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# BANGAL

UNEMPLOYED young workers rebelled in Glasgow last week, taking over the humourously-named 'Jobs Centre' in an occupation organised by the city's Right to Work Committee.

Within two hours they had hit the headlines in all the Scottish daily papers, on the radio, and on both television channels.

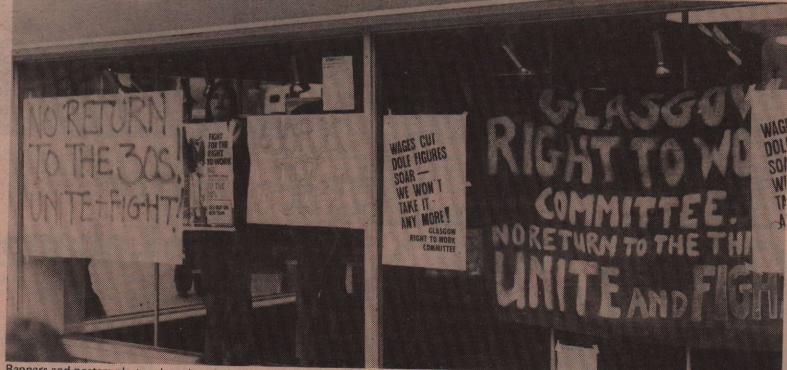
Senior staff, reporters and police were all equally bewildered by the padlocked and nailed up doors. The plate-glass window was plastered with posters saying 'Wages cut—dole queues soar. We won't take any more' and 'Occupied by the Glasgow Right to Work Committee'.

One massive poster pointed to the Army recruitment office next door: 'We want work, not the bloody army'.

The mood of the young workers was in sharp contrast to the leaders of the TUC who are still trying to stop support for what promises to be a massive national anti-unemployment lobby on Wednesday 26 November in London.

Rob Graham, a 22-year-old unemployed labourer afterwards said why he had joined the Jobs Centre occupation: 'I was determined to go in, as I have been unemployed for six months and didn't want to miss the chance of fighting back.'

Dave Sharp, aged 25, summed up the feelings of the Glasgow Right to Work Campaign: 'I've been out of work for over a year now. My family live in Easter House, a big housing estate in Glasgow and one of the hardest hit by unemployment. The rent is £26 a month. With three kids and a wife to Glasgow Jobs Centre occupied



Banners and posters plastered on the windows of the occupied Jobs Centre

support and prices being what they are, there is little money left to buy clothes.

While the well-paid union officials talk, my situation won't change. So it is great to see young trade unionists and unemployed workers taking the initiative in this way.

'At 25, I feel I've made enough sacrifices and I've had to tighten my belt once too often. The occupation shows the way forward to other young people to beat the demoralising effect of the dole'.

The occupation was carefully arranged. Nancy Kelly, aged 20, explained: 'It was carried out with military precision'. Said Ian Maxwell, an unemployed driver: 'With these doors, four staff and four telephonists in the Centre we had specific tasks-right down to explaining to customers who we were and what we were up to.'

But the Right to Work Committee still has a lot to do. As Tony Donaghue explained: Occupying and making a protest was fine.

But we've got to look ahead.

'In my opinion we've got three main problems. First cash. We must work towards having a Right to Work office, where local unemployed workers can meet during the winter.

Secondly, we will learn a lot from the movement in the 1930s, but we are operating under difficult conditions and we expect to make a lot of mistakes, where we are trying out new ways of fighting.

'Last but not least, this is just the start of an aggressive campaign in the area. But our efforts will be pointless unless we can link up with other areas and build a genuine unemployed workers' movement.

'If this campaign is successful and the links are made with factories facing redundancies we will make the Jarrow March look like a stroll in Regents Park.'



# All out on Wednesday 26 November!

Support the North West TUC call for a march on parliament Assemble Euston Square, London, 1pm.

# Why I'm going to the Women's **Voice Rally**

By Carol Dourass SOGAT MoC, DRGs, Liverpool

I DON'T remember a time-and I doubt whether many other women do-when women have been so under attack.

It's been very sudden. A year ago, equal pay seemed a possibility. But now, in my factory, we've been told by management that the £2 'equal pay money' which we've been promised will have to be absorbed into any increase we get on the national claim.

In every industry where women are employed in large numbers, sackings mean women out first.

I've heard of lots of factories in the area which have sacked a lot of women and frightened the rest into forgetting about equal pay.

The attack on women extends into the home, often in the most terrible way. You hear of people who are really frightened about whether they can feed the kids enough.

#### Rent

In the Wirral, they said on the radio the other day, the council are worried about rent arrears.

They can't collect them. People just don't have the money

So a new squad of bailiffs will be sent round specially to collect furniture in lieu of rent.

The furniture will just be taken out of the house and sold by the

That's going on right now and it shows the terrible dispair and anger which thousands of women feel in

We've got to get these women on the Right to Work committees. We must have the women workers a represented on those committeesboth the employed and the unemployed ones.

### Rally

I think a Womens Voice rally at the end of November is a wonderful idea. Women socialists and militants everywhere should work very hard between now and then to see that women who are under attack go to that conference and share their experiences.

A lot of women just go under when they're attacked. But a lot more-lots more than ever before, I'm sure of that-want to hit back.

They want to get organised with others who feel the same way. They want to form trade unions and tenants committees and Right to Work committees.

The Womens Voice rally should be a focus for all that.

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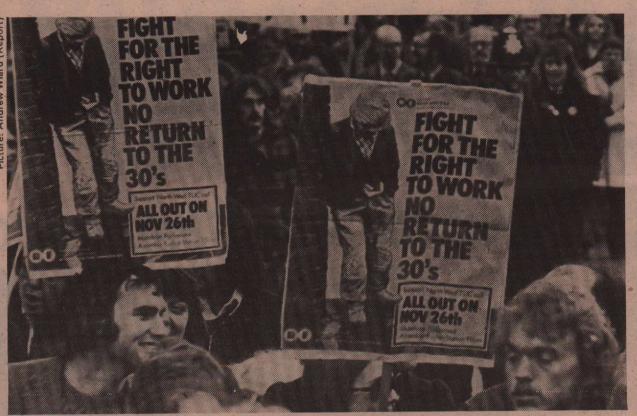


Carol Dourass: 'a wonderful idea'

# The Right to Work Campaign

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# SABOTAGE JOBS DEMO



SOME OF the 10,000 people who demonstrated in London last week against the education cuts. They included many students from teachers' training and technical collages-the first people to be hit by the cuts.

Their chances of getting jobs when they leave are now often

remote. For them, the Fight for the Right to Work is eseential That's why the National Organisation of IS Societies argues for a national mobilisation of students on 26 November. It's not a question of students offering passive support. They should be demanding that they don't become the unemployed of the

NORMAN WILLIS, TUC assistant general secretary and former personal assistant to Jack Jones, took a hurried trip to Manchester at the

He was out to persuade the North West Region of the TUC to call off the massive lobby of parliament against unemployment called for 26 November,

His words do not seem to have been too effective. For the stream of trade union bodies supporting the lobby has grown over the last week into a veritable deluge. The following have since agreed to back the

Nottingham Trades Council; Midlands Regional Council UCATT; Sindell's site in Lambeth (UCATT); TGWU automative group national committee; Leeds district committee AUEW; West of Scotland TUC; mass meeting UCATT at Camden Council's direct labour department; London Confederation of Shipbuilders and Engineering Union; Chrysler Combine Committee; Plessey National Combine; NALGO London District General Purposes committee.

East Anglia regional council of TUC; Hampshire Association of Trades Councils; Letchworth/Cambridge district AUEW: Wigan Trades Council; maintenance, process and staff workers representatives at Shell Carrington in Chesire.

Other London building sites; Lovell's Guilford St; Leach's (Mitcham); Tarmac Fitzpatrick's (Brixton); Sundell's (Lambeth); Robert's (Kennington); Lawrence's (Lower Thames St); Littlebrook's Power Station; Isle of Grain Power Station; Taylor Woodson; Control of Company (Matter) Station; Taylor Woodrow (Victoria); M3 road construction job.

THE NATIONAL Rank and File Organising Committee last week revealed its plan for a follow up to the national lobby on 26 November.

After calling for the formation of local Right to Work committees, to unite the employed and the unemployed, its statement goes on

'The fight for jobs is far wider than single factories or specific localities. With this in mind, the Rank and File Organising Committee has already laid plans for a three-week march of unemployed workers and trade union delegations starting in Liverpool on the weekend of 29 February, culminating at a rally in the Albert Hall London on Saturday 20 March.

This march can bring together local campaigns and struggles, with rallies and meetings en route.

**OUT NEXT WEEK: New Rank and** File Organising Committee pamph-let, Hands Off Portugal, 10p plus post from Rank and File Organising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London N16.

### WITHOUT COMMENT

The vitality of the capitalist system requires the existence of entrepreneurs and marauders . . Mr Slater saw his role very much in the same light.-Financial Times,

Mr Slater made a positive impact on the city.-The Times, 28 October.



# Why the Lebanon is ablaze

week to have taken the plunge into run-scare civil war.

Reports spoke of heavy fighting in all parts of the capital, Beirut, with mortar and cannon fire adding remorselessly to the death toll.

But what has been at stake in the fighting?

The usual impression you get is of the Muslims and the Christians. The

fight 'between two religions', between real causes lie much deeper. Until 30 years ago, the country is a French colony. To help mainwas a French colony. ten their beld, the French delibeused) gave mixtheses to the Christian extinct of the propulation of the ex-NAME OF THE PERSON. The observer or the Busines will next in the law in anythment least After the State Observe and Christian down from completion PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PERSONS. the the property has been the NAME OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY OF over part of the propulation in get them discremination against the rest.

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THE LEBANON seemed early this have helped perpetuate this are to ders was a series of unprovoked blame for every single death this attacks on Muslim civilians. The civil week.

The real nature of the fighting is given away by the name of the main party fighting for the right wing Christians: the Falange party, deliberately imitative of the pre-war Italian and Spanish fascists.

Under the divide and rule system, the Falange always played a crucial role in Lebanese politics. But the whole system has been challenged in recent months by a growing socialist movement and the pooter sections of the Wastim community. The assume of the Falange lea-

entres of the arms the second accommendation of the contract o

war broke out as the left wing insisted on fighting back

The last time full-scale war broke out, in 1958, US marines were sent in to prop up the state. This time, the Israelis are talking of action to protect their interests-and the interests of their arms suppliers, the

The interests of the workers and peasants of the Middle East will only be aided by victory for the left wing forces. They will resist any attempt to reimpose the old divide-and rule.

# ARMY PLAY: SIX CHARGED

MENDE US of the Bolton Street Theatre Group have been charged under the have a performance of a play on the role of the fermion of the last

The larger of a series of intaction in their rights came on Monday when the second of the group appeared in court on a breach of the peace theme. The minutes before entering court, the new incitement charge

A defence group (address c/o 178 Oxford Road, Manchester) will be solding a conspiracy bonfire at Heald Place, Manchester on 5 November. An effigy of the Director of Public Prosecutions will be burnt.

PETER McKEARNEY, 61, and his wife Jenny, 58, were shot dead last week by armed raiders who broke into their home in Moy, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Their murderers were members of the right wing Ulster Volunteer Force who believed they were related to Margaret McKearney, the so-called 'most wanted woman in Britain'.

The British papers had printed a Scotland Yard story blaming Margaret for virtually every bomb planted in Britain in the last two years, even though the Irish police swore she was in Ireland at the times of these incidents.



These papers were indirectly to blame for the death of the McKearneys, yet they gave the incident only fleeting mention.

The contrast with the case of the kidnapped Dutch industrialist Tiede Herrema, could hardly be more marked.

Day after day the press and TV have led on this case. So many pressmen have been reporting the events on the spot that the police have had difficulty keeping them in order.

It seems that for the press, some people's lives are much more important than others. A wealthy industrialist matters. A poor Catholic couple in Tyrone don't.

# HERREMA AND HYPOCRISY

# WHAT WE THINK

But there has been something else important about the Herrema case for the press. It has enabled them to paint their normal picture of the IRA as cruel, heartless, subhuman thugs, only fit for the execution chamber or, at least, long years in prison.

The same view was put across last week by Justice Donaldson, sentencing to life in prison those found guilty of planting bombs.

Socialist Worker has often made it clear that we are opposed to the bombing campaign of the IRA. We do not believe that the killing of workers in pubs in Britain can in any way help the struggle of the Irish people.

# AV

We are also against the kidnapping of Herrema, although we would not weep overmuch about the fate of any industrialist.

The kidnap plays into the hands of

# Go away, go away or be'll kill me cries Doctor Herrema as the kidnapper holds gun at his beat THE HOSTAGE STARING DEATH IN THE FACE

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ranco: Severe heart attack



The Daily Mail and hypocrisy: front-page
Herrema on 22 October and—two days later
—one paragraph on page

The aunt and uncle of

graph on page two for the murdered McKearneys.

• The aunt and uncle of Margaret McKearney — the girl put by Scotland Yard on its most-wanted list — were found shot dead in their home near Moy, Co. Tyrone, last night.

the 'law and order' merchants in Ireland and Britain without advancing the cause of those who carried it through.

But we cannot join in the chorus of hysteria over these questions.

For all the papers, all the politicians and all the judges who make up this chorus, believe in indiscriminate murder and kidnapping when it serves their interests.

