSMEN at Parsons, Heaton, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, have decided to fight company plans to make 900 employees redundant by June. With the threat of an additional 600 redundancies, the draughtsmen have said that they will not negotiate with management over the sackings and are going ahead with a plan to begin four-day-a-week working in the factory that supplies the electrical power industrv.

There is also talk among stewards to demand that the firm stop contracting work out to smaller engineering shops on Tynéside.

WEATHER

He has been vice-chancellor of Leicester University since Hardly a career that betrays consistent fight for the defence of students' rights.

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER UNIVERSITY vice-chancellors have come out against the Tory government's consultative proposals for the reform of student-union acts?

the harsher alternative of a government registrar. This, say students, would relieve the authorities of the extra responsibilities they would face if each institution controlled its own studentunion finances.
Chairman of the Committee

of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom, Sir Fraser Noble, in a letter to Tory Education Minister Margaret Thatcher, stated that the proposals made no satisfactory case for wholesale changes envisaged.

The Committee, he says, re-

Students fear

Chancellors'

registrar plan

grets that the document pro-ceeds from a series of brief assertions about defects in the sity from 1948-1957, at the to proposals which would affect the whole character of student unions, as they now exist in the universities. Commenting on the alterna-

tive of a registrar, Sir Fraser says the Committee believes such a concept 'must be treated with great reserve'. Sir Fraser, after military service with the Black Watch entered the Indian Civil Service and served in the NW

Frontier Province during the

On returning to Britain he was a lecturer in political economy at Aberdeen University from 1948-1959, at the same time serving on various committees.

In 1965 he joined the

Ministry of Defence Committee for University Assistance to Adult Education in HM Forces and the Advisory Board, Overseas Students' Special Fund. He is also a member of the Academic Advisory Council for the Royal Defence

ance was recommended

iviaudiing a duff winetaster: **How long** before Heath

YESTERDAY'S shock news that Reginald Maudling, well-loved Home Secretary, came unplaced in a winetasting competition in London yesterday makes us ask: How can such an uncultured fellow remain in a Tory cabinet led by Edward 'Mozart' Heath?

charge of the important job of deploying troops against Irish workers who cannot tell one wine from another? Where's the country going to? The PM must act.

pushing almost 10,000 people out of the limelight, it still isn't good enough. How does he explain the fact that a Hampshire garage owner could win the com-

petition (incidentally, he also won it last year)? All this despite the fact that the 'Daily Torygraph' organized the whole affair and hired the Savoy Hotel for the occasion.

And what a first prize he missed: a five-day trip to Paris and S Europe, one hogshead of vintage Louis Jadot Burgundy, four dozen bottles of Vintage Claret, one Methuselah of Pomery and Greno champagne, 12 bottles, etc. etc.

What will Reginald now do for his Christmas drinks?

PRODUCTION workers at British - Leyland's assembly plant at Cowley, Oxford, yesterday accepted a formula for the use of industrial en-gineering techniques. Acceptshop stewards who had discussed the matter with

Special Forces which were trained and equipped by the Americans. They lost six major artillery bases, four of their 19 howitzers, four American Phantom jets and two other aircraft. The Lactian army lost at least 500 killed and wounded —its heaviest-ever casualties. Latest reports from the Plain

FROM PAGE ONE

PHONEY PHOTOS

It is too well-composed to be an 'instant' kerb-

■ Why has the woman's identity been kept a secret? If the story and picture are genuine, why has the army deliberately masked her face?

When did the incident take place? Some papers

take place? Some papers make out it was on Monday; others hint that it simply occurred 'recently'. ● Where did it take place? The armyn says London-derry. But what street?

What time of day? Last weekend the 'Sunday Mirror' used a full-page picture of Tony 'Dutch' Doherty, the Provisional leader in Belfast. The caption said Doherty was 'a coward fearful of the conand imprisonment'. It showed Doherty huddled in a corner with fear in his

face as he tried to protect himself (see page one). The caption further stated that the picture was taken at the 'moment of his arrest' in a Belfast club. Now, however, it has become clear that the picture

photographer when Doherty

was undergoing interroga-tion at the Flax St barracks, Belfast. It was placed on the front page of the 'Sunday Mirror' at the specific request of the army through an officer of the Green Howards.

These hoax pictures play

a very important part in the

army's continuing campaign of brutality and murder against workers, their wives and families. The toy gun picture is an attempt to clear the army in its policy of 'shoot first, ask Although he managed to fight his way to the finals, questions later'.

> also that deep controversy surrounded the army's shooting of a 16-year-old boy last week who was playing with a toy gun.)
> The Doherty picture formed part of a press campaign to portray him as a coward and a man who had 'spilled the beans' to the

(It will be remembered

army during interrogation.

By publicizing this picture, the army hopes to spread dissension in the IRA's ranks and to destroy confidence in the military leadership, which is erratic enough anyway.

As the head of military intelligence in Ulster, Brig

Frank Kitson, says in his

'Priority should now be given to teaching officers the methods of carrying out large-scale persuasion and to providing the Psychological Operations specialists and units which will be required.

quired.'
And by 'Psychological'
Operations' Kitson means
the turning of government
policy into specific propaganda material such as films, broadcast programmes, newspaper articles, leaflets and

pondence which they seized in his flat in Earls Court. offence. Smith's career as an es-

After a meteoric rise to

redeeming its shares.
Pierre Salinger, the fat, cigar-smoking vice-president, who was former press aide to one John F. Kennedy when US President, decided don and a salesman, George Aarage, had his throat,

Now it's over to Maud-

Make the Tory government

Return a Labour government pledged to restore full employment and repeal all

Community Centre. All un-employed workers and

COVENTRY: Thursday December 23, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Right to Work Committee Christmas Social. Buffet-

following ATUA National Conference decision to prepare for the building of the Party

Socialist Labour League