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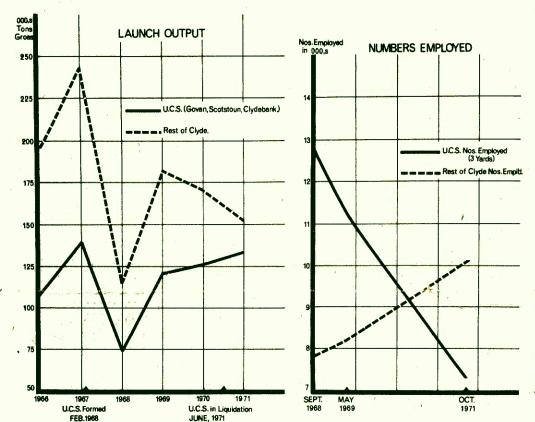
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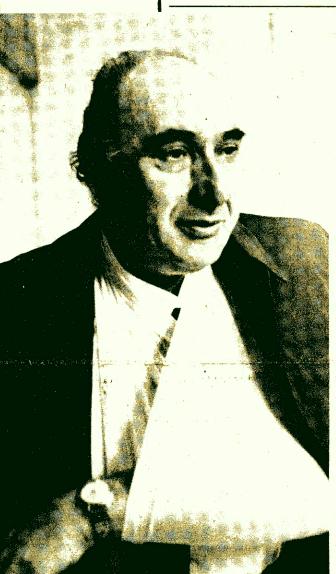
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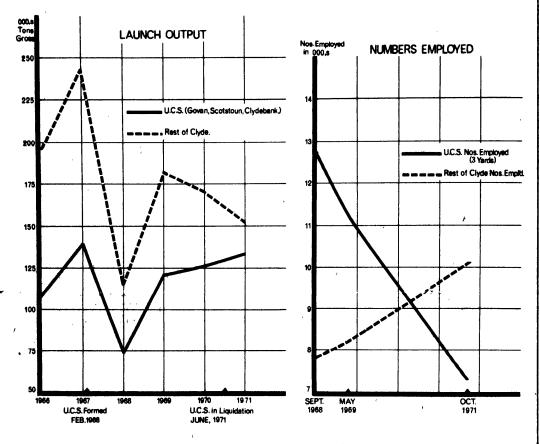
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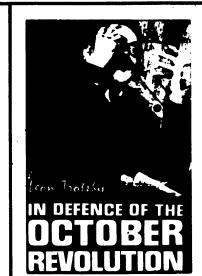
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Political Revolution raises its head

Workers' Vanguard of Greece (Part three of a discussion article)

Bulgaria—the Kremlin's policeman in the Balkans

BULGARIA still remains faithful to the Soviet bureau-cracy. She played a leading part in the Warsaw Pact suppression of the Czechoslovak people, and has constantly condemned her 'rebellious' neighbours. In the current struggle between Moscow and Peking for the leadership of the Balkans, Bulgaria acts according to the wishes of her Kremlin masters.

Nevertheless the last Congress of the Bulgarian CP showed that the bureaucracy does have its independent interests. The basic demand of the Party was the improvement of relations with the Balkans, but the 'Brezhnev doctrine' of 'limited sovereignty' denies Bulgaria the opportunity to raise relations above the platonic level— 'friendship', peace', 'co-operation', etc.

The proposal of the CP leadership for a trans-Balkan con-ference was squashed by the Kremlin. This was the action of a great power nation, not a socialist state. The Kremlin does everything it can to obstruct the prospect of unity of the bureaucratic Balkan states.

Bulgaria is always critical of the friendship of the 'rebels' with China, but is still able to applaud their stronger ties with Greece. By her participation in the Warsaw Pact manoeuvres carried out on her borders, she revealed her role as the Kremlin's policeman

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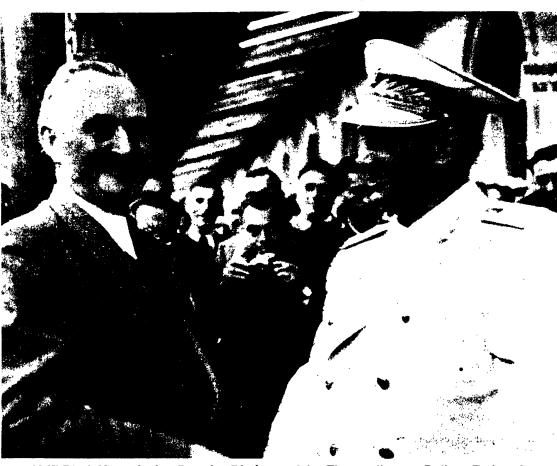
A LONG time has passed since the idyllic days of 1947-1948 when Tito and Dimitrov were agreed on the need for a Socialist Balkan Federation. The Comintern slogan for such a Federation was abandoned. It proved irreconcilable with the nationalist 'communism' of the Stalinists of the USSR and the