They supported the bombing of villages in Kenya in the 1950s. They

do not call for life sentences for those air force officers involved in bombing villages for the Sultan of Oman today.

They were not on the demonstrations against the US bombing of Vietnam. And, of course, they have all supported internment—a polite, legal name for kidnapping—in Northern Ireland.

Their view is that in a war, one army is entitled to do anything it likes to the civilian population of the other side.

It is because we, as socialists, reject this logic, the logic of those who blame the exploited for the crimes of the exploiters, that we oppose many of the actions of the IRA. For they strike at people who are not responsible.



But we also recognise where the real responsibility for the daily round of killing in Ireland and Britain lies—with those who for 300 years and more have used British troops to keep their control over Irish people.

Ask yourself, why do ordinary Irish workers do things that seem so vicious and blood thirsty?

There is only one possible answer. They have learnt the hard way that the British presence in Northern Ireland means unemployment, poverty, beatings-up at the hands of British troops, internment, even legalised murder.

Their response is a deep hatred, not merely for those who give orders to the troops, but for the people of the country from which the troops come.

There is only one way to end the vicious circle of bloodshed in Northern Ireland—by getting the troops out now.

That is why we support those fighting to achieve that goal, while opposing acts of terror against civilians that detract from that goal and spill innocent blood needlessly.

# Black parents fight back

A BLACK PARENTS' movement was set up in Handsworth, Birmingham last week after 200 attended a meeting organised by Flame, the IS paper of black workers in struggle.

And, within hours, it had its first case to fight. A middle-aged West Indian approached a member of the movement and told the harrowing story of his arrest the day before.

He had been beaten brutally about the head and stomach and forced to sign a confession. And, he claimed, one of the police had referred to the recent local stabbing of a policeman by a black youth and had said: 'All you black bastards are the same to me'.

#### Bust

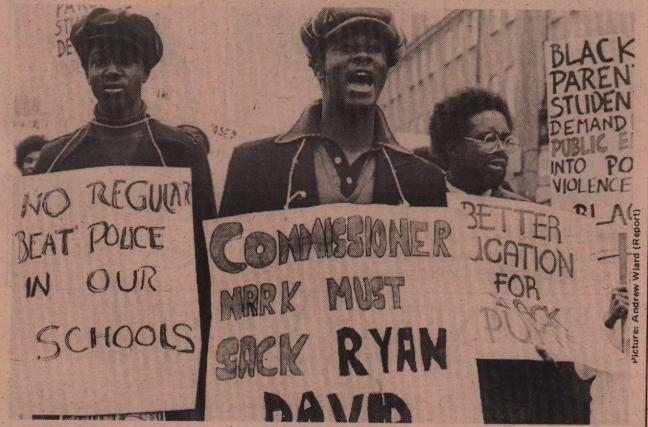
The Black Parents Movement had its first case and a new recruit. As one of the members put it: 'Does everybody have to have their heads bust before they see the need to fight together?'.

The Flame meeting had been called to organise against just such attacks by police on the black community.

After a film on police harassment, Lee Kane, a member of the editorial board of Flame, spoke about the successes of the Black Parents Movement in London. There was an urgent need for organised action every time a black was beaten up by the police.

A speaker from the Afro-Caribbean Self-Help Organisation spoke about police brutality in Handsworth and stressed the need for positive action from black and white workers.

He was followed by Fred Knight, a



By Handsworth Flame and SW supporters

member of Handsworth IS, who pointed out that some black parents tended to blame 'bad kids'.

Parents must realise that police racism was not only a fact, but part and parcel of a racist society that allowed laws like the Immigration Act It was no good relying on the Race Relations Board or High Commissions to defend working class blacks in struggle. Only the combined force of all oppressed workers organised under one banner could achieve that

achieve that.

A lively discussion followed.
Everyone in the meeting who lived in Handsworth agreed that it should not end without a positive decision about action. There was a vital need for a Black Parents Movement and black union movement to organise around specific issues that affected black people hardest, such as police harassment.

# Three

However there were also three key issues around which black and white workers must fight together—the threat of the fascist National Front, soaring unemployment, and divisive racialism in the workplace.

The call was enthusiastically taken up and 15 or 20 people put their names to an ad hoc committee.

Cliff-convicted of assaulting a police officer on the evidence of one policeman, PC Ryan

Schools today, prisons tomorrow.

That was one of the slogans

last Saturday in Haringey.

shouted by black parents and

students (above) on their march

The march showed their

concern at the fate of black

children in schools today. It

was also a celebration of their.

victory in the Cliff McDaniel

David—was cleared on appeal.

But 'this is just the beginning', as one speaker said at the end of the march. Another case, that of three Hackney girls arrested in their school playground in July, is due to be heard at Bow Magistrates Court on 19

November. The speaker urged as many people as possible to attend the hearing.

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# THEIR AIM: BOSSES' **UNIONS**

THE TRADE Union Education Centre for Democratic Socialism is a rallying point for the very reactionary forces indeed.

Its public activities have so far been confined to lectures in the House of Commons, chaired by the new rising star on the right in the AUEW, John Weakly, the comvenor of British Leyland's Llanelli pl ant.

These lectures have drawn in various right wingers in the trade union whole number of other people. These supporters include labour relations officers from Ford's and Costains and the Labour Attache from the United States, German and Irish Embassies.

### Base

The interest of the Labour Attache in the US Embassy is particularly revealing, since the American Embassy is, of course, the base point for the activities of the CIA in Britain.

Even more revealing in a sense, is the stated support of two other gentlemen called Roy Boyfield and

Both Boyfield and Roberts beame National Industrial Relations udges under the last Tory government. They are, in short, quislings.

Boyfield was once a department head at the TUC before he sold out and became a Labour Relations man for the Daily Mirror Group. Later he was to sell out yet again and become a udge, sitting side by side with Mr Justice Donaldson, boss of the NIRC.

Herman Roberts was also working or the employers long before he penly became their agent as a NIRC udge. While industrial correspondent of the Birmingham Post, he wrote propaganda pamphlets for the Engineering Employers Federation.

### So-called

TUECDS doesn't only confine itelf to lectures. It appears to be beaind the emergence of a new so-called moderate grouping in the National Inion of Journalists and to support gures like Kay Losinka, who has seen campaigning against the left in the Civil and Public Services Associa-

This activist orientation leads in he direction of another new organisaion which has undoubtedly arisen rom the same stable.

That organisation is the absurdly nisnamed Movement for True Indusmal Democracy. TRUEMID has nped out thousands upon thouands of leaflets in the current round AUEW elections and has enough noney to have six full-time ead office based staff and three mporary full-timers drafted in to he Midlands to assist right-wing EC andidate Terry Duffy.

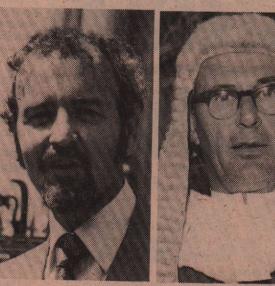
TRUEMID full-time secretary is

ssistant to John Boyd at the engieering union's head office.

fishoot of Common Cause Ltd, The hich is funding TRUEMID. The rcle is amply completed by the fact at Common Cause was the 'inspiraom' for TUECDS.

The

democrats







John Weakley, John Donaldson, Ray Boyfield and John Boyd: trumpeting the cause of the right-wing

THE DECISION of Engineering Union general secretary John Boyd to associate himself with president Hugh Scanlon's protests against blatant press interference in the union's elections is interesting to say the least.

The most vicious and dishonest press attacks against the union have come from two sources in particular—the Express/Sunday Express stable, belonging to multi millionaire Sir Max Aitken and The Sun/News of the World, belonging to multi millionaire Rupert Murdoch. Running the Express campaign is

Alastair Burnet a close friend of Edward Heath and unpaid adviser to the Tories at the last election. Burnet, editor of the Daily Express, is also well in with AUEW general secretary John Boyd.

When he was editor of The Economist, Burnet used the paper's weekly lunches to build up friends and contacts throughout big business and the right wing of the trade union movement.

Leading the field for The Sun/ News of the World is the Sun's socalled industrial correspondent Keith

#### Sun

He and Sun leader writer Henry Douglas are, interestingly enough, both extremely sympathetic to the right wing cause in the AUEW and in the trade union movement as whether the trade union movement as a whole.

So much so that they have both declared their interest in a new right wing front organisation set up with the collaboration of employers and the long-established blacklisting and witch-hunting organisations Common Cause and IRIS, the Industrial Relations Information Service.

This new organisation is the Trades-Union Education Centre for Demo-cratic Socialism, (TUECDS) an organ-isation in which John Boyd, general secretary of the AUEW, is also in-

# SOCIALIST WORKER GUIDE TO WORKPLACE SURVIVAL: No 9 SERFS BLACK REST REST ROOM 0 DON'T LET MANAGEMENT USE RACIALISM TO DIVIDE THE WORKFORCE ...

# ENGINEERS: WE NEED By Mick Brightman (AUEW) secretary Engineers Charter, North London Group

ENGINEERING workers throughout Britain two issues are of paramount importance: the right to work, and the maintenance of living

The 1975 AUEW National Com-McLaughlin used to be a personal mittee passed an excellent resolution for 'a reduction in the working week to 35 hours without loss of pay'. McLaughlin also worked for the which gets right to the heart of the

> The 35-hour week would undoubtedly stop the employers cutting the workforce. It would force them to employ more labour, as would a ban

We need to launch a great struggle to reduce the working week, to translate resolutions into practice. We need to use the same united strength to secure across-the-board wage in-creases that will maintain our living standards.

The National Engineers Charter exists to campaign up and down the country for just such policies.

To succeed, we need to ensure that policy is debated at next Spring's National Committee meeting of the

And that means moving now so that there is time to get resolutions through branches and divisions and on to the agenda in accordance with the union's deadlines.

They should call upon the EC to argue at the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions for the following claim to be put to the Engineering Employers' Federation.

£15 across the board 35-hour week without loss of pay Equal pay

Minimum earnings level of £60

The claim should be met by the end of the current agreement. This will mean including in resolutions the demand that there be a campaign throughout the union by leaflets and in the Journal preparing the member-ship, that a fighting fund be set up,

including the tied funds, that there be a special levy in the whole membership for the fund, that national organisers, national secretaries and ing for the claim as a major priority, along with local full time officials, that appeals for help be made to other unions.

Finally, all resolutions should call for national strike action, not plant by plant bargaining.

LETCHWORTH 5 branch of the AUEW has passed an excellent resolution supporting the 26 November lobby of parliament against rising unemployment.

The branch goes on record that the right to work and the right to a decent standard of living for workers and their families is 'a fundamental right of working people and also a

trade union principle'.

Then the branch calls on the AUEW district committee to support the lobby by providing transportfree for unemployed workers. A special district shop stewards meeting on the subject should be called, adds the branch, at which unemployed workers can speak.

The resolution has been endorsed by the Letchworth and Cambridge District Committee.

# Women? We support them, don't we?

THE NATIONAL Executive of ASTMS faced a strong lobby of members at their 10 October meeting in London's opulent Hotel Russell.

The lobby, whose aims were supported by at least six Divisional Councils, called on the NEC to implement the recommendation of the union's official delegate National Women's Workshop for a national women's advisory committee within the union.

Despite the virtually unanimous vote at the workshop, which ex-plicitly rejected the NEC position, the NEC turned down the proposition flatly in July.

In calling for such a committee, few members have illusions that it will achieve much for women members. These gains will be won at grass roots level.

But, by refusing such a committee, the ASTMS NEC show their lack of seriousness about women's rights. For once, with this rank and file campaign, the NEC's habitual disregard of the views of the membership is not going unchallenged.

THE ASTMS Publishing 516 Branch recenti passed this resolution:

This branch strongly protests at the police raid on Saturday 27 September on the premises of the Workers Revolutionary Party. It regards the raid as a threat to the democratic fights of all organisations of the labour movement. It calls on the ASTMS National Executive Council and other union branches to protest to the Home Secretary and to campaign for a trade union enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the raid.

FOLLOWING the recent TUC decision in support of abortion on demand, Manchester Trades Council has moved to improve its own policy on this important issue.

At its meeting on 15 October, the Council agreed to sponsor the Manchester National Abortion Campaign demonstration on

And it has also decided to mobilise support for this demo and the NAC week of action, and to set up a body of delegates to inquire into abortion facilities in Manchester.

# rank & file

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# PORTUGAL

# A letter from Isabel do Carmo, a leading member of the PRP

There is no doubt that at the moment the situation in Angola conditions the development of events in Portugal. It is obvious that imperialism will do everything it can to prevent Angola falling into the hands of the MPLA.

It lost Guine-Bissau and Mozambique but desperately wants to keep Angola. Angola is too important for imperialism-the western powers cannot let it go without a bitter struggle.

There are several reasons for this. There are the rich mineral resources of the country and the chance that, given the already existing organs of popular power, Angola will become the most advanced African society in terms of popular power and new production structures. This could be the spark which sets fire to all of

It is also true that the independence of Angola, if recognised on 11 November as planned, will give power to the MPLA. The MPLA controls Luanda and all the state apparatus, and is the only truly Angolan movement which now also controls the country militarily.

In this situation, imperialism has only two alternatives: either to create chaos in Portugal, which, without a government, would not be able to concede formal inde-



pendence to Angola, or with the connivance of reactionary elements in the Portuguese army to launch a brutal offensive against the MPLA in order to force it to come to the conference table with the FNLA and UNITA, suddenly brought back into the political arena at the level of the centres of power.

Imperialism could also resort to the Security Council of the United Nations, claiming that the Alvor Agreements (between the three movements and Portugal) had not been respected. However, to achieve this imperialism needed the support of the Security Council.

The Angolan problem which has to be solved before 11 November will determine the development of events in Portugal.

The right wing knows that time works against them and that the left will become better and betterorganised. This organisation implies

ISABEL DO CARMO, of the political committee of the Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat in Portugal, sent the following statement to Socialist Worker last week. It was written shortly after the announcement that the armed Revolutionary Brigades were going underground, because of a new law which forbids workers to have guns, but that the PRP would remain as a legal political organisation recognising that an armed struggle is necessary to create workers'

At the same time news was coming through of the use of South African troops and of white Portuguese fascists to support the right-wing forces of UNITA and the FNLA in Angola.

the overthrowing of the sixth

Provisional Government. This is why some right-wingers are praying that a confrontation will take place soon. Such a confrontation would mean the creation of a power vacuum which would defer Angola's independence and hinder the organisational developments of the revolutionary left in Portugal.

### UNITY

In this context the weaknesses of the government were revealed when dealing with the Radio Renascenca issue. Faced with the tremendous unity of a mass demonstration which re-opened the radio station, the government could not resort to force. Instead they merely confined themselves to sabotaging the transmitter.

This is an indication that the authorities can only carry out their

repressive policies through the Amadora Commandos and the airforce from Montijo. But even these forces cannot be relied upon any longer. That is the dilemma now.

So the right wing will attempt to use 'legal' means against the left. Instances of this are the recent sackings of top personnel at local government level and the legislation aimed at disarming the left-wing and workers' organisations. This attempt to disarm working-class organisations is a real reminder of a similar action taken in Chile in July 1973. In Portugal, as in Chile, the reformists in the government gave their approval for such

But revolutionaries do not give up their weapons, revolutionaries do not give up their struggle, irrespective of legislation or actions taken against them.

The reformists' tortuous path

enables them to resort to all kinds of manoeuvres, but we must not be taken by surprise. The negotiations between the Communist Party and the Socialist Party did not change the dominant position of the latter. The Socialist Party was able to impose, among other conditions, such as the continuation of the right-wing PPD in the government, which corresponds to approval for the current political set up.

This is also a manoeuvre by the Socialist Party to neutralise the Communist Party in relation to the positions of the Socialist Party

Finally, it also means preparing the ground for a Socialist Party and Communist Party government. Under the threat of a right-wing coup the Communist Party could well embark on such a deal. The left in the Socialist Party, which already has considerable strength, is favourable to such a scheme.

# **TACTICS**

There are as a result two dangers facing the revolutionary left. Firstly, the increasingly repressive measures by the right wing that could lead to a right-wing coup. Secondly, the reformist, Communist Party manoeuvres which can once again divide and create illusions amongst the working class.

These dangers must be taken into account in order to work out the correct tactics for the revolutionary left.

This means being aware of the time factor as regards the advance of the class struggle and also taking into account the problem of Angola. It means working out correct defensive and offensive actions to respond to repression, and furthermore elucidation and actions to respond to repression, and furthermore elucidating and organising to oppose reformist manoeuvres and to carry forward the struggle of the revolutionary

# LAW

Above all it means finding at the level of leadership of the revolu-tionary process the capacity for initiative and co-ordination to keep up with the advance of popular power throughout the country. Also finding at the level of leadership an adequate response to that true sign of insurrection-the revolutionary soldiers which exist in almost all the

Taking the initiative and truly becoming the revolutionary vanguard is exactly the opposite of what happened in the long hours of waiting to which the demonstrators at the Radio Renascenca mast were subjected too. There was such a regard for law and it made the great majority of them very frustrated.

Once again the Maoist currents ere the factor of delay, attempting to slow down the process. These tactics must be surpassed just as reformist manoeuvres must.

This has to be done in such a way as to unify the workers, rather than divide them, encompassing in the revolutionary movement as much of the rank and file of all the left-wing parties as possible, but escaping the control of their leaderships.

THERE were two huge demonstrations in Lisbon last week. The first, last Tuesday evening, was promoted by various workers' committees and military units under the influence of the revolutionary left. Its aim was to reopen the worker-controlled radio station, Renascena.

The station had been shut for three weeks since the broadcasting mast outside Lisbon at Bucaca had been seized by commandos acting on government orders. Now the commandos had been withdrawn and only two policemen guarded the mast.

The demonstration was more than 50,000-strong and had to march for two hours to get to the mast. The thousand soldiers on the demo included a group of Commandos from Amadora with a banner 'Renascenca Republica at the service of the

people', 'Against AMI'.

At the mast the demo hung around until the early hours of the morning waiting to see if the radio could restore broadcasting. A section of the demonstration, influenced by the sanest of Portugal's Maoist groups, the UDP, did not want to break in physically to the mast. Instead, it sent a committee off to megotiate with the government.

But finally, under the lead of members of the PRP and the United Revolutionary Front, workers lost their inhibitions, tore the doors open and hoisted a red flag from the mast. Renascenca was soon back on the air broadcasting revolutionary songs and news of the workers' struggles.

From Robin Ellis in Lisbon

day was called by various workers' and tenants' committees under Communist Party influence.

Its main demands focussed on the return of Vasco Goncalves, who led the second, third, fourth and fifth Provisional Governments without beginning to deal with the problems of Portuguese workers. Instead of asserting that the workers have the ability and the power to run Portugal, the organisers were still trapped in the illusion that all workers can do is to look for reform in the present structure of power.

The size of the demonstration showed that although a large number of workers have been won to a revolutionary perspective, there is still a lot of work to be done before the majority of the class breaks com-A second demonstration last Thurs- pletely from reformism.



Workers march in Setubal in support of the takeover

# AND WORKERS TAKE OVER ANOTHER NEWSPAPER

THE highest point reached by the popular struggle is in the industrial town of Setubal, 30 miles south of Lisbon. It is there that a Popular Assembly of workers', soldiers' and tenants' committees is being built which, through a Committee of Struggle that meets weekly, is beginning to be looked to by the town's workers as an alternative source of authority to the government.

Last week the government released a report on an incident in Setubal back in the first week of March, when a worker was shot dead by the police during a demonstration against the right wing. The report exonerated the police-just as the president was holding discussions with the police chiefs on how to increase their power.

When I visited Setubal the next

day, the Revolutionary United Front was already active. As I approached the main square, the International filled the night air. Red flags flew from the lamp standards and the whole square was full of people looking at display boards of press

cuttings, photographs and comments. The local paper, the Setubalense, which comes out three times a week, was full of material on the question.

This surprised me, since it was not known as a left-wing paper. When I went into the offices of the Revolutionary Council of Workers, Soldiers and Sailors, in an occupied shop off the square, I found what had happened. The workers on the paper had followed the workers of the Lisbon evening paper Republica, had kicked out the owner and had taken over the editing of the paper them-

The leader of the occupation committee told me how the struggle had

"After Republics was taken over by its workers the old owner wanted to point his paper bent, she said. We wouldn't allow that and our boss refused to pay us.

The occupations came after dismession with the Committee of Strumbe, and local paper workers here guaranteed that they will succide it with the secretary newsprint. Workers' organisations in Britain can send messages of support to the worker-run Setubilense, Send them to Compation Committee, Setuballense, Setubal, Portugal.

#### SHOP STEWARDS TRIPS TO PORTUGAL The National Bank and File

two delegations of shop stewards to They are upper to the existing numbers and other have lide trade union organizations. The integrations will be Full depoils from National For and File Drypnising Committee, 46 Prince George Road, London W16 86Y, Phone 11-349 1267.

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# Marxism and morality

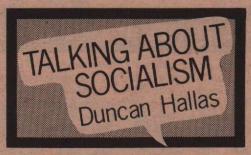
THERE ARE two ways, and two ways only, in which rules of behaviourethics, morality or whatever-can be justified.

They can be justified as coming from some super-human being, outside and beyond society, from a god. Or they can be justified in terms of their consequences.

### Bonzes

The first position is that of the Archbishop of Canterbury and, of course, of bishops, rabbis, muftis, bonzes, shamen and witchdoctors throughout the ages.

It is so because the god says so. Different



gods have different systems. Indeed the same god imposes different rules at different times, if he (or she) is fortunate enough to live long enough, that is to say to retain worshippers

The ferocious Jahweh of the Old Testament once struck a pious Hebrew dead because the wretched man laid a hand, with the very best intentions, on the box (ark) in which Jahweh lived-or so the sacred books tell us.

This bloodthirsty old ruffian, who once delighted to see the priests of Baal hewed in pieces or hanged on trees, has modified his manners considerably in modern Judaism.

#### Notions

The Christian god, too, has changed his notions of right and wrong as time has passed. He once, as Marx said, 'justified the slavery of antiquity and glorified the serfdom of the middle ages'

Nowadays, to judge from the statements of

his professional interpreters, he holds forced labour to be an abomination.

But enough of this. Men make gods in their

own image, not the other way round, and so they necessarily also make the allegedly 'eternal' moral codes that they put in the mouths of their deities. There is no serious alternative to judging behaviour in terms of its social consequences.

This is, of course, the notorious doctrine that 'the end justifies the means' which is such a scandal to the champions of 'eternal' moral truths. Yet how do they themselves proceed in practice? Consider the question of violence in its most extreme form, the question of war.

There was a popular American song, in the second world war, that went: 'Praise the

Lord and pass the ammunition'. It sums up, fairly enough, the attitude of the American clergy to the war; wholehearted support for the US

military effort.

The US catholic bishops, for example, blessed American arms. The German catholic bishops, on the other hand, blessed German arms. 'Got Mit Uns' was inscribed on the belt buckles of Hitler's soldiers.

Japanese catholics, a smallish minority of Japanese as it happens, prayed for the soldiers of Emperor Hirahito.

# Worse

I select the catholics, not because they are any worse than the others, but because as a 'universal' church and not a purely national one, they serve to illustrate the essence of the matter in its clearest form.

Now let us be clear what this means. War means fighting and fighting means killing. Under modern conditions it means killing on the most enormous scale, killing women and children as well as men, civilians

and children as well as men, civilians as well as soldiers.

What, then, becomes of the 'sanctity of human life', about which 'eternal' moral principle any competent priest can deliver a homily at the drop of a hat?

the drop of a hat?

It would be a mistake to dismiss all this as mere hypocrisy. Catholic theologians long ago developed the doctrine of the 'just war'. What is its

Ends

It is the doctrine of the 'lesser evil' which, on examination, turns out to be a doctrine of ends and

The means, wholesale killing in this case, are justified, or not, according to whether the end is good

And they are not wrong in this method (the results are a different matter). Their hypocrisy arises, not from this, but from their advocating, at the same time, the doctrine of eternal' morality.

Of course, not any means are justified, either by conscientious catholics or by marxists. The means must be compatible with the end, must genuinely serve it.

For marxists, systematic deception of the working class is never justified, is always immoral, because it is incompatible with the end—the emancipation of the working class.

The basis of socialist morality can

now be summarised, and it can hardly be better put than in these words of Trotsky:

'A means can only be justified by its end. But the end in turn needs to

be justified. From the Marxian point of view,

which expresses the historic interests of the working class, the end is justified if it leads to increasing the power of man over nature and to the abolition of the power of man

Several readers have written in with

their own questions about socialism.

They will be taken up, as far as

to hear from you.

possible, un next week's column.

Meanwhile, keep writing-we want

Send your questions and com-

ments to: Talking About Socialism, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works,

Corbridge Crescent, London, E2.

WE WERE sitting in a cafe, trying to read the Portuguese newspapers. The teenaged boy who served us pointed to a picture of Spinola on the front page and said: 'Spinola. Very bad.' Then he pointed to a picture of Costa Gomes and said: 'Spinola. He's another Spinola.'

OUTSIDE the Spanish Embassy,

the day after it was burnt. Speaking to a man in his fifties,

well-dressed. He is a colonel in

I was happy on 25 April.

But now I know I was wrong. What we need is another revolu-

tion, a firm leader. There is no order in Portugal. They burned the Spanish Embassy last night. Tonight it could be the American Embassy or the Russian Embassy or the Italian Embassy, anything.

There is no reason that justifies this ransacking. We must have

The Spanish Embassy was

signed the execution orders for

I spoke to a young man who had been inside the Embassy chucking sofas, files, 'priceless' paintings etc out the window.

The police, he said, were hiding around the corner, trying

the shadows. The fire depart-

ment came but were only con-

cerned that the fire was kept in

the burnt remains outside the

the Embassy's cream coloured

smashed-sat outside the front

Mercedes Benz-completely

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back to Portugal, the young

Embassy for about a week. And

No-one bothered to clear up

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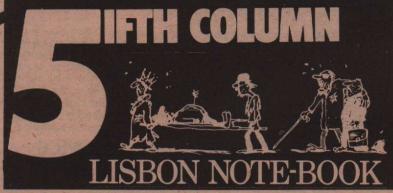
ransacked the night Franco

the five Basque comrades.

authority, order.

the army, just returned from

THE FASCISTS who were purged from industry are not on the dole queue. They are getting jobs as teachers. And they are getting preferential treatment—being hired first.



# FASCISM...hanging from a clothes line

THE FIRST THINGS you notice about Lisbon are the number of beggars, the number of posters and slogans painted on the walls, and the number of disabled ex-soldiers from the African wars.

And then there's the poverty, the political activity, and the effect of a whole generation who may have lost a leg but still remember how to shoot. Something else I couldn't get used to—looking at soldiers and realising they are on our side.

You sense how 'confident' the right feel by walking into Rossio

You sense how confident the Square (where the Angolan refugees congregate) and looking at the Angolan news sheets. They are merely handwritten on pieces of paper and hung on a clothes line between two trees.

When I first arrived, there were three large sheets and lots of Angolans. Then, on the day of a SUV demonstration, they disappeared—and so did the Angolans.

The day the right-wing army

The day the right-wing army commandos took over the radio stations, a small news sheet re-appeared. Later two sheets were up, with the address of someone organising Angolan refugees for 'a benevolent fund'.

ON THE DAY the army took over the radio and television stations, Carvalho, the head of Copcon, met the workers' commissions and union committees of the media at the Ministry of Information. About 5000 people had already gathered outside to protest.

Carvalho came to the building in a little black Volkswagen. When people recognised who he was, they

began chasing the car, shouting at him, and pounding the car.

Later that night, when he wanted to leave the building, three army lorries pulled up. Within three lorries pulled up. Within three minutes, those soldiers had come over to the side of the people.

They stayed for about 15 minutes, then sheepishly backed out of the crowd.

The man standing next to me grinned and said: 'Carvalho will have to go home by foot.'

# Left-wing soldiers—masked against identification—join workers to demonsrate the re-opening of Radio Renascenca. WHO LECTURE THE RICH

ADFA-the Association of Deficients in the Armed Forces-men who have lost legs, arms, eyes in the African wars-were demonstrating all the time I was in Portugal.

They marched, supported by thousands of workers, six miles to the Presidential Palace to present

the Presidential Palace to present their demands for job training, better pensions, etc to the President.

They decided when they got there that they were going to stay until he came out and signed an agreement. They weren't going to take anything on faith.

He didn't come out, so they commandeered four tram cars and set up headquarters, kitchen, sleeping cars, press room.

sleeping cars, press room.

# Train

They stopped the train at the station there (which goes out to posh Caiscais) to lecture everyone on each train on the justice of their

After five days, they took over the tollbooths on the two bridges over the River Tagus and the motorway into Lisbon-in other words the major points of access into the city

They didn't take fares (the government was losing thousands of escudos a day), but sold badges and stickers of their association. The sticker shows a deficient roaring down the road in his wheelchair, fist waving in the air.

It was the deficients at the toll-

We need another revolution, we must bring back Spinola, he is the only man strong enough to control. When I was 'phoning London about some flights, the call was interrupted by someone in the army who demanded to know who I was talking to, what it was about. I swore at him, and if I see him, well, I may be bruised, but he will be more bruised. Telephones were tapped before, but not mine, it was the Communists' phones that were tapped. I didn't mind about that.

-A Portuguese airline official

booth on Ponte 25 April that convinced the commandos in big, armed personnel carriers to turn round and not try to break up the SUV demonstration outside Trafaria

Then the deficients blocked all the entrances of the Constituent Assembly, so the government ministers couldn't get out.

The commandos were sent to find a way, and they chose a back entrance where there was only one crutches. They fired at these deficients to scatter them.

The next day, the deficients went to the office of the head of the commandos. They left their wheelchairs and crutches outside his door, as a reminder.

There are 30,000 deficients in

# Soares and the men who called me 'comrade'

WE TALKED one day to some blocksetters (they set lead blocks of type for newspapers) as their door at work was open. They soon invited us in to see what they were doing.

They showed us what they set: Journal Novo, a right-wing paper recently set up.

To show my opinion of it, I tore it in half. The

men immediately hugged me and said, 'comrade'.

The workers there mostly read 'Republica'. They consider it their paper, the people's paper, it tells the

These men were asked, at a time when the political situation was volatile, to set an ad for a Socialist Party demonstration to go in the second edition of the paper. They called a union meeting, which went on for so long that the second edition never came out.

I showed the blocksetters the copy of Socialist Worker with our London demonstration of solidarity. They poured over the pictures, picking out all the slogans in Portuguese, nodding and laughing.

Then one of them noticed the picture of Mario Soares at the Labour Party Conference. He pointed his finger at it and 'shot' him-'rat a tat a tat'.

WRITTEN BY A COMRADE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM PORTUGAL

# Socialist Worker

# Fight for the Right to Work



Buck Taylor started work in the Depression of the Thirties He retires this month in the Depression of the Seventies. His answer? 'If the tooth is rotten, you have to take the bloody thing out

# SCHOOLS: Crazy, but we're out of work

Kevin Wingfield, unemployed teacher, Tower Hamlets

THE CUTS in education affect every parent and trade unionist in East London.

The situation is appalling. There are 2000 teachers in London out

At one school in Hackney, there were 42 applicants for one job. At another school in London there were more than 70 applicants for

One teacher in Waltham Forest has only been appointed on a temporary basis, because they cannot guarantee there will be enough money to employ her on a per-manent basis. It is crazy to spend thousands of pounds on training teachers only to put them on the dole at the end of it.

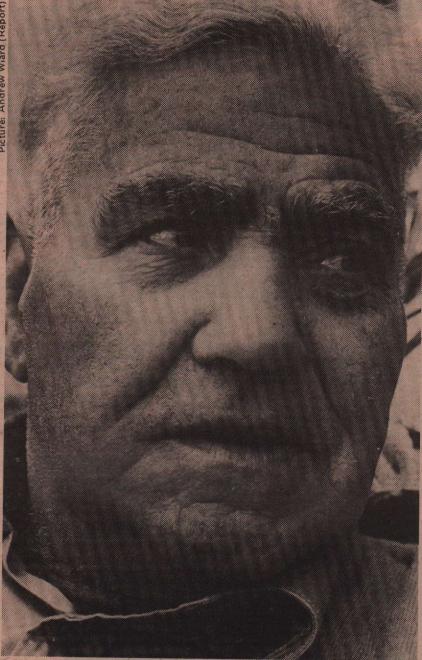
#### Huts

There are still hundreds of children being taught in grossly overcrowded classes. We have building workers out of work, while our children are being taught in leaking Nissen huts and decrepit

Unsafe and unhealthy buildings are not being replaced. The quality of school meals is going down while

prices, of course, go up.

We know there are people available to work. The meeting at East Ham Town Hall on 4 November gives us the opportunity to meet with parents and trade unionists and organise to defend our children-



Buck Taylor: 'In many ways, we have made no progress at all'

# SES: Chaos and a fare increase on top!

the Greater London Council on their counter inflationary measures has had a quick reaction from the London Transport Executive. They have now adopted a policy of no further recruitment.

Just when there is the greatest need to create more jobs, we see the contradiction of the government's policy.

Jack Aldrich, TGWU, Walthamstow Bus Garage:

On the one hand, they put up the pretence of finding jobs, and yet on the other they have effectively stopped all further recruitment. Ultimately, this is bound to mean

closure of garages, which in turn will lead to deterioration in services to the travelling public. What makes this a real smack in the eye to all Londoners is that they asked to pay for a 25 per cent increase in fares!

The attack on the public and social services must be seen as part and parcel of the fight for the right

Alan Thomson, National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, RWS, Stratford.

Buck Taylor, TGWU Convenor, STC, North Woolwich

I STARTED work at STC's 42 years ago. I am retiring this month-so I started work in the depression of the 1930s, and I am packing up in the depression of the 1970s.

The wheel has come full circle, and in many ways we have made no bloody progress at all.

East London and Newham is becoming derelict, deliberately run down. More and more people are on the dole queues. There are strong rumours that STC intend to close and go to Newport, taking 2000 jobs

# Outside the gate

A Right To Work Campaign is needed—and I hope the meeting in East Ham Town Hall on 4 November is a success. The unemployed must be linked with the employed. As long as I am selling my labour I have got something to bargain with. But the unemployed are on their own, like the pensioners. They have no strength. With high unemployment, and blokes outside the gate chasing your job, the guvnor is going to get after you inside the factory

I remember in the Thirties there was a bastard foreman who would go around when sackings were in the air and ask the men, 'are you married?' That would set the blokes worrying about their jobs and so

conditions and rates were continually being worsened.

A Right To Work Campaign must also fight for a reduction in the retiring age. This is such a polite term! They want you out because they

don't want you ill or dropping down dead on them. An immediate reduction from 65 to 60 would create thousands of new jobs. Mind you, the pension would have to be increased if we are to remain alive.

We should also learn something from the dockers. They have a 31hour week. We are all in the same union and it should apply to all TGWU members at least.

# Same

But we also have to make sure that we do not spend all our energies fighting the symptoms and not the causes. If the tooth is rotten you have to take the bloody thing out.

You can't tinker around with it.

That is what is wrong with the Labour Party.

The only difference between Tory and Labour is in the name. We chucked out Heath when he wanted wage restraint. Yet now Labour is getting away with exactly the same thing.

They said to us 'it's got to be voluntary or else'. Having a Labour government means we accept a kick in the balls whereas we would not from the Tories.

I think the old socialist saying is still true today: 'Whoever owns the means of production also owns my

The rising unemployment in the East End certainly proves that point.

# THE THIRTIES!

Public meetings organised by the Rank and File Organising Committee:

#### **EAST LONDON**

Tuesday 4 November, 8pm, East Ham Town Hall. Speakers: Ricky Tomlinson (freed

Shrewsbury picket), Dick North (NUT Executive) and Bill Freeman Snr (NATSOPA, in a personal capacity). Chairman: Micky Fenn (NASD shop steward, Royal Group Organised in conjunction with The

Dockworker paper.

### MANCHESTER

Thursday 20 November, 8pm, Houldsworth Hall. Speakers to be announced.

#### MOTOR INDUSTRY

Crisis in the Motor Industry Conference: Saturday 15 November, 11am-5pm, Digbeth Civic Hall Birmingham. Credentials 50p from RFOC, address below.

day 29 October, 7,30p

Rank and File Organising Committee, 45 Prince George Road, London N16.

SINCE JULY our place has seen vast cutbacks in work, mainly because of cancelled orders by a multinational. It has meant a cutback in my wages at £10 to £55 a week.

Even though myself and my wife are working we can't afford to buy furniture after paying all the bills. And we are the lucky ones-what's it like for those who haven't got a decent place to

And now we've got redundancy staring us in the face. The management say things are really critical and we could be made redundant this

week, next week, in a month... at any time.

In Newham, there are 5000 on the dole and only 400 vacancies. Workers are realising they can no longer go out and get a job when they

want. Work is leaving Newham at an incredible

Our works committee policy is total opposition to redundancies. We will fight them in every

I'm disgusted with the TUC over their attack. on the 26 November demonstration against unemployment. It only goes to show how out of touch they are with the one and a quarter million unemployed and the other million who could follow. They are more concerned with giving the Labour government an easy ride than in fighting

They have stated that this demonstration has become the plaything of 'political groups' but this is just a red scare, used to cover up for their own lack of activity.

The best time to fight unemployment is when you are in employment. Once you're out on the

dole you've lost your bargaining power.

There's no set plan for fighting redundancy.

Different situations call for different tactics. Trade unionists need to get together to co-ordinate ideas and experiences.

That's why myself and my workmates are going to East Ham Town Hall on 4 November.

# 200,000 JOBS LOST

# -that's the extent of the crisis in the motor industry

HOW can we begin to fight back in the motor industry? In the past 12 months some 200,000 workers from car and component plants have lost their jobs. Car production in Britain has dropped from round 1,750,000 in 1973 to an estimated 1,050,000 million in 1976.

But the response from the organised shop floor has been pathetic. Only a few years ago motor industry shop stewards were hated by newspapers, politicians, trade union leaders and management alike. But the change from piecework bargaining on the shop floor to measured day work and lengthy complicated national negotiations has changed the balance of power. The most important decisions are

WHY YOU

**ATTHIS** 

SHOULD BE

CONFERENCE

rank and file. And the lesson of the last year and a half is that as the crisis gets deeper so we need even stronger rank and file leadership.

'It's this rank and file leadership

that's really failed us all since Harold

wilson got back in last year. That's why the joint shop stewards at Linwood called early this year for a national motor industry shop stewards' conference, and why we travelled down to the Liverpool and Midlands car factories to campaign for the idea.

Narrow

'The multinationals have picked us off section by section, factory by factory, firm by firm. And despite the half-hearted attempt to get a pretty narrow, 'senior stewards only' sort of body off the ground, this is

still going on. Here at Linwood we

hardly know what's going on at the Albion, the Leyland factory only ten

Committee's meeting is one way to

try and get the links forged. I hope that all the Engineers' Charter supporters who work in the motor industry will give it their backing

Socialist Worker supporters will argue at the Conference for:
Plant-wide unity in the face of all attacks on trade union organisation,

Real involvement of the rank-and-

file: No secret negotiations with management. Regular meetings of

Independent trade union organisa-tion and against 'workers' participa-

Five full days' pay without strings for any lay-off.

without loss of pay.

A fight against all redundancies,

Immediate occupation of any factory faced with sackings.

Opposition to all wage controls

Regular democratic national shop

Nationalisation of the whole

of manning, track speeds,

stewards' conferences and effective

motor industry-without a penny compensation-with shop floor con-

Action to win the 35-hour week

every section or the whole factory.

The Right to Work:

voluntary or compulsory.

and wage freezes.

combine committees.

'The Rank and File Organising

negotiated by senior stewards and convenors, often in discussions over several months with management in some luxury

Thus the 32-man British Leyland ombine Committee has spent three nonths in secret negotiations with nanagement about workers' participaon. They agreed with Leyland before be start of the negotiations to reveal othing to the workers who elected hem to their positions.

On the shop floor a steward can immediately controlled by the men who elected him. His actions can independent of the shop steward com-

Thus the carrot of workers' carticipation schemes has an immediate interest for many conteners. In both Leyland and Chrysler they have continued discussions on schemes proposed by the management while redundancies and short time have continued. For them orkers' participation means more influence in the management hierarchy. For a lucky few it means a seat on the board of directors. eat on the board of directors.

Earlier this year pressure from op stewards in a number of plants to the first meeting of shop tewards from the whole industry. but instead of leading to a united II for a fight back across the whole dustry, there was some argument that convenors only should attend.

# Few

At the second meeting in June w stewards turned up. There was ittle publicity and no attempt to hat such a meeting could achieve.

Now the Rank and File Organising ommittee has called a different sort conference in an effort to build sic links between groups of car-

This conference will be different om previous meetings. It is open to trade unionists in the industry. It all discuss the concrete experiences the past 12 months and the sort of licies that will make it possible to

One of the organisers of the con-terence is Willie Lee, a senior steward at Chrysler Linwood who has just stood as the candidate supported by the Engineers' Charter for the post of national organiser in the Engineering

Workers' Union. He told Socialist Worker: 'If the ads in the factory are ready to fight sackings and short time, then we can ake on the company . . . In 1973 here in Chrysler we told AUEW resident Hugh Scanlon where to get and we went ahead unofficially.

The strength is there with the





A jubilant crowd in Madrid after the election of the Republican-government . . . but what did Franco care for elections?



Birds of a feather? Franco em braces US President Eisenhower after the treaty allowing US nuclear bases in



1937: Women giving Franco the fascist salute-soon to be



# The bi

FRANCO'S regime was marked, from beginning to end by a grisly chain of murders. It was born with a murderous civil war designed to destroy the Spanish working-class movement of the 1930s, and only four weeks ago it again turned to murder in an attempt to put down the growing working-class militancy of today.

The immediate background to Franco's coup of July 1936 was the election that February of a Popular Front government supported by various parties, from the middle-class Republican Union to the Communist Party. The government's policies were far from socialist, and deliberately excluded measures such as nationalisation.

The leaders of the working-class parties said they needed to unite with the 'progressive capitalists' against the fascists, the church and the big landowners. But the result was a government which could solve neither the problems of the workers nor those of big business and made the civil war inevitable.

The workers responded to the electoral success of 'their' parties by demonstrations at the prisons to release trade unionists jailed years before. Peasants seized the land. There was a massive wave

The government did not know which way to turn. It released the prisoners, but also declared strikes illegal and censored the working-class press.

# Loyal

Meanwhile the right also began to organise. Murders of trade unionists at the hands of the fascist Falange became an everyday matter. Inside the army a right-wing coup was prepared with little attempt at secrecy.

The ministers moved the officers best known for plotting to more important posts and issued a statement describing the officer corps as 'loyal servants of the constituted power and firm in their obedience to the popular will'. Like Allende in Chile, they tried to stop a military rising by giving the officers more

On 17 July the army began its long-prepared insurrection. Franco seized the Spanish colony

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FOR thirty years, the militancy of the Spanish working class was held down by the massive defeat in the civil war. But in the 1960s it began to gather strength again. In 1962-3 a great wave of strikes shook the complacency of the regime, and in the late 1960s new, unofficial workers' organisations, the workers' commissions, began to

The struggle came to a peak with the four-week general strike in Pamplona in 1973.

The end of last year saw another general strike, this time in the Basque country against the treatment of political prisoners.

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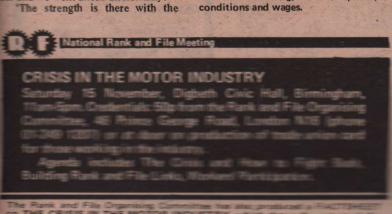
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At dawn on 19 July, when the army and the fascists marched on the centre of Barcelona, they were confident of easy success, since the government authorities had refused to give arms to the workers.

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All over Spain the story was repeated. From the great cities to

were swept away in a few days. Instead of 'peacefully' smashing the working class and murdering activists, as in Nazi Germany, the upper classes were faced with civil war, a war between classes.

In the republican areas power seemed to be in the hands of the working class. At a local level it was, but the government remained a bosses' government. A new Popular Front government, was formed, this time including the representatives of the Communist Party. It hardly differed in policy from the government which had allowed Franco to organise.

It was still wedded to the notion of an all-class alliance against fascism. But that strategy was even less realistic now that the workers and peasants were fighting for socialism and the bosses had gone over to Franco.

To keep the support of the 'anti-fascist' sections of the middle class and to maintain the 'popular front' the government had to rebuild the capitalist state machine, hand the land and factories back to the landlords and bosses, and to break the power of the workers. The idea of carrying on the revolution never crossed their minds.

# Notion

Many of Franco's troops were Moors from Spanish Morocco. The Moroccan nationalists were strong and could have had a big influence over this part of the reactionary army. But, because the republican government was the republican government was determined to remain respectable it never considered granting independence to the Moors. Franco's Moorish troops remained loyal and efficient butchers for fascism.

At times it looked as though the government was fighting two civil wars, one against the fascists, the other against the workers. In May 1937 the workers of Barcelona resisted attempts to re-impose middle-class power. The government, which could claim with truth that it lacked arms and trained men, was able to spare its best armed troops from the fight against fascism in order to crush the workers.

It was not surprising that the heart began to go out of the anti-Franco camp, while the Franco forces, aided by German Nazi and Italian fascist troops, used every barbarity to gain their

The most ghastly example

was the bombing of the Basque religious capital of Guernica. This town was of little military importance but was bombed flat by Nazi planes. It was the prototype for the terror bombing which was to follow in Warsaw,

Coventry, Dresden Hiroshima. By March 1939 Franco had on. Refugees flooded into France-only to be interned by

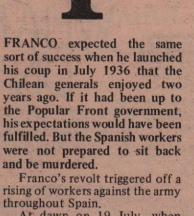
the remnants of the 'Popular government there. In Spain the fascist terror squads finished the job. 250,000 socialists and trade unionists were garrotted or shot in the aftermath of the civil war.

The next Socialist Worker Film Tour is to be the film SPAIN: DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES, a documentary in which an American carpenter who fought against fascism in the Spanish civil war returns to Spain to find how little has changed. It includes interviews with leaders of the Spanish workers' commissions and film of strikes and demonstrations in Spain today. The film will be touring the country from 24 November to 15 December. Watch SW for details.

BOOKS ON SPAIN: The Revolution and the Civil War in Spain by Pierre Broug and Emile Teming.

War in Spain, by Pierre Broue and Emile Temime, £6; Revolution and Counter-revolution, by Felix Morrow £1.35; Homage to Catalonia, by George Orwell, 60p; Hermanos, by William Herrich, 40p; The Spanish Revolution, by Leon Trotsky, £1.80; Days of Hope, by Andre Malraux, 50p; Spain—The Gathering Storm, by Manuel Fernandex, in International Socialist journal 80 (August 1975), 20p.

All from IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. Please add 10 per cent of the cost to cover postage and packing.



# Hunted

But workers broke into sports shops for guns, ransacked construction sites for sticks of gelignite, seized guns from fascist homes. When the right-wing troops set up machine gun emplacements in the streets, armed workers drove taxis at them at full speed to knock them flying. Barricades were put

The workers lost many killed and wounded but the soldiers began to crack. In Fort Montjuich they shot their officers and went over to the workers. In three days the workers controlled the

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the Communist Party, Monarchists and Christian Democrats. Its programme includes: 'Political neutrality and professionalism These people have learned

nothing from their own history

BRITISH big business has been up to its filthy neck in Spain since Franco seized power in the 1930s. Franco's coup was greeted with acclaim by most of the Tory press here. The attitude of the British government of the time was summed up by one of its Ministers, Lord Chatfield, who called Franco a 'good Spanish patriot'

The tie between Spain's murders and the biggest British companies continues today to be cemented by profits. Most of Spain's biggest companies are part-owned by multinationals—including British Leyland, ICI and Chrysler. In 1974 British bosses exported £296 million of goods to Spain and imported £30 million.

Even British trade union leaders have been in on the act, with the white-collar ASTMS and the Electricians and Plumbers advertising trips for their members to a country where unions are

The passing of Franco will not mean that everything is now fine in Spain. The machine he built lingers on. British trade unionists need to act now to help their brothers in Spain.

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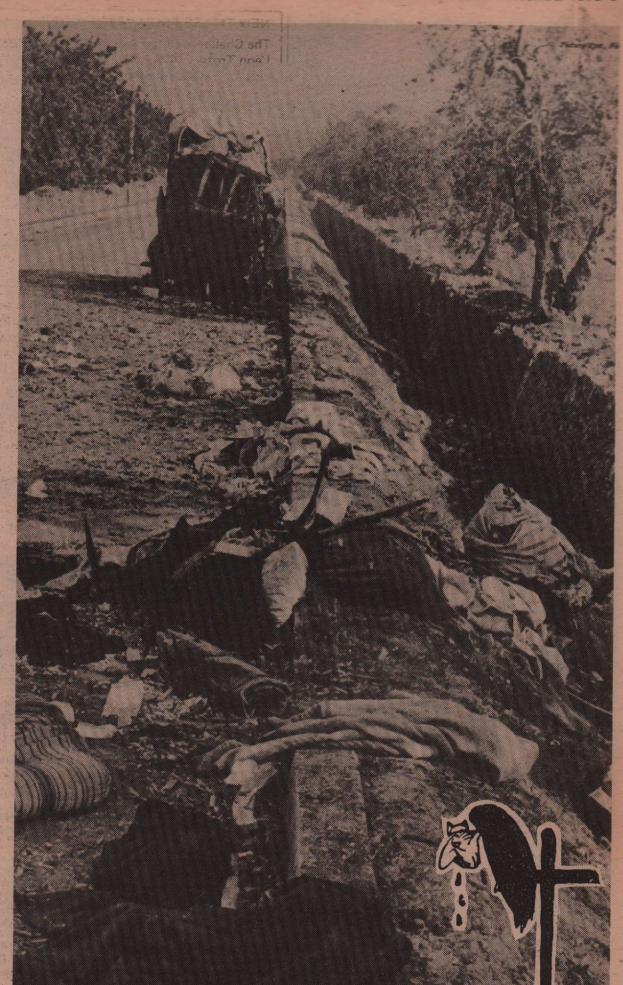
You can:

Find out if your union has any connections with Spain-such as holiday operations. Demand that all links are broken.

Find out if your firm trades with Spain. Black all goods and transport to and from Spain.

Affiliate your union branch, shop stewards committee or trades council to the Spanish Solidarity Committee. The Committee can provide you with information about your firm's involvement with fascism. It can provide information about Spanish workers' struggles. It can provide a speaker on Spain and it may be able to arrange direct links between your shop stewards committee and Spanish workers in the same firm in Spain.

The address for the Spanish Solidarity Committee is Box 212, 197 King's Cross Road, London WC1. Affiliation costs £2 for an individual, £3 for a union branch or shop stewards' committee £5 for a trades council and £20 for a national organisa-tion. Affiliation entitles you to a copy of their monthly bulletin on workers' struggles in Spain.



The road to Barcelona 1938, after refugees fleeing from Franco's forces had been machine-gunned from the air by fighters sent by Mussolini to aid the fascist forces.

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WE HAVE now printed Portugal At The Crossroads in six different languages-English, and above, from left to right, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, French and

They are being distributed and sold all over Europe. That's what the Portuguese fund has made possible.

Now we want to make sure every IS district, and

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branches, too, if possible. have a set. They should be on display at our Portuguese meetings, shown to any foreign visitors to your area, shown to people from those countries you work with. Buy one set for £1.50, and

then order extra copies as you need them.

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# RIGHT TO WORK: HOW WE ORGANISE

THE CAMPAIGN in the working class movement for the Right to Work is undoubtedly the most Socialist Worker has important

Throughout the winter, Socialist Worker must become the voice of the movement, outside the labour exchanges, factory gates, shop stewards' and trade union branch meetings.

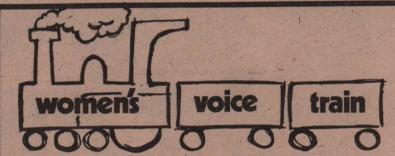
Whether we like it or not, we have many members within our organisation who face unemployment throughout the winter. There are many willing unemployed members prepared to help organise, but the cost of bus fares and travelling makes it almost impossible.

The central committee is asking all

The central committee is asking all branches to find about £5 a week expenses for at least one unemployed member through the winter.

It takes very little imagination to know what a difference this would make to the campaign and to Socialist Worker.

The name of the person should be sent to the national secretary at 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 as soon as possible. Every help can then be given to those members prepared to take on this work.



from London to Manchester on Saturday 29 November for the Women's Voice Rally. It will leave Euston at 8am, and then special buses will take everyone to Belle Vue.

After the rally, the buses and train will get us back into London for 9.45pm. The cost-£4 inclusive.

Every London district should make sure one person takes special responsibility for collecting money for the tickets. They have to be paid for in advance. If you know how many you will be wanting let us know now—and

WE HAVE booked a train to take us we'll send them off as the money arrives.

Subsidise the cost of the rail ticket if you can for women who can't afford £4. Organise a social, a jumble sale, use the money from the sale of tickets for the

Branches in the Home Counties who want to come on the train must let us know now, otherwise we may not be able to fit you all in.

Tickets available from: Womens Voice Train, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Other districts should be booking

their coaches now. Send us the details and we'll print them on this page each

# Socialist Worker sales – our target

CENTRAL LONDON District has set itself a target of a minimum of ten Socialist Worker sales for each member.

Every member will have to undertake three sales a week to do this—in the

High Street or railway station, and a sale outside another workplace.

The aim is to use the paper as an organiser with members and readers contributing to it on local issues. To build on the interest of the contribution of of the co the increased sales, the worker readers must be organised.

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Supporters Group was formed last week. Four ACTSS members in a London office, and two NUT members, who regularly buy Socialist Worker, met together as a sup-porters group to discuss 'reform or revolution'.

They have arranged to sell Socialist Worker and to meet again in a week's time.

THE first three meetings in a series of regular, Friday night Socialist Worker meetings in Coventry have proved successful. The lea that Friday night is SW

with Socialist Worker Fill in this form and send it off now with your £2 deposit for the weekend. The total cost will be £16.25, and you can pay bit by bit Send the form to: Skegness Rally, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

> I want to book . . . . . places at Skegness and I enclose deposit (£2 for each £ adult, children free).

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Come to Skegness at Easter

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night' is providing many IS members and Socialist Worker supporters with the kind of informal discussion on socialist politics

of informal discussion on socialist politics that is badly needed.

The first meeting was addressed by Harry Wicks, who spoke on The First National Crisis to 55 people. Philip Agee, ex-CIA agent, spoke at the second meeting of the series to 120 people, and last Friday, Roger Kline, recently returned from Portugal, spoke on the revolution there. There were 45 at the meeting.

The meetings are every second Friday at the Sidney Stringer School, Cox Street (200 yards from Pool Meadow). Watch Socialist Worker for the next meeting.

IN the light of the strategy of detente being pursued in Southern Africa by the Vorster and Kaunda regimes, the emergence of a militant black workers' movement in South Africa and the civil war in Angola, the SW Africa Group is expanding its activities. Any Socialist Worker supporters and IS members interested in helping in the work of the group should contact it—expert knowledge about Africa is not necessary.

necessary.

The Africa Group would also like any IS members involved in the Anti-Apartheid

Movement to get in touch.

SW Africa Group, 8 Cottons Gardens,
London E2 8DN.

WE ARE trying to raise £400 towards the fund the Socialist Workers Movement in Ireland have set themselves to pay for new typesetting equipment. The equipment will enable them to produce their paper, The Worker, more regularly.

We have raised £40 so far. Now we are

asking for donations from individuals and a levy of £2 from each IS branch.

Send the money to: Paul O'Brien, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2.

### **PORTUGAL AU** CARREFOUR

Tony Cliff
Memore du Comite Central des International Socialists,
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# Socialist Worker meetings

NORTH LONDON SW Grand Hallowe'en Dance: Don't miss the event of the year. Bar extension, food, disco and special Evans extravaganza—all this for £1. Friday 31 October, The Red Lion, Tottenham High Road, N17. Organised by North London District International Socialists.

BRISTOL SW public meeting: The CIA and the British Labour Movement. Speaker: Philip Agee. Tuesday 11 November, 7.30pm, Shepherds' Hall, Old Market.

BRISTOL SW public meeting on The Cuts. Speakers: Dick North, NUT executive (in a personal capacity) and a local speaker. Thursday 6 November 8pm, The George, Newfoundland Road.

TIPTREE SW public meeting: The CIA and the British Labour Movement. Speaker: Philip Agee (former CIA agent). Wednesday 19 November, 8pm. Place to be announced.

BRITISH RAIL: Day school for SW supporters and IS members in NUR, ASLEF and TSSA. Saturday 15 November in Manchester. Write to Box B, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2, for details.

SOCIALIST WORKER needs someone who can translate from Czech. Do you know someone in or around our organisation who can do this? Write to Laurie Flynn, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2, or 'phone 01-739 6361.

FLAME: Second issue of Flame, Socialist Worker's sister paper for black workers, out this week. Articles on unemployment, black defence groups, housing and many others. 5p a copy (plus postage) from Flame, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. Bulk orders to the same address or phone 01-802 6245. Don't forget to return the money for the last issue!

WOMENS VOICE Factsheet on Abortion. 1p a copy plus postage or 75 for 50p from SW Distributors, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

WOMENS SUB-COMMITTEE, Saturday 15 November, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2. All districts, branches and fractions must send a delegate. Discussion on work for Womens Voice rally and Womens Voice groups.

HEALTH WORKERS, national meeting for SW supporters and IS members. 6 December, in Birmingham. Discussion on: the Right to Work campaign: pay' cuts in the health service. More details from Health Workers Section Secretary, c/o 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

CLAY CROSS SW public meeting: Clay Cross, the Labour Party and the struggle for socialism. Speaker: Paul Foot. Thurs-day 6 November, 7.45pm, Royal Volunteer.

BIRMINGHAM Flame and SW public meeting: Fight unemployment among young blacks, Sunday 9 November, 3.30pm, Lozzells Social Development Club, 1 Finch Road, Handsworth.

CHELMSFORD SW public debate: Can the Labour Party achieve socialism? Speakers: David Bunch (IS) and Chris Funnell (Labour Party). Friday 7 November, 8pm, The Institute (next to Wallis supermarket), Braintree Town Centre.

NORTH LONDON SW discussion groups: Mondays, 8pm at 132 Percival Road, Bank Hill Park, Enfield. Tuesdays, 8pm, at IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (upstairs room). All welcome.

Portugal at the Crossroads, Speaker: John Deason, Wednesday 5 November, 7.30pm Room 2, Trades Council Club, Picardy Place. All Socialist Worker readers welcome.

SOUTHWARK SW public meeting: The Nationalised Industries. Speaker: Christopher Hird (author of Your Employers' Profits). Wednesday 12 November, 8pm, North Peckham Civic Centre, corner of Peckham Park Road and Old Kent Road, London SE15.

A NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY. Join our bonfire bonanza on Saturday 1 November. Children's party at 6pm, followed by Grand Fiesta for adults at 8pm, Booze, food, fireworks, bonfire, disco and dancing, All at 58 Cross. Road, Bushey (phone 92-32737). Transport back organised by North West London district International North We Socialists.

HARLOW SW revolutionary bonfire: Wednesday 5 November, starts 6,30pm. Booze, food and fireworks in honour of Guy Fawkes, Bring the kids, Limited number of tickets only. £1 per family, proceeds to Socialist Worker. Book your tickets by phoning Dave Lambert at Harlow 37205.

HULL SW discussion groups: Every Monday, 7.30pm, at Socialist Books, 238 Spring Bank.

WIGAN 15 are now holding meetings every fortnight. Speakers always provided. Starting Thursday 6 November, 8pm, The Swan and Railway, Wallgate.

GRAYS AND TILBURY SW public meeting on Portugal. Speaker: Mike Brightman. Tuesday 11 November, 8pm, Central Library, Orsett Road, Grays.

# ...and WHAT'S

Notices for What's On should be posted to reach Socialist Worker by first post Monday before publication. Adverts will NOT be accepted by 'phone. Send to What's On, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

SOCIALIST WORKER PRESENTS: Alex Glasgow, performing his own songs, Thursday 6 November, 8pm, The Bridge Hotel, Northgate, Darlington. Tickets: 60p (in advance), 75p (at door).

EAST LONDON SW disco: Friday 7. November, 8pm, Boys Club, Gibbens Road, Stratford, E15 (at the back of the Stratford Express building). Disco, music, bar estension.

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STUDENTS: Posters headed 'International Socialist Society' in red available by return of post from John Cox, IS Books, 224 Deritend High Street, Birmingham 12. Size 25in x 18in approx. Cost is £2.50 for 100, including postage (minimum order 100 posters). Cash with orders only.

NOISS needs money. We've already printed thousands of Solidarity with Portugal posters. We're bringing out a new copy of Agitator. We're organising a national speaking tour with Paul Foot. There's loads of other things planned for later in the term. And of course there are all the other expenses—phone calls, circulars, train fares. You can see how it mounts up. So appoint someone in every IS Soc to make sure the money gets in.

Send in: 30p from every NOISS member for their card. The NOISS affiliation fee from every IS Soc. £1 levy from every IS student. Rush these to: Dick'Mungin, NOISS Treasurer, c/o Students Association, Stirling University, Stirling, Scotland.

# International Socialists

INNER WEST LONDON DISTRICT IS meeting for all members: Thursday 6 November, 6.30pm. The Albert, Notting Hill Gate. Jim Nichol on the Right to Work campaign and Perspectives for Portugal. All IS members to attend. SW supporters welcome.

IS BUILDING WORKERS NATIONAL MEETING: Weekend 15-16 November, Leeds Trades Council Club, Saville Mount, Chapeltown, Leeds, 10. For further details, phone 01-437 3978. All IS building workers to attend.

15 SCIENCE DAY SCHOOL: 11am-5.30pm. Saturday 29 November. The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road. With Mike Kidron and Russ Bowman on Waste and Scarcity; Tim Shallice on Technology of Repression, and Ian Gibson on Control of New Knowledge. Pooled fare system will operate.

IS EAST EUROPEAN DAY SCHOOL, Saturday 8 November, 10.30am-5.30pm, the TV Room, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, WC1 (off Aldwich). Comrades interested in doing work in this area should attend. In particular, comrades with a specialised knowledge of Eastern Europe, or an East-European language.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE IS SOCIETY public meeting: Labour and the Crisis. Speaker: Mike Thompson. Friday 7 November, 1pm, Civil Engineering Room 208.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY IS SOCIETY Guy Fawkes was right disco. Tuesday 4 November at The Squat, Devas Street Building, Manchester University. Real ale and good sounds, an excellent time to had by all.

SOUTH WEST LONDON IS DISTRICT AGGREGATE: Saturday 1 November, 2pm, Dryburgh Hall, Upper Richmond Road, Putney.

wanted: Socialist Worker Film Tour needs driver/projectionist (we can teach you to operate the projector) to take film and equipment round the country in the first weeks of December. Expenses paid. Phone Pete Marsden 01-739 9043.

IS TECH STUDENTS or sympathisers going to the Further Education Sector National Conference of NUS please 'phone Simon Turner (01-739 1878) now.

IS BOOKS (London) require part or full-timer. Send applications to IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4, with any relevant details, by 1 November 1975. IS members only.

TWO comrades (couple) want accommodation in East London. Phone Richard, 739 1878.

# THE RAUNDS STRIKE

# MEN MARCH ON **PARLIAMENT**

# **UGLYSCENES IN** COMMONS

# Cloth-bound copies of Das Kapital sold

DOWN THE EDGWARE ROAD they came, more than 100 working men led by a cripple in a floppy white hat. Hunched over his crutches, Jack Pearson was leading the tired little band into London-and the word had got around.

As he thumped his way down the tramlines to the strains of the improvised brass band behind him, the crowds built up. By the time their weary feet had marched them to Hyde Park, the Raunds strikers of 1905 were lost in a cheering mass of 10,000 workers.

For they had arrived, the bootworkers from a tiny Northamptonshire township who had declared they would march on London for justice. Ninety miles they had marched, with the hunger of a nine-week strike showing in their faces.

More than two months before, on 3 March, the strike notices had gone up and in a few days 500 were out. For a town like Raunds, that was a general strike.

Raunds made boots for the British Army during the Boer War, for four shillings a pair. Within a year of the war finishing, the Boot and Shoe Union had been beaten down to three shillings and three

#### Down

But that was not enough for the bosses. Ignoring the agreement, they forced the rate down to two and six. The result was a wage of just £1 a week, against the 32 bob they had been on in the war.

As union men and 'nons' came out shoulder to shoulder, the class issues in the little red-brick town came into the open.

Overnight it became Red Raunds, a name that was to stick for years. By the third week, scabs were being But that was not enough for the

By the third week, scabs were being followed home to the taunts of children and the din set up by women beating kettles and pans.

The house of a foreman still working was surrounded by a chanting crowd of 700 and every window smashed with stones.

In the town square mass meetings were called regularly by the strike committee and addressed by its leader, Jimmy Gribble. A union official brought in from Northampton for the strike, 'General' Gribble was the key figure.

### Solid

As a member of the Social Democratic Federation, he brought politics. It was not enough that the strike was solid, isolated in rural Northamptonshire—the word had to be spread.

London and he earned the 'General' tag by drilling the 115 men selected. With out-riders on bicycles, a

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# IAN REINECKE and JERRY CONNOLLY

first aid unit and a detachment as brass band, four abreast they struck off. Behind them straggled men who had been turned down for the march, among them 'Crutchy'

As they reached Bedford, Luton and Watford, stopping overnight at each, word of their progress flew south before them. Before they reached the Edgware Road, Pearson was brought forward to lead them in.

At Hyde Park, police refused to ow the march to continue to the Houses, of Parliament, So Gribble and a delegation set off for the The man they wanted to see-

Secretary of State for War, Arnold Foster—was not to be found.
Gribble silenced the House from the Strangers Gallery by interrupting a debate on universal suffrage. When MPs recognised the little man in the red tie, there was a dash for the lobby. He was dragged out.

After another abortive bid to reach the bar of the House, Gribble was engulfed and borne off by 12

policemen. Keir Ha rally in Trafalgar Square and with a hastily published 'Life and Times' of Gribble, soft-back copies of Das Kapital were sold to the 10,000

A fortnight after they had set off, the strikers were back in Raunds with a government assurance of an inquiry. It was to end the strike a few weeks later.

Benny Mayes, still living in Raunds at 92, is the sole survivor of the march. He must wonder sometimes whether it was all worth it.

### Dole

Many boot and shoe workers in Raunds, Northamptonshire and the country at large are either on short time or on the dole. Their union, successor to the strikers' National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives. is the National Union of Footwear,

Leather and Allied Trades.

NUFLAT has consistently refused to fight redundancies. Its only reply to short-time working is to call for import controls. Not surprisingly, the membership declining in numbers as the industry

The productivity deals embraced by the union are a bitter joke to many members opening their pay packets after a three-day week.

Joint arbitration panels with the employers have meant the 13-week Raunds strike was not repeated. The union has an agreement that if a strike goes on for three days, the officials order back the workers or forfeit £1000 to the bosses.

If Jimmy Gribble turned up at a branch meeting today with his Marxist ideas, he would probably suffer the same fate as the good socialists banned from holding office in the Fifties by the operation of the notorious Black Book

Trade unionists in the industry today who opt for the quiet life and accept what is going on betray their heritage. The graves of the brave men from Raunds deserve a better

THAT MONDAY MORNING FEELING (BBC-2, 8.05pm) presents us with the work of a bailiff, through the eyes of a bailiff. Rumour has it that future episodes will include the operation of a gas chamber through the eyes of an SS man.

Unthoughtful miners and uncouth trade unionists disturb the happy tranquility of UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS (ITV, 7.55pm) when the General Strike casts its shadow over the Bellamy

Upstairs, reaction is split between the gay set enjoying the jolly jape of playing at workers, and James Bellamy, who throws his energy against the Bolshevik tide. Downstairs, Hudson's lectures against evil miners with snow on their boots is interrupted by two of the same. Could be entertaining.

#### TUESDAY

THE NEARLY MAN (ITV, 9pm) is the first in a series based on last year's plan of the same name about a Labour MP's decline into cynicism. Don't believe it-it couldn't happen in real life.

An important new series, MILE-STONES IN WORKING CLASS HISTORY (BBC-1, 11.15pm) kicks off with a look at the Luddites, workers who destroyed the machines which made them unemployed and struck terror into the hearts of the ruling class at the time.

Future episodes deal with the 1889 Dock Strike and Red Clyde. We can't guarantee the politics, but it should make useful and informative viewing.

#### WEDNESDAY

Alf Garnett returns to give his holy seal to red-bashing, paki-bashing, queerbashing and woman-bashing in a new series of TILL DEATH US DO PART (BBC-1, 9,25pm).

Why are radio phone-in programmes dominated by cranks and fascists? Because socialists don't treat them

seriously. It's time we did.

London Broadcasting, for example, has two a day (10am-Noon, 9pm-1am), Radio Newcastle has one (11am-Noon) Monday to Friday, and Radio Clyde has at least one at different times

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# Postal

SOCIALIST WORKER is the brightest paper on the left, but you still avoid the vital issue of the Crisis. Can any solution avoid cuts in our living standards?

avoid cuts in our living standards?

This country is now in such a mess that most of my fellow workers accept the Press line that some sacrifices have to be made. Production is below that of the three-day week, and investment has fallen by 15 per cent. Surely only an ostrich could escape the obvious need for some belt-tightening?

Even the profits of the greedy capitalists have fallen and many firms are going bankrupt. Amid this economic typhoon, socialists must not merely say 'No cuts'. We must say 'No cuts unless they are used to build socialism'.

As a life-long union and Labour sup-

As a life-long union and Labour supporter I am appalled by the TUC and government policy. Thay want to impose cuts to save capitalism. To save capitalism, they will have to smash the workers' power we have built on the shop-floor since the war.

The alternative of building socialism cannot be worse than mass unemployment, but the benefits are for the future. It will not be easy and it will not be without sacrifices.—WALTER McKEE, SW London.



THE FOLLOWING incident illustrates the madness of the logic of capitalism. In Kinlochbervie, on the west coast of Scotland, fishermen risk their lives in gales to catch fish. Once landed, they can't get a buyer.

The fish, often as much as 30 boxes, lies rotting over the weekend. On Monday it is taken back to sea and dumped. The

government gives a subsidy for this.

As one fisherman pointed out, there are millions starving. It makes me sick. Like unemployment, it's a product of capitalism, production for profit, not for use. So next time your fish supper goes up, think about this.—S MATHESAN, Glasgow.



WHAT IS your opinion of councils who allow private house owners to sell their own houses and move into council houses?

—T BESWICK, Stockport.



AGREED, Mike Dixon, (postal points last week) state harassment won't end until there is a powerful socialist force to end it, but the victory in Cliff McDaniel's case was not because of the liberal nature of Appeals Court judges, or just good luck

It was the result of the huge campaign mounted by the North London Black Parents Movement which so shook the state authorities that they backed out of the fight. They lost their nerve over the thought of potential black working class explosion over the case.—KIM GORDON,



A STUDENT union branch meeting on the Hendon site of the Middlesex Polyrecently carried-by a narrow majority-a motion calling for discipli-nary action to be taken against National Front members known to be active within the Poly.

Opposition came not only from NF apporters, but also from a large group of so-called "liberals" who saw the propo-

sit as an attack on "tree-gleech".

This demonstrates the need for IS and myth that giving faccists a platform is conductive to a fine' society. —STULKET

Bury and sell tickets

# hy our buses are YOU MUST a sick joke

AS LONDON busmen, we would like to add our support to the Southall AEC workers fight against redundancy. What a cruel joke it is for British Leyland to throw thousands on the dole when its most profitable division (bus and truck) cannot produce enough reliable buses for the capital city.

And now, with more than a million unemployed, London Transport has removed 3000 jobs from its list of vacancies. This means more work for those of us who remain and more strain on badly designed buses

A MORNING STAR'VICTORY'

If you think that's bad enough, what about the aggravation conductors and one-man operators will have to face with a 25 per cent rise in fares from next week?

The crews will get nothing out of it and it will hardly discourage the tide of assaults. And why should passengers have to pay more for a service that is dying on its feet anyway?

For years, London Transport blamed all its faults on staff shortage while keeping mum about the short-

ages of buses and spares.

London busworkers mounted tremendous resistance to an attempt to bring private coaches on to bus routes. Militant busworkers' rank and file groups are being formed in a number of areas.

One of their most important tasks will be to link up with bus production workers and all trade unionists dependent on public transport.—STEVE JOHNSON, (Barking Garage), JOHN FRANCIS (Bromley Garage), STEVE CUSHION (Leyton Garage) and PETE GLATTER (Tottenham Garage).



THE MORNING STAR last week printed the government propaganda on workers and bosses against inflation. Its editorial

cannot be controlled?

'The fact that the government has at last decided to place one of its advertisements in the Morning Star . . . is to be welcomed. This is a recognition of the growing pressure from our readers, from leading trade unionists, and from MPs,

that the Morning Star receive its fair share of government advertising.

'It is to be regretted that the first advertisement for years which the government has chosen to insert in the Morning Star should be part of its campaign to cut living standards and social

services which it claims to be the best way to beat inflation."

The Morning Star has shown itself to be a political radish-red on the outside and white in the middle. SW shows shows us how to pool our experience in fighting the bosses' system—we are prepared to win this struggle, the likes of the Morning Star are not.

If we are prepared to win, then the only organisation which can make this possible is the International Socialists. We must draw the rank and file members of the CP who are committed to building socialism. Build the Socialist Worker Party.—TOM BUTLER, Durham.

# Amazed at NAC

JOINED the Manchester National Abortion Campaign when the James White Bill appeared in the House of Commons believing that a national demonstration was essential to show the anti-abortion lobby what women really felt about their place in society.

Although not a member of IS, I supported the Womens Voice group at the national NAC conference and was

the national NAC conference and was amazed to see that, nationally, NAC is not facing the opposition of the antiabortion lobby squarely.

It is evading its responsibility to campaign publicly for the rights of women. I urge all SW readers to come to the demonstration on Saturday 11 November starting from All Saints November, starting from All Saints, Oxford Road, Manchester, at 2pm and to support the call for free abortion on demand—a woman's right to choose.—JANET BROWN, Manchester NAC.

# LABOUR? KIDDING!

ARTHUR GEORGE (Letters, 18 October) must be kidding. 'Even a cursory glance' at this year's Labour Party Conference shows it was one of the tamest circuses on record.

The response of the Party rank and file to a government whose hypocrisy is stupefying would be pathetic if it weren't so disgusting.

Pathetic, too, is Mr George's fantasy about the increasing militancy of the constituency Labour Parties. The real tragedy is that Reg Prentice and Co are right: it is only a small minority of activists who make all the noise.

#### Few

Revolutionary politics are minority politics, and the fact that a few 'revolutionaries' can become the deciding voice in a local Labour Party says more about the decline of Labour than the influence of revolutionary ideas.

No doubt any number of them could write in and tell me that their strategy is to re-build the Labour Party into a fighting working-class organisation with a mass following etc etc.

It's a safe, warm masturbation fantasy, and it has as much in common with reality as the Flat Earth Society. - R PIGOTT, Colchester.

# But we're on YOUR side

DUNCAN HALLAS' article (18 October) was a detailed analysis of everything that's wrong with the national press-and a fine piece of writing into the bargain.

A few months ago, when the front pages were full of condemnation for the miners' pay demand, the journalists who wrote them were scrambling over each other to get a rise before the pay freeze,

But local papers are different and that's something most trade unionists seem to forget. Most are staffed almost entirely by juniors who are much more sympathetic to union aims.

They've learned through bitter experience that only action can get them anything in a union like the NUJ, which prefers to ignore juniors whenever it can get away

Strikers and trade unionists in general look on local reporters with suspicion because they expect rightwing attitudes. And yet publicity is always the first priority of workers in struggle.

Young reporters as much as young factory workers are victims of exploitation-so get in touch with us, comrades, we're on YOUR side.-JACKIE ASHTON, Grays,

WHILE MOST people in New York will be struggling to pay fuel bills this winter, a few select rich people will be playing Petropolis. This is a new take-off of Monopoly. At the moment, sets sell for 195 to 790 dollars. Coming soon will be a 20,000 dollar set with 18 carat gold rigs and derricks to play with. I hope this helps to bring some Christmas cheer.—

# A weapon for the bosses...

IN REPLY to Simon Andrases (Letters, last week), the main reason workers leave their country of origin is to find work.

We oppose all immigration controls because they are the employers' way of regulating the market place. Our first loyalty is to workers, no matter what their country of origin.

argument that circumstances we would support immigration control, for example if there were six million unemployed, is a non-starter because workers would not leave a dole queue to join one. The question of quatral then becomes one of

And the main origins of im-

migration control are then used for their purpose of turning worker

against worker by the fascist right.
Workers of all countries unite. ROGER HUDDLE, Walthamstow.

### Divisive

AS A MEMBER of the National Union of Teachers, I wish you have given a better reply October) to the inquiry about the other teachers' union, NASUWT

The main message seems to be that since the NASUWT is just full of male chauvinist pigs, teachers shouldn't join it.

The National Association Schoolmasters was the result of a split from the NUT in the 1920s by schoolmasters who did not agree with equal pay for women teachers as an aim of the amore.

But, from my experience of working with NASUWT members, the rank and file do not know this. A lot have joined in good faith with a vague idea that it's more 'militant than the NUT

Obviously, we have to point our that the career teacher aims of the NASUWT act against the interests of most teachers.

At a time when teachers are having to fight cuts, unity at the grass roots is very important. Pulling fellow-teachers out of the NASUWT is a long-term aim.

Before we can do that, the cuts in spending on schools will force rank and file NASUWT and NUT members to fight together to defend and improve their conditions.

In this situation, comments about Terry Casey's male chauvinism are

out of place and stupidly divisive.

And why didn't you mention
Rank and File? That is the fighting sation of classroom within the NUT. Don't confuse our teacher readers

by giving the impression that they have a choice between nasty male chauvinist NASUWT and lovely liberated NUT.

We have organised Rank and File within the NUT because of the fadure of the NUT to represent the class teacher. My advice to our teacher in Hampshire is:

Join the NUT, but understand that you're joining to fight-so join Rank and File, the lighting organisa-tion within the MUT, as well.-DEFFER CLEWENTS, Northfleet,

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#### NOW for the Socialist Worker Christmas Draw. "All proceeds to the SW Fighting Fund. Send all money

from tickets to SW Draw, 8 Cottons Gardens, London



# SW DAFT-AND CONSERVATIVE

THE CLASSIANTS UNIONS are not dust (Letters, 11 October). It's Socialist Muster that's daft. It has completely ignored-or is ignorant of-Karl Mark's teachings. He advised the trade unions a century ago to inscribe on their banner the revolutionary watchword Abolition of the Wages System, instead of the conservative motto A Fair Day's Work for a Fair Day's Pay. The Claimants Union does not support the wages system like your horrible, conservative party does.—J E GATHERCOLE,

# LABOUR SCANDALOF 100 MISSING JOBS

# Russia-a workers' state?

GEORGE OWEN (Letters, October) implies that any fundamental criticism of the USSR is out of order. As socialists, we would unconditionally support a state where the working class was in power, that is, where it exercised

control over the wealth it produced.

But is the USSR such a state? If so, how do the workers transmit their decisions to the central government? The institutions of workers' power, the soviets or workers' councils, were the basis of the 1917 revolution-but they have had no decision-making power since 1929.

# Legal

Today they are totally impotent. True, there are no individual capitalists in Russia. No one person owns vast quantities of capital. But the point about legal ownership is that it is merely a way of showing the rest of us who is in control.

In Russia, the people at the top of the social ladder-the leading members of the Communist Party and the armed forces-decide what is to be done with the wealth produced by Russian workers.

In fact, if not in law, they are the collective owners of Russian state capital. As a class, these bureaucrats' interests are opposed to those of Russian workers. Real workers' power would disintegrate their

power and prestige.

The 'Soviet' Union is about as accurate a description of the Russian state as the 'Free World' is of Western capitalism.—MIKE LEE, London NW2.

THE ARTICLES on TASS by Brian Parkin and Jimmy McCallum were enlightening. I did not appreciate how much we are dominated by Ken

Jimmy McCallum certainly spilled the beans on the 'selection' of full-time officials-jobs for the boys and girls for life. I'm afraid both Brian and Jimmy have scotched any chance they may have had of becoming TASS officials, despite their undoubted belief in the working class movement.

The ordinary member must play a more active part in TASS affairs to throw out the traitors.-H SMITH, Merton, London.



GLASGOW: -Strikers from Ladbrokes are now in the 19th week of their struggle for union recognition and against victimisation, picketting a local betting shop last weekend. Donations and messages of support to Michael Dougherty, Ladbrokes Strike Committee, 214 West Regent Street, Glasgow.

# Lovells: We stay out CENTRAL LONDON: 'We'll stay out till we win until the men are re-instated,' George O'Driscoll, convenor of Lovell's

Guilford Street, Central London site speaking last week. The three-week unofficial strike

started when management arbitrarily sacked 24 of the 75 workers.

Pickets aided by builders from other sites have spread the strike to Lovell's Archway and Marble Arch sites. A mass picket of Lovell's Caledonian Road site, which uses lump labour extensively, is planned for 7.30am on Thursday 30 October

George added: 'We'll be supporting the Another picket said: "The TUC don't want to embarrass the government, but we're going round the sites arguing against these redundancies, and the lump at the Caledonian Road site, and we're raising the 26th and the whole comparing for the right to and the whole campaign for the right to

Rush donations and messages of support to Tommy Blennerhassett, 3 Lonsdale Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

A SEVEN-MONTH strike by UCATT members against lump labour at Somerset

By Garry Bushell

House was boosted last Friday by a mass picket of UCATT and CPSA members.

Support for the 150 strong picket included building workers from several local sites, including the Walter Lawrence Lower Thames Street site, where the whole site turned out on the picket.

Somerset House convenor Torn Language

Somerset House convenor Tom Lannen said he'd been advised by UCATT to stay out until a favourable result is recorded by the Industrial Tribunal.

THE NEW Regency Decorators, the lump firm at Somerset House, are also working at the British Museum. The Civil Service union representing the Museum's wardens have written to management stating that

the lump firm will not be recognised.

A meeting has been called for all trade unionists at the Museum, at which it is hoped to discuss the best way to persuade the Department of the Environment to

TONY McPARTLAND, a young Transport Union member at McInerney's Finsbury Park site, was sacked last Friday—and the carpenters and direct labour men immediately came out on strike followed by the chippies and brick labourers.

A general meeting on Monday voted to wait for the panel's decision. This reinstated McPartland. A steward said: 'This spontaneous action by a section of the field as a warning to the management shows the affectionees of measurement. shows the effectiveness of mass action

before going to panel.'

Tony McPartland agreed: 'If there had been no action taken on Friday, I would not have won my case."

THOUSANDS of building workers have voted to take strike action and join the protest march and lobby of parliament on 26 November. In the London area, both the Southern Region UCATT and the TGWU No 1 region building group have urged support. urged support.

A mass meeting of 800 building workers at Camden Council's direct labour department has voted to stop work on 29 November and join the lobby. Other sites committed to strike action

that day are Leach's (Mitcham), Tarmac Fitzpatrick's (Brixton), Sundells (Lambeth), Roberts (Kennington), Lawrence's (Lower Thames Street), Littlebrooks Power Station, Isle of Grain Power Station, Taylor Woodrow's (Victoria) and the M3 road construction job.

SE LONDON: Brian and Stan Wall did some thing most unusual last Monday: they started a week's work. It was only their tenth this year-but it was more than a lot of their mater in the construction industry could muster.

That's why, two days later, Brian and Stan were back outside Charlton's Thames Barrier site, joining other local trade unionists in the now weekly protest meetings against a project that stands as an insult to every unemployed worker.

Two weeks ago, the 300 men on the £180 million job were told by management—Costain and Tarmac—that their eight-hour shifts were being

#### NO PROTEST

Instead, the men had to work 12-hour shifts But with right-wing union leadership inside the site—and with pay packets now topping £300 a week—there was no protest, Meanwhile, unemployed construction workers

Meanwhile, unemployed construction workers picketing the job calculate, with simple logic, that if 300 men are working 12-hour shifts, eight-hour shifts would create another 100 jobs.

'It's crazy', says Stan Wall. 'The blokes were earning £180 a week before the switch to the 12-hour shifts. Now they're paying more—much more—in tax than we get in social security.'

It's a point that's not lost on Johnson Morris, a father of six who like Stan has

Morris, a father of six who, like Stan, has done just nine weeks work this year. He says: 'There must be hundreds of sites round the country where blokes are working ridiculous overtime when people like us are unemployed.

'If everyone worked an eight-hour shift, there wouldn't be any unemploy-ment in this industry'.

Johnny Morris and Brian and Stan Wall are all members of the construction section of the Engineering Union. And they're far from happy with the union's role in this fiasco.

#### CARD

Fourteen of the 300 men on the site are CEU members. 'They should be branched', says Stan. 'How can we expect the other unions on the site to take us seriously when our own members get away

But Brian adds: 'A CEU member re-cently went through the picket line when they had a strike here for parity. The lads stopped him and he pulled out a TGWU card. Soon after he got his CEU card back again...

'How can you fight this thing if the union lets people get away with that sort of thing?"

Part of the problem lies with the nighmare of different—and competing—unions in the construction industry. The TGWU, UCATT, Boilermakers and CEU are all on the site

But the TGWU bureaucrats are more than willing to compete for members with the CEU, for instance, than to take any principled stand.

#### CRANE

Brian Wall says: 'The TGWU are taking on labourers and letting them do CEU jobs, like steel ereoting. There was a bloke on this site on a crane, lifting a 12-ton steel girder. 'That's a bloody difficult job and it

takes years of experience to master. You can walk into it overnight. So what happened? The bloke lost it-12 tons of of steel dropping 30 feet through the air.

'It was only because the bloke was working overtime that no one was killed. there were 20 people

working under that girder'.

The Barrier is a Greater London Council site-and Labour control the GLC. So much for Labour's concern for the unemployed.

# **Right-winger** in trouble

IVAN WESTLEY, right-wing candidate for the post of divisional organiser in the Engineering Union's number 21 division, has just run up against an awkward spot of bother.

Westley's election address carries a

number of supporting signatures. One is that of Brother Garry Devlin. president of the Letchworth 7 branch.

The one slight problem is that no-one seems to have bothered to ask Brother Devlin is he wanted to support Westley.

Garry Devlin himself is, understandably, very angry about the affair. He has written to union general secretary John Boyd, underlining that his name has been included 'quite wrongly and without my knowledge

# **BOYCOTT SP**

THE FOLLOWING resolution was passed at the last meeting of Harlow and District ASTMS:

The execution of six workers, fighting against fascism in Spain, highlights the total arrogance of the Spanish government, and their dis-regard for any normal judicial prac-

tice. We therefore give our full supworkers who are blacking trade with Spain, and call on all workers to boycott Spanish goods. We also urge all socialists and trade union members not to give further support to Franco's regime, by taking holidays in Spain.

to strike and on effective picket- | Against all immigration controls.

cy deals. Against any form of incomes policy under capitalism.

dancies and lay-offs. Instead we demand five days work or five days pay, and the 35-hour week.

For militant trade union unity. joint shop stewards committees at plant and combine level.

For the building of a national rank and file movement which will fight for these policies in the trade union movement.

Against racialism and police vic-

For the right of black people and other oppressed groups to ise in their own defence.

For real social, economic and political equality for women.

Against all nuclear weapons and military alliances such as NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Against all forms of imperialism, including Russian imperialism.

For unconditional support to all genuine national liberation

For the building of a mass workers' revolutionary party, organised in the workplace, which can lead the working class to power, and for the building of a revolutionary socialist inter-

# What we SOCIALIST WORKER is a

evolutionary socialist paper that eeks to organise its supporters round the following principles:

independent working-class action believe that socialism can only be achieved by the independent action of the working class,

Revolution not reformism Webelieve in overthrowing capital-ism, not patching it up or gradually trying to change it. Wetherefore support all struggles of workers against capitalism and ight to break the hold of reformist ideas and leaders.

The smashing of the capitalist state The state machine is a weapon of capitalist class rule and therefore must be smashed. The present parliament, army, police and judges cannot simply

working class. There is, therefore, no parliamentary road to ferent kind of state—a workers' state, based on councils of work-

Work in the mass organisations of the working class We believe in working in the mass organisa-tions of the working class, par-ticularly the trade unions, and fighting for rank and file con-trol of them.

Internationalism We are internationalists. We practise and campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries, oppose racialism and imperialism and fully appearance. ism, and fully support the struggles of all oppressed peoples. We are opposed to all immigration controls.

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 work ers' struggle in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling

The revolutionary party. To achieve socialism the most mili-

be taken over and used by the | tant sections of the working classhave to be organised into a revofore, no parliamentary road to socialism. The working-class revolution needs an entirely different towards such a party by fighting for a programme of political and industrial demands that can strengthen .the self-confidence, organisation and socialist consciousness of the working class.

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timisation of black people. national.

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# For sale! 'Workers' co-op' dies at SDN

LOBBY: COMBINE CALL FOR ONE-DAY STRIKE

by SW Reporter

GLASGOW: Hopes of saving the Scottish Daily News and the jobs of its 500 workers rest this week on a reversion from the workers' cooperative to the conventional proprietor-employee operation. The

proprietor-employee operation. The paper is now up for sale.

The co-operative idea died last week when the paper went into liquidation. By then the SDN staff were working without any certainty of being paid and one could almost sense the relief on the chairman, Alistair Blyth, and editor Nathan Goldberg, when they announced that they were looking for a boss-like Robert Maxwell, who already has a stake in the paper.

This will mean facing up to the implications and obligations of working for a boss again—that is, reviving the union

a boss again—that is, reviving the union organisation and injecting some militancy back into the chapels. There is no doubt that if Maxwell comes along again as their saviour, he will demand a high price in concessions on wages, manning, overtime and conditions.

# Sign

Maxwell has already told the chapel officials (shop stewards) and members of the Workers Council that he was not interested in their decisions. His 'invitation', during his most recent stay in the News building, for the workers to hand back part

building, for the workers to hand back part of their wages is a sign of the kind of erosion the workers may be forced to accept, step-by-step, with the threat of closure always hanging over them.

The kind of character assassination which led to the rejection of Workers' Council members like Allister Mackie and Jimmy Russell-part of the original driving force behind the co-operative-shows the kind of fate awaiting anyone who tries to stand in Maxwell's way.

All this pre-supposes that Maxwell, or anyone else for that matter, has the millions ready to take on such a venture. He would have to buy out Beaverbrooks'

THE fight for jobs was given a boost last Tuesday when a meeting of delegates from telecommunications factories voted to support the 26 November lobby of parliament by calling for a day's stoppage throughout telecommunications in-

The Leeds meeting attended by 40 delegates representing several STC. GEC and Plessey plants, also decided to continue meetings, and to place a 10p levy on all the members they represented to fund the Combine.

The meeting decided to ban over-

time for two years, to black the work previously done by anyone sacked or suspended or who leaves, work transferred between plants and the movement of machinery. It also called for occupations against redundancies, no negotiations on redundancies and no contract work



The delegates agreed to put all the points to mass meetings.

On Wednesday, after a report-back to Plessey staff workers in Sunderland, the staff unions decided to continue themselves with a joint office committee representing TASS, APEX and ASTMS workers. A meeting was held after a two-mile march to the Boilermakers Club led by the trades council banner

Two local Labour MPs, Gordon Bagier and Fred Willey, were invited but neither turned up, Bagier's excuse being that he was in Australia. There is no truth in the rumour that a pile of discarded clothes has been discovered on a Sunderland beach.

# Opposition

The meeting decided to endorse the decisions and sanctions of the combine meeting. It also agreed a one-day stoppage on 26 November with delegates to go to London, and to form a joint staff committee with the South Shields plant.

Some of the South Shields workers are unhappy because one or two of their ASTMS branch officials are against this joint action-because they want to work overtime.

Before Tuesday's combine meeting a policy of opposition to redundancies adopted by all three STC factories in Northern Ireland had

already brought some results. The unions' response to the threatened loss of 1200 jobs—including the closure of the Larne plant, employing 760-was an overtime ban and a ban on the movement of work and

machinery.
At STC East Kilbride, where shop stewards forced management to admit that 300 jobs were on the chopping block, