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# JUDGES: HANDS OFFOUR UNONS

#### THE COURTS launched another attack on the unions on Tuesday.

Lord Cameron banned the local government workers' union. NALGO, from calling a one-day strike throughout Scotland.

And shamefully, the NALGO leaders immediately gave in.

They rushed off telegrams ordering their Scottish members not to join this Wednesday's strike against the cuts in public spending.

# ONE INJUNCTION AFTER ANOTHER . . .

**NOVEMBER:** Injunction stops Post Office workers' union blacking mail to Grunwicks in North West London.

JANUARY: Injunction bans Post South Africa.

The strike had been called by January's special NALGO Conference.

An injunction had been sought by seven NALGO members, including senior council officials and architects.

The judge claimed that the elected leadership of NALGO

Baskingstoke.

and cannot do. Nor, for that matter, was there ever a ballot on whether the people of Britian want

should have had a ballot. But

no-one elected him to sit in

judgement on what unions can

public spending cuts.

There is no need to accept such judgements.

Injunction ends occupation of Massey Ferguson factory, Coventry. FEBRUARY: Injunction ends occupation of Haskins factory,

cupation of Wildt Mellor factory,

Writs and injunctions are

merely paper with legal language scrawled on them

It has been proved time and time again that they are worthless if opposed by a

united and confident group of

workers. In 1972, the dockers refused

to accept the rule of such writs,

Leicester. Occupation ends when 200 police threaten those inside.

Injunction ends occupation of Pontins Holiday Camp site, North

600 police storm the building.

even though five of their leaders were in Pentonville

After five days of spreading strikes, the Law Lords had to hold a special meeting to free those five dockers.

Even when a small and weak group of students at the London School of Economics refused a fortnight ago to obey High Court writ, the authorities did not dare commit them to prison.

Six hundred police were used to break the students' occupation but there were no arrests.

## BACKBONE

Does anyone seriously believe that if Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of NALGO, had defied Lord Cameron and continued with the strike, he would have been treated more harshly than five virtually unknown dockers or a group of completely unknown students?

Drain is prepared to lead a union in return for a large salary. But he hasn't the backbone to stand up and defend that union's rights.

It's up to rank and file members of NALGO and

☐ No legal controls on

the unions.

Defy the courts.

☐ Tear up the injunctions as we tore up the industrial Relations Act.

# IMPARTIAL? JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

LORD Cameron educated at the snob Edinburgh Academy school.

A devout Conservative, he is known and feared in Scotland for his passionate belief in giving more and more power to the police.

He is also a fan of big business, acting in his spare time as chairman of the Carnegie Trust, the foundation set up by the ruthlessly anti-union Scots American millionaire Andrew Carnegie.

Plesseys: This is

the strength to save the jobs

FOUR thousand telecommunications workers are to be sacked by Plesseys.

Three factories, in Sunderland, in Kirkby and in Speke, Liverpool, are to be closed.

Altogether some 20,-000 jobs in telecommunications because of Post Office cut-backs.

But one group of workers is fighting back. The 378 workers at Kirkby, most of them women, have taken over their factory and locked out the management.

Thousands of telecommunications workers joined a one-day protest strike against the Post Office cuts just three weeks ago (above).

Their support is now needed if the Plesseys workers are to resist any closures, any redundancies, any attempt to transfer work.

telecommunications will be under discussion at Saturday's conference in Manchester of Contact, the rank and file paper in the electricians' union. Details: Page 4

☐ The fight-back in

# JENKINS' OFFICIALS BACK OUR FUND

PROTESTS are growing inside the white-collar union ASTMS over general secretary Clive Jenkins' £10,000 legal action against Socialist Worker.

If we do not raise the moneyawarded against us in costs and damages over a satirical article about him-he will drive us out of Save Socialist Worker-Page 5

But this week a meeting of ASTMS full-time officials voted 47-18 to urge Jenkins and the union's executive to waive the

damages.

Another motion, again calling on the executive to waive damages but also deploring Jenkins' action, was only defeated 24-44. Twenty-seven officials at the

meeting then signed a round robin in support of Socialist Worker and collected £132 for our defence fund.

# GLOBTIK STRIKE-BREAKER: If I'd known the facts I wouldn't have gone ... I hope Tikkoo goes bankrupt.

# WE WERE THEREAL PIRATES



THE VICTIMS: The Globtik crew were only demanding the same pay as other seamen

# YES, THEY ARE SCABS, **BUT THIS** IS WHY

SEA-DOGS, the Daily Mail called them.

And it's true that the men, mainly trawlermen from Grimsby are scabs. But the real pirates are the multi-national firms that are carving up the fishing industry on Humberside.

For giants like Imperial, who won the Ross fleet, fishing is just a sideline. As soon as it ceases to profit them they will cut their losses and run, leaving unemployment

shattered communities.

They bleat about the Icelanders and the continental fleets over-fishing while they lay up trawlers. Yet whose trawlers destroyed the herring

fishing this year?
Over-fishing by trawlers drove the inshore men bankrupt and turned tons of potential food into fishmeal. Now they are doing the same to the mackerel on the west

The money is there to solve the problems in fishing. Imperials make massive profits (£30 million in their food division alone). They waste massive amounts on tobacco advertisements.

But all is not gloom. If the anger against Globtik and the example of inter-national solidarity it has given can strengthen trade unionism in the area then Ravi Tikkoo and his like will find that they have lost more than they have gain-

ONE OF the 60 unemployed men dragged into action as strike-breakers by the owners of the Globtik Venus this week told Socialist Worker: 'If I had known the facts, I would not have gone'.

And he added: 'The owners said the Philippinos were mutineers and pirates. We were the real pirates. I hope Ravi Tikkoo's ships are blacked. I hope he goes bankrupt.

Like the other strike-breakers, John White (we have changed his name for obvious reasons) was paid £200 for the 'successful operation'.

But he told Socialist

I went because I needed the money. I've been unemployed for six weeks and was being weeks and was being pressed for a lot of debts.

We were not told about the strike. All we were told was that the Philippinos were being egged on by two or three of their officers to hold the ship for ransom for about £200,000 before they would let a replacement crew on board.

## KEY UP

Everybody was keyed up for fight. We were told the Philippinos were not going to give in easily.

We were booked into three hotels at Le Havre, Ray Miller (a Globtik official) was supposed to come back at 9.30am but did not return till noon We were given an unlimited supply of drink. Crates of beer were brought in.

At 5pm we were told to be ready to move out. By this time people were getting drunk and falling out among themselves. Some were very scared and there was a lot of apprehension.

We were driven down to the docks at about 10pm. The security police let us through. We stopped about 50 yards from the ship and Alastair Glennie (Globtik's manager) and Miller went aboard.

THE TOP



# WHO LOVE TIKKOO-AND 'LAWAND ORDER'

Two members of the Tory shadow cabinet are deeply involved in the thuggery of Ravi Tikko (far right). Teddy Taylor (right), MP for Glasgow Cathcart and chief Tory spokesman on Scottish affairs, is Globtik's paid parliamentary advisor. And Nicholas Edwards (centre) is a non-executive director of the firm.







**NOW ACT** 

ON THIS

SCANDAL,

SLATER

☐ IN THE WAKE of the Globtik Venus affair, Jim Slater, General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen, has had a lot

to say about the international solidarity of maritime folk. And there has been fantastic solidarity. But

will the union leaders apply it to Asian seamen employed under the UK Manning Agreement?

This cosy deal allows British employers to hire labour from India,

Bangladesh at a quarter of the rates of pay for NUS members.

In return the NUS

receives a payment of

In 1975 the pay-off from the General Coun-

cil of British Shipping was £285,449, or near-

ly a third of the union's income. This revolting

deal is holding up cer-tification of the NUS as

an independent union. An agreement that

sanctions cheap labour

on a racist basis is poison to the trade

If you are serious about solidarity, Jim,

union movement.

scrap it now!

Pakistan

£15 a head.

When Miller came ashore he told us it might be called off for the night. He was still drunk but most of us had sobered up and did not want any more delays.

We were shouting, 'It's now or never!' and the tension was causing arguments. Finally he came back and told us it was

We all had plastic safety helmets. Two men had fireaxes. We had torches and rope. I saw two men with spray canisters but I refused

one.
The rest of us went over to a hut and got sticks, bits of wood, anything we could lay our hands on. Miller said he hoped there would not be any violence but if any Philippinos were injured there would be no come-back on us.

## **MERCENARIES**

I was the second one on board. The Philippinos were

stood on the bridge with their hands raised shouting: 'We don't want no trouble'. Afterwards we learnt that they had been told we were Angolan mercenaries and if

they put up a struggle they would be shot immediately. We rounded them up in the mess room and refused them access to their cabins.

One Philippino was hurt when he was kicked off a ladder. Locked cabins were broken open to see if anyone

was inside. Glennie had told us that any damage we caused did not matter so long as we gained control of the ship.

## SCARED

The Philippinos were very scared and obeyed us im-mediately. The original plan was for us to sail out of French waters and hand them over to the Navy to stand trial for mutiny. They were very worried by this.

They told us why they had occupied the ship and some of the lads felt really sick at what they had done. A lot did not care, but some of us were angry that we had been conned into strike-breaking.

One of the crew had been on board for 21 months without a break. He had a wife and six children at home

I would never do it again. If I had known the facts I would not have gone. I feel sorry for them now.

# CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH

#### HOME OFFICE racialists have come out into the open with a nauseating letter seeking to justify their decision to deport 20-year-

old Wayne Williams.
Wayne followed his parents to this country in 1973 from Antigua.

Unable, like thousands of other youngsters, black and white, to find a job, he stole a couple of trivial items, for which he was convicted.

# Feared

In January 1975, Wayne was accused of having cannabis and came up in Knightsbridge Crown Court. the one most feared by black people in London for its blatantly racialist bias.

Predictably, his defence that he had been planted with

# Stop the deportations! **Free Wayne Williams!**

drugs by police—was set aside and he was sentenced to borstal,

He was told that he was being recommended for deportation under the disgraceful 1971 Immigration Act. The recommendation was not acted on.

But later that year Wayne again came up in court. After he came out of borstal he had still been unable to get a job.

Unemployment had in-creased still further. And so like two million other people year he committed another petty crime: having cannabis and being in possession of a number of records which the police maintained were stolen.

Again he got borstal, And this time the recommendation to deport him was endorsed by the Home Office.

Inside borstal, the theory goes, you're supposed to be 'retrained' and 're-equipped' for the world outside. But while Wayne was being

re-equipped-and the equipment doesn't extend to the provision of a job when you get out-the Home Office decided they were going to deport him.

These partisans of so-called

fair play decided they would punish him twice over, cut him off from his family and send him back to Antigua where his chances of getting a job are even more unlikely.

In a revolting letter to the black organisation, the Unity Association, socialist and Minister responsible for Immigration. Dr Shirley Summerskill, outlined the 'thinking' behind her department's decision.

The most amazing statement in the letter is an accusation levelled against Wayne that for most of his stay in Britain he has been un-

employed.
Since he came here there's never been less than 700,000 unemployed. And now, thanks to this government's policies, there are double that.

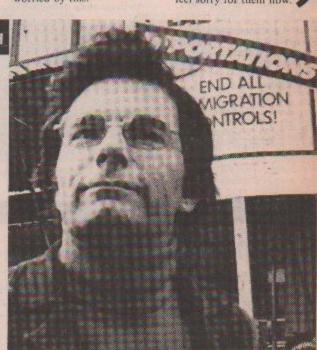
In this terrible situation, black kids suffer most of all. And Dr Shirley Summerskill has the cheek to accuse them of being responsible for being unemployed.

Wayne hasn't yet been deported. For the moment he is still doing his borstal stretch at Rochester.

Only a forceful defence campaign will stop the Home Office executing their decision

An important meeting on his case has been called for 3pm this Sunday, 13 March, at the Abeng Centre in Gresham Road, Brixton, London SW2.

It's organised by the West Indian Standing Conference, the Unity Association, Flame and the Socialist Workers



Phil Agee, the man the Labour government want out of the

country-along with a few others .

# WHYEVERY

LEYLAND THE toolroom workers' strike has been bitterly denounced.

Government Ministers are against it, Tory spokesmen are against it, television pundits are against it, trade union leaders are against it.

All of these people, of course, earn two, three or even ten times what a toolroom worker gets.

But the strike has also caused confusion among many good trade unionists.

The reason is simple. The press, TV and union leaders portray the strike as being about differentials.



And some at least of the strike leaders speak as if that was one of the main questions.

It can easily seem to people that the toolroom workers are fighting a backward, sectional struggle to separate themselves from less skilled workers.

skilled workers.

But this, in reality, is not the crucial thing about their strike.

Whenever workers find themselves fighting in isolation against national government policies, they are tempted to excuse their struggle by claiming it is

a 'special case'.

Remember the miners' strikes against the Tory wage policies in 1972 and 1974. Most of the miners' leaders insisted that theirs

was a 'special case' Yet the revulsion of the miners against falling living standards was common to millions of other workers. Once the miners had beaten the pay policy, no amount of talk about 'special cases' could stop every other section of workers

WORKER SHOULD SUPPORT

THE TOOL ROOM STRIKERS

doing likewise.

Exactly the same considerations apply to the toolroom workers.

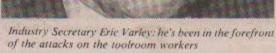
An attempt is being made by the powers-that-be to isolate them, to turn other workers against them, to browbeat them into returning to work. Part of this process is the portrayal of their strike as being

against other workers.

But let's be clear. The toolroom workers have been the first group of workers to take industrial action against the continuation of the pay

If they are defeated, it will shareholders in be a blow against all workers. dividends.

Between 1968 and 1974, Leyland paid interest charges of £153.9 million to rich bankers—and still made profits of £200 million. Of these, £68,89 million was handed



# The truth about those 'crippling' tax increases

YOU CAN hardly turn on the radio or TV these days without hearing some employer or Tory MP bleating about how 'tax rises' have hit managers much more than workers.

ARE THEY

SERIOUS ABOUT

THREATENING TO CLOSE

LEYLAND?

prospect of another

200,000 - 250,000

cars a year being

No government

would eagerly

welcome the

imported and

220,000 being

exported. British

Leyland, for all its

troubles, is still a

major exporter. The

immediate damage

payments might be

over £600 million in

-The Economist, 5 March

to the balance of

a full year.

The government has already promised to give in to many of these moans in the next Budget by easing taxation on 'middle incomes' (by which it means at least twice what you're likely to earn).

But the group hardest hit by rising taxation has been

workers, not managers. In 1950, someone with an

By Judith Hamilton

average wage paid only one twenty-fifth of it in income tax. By 1975, the figure was a quarter.

The increase in taxation for managers was much less. According to a survey by Incomes Data, someone on three times the average wage in 1950 paid out 17 per cent in tax, and only twice as much (33 per cent) in 1975.

The burden of taxation has increased five-fold for the worker, but only two-fold for the manager.

So if the government was really worried about 'easing the burden of taxation' it would be slashing the level of income tax for those with average and low wages, not for 'the middle incomes' of our



Instead, it accepts all the stories about managers being taxed to the point of poverty.

Someone earning £10,000 a year only pays about a third of that in tax. So he or she is left with £7,500—enough to keep the occasional wolf from the

But that's not all. A group of international management consultants, HAY-MSL, have estimated that those on f10,000-a-year receive, on average, fringe benefits worth an extra 30 per cent.

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Since these are largely untaxed, they bring in anything up to £60 a week. In other words, the 'impoverished' £10,000-a-year manager gets back in fringe benefits what he pays out in

Or, to put iterudely, he lives

# ... And the right of the police to strike

THE POLICE are a much stranger 'special case'.

Normally, governments do all they can to stop the police from seeing themselves as workers or from considering trade union action.

The Police Federation was set up by the govern-ment after the police strike of 1919 so as to prevent the formation of a real trade union.

Its advisers have been safe, reactionary, establishment figures such as James Callaghan and Tory MP Eldon Griffiths.

So as to keep police loyal governments have usually allowed the wage in-creases which they would have refused other workers.

You can see why if you look at what is happening these days every time occupations take place against sackings or the cuts.

Employers go to the High Court and get injunctions which they then threaten to enforce with hundreds

They can't bear the idea that the police could be part of a real trade union, identifying with the trade union movement, perhaps refusing to evict people fighting for their jobs or refusing to break the picket lines of workers fighting, like themselves, against wage controls.

The Sun summed up the view of its owner, multi-millionaire Rupert



That's what we want to see: police on strike in 1919—and catching up with their socialist reading, 1976

# IT'S IN OUR **INTERESTS**

Murdoch-and of every other speculator, assetstripper, profiteer and right-wing politician— when it said on Tuesday:

The police, like the armed forces, must stay politically independent. Full trade union rights, including the strike weapon, would lead to a conflict of loyalties when they had to deal with picketing, sit-ins and other forms of industrial conflict.' But now the authorities

have got themselves in a tangle. They are committed to

cutting public spending, yet they've increased the number of police by a third in the last ten years.

They're committed to a pay freeze, but to let the police go through it would be to cause vast anger among other groups of workers who are being

Within the police force,

frustration and discontent is growing. It can lead to a move for real trade un-ionism, for affiliation to the TUC and for the right to strike.

If this happened, it would open the eyes of many police to the job they spend much of their time doing-protecting the property of profiteers and parasites.

That is why the authorities will use almost any means to prevent this happening, if necessary victimising militants and turning higher-paid sections of the police such as the Special Patrol Group against the ordinary bob-

It's also why they will encourage the frustration to be released in other

ways-through the use of more brutish behaviour against minority groups, through fewer controls on police violence, by more leeway for the vicious, racialist elements in each police station.



All this makes it vital for every socialist and trade unionist to support those sections of the police who want a real union and the right to strike.

This does not mean forgetting that the police are used, in the main, to protect those with property against those without.

But many working-class lads who have joined the police force are only going to see this as a result of their own struggles.

PICKET

Great Dane Hotel, Hollingbourne near Maidstone, 6.30pm this Friday (11 March).

**BUILD THE** BLACK RALLY! All black members and SWP race organisers are urged to attend the National Race Work Meeting this Saturday, 12 March, at the Right to Work Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Rd, Lon-

don, 1pm sharp. We need to organise and work hard over the next month to ensure a great success for the Socialist Workers Party Rally of Black revolutionaries

# NIGHTMARE THAT IS OUR HEALTH SERVICE

A PATIENT with cancer arrived on the ward in great distress. 'I was discharged two weeks ago because they wanted my bed,' he said. He died 12 hours later.

Relatives sitting with their dying father had to help out in the ward because the remaining staff couldn't cope. Management are so concerned to economise that staff are not replaced when they leave. This is what they call 'natural wastage'.

A man fell against a portable Calor Gas fire and singed his dressing gown. He would have burnt himself and maybe others if the only nurses on the duty had not saved him.

#### By an East London hospital worker

The portable heater is there because there is no money for a permanent one. Cuts in hospitals now mean patients may be safer at home.

The strain on the staff at Hackney Hospital in East London is now telling. Sickness rates are up. A staff nurse from one ward is now a patient in the psychiatric

### Urine

Goodwill is running out. Staff leave the ward the moment their shift is over.

A doctor leaving the ward to see another new admission walked through the dayroom. Patients called for attention, all of them old and chairbound, some sitting in their own urine or shit. He ignored them.

It was Monday morning and he'd been on duty continuously since Friday. A relative asks if her father will be

carefully watched as he is so ill. The only

promise is that 'we will do what we can'.

The cuts are destroying us all . . . as usual the victims are the poor and the old.

The rich still go privately.

The fightback has yet to start. The tension among the staff is increasing. There is a crying need as never before for

us health workers to unite and fight. We must pack the Save Our Hospitals conference on Saturday 19 March with hospital workers from all over to get the fight underway.









# Save Our Hospitals! Delegations reach the 100 mark

THERE ARE now more than 100 delegates for the Save Our Hospitals Conference.

The latest to apply include: West Midlands Health Service ASTMS, North West Region Theatre Ancillaries Action Committee, Glasgow Health Service ASTMS, Health

Manchester Health Service NALGO, Bristol TGWU 3/256, Manchester Health Service ASTMS, Guys Hospital COHSE, Leicester Hospitals NUPE, Tameside COHSE, Prestwich COHSE, Prestwich NUPE, Crumpsall NUPE, United Manchester

Hospitals NUPE, Manchester NUPE District NUPE Committee, Steppin Hill Stockport NUPE, Crumpsall Joint Shop Stewards Com-

HOSPITALS CON- FERENCE: Saturday 19 March, Portland Hall, 16-22 Riding House Street, London W1. Delegates credentials £1 from

Hospital Worker, 265a Seven Sisters Road, Lon-

#### Speakers at the Engineers Charter meeting: (from top) Willie Lee, Billy Taylor, Laurie Smith

# RANK AND FILE DIARY

# **EETPU Contact**

EETPU Rank and File CONTACT CON-FERENCE: Smash the Social Contract! Stop the telecomms sackings. Fight for union democracy. Saturday 12 March, 2pm-5pm, AUEW House, The Cres-cent, Salford, Manchester. Speakers: Billy Williams (EETPU Cardiff), Jack McKenna EETPU convenor, STC East Kilbride). Chaired by George Kelly (Glasgow Corporation Electrical Workshops).

## **Hospital Worker**

SAVE OUR HOSPITALS Conference: Delegate con-ference for all trade unionists in hospitals. Saturday 19 March, 11am-4pm, Portland Hall, 16-22 Riding House Street, London W1 (Great Portland Street tube). Make sure your trade union branch or shop stewards committee send delegates. Observers from hospitals also welcome. £1 delegation fee to Hospital Worker Conference, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

SAVE OUR HOSPITALS Campaign Fund-raising Auction: Get rid of your rubbish and buy someone else's Saturday 19 March, Bpm, Lass O'Gowrie trear UMIST), Manchester. Auctioneer Les Kay, All articles for auction to be deposited at TU Books. 260 Deansoate.

GREENWICH AND BEXLEY Save Our Hospitals benefit: Saturday 12 March, 7.30pm, Thames Polytechnic, Calderwood Street, Woollwich, London, SE18 Live entertainment and disso. E1/unemployed and students 50p. Organised by South East London Right to Work Campaign.

## TGWU

TGWU Right to Work Cam-PROTEST RALLY: Smash the Social Contract! Fight for the Right to Work. Satur-day 26 March, 11.30am, Lesser Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, Manchester.

COACHES TO MANCHESTER on Saturday 26 March for TGWU Right to Work and Engineers Charter protest BIRMINGHAM: Coach leaves Hall of

Memory, 10am. SHEFFIELD: Coach leaves Pond Street, at 10am.
CROOK Group train ticket. Leaves fusion Station, 7.30am. Assemble under main indicator board. Tickets from 285a Seven Sisters Road, Landon, 94. Phone 01-802 0978.

# **Engineers Charter**

ENGINEERS CHARTER Right to Work Campaign NATIONAL PROTEST RALLY: Smash the Social Contract! Satur-day 26 March, 12 noon, AUEW Offices, The Crescent, Salford, Manchester. New issue of ENGINEERS
CHARTER out now. Full report on
the fight back against the Social
Contract 10p a copy plus 7p postage,
more than ten copies post free) from
Engineers Charter, 265a Seven
Sisters Road, London N4. PLEASE
RUSH IN MONEY FROM LAST ISSUE. meeting: Speakers: John Deason (secretary, National Right to Work Campaign). Clive Hartley (convener. Balfour Darwin engineering works). Thursday 10 March, 7:30pm, The

New ENGINEERS CHARTER BADGE, in yellow, black and white. 10p each, plus 7p postage (10 or more post free) from Engineers Charter, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London,

#### Collier

THE COLLIER, rank and file miners paper-latest issue out this week. Articles on the Social Con-trickwhat you need to catch up, the Productivity Deal, 5p a copy plus 7p postage, more than 10 copies post free. From The Collier, 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

# Post Office

POST OFFICE WORKER, newspaper of rank and file UPW members, issue no 4 NOW OUT Reports on wages, appeal court's attack on UPW, EDO strike, annual conference. Grunwicks, Bullock Report. ORDER NOW (money in advance please: one copy 10p, ten copies 90p, 50 copies £4) from Post Office Worker, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

# Health & Safety

NORTH LONDON Right to Work Campaign Workers Health and Safe-ty School: Saturday 12 March, Igan-Spm, Trades Hall, Bruce Grove, N17 Trade Union delegates invited In-midual applications considered) 25p fee. Details from

## Stop the Cuts

National Right to Work Cempaign MASS LOBBY of public sector unions conference: Stop the Cuts! Smash the Social Contract! Tuesday 22 March, 9.30am, Central Hail, Westminster, London SW1 Organise delegations and transport now Imake sure free transport is arranged for the unemployed). Transport details, phone 01-802 0978.

LEAFLETS calling Support for 22 March Public Sector Lobby, Stop the Cuts! Now available from Right to Work Campaign, 265s Seven Sisters Road, London, N4, 30p for 100, including postage.

#### Defend the Right to Work marchers!

MIKE LYNCH COMES OUT OF JAIL . . . come and welcome ,Right to Work marcher Mike Lynch after three months in Pentonville Prison for fighting un-employment. Friday 18 March, anniversary of the police attack on the Right to Work March, 8pm, Highbury Roundhouse, Ronalds Road, London N5. (near Highbury tube) for Right to Work Campaign Anniversary Dance: live band-Junction-bar, disco. Tickets 75p in advance (£1 on the door), unemployed 30p.

WHAT DID HAPPEN TO THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCHERS AT HENDON LAST MARCH?

Read the new Right to Work Defence Campaign FACTSHEET. Minimum price 5p—proceeds towards paying the remaining fines and the cost of John Deason's trial. Available from Right to Work Campaign. 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

NATIONAL FERENCE AGAINST THE SOCIAL CONTRACT, called by British Leyland combine committee: Sunday 3 April, 10.30am-4pm, Birmingham Town Hall. Credentials from P Nicholas, 88 Newbridge Road, Small Heath, Birmingham (phone 021-783 2987). Enclose 60p per delegate, plus stamped addressed envelope. The NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK CAM-PAIGN calls on all trade union organisations to support this conference.

All out Tuesday 19 Aprill NATIONAL STRIKE AGAINST THE SOCIAL CONTRACT, called by the British Leyland combine committee, endorsed by the Right to Work Campaign and the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions. MOVE RESOLUTIONS NOW endorsing the strike call and arranging delegations to mass lobby of parliament

# Success for Engineers Charter

FIFTY people attended an Engineers Charter meeting in West London last week. Eighteen were local shop stewards.

The meeting was part of a national series of meetings organised by Engineers Charter, the rank and file Charter, the rank and the paper in the engineering union (AUEW). The meetings are part of the campaign to build a successful conference of engineers in Manchester on Saturday 26 March.

Another meeting has been held in Letchworth where 70 out of 100 engineers on one shift at Herbert Controls came to hear Chrysler shop steward Willie Lee, the Engineers Charter candidate for AUEW national organiser, speak at a lunchtime meeting.

There were two meetings in Leicester. Fifty engineers came to an evening meeting, another 30 pickets from the Wildt strike came to a morning meeting held near the picket line.
The speakers at the North

West London meeting included two candidates in current elections. As well as Willie Lee, there was Billy Taylor, the left-wing candidate for assistant divisional organiser in London.

## Support

Billy Taylor is vice-chairman of the shop stewards committee at Acton Works and a member of the North London District Committee. He told the meeting that some people had even accused him of being in the CIA for running in the election.

Talking about trade union officials, he said: 'I knew a Jesuit priest who said never have doubts, and the more he said it the worse the doubts

The Engineers Charter is supporting Billy Taylor in the election.

Other speakers were Laurie Smith. AUEW national organiser, and John Deason, secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign. The chairman was Cox, a shop steward at Old Oak Common railway depot, also a member of the North London district committee.

John Deason called for maximum support for the conference on 26 March. AUEW members were on strike across the country, he said. There was a mini strike wave taking place involving the union.

But the officials seem to think it is enough just to make a strike official. Much more has to be done. That is why we must get engineers together to organise a rank and file response."

# Notices and meetings

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WEST YORKSHIRE tour by socialist theatre group North West Spanner, with their new play JUST A COG.
LEEDS: Monday 21 March, Bgrn.
Leeds Trades Club Sponsored by AUEW and WEA
HEBDEN BRIDGE: Tuesday 22
March, 8pm. Little Theatre, Holme
Street Sponsored by Todmorden
Trades Council and Hebden Bridge
Asbestos Committee [plus second play, Safety First or Last?]
HUDDERSFIELD: Wednesday 23
March, 8pm. Fraternity Hall, Alfred
Street.
LUDDENDEN FOOT: Thursday 24

Street.
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March, 8pm. Civic Hall. Sponsored by
Sowerby Labour Party.
BRADFORD: Finday 25 March,
8pm, Small Hall, Bradford University.
Social afterwards. Sponsored by
Metal Box Joint Shop Stewards
Committee and Bradford Engineering
Charter Group.

Charter Group.
LEEDS: Saturday 26 March. 8pm.
Lipman Building, Leeds University
SWP social afterwards.

The Other Cinema's BATTLE OF CHILE, A TWO-PART DOCUMENTARY BY Chilean film-makers in exile, Part 1: The Insurrection of the Bourgeoisis, Tuesday 15 March at 5pm, Friday 11th, Saturday 12th, Monday 14th at 7pm, Part 2: The Coup d'Etat, Friday 11th, Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th, at 5pm, Sunday 13th at 7pm, The Other Cinema, 25 Tottenham Street, London W1 (01-637-9308/9).

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musical performances about/against
the cuts to labour movement, tenants
association audiences. Two requirements: music and revolutionary
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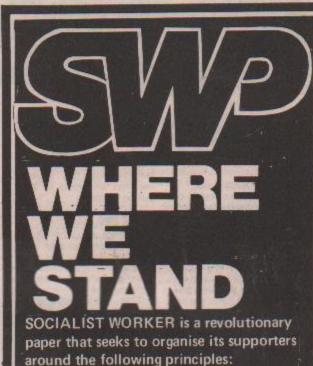
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needs a housing worker. World includes advice on squatting, counincludes advice on squatting, coun-cit homelessness procedures and landlord tenant problems. Oppor-tunities for pressure group/cem-paign activity. Legal or practical experience an asset, commitment essential. Collective shares switchboard, cleaning and emergency phone duties. £33 a week. Send full details to Housing. Release, 1 Elgin Avenue, London, W9.

International Women's Day march Saturday 12 March, assemble 1.15pm, Speakers Corner, London W1, march to Malet Street 3.30pm 6pm: celebrations with songs and play. Architectural Association, 36 play. Architectural Association Bedford Square, London, WC1

Public Conference: RACISM AND FASCISM IN LAMBETH: Saturday 12 March. 130pm to 530pm, Stockwell Hall, Stockwell Park Road, Brixton, London, SW2. Guest speakers: Soweto student leader, Anti-fascist leader in 1930s. London docker. Called by All Lambeth Anti-Racist Movement. Supported by Socialist Workers Party.

PATLY Against the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Sunday 27 March, 4 pm. Hammersmith Town Hall. Organised by Trade Union Com-mittee Against the PTA.



# INDEPENDENT WORKING **CLASS ACTION**

The workers create all the wealth under capitalism. A new society can only be constructed when they collectively seize control of that wealth and plan its production and distribution.

# REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up, or reformed, as the established Labour and trade union leaders say. It has to be overthrown.

## THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling class against the workers.

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state-a workers state based upon councils of workers'

delegates and a workers' militia

At most, parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

## INTERNATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism if part of a world-wide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries.

We oppose everything which turns workers from one country against those from other countries.

We oppose racialism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation movements. We are for an end to all forms of

discrimination against homosexuals. We are for real, social, economic

and political equality of women. The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation

Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist. We support the struggles of workers in these countries against the

#### THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

bureaucratic ruling class.

To achieve socialism, the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party.

Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

We have to prove in practice to other workers that reformist leaders and reformist ideas are opposed to their own interests.

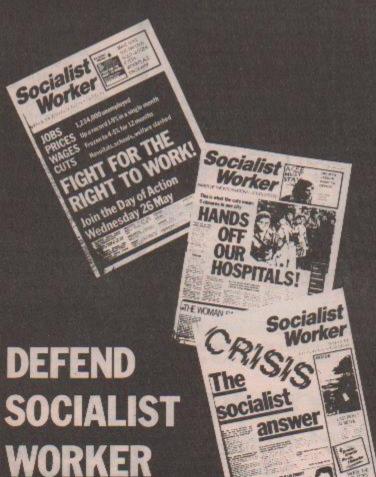
We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

We urge all those who agree with our policies to join with us in the struggle to build the revolutionary

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the Socialist Workers Party, fill in the form on page 16.

# FINANCIAL APPEAL TO THE TRADE UNION AND LABOUR MOVEMENT

# Trade union leaders act to Socialist Worker



WORKER **AND THE SOCIALIST** PRINTSHOP

Donations to Socialist Worker Defence Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

A CONCERTED EFFORT is being made by trade union leaders and officials to put the Socialist Worker and our socialist printshop out of business.

Last week Clive Jenkins of the whitecollar ASTMS was awarded damages and costs amounting to almost £10,000. This follows closely behind a settlement with Frank Chapple of the electricians and plumbers (EETPU) of £4,000

There are High Court writs against us from T Comerford, an ASTMS full-time official, and from the National Union of

Bank Employees

To cap it all Frank Chapple has issued yet another High Court writ against us concerning the Rank and File publication 'The Ugly Face of Chapple's

These actions, win, lose or draw, will

thousands of pounds.

Why is Socialist Worker being taken to court? What are these trade union leaders frightened of? And why is it that trade union leaders and officials are prepared to put Socialist Worker out of

For two long years union leaders have hoodwinked and cajoled their members into accepting pay restraint. They have worked hand in glove with the government, using every oppourtunity to subordinate their members to the Social Contract.

During these two years Socialist Worker stood virtually alone, agitating and organising inside the trade unions for rank and file policies, backing to the hilt the campaign against unemployment launched by the Right to Work Campaign.

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Worker

We were a thorn in the side of the trade union leaders. Always reminding them they could only fool some of the people some of the time.

Their fear, with some justification, is that the policies of Socialist Worker will be increasingly fought for by their

It's not the money these union leaders want. After all, what is £2000 to a wealthy man like Clive Jenkins?

No, they want to remove that thorn and the only way they know is to bankrupt our paper and our printers.

We will not be silenced nor will we be bankrupted. We believe our record in the trade union movement has won us support and respect from many working

Our fighting policies will not be curtailed. Who would benefit if we stopped campaigning?

Against racism.

Against the Social Contract.

Against unemployment and for the right to work.

For women's rights and equal pay For victory for the blacks in Africa

For rank and file control of the

It could only be the enemies of our movement.

Our socialist printshop has served both the Socialist Workers Party and the movement well. Many dock shop stewards not connected with the SWP will testify to the devotion given by the printworkers during the Pentonville days' to give but one example. We have printed quickly and cheaply for many, many strike committees.

We have already received many messages of support from people such as Frank Clark of the Fine Tubes Strike committee, John Llywarch of the Shrewsbury Pickets and Eddy Brady, secretary of the Eldon Square strike

committee.

Our printers, more than 30 men and women, are every one socialists and trade unionists.

The trade union movement is re-awakening. Hundreds of thousands of workers are seeing through the trade union leaders and the government.

Thousands of workers are taking strike action. 19 April sees the first major rank and file strike for years.

Socialist Worker will be there fighting. We will not knuckle under. We appeal to the trade union, labour and socialist movement for financial

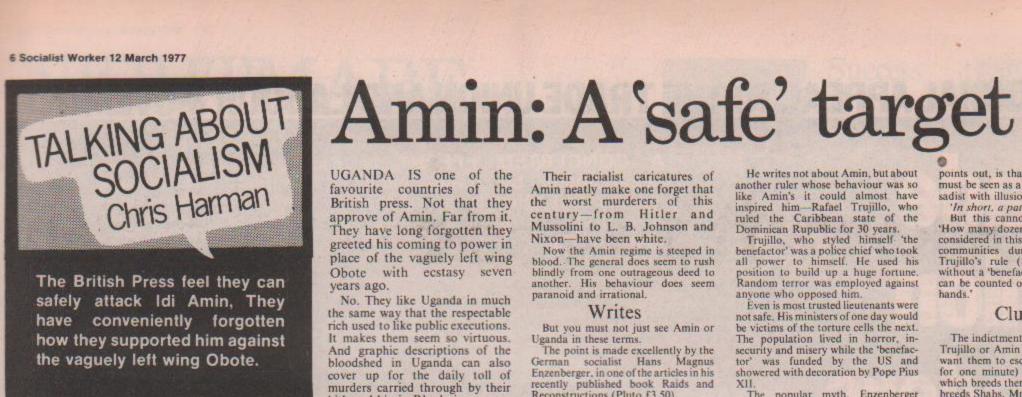
You can help. We ask that:

Every reader considers making a substantial donation according to their means.

☐ Every reader takes a collection sheet around his or her workplace.

ASTMS members send resolutions to their national executive asking them to waive damages.





greeted his coming to power in place of the vaguely left wing Obote with ecstasy seven vears ago.

No. They like Uganda in much the same way that the respectable rich used to like public executions. It makes them seem so virtuous. And graphic descriptions of the bloodshed in Uganda can also cover up for the daily toll of murders carried through by their kith and kin in Rhodesia.

Nixon-have been white.

Now the Amin regime is steeped in blood. The general does seem to rush blindly from one outrageous deed to another. His behaviour does seem paranoid and irrational.

#### Writes

But you must not just see Amin or Uganda in these terms.

The point is made excellently by the German socialist Hans Magnus Enzenberger, in one of the articles in his recently published book Raids and Reconstructions (Pluto £3.50).

WITHOUT

COMMENT

**UNDER A National Front** 

Government one will walk

along a street and one will

see, as if one hasn't

already seen or never expected to see again,

nothing but white faces."

'When we go to meet our children from school

we will see coming out of

children of Anglo Saxon

and Celtic origins.
There will be no need

for such bodies as the

Race Relations Board

because the Blacks will

have been sent to live in Africa, the Asians will be

living in Asia and Britons

will be living in Britain.'

— John Tyndall, Fuhrer of the Nazi Front, speaking

the gates fair-skinned

Trujillo, who styled himself 'the benefactor' was a police chief who took all power to himself. He used his position to build up a huge fortune. Random terror was employed against anyone who opposed him.

Even is most trusted lieutenants were not safe. His ministers of one day would be victims of the torture cells the next. The population lived in horror, insecurity and misery while the 'benefac-tor' was funded by the US and showered with decoration by Pope Pius

The popular myth, Enzenberger

TIGHTENING OUR

BELTS part 893: For sale in the Evening Standard

advertisement columns-

'1oz 9ct Gold Dog Tape. Absolute bargain £72.' ☐ SHOEMAKER Aldo Guc-

encrusted elevator to an

emporium in which they can pay as much as £5000

for a handbag, according

☐ COMMERCIAL UNION

Assurance boss Sir Fran-

cis Sandilands is a worried

man according to the Daily

profits over £2 million-

insures other companies

against employee's claims

through industrial dis-

bringing to light many different diseases and

growing public awareness' is resulting in

And according to Sir

Francis, judges are awarding much higher damages lately.

FANTASTIC FACTS no

651: The prison budget for meals is £2.65 a week per prisoner and £3.45 for

guard dogs.-The Observer, Sunday 20

The heart bleeds.

more claims.

February

public

Medical research is

His company-1975

Mirror.

to the Daily Express.

is opening a shop in Beverly Hills where select customers are given a gold key. They can whisk themselves by crystal-

points out, is that "Irujillo (or Amin) must be seen as a monster, as a greedy sadist with illusions of grandeur.

In short, a pathological case. But this cannot really be so. For, 'How many dozens of states cannot be considered in this manner? How many communities during the period of Trujillo's rule (1930-1960) made it without a 'benefactor'? The exceptions can be counted on the fingers of your

#### Clutches

The indictment has to be not against Trujillo or Amin (although I wouldn't want them to escape popular revenge for one minute) but against a world which breeds them by the score, which breeds Shahs, Mrs Gandhi's, President

Marcoses, Pinochets. There are a few societies in Western Europe, North America and other odd places which seem to have escaped the clutches of such people for the last 30 years.

But what distinguishes these countries is not, as our rulers would have us believe, a 'democratic traditon', still less 'white civilisation' (prewar Germany and Italy? Greece? Spain?

# Pillage

The wealth of the advanced countries enabled their rulers to concede small, but significant improvements in living standards and welfare services

They could buy popular consent for their rule. They did not need terror and mass murder (although they were always prepared to use it in their colonies). In the countries pillaged

by the west in the past things have been very different.

Even in the 1950s it was very difficult for the ruling classes to maintain their society (and their own privileges).

The present world crisis has made this task virtually impossible. They can only survive by repression against the masses, by picking on scapegoats, by war-hysteria

As the crisis continues, this state of affairs is likely to spread to wider areas of the globe, affecting the formerly prosperous, as well as the poor countries.

# Vicious

Marx, writing more than 100 years ago, noted that there had been many great civilisations before capitalism, But each reached a point where the economic wealth could grow no more without social revolution.

The ruling classes could only hold on by vicious repression against the masses and by bloody conspiracies against one another (well portrayed in the recent television series of I Claudius), which eventually plunged their society back into barbarism.

That is the point which capitalism is now beginning to reach throughout much of globe. revolution is not just about living standards—it is about the very future of civilisa-

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# **EDITORIAL**

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# Robert: It can happen here!

WHEN get rough treatment.

pound.

these cops.

They demanded that they wouldn't let anyone go until the Prime Minister or the Commissioner of Police came down to sort out the Vigilante squad.

First the Superintendent in charge of West Kingston visited the scene. workers were not satisfied.

The ruling was made a job as ship's cook in Lowestoft. The owner conaccommodation

missioner came down. They told him to piss off as well. Finally the Commissioner himself visited the compound. Little imagination is need-

ed as to what was said between the pickets and the Commissioner The only thing that was

reported was the Com-missioner's assurance that the Vigilante Squads operations would be suspended . . There is a lesson to be learnt isn't there Sir Robert Mark? KIM GORDON



WATCH OUT for this man on demonstrations. He may want to take your picture. He was taking pictures of other photographers, and was the only one allowed into the National Front meeting in Stetchford recently.

He refused to say why The man was seen driving off in a red Austin 1100 registration 12 NOF, with

He uses a Nikon motorised camera. If you recognise him, write to Fifth Column and tell us who he is.

# Power and The Black N

THE BBC's recent television documentary 'The Regi-ment' was largely a grotesque piece of propaganda about the army's crack rifle unit... The Royal Green

Reporter Julian Pettifer, himself an ex-Green Jacket officer, gave viewers and potential recruits a glimpse of the new army life in which

I have no money, I have no

car, What I have won't take me I've heard your promises,

I've heard your lies. I've seen your corruption And seen your spies. I have no power, I have no gun, Without these things what

ficers, nor call them 'sir', nor stand up when superiors enter the room.

soldiers neither salute of-

One of the few interesting facts given in a mainly boring programme was the regiment's nickname: The Black Mafia.

The name, Pettifer rightly explained, comes from the very dark green dress un-

can be won? I have no religion, I have no

I don't even have a chance I have no caviar, I have no champagne,

But what I do have Is the Right to Work

DAVE BISIO, Stirling.

Officers

iform they wear, almost

But he failed to explain

The unit has a reputation

for being first into 'trouble

spots' to sort out troublesome natives' and

commies' in places such as

Suez, Malaya, Aden, Oman.

Less elite regiments then

take over to continue the

good work' of repression.

its young officers for infiltra-

tion of the high ad-

ministrative posts in

army high Command.

Also, the regiment grooms

black.

the full reason.

A look at the current edition of the army list issued in March 1976 reveals that Green Jackets officers hold the following posts:

☐ Military Assistant to the Vice Chief of General Staff at the Ministy of Defence in London. ☐ Military Assistant to

the Commander in Chief of UK Land Forces.

☐ Aide de Camp (personal assistant) to the General Officer Commanding and Director of Operations HQ Northern Ireland.

☐ Aide de Camp to commander British Forces and Commander Land Forces in Hong Kong. But the regiments' best

known officer is undoubted-Major General Frank A drop in the Kitson, author of 'Low Intensity Operations' manual on dealing with people who rise to challenge boardroom. the corrupt and chaotic system that his soldiers

THIS BOSSES' attack on the Bullock Reportselling at a mere 40p a page-has been produced by Relations Briefing. the

Editor Robert Mackmurdo says it provides critics of the Bullock Report with 'artillery more formidable than they imagined was available' To find out what

Industrial

that artillery is you have to fork out £78 for the 190-page book.

ocean for bosses who want to keep a tight hold on the

Agenda for Dealing with Bullock Proposals Special Study No.1

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# A message for

Jamaican equivalent of our own Special Patrol Group start brutalising people they

According to last week's JAMAICA WEEKLY GLEANER Kingston Police Vigilante Squad got hold of an engineer from the Public Works Department and took him to the Department's com-

This was about 9am. He was 'boxed and kicked' by

The workers in the compound intervened and the police tried to escape. However they came a cropper. Their exit was blocked and the gates of the compound were barricaded with Works Department

All the workers struck.

Then the assistant Com-

☐ THE FISHING industry has been exempted from the Sex Discrimination Act for sea-going jobs 'in the interests of decency and

after a woman applied for sidered that giving her the job would have caused

# Sorry, your time is up number compared to the

LABOUR PARTY member and Socialist Worker reader Thris Grant from the Midlands, was listening to Radio Birmingham Phone-In two days after Socialist Worker had been sued for

libel by Clive Jenkins.

The chat man, Roger Thomas, asked people to phone in about anything: the Leyland strike, the Clive Jenkins libel' were two of the topics he suggested, as the advertised authority on antiques hadn't turned up.

Chris, who wanted to say that in his view those on the left of the trade union movement shouldn't attack ne another-being few in

right-was referred to the programme producer when he phoned in. He was told that there

might be 'legal com-plications' about his talking on the libel case, although as far as he knew the case was settled, the producer would look into it and phone him

# Absent

By the time this happened, of course, the phone-in programme was over. Chris had missed the chance of talking on the programme

both on the Clive Jenkins case and about Leyland-he works at Longbridge and wanted to put the view of a car worker which was noticeably absent from the discussion.

No one else spoke abut the Socialist Worker fine-no apology was given for not allowing the discussion to take place.

Chris told the producer he would contact his MP, as he feels the programme per-sistently shows an antiworking class and anti-trade union bias, a point which has also been raised on the Birmingham Trades Coun-

# Wage cuts: Europe's Dance for joy! Apartheid workers hit back

**DUTCH** workers struck two weeks ago for pay increases to keep ahead of the cost of living.

They won-and now their example has been followed in other European countries.

In Belgium, buses and much of industry was paralysed for the second time by a one-day strike on Friday.

wages and force up the cost of living, have united Flemish-speaking and French-

speaking workers, Socialist and Catholic trade unionists, on the biggest scale since the general strike of 1961.

In Denmark, the social democratic government has been forced to use the industrial relations law to delay a planned strike by 250,000 workers.

The government is aiming, with the help of the right-wing opposition parties, to impose another two years of wage controls. But many of its former supporters inside the unions are turning in anger

In Portugal, the 'moderate socialist' government of Mario Soares has taken economic measures that are going to force up prices

Hundreds of thousands of workers have been showing their anger at the measures. Last Friday there was a halfday stoppage of all the country's building workers.

## Bankrupt

300,000 textile workers are on a national go-slow. There is an overtime ban by the printers, and railway technicians are working to

In Spain, the government is rumoured to be planning a batch of measures, including a

wage freeze. This follows its success in

position groups in talks while harassing the far left with hundreds of arrests and fines. These tactics have helped

the employers to defeat a number of major strikes in the last six months—at Motor Iberica (part of Massey Ferguson), the Madrid Transport workers, the Sabadell metal workers and most recently, the three-month strike at Roca, partowned by ITT.

But last week the government got a shock. Its plans to win a rigged election on votes from the countryside received a set-back when tens of thousands of poor peasants blocked main roads with their

Several people were injured

the demonstrators with rubber bullets and tear gas near Valladolid in central Spain.

In Greece a huge strike wave involves 18,500 teachers, 20,000 electricity workers, TV technicians, the telephone company, metal, bauxite and iron ore miners, the banks, the AEG electrical goods factory, several textile factories and

the Fiat workers. The strikers are demanding the reinstatement of sacked militants and pay rises of about 40 per cent.
In an effort to control

things, the government has made all the strikes illegal and the Greek TUC has expelled two-thirds of the unions

takeatumble THE SOUTH African national was due to play at the financed dancing com-pany, Ballet International, council-owned theatre in Newcastle. Pressure from the local branch of the SASC

balletgroup

has collapsed.

Its director, Max Martin, told the Press: 'From the start,

we had trouble with anti-

They picketed our launching Press conference

and our auditions as well as

some of the theatres we played."

and supporters of the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign. In December they

picketed the first performance

of the Ballet company. In February, Ballet Inter-

The pickets were members

apartheid demonstrations.

The theatre said they would not let us play there because of our South African connection', said Martin. The performance eventually went ahead

nearly stopped the perfor-

But it was picketed by more than 100 members of the SASC.

Ballet International was formed a year ago with a £500,000 grant from the Arts Council of the Orange Free the stronghold of Afrikaner racism.

A condition of the grant was at Ballet International would visit South Africa twice a year. The project was design ed as a prestige boost South African 'culture'.

# Measures

But the campaign to black their performances, and the demonstrations and pickets that greeted them, helped to put a stop to this racist propaganda exercise.

The stooge company lost their South African backers.

They are now bankrupt.

□ 50 people joined an all-day picket in Aberdeen last week of an official South African migration delegation recruiting skilled white workers for South Africa. The picket was organised by the Southern Africa Solidarity

Campaign during the week of action to build for last Sunday's demonstration. It was backed by the

students union at the local

university and college.

John Macinnes, secretary of Aberdeen SASC, told Socialist Worker: 'No unemployed workers were after these jobs. We stopped quite a few of the potential applicants from going in.

# INTERNATIONAL **FUND RAISING** SOCIAL

Saturday 12 March, UCL Union, Gordon Street, midnight, food from Iran Greece, Poland, Austria Tickets:

Proceeds to SW Fighitng Fund, and SWP Inter-



Victory to the Freedom Fighters stickers now available. Two colour (red and black), 3p each 25p a sheet (of 12). Send cash with order: to International Department, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN (Make cheque payable to SE International Fund.)

GLASGOW Film show—Last Grave at Dimbaza, plus South African speaker. Thursday 17 March, 7,30pm, place to be an-

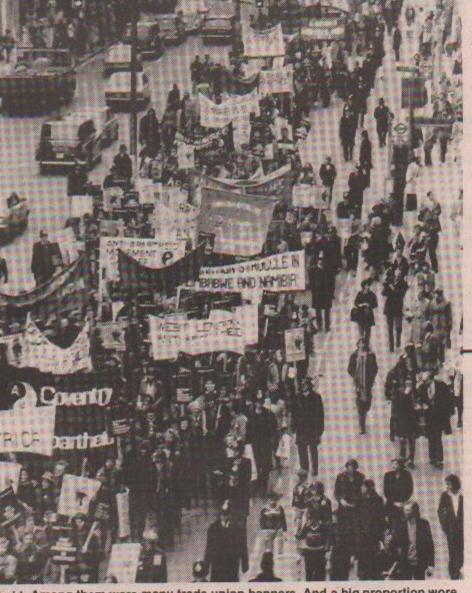
LEEDS: Victory to the freedom lighters in Zimbabwel Speaker form ZANU and SASC, Thursday 17 March, 8pm, Trades Club Saville Mount, Leeds 7.

AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN 101-103 Gower Street, London

SOUTHERN







Some of the 6,000 people who demonstrated in London last Sunday against apartheid. Among them were many trade union banners. And a big proportion wore stickers or carried placards from the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign calling for active solidarity with the armed struggle.

A FEW days ago, a man was pushed from a secondstorey window at the Springfield Road police barracks in Belfast.

The Royal Ulster Con-stabulary say he jumped.

Somehow, after 14 hours of interrogation, they claim he managed to fling himself through bullet-proof glass.

Eddie Rooney, 25, from Ballymurphy, is now in hospital with a 50-50 chance of survival.

Last June, the RUC told Sean Moore, also from Ballymurphy, that they would throw him out the window. This time, it seems, they have actually carried out their

Earlier last week, the BBC Tonight programme interviewed two Catholic men from

Fermanagh. Bernard O'Connor, a teacher, and Michael Lavelle, a production controller, described the torture they went through while being interrogated in the Castlereagh RUC centre,

A track suit top was put

By Joan Kelly in Belfast

over O'Connor's head and tied around his neck in hood style. His nose and mouth were blocked off.

'I couldn't breathe, and I actually found my stomach trying to come up when I was gasping for my last breath,' he

The police said they would assassinate O'Connor. Then they threatened to take him to the top of the Shankill Road Volunteer Force so they could

How many of the numerous

bodies found in and near thee Shankill Road have been the result of RUC planning?
The RUC practice torture

regularly to make their victims sign confessions so they can convict and jail more

# Three out of every four get 'the treatment'

CASE of Eddie Rooney is only the tip of a massive iceberg.

Other recent unpublicised cases involved six men from county Derry, Kieran Farren, Finbar Lullin, Gerard Farren, Kevin Mullin, Martin O'Hara and David Ward.

Each has sworn an affidavit that during four days in Castlereagh they were hoodBy Eamonn McCann in Dublin

ed, deprived of sleep and food, stripped and made to run on the spot for hours, kicked, punched or threatened with death. All were released when they refused to confess to anything.

Four Derry men were arrested after the killing of

Dupont executive Jeffrey Agate, held for three days at Castlereagh and then charged. The RUC says the four have

confessed. The men, who appeared in court looking dazed, battered and bruised, say the confessions were extracted by torture.

A doctor who examined them Dr Joseph Hendron, a prominent member of the moderate' SDLP-says that

their injuries were entirely

consistent with their stories.

The Belfast solicitor Mr
Pascal O'Hare, who handles many political cases, reckons that as many as three-quarters of his clients are convicted on confessions alone. Their claims about torture

are almost invariably rejected, there being no witnesses except the defendant and five or six soldiers or RUC men.

How many innocent men and women are in British jails because they were tortured? Or because their lives and the lives of their families were threatened by the RUC?

O'Connor and Lavell resisted, refused to sign. The charges were dropped.

Obviously the RUC thugs weren't getting their way with Eddie Rooney. So they took care of him in their own

sadistic way.

Roy Mason, the Minister for Northern Ireland and the security forces continue to deny that torture is being used. In Strasbourg, the British Attorney General Sam Silkin says that Britain will not use those torture methods again.

But working class people in Northern Ireland are potential victims of torture every day.

# THE ISLINGIO

EIGHTEEN BLACK teenagers from Islington in North London are being treated in a fashion that should rouse the anger of every human being with an ounce of feeling in their heart.

They are on the receiving end of a 'legal' operation that is designed to drive fear into them and their

It is being instigated, organised and carried out by the Metropolitan Police under a favourite guise: an anti-

mugging campaign. Just how insidious the ttack is can be seen from he charge sheets.

All the youngsters face the between 21 August and 21 Detober 1976 in the Greater London area (you) conspired ogether and with persons inknown to commit

A superficial reading of this ncredible charge should make clear that this is a very erious attack.

Indeed, the fact that the md all-embracing makes the se the most serious legal ffensive against workingunching four years ago of onspiracy prosecutions gainst the Shrewsbury wilding workers.

#### GOSSIP

The use of conspiracy means at the police do not have to harge these youngsters with my specific offences requiring

They do not have to bring itnesses to testify they were bbed of anything.

Instead, just as at brewsbury, they can rely on nformation' about 'general haracter' and even 'political eliefs' to secure their convicnything they care to make it

The parallel with Shrewsbury m't confined to the charge

The Islington 18 are intendd to be sacrificial victims of e very same kind - if the olice can get away with it.

e dates chosen for the period the trumped-up een carefully chosen so as to recede a crucial day in the scent calendar of the letropolitan Police. That day 29 August 1976, Bank oliday Sunday.

For London's West Indian pulation, the August Bank liday is just about the most sportant weekend of the ar. It is the time for the arnival, when the black

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APRIL

harassment, against the

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Two of the 18 accused: Anthony Rodney and Floyd Willoughby outside Holloway police station.

community celebrate their own roots, their own culture and identity and generally have a good time on the streets of Notting Hill.

Last year, however, their easure was rudely interrupted by an amazingly heavy police presence. And not just a passive presence,

On the ridiculous pretext of 'pursuing pickpockets', the Metropolitan Police—in huge numbers from all over London-harassed and hassled the young.

The Metropolitan Police turned the Carnival into a riot. They came out of it very badly indeed. And they wanted

In the immediate aftermath, Sir Robert Mark, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan

Police, rushed into print with

# ISLINGTON 18 DEFENCE COMMITTEE **PUBLIC** MEETING

Tuesday March, 7.30pm, Manor Gardens public library, London, N7

Hear what the teenagers and their parents have to

# -By-LAURIE FLYNN and JIM CRONIN

a statement that the force would maintain control of the

streets 'at all costs'.

A special inquiry head-quarters was set up in Notting Hill. From there an investigation was planned which gave the CID free rein in all the black areas of London and in Holloway and Islington in particular, where the black community was least organised to defend itself.

Armed with hundreds of fuzzy and indistinct photos of the Carnival, policemen touted themselves around the local schools.

They went to all the clubs frequented by black teenagers asked for 'co-operation from those in authority.

And they roumed the streets questioning kids at random.

## FILTHY

Every filthy trick in the book was to be used in this Sweeny-style operation. Youngsters were held in jail for long periods without their parents being informed, in blatant defiance of the Judges' Rules which are supposed to regulate police behaviour.

In the station, people were beaten up or threatened, and attempts were made to recruit some of them as grasses who would implicate other

youngsters. Anthony Rodney, one of the 18 accused, told Socialist

Worker what was done to him. When I was first arrested, I was simply offered a job by the police. They told me that if I would inform on my friends

they would go easy on me.
'If I didn't, they said they'd
make trouble for me. They said to me that I should go into

MacDonalds, the big ham-burger bar in Holloway Road,

and hang around there.
'I should give them names of suspicious people. I went back a couple of times to the stationbut told them nothing.

'I think they knew what was going on so they decided to fix me. They're perfectly capable of that. They're horrible peo-

ple.'
The police took a whole range of youngsters into custody for short periods of 'intensive questioning'. One by one, they threatened and intimidated them.

## THREATS

And from some they got what they wanted names. statements implicating themselves and/or others. statements which were made or signed out of fear.

After 'extracting' names from one lad, they took a total of 26 boys into custody, all friends or acquaintances.

Of these, 18 were charged late in October. Thanks to the police and compliant magistrates most got no bail for three months. Even now seven are still being held 'on remand'

All face the charge of conspiracy to rob persons unknown of things unknown at times and places unknown between 21 August and 21 October. With such a charge the phoney statements come

into their own.

'Proof' of one boy's guilt is another's 'statement' exanother's 'statement' ex-tracted of course under duress.

When the cases come to court at the Old Bailey next month, only eight of the lads will face extra charges relating to the Notting Hill Carnival.
But initially the police tied all the accused very closely to the Carnival. They extracted confessions to Carnival offences from lads who Carnival

weren't even there! Somewhat reluctantly the police have decided that such a really is a little too obvious. So they've backed off

But what they've given up on there, they've made up for with some other amazing charges which they fully intend to press.

# **UNKNOWN?**

Typical examples of these On a day unknown in the month of October 1976 out-side the Nightingale Youth Club Wood Green, London N22, did rob a woman unknown of a handbag and contents.

Or this: \* . that you on a day unknown in the months of August and September 1976

together with persons unknown did rob a man un-known of £4.10 cash.'

Such blatantly phoney charges are, however, entirely appropriate. For mugging is a phoney crime. If one of the authors of this article went out and ripped off an old lady's handbag, it's called a

robbery.

But if someone ten years younger does it, and he happens to be black, it's called a mugging.

# 'FAULT'?

Our society goes to immense lengths to make everyone, the young in par-ticular, want things. But more and more youngsters are denied the most elementary means to satisfy the wants the system arouses.

In that situation is wonder that young people do steal? Is it their 'fault' if they

And wouldn't a job and a decent wage do them rather more good than borstal?

It's worth remembering that surveys show that almost every single adult in Britain has committed a crime which would put them in prison for a

year or more. And that includes all the judges and politicians and policemen and Daily Telegraph letter-writers who and Daily prattle on about law and

People like ourselves always get it in the neck. And the Islington 18 will get it in the



# Tjust



couldn he was said. 'A anythin more'.

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neck-even though charges ranged against them are unspecific and fabricated—if ordinary people don't rally to their cause.

So it's imperative that you raise their case now on your shop stewards committee. tenants association, union branch or student union.

Imperative because without your help the hypocrites who control this system will be able to make a good many more marks in their record of revenge

In this case the marks will go right alongside those they made when they got prison sentences imposed against Des Warren, Eric Tomlinson and John McKinsie Jones, jailed for conspiracy for being trade unionists just a few years

THE CHARGE: '. . . that on a day unknown, together with persons unknown, you did rob a man unknown'.

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tyle frame-up

AND ONE
COPPER
HAS THIS
TO SAY
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ally for his treatment of black teenagers gives his verdict on the case.

# an't take no more'

IAN CARTER, (left), a worker from Guyana, rushpolice station when told her k, 16, was being held for his ne events at the Carnival. old the police her son

possibly be guilty because it at the Carnival. On that ad been at a fair in Finsbury

in was badly beaten, she d he was told that if he said to me he would get some

three months before he got then only on condition that 't leave the house before is back in by 7pm.

ladded: I think that after this I'm just going to pack my go home. It's really got me le business. I just can't take

☐ WHEN Leante Whiteley (right) went to the police station to see her 17-year-old son Clive she was told that he didn't want to see her.

'I went back the next day', she 'and a detective eventually told me that my son had made a statement admitting his guilt. I insisted on seeing him. But the detective just wouldn't look me in

'I knew why when I saw Clive. His top lip was puffed up. His eyes were red. He looked terrible.

'Finally, two months after being charged, Clive got bail and then he told me what had actually happen-ed. While I was asking for him upstairs, they had him downstairs, stretching him with his finger tips against a wall, questioning him and punching his sides when he couldn't answer. It's a disgrace.





Women workers at Electrolux: 600 are still waiting for equal pay

PAULINE I'ons and Joan Goodwin work on the fridge assembly in the big Electrolux factory in Luton.

In their part of the line, there are four workers and four jobs, taping and sealing the inside of the fridges.

To break the boredom, the four workers take turns at the four jobs, one hour at a time.

Pauline and Joan get £13 a week less than the other two workers. Why? Because the other two workers are men.

Ted I'ons, Pauline's husband, works in the other Electrolux factory, making vacuum cleaners. He works with two women.

#### Blatant

He says: 'The women could do my job just as well as I can-and they've proved it'. But Ted gets £13 a week more than the women workers.

The same sort of thing goes on throughout the factory. The wealthy gentlemen who own and control Electrolux carry out a system of blatant discrimination. That's against the law nowadays. But the law isn't doing anything about it. Until 1974, there was a

'man's rate' and a 'woman's rate' at Electrolux. The woman's rate was about a third less.

Then came the Equal Pay Act. The company abolished man's rate and the

# These women do thesameworkas men-andget £13 aweekless

Electrolux world-wide profits

1966 61,598 million Kroner = £8.54 million 709,200 million Kroner = £98.36 million Profits increase in ten years: 1051 per cent.

In the same period Electrolux paid out £82.6 million in dividends.

woman's rate and created two

new grades—01 and 10.

By an amazing coincidence, all but five of 600 women workers were graded 01. And all the men

workers were graded 10.

And 10 was paid about a third more than 01!

This 'solution' satisfied the 'moderate' shop stewards committee. It satisfied the employers. It satisfied Arthur

Sjogren, district official of the AUEW, to which all the workers belong. But it didn't satisfy the

women. Shop steward Annne

Hutchinson and six other women workers in her department took their case to an industrial tribunal.

The union refused to help her. She battled with a top barrister from the

The seven victorious workers were then taken off their jobs and moved to another section of the fac-

company-and the tribunal

unanimously awarded equal

The employers appealed— and the workers won on

pay to all seven workers.

Their jobs were filled by other women, who were kept

on the lower rate!

THE COMINGS-AND-GOINGS to the tribunals have worried and divided many workers in Electrolux,

Some women feat that equal pay will mean compulsory night shifts. It does not. Night work is rewarded with special 'night premiums'-and has nothing to do with

Others are worried that equal pay will mean harder jobs. But the enormous majority of jobs in the factory can be done

Others still prefer to leave matters to the Equal Opportunities Commission, which is 'investigating' the firm. But the EOC team could take 15 months—and then there's no guarantee of equal pay at the end of it.

Many men workers are worried that equal pay will mean lower pay for them. There are simple answers to all these

☐ There should be a SINGLE RATE for all workers in the factory—what is now the higher rate, or the men's rate.

The only way to get that single rate now is by industrial action.

# Action

Works convenor Harry Martin doesn't want a strike. Nor does district official Arthur Sjogren. They're stuck so deep in their procedures and graded structures that they can't lead a fight for equal pay.

The women who want equal pay will have to move themselves. They'll have to form an action committee across the different departments to put an end to the divisions and pessimism which the company is trying to sustain.

Strike for the single rate. Equal pay

Sit-in The company said they would not pay equal pay until every one of the women in the

factory had fought their way

through the tribunals. Two weeks ago, Anne Hutchinson led a walk-out. Hundreds of women followed.

They staged a sif-in strike the canteen for an afternoon-and they forced the shop stewards committee to hold a meeting there.

As a result, 20 more women won equal pay. But the rest of the 600 women in the factory are still waiting

PAUL



# BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

#### North East

**DURHAM Socialist Workers Party** discussion meeting: Will human nature change under socialism? Thursday 17 March, 8pm, The Colpitts pub, Sutton Street, Durham City, All

#### Yorkshire

WEST YORKSHIRE Women's Voice general meeting for all members: Saturday 26 March, 2pm, Bradford University Communal Building (meeting room 1). Speaker: Margaret Renn.

MINERS FOR SOCIALISM—a series of Socialist Workers Party political discussion meetings to be held in Barnsley. First meeting: Tony Cliff on the threat of productivity deals and how to fight them (17 April). Others include Duncan Hallas on understanding the crisis, Steve Jefferys on Broad Left Alliance or rank and file organisation? Full details from and file organisation? Full details from Bill Message, 143 Carleton Road, Potefract, West Yorkshire.

SHEFFIELD Socialist Workers Party student school: Politics in Britain, practical work and the student move-ment today. Speakers: Chris Harman and Lindsay German. Seturday 19 March, 10.30am, Polytechnic Students Union. All SWP students in Sheffield district must attend.

SHEFFIELD Socialist Workers Party Day School for new members: International work and the need for a revolutionary socialist party. Speakers to be announced. Sunday 20 March, 12.30pm, University Coun-cil Chambers.

#### North West

BOOTLE Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Thursdays, 7.30pm, St Hilda's pub. County Road, Walton. Meetings end 9.30pm.

LANCASTER Socialist Worker discussion meeting: South Africa Wednesday 23 March, 7,30pm, Ring of Bells, Opposite Studios 1 and 2 cinemas, All welcome:

PRESTON Socialist Workers Party meetings: Every Thursday, 8pm, The Keystone, Brook Street (Fylde Road)

All welcome. 24 March. What's wrong with the trade unions and how do we change them?

BLACKBURN Socialist Workers Party STREET MEETING ON FOOD PRICES: Saturday 12 March, 12 noon, Answorth Street (near the market).

ORMSKIRK Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, Civic Hall Committee Rooms, All members and supporters urged to

17 March: What is Trotskyism? 24 March: State and Revolution.

STOCKPORT Socialist Workers Party meetings for new members and supporters: Thursdays, 8pm, The Spread Eagle pub, Lower Hillgate. 17 March: State Capitalism in Russias, Speaker: Colin Barker. 24 March: How the SWP works.

MANCHESTER Socialist Workers MANCHESTER Socialist Workers Party lecture series on socialism: Russia and Eastern Europe. Speaker: Mike Haynes. Monday 21 March. The Castle Hotel, Oldham Street, Menchester. Admission 20p (£1 for series of six). Admission by ticket only, from Bobby Buirds, 4 Martin Street, Salford 5 (cheques payable to TU Books).

BIRKENHEAD Socialist Workers BIRKENHEAD Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Tuesdays, 8pm, Castle Hotel, New Chester Road (opposite Cammell Lairds gates). All welcome. 15 March: Fascism and the threat from the right. 22 March. Socialism and the struggle for workers rights. All SWP members to be there by 7.30pm to decide branch business.

WIGAN Socialist Workers Party meets every Thursday, 8pm, Market Hotel, All welcome. 17 March: Health and Safety—the hazards of work. Speaker: Roy Holt (AUEW shop steward, executive members of the Trades Council).

CREWE Socialist Workers Party

discussion meetings: Afternate Tuesdays, 7.45pm, The Angel Hotel, Victoria Street Itown centrel, 15 March Workers' control, or workers' participation? 29 March: Why International

# WOMEN AND SOCIALISM

Public meetings on building the Socialist Workers Party

CROYDON: Thursday 31 March, 8pm, Ruskin House (corner of Coombe Road and Park Lane).

READING: Wednesday 16 Merch, 8pm, Trade Union Club, Minster Street. Speaker Margaret Renn (SWP women's organiser)

BRADFORD: Friday 25 March, 7.30pm, Meeting Room 5, Bradford Library: Speaker: Mergaret Renn.

GLASGOW RALLY: Sunday 13 March, 7 30pm, City Halls (room 4) Albion Street. Play: Out on the Costa Del Trico, Speakers, Sheila McGregor and Angela McHugh. NORTH LONDON: Monday 14

8pm, Florence pub. Road, N1. Speaker

EAST KILBRIDE: Thursday 17 March, 7 30pm, Murray Halls, Play: Out on the Costa Del Trico, and

NORTH LONDON: Monday 21 March, 8pm, The Beehive, Stoneleigh Road, Tottenham, N17. Speaker, Margaret Renn.

WARRINGTON Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Alternate Wednesdays, 8pm, Bowling Green Inn. For details phone Padgate 811584 or Newton 21284.

MERSEYSIDE Socialist Workers

Party Day School for new members: Working as a socialist in your workplace Speaker John Deason. DATE CHANGED TO Sunday 20 March, 11am-5.30pm, further details from district organiser.

Socialist Workers Party INTER-NATIONAL WEEKEND CON-FERENCE for members and sup-porters in Wales: Saturday/Sunday 26/27 March, in Aberystwyth, Sessions of World Crisis, Southern Africa, Middle East, SWP's inter-national perspectives, PLUS Saturday night social, and food provided, Phone SWP international department (01-739 1878) for details.

BLACK COUNTRY Socialist Workers Party day school: The Capitalist Crisis and the Permanent

Capitalist Crisis and the Permanent Arms Economy, Speaker Mike Kidron, Sunday 13 March, 11am-4pm, Falcon pub, Gower Street, Willenhall, For members and close supporters.

LEICESTER Socialist Worker Dis-trict Day School: Bolshevism and Stalinism: Speakers: Des Bailey and John Clussick. Saturday 2 April, 2pm-5pm, 106 Knightonfield West. Open to all new members and supporters.

Wales

Midlands

PONTEFRACT: Wednesday 23 March, 8pm, meeting place to be announced. Speaker Margaret

NORTH WEST LONDON: Wednesday 16 March, 7,30pm, Harlesden Women's Centre, Minute Avenue, NW10. Speakers, Anna Paczuska (SWP) and Ingrid Faulkner.

WALTHAMSTOW and LEYTONSTONE: Thursday 10 March, 8pm, Harrow Green Library, Cashall Road, London E11, Speaker Judith Condon, All welcome.

LONGSIGHT and RUSHOLME: Thursday 17 March, Bpm, place to be announced. Speaker: Margaret Benn (SWP women's organiser).

MANCHESTER: Thursday 17 March, 5pm, Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Albert Square (all Town Hall workers welcome). Speakers: Margaret Renn (SWP women's organiser).

CHESTER: Thursday 17 March, 7.30 pm. Railway Inn, Brook Street

COVENTRY Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Smash the Social Contract! Speakers: Frank Henderson (British Leyland) and Terry Lindsay (Massey Ferguson). Tuesday 2 March, 7.30pm, Conference Room 2, AUEW Hall, Corporation Street.

**LEICESTER Socialist Workers Party** discussion meeting: History of the International Socialists/SWP. Speaker Elisabeth Alcot. Friday 18 March. 7.30pm, Sultan of Egypt. Belgrade Road. Open to all SW sup-

## South East

CROYDON Socialist Workers Party

CROYDON Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, Ruskin House (corner of Coombe Road and Park Lane), 12 March: What is Trotskyism? Speaker: Keith Hickman, 17 March: Out, with the Social Contract! Speakers include Jason Meyler (Right to Work Campaign), Sandra Peers (secretary, Croydon Strades Council, in personal capacity). Chaired by Dave Percival (chairman, Croydon UPW, in personal capacity).

# London

SOUTH WEST LONDON district Socialist Workers Party: Shock, Horror, Outragel My Life with the Trade Union Bureaucracy—the inside story, by Dick North, Also a tightly-knit group of politically motivated people: Roger Cox (a revolutionary on the shop floor) PLUS an exposure of the red menace in the 1920s Alistair Hatchett (Minority Movement and CP parallels today). Saturday 12 March. Ruskin House, Croydon.

NORTH WEST LONDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting on the anniversary of Ireland's Easter Rising: What did James Connolly die for? Speakers: Sean Docherty (SWP Irish committee) and Bernadette Dunne (NUR), Chaired by Bill Geddes (NUPE), Thursday 31 March, 8pm, Acton Town Hall, Acton High Street, W3.

The Socialist Workers Party's new book, WHY YOU SHOULD BE A SOCIALIST, is now reprinting Copies will be available at the latest by 25 March.

**Socialist Worker public meetings** 

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Public meetings

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LOUGHBOROUGH: Tuesday 15 March, 7.45pm, Public Library, Granby Street Speaker: Tony Cliff

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD: Thursday 17 March, 7.45pm, Crown and Woolpack (opposite Savoy Cinema)

WEST LONDON HOSPITALS

Socialist Workers Party: Thursday 10 March, 7 30pm, The Rocket pub. Churchfield Road, Acton, W3 Speaker Tony Cliff

GREATER LONDON COUNCIL Socialist Workers Party: Thursday 24 March, 12 30pm, The Ordnam-Arms, York Road, SEI (just acros-from County Hall), Speaker: Paul Fore.

WALTHAMSTOW: Monday 14 March, 8pm, Ross Wylde Hall, opposite High St (Hoe St end). Speaker Jimmy McCallum

HENDON, North West London: Tuesday 22 March, 8pm, Surrey Arms, The Hyde, West Hendon, NW4 Speakers: Paul Foot (Socialist Worker), Alolke Biswas (secretary, Hackney Asian Association) and Bernadette Dunne (NUR London Transport), Chaired by Archie Sinclair (UPW Cricklewood Sorting Office).

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SOUTH EAST LONDON Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Mondays 7.45pm, Thames Polytechnic Students Union. 14 March: Dialectical materialism

(first of two discussions).

SOCIALIST Workers Party EAST EUROPE GROUP Forum: Polandan on-the-spot report. One of our members just returned from Poland will report on the situation there. Wednesday 16 March, 7.30pm, The earl Russell, 2 Pancras Road, London NW1 [near Kings Cross Station].

LONDON Socialist Worker Party political economy day school: The Economic Crisis, the Labour government and the Left. How do we explain the crisis? How do we show that the cuts can be rejected? Why do we oppose import controls? Thresh out the answers on Saturday 19 March, 10am-4pm. Central London Polytechnic, New Cavendish Street. Open to all SWP members active on rank and file issues. Creche available.

ILFORD Socialist Workers Party Public Meeting: Women fighting back! Speakers from Magnavox equal pay dispute and from Holbrook Cleaners dispute plus Lindsay Gleaners dispute plus Lindsay German (WV) Tuesday 15 March 8pm. Ilford Lebour Hall, Ilford High

BALHAM and TOOTING Socialist Workers Party open discussion meetings: Wednesdays, 8pm, Wheatsheaf, Tooting Bec. 16 March: The Labour Party and the

'parliamentary road'.
23 March: Trade union bureaucracy and the rank and file movement.

NORTH WEST LONDON Socialist Worker discussion meetings on the revolutionary socialist movement: Alternate Sundays, 5.30pm, Carib Club, corner of Cricklewood Lane and Cricklewood Broadway (above Burtons), (Kilburn tube, buses 16, 32, 245, 260, 206).

20 March: Reform or Revolution' Speaker, Paul Foot.

WEST LONDON Socialist Worker public meeting: The Indian Elections, Speaker: Barry Pavier: Sunday 20 March, 7.30pm, The Albion pub, Churchfield Road, Acton, W3.

WANDSWORTH Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Abortion under attack. Speaker: Nikki Mellor. Wednesday 23 March, 8pm, The Napier Arms, St. Johns Hill, SW11

#### Marxism and the Revolutionary Party

Friday evenings, 7pm, at the University of London Union, Malet Street, WC1 (nearest tube Goodge Street opposite Dillons Bookshop).

11 March: Gramsci's Marxism versus "European Communism". Speaker Chris Harman. 18 March: The class struggle in lorth America. Speaker: Steve

Jefferys. 25 March: Science and technology—capitalist and socialist. Speaker: Dave Albury.

April From capitalist state to workers'—the role of the party. Speaker Duncan Halles.

#### Notices

WORKERS STRUGGLES-new

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NORTH LONDON SWP social: Friday 25 March, 8pm, Caxton House, Archway, N19.

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Saturday 12 March, Bar till 12
midnight, international food,
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Sessions include: The state of the class struggle: Women, Southern Africa, United front, Ireland, PLUS workshops, including Italy, India, Spain, Eastern Europe, Cyprus, Middle East, Education and ideology, Rock against Racism Also guest speakers and GRAMD SOCIAL—accommodation, chesp food atcorrecided.

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All International Socialist Societies are invited to send delegates (one for every five members) and an unlimited number of observers.

Conference begins Friday 11 March, 6pm. Details and registration forms from NOISS, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN

Action in the unions

CIVIL SERVICE: National meeting for all SWP members in the civil service. Saturday 16 April, in Manchester Agenda: Building civil service SWP branches. Watch for further details

PRINTWORKERS: Meeting for all members of the SWP in the print unions NGA, NATSOPA, SLADE and SOGAT in London and the Home Counties. Sunday 13 March, 1pm, The George Robey, Finsbury Park, Agenda: Broad Left, After the 'Programme for Action'.

AUEW/TASS: Pre-conference meeting of SWP members in TASS, Saturday 26 March, in Manchester. Every region must send a delegate. Full details next week. £3 per member levy to be sent to Parkin, Leeds, this

CIVIL SERVICE: Meeting for all SWP CIVIL SERVICE: Meeting for all SWP members in the civil service in London. Wednesday 16 March. 6.14pm. The Plough. Museum Street W1 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE). (Tottenham Court Road and Holborn tubes). Agenda: Pay and the cuts, Broad Left, Building civil service and SWP branches.



LEGALISED TERROR-THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT: A new pamphlet, written by Steve Berry ISWP Irish committee). 10p a copy (plus 8p postage) from SW Distributors, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. More than 10 copies, post free.

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# Time for all good apesto stand up and be counted



# PAUL O'FLINN **MONKEYS AROUND** WITH A PARABLE FOR OUR TIMES

ONCE upon a time, nearly 30 million years ago, a couple of apes were shuffling on all fours across a clearing in the forest.

Suddenly, for no good reason, they stood up. Just like that.

No ape had ever done it before and they weren't quite sure why they did it then, but somehow they wanted to.

It felt good, it felt 'human', they said, even though it hurt a bit and made them feel

Next day they did it again. They told their friends about it and even persuaded a few of

them to try it.

News of these goings on

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ers Road

long before questions were asked in the House.

Enoch Ape demanded to know what the Home Secretary was going to do about this threat to society as we know it. He blamed outside agitators and called for repatriation and tighter immigration controls.

'Hear, hear', grunted a few backwoods apes sitting alongside him. Bernard Orang-Outang wrote a brilliantly witty column in *The Times* about this latest piece of absurdity from the trendy left. Headlined 'Standing up, Indeed!', it concluded:

## God's plan

Not until the left addresses itself and can be seen to address itself to the real concerns and needs of apes in this country will it deserve to be taken seriously as a political force,
Rt Rev Donald

Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of England, summoned a hasty press conference. He pointed out that while on the one hand the Church was not against innovation, this standing up was clearly a sin against nature and not part of

God's plan for monkeys. He announced a national

day of prayer to bring everyone back down on their knees where they belong. His Royal Highness the Chimpanzee of Edinburgh said it was the sort of thing that happened when you had too much featherbedding with the welfare state.

Britain would only be great again, he added, when everyone learned to stand on their own four feet once

Mary Whitemonkey wrote to the Sunday Express calling on the police to act now to stop these obscene displays. She argued that modesty

'It's time for every ape of goodwill to crouch down and

Telegraph said that this latest craze was one more piece of evidence of the widespread decline in standards and lack of respect for traditional

## Patriotic

It blamed the unbridled growth of polytechnics and permissiveness in the schools, and agreed with Rhodes Gorilla, opposition spokesman on education, that corporal punishment was the only way to dis-courage this distressing prac-

And so it went on. Medical apes pointed out that it was

demanded that apes should crawl, because when they stood up their genitals were revealed for all to see.

be counted to halt this filthy habit', she proclaimed. An editorial in the Daily

chological apes hoped that it was just adolescent Oedipal rebelliousness and would

soon pass. Patriotic apes feared that it was making Britain a laughing-stock around the world and was the reason we couldn't match the produc-tivity of the Germans and the

At the next election, all the apes who supported standing up lost their deposits. The Daily Mail called the result 'a massive snub for the ex-tremists and a victory for sound common sense.'

Thirty million years later, the apes who stood up had given birth to Shakespeare and Marie Curie, Emily Bronte and Marx, Rosa Luxemburg and Einstein.

# Happier

They had built the pyramids and been to the moon, written Jane Eyre and abolished smallpox.

But they had made mistakes and still had much to do, so much so that some respected thinkers claimed that man would have been happier if he had stayed an ape.

It was curious to note, however, that these same widely respected thinkers tended to live fairly comfortably and gave no signs of going back to the trees and a diet of bananas themselves.

As for the apes who stayed on all fours, you can still see them in the zoo. They spend their days slumped in heaps looking for fleas.

No wonder they look pissed off.

☐ Paul O'Flinn is the author of Them and Us in Literature. Available, price £1 (including postage) from Bookmarks, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4,

KARTOON KLOWNS' new play, 'Yes, But . . .' took a while to grab my full attention.

But once my interest was caught, I found it a very good satirical ex-pose of the Labour Party.

It shows, in a lively way with songs, jokes and mime, that the Labour party, the so-called party of the workers which claims to support 'socialism', is really one of the mainstays of capitalist society, prepared to use any conniving means to prop up the Establishment.

Scene after scene shows this. For instance, the scene with the Border Patrol, which shows the so-called Bitish flag-wavers doing everything in their power to ship their ill-gotten gains to more profitable climes, thereby draining the country of resources.

When the police think it's an ordinary worker trying to leave the country with currency, all hell breaks loose.

But when it is found that it is really Lady Boardroom trying to abscond with her capitalist swag, the police call in a Labour Minister and he personally removes all barriers and ensures her a safe escort.

At the same time, as another scene depicts, the Labour government holds workers' wages down to meagre crumbs from the cake we bake.

Although the Kartoon Klowns use hardly any props (just a step ladder

Yes, But. . .



The unexceptional

face of capitalism...

and a box) the acting is very professional, using a type of exaggerated mime to get over certain long scenes which in straight dialogue would have been boring.

Although it is only 40 minutes long. I was left with a feeling of anger, as it brought back to me the real villainy of the Labour Party, hiding behind the flag of socialism.

Having seen the play, I would have no hesitation in recommending it to

in recommending it to anyone.

### JIMMY CLARK TGWU Royal Docks

□ To hire Kartoon Klowns, phone 01-734 9083 or write to 41 Great Wind-mill Street, London W1.



Selections for the second quarter of 1977 (starts 1 April)

The First Shop Stewards Movement by James Hinton. This excellent study of the shop stewards movement which arose at the end of the First World War has, until now, only been available in an expensive hardback edition. Bookmarx have persuaded the publishers to issue it as a paperback.

The Dispossessed by Ursula LeGuin. An unusual science fiction novel which, by its presentation of an imaginary society, forces the reader to view our society in new ways.

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Stella Browne by Sheila Rowbotham. A biography of this women's leader of the inter-war years which brings home the fact that there is nothing new in women's struggles and the issues they

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# Bullock: Get out the red flags!

RARELY do we get such an excellent opportunity to exthe hypocrisy of capitalism to so many people as with the Bullock Report.

How come the report only proposes 50 per cent worker representation on company boards when workers sink up to 50 years of their lives in companies, compared with shareholders who only sink in a few bits of paper? Why don't the freedom-

why don't the freedom-loving defenders of democracy, such as the CBI, the NAFF and the Daily Telegraph, demand 100 per cent worker representation? Their reply? Watkinson of

the CBI recently argued against 'workers' participa-tion' on the grounds that it would have 'complete disregard for the efficient management of our major

Capitalism cannot provide even the most basic democratic rights in the workplace.

The Bullock Report, while a means for shackling militant workers, also provides us with a weapon in the workplace to expose the attitudes and ideas of the employers, shareholders and newspaper barons for what they are.

### Regarded

As the industrial editor of the Sunday Times wrote: Bullock is now regarded as a declaration of war on the free enterprise system'. Let's not ignore this battle, but hit the bastards with their own con-

tradictions. Chesham, Bucks.



# The Hart and soul of the Labour Party

I HAVE just been watching the spectacle of Judith Hart on the Tonight TV programme, justifying her acceptance of a post in the Cabinet, and it made me feel sick to my ring.

I remember a wet Sunday afternoon in Hyde Park, listening to Mrs Hart denouncing in fiery terms the government decision to deport Philip Agee. Now-not two months later—the same Judith Hart is joining the same government which this very week has not only reaffirmed the deportation of Agee, but is now trying to imprision three of the men who helped his

defence campaign.

I also remember Mrs Hart's speech when she

resigned from the Cabinet two years ago. It was another fiery speech warning of the danger of the Labour government being driven to the

So we are entitled to ask: what has changed? The Labour government have put the working class to the sword. It has viciously cut public expenditure three times, and it has enforced wage cuts.

#### Traitor

There are words for creatures like Judith Hart—like hypocrite, traitor and slag. How much longer can any self-respecting socialist continue thinking that slags like Hart or Benn are in some way left-wingers'. They are

part of this government, they uphold it, and they uphold the capitalist system in doing so.

What sickens me so much, is that not only are these people not socialists— the Labour Party has NEVER been thatbut as the Agec deportation proves, these people are no longer even LIBERALS.

When we do build a socialist movement with real principles in this country, it will not be done with the aid of slags like Judith Hart, it will be done AGAINST them.

□ BOB LIGHT (TGWU),

# **POINTS** I HAVE just read Tony Cliff's book The Crisis— Social Contract or Socialism? He mentions Letters that Brigadier Kitson, Commandant, HQ School of Infantry, proposes hav-ing a trained army for

Write to Letters. Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent London E2

# strike-breaking. I was at the School of Infantry when Kitson returned from Northern Ireland to take command.

People should know that Brigadier Kitson already has his army, the Specia Air Services (SAS), who are a law unto themselves and licensed for anything, including strike-breaking.

DAVE HAYDNEY, Communist Party member, Camborne, Cornwall.

counter-insurgency

CAN I recommend as a possible subject for the Take it as Red series Jack London's People of the Abyss? I was lent an old copy of

this book a few weeks ago and found it one of the most devastating indictments of capitalism I have ever read.

Of course it is out of print. Could Pluto Press reprint it? If you haven't read it,

PATRICK LESSWARE, Totnes, Devon.

COMMITTEE

ARY OF A SCROUNGER MY BATTLE with the Social

Security is probably typical of a great many so-called 'scroungers'

In mid-September I applied for a clothing and bedding grant. The clothing was especially necessary as I was being interviewed for jobs. Saturday 18 September: Received a letter from DHSS

asking me to be at home on Monday 20th for 'visitors' inspection.

Monday 20th: Nobody came. So I wrote again to DHSS. Visitor arrived later

28 September: Granted

£11.25 for a pair of trousers and shoes! Appealed im-mediately as I had also asked for a coat and shirt. £11.25 wouldn't even cover the shoes

## Investigate

No Giro that week-told it was posted though. Fill in form reporting this non-arrival and am told that after six weeks the case will be investigated by the fraud squad! Meanwhile no money. Next week, 9 October,

receive a reduced payment with a note saying that my

original assessment was

wrong! Wrote back immediately appealing against this and asking for full statement of assessment and why this 'error' had only just been noticed.

Mid-November: Interviewed by man from DHSS fraud squad. I make a statement, give a specimen signature. He says I may get paid out for missing Giro. Heard no more. 7 January: Appeal hearing on 17 January. At last a get my

assessment three months after they cut my benefit.

Appeal hearing decided that an extra £3.75 towards shoes and trousers can be awarded, but that the huge sum of £10.98 a week is sufficient to cover normal wear and replacement of clothing as well as everything else.

So the clothing grant of £15 is considered enough to cover the 'exceptional circumstances' of needing decent clothing to get a job!

#### ☐ RICHARD TARRY, Stepney, London E1.

SO IT'S COME out that Chrysler UK is £42.8 million in the red-but don't despair, the British government will cover £40 millions of this loss plus half the loss over that sum. Chrysler makes it up with the other £1.4 million.

The shareholders will be crying into their cocktails tears of happiness that the British taxpayer has responded so generously in support of their holdings. Of course the deficit can be explained away as fresh investment: then what happened to the theory that legitimised profit as the means of providing fresh investment? G McCANN, Buxton,

Derbys.



# Contempt. your lordship?

I AM a student lawyer. On 3 February I attended a speech given by Lord Denning in 'the Middle Temple', one of the Inns of Court, the club for the privileged elite of the legal profession, the barristers.

Denning congratulated himself on his triumph over the Attorney-General and the postal workers. He then quoted a passage from Socialist Worker (22 January), headlined LAW LORDS SCANDAL, which stated that his wife had 450 shares in Plesseys, the firm which has arms connections with South Africa.

He said Lady Denning did not know about this and that the article was 'clear contempt of court'. His speech was greeted with a standing ovation. ☐ Name and address

supplied, but witheld for obvious reasons, Lon-

# Yes, a vote for rank and file ACTION!

SOCIALIST WORKER (19 February) makes it clear why Transport and General Workers Union members should vote for Tommy Riley, the Right to Work Campaign candidate, rather than for any of the careerist front-runners in the election for TGWU general secretary—but not why they should vote for Tommy Riley rather than for the other two left candidates.

True, a vote for either Alan Thornett or Willie Bennett is 'a vote for the rank and file'. But a vote for Tommy Riley is more than that. It is a step towards active support for the building of rank and file movements throughout the

Tommy Riley's candidature provides an excellent chance to enlarge the Right to Work Campaign and the rank and file organisations connected with it. It is also the start of what the TGWU Right to Work Campaign pamphlet calls the long, slow process of creating rank and file opposition that one day will smash the machine, a movement linking TGWU members across the bureaucratic, sectional barriers that divide and weaken us at present.
This is what makes Tommy

Riley 'the outstanding can-didate', as SW put it. Not just that he is a member of the Socialist Workers Party while the other two left candidates are not.

□ PETE GLATTER

(TGWU), editorial com-mittee member of The Plat-form, London Transport workers' rank and file paper.
TGWU-WHO RULES?

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# An unwilling socialist!

READ with interest the article by Terry Stewart (The Case of the Dead Man's Suit, 26 February). I, however, didn't become a socialist after such dramatic experiences. In fact I even fought against it!

One day the National Front called a demonstration in Hitchin. There was a counterdemo organised against these racists and I decided to go along. I had never protested in my life-nor even thought about it before. thousand Two.

demonstrators turned up. We marched through the black area and town centre. All kinds of people came out of their houses, off the streets, to join us some with arms full

of shopping.

After that I found out about socialism and talked about it. But I did not want to join the Communist Party or Labour Party-I didn't have confidence in them. I became demoralised.

When I later came across Socialist Worker I thought that socialism could not work, that it was a waste of time trying to make it. Only fools believed in it.

The paper convinced me otherwise. I was pulled towards socialism. It was like seeing ice cream for sale on a hot day!

☐ MATT SALISBURY (AUEW), Letchworth.

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# Two more victims for the army

THE 3 February edition of the Irish Times carries an admis-sion by the Northern Ireland Office at a Court of Appeal hearing that the British Army were responsible for the shooting of two men (one fatally) in the grounds of St Comgall's School, Belfast,

four years ago.

Another detail in the seemingly unending list of British Army killings. Thir-teen in Derry, Patrick McElhone, Peter Clery, Leo Norney, Majella O'Hare (12 years old), Brian Stewart (12 years old) to mention just a

In the cases I mention it was proven that the victims were not carrying weapons and yet, except in the case of Majella O'Hare for which a British soldier is on a charge of manslaughter, no action has been taken against the killers.

The population of Northern Ireland has been subjected to the presence of a British Army which has beaten, raped, plundered and killed its way through the last seven years.

The British population must realise, before it's too late, that since she has no other colonies, Britain is using Northern Ireland as a training ground for her army. How much longer will it be before that army, by now well skilled in dealing with civil disturbance, is used on the British mainland? Withdraw British troops from Ireland now.

O'MALLEY, London W14.

# TAMESIDE: THE £45,000 SCANDAL

TAMESIDE Council is spending a disgusting £45,000 on places in independent schools, and another £15,000 for materials to monitor school standards-but claim they cannot maintain the present number of teachers in Tameside.

Presumably they believe the best way of improving standards is to cut the number teachers and constantly test the children's ability-according to whose

There's already an embargo on adver-

tising posts that come vacant, and in primary schools alone more than 30 jobs are for the chop.

They suggest 'voluntary re-deployment'. But what happens if you don't wish to move maybe nine miles to

another school? Well, of course, compulsory redeployment . . . 'and if you don't want to move then there's plenty more who'd be glad of your job.'

Well, there are some of us in Tameside

who are not going to stand by and allow jobs to be whittled away when thousands of our brothers and sisters are in the dole

We've learnt by our previous mistakes in Tameside that compromise is not the answer-that you must stand firm on your demands or they'll walk right over youand we demand no re-deployment and no worsening of pupil:teacher ratios.

□ Tameside Rank and File Teacher

Group (Paul Whitteron, convenor).

# PAGE THIRTEEN



August 1975—and the 'Free George Davis' protest at Headingley that earned Peter Chappell 16 months' jail.

### THERE are going to be more explosions of protest inside British jails.

I finished my 16-month sentence for protesting against the George Davis frame-up just two weeks ago and the situation inside is unbelievably bad.

Prisons torment people. They crush them and set out to make them less than what they are.

Any prison is anti-human, as far as I'm concerned. I don't care what a person's crime is, you don't pen them up like animals. Such methods have never solved anything and never will.

Let me take the example of one

Let me take the example of one man I met inside: Freddie Mills. He's from Durham and he's a big man. He can look after himself.

For some reason he is a violent man. But these screws think they can 'cure' his violence by various devious methods.

# Help

First they gave him cushy little numbers. Then they put him in the punishment block. They transferred him from Walton to Durham and then put him in solitary. And of course it didn't

He needs help, real treatment, not 'the treatment'.

And that's exactly what he got. He was put in a segregation unit.

The Home Office deny that they have these things. But they do. In Durham there's one on the end of D wing. And that's where Freddie went. The cell has an inner and an outer door. There's no daylight and there's a special

spy-hole for the screws.

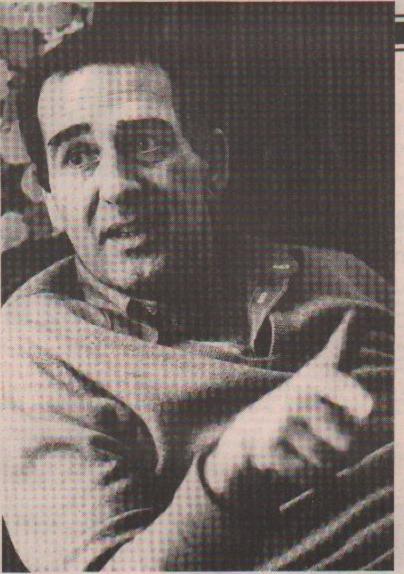
Eventually they did find a way to quiet Freddie. They pumped him full of drugs.

Solitary does terrible things to you. I know of lads who've been banged up in solitary develop so profound a hatred of the screws that they take their own shit out of the bucket just before the screw comes round and cover themselves with it.

## Screw

Then, when the screw comes, as soon as the door is open they just leap on the screw, just to disgust him. Now and again you do come across a decent screw but they're just swimming vainly against the tide.

# Life behind bars



#### PETER CHAPPELL:

I kept telling the young lads: Look at the respectable crooks, the businessmen who are at it day after day. They're no different. It's just that their graft is strictly legal. . .

# PETER CHAPPELL, WHO WENT TO JAIL FOR GEORGE DAVIS, TALKS TO LAURIE FLYNN ABOUT BRITAIN'S SEETHING PRISONS

Inside the jails you get socalled psychiatric treatment, too. That's just unbelievable.

For instance, the psychiatrist at Durham is a right nutcase. You're told to report to his office. You get there and there's no-one in the room, just a desk, a chair and a cupboard.

So you sit down. You wait and wait. Then all of a sudden this 'psychiatrist' jumps out of the cupboard. He gets up to all kinds of tricks like that.

I heard a story just last week about the one in Wormwood Scrubs. He's a real nut, too. He apparently had this young

He apparently had this young prisoner in and he was such an arrogant pig that he threw the lad a tennis ball and said to him 'Here you are, son, have an orange.'

# Peel

But this was a smart boy. He just threw it back at this so-called doctor and said. 'All right, but you've got to peel it for me first.'

The situation in the prisons is already desperate and getting worse as every month goes by. There are over 1200 men at Durham. Out of that huge number only 72 do any kind of classes.

Yet the guy who's in charge of the classes was given an MBE. When I started some classes we found that there were no pencils, no rubbers, no materials, no nothing. And yet the guy who's



G. Davis was innocent: 'the campaign started for me out of regard for your fellow human beings', says Peter Chappell

supposed to be organising all this gets an MBE.

There's two prison systems, of course. If you're T Dan Smith, a bent businessman who's made the mistake of getting caught, why you don't go to Durham except for a few weeks on the way through to some nice open prison.

Smith was in just two weeks before he went on his way and this bastard was organising little meetings where business executives were coming in to speak to him and his friends. It's the same with that man Cunningham, you know, the chairman of the police authority, who was finally caught.

That's what I always kept

saying to the young lads in prison. That we're supposed to be different. But look at all the respectable crooks, look at the Prime Minister and the

Archbishop of Canterbury.

Are they so different from us? Of course they're not.

The situation is that businessmen are at it day in and day out. It's just that their graft is strictly legal and they know all the angles.

I'll tell you what it's like, You recall the people from the East End who've made it. They started out by turning over a bank or something and getting away with it.

But now they've got fine houses. They bring their kids up nice and, lo and behold, they've become like the chairman of the Midland Bank. It's the pound note that matters.

## Compete

If you're going to change society there's no way you're going to do it by chasing after the El note. But from the very day you go to school they're at you.

They're not out to arouse the social awareness and concern of the kids. They're out to make you compete.

Eve often thought when I've been going around and I've come into contact with meths drinkers and tramps that they're where they are because they're not as good at competing as even the likes of me and I'm not a very great deal further up the ladder.

I've just got a roof over my head.

Most prisoners are people from
poor backgrounds. They're there
because they've been competing in
the only way they know how.

The only answer is to tell them to forget this competition, this thirst for money. But if you were to do that, they'd come straight out and turn society upside down.

Outside there's massive cuts in useful public expenditure, though none on arms, you'll notice. Inside there's cuts too.

In Durham you're allowed out of your cell one night a week and alternate Saturdays for a little TV viewing. There's fewer and fewer classes, association and TV view-

They had one football field which allowed 40 prisoners out of 1200 to take a little exercise on a Saturday. But now they've knocked that on the head.

# Hull

Most of the prisoners are young. They desperately need exercise, But instead they're left to sweat in unbelievably crowded cells. Cells that the viciously disciplinarian Victorians built for one person, are now used for

That's why these explosions like Hull are going to take place a lot more often. In these prisons, people are just being left to rot away, to have their lives destroyed.

And the remarkable thing is that the prisoners who protest know that they're not going to win. They know that they're going to suffer. But they still fight on for their dignity.

In Walton we had a six-day sitdown in the yard when these screws, those so called trade unionists, were on their work-torule. These people aren't trade unionists. They didn't suffer on their work to rule. They didn't

sacrifice anything.

They didn't go on strike. Oh no. They made us suffer. Working to rule meant that every night at 5pm, or 6pm, they opened our cells and gave us that day's breakfast, dinner and tea in one

Anyway, we had a sit-down. One of the boys on it was Spinksie. I don't know his first name. He was a young black boy. He would fight like a lion for his people.

people.

He was inside and his father died of cancer. His brothers and sisters, the respectable ones you understand, the ones on the outside, were busy quarrelling about how to get their mum out of her house and flog it.

From inside the prison,

From inside the prison, Spinksic cared about this and fought against it.

The whole George Davis campaign started for me out of that kind of love and regard for your fellow human beings. I knew that I had to fight. Fight because I knew he was innocent, but also because I wanted to show what friendship meant to me.

# Active

When it came to how I was going to fight, there was no way I was going to just write to my MP and hope other people would do something. I knew I had to be

active.

It's activity that matters. I knew I wasn't going to operate in the bureaucrat's way. That's why I got my van out and eased it through various newspaper office windows and the like.

And now I'm out, I want to do everything I can to change the whole prison system.

I did a lot of reading when I was

I did a lot of reading when I was inside and I found out a great deal about my life. I found out how many bad reasons people are given for the kind of lives they have to lead.

Blame it on the blacks, the Pakistanis 'd this garbage. The talk of this o ce great country just sickens me.

# Rich

You can't cure the system by working harder You can work your tabs and it won't make a penny orth of difference. The moneymen, the rich, will do whatever they like anyway.

When I was in Pentonville towards the end of my 16 months I was on the same landing as young Mike Lynch, the Right to Work marcher. There's a lot of bad things in Pentonville. The screws' racialism against the prisoners held under the Immigration Act is terrible.

But Mike Lynch is fine. He'll be out this week, though everyone who's reading this would do well to remember, he won't be the last.

So we've got to get organised.

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# **BATTLE FOR** WILDTS **GOES ON** -BIG VOTE

LEICESTER: The 800 workers at Wildt Mellor Bromley knitting machine factory reaffirmed their determination to keep the threatened plant open at a mass meeting on

Last week management wrote to all employees telling them that 190 were redundant, that 320 would be transferred and that the remainder could be treated either way. They said the factory would be open at 7,30am on Monday 'to allow people to come to work'.

The stewards decided to hold a mass picket followed by a meeting and the company responded by delaying the opening until 1.30pm,

after the mass meeting.

At the meeting only 25 workers voted to go back and the entire workforce of 800 then marched back to the factory and told the management the strike was still on.

The factory did not open.

During last week the managing director told the picket they did not need to man the gate after

dark as the company would not try to move anything 'during the hours of darkness'. The next night they tried to get an oil tanker through the picket-ut was turned away.

As the mass meeting started they again tried to get oil in. The stewards left the meeting to reinforce the skeleton picket and the oil did not get

through.

Messages and donations: Widts occupation fund, 2 Granby Road, Aylestone, Leicester.

# Gear plants out together

NEARLY 200 workers at three factories owned by the David Brown group came out on strike last week. The factories at Salford Sunderland and Penistone, near Sheffield, are demanding negotiation with management for the phase two

For several years shop stewards have been trying to form a group stewards' committee uniting the four fac-tories in the group in negotiations with manage-

This year the three factories put in the same claim for the 5 per cent pay rise under the Pay Code and an equivalent sick pay scheme for staff. Management refused to negotiate on a

cross-factory basis.

After several one-day strikes and selective industrial action, management threatened to lay off workers. This led to all three factories downing tools and walking out.

The workers are supported by the three district committees of the engineering union (AUEW) and are calling on the executive to back the

Shop Stewards Committee, Penistone Working Men's Club. South Yorkshire.

CHELMSFORD: Anyone

who thinks we live in a fair

The firm has so much

money in the bank that it

hardly knows what to do

with it. Only a few weeks ago

it handed over £178 million

to shareholders, on top of their half-yearly dividend

But for the workers who

White-collar staff seeking

produced that wealth, it's a

merely the 5 per cent pay

increase allowed by the Pay

Code have been told by GEC

they can have it as long as

payment at Christmas.

different story.

# **Now Norfolk** firemen fight against cuts

by Norfolk firemen

SMASH THE SOCIAL CONTRACT!

FIREMEN in Norfolk are supporting their fellow firemen in Essex. After threats to cut staff and remove a turntable ladder from Clacton fire station, the Essex firemen decided to answer emergency calls only

Norfolk firemen gave a resounding yes when asked to support their colleagues in Essex. They too decided to answer emergency calls only. But the Norfolk County Council sent specialist and fire prevention staff home without pay.

For years the Fire Brigades Union has used the limited form of industrial action—emergency calls only—because of the special nature of the job, saving life and property. We will have to look at other methods of taking action in the future. Otherwise what can we do when negotiations have broken down?

Other brigades need to discuss this matter urgently.

# Now stop the docks!

by MICKY FENN

NASD shop steward, London Royal Docks

THE National Port Shop Stewards Committee have called a one-day national dock strike on Monday 21 March to prevent the threatened closure of Preston Docks.

If Preston is allowed to close as many as 1750

Preston workers, including 150 registered dockers, will be condemned to the dole queue.

There were stewards from 14 ports at the committee's meeting on Saturday, with messages of support from another 10 major ports. Already mass meetings in Hull, Southampton and Manchester have voted to strike.

The other ports will be holding their meetings in the next fortnight with recommendations from their stewards to

support the stoppage.

Monday 21 March could see as many as 20,000 registered dockers—two thirds of the dock labour force

of this country on strike. And it was made plain at the meeting that if a one-day stoppage does not succeed in keeping Preston open then when the committee reconvenes on 26 March we

will step up the campaign. The meeting also discussed wages. A resolution condemning the social con-trick and demanding free collective bargaining was passed un-

animously. Southampton and Liverpool are both refusing to settle their current wage claims within the social con-trick. Liverpool stewards moved a resolution that all the ports should make the same mover refuse to settle wage claims within 5 per cent now, but wait until the contract expires on I August. Then slap in a nationwide claim for a 20 per

It was carried with no votes

against.
The committee also voted unanimously their solidarity with the dockers of Le Havre. who are blacking the scab ship Globtik Venus.

# Electricians strike for 35p an hour

by BOB HARRIS (Sheffield EETPU)

YORKSHIRE: Electricians working at Dinnington Colliery for contractors Hall and Kay have been trying to negotiate a pay rise of 35p an hour—a rise at present being paidso large British Steel sites. After several weeks of in-

dustrial action they were assured the 35p at a meeting between the electricians' shop stewards, management and the area full-time official. But the wage packets revealed they had been paid the rise as a bonus for unworked hours. Hall and Kay had applied to

Joint Industrial Board (JIB) not for the 35p an hour but for permission to pay a set bonus over nine-week period. The lads could see that the

35p an hour would be a breakthrough for contracting sparks. □ Donations and

messages of support to: V Wilkinson, 215 Yew Lane, Sheffield.

#### **CHRYSLER: CALL FOR UNION PROBE** Equal pay, then SCOTLAND: More than by PETER BAIN

betrayal! GATESHEAD: After a 14month fight the pressers at Jackson's won their equal pay dispute—but their first larger wage packet was a notice

saying the factory would be closed from June this year. The factory employes 600 people—500 women—and the

shop stewards concerned have decided not to fight.

they extend their working

week by up to three and a

3000 Transport and General Workers Union members at Chrysler Linwood are on strike. They are calling on the union and the Scottish TUC to demand a government inquiry into the way the factory is being manag-

meeting with an angry demonstration of local hospital workers, pensioners and mothers.

million government 'rescue plan', Chrysler's UK Josses are underwritten by the govern-ment to the tune of £621/2 million up to 1979.

TGWU shop steward, Chrysler Linwood Two weeks ago Chrysler announced worldwide profits of £252 million last year. But in Britain Chrysler announced £42.4 million losses of which £41.3 million is paid by British

Save Our Hospitals campaign pickets outside the Wandsworth and East Merton Area Health Authority in South London

last week. The meeting place was hurriedly switched to avoid a picket—but the pickets hired a coach and interrupted their

taxpayers.
There has been growing suspicion at Linwood that Chrysler, perhaps in collusion with the government, are trying to justify shutting down the factory. Attacks on trade union rights and conditions have been stepped up, but the company has usually ended up with egg on its face.

# Stopped

In particular workers in K building, at the start of the car week a building work-to-rule began, to support a claim for payment for one and a half hours for four men, which had been stopped from their

On Friday the dispute excalated when an operator was told he was being taken 'off the clock' unless he carried out 'Chrysler's interpretation of his function.

The 400 workers in the building unanimously decided to strike. Another 1000 were either laid off or took sympathy action.

The shop stewards' meeting

on Saturday were solid in their opposition to Chrysler's tacties of trying to force new disciplinary procedures by making an example of K

building. The only difference among the only difference among the stewards was whether the shambles at Linwood was a question of mismanagement at factory level or part of a deeper plan to justify closure. Against this background of discounted the steep of the st

discontent and suspicion, Monday's mass meeting voted in favour of strike action.

With British Leyland workers still resisting management there are good grounds for concluding that Chrysler have assured the government that they'll tough it out and stand up to the unions.

One year ago a factory bulletin produced by the International Socialists, now the Socialist Workers Party, stated: 'The failure to pursue

and to force the government into guaranteeing every job will rebound on us

'Chrysler, government and certain union officials will try to blackmail us into accepting the deterioration in our wages and conditions. We have to face up to them from the word Go, otherwise slavery will be introduced at Chrysler'

That is still the position. And that's still the fight we'll have to wage.

# walkout

DARTFORD: 20 Cleveland Bridge steel erectors, members of the AUEW construction section at Littlebrook D Power Station, near Dartford Tunnel, walked out when management stopped wages because they refused to work at heights of 150-300 feet in

# Walkout at CAV

WEST LONDON: 70 members of APEX, the office workers union, have been suspended by management at CAV deisel

engineering, Acton.
After 18 months of negotiations for grading new jobs, management went back on the agree-ment. When the APEX members went back to working their old jobs, they were suspended.

Their work has been blacked by other APEX members and members of TASS, the white-collar engineering union, inside

Last Thursday morning some engineering departments walked out when police were called to the factory because management said a lorry driver was being in-timidated. In other words, no lorries are getting through the picket line.

#### and reasonable system department took unofficial This extra work would be should take a close look at industrial action last week to assembly process, have been gale force winds. the fight for nationalisation paid at plain time rates only. And for the higher grades it under sustained pressure. Last what GEC are up to in their Marconi factories here. VE'LL OCCUPY, FORD TOLD

would be unpaid. Not surprisingly, a mass meeting of 1600 staff threw out the offer last week. There wasn't a single vote for

The meeting brought together all four white-collar unions in all the local Marconi plants for the first time. That sort of unity now needs to be extended to the hourlypaid workers in the Engineering Union (AUEW), who are being offered a similar insult demand safety footware. They refused to lift heavy objects and banned over-In the negotiations that followed, their shop steward was threatened with the

in English Electric's packing

withdrawal of his credentials—and, at the same time, offered a pair of safety shoes for himself

Management then called a special meeting with the full negotiating committee and, under threat of continued action, backed down.

DAGENHAM: Shop stewards at Fords Paint, Trim and Assembly plant, have decided that if there are any more lay-offs they will occupy the plant and organise pickets to bring the whole factory complex to a standstill.

Shop stewards are holding departmental meetings to endorse the decision. Emergency plans for pickets are being drawn up.

In the past week the line workers have

adopted guerrilla tactics against continued layoffs. Lightning stoppages throughout the plant led to the loss of over 2,500 cars last week. There have even been militant marches around the

This has left management reeling. In reprisal

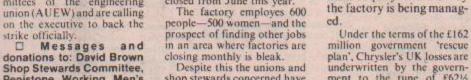
on Friday night the company virtually stopped all production to allow scabs to lead a mob of 200 to smash up the convenor's office and attempt to intimidate shop stewards.

But they have failed to frighten anyone and the stoppages are continuing. In desperation the management has suspended 70 men, including two shop stewards. But the 70 are continuing

their action.

But these 70 men and their magnificent stand can't win lay-off pay by themselves. They need the support of the whole plant.

Continued lay-offs have drained the life blood of union organisation in the PTA for years. Now we have a chance to change all this.



Marconi insult is thrown out

# WIRRAL LAY-OFFS -so 530 OCCUPY!

BROMBOROUGH: members of the Engineering Union have occupied Kelvinators. They are demanding payment of two days wages and withdrawal of two written warnings issued to a paintshop worker because he refused to do another

worker's job. Two weeks ago 26 people were laid off. Management claim it was because of a toolroom workers' dispute-but they were instructed by stewards to carry on working as there was work for them to do. The management refused to pay them.

Workers held a one-day protest occupation and management withdrew insurance cover, medical treatment and foremen supervision. They said they would negotiate if workers returned to normal work the following day—then decided they needed 24 hours to 'inspect' the

factory.
Sick of being messed around, the workers have occupied. Toolroom workers and office staff have been laid off,

# **Pickets** beaten up

BIRMINGHAM: Brian Masters, sacked from Landers car components for organising the union, was brutally beaten up on the picket line last Friday. He was punched in the face and had his hand broken a supervisor from the

On Tuesday the pickets tried to stop a lorry backing into the works. They were literally driven into the factory and trapped inside. Management then appeared with a gang of heavies.

The police stood around saying what happened inside the factory was 'no concern of theirs'. They would only

obstruct pickets and arrest pickets for allegedly obstructing the highway.

Workers scabbing on the strike have received pay and bonus rises since they started scabbing. They have also been offered £2 to £3 a head for every striker they persuade back to work.

☐ Mass picket Landers, Wednesday 16 March, 7am. Support is vital if the brutish tactics of management are to be stopped.

Donations are messages of support to: Val Richards, 32 Mary St, Balsall Heath, Birmingham

WEST MIDLANDS: Nine members of TASS. white-collar section of the Engineering Union, are on strike at Precision Presswork, Halesown, for parity with other workers in the area. They want rises

but they refuse to backdate it. The strikers-seven women and two men-are being supported by shopfloor workers.



Yardleys strikers picketing the factory on Monday

# Women paralyse Yardleys

BASILDON: The equal pay strike by 450 women at Yardley's is in its third week. The women remain determined and confident despite the TGWU regional secretary's refusal to make it official.

The convenor and nearly all the male workers are still going into the plant, but the factory is virtually paralysed.

Nearly all drivers and delivery lorries have refused to cross the picket lines.

Management are clearly rattled. Last week they sent a letter to the women asking them to fill in a secret ballot which asked for a return to work and independent arbitration.

The women have angrily returned the letters unanswered

Women on the picket line laughed off a threat to close the factory, pointing out: 'They have more to lose than we do.' The women have the support of other TGWU members in Basildon. A collection is being raised at the nearby Ford tractor plant.

# **ALL OUT** TUESDAY 19 APRIL!

Join the national strike against the Social Contract

# **NALGO** members cross hotel picket

SHEFFIELD: The principle of trade union solidarity took a kick in the teeth last Friday when 160 members of North East Derbyshire local govern-ment workers' union NALGO crossed the picket line at the Grosvenor House Hotel in Sheffield to attend an official function organised by the un-

They did this despite re-quests from the strikers, Transport and General Workers Union officials and the Sheffield branch of NALGO. The reason the NALGO officials gave for going ahead with the function was that they would lose money if they had to cancel it. Members of Sheffield

NALGO mounted a fraternal picket of the hotel on the night of the function in protest

is to be paid for the extra duties they are already doing. The Gas Board refuses to

negotiate, so they have given

21 days strike notice. Again, the Gas Corporation

want to take work from their

own workers and give it to

massive contractors. In the

long run this will mean redun-

dancies. For instance, the firm of William Press have just

heen given a contract to renew

the distribution and service mains for the whole of South

Herts and North London.

against the North East Derbyshire branch's action.

But a large force of police prevented any more than six people standing on the picket line and the NALGO scabs were ushered into their hotel

Meanwhile the strikers are as uncertain about what's going on at national level between union and management as they were three months ago. National black-ing has not been implemented.

The Grosvenor House strikers have now formally linked up with strikers at the Randolph Hotel in Oxford and the Night Out night club in Birmingham, both THFowned. A joint meeting of the three strike committees in London last Wednesday decided to set up a national shop stewards committee to coordinate joint action.

BIRMINGHAM: More than 300 trade unionists turned up to a mass picket in support of the strike at the Night Out Club for trade union recognition. The picket was a great success, but local Transport and General Workers Union officials agreed to the police demand to keep a passageway free

There is another mass picket this Saturday. We must use it to-stop anyone going in to the club. The picket starts at 7.15pm

### DONATIONS AND MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO:

☐ Linton Lodge Strike ommittee, 127 Botley Committee,

Road, Oxford. ☐ Night Out strikers, Transport House, Broad

Street, Birmingham. ☐ Randolph Hotel Strike

Committee, 41 Bridge Street, Oxford. ☐ Grosvenor House

Hotel strike committee, c/0 Trevor Jones, Transport House, Harsthead,

# Stewards back strike at Masseys

by Terry Lindsay (AUEW steward), Terry Wilcox (strike committee), Mick O'Raw (AUEW) and Max Fletcher (TGWU).

COVENTRY: In the 11th week of our strike at Massey-Ferguson over the lock-out of 176 assembly workers the management are still playing stalemate-but would love to give in. Our strength grows by the week and we are determined to win. Last Tuesday we again

lobbied the national executive of the engineering union (AUEW) to have a national blacking on all Massey Ferguson products. We know the company have a warehouse full of goods in Warely, Staffordshire and may be trying to get it to their French factory.

It is disgraceful that the AUEW did not automatically black Massey over four weeks ago when they made our strike official.

## Argue

The Coventry stewards meeting that we called last week was attended by 160 delegates from different plants

After a long discussion the delegates were urged to go back to their sections and stewards' committees to argue for unequivocal support for meeting will be reconvened shortly with the possibility or organising at least a half-day strike in support of our fight.

AUEW assistant general secretary Bob Wright attended our meeting and made an electioneering speech against the Social Contract while also promising us his wholehearted support. Whether that is forthcoming will be the test of

to: Massey Ferguson assembly shop strike committee, c/o AUEW Halls, Corporation Street, Coven-

# VICTORY FOR GASWORKERS

by STEVE CEDAR

A THOUSAND gas workers in East London and Essex have won their dispute over non-union contract labour.

The victory came last Friday after a two-week strike. The North Thames Gas Board has agreed that their own labour will be used before contractors and that stewards will be met before contract labour is brought in.

Gas Board workers will be used at other depots wherever possible before contract labour and if any dispute

FIFE: 30 men at the Scottish

Rexco plant are on strike, for parity with workers at the

Rexco plant in Mansfield.

Their present rate is 76p an

General and Municipal Workers Union, are aware

The men, members of the

Canmore Street,

Rexco out

over pay

the General and Municipal (GMWU), David Bassnet, moved in and made the strike official for the Eastern Area men only.

Official

arises, the status quo is main-

By Wednesday last week

flying pickets had pulled out more than 3000 gas workers all over Essex and North

London in support of the strikers. But on Thursday at a

meeting of the Regional Joint

Industrial Council, the general

secretary of the men's union,

Eastern area shop stewards have drawn up a blacklist of contract firms that were used during the strike.

Shop steward at Barking Road, Bob Turner, said at the

shop stewards meeting on Monday night: 'We will be carrying out the blacklist as the strike was official.

'All branches should send a letter demanding an inquiry into British Gas at area, regional and national level."

Bob went on: 'It was our initiatives which got us this agreement. If we hadn't imposed our will on the Gas Board instead of using all the official machinery we wouldn't have got what we

But it might not be over yet. The Confederation unions, who supported the servicemen and fitters, are also in dispute with North Thames Gas over negotiating rights.

They have been trying to get negotiations and restructuring

# for three years. All they want **Bakery workers**

by SIMON PHILLIPS

CHELTENHAM: 41 members of the Transport and General Workers Union returned to work at Tilleys crumpet factory in Cheltenham on Tuesday having gained union recognition and the reinstatement of victimised van driver John Donaher.

The workers joined the union because they were fed up with the low pay and appalling conditions at Tilleys. Wages vary from 46p an hour for young women to 65p an hour for men. Van drivers, who get no

shift allowance or overtime pay, get £1 an hour for working nights.

The strike started when the

management sacked John Donaher in an effort to break TGWU organisation started by the drivers six weeks ago, 41 workers had joined the union so the management called in the Bakers Union, who made the foreman shop steward and the chargehand branch secretary.

They also employed an interpreter to persuade the Asian workers to join the Bakers Union.

The management drove cars containing supplies at some of the pickets and hurt three of

The strikers held out and got supplies blacked. They also padlocked the company store to prevent management getting supplies out. After a week the management agreed to recognise the TGWU but refused to reinstate the sacked driver.

A meeting of the strikers unanimously agrees to con-tinue until John Donaher was reinstated.

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#### that the Mansfield men get of between £10 and £15. only 7p an hour more than Management said they agreed to the pay rise on the first day of the picket. them, but large discrepancies his election promises. in wages arise from the many ☐ Money and messages fringe benefits at Mansfield. Messages of support and donations: Martin Beehan,

# **NIGG BAY** SITE OUT AGAIN

SCOTLAND: More than 2,000 workers at the Nigg Bay Oil Construction site on strike to demand bonus payments they were promised. The manage-ment are refusing to pay the bonus unless the job is finished by 7 April.

If it is finished after 14 April they say they will pay no bonus at all.

All the strikers have had a letter from the company saying that unless they accept the bonus offered, a new order will be lost and the yard shut.

Full-time officials in the Engineering Union, Boilermakers, and the Electricians are advising a return to work. Rank and file trade unionists must control the trade unions and make all officials accountable.

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# **SCANDAL OF THE** SECRET COLLEGE FILES

A SECRET LIST of teachers who are 'politically left and generally anti-establishment' has been found by occupying students at Exeter University. The list was in the files of the vicechancellor, Dr H Kay.

It contains 30 names, divided into three groups—those that are 'politically left', those that are 'not really establishment types', and those that are 'awkward'.

The vice-chancellor is claiming that it is a

list he was going to invite to a cocktail party.

This is not the first time such lists have been discovered in secret college files. In February 1970, occupying students at Warwick University found secret correspondence on the political activities of lecturers and students

That discovery was followed by a wave of occupations at other colleges, with students opening up the administrators' files themselves to make sure there was no

That sort of response is needed now to the discovery at Exeter.

It may be a coincidence, but one lecturer at Exeter has been Major General Richard Clutterbuck, an advisor to the armed forces on how to deal with 'subversion'. The administration seem to have been putting into practice some of his ideas for 'tracking

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# Thousands of students fight cuts and racism

THE WAVE of student occupations is the biggest since 1968. Thousands of students in more than 30 colleges have been involved.

Attempts by authorities to attack the occupations have brought massive union meetings behind the struggle.

Students at the London School of Economics, who were evicted from the administration building by 600 police a fortnight ago, were back in occupation on Tuesday.

250 students from Shef-field Polytechnic began an indefinite occupation of the Local Education Authority.

At Essex University a meeting of 800 voted to oc-

Colleges occupied in the last week include North London Poly, Portsmouth Poly, Teesside Poly, Bedford College London, York University, Sussex University, Exeter University, Hendon College of Further Educa-

joined by Reading University and Hattleld Poly and on Tuesday by Kingsway College of Further Education and Leeds University.

In London, four art colleges are now occupied - the Royal

# WHY THE OCCUPATIONS?

WHAT are the occupations about?

The press usually says they are about 'fees'. They are. But they are also about something more fundamental-racism.

The government has increased fees massively, knowing that for most British students the local authorities automatically pay the increase.

The students who will have to find the money themselves-if they canare overwhelmingly selffinancing students from the Third World countries. Thousands will be forced to give up their courses.

The fees increases are nothing more than a covert device for discriminating against thousands of black students. They are part of the same growth of offically tolerated racism that led last summer to a wave of racist murders.

The student occupations are part of the fight against

College of Art, the Slade, the Central School and St

At Exeter University, the Conservative Students Society waged a campaign against the occupation. They succeed-Name Piesse Send The Moralis Parks And The M ed in pushing a decision to call off action through a union

1600 students voted 900-700 to

keep up the struggle.
At North East London Poly a huge meeting of 800 students voted to back the occupation and to spread it to all the sites of the Poly in protest at the victimisation of the union president, Andy Strouthous. Since then the director and the right-wing students have been attempting

At Portsmouth Poly the occupation began 750 strong—one of the biggest in any college for years.

## Deliveries

But unfortunately the militancy of students in the colleges has not been matched by a national lead from the National Union of Students.

The Broad Left majority on the NUS executive have taken no action to build a national campaign of all-out oc-cupations. Instead Charles



INSIDE AN OCCUPATION . . . and telegrams from other occupied colleges line the

Clark, the NUS President who recently put his name to a Royal Jubilee appeal for funds, was last week at a conference of directors of polytechnics and industrialists.

At local level the executive majority's supporters have usually opposed occupations. as they did at LSE, York and

No wonder many of the occupied colleges were prepar-ing to picket the NUS exccutive meeting after the national demonstration on Wednesday.

This weekend, Friday 11 - Saturday 13 March, at Manchester Polytechnic Agenda includes

Overseas Student Campaign and How to organise an Occupation

Individual sympathetic observers welcome (bring sleeping bags) Registration, 6pm, Friday, at Poly, Ayton Street, near Piccadilly

# STUDENTS STRIKE **AGAINST EXAM** BAN

KEIGHLEY Technical College students went on strike last week protesting against the principal's refusal to allow those who had done badly in 'mock' tests to enter GCE even as external can-didates paying their own fees!

Brendan Cropper, 18 year old vice-president of the students union, told Socialist Worker: 'We wanted educational opportunity for everybody. So on Monday we held an emergency meeting of the union. 200 students turned up and voted unanimously for strike action.

## Decent

The strike, on Tuesday, was dramatically successful. 'We had 50 or 60 people demonstrating with Socialist Worker banners. Only 20 out of about 350 full-time students crossed the picket line."

The students' action got a lot of publicity. Yorkshire Television gave filmed viewed on Pennine Radio. By lunchtime the students had

The fight is of more than local interest. For years, stu-dent unrest has been confined to universities and polytechnics. Keighley's struggle is the first sign of the coming militancy amongst working-class students in technical colleges.

# THE WAY FORWARD

THE educational establishment has already been shaken by the size of the occupations. They thought the student unrest

of the late 1960s was a thing of the past. They are learning to their cost that students are still

prepared to fight the cuts and racism.

The National Organisation of International Socialist Student Societies, which is linked to the Socialist Workers

Party, is calling for:

Maintain the occupations.

☐ Make links with local trade unionists, particularly with

those fighting the cuts themselves.

□ Picket the joint conference of Public Sector Unions on 22 March to make sure they take firm action against the cuts.

☐ Spread the occupations!