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The counter-revolutionary content of the 'friendship pacts' now being cooked up has been exposed by the well-publicized toings and fro-ings of Heath, Brandt, Nixon, etc., which give the leaders of the bureaucracy so much pleasure.

great powers—the Soviet Union, the USA, China and the EEC attempting to solve their crises nullifies the chances of a real

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1947 Bled, Yugoslavia: Premier Dimitrov visits Tito to discuss Balkan Federation.

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Tito's declaration that his will remain 'uncommitted' is tantamount on the one hand to a confirmation of his rejection of the idea of the unity of socialist states, and on the other to an independent policy of treacherous co-existence with imperialism. The correct concept of a 'Socialist Balkan Federation has degenerated into a 'Pact' of deformed workers' states, to fit the reactionary theory 'socialism in one country'.

The Rumanian proposals for 'neutralization' or a 'nuclear-free zone in the Balkans are as false as they are deceptive, in the well-worn vein of 'disarm-ament' with which the masses are demagogically deceived. How can there be understanding bestates? How can there be solidarity between the eastern states when one section of the bureaucracy sits on the fence between E and W? This is nothing less than conscious opportunism and

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Their great dilemma in this cloud-cuckoo land, of course, is who is going to disarm whom! Until, that is, the tanks of US imperialism or Soviet bureaucracy roll in to crush the working people of these countries. It is more likely that this counter-revolutionary co-existence will be totally overthrown by the approaching anti-bureaucratic political revolution and the anticapitalist socialist revolution.

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The crisis smashed the weaker enterprises and increased un-employment. Emigration reached unprecedented level. One million workers, who had not yet realized any means of removing the reactionary bureaucracy, left for the capitalist states of the EEC. The rest joined in the

There had been a precedent for this strike wave—the strikes in the mines of Slovenia in 1958, the shipyard of Rijeka, and the of Bosnia-Hercegovina. The bureaucracy banned what they termed 'wild and uncontrolled' strikes, but was forced to permit 'legal' ones. However, it did not stop trying to throttle the strikes with violence.

The masses took part in several riots, but without leadership the workers were weak and the Stalinists were able to isolate the strikes. The official press tried to present the strike wave as being of an anti-progressive, 'Luddite'. nature-in reality they anti-bureaucratic.

The same applies to the struggles of the students, who, reflecting the misery of the working class, fought until they had gained control of their universities. Workers and students were fighting for freedom against the bureaucracy. The political revolution had erupted on the streets in the Balkans.

As a result, the Stalinist oppression was stepped up in Rumania. Bulgaria and Albania. The seething discontent of the masses is nearing boiling-point, and it is the presupposition of the Trotskyist party that the political revolution will triumph and overthrew the gangsters of

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THE SLOGAN for the United Socialist States of the Balkans springs from the historical necessity of our epoch. It can be understood from the wider demand for a United Socialist States of Europe, which today assumes an even greater

importance.

Only a nationalized and planned economy, under the soviet system and workers' control, can solve the present crisis and prepare the way for economic development. It is a pre-requisite for the democratization of the workers' states and the raising of the cultural level and the economic conditions of the

The unity of the Balkan workers' states is a necessity which can only be realized by these means. There must be complete equality between all states and national minorities.

The Yugoslav federation, even with the constitutional reforms and the self-government of its nations, is a fraudulent 'cover' for equality—to conceal the exploitation and oppression of the masses. Tito's dramatic call in Brioni for a decentralized Yugoslav federation merely exposes bureaucracy's inability to solve their own problems.

The demands of the workers,

peasants and students for a real democratic soviet equality has demonstrated the bankruptcy of the Yugoslav 'road to socialism'. Tito's conception of federal unity really belongs to the last century, when the bourgeoisie was en-gaged in a struggle against

In the epoch of Lenin and rotsky, 'self-determination' Trotsky, 'self-determination' must become a reality, not a vague, insincere, abstraction. The theses of Lenin cannot be reconciled with a federation in which self-determination is incomplete, or in which one strong nation dominates the others, as does Serbia in Yugoslavia.

The Croat problem can only be understood in the context of this demand for self-determination. In their struggle against the Y oslav bureaucracy the workers must raise the same demands that Trotsky once put forward for the Ukraine.



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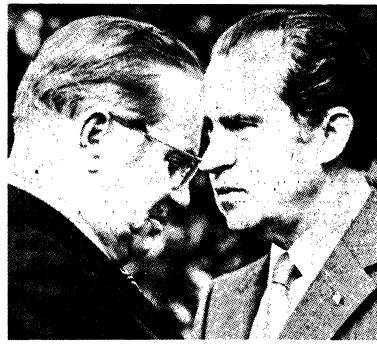
Albanian leader. dom for the soviet parties, plan-

National oppression and discrimination as/ practised in the bureaucratic states is a bourgeois tendency. It is essential that all these nations should have the freedom to determine their own destiny, as part of a United Socialist States of the Balkans, in order to rid themselves of the

relics of the bourgeois era.
Only a United Socialist States can carry through the struggle against the capitalist class in the Balkan countries where they still hold power. Only this demand can guarantee the unity required to overthrow the counter-revolutionary bureaucracy through the political revolution, with the demand for equal rights, greater parity of wages, the freedom to strike, freedom for the trade unions, workers' control, freening based on the interests of the masses, the sovietization of the Stalinist regimes, an internationalist foreign policy etc. The greatest and most important task of all is the construc-tion of revolutionary parties.

This must be based on the historical struggle for Marxist principles, and its further devel-

Only by taking Marxist theory, dialectical materialism, into the working class can the party assert and win the leadership of the class. This is the way forward to the triumph of the proletarian revolution, the objective

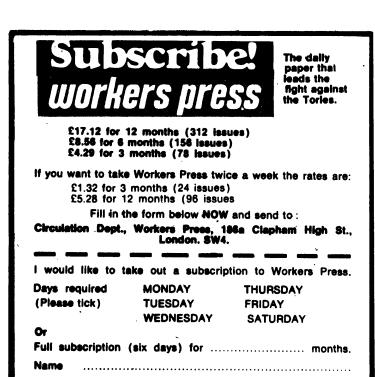


Tito with Nixon

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- 6.00 NATIONWIDE. Your region tonight.
- 6.50 TOM AND JERRY. 7.00 OWEN MD.
- 7.25 TOP OF THE POPS.
- 8.00 IT'S AWFULLY BAD FOR YOUR EYES DARLING . . . 8.30 HOLIDAY 72.

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- 9.00 NEWS and weather. 9.20 GALA PERFORMANCE. Michael Flanders introduces Rudolf
- 10.50 THE DEAN MARTIN SHOW. Guest Frank Sinatra.

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- 11.00 Playschool. 7.30 NEWSROOM.
- 8.00 EUROPA.
- 8.30 THE VIEW FROM DANIEL PIKE. 'So This is Olympus'.
- 9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK: Scott on food.
- 10.05 NEWS and weather.
- 10.10 DAILY ROUND. A housewife's day.
- 10.20 FILM: 'VIE PRIVEE'. A Very Private Affair. Brigitte Bardot, Marcello Mastroianni.
- 11.50 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

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2.40 In their own right. 3.10 All our yesterdays. 3.40 Origami. 3.55 Yoga, 4.25 Matinee, 4.55 Arthur, 5.20 Magpie, 5.50 News.

- 6.00 THE SMITH FAMILY.
- 6.30 CROSSROADS.
- 6.55 FILM: 'THE BIG SHOW'. Esther Williams, Cliff Robertson, Robert Vaughn. Circus drama.
- 8.45 AND MOTHER MAKES THREE.
- 9.15 AS LONG AS YOUR'RE RUDE ENOUGH—THEY'RE HAPPY! Alan Whicker in the Caribbean.
- 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.
- 10.30 CINEMA.
- 11.00 MARCUS WELBY MD. 'The Vrahnas Demon'.
- 12.00 OUTLOOK 72.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 4.05 Origami. 4.18 Puffin. 4.22 Nanny and the professor. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.15 Magpie. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather, what's on where. 6.15 Sports roundup. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: "The Spider and the Fly'. 8.15 This is your life. 8.45 London. 10.32 Cinema. 11.02 Treasures of the British Museum. Weather.

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11.10 Marty Feldman. 12.10 Weather. It's all yours.

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4.15 Tinkertainment. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Flintstones. 5.20 Magpie.
5.50 News. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Sky's the limit.
7.10 Film: "The Ghost and Mrs Muir'. 8.45 London. 10.30 Down memory lane. 11.00 Marcus Welby MD. 12.00 Weather.

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ANGLIA: 1.50 Mr Piper. 2.15 Seaway, 3.10 Randall and Hopkirk.

4.05 Women today, 4.35 Newsroom, 4.40 Rupert, 4.55 Bush Boy, 5.20 Magpie, 5.50 News, 6.00 About Anglia, 6.20 Arena, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Dick Van Dyke, 7.30 Film: "The Pigeon', 8.45 London, 10.30 Jungle fighters, 11.15 Cinema, 11.45 Avengers,

ATV MIDLANDS: 3.10 Yoga. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.45 Women. 4.10 Family affair. 4.40 Rupert bear. 4.55 Lift off. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Promise Her Anything'. 8.45 London. 11.00 Randall and Hopkirk. Weather.

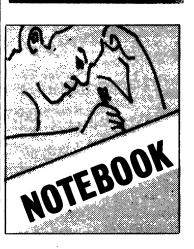
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GRANADA: 4.05 News. Film: 'Emergency'. 5.15 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.00 Newsday. Put it in writing. 6.30 Bird's eye view. 7.00 Film: 'Promise Her Anything'. 8.45 London. 11.05 Film: 'The Rough and the Smooth'.

TYNE TEES: 2.00 Spare a copper. 3.10 Ballet for all. 3.40 Looking at . . . silver. 4.05 Newsroom. 4.10 Treasures of the British Museum. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.00 Today. 6.30 Tournament. 7.00 Film: 'Blackbeard the Pirate'. 8.45 London. 10.30 Police call. 10.35 Sportstime. 11.05 Cinema. 11.35 Drive-in. 12.00 News. 12.15 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 3.30 Origami. 3.45 Crossroads. 4.10 Dateline. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.00 Dateline. 6.15 A place of her own. 7.00 Film: 'The Running Man'. 8.45 London. 11.00 Late call. 11.05 Prisoner.

GRAMPIAN: 3.30 News. 3.33 Rumblie jumblie. 3.55 Yoga. 4.25 Rainbow country. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.20 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Dick Van Dyke. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Come Blow Your Horn'. 8.45 London. 11.00 Treasures of the British Museum. 11.30 McQueen. 12.00 Epilogue.



CP property... on the move

IT JUST had to happen — a takeover-bid for the Communist Party of Great Britain by City real estate speculators, I mean.
Already the capitalist class form of the CP's adaptation to the master's ideology. After all, peaceful co-existence never hurt

any employer.

But the lust for money and profit knows no bounds, despite the CP's belief to the opposite. So now the speculators are after the Party mammoth King St headquarters, no less. One syndicate is apparently willing to oid £1m for the four-storey building.

What is the reason for the siege now being laid by several estate agents and property developers? There surely cannot be anything political about it if the CP is involved?

One man in the City tells us the scramble is because the site is exempt from Greater London Council development plans for that part of Covent Garden. While all around it is demolished, King St will stand in splendid isolation. As a result

the market value of the site will The tycoons are now ferreting around for the identity of the CPs' landlord, without luck so

Rumour has it, though, that the Party is its own landlord. In any case they have a long lease if nothing else, according to Reuben Falber, the assistant general secretary.

Their reluctance to part with the property is difficult to under-If you are one of the main

props of capitalism in Britain there should be no qualms in making a few bob out of it. And the way things are going there's not much time left.

LP property... on the move

THE LABOUR PARTY is on the move, physically this time. The reason: Their landlords, the Transport and General Workers' Union, want to increase the rent of their Smith Square premises by 400 per cent when the lease expires in 1976.

Last week the national executive ordered work to start on finding a permanent London headquarters for the Labour Party and to discover how the money could best be raised. In any event, officials have for some years been operating in a

series of cubby holes', according to Party chairman Ian Mikardo. That would go only a little way to explaining some of the mean, Tory policies expounded by leading Labourites over the 40 years they've occupied Transport Harris

port House. But when your landlord puts the rent up from £23,000 to £100,000 it only goes to show there are no friends like reform-

Sudden lovalty

LAST WEEK'S papers showed gruesome pictures of collaborators with Pakistan being clubbed and bayoneted to death in Dacca by Bangla Desh freedom fighters.

A. F. Kabir has remained the Economic Minister of the Pakistan High Commission in London throughout the whole time Yahya Khan was butchering his people in E Bengal.

Now that the die is cast in favour of Bangla Desh he has decided to change sides.

And he is not the only one. Bengali diplomats around the world are suddenly discovering that their loyalty lies with Bangla

But where was this loyalty during the nine bitter months of war with Pakistan?

Awami League leaders are always saying they are building a democracy. It will be interest-ing to see if, when it comes to collaborators, there is one law for the rich and another for the



sack 20 p.c. of labour in Wrexham

THE AMERICAN-owned Monsanto Chemical Company has announced that 250 men will be sacked from its Cefn Mawr works, near Wrexham.

The redundancies will be carried out over the next two months. In one blow the company is axing just over 20 per cent of its 1,200-strong work force at Cefn Mawr. Already a number of departments at the plant are working five-day instead of

seven-day weeks. A company spokesman said the redundancies were part of 'a streamlining programme to ensure that the works could maintain their viable position in the Monsanto Europe

organization'. This statement starkly illustrates what Common Market entry will mean for British workers: in their socalled 'streamlining' and 'rationalization' for the European markets, workers in this country are to be thrown on the scrap-heap.

The statement said: 'The redundancies are regretted.'Monsanto of St Louis, Missouri, is the 58th largest US corporation. The American parent company had a net income last year of £32m and sales amounting to £815m.

'Protest'

Tom Jones, Welsh secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said his union would make 'a strong protest' against the company's

'From the union side we have done everything possible to raise productivity, but the rewards seem to be more

redundancies.
This is unfair, particularly when unemployment in the Wrexham area is already more than 6 per cent. The com-pany has a special social responsibility to the Cefn Mawr area which has given them a very good labour force and very little trouble.' When the Liverpool 'Daily

Post' asked what he was planning, Jones said he wanted further information first. Many questions would have to be asked!

Monsanto men are asking questions about the local trade union leader who described these massive job cuts as 'disheartening'.

PRESIDENT Dorticos of Cuba has returned home after a week in Moscow largely devoted to patching up differences with the Soviet bureaucracy resulting from Castro's policies.

At a dinner given in his onour by Brezhnev and Kosygin it was revealed that talks are to begin on a new trade agreement. Cuba badly needs more Russian aid in order to meet growing economic difficulties.

Even paper to print Castro's jumbo-size speeches is running short. 'Granma', Havana's only morning daily, has had to cut its pages from eight to four.

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LATENEWS

Monsanto | Environment Ministry reveals

Pollution of rivers worsens

BRITAIN'S RIVERS are being more heavily polluted than ever in capitalism's frenzied quest for profit.

Although polluted river mileage has been reduced, conditions around industrial connurbations have deteriorated, according to a report out today from the Department of the Environ-

'To tackle river pollution more rapidly in the future, painstaking attention to the means of pollution prevention will have to continue and increased resources will have to be devoted to the treatment of liquid wastes before dis-

charge to rivers,' it says. Rivers were assessed in one of four categories: class one, unpolluted; two, doubtful; three, poor and four grossly

The worst category had been slashed by 25 per cent, from 1,278 miles to 952, and badly polluted stretches by 16 per cent from 1,279 miles to 1,071.

But in general more unbeing discharged into Britain's rivers and there is chronic pollution in the Midlands, NE and W and parts of

In the W Riding all four major rivers—the Ouse, Don, Dearne and Rother—fall into class three or four and there are heavily polluted sections in the E Riding along the in the E Riding Hull and Humber.

River poisoning is farreaching at such industrial blackspots as the Tyne around Newcastle, the Aire down-stream of Bradford, the Calder below Huddersfield and the Trent and Tame.

Worst

A big proportion of Glamorgan's rivers particularly the Ebbw, fall into class four and many of Bristol's inland waterways are in the worst categories.
In the NW the Wheelock, Mersey, Irwell, the Ship Canal, Irk, Tonge, Roch, Tame, Goyt, Darwen and Hyndburn are all grossly polluted, particularly in the

Liverpool, Crewe, Preston and Blackburn districts. The Thames and rivers flowing into it are mainly

class two and three.

The areas where the
Department claims improvements have been made are largely industry-free. Rivers in SW and central Wales are mainly clean, to-gether with many in Cornwall, Devon, Hampshire, Kent and

Sussex. Pollution is a direct result of the capitalists' drive to maximize surplus value by minimizing costs, particularly on 'inessential' clean-up on 'ine devices.

Bolivian shuffle

PRESIDENT Hugo Banzer who seized power in Bolivia as the result of an army coup in August has formed a new government without Col Andres Selich who helped mastermind the take-over. The change may reflect the increasing personal dominance of Banzer who has to hold the balance between the two main rightwing parties which supported the coup.

say immigrants

Cinemas too costly



Some of the Asian demonstrators in Birmingham.

IMMIGRANT workers in Birmingham have mounted a determined campaign against owners of cinemas showing Indian films.

They complain of exorbitant prices, unswept cinemas and unhygienic cinemas

toilet facilities. Handsworth area of the city staged a picket of one cinema over the Christmas

The campaign is being organized by the Asian Cinema Viewers' Associa-tion, supported by the Indian Workers' Association. For many immigrants Asian films are their only

paying through the nose.
One picket told Workers
Press that the normal admission price for a film— old or new—is 40p or 50p. For some new films prices have risen to 70p, 75p or

'We want to get these prices down,' said Resham

SCOTLAND and N Ireland will have rain or sleet showers, mainly in the E and turning to snow over mountains. There will be good sunny periods in

likely in the hills.

Temperatures will be near normal in the N, but it will continue cold over S Britain. Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Some showers of rain or snow in the S and E, perhaps prolonged at times. Dry in the N. Cold in the S, near

There is little or no heating in some cinemas and refreshments are highly priced. 'A samosa [spiced Indian

Immigrant youth in the

weekend. They are urging families to boycott the cinema until management reduces prices

and improves facilities.

link with their own country and culture; they feel they are being blackmailed into

even £1.

WEATHER

normal temperatures in the N.

China at home

sandwich] can cost up to 8p when a reasonable price 5p,' said Resham.

Coca Cola can cost 10p.'
'We'll be back next weekend if the management don't reconsider the prices,' said Gion Singh.

Honeywell jobs

WORKERS at the three Honeywell factories in Lanark-shire yesterday decided on an immediate overtime ban in protest against proposed redundancies. Tom Dougan, convenor of shop stewards, said according to the company, orders for 1972 were down by 25 per cent on 1971. He told workers his committee feared 500 workers may lose their jobs.

Trial demand for Iranians

POLITICAL prisoners held in various parts of Iran are being subjected to 'maltreatmen and even torture', according to the Paris newspaper 'Le Monde'. The Iranian authorities have yet to set a date for the trials of these 150 prisoners and 'Le Monde' reports that five organizations, including Amnesty International, the International Association of Demo-International Human Rights Federation, have asked the Iranian government to guaran-

in 'thieves kitchen'

imperialism'.

SPEAKING more like churchwardens than revolutionaries, Peking's representatives have rapidly made themselves at home in the 'thieves' kitchen', as Lenin called UN's predecessor, the League of

Nations. The 'People's Daily', summing up the Chinese contribution to the General Assembly session in which the Chinese delegation participated for the first time, said:

'Despite the fact that the role we play in the United Nations is limited, we are willing to do our best to perform our duties and live up to the trust and hope the peoples of various countries place in us.'

The delegation includes top-level Communist Party figures and its return Peking on December 23 was the occasion for a big turnout at the airport led by Foreign Minister Chou En-lai. The Chinese UN policy has nothing in common revolutionary politics.

Pressing interests They have been working hard for their version of 'peaceful co-existence', which eally means pressing Chinese interests by whipping up support against the United States and the Soviet Union

the less-developed countries are attracted to this position. Commenting on the General Assembly session, 'People's Daily' attacks the 'Soviet revisionist social imperialists' 'the Indian expansionists',

and forming their own bloc. The national bourgeoisie in New York with the nationalist riff-raff from a score of

> when they talk of 'carrying chairman and policy'.

Security Conference after Nixon's visit to Moscow.

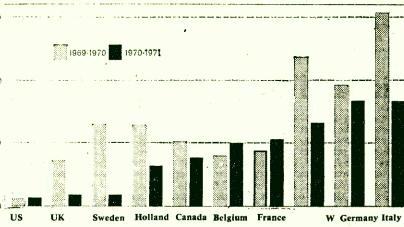
an unmistakable indication

where the number of workless

has risen by 73 per cent over the last two years.

In Britain, there are now

in the capitalist world.



World jobless up: Report on My Lai Wages held down suppressed **UNEMPLOYMENT** in every major industrial country has risen during 1971, giving

DETAILS of the My Lai massacre may never be made public. The US army which previously promised to publish all the findings is now beginning to hedge.

The full scale inquiry was conducted over a four-month period from late 1969 to 1970. About 400 witnesses were interviewed

The inquiry team was headed by Lt-Gen William

R. Peers.

When a highly-censored version of the Peers report appeared in March 1970, the then Army Secretary, Stanley Resor, said: 'Ultimately, substantially all of the report will be made public'

public.'
Resor also indicated that the only stumbling block to full publication was the trial of senior army officers involved in the massacre.
Since the acquittal of Col Oran K. Henderson ten days ago, pressure is mounting for the publication of the full report.
But Lt-Col Harry Heath, the Pentagon public relations officer, has now made clear that there are new

clear that there are new difficulties in the way of

Not the least of these is the new Army Secretary, Robert Froehlke, a Nixon hawk in the administration. Asked whether the report would be released soon, Heath first replied: 'The judicial proceedings

have not been completed. The Calley case is under appeal. Until that time, there's going to be no release of any kind.' Asked whether the army felt bound by Resor's

mise of ultimate release, Heath said:
'That was Mr Resor speaking. We have a new secretary now — Mr Froehlke. I can't predict

what he might say.

working one or two hours a week for nothing.
'It can well be imagined that these sacrifices have now been cleverly integrated

"normal" working week, and

Bert Donaldson

that the co-operative workers are now powerless to return to the status quo. In 1971, when wages are systematically being reduced by means of job evaluation,

Measured-Day deployment for less money, flexibility clauses and productivity deals in general, it is to be hoped that never again will the British worker "conned" by such a slogan. And in view of the present unemployment figures,

would be more appropriate to ask—'Who is backing Britain?' Bruce Crystal, another of the sacked auto-setters, is far from demoralized and fully determined to carry on the For a number of years in

the 1960s, Bruce and his wife

(they have three children) worked in various jobs in Bruce's wife said: 'I was right behind the strike. I think they were going for the right thing — after all, two shifts is bad enough without

three.
'With all this unemployment they shouldn't be allowed to push in labour-saving machinery. This is not just happening in one wee place, but all over. This is the same

BY A WORKERS

46 per cent more people out of the growth of recession

workers in every The graph shows the increase in the number of job-less for seven of the most hundred are unemployed in the US and Italy, four out of every hundred in Britain, and more than two in every hundred in France. advanced capitalist states over the last two years.

The highest percentage rise was in the United States,

The growth of unemployment highlights the slow-down in world trade and the cutting back of production and investment undertaken all over

A similar survey of the increase in purchasing power of wages country-by-country for the years 1969-1970 and 1970-1971 indicates a fall in the rate of increase of real wages in the majority of capitalist

countries. Compiled by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), these figures almost certainly understate the actual decline in workers' purchasing power under the impact of higher prices and the threat of unemployment.

Victimized Timex men fight on

BY A DUNDEE CORRESPONDENT

DURING 1971 the Timex dispute at Dundee stands as one of the bitterest. It was waged against a tough management in conditions in which the men had one hand tied behind their backs-by their own union officials.

Dundee.

Bert Donaldson is one of the three shop stewards among 21 men still out of work following the strike by the factory's auto- Bruce said:

The men were striking against productivity proposals which also carried with them

cuts in wages. In an interview on the

'The timing here could easily be due to a thin order general unemployment situabook because of the world recession. But, that aside, this tion, Mr Donaldson said: 'It would be interesting to [the speed-up and shift prosee how many workers conposals management wanted to force onto the auto-shop] is tinue to support the slogan "I'm Backing Britain". A slogan coined by three or four only the tip of the iceberg. office girls a few years back, it prompted unsuspecting "patriots" to give up hardwon concessions — such as tion to automation except cutting the working week, and we won't get that under the present system.' tea-breaks, overtime premiums -and, in some cases, even

the employers as part of the

'The sheet-metal workers' union in Canada gave a local official the basic rate for the job and therefore he did it because he wanted to fight for the men. These leaders could be removed and were removed if they stepped out of line.
'Some officials here act as

dictators and it would be a solid reminder if they could be put back on the shop floor at short notice. This would be a good reminder to them.'

to break **Ovambo** strike S AFRICAN authorities are

Attempt

recruiting labour from a rival tribe in a bid to smash the Ovambo diamond workers' strike.

The dispute which is threatening SW Africa's slave-like labour-contract laws, has paralysed production at the Walvis Bay and Windhoek diamond mines. All of the Ovambos are

in open revolt against the labour laws and have left the mines for their northern Now recruiting teams have entered Okavango—bordering Ovamboland on the E—to get workers and carry the apart-

heid regime over its immediate Whether this drive has been successful is not yet known, but Lusaka radio, Zambia, has called on workers every-

where to stand by the Ovambos. The Commissioner - general for the Indigenous Peoples of SW Africa, de Wet, has brought forward talks between the puppet leaders of the

Ovambo and Kavango workers and the employers. The discussion will centre on the labour-contract system. Under the labour Ovambos are selected by chiefs for work in the mines of the S. They are then graded in terms of physical fitness and carted off for exploitation. They naturally have no

right to organize or strike. The massive Ovambo walkout is threatening this system on which the super-profits of the big companies depend.

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N LONDON: Thursday December 30, 8pm. Town Hall, Edmonton. The Rightto-Work campaign. **READING: Monday January** 3, 8 p.m. Trades and Labour Hall, Minster St. Discuss ATUA Manifesto.

BIRKENHEAD: Tuesday January 4, 8 p.m. Music Hall Hotel. 'Right-to-Work' campaign.

SW LONDON: Tuesday January 4, 8 p.m. Small

Hall, Clapham Manor Baths, Clapham Manor St, SW4. Tory government conspiracy LONDON: Tuesday January 4, 8pm. 'Prince Albert', Wharfedale Rd. Make the Tories resign. CROYDON: Thursday January 6, 8pm. Ruskin House, Coombe Rd, E Croydon. Right-to-Work

campaign.
WILLESDEN: Monday January 10, 8pm. Trades and Labour Hall, High Rd. Support the miners.

BRACKNELL: Tuesday
January 11, 7.30 p.m. 'Red Lion', High St. Discuss ATUA Manifesto. BEXLEYHEATH: Tuesday January 11, 8 p.m. 'The Upton', Crook Log. Trade unions and basic rights.

DAGENHAM: Wednesday January 12, 8 p.m. Room 11, East Ham Town Hall. The struggle for socialism in Bangla Desh.

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England and Wales will have wintry showers of snow, hail or sleet, and sunny spells. The showers may be rather prolonged at times in E and S England, but less frequent elsewhere with longer periods of sunshine. Moderate falls of snow are

tee the prisoners 'a public trial in which the rights of the defence will be safe-

HEATH'S WEALTH

EDWARD HEATH'S fortunes boom. After a 43-per-cent pay increase and his £38,000 gift from a German industrialist, the Tory premier has now received a hand-out from US Ambassador in London Walter

Annenberg has donated

£40,000 to the trustees of Chequers, the prime minister's official country residence in Buckinghamshire.

He wants the money to be spent on 'an identifiable and lasting improvement' to mark the two vists to Chequers by President Nixon.

Vietnam war. The Chinese bureaucracy, obviously hoping to do a deal with Nixon when he visits Peking, is ready to sell out the workers and peasants of Vietnam. This is

and, in a lower key, 'US

It says nothing about the renewed bombing offensive in

Vietnam, or indeed, about the

the pay off of 'socialism in Peking also is opposed to the extension of revolution to the Indian sub-continent and hoped to make use of its alliance with Pakistan's military clique to ward off any threat to Chinese security

from India. 'People's Daily' also appeals to the national bourgeoisie: 'It is necessary for the medium and small countries and people upholding justice to strengthen their unity continuously and persist in the struggle for further smashing the control of the United Nations by the two super-

powers.'

unprincipled alliance of countries regardless of their social systems or the nature of their governments. China can welcome missions from the butcher Numeiry of the Sudan, keep on good terms with Emperor of Ethiopia and the Shah of Persia, carry on trade with S Africa and hob-nob in

So the Maoists want an

countries. This is what they mean revolutionary diplomatic line

THE TWO-DAY summit con-

ference between President Nixon and German Chancellor Willy Brandt ended yesterday with apparent agreement on international question. The US will keep troops in Europe and accepts Brandt's 'Ostpolitik' while not committing itself on a European

as they did in the jute in

Commenting on the dispute

'Maybe Timex are sacrificing

production in the short term

(the auto shop is producing

strike) in order to "sort out'

'As I see it, there's no solu-

In relation to the role of

the unions he went on to say:

the union organization.