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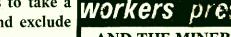
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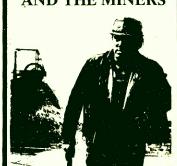
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We have heard many brave words from Scanlon on the subject of workers' control. He has graced the platforms of the self-styled Institute for Workers' Control and written in their publications.

Now, however, we have had the real test. This same Scanlon was advocating industrial action to defeat the anti-union laws, and he warned that after they were carried we would have bitter industrial strife. Can we now avoid the conclusion that this was merely notice of his intention to

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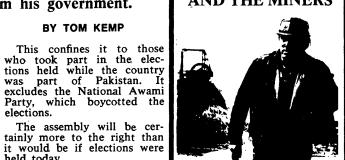
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the interests of engineers as well as miners. He abandons his own members to isolated disputes and at the same time helps TUC secretary Feather isolate the strikers in the

coalfields. The CSEU has a long-standing plan which proposes the nationalization of the

the centre of Long Cheng was at an end.

engineering industry under

By MICHAEL BANDA

DESPITE intimidation by police, a vicious cam-

paign of slander and distortion in the capitalist

press—and the treacherous retreat of the TUC

workers' control. At a time of 1 million unemployed with major redundancies occuring every week in engineering, surely this was the time to start a national struggle for this plan—and to link i the miners who need workers' control in mining and the end of compens-

ation payments. We have heard many brave words from Scanlon on the subject of workers' control He has graced the platforms of the self-styled Institute for Workers' Control and written in their publications.

Now, however, we have had the real test. This same Scanlon was advocating industrial action to defeat the anti-union laws and he warned that after they were carried we would have bitter industrial strife Can we now avoid the conclusion that this was merely

notice of his intention to retreat once the Industrial Relations Act came into force?
The Stalinists of the British Communist Party and the 'Morning Star' continue to

build up Scanlon and his union's executive as some sort of fighting leadership. But everyone knows that his decision to break off negotiations on the national pay claim was a result of the declaration by the engineering employers themselves in April 1971; that they would give no further all-

round increases. The miners' strike and the engineering wage claim drive home the most essential lesson of all for the working class.

There is no substitute—no matter what the 'left' phrases—for the building of Marxist leadership which fights against the reformist and Stalinist traitors and tells the working class in unmistakable terms what is involved: a unified struggle to make the Tories resign and return a Labour government to carry out nationalization under workers' control and without compensation.

PATHET LAO forces said yesterday they had overrun the Meo The Pathet Lao news agency said the flag of the Lao Patriotic
Liberation Army was now fluttering over the base. It described
the Long Cheng base as the last stronghold of Gen Van Pao's guerrilla army and Thai mercenaries in the Plain of Jars region.

It added that all resistance by the pro-government forces in

Tories plan clamp on students

Pickets out with a message ignored by union leaders at Ferrybridge power station, Yorkshire, yesterday

quickly than see

from the Lothians area, Mr Tennyson said: 'I would rather

have a General Strike and

'With this government in

much longer we will have a position of near starvation.

And I would like to get this

government out rather than

'It is the view of everyon

finish

starvation.

see this.

meeting of strike committees fighting,' said Mr Tennyson, a from the Lothians area, Mr member of the Scottish

miners' executive.

union branches.

Despite these

words, however, demands for

a central organized strike committee to mount solidarity

action were ignored by the

platform who argued that the

power to do this lay with the

local strike committees and

branch committees and strike

The meeting, at which all

'There is only one way this dispute can be settled, and finances. that is if more cash is made available from some source. The length of the strike is entirely in the hands of the National Coal Board.' Contrary to Mr Gormley and the 'Morning Star' which prints this remark without

comment, we believe that the In charge of it is Sir Gilbert length of the strike, its outcome and the sort of solidarity it evokes will depend entirely on its political content and scope.

The miners are not fighting Among those supporting the Bill is Tory MP Norman St

for wages alone.

They are fighting for the security of their jobs and the defence of their democratic rights which are threatened by an arrogant employer backed by an equally vicious The salvation of the miners

can only be secured by the resignation of the government and the election of a Labour government which will legislate the demands of the miners and expropriate capithe government to intro-

IRELAND: BACKGROUND

PART FOUR

JACK GALE continues the history of Irish working-class struggle.

'On Tory principles Ireland must be kept'

PARNELL and some other leaders of the Irish Land League were briefly imprisoned in 1881, but were soon released on promises of good behaviour under the 'Kilmainham Treaty'.

However, the intensified activities of 'Captain Moonlight' (Irish peasant violence against the landlords and their property), the increasing boycott of people taking over from evicted tenants, and finally the Phoenix Park Assassinations led to the Crimes Act—the imposition of what amounted to martial law. But meanwhile, working-class pressure throughout the United

Kingdom for the extension of the vote led to the Franchise Bill of 1884 and this raised the Irish electorate from 222,000 to

An immediate effect of this was to increase Parnell's bargaining power in the British parlia-ment. At first alarmed by this, Gladstone seized an opportunity to resign on a minor issue—actually a clause in the budget on taxes on spirits!

The Conservatives returned to power, fully sharing Queen Victoria's view of the Irish as 'uncivilized, unwashed and superstitious,' and thinking of Ireland in terms of coercion, famine relief and protection for the landlords.

Spreading

A minority government, the Tories depended on the votes of Parnell and his men. But the Prime Minister, Salisbury, was an English landowner and therefore wished to protect the rights of his class in Ireland and also to prevent tenant agitation from spreading to England.

Salisbury's position was clear: 'On Tory principles, Ireland must be kept, like India, at all hazards; by persuasion if possible, if not by force . . . the greatest single danger lies in the sentimental notion that Ireland ought to be governed in accordance with the desires of disloyal and irresponsible

In 1885, however, Salisbury as dependent on the Irish vote Westminster and therefore, against his personal desires, he was unable to renew the Crimes

But another factor in this was C. C. O'Brien, 'Parnell and

his Party'.

'The Letters of Queen Victoria', Ed. G. E. Buckle.

3. Article by Salisbury in the 'Quarterly Review', October, 1872, quoted in L. P. Cur-'Coercion and Conciliation in Ireland', pp. 32-33.

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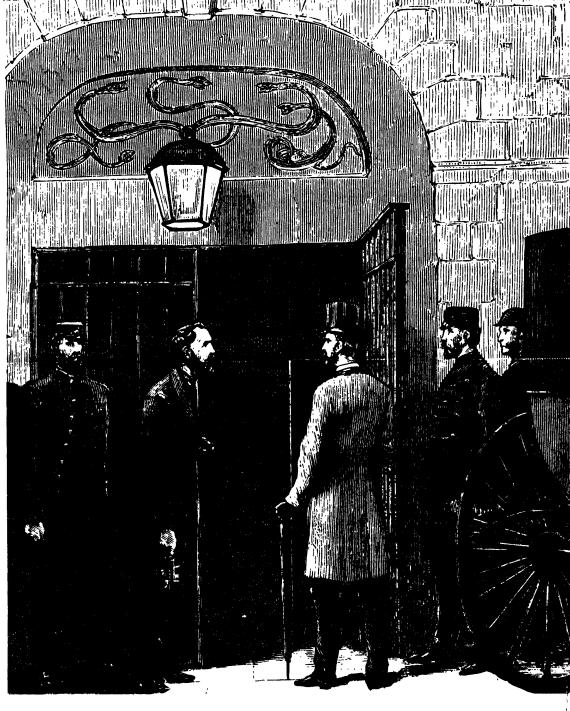
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WEDNESDAY



Parnell arrives at Kilmainham prison for his brief confinement there in 1881.

that the more far-sighted Tories
—such as Randolph Churchill—
knew they could rely on the
scoundrel Parnell to 'calm the Irish'

And Parnell was quite willing to co-operate with the Tories. Randolph Churchill testified: 'I told Parnell . . . that if the Tories took office I would not consent to renew the Crimes Act. Parnell replied "in that case you will have the Irish vote".'

Parnell issued a manifesto urging the 150,000 Irish voters in England to support the Tories.4 Parallel to this 'old chums'

4. Winston S. Churchill, 'Churchill' pp. 390-395.

THURSDAY

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

land, Lord Caernarvon, to convince the Parnellites, the Cathoic hierarchy and, if possible, the Irish tenantry that their best interests lay in co-operating with the Conservative Party. But this scheme ran into diffi-

> Parnell's National League, with which he had tried to replace the Land League by emphasizing nationalism rather than the land question, was not always the tame instrument that he had

act with Parnell was the task set

to the new Tory Viceroy in Ire-

hoped for. Caernarvon reported that those branches controlled by younger men 'frequently assumed to revise and judge the relations of

landlord and tenant. 'The ice is thin' moaned the worthy lord. And — mixing his metaphors—'I stand on a foot-

hold so narrow that the slightest breath would overthrow me." Parnell, needless to say, was selling out all along the line.

He had a private interview

with Caernarvon in which he

That no plan which did away with the Act of Union could be accepted by the Tories, but that he would collaborate with

them nonetheless. 2 That since the actions of 'extremists' were 'alarming' he would be responsible for keeping all Irish activities 'with-

3 That private property should be respected everywhere.

4. That the Irish land question was a matter for the imperial (Westminster) parliament.6

But failing harvests led to increasing poverty in Ireland and consequently to more and more famine, the money lenders (the

5. Curtis op cit. 6. O'Brien op cit.

'gombéen men') charged as much as 58 per cent interest. In such conditions, despite Parnell, 'moonlighting' and boy-

cotting increased. So the more timid Tories began to lean towards a limited 'Home Rule' settlement on the lines of the Parnell-Caernarvon interview.

Then Gladstone, the honourable 'Grand Old Man' of historical myth, seeing that the Liberal majority over the Tories in the 1885 election was exactly cancelled out by the number of Parnellite seats, had a sudden

conversion to Home Rule. This remarkable change not only caused consternation in the Liberal ranks and fury amongst the Tories, it led to Queen Victoria denouncing Gladstone as—wait for it—a 'wild fanatic' (1)

Sub-human

(Queen Victoria was convinced, throughout her 60 inglorious years, that anyone not born into the Tory Party was subhuman. Her Gillie-John Brown —was probably one of the first Conservative working men.)

Since the Tories would on no account grant Home Rule, Gladstone could now outbid them for the votes of the unprincipled

This was known to both Gladstone and Parnell since these two horse-traders were in constant touch with each other through the intermediary of Mrs O'Shea -a lady who was obviously useful in more ways than one.

The Tories—now Parnell was of no further use to them swung 180 degrees round to outright coercion, with the erstwhile 'reasonable' Randolph Churchill leading the pack.

Many Liberals went with the Tories, but the combined vote of Gladstone and Parnell won the day and Gladstone was back, less than a year after ducking out of office on the same issue.

But the Conservative Party was already on the path of revolt. The Constitution is only when it is protecting

Randolph Churchill openly declared: 'I should not hesitate, if other circumstances were favourable, to agitate Ulster even to resistance tional limits.'

Churchill travelled to Ulster 'play the Orange card', addressing mass meetings under the slogan: 'Ulster will fight and Ulster will be right!'

Along the same lines, the Tory Primrose League grew to a membership of over 1 million by 1891, building up branches of merchants, manufacturers and frightened pettybourgeois in Ireland.
To the British bourgeoisie,

busy acquiring vast tracts of land and trading rights in Africa and the Far East, Home Rule was a spectre to inspire terror.

If Ireland could go, could the Empire be dismembered? How safe was private property?

No wonder the Liberal manu-

facturers of the Midlands forged an alliance with the Conserva-tives against their own Party! Gladstone's proposal for Home Rule was, in fact, far from revolutionary.

There were to be two separate voting 'orders' — one specially designed to represent the loyalist minority through higher pro-perty qualifications—and each of these orders could veto the

Reaction

Matters concerning the Crown, impérial defence, war, foreign relations, commerce, customs and excise and currency were speci-fically excluded from Irish control and were to be settled at Westminster.
Irish members were to be

excluded from the British parliament, but Ireland was to con-tribute one-fifteenth of the Kingdom's imperial expenditure.

But it was still too much for

Salisbury made a speech in which he listed a racial scale of

political maturity, beginning with the English and ending with the Hottentots, and putting the Irish two-thirds of the way down.8 The Bill was defeated, amid wild scenes of ruling-class relief, and in the ensuing election the

Unionists won a majority of 118. by Irish nationalism but also by working-class riots against unemployment and poverty in Londonderry and Cardiff, was in full

'The Times', for instance, published 'A Song for the Unionists' by the decadent poet Swinburne, which denounced the Irish working class as 'Thieves and murder-ers, hands yet red with blood, and tongues yet black with lies.' The Tories appointed Balfour

Chief Secretary for Ireland. Known as 'Artful Arthur' to his friends and 'Pretty Fanny' to his close friends, Balfour had two qualifications for the job he knew nothing about Ireland and he was the Prime Minister's nephew. But, like all Tories, he had a deep hatred of the Irish

A letter from him to Salisbury reads:

My dear Uncle Robert. 'I am here enjoying golf and comparative repose . . . the proper method of handling the police in the face of a mob should be divided into two

parties. 'One should be armed with batons . . . (for) dispersing the mob or otherwise enforcing the law. The others, if they are called upon to sup-port the baton party, should not do so by clubbing their rifles, and acting as baton men armed with an interior kind of baton, as they have done, but they should either fire or charge with fixed bay-

7. See Winston S. Churchill, 'Churchill', Vol. 2, pp. 28-29 and 58-66.

8. See Curtis, op cit. p. 103.

9. Appendix 1. 'Coercion and Conciliation in Curtis pp. 439,440.



Randolph Churchill: played the 'Orange Card'. Here he leads Lodge members through Belfast

Another letter from Balfour to his uncle deals with evic-

'This elaborate resistance to evictions is becoming intolerable. It is rendered possible largely by the legal fiction that the police have nothing to do but protect the sheriff's offi-

'Resistance to evictions is part of a regular conspiracy for providing topics to agita-tors and for showing as far as possible the weakness of the law. Hundreds of persons assemble at these scenes exhibiting every mark of open sympathy with the law-breakers, and cheering whenever the defenders of the elaborately fortified houses succeed in inflicting some

injury upon the police. 'The whole day is not infrequently wasted over a single siege. The police are seri-ously injured with every sort of missile and weapon in the very presence of the military; and great expense is incurred by the State.'10

Balfour therefore issued a

The military forces present on these occasions are not to be regarded as there simply to over-awe the crowd; they are there also to protect the police. The military forces should therefore be used without hesitation. The great waste of time which

constantly occurs in conducting these sieges is due to the fact that while the besieged have made every preparation for resistance, the sheriff and the landlords have made no preparations for attack. . . . This is not to be tolerated and therefore each divisional magistrate must be provided with such apparatus as may enable him to overcome serious resistance.

In a footnote to his uncle, Balfour makes clear that by 'proper appliances' he means batset fire to the tenants' house.11

Balfour was as good as his

His first act was to intensify coercion through the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, which introduced summary jurisdiction. special courts, and the abolition of the right to a trial.

11. Curtis p. 441.



Gladstone's proposal for Home Rule was defeated, amid wild scenes of ruling class relief, even though it was far from

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland was given special powers to name any area a 'Proclaimed District', which meant he could ban all meetings, prosecute newspapers, and under a 'special proclamation', name any organization or group of people who could then be gaoled under the

The first prosecution under this Act was conducted by a young lawyer named — Edward Carson. Carson subsequently conducted prosecution after prosecution and built his political career on them, earning himself the name of 'Coercion Carson'. Carson was also present when

demonstrators were shot down at Mitchelstown, County Cork, in Mitchelstown is known in Irish history as 'the Irish Peterloo'.

Subsequently the Social Democratic Federation organized a 50,000-strong demonstration in London against the arrest of an Irish leader (William O'Brien) and against rising unemployment

and hunger throughout the United Kingdom. Police violence on this occasion—November 13, 1887—led to it being recorded in working class history as 'Bloody Sunday'.

The Tories' coercion measures were accompanied by meagre reforms in the shape of the Land Acts of 1887 and 1891, but these did nothing to improve the lot of the Irish peasants.

In 1892, Gladstone returned to office with a majority again dependent on the Irish MPs, and the following year his Home Rule Bill was passed by the Commons but rejected by the Lords. The Liberals quietly accepted the right of the aristocracy to overthrow the decisions of the House of Commons and Home Rule was again

Principles

In 1895 the Conservatives (by now, having fused with the Liberal Unionists, they had become the Conservative and Unionist Party) came in again and remained in office for ten vears.

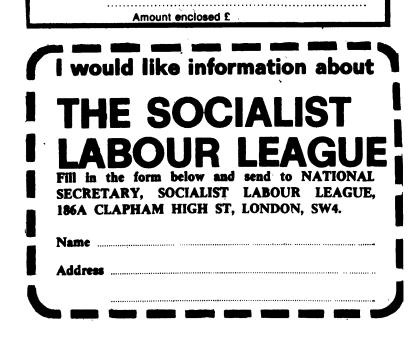
The Liberals returned in 1906 with a majority so large that they did not require the votes of the Irish Nationalists in parliament.

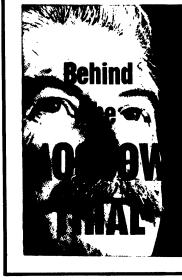
And so—surprise, surprise!—they forgot all about Home Rule for Ireland.

But when, in 1910, a general election again gave the Irish Nationalist MPs (now 80-strong) a decisive position at Westminster. Home Rule again became a great Liberal principle amongst the parliamentary gentlemen, and the Liberal premier Asquith introduced a Home Rule Bill in

It cannot be stressed too often that the Liberal Party never promoted a Home Rule Bill except when at the mercy of the Irish vote in parliament.

Meanwhile, the Tories in Ulster were preparing to fight, and the Tories in England were preparing to betray. **CONTINUED TOMORROW**





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A Workers Press interview: part two

'I am always a bit cagey about productivity deals'

STEPHEN JOHNS: We had a report yesterday from Blaenserchan in South Wales which revealed that miners there had experienced for two years a savage campaign by the National Coal Board to drive up productivity. When miners would not or could not meet new targets their wages were cut. What do you think about this situation and productivity in general?

Lawrence Daly: The miners' union at every level, ever since nationalization have been sitting together with the Coal Board discussing the question of improved efficiency and increasing output per man shift. And we are not necessarily opposed to that, provided it is not at the expense of men working harder than they are. Indeed, in many cases men should not be working as hard as they do and not working in such appalling conditions as they do at the present time. But in terms of improving the utilization of machinery, preventing breakdowns, improving the movement of coal underground, we are prepared to sit down at any time, expose what is happening and try to compel the Coal Board to put its own house in order.

But I am always a bit cagey about so-called productivity deals. Although we have at no time said we will not discuss productivity. The fact is that it is dangerous to tie your wage increases to an increase in productivity in a mining industry where there are many difficult and many unforeseeable geological problems or in which the efficiency, or lack of efficiency, may be purely in the hands of management. I think it would be a very dangerous thing for miners to automatically tie their wages nationally, or at any other level, to increased productivity.

SJ: Internally you want a ban on the movement of coal stocks. This still leaves the question of coal imports. What steps will you take to stop coal from abroad.

LD: Weeks ago we got the miners' parliamentary group to press in the House of Commons for the termination of coal imports. Sir John Eden announced that he had originally said during the severe shortage of coal last winter that he would reintroduce the importation of coal and he would review the position in March of 1972. That is still his position. On the other hand we have met unions like the National Union of Seamen and asked them to stop the importation of coal during the strike, and they have said they would do the best they could. But they have pointed out that when their members are at sea they are tied to the Merchant Shipping Act. Within those limitations they will do their best to warn employers that coal may not come in even though it's loaded.

Equally we have asked the Transport and General Workers Union what they can do and they will indicate what they will do on Tuesday when we meet them along with other unions.* The other thing is this. We have got the Mineworkers' International Federation to write to all its affiliates in Europe, the United States and elsewhere, to ask them to stop the production of any coal that may be designated for export to Britain and to co-ordinate with transport workers in these countries to ensure that it doesn't leave the

SJ: We have had a campaign to expose the export of Polish coal to Spain during the strike of the Austrian miners against Franco's fascist regime. There is a

*This is the meeting the TUC refused to organize.



LAWRENCE DALY is the first miners' chief to lead an official pit strike since the General Strike of 1926. He and his executive are facing the hardest political battle within the labour movement since the days of the 1920s. Here he tells STEPHEN JOHNS how they are facing up to this challenge.

possibility that the Polish imports will be continued, not only to Spain but to Britain as well. They are at present offering coal £3 a ton less than the West European market price. What do you think about this so-called communist government behaving in this

LD: I would condemn the action of any government whether it be communist or otherwise - that indulges in such action either when the

TODAY'S

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weather. 2.05 For Schools. 2.25 Racing from Ascot. 4.15 Play

School. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Deputy Dawg. 5.05 Crackerjack 72.

7.40 COMEDY PLAYHOUSE. Ronnie Barker in 'Idle at Work'.

11.00 Play School. 6.35 Which Way? 7.05 Open University.

9.20 REVIEW: The Place, The Groans of Gormenghast.

9.00 SOLO: Alec Guinness in 'Little Gidding' by T. S. Eliot.

10.20 For Schools. 2.30 Matinee. 3.00 Houseparty. 3.10 Tea

Break. 3.40 Treasures. 4.10 Drive-In. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55

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Onedin Line. 12.02 News, Weather.

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12.55-1.25 Closedown. 6.00-6.20 Scene Around Six. 10.10-10.40 Behind the Headlines. 10.40-10.45 Sportscene. 12.02 News, Weather.

ENGLAND: 6.00-6.20 Look

North, Midlands Today, Look East, Points West, South To-day, Spotlight South West. Weather. 12.02 Closedown.

11.00 THE MARTY FELDMAN COMEDY MACHINE.

Asturian miners are on strike -and we did this last yearor when the British miners were on strike. Therefore we have written to the Polish government drawing their attention to reports that they are offering coal on the West European market — though in fact none of the offers have been taken up in Britain yet.

SJ: What chance do you think there is of the government using its powers under the Industrial Relations Act against the miners?

LD: It's very difficult to say whether the Tories will consider such a step wise. Because I think the miners in this struggle have a very great deal of public sympathy. I have said before and I will say it again-this would be the view of the overwhelming majority of the members of the union — that basically we are not concerned about the Industrial Relations Act. If they try to invoke it against us we will defy them.

CONCLUDED

Nightmare world of Dr Ehrlich

THE Conservation Society will be providing a platform at London's Central Hall tonight for Dr Paul Ehrlich, startlingly billed as the 'world's leading spokesman on environmental survival'.

The society's handbill challenges: 'THE POPULATION, RESOURCES, ENVIRON MENTAL CRISIS—Where do we stand now?' And proclaims grandly, 'Ehrlich speaks'.

What are those handing over their 30p admission likely

Ehrlich-a right-wing academic from the US Stanford University—will be adding his voice to the chorus now plugging the reactionary 'theory' of over-population.

Bomb

Promoted very widely, this so-called theory claims that popu-lation is 'exploding' beyond the possibility of increasing food production to support it.

In his recently published book 'The Population Bomb', Ehrlich asserts 'not just pollution, but over-crowded highways, burgeoning slums, deteriorating school systems, rising crime rates, too much pesticide . . inadequate sewage treatment plants, too little water, too much carbon dioxide—all can be traced to too many people'.

None of these problems is traced back to its root cause in the capitalist system.

For Ehrlich 'over-population' is a self-evident truth. Protagonists of this 'truth' have to ignore or distort all the evidence of the destructive anarchy of capitalist production and the potential of the agricultural forces to produce an abundance.

Among this evidence, for example, the destruction of millions of tons of 'surplus' food every year and the removal of millions of acres of growing land from production only because no profit can be extracted.

Bernard Franks exposed the



Ehrlich: adding his voice to the chorus now plugging the reactionary 'theory' of over-population.

underlying Ehrlich's claims in his articles 'The Over-Population Scare' (Workers Press Nos 461 to 473).

The productive forces have long ago developed sufficiently for an abundance to be produced. But as Bernard Franks wrote: 'Capital decides that sur-pluses exist and production must be curtailed long before a real sufficiency is reached.

Abundance

"The limits of production", said Engels, "are determined not by the number of hungry bellies, able to buy and pay".

In S America workers go hungry in the middle of abundance because they are forced to buy food at world market prices or go without.

Ehrlich rejects this analysis and brushes aside the undoubted possibility of immeasurable productivity increases in agriculture that have opened up.

He howls to the US ruling class, 'We must have population control at home; hopefully through a system of incentives and penalties, but by compulsion if voluntary methods fail.'

He chides the US government for not putting pressure on the Indian government to continue with its now-abandoned plan to sterilize men with three child-

His sinister proposals to reduce population include the restricting of research into disease and the virtual hounding of anyone with a large family.

To his anxious middle class audience tonight Ehrlich is likely to reiterate his theme that 'overpopulation breeds conditions in which communism and "big government" thrive'.

'Scenarios'

The doctor from Stanford likes to discuss 'scenarios' for the world's future. One is nuclear war-stemming, of course, from too many people.

Alternatively Ehrlich advo-cates that US imperialism separates the more profitable countries from the poorer areas leading to death of one-seventh of the world's population!

Behind all the hypothesizing and the tears over pollution, isn't Ehrlich really saying that to avoid the horrifying prospects before capitalism ruthless measures must be taken against the working class?

For as Bernard Franks said, the burden of Ehrlich's argument is that 'the primary productive force of society, the working class, is "proved" to be the most useless and expendable of objects and by its very existence entirely the cause of the massive developing crisis of world capitalism'.

The audience at Central Hall tonight could well think on this.

Inspiration for Fidel

IN CUBA, Christians are part of the revolution, according to a leader of the Chilean Christian Left Movement who has been visiting the country. Luis Badilla visited Cuba as a guest of the Young Communists as part of Castro's dialogue with the church in Latin America.

'Destiny'

Speaking of the Cubans he said that their slogan 'Study, Work, Gun', 'sums up the mystique and the participation of the people in the construction of their national destiny'.

He saw no contradiction between his movement and the theories of Marxism-Leninism which he claimed were inspiring the Cuban revolution.

He claimed that in Cuba there was 'a vast but silent movement of revolutionary Christians who play an active part' despite the opposition of some clerics. No doubt Castro needs the help of such propagandists as a substitute for a real revolutionary policy.

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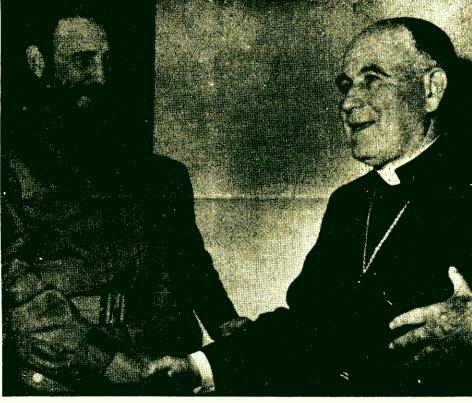
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Fidel Castro receiving a Bible from a Chilean Cardinal during his recent visit to Latin America.

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THE TARIQ ALI Show. No, it's not another TV series, it's the personal bandwagon of the wellknown Oxford student and contributor to 'Private Eye', 'World in Action' and 'Red Mole'.

Ali has just been visiting Canada on a lecture tour connected with Bangla Desh.

His tour was arranged by, yes, you've guessed it, yet another ad hoc committee. But this one is really amazing. It's called 'The Tariq Ali Solidarity with Bangla Desh Tour Committee'.

The Pabloite paper 'Labour Challenge' adds this footnote to the item on his tour: 'Address inquiries to Phil Courneyeur, Tariq Ali Tour Co-ordinator, 334 Queen Street West, Toronto 2B,

Why this peculiar committee was set up is not disclosed. Maybe it's for tax reasons!

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A Workers Press interview: part two

'I am always a bit cagey about productivity deals'

STEPHEN JOHNS: We had a report yesterday from Blaenserchan in South Wales which revealed that miners there had experienced for two years a savage campaign by the National Coal Board to drive up productivity. When miners would not or could not meet new targets their wages were cut. What do you think about this situation and productivity in general?

Lawrence Daly: The miners' union at every level, ever since nationalization have been sitting together with the Coal Board discussing the question of improved efficiency and increasing output per man shift. And we are not necessarily opposed to that, provided it is not at the expense of men working harder than they are. Indeed, in many cases men should not be working as hard as they do and not working in such appalling conditions as they do at the present time. But in terms of improving the utilization of machinery, preventing breakdowns, improving the movement of coal underground, we are prepared to sit down at any time, expose what is happening and try to compel the Coal Board to put its own house in order.

But I am always a bit cagey about so-called productivity deals. Although we have at no time said we will not discuss productivity. The fact is that it is dangerous to tie your wage increases to an increase in productivity in a mining industry where there are many difficult and many unforeseeable geological problems or in which the efficiency, or lack of efficiency, may be purely in the hands of management. I think it would be a very dangerous thing for miners to automatically tie their wages nationally, or at any other

level, to increased productivity.

SJ: Internally you want a ban on the movement of coal stocks. This still leaves the question of coal imports. What steps will you take to stop coal from abroad.

LD: Weeks ago we got the miners' parliamentary group to press in the House of Commons for the termination of coal imports. Sir John Eden announced that he had originally said during the severe shortage of coal last winter that he would reintroduce the importation of coal and he would review the position in March of 1972. That is still his position. On the other hand we have met unions like the National Union of Seamen and asked them to stop the importation of coal during the strike, and they have said they would do the best they could. But they have pointed out that when their members are at sea they are tied to the Merchant Shipping Act. With-

in those limitations they will

do their best to warn employers that coal may not come in even though it's loaded.

Equally we have asked the Transport and General Workers Union what they can do and they will indicate what they will do on Tuesday when we meet them along with other unions.* The other thing is this. We have got the Mineworkers' International Federation to write to all its affiliates in Europe, the United States and elsewhere, to ask them to stop the production of any coal that may be designated for export to Britain and to co-ordinate with transport workers in these countries to ensure that it doesn't leave the

> SJ: We have had a campaign to expose the export of Polish coal to Spain during the strike of the Austrian miners against Franco's fascist regime. There is a

*This is the meeting the TUC refused to organize.

LAWRENCE DALY is the first miners' chief to lead an official pit strike since the General Strike of 1926. He and his executive are facing the hardest political battle within the labour movement since the days of the 1920s. Here he tells STEPHEN JOHNS how they are facing up to this challenge.

possibility that the Polish imports will be continued, not only to Spain but to Britain as well. They are at present offering coal £3 a ton less than the West European market price. What do you think about this so-called communist government behaving in this

LD: I would condemn the action of any government otherwise — that indulges in such action either when the

Asturian miners are on strike -and we did this last yearor when the British miners were on strike. Therefore we have written to the Polish government drawing their attention to reports that they are offering coal on the West European market — though in fact none of the offers have been taken up in Britain yet.

SJ: What chance do you think there is of the government using its powers under the Industrial Relations Act against the miners?

LD: It's very difficult to say whether the Tories will consider such a step wise. Because I think the miners in this struggle have a very great deal of public sympathy. I have said before and I will say it again—this would be the view of the overwhelming majority of the members of the union — that basically we are not concerned about the Industrial Relations Act. If they try to invoke it against us we will defy them.

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Nightmare world of Dr Ehrlich

THE Conservation Society will be providing a platform at London's Central Hall tonight for Dr Paul Ehrlich, startlingly billed as the 'world's leading spokesman on environmental survival'.

The society's handbill challenges: 'THE POPULATION, RESOURCES. ENVIRON -MENTAL CRISIS—Where do we stand now?' And proclaims grandly, 'Ehrlich speaks'.

What are those handing over their 30p admission likely

Ehrlich—a right-wing academic from the US Stanford University—will be adding his voice to the chorus now plugging the reactionary 'theory' of over-population.

Bomb

Promoted very widely, this so-called theory claims that popu-lation is 'exploding' beyond the possibility of increasing food production to support it.

In his recently published book 'The Population Bomb', Ehrlich asserts 'not just pollution, but over-crowded highways, burgeoning slums, deteriorating school systems, rising crime rates, too much pesticide . . . inadequate sewage treatment plants, too little water, too much carbon dioxide—all can be traced to too many people'.

None of these problems is traced back to its root cause in the capitalist system.

For Ehrlich 'over-population' is a self-evident truth. Protagonists of this 'truth' have to ignore or distort all the evidence of the destructive anarchy of capitalist production and the potential of the agricultural forces to pro-

Among this evidence, for example, the destruction of millions of tons of 'surplus' food every year and the removal of millions of acres of growing land from production only because no profit can be extracted.

Bernard Franks exposed the invalidity of the assumptions

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underlying Ehrlich's claims in his articles 'The Over-Population articles 'The Over-Population Scare' (Workers Press Nos 461

The productive forces have long ago developed sufficiently for an abundance to be produced. But as Bernard Franks wrote: 'Capital decides that surpluses exist and production must be curtailed long before a real sufficiency is reached.

Abundance

"The limits of production", said Engels, "are determined not by the number of hungry bellies, able to buy and pay".'

In S America workers go hungry in the middle of abundance because they are forced to buy food at world market prices or go without.

Ehrlich rejects this analysis and brushes aside the undoubted possibility of immeasurable productivity increases in agriculture that have opened up.

He howls to the US ruling class, 'We must have population control at home; hopefully through a system of incentives and penalties, but by compulsion if voluntary methods fail.'

He chides the US government for not putting pressure on the Indian government to continue with its now-abandoned plan to sterilize men with three children or more.

His sinister proposals to reduce population include the restricting of research into disease and the virtual hounding of anyone with a large family.

To his anxious middle class audience tonight Ehrlich is likely to reiterate his theme that 'overpopulation breeds conditions in which communism and "big government" thrive'.

*'*Scenarios'

The doctor from Stanford likes to discuss 'scenarios' for the world's future. One is nuclear war-stemming, of course, from too many people.

Alternatively Ehrlich advo-cates that US imperialism separates the more profitable countries from the poorer areas leading to death of one-seventh of the world's population!

Behind all the hypothesizing and the tears over pollution, isn't Ehrlich really saying that to avoid the horrifying prospects before capitalism ruthless measures must be taken against the working class?

For as Bernard Franks said, the burden of Ehrlich's argument is that 'the primary productive force of society, the working class, is "proved" to be the most useless and expendable of objects and by its very existence entirely the cause of the massive developing crisis of world capitalism'.

The audience at Central Hall

Inspiration for Fidel

IN CUBA, Christians are part of the revolution, according to a leader of the Chilean Christian Left Movement who has been visiting the country. Luis Badilla visited Cuba as a guest of the Young Communists as part of Castro's dialogue with the church in Latin America.

'Destiny'

Speaking of the Cubans he said that their slogan 'Study, Work, Gun', 'sums up the mystique and the participation of the people in the construction of their national destiny'. He saw no contradiction between his movement and the theories of Marxism-Leninism

which he claimed were inspir-

ing the Cuban revolution. He claimed that in Cuba there was 'a vast but silent movement of revolutionary Christians who play an active part' despite the opposition of some clerics. No doubt Castro needs the help of such propagandists as a substitute for a

real revolutionary policy.



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TODAY'S **PROGRAMMES**

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6.00 LONDON THIS WEEK. 6.20 TOM AND IERRY.

6.25 THE VIRGINIAN.

7.40 COMEDY PLAYHOUSE. Ronnie Barker in 'Idle at Work'. 8.10 A MAN CALLED IRONSIDE.

9.00 NEWS, Weather,

9.20 THE ONEDIN LINE. 10.10 COME DANCING. 10.45 24 HOURS.

11.15 EUROPEAN SKATING.

11.00 Play School. 6.35 Which Way? 7.05 Open University. 7.30 NEWS, Weather.

8.00 MONEY PROGRAMME.

9.00 SOLO: Alec Guinness in 'Little Gidding' by T. S. Eliot. 9.20 REVIEW: The Place, The Groans of Gormenghast.

10.10 THE GOODIES. 10.40 NEWS, Weather.

10.45 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

10.20 For Schools. 2.30 Matinee. 3.00 Houseparty. 3.10 Tea Break. 3.40 Treasures. 4.10 Drive-In. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Arthur. 5.20 Bright's Boffins. 5.50 News.

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12.25 THE GATEWAY CLUB.

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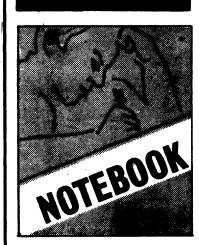
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

World prices slump sparks Ghana coup

RIGHT-WING army officers and civilians have seized power in the W African state of Ghana in an overnight coup.

War hero is victim

SON of former Soviet master-spy Leopold Trepper: has appealed for aid in getting his father, the creator of the wartime spy ring 'The red orchestra' out of Poland.

Michael Trepper, 40, a professor at Copenhagen Univer-sity, told a Paris press con-ference that the Warsaw authorities had repeatedly refused to let his father leave Poland lest he become the centre of a campaign denouncing official anti-Semitism

'The Polish authorities claim they cannot let my father and mother leave because my father's wartime activities brought him into contact with state secrets that are still classified, the younger

But that is untrue.
They are afraid that if they let my father leave he will tell the truth about Poland's attitude towards Jews...how they are succeeding in what even Hitler did not do—rid

Poland entirely of its Jewish population,' he said. Author Gilles Perrault, who has written a biography of Leopold Trepper, said he met the former spy in Poland

recently.
'He told me that after a lifetime of Marxist rejection of Zionism he had come to the point where he found Israel was the only place in the world where he was not called a dirty Jew,' M.

Left-wingers manhunted in **Dominica**

A RUTHLESS hunt is taking place in the Dominican Republic for six leftwing militants alleged to have robbed a bank two months ago to finance revolutionary activities.

Santo Domingo, the capital city, was the scene of a fullscale search operation last Saturday in which 15,000 police and soldiers took part. Streets were cordoned off, houses were searched and helicopters flew overhead. The government claimed that it feared that the guer-

rillas intended to kidnap a foreign diplomat with the aim of winning the release of political prisoners. Another big operation was mounted on Wednesday when part of the capital was declared a 'war zone'. Many

people were evacuated and 2,500 troops and police moved In these raids four guerrillas and eight troops are known to have died in a

string of gun battles. Rifle and automatic fire could be heard all day coming from the area from which correspondents were excluded. Last month the widow of a murdered oppositionist was killed and dismembered in a Brussels hotel. This and other murders is believed to be the work of Dominican police working with the CIA to eliminate all of the main left-

They took advantage of the absence of the prime minister, Dr Kofi Busia, who is in London for medical treatment, to de-

pose him. A new government has een proclaimed in the

It is headed by Lt-Col Mike Achampong in the name of a new National Redemption Council. Achampong is said to be deeply religious. The government has fallen

into increasing disrepute over the past few years and has been accused of corruption and inefficiency, but its record in this respect could not match that of Kwame Nkrumah. His regime's spectacular, costly and sometimes mystical projects bankrupted the country.

The precarious Ghanaian economy, which depends on the export of cocoa and other primary products, has been hit hard by the slump in prices on the world market. Rising costs, food shortages,

chronic unemployment and a of hopelessness have fired growing popular con-tempt for the Busia regime. BY TOM KEMP

paid there's less than £10 to keep a family of five.

Mr Heal's plight is typical of that of 26,000 day-wage miners forced to strike to keep their families above the bread-line. Many would have

fallen below it long ago but for the fact that some of the

wives were able to get work

18th century as a company town—locked in isolation by

The Blaenavon Co sunk

pits, built iron furnaces and

ran its own engineering fac-tory. Today 100-year-old houses cluster round long-

dead pits and silent iron-

Apart from one pit and

four small factories—one of them linked to Rolls-Royce and already sacking labour—

the chances of work are non-

TROOPS CALLED

It has always been a solid Labour town and before now troops have been called in to

None of this is exceptional on the S Wales coalfield. And all of it lies behind Mrs

Heal's immediate response 'However long this strike lasts—if it goes on two months—we'll back the men.

'Personally, I think the

longer it goes on the more backing the husbands will

Blaenavon is the only pit in the SE division of the coalfield

to call out its safety men. 400

miners stand to lose their jobs if the strike goes on more than a month.

'But,' said Mrs Heal, 'the men wouldn't strike for the

'It's very dangerous down there; my husband lost his right arm. I wouldn't like to work in the pit. But if a man's got to go underground he's entitled to a living wage.

'When you've got three

children, as I have, it's very awkward managing on the

money, with prices what they are and clothes to buy.

'The government are going

to clamp down on the miners,

BAD ENOUGH

'I voted for the Tories last

time. It was bad enough under Labour so I thought "Let's

give the others a chance". I

-they've not done what they

has never voted Tory in her

life and she's not thinking of

Widow Mrs Betty Cullimore

'I think they look after the

A lot of women wish he'd

'This strike is going to be

moneyed people,' she told me

as she went in to play bingo at the Coliseum. 'I'd like to

go down and not come up. Like their husbands, they say

the Tories are not for the

very hard for a lot of people,

The striking miners will get

no strike pay or social

working man.

said Mrs Cullimore.

see Heath go down the pit.'

but I don't think they'll give

keep order.

wild rainswept mountains.

Blaenavon began in the

in local factories.

A good deal of pro-Nkrumah sentiment still exists in Ghana and two political parties—the People's Popular Party and the Ghana Action Party—support his return.
The Convention People's
Party which ruled the country in Nkrumah's day remained banned.

Support for doctors' sit-in

DOCTORS staging a sit-in at Oviedo psychiatric hospital in Spain have received the support of 70 colleagues in the

local general hospital.

The sit-in is now in its sixth day, with 27 doctors demanding a greater say in running the hospital. They are treating patients

normally, but refusing to leave the building at the end of their periods of duty. A statement from their general hospital colleagues yesterday said they would regard any reprisals against the psychiatric doctors as directed against themselves.

Police prop slave scheme

S AFRICA has flown in police reinforcements to Ovamboland in SW Africa in a bid to break a solid month-long strike of contract labourers.

The strike has brought the S African-administered territory to a virtually complete halt, closing mines and fishing industry to a full

Jannie De Wet, 'native commissioner' for the territory, is trying to whip up a scare about 'intimidation' of some Ovambos by strike leaders. But there is nothing to indicate that the labourers been coerced into

The government is using the stooge Ovamboland legislative council — appointed by the S Africans—to plug this

Change in China's line?

THERE ARE signs that the Maoists may be revising their attitude to Bangla Desh now that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been released from cap-tivity in Pakistan and has become its Prime Minister. Although there is no question at this stage of China recognizing Bangla Desh there

has been greater flexibility in treating the question. Junior diplomats from E Bengal at the Pakistan embassy in Peking say that they received more cordial

treatment lately. Other sources say that a Chinese official at a reception, discussing the overthrow of Yahya Khan, used the Maoist expression 'one divides into

He said that Yahya's positive side was his resistance to Indian expansionism and his close ties with China, while his negative side was that he opposed the people's

BY JOHN SPENCER

The council has stated: 'We farms and bringing the are strongly opposed to the fishing industry to a full intervention of other illegal dies and organizations a to the intimidation of people who are willing to work, and we are prepared to take action against such bodies.' S Africa has said it will not negotiate directly with the strikers, but is due to discuss the contract labour

system with the council on Tuesday.
The Vorster regime has promised to abolish the slavelabour system of contracts under which the Ovambos are compelled to work.

However this promise is worthless so long as the strikers have no negotiating rights.

The strike itself is illegal under apartheid law, which rules that no labourer can break his contract. Contract labour is the only form in which the Ovambos can sell

CHILDREN

their labour power.

The sole recruiting agency is SWANLA—the SW African Native Labour Associationwhich represents the employers.

Workers are graded according to age and physical fitness into classes A, B, C and piccaninnies (children). Mimimum wages range from about to about £5 a month for a class A labourer.

They are forced to leave their families behind and live in barracks away from home Their movements are restricted. The International Commission of Jurists has described the system as 'akin to slavery'.

hold us back too long' BY IAN YEATS GWEN HEAL'S heart sinks every time she goes to the shops in Blaenavon and finds the price-tags have been changed again. On pay nights her husband takes home about £13 and after the rent has been

They've tried to

A deserted ironworks at Blaenavon reminds miners they too face closure threats

caution.

security except for their wives — if they're not working — and their dependants.

Bitterness has already replaced the early anxiety many housewives felt as they've totted up what they'll have to live on in the next few weeks.

As coal runs out many will use electric heaters and be faced with soaring electricity bills. Many women know the real reckoning will not come until after the strike, when creditors send in their bills. Said Mrs Audrey Lewis, 'they've always tried to keep the miners down.
'The wives will certainly back them. If we don't, how

are we going to live?

'Even if the strike goes on and we get nothing I'd back my husband, and I think all the wives would.

'Of course our living stan-dards will be reduced and I don't know how we'll manage. It'll be very hard. 'But they've tried to hold back the miners for too long. They have the most dangerous

job and the lowest pay.'
Mrs Lewis, whose husband has been below ground 40 years, saw Coal Board chief Derek Ezra on television saying he was withdrawing his pay offers to the strikers.
'I'd like to see him down the pit,' she says with feeling.

Miners and their wives

Everyone knows what a

long strike costs. Many can

entered this strike with

Mrs Gwen Heal and Mrs Betty Cullimore

still

remember the long

months of 1926 — and the betrayal which followed.

STAFFORD must back us'

THE MEN of the South Staffordshire coalfield are not particularly known as militant, but this is one

Safety-the hard facts

A WORKERS PRESS INVESTIGATION

NOTHING brings out the viciousness of the capitalist press and the Tories who stand behind it like a miners' strike. They hate and fear the strength, the solidarity and the tradition of the

miners. Now they are trying to whip up a scare story about safety work in the pits and to picture the miners as stupid and stubborn men who are en-

dangering their own future. 'CONCERNED'

As one miner told Workers Press, 'they press us to ignore safety when we're working and they're driving for production, and suddenly they get very con-cerned for safety when we're not working. Very touching!

The fact is that the powered supports which have replaced the old-style timbering on modernized faces are expensive items. and no doubt the NCB is worried if eventually any of them were irretrievably

However this will not happen for many weeks and even then only in isolated cases. The supports have

mechanically adjustable 'collars' to take varying pressure from roof and floor. Managerial staff are going down and making these adjustments. If they very occasionally have to take the cutting machine along the face and move everything up a few yards, the work will not do them any

One Brodsworth, S Yorkshire, collier said to us: 'Deputies have always told me how much harder and better they used to do things when they were on the face. Now's their chance to prove it!'

A more serious issue is involved.

If in the course of a long strike danger from fire or falls did arise and future jobs were endangered, miners would have to pose it this way: Who should we keep the pits safe for? For the miners, or for a Coal Board which has

become a panel of bosses carrying out Tory attacks? Just as engineering workers are taking over factories to stop closures and prevent the moving of millions of pounds worth of machinery, it may well be that miners will consider occupying mines-which after all are nationalizedas the first step to workers'

LOCKED UP? Miners in Yorkshire told

Workers Press on the first day of the strike that they had been told on finishing work to remove all their possessions from the personal lockers in the pithead baths. This had never been done in previous strikes. Does it mean that the pithead baths are to be locked up as a measure against pickets and against

possible occupation? Is the same reason behind the closure of pit canteens, which normally serve cheap meals to retired miners and in some cases to miners' widows and wives?

fight they are out to win. At Littleton colliery near Cannock, where the No 601 shaft has the steepest rising face in Europe, night-shift pickets talked to us about the

28-year-old Tom Cartlidge, a faceworker, said 'The Tories are keeping the working class down and letting prices rise.

'But the Coal Board has hardened the miners altogether. The men here are

'The safety men were coming in, but our branch meeting last Saturday in-structed them not to. 'All we want is a decent

living wage. My father-in-law works here on the surface. He takes home £12.

'My takings are about £23, out of which £4.65 goes immediately on rent.
'I think the TUC could have given more direct action in support.

The postmen were let down, and we're a bit dubious about our leadership. At national and local level the NUM officials have always collaborated with manage-ment but there's no doubt about the men.

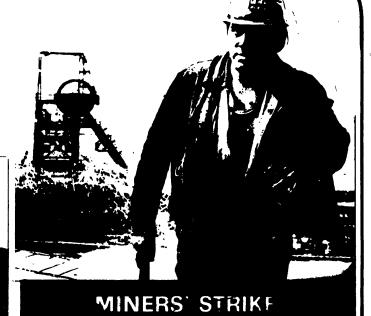
'We're out and that's it.'

stick out. They won't go back. 'Miners are ready to fight

£9 claim.

Tom Cartlidge, who was himself struck by a car trying to cross a picket line, says

'The lorry drivers are just working men like us. When the government has done with us, they will turn on engineers or whoever is next in line if they win this one. The working class has to stand to-



Closure threats are scorned NOTTINGHAN

- DAY SIX

pit closures are greeted with scorn and derision by men who have been under the shadow of the jobs

there after their pits closed in Durham.

Do the warnings of NCB

chairman Derek Ezra frighten them? 'Tell him we are laughsaid Tommy Christer, who worked at New Herring-ton colliery, Durham, before it closed. Dave Jackson and Norman Watson came here after the

Rising Sun colliery in World's End was closed.
'Let Ezra shut them,' they told me. 'They might as well be closed for the money we are getting.'

Sid Foster, who worked at Green Side colliery, Durham, has been at Thoresby more than ten years.

'Our wages have gone down and down,' he said. 'Since the end of piecework they are getting more coal for less

Closure talks don't money. worry anybody.'
Keith Collin, who used to work at Brandom colliery, Durham, told Workers Press:

security and we are getting slapped in the face.
'Ezra doesn't frighten any

George Banks, from Sher-burn Hill colliery, had heard

'They tell us not to strike or they'll close the pits, so don't strike and they close the pits anyway. It won't work any more.'

This closure?' said James Armstrong, formerly of Ravensworth colliery, Gateshead. 'It's the same every time. It's the first thing they

since Wednesday afternoon. Before then a few lorries went through, but now the only drivers who can cross the pickets are those who produce evidence that their load is for hospitals or

take place so that hydraulic chocks can be moved. They are determined

'We will eat grass before we go back,' said picket Bob Clarke.

workers press

READERS' MEETINGS

Meet Editorial Board epeakers. Discuss your ideas for the expanded

> LEEDS Sunday January 16

Community Centre Quarry Hill Flats Leeds 1 Speaker: Stephen Johns

YS Premises Western Works, Speaker: Stephen Johns

GLASGOW Monday January 17 7.30 pm

Partick Burgh Lesser Hall (Nr Merkland St Tube Stn.)

Speaker:

S L'ONDON

Wednesday January 26 8 p.m. Lower Hall **Brixton Town Hall**

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READING: Monday

January 17, 8 p.m. Trades and Labour Club, Minster St. 'The Right to Work'.

SOUTHALL: Tuesday January 18, 8 p.m. Indian

Workers' Association, 18 Featherstone Rd. 'The miners' strike'.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

Make the Tory government CROYDON: Thursday January 20, 8pm. Ruskin House, Coombe Rd, E

COVENTRY: Sunday January 16, 11 a.m. Golden Eagle, Keresley, nr Coventry. 'The miners' strike and the

SW LONDON: Tuesday

January 18, 8pm. Small Hall, Clapham Manor Baths, Clapham Manor St, SW4.

W LONDON: Wednesday

January 19, 8 p.m. The Greyhound, Becklow Rd, Acton W12.

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STRIKE-BREAKING supplies of coal from Germany are to be imported into Britain within the next few days and landed at a secret port.

A FORMER union branch secretary, who unsuccessfully sued the Electrical and Plumbing Trades Union after challenging for the leadership of it was granted his discharge from bankruptcy yes-

This was despite opposition from the union, who was the principal creditor.

Courtney: 'In spite of the opposition of the principal

·Mr John Courtney, 40, formerly known as Alun Gordon Courtney, of Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, was said at London Bankruptcy Court yesterday to have £5,300 debts and £25 Mr Registrar Hunt told Mr

creditor, I propose to grant this discharge. I think a suspension of one month is all I need impose.'

A WEAK TROUGH is almost stationary over E England. E will be mostly cloudy with some rain in places. The remainder. of England and Wales will be mainly dry with fog patches in places at first.
N and W Scotland and N Ireland will have a few scattered showers. Remaining areas of Scotland will be dry, but a few fog patches are expected at first in the E and S. Temperatures will be above normal, in all areas and

Weekend Outlook: Generally rather cold with rain turning to snow over the mountains and perhaps on low ground as well in the NE later. The S and W will have near normal temperatures. ever, the NW of Scotland will be dry with sunny intervals.

Teesside

plant at Wilton on Teesside.

an immediate overtime ban and told the company to remove all outside contractors The electricians are particu-

The Wilton plant which employs 10,000 workers is one of the biggest and most modern chemical complexes in Europe.

Sparks slam sackings

Mrs Audrey Lewis

ELECTRICIANS have back against the proposed 600 redundancies at the giant ICI They have decided to start

larly bitter because they have been told they would get no bonus earnings due to lack of

> Wednesday. Trouble has been brewing since the 1971 site deal which was supposed to maintain the existing wage structure.

The laboratory and enginetest workers were placed second in the rates list. But they have now dropped to sixth place.

Their claim for restoration of their position has been supported by the men's union, the N London district committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering meeting in the section on

But it has been bitterly opposed by both the personnel manager and the two rightwing convenors who fear their ability to foist deals on CAV workers in the future. The N London district committee of the AUEW have refused to

a stalemate. works engineers' department

Mick Gaskin, a machine operator, said 'Gormley, our union president, was dubious about getting support—now he's got more support than he wants. 'The men feel they will

100 per cent.' Another faceworker, Don Brown, said miners wanted the full amount of their £5-

'The employers are getting vicious', he added.

'The men of Pontypool should not be forgotten.
Everyone should stop out until they take them back.' the injuries to pickets in Yorkshire could happen all over the country.

'But why?', he asked.

Further trouble at CAV

testers employed in the laboratory and engine-test department at CAV's plant, Acton, have begun a work² to-rule. This action was decided by

ABOUT 120 fitters and

representative of the Engineering Employers' Federation to attend meetings on the claim. Therefore, talks have reached Already this week the

has decided to overtime ban at CAV's



say.'
Nothing has gone through the gates of Thoresby colliery

schools. Attempts to transport smokeless fuel to Scumford steel works have failed. The Thoresby men reject Coal Board pleas to allow work to

stick it out.

3 p.m.

SHEFFIELD

Sunday January 16 7.30 p.m.

Brixton`SW2

miners.

resign!

Return a Labour government pledged to restore full employment and repeal all laws against the unions!

fight against the Tories.'

campaign.

CORBY: Wednesday January 19, 8pm. Civic January 19, 8pm. Civic Centre. The 'Right-to-Work'

In line with decision of ATUA November 6 conference to build revolutionary party.

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BIRMINGHAM, 8 p.m.

given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)

NEWS DESK CIRCULATION

The first consignment of 10,000 tons of anthracite has aiready been ordered. It will be landed at a non-union port on the E Anglian coast so newhere between Ipswich and Colchester.

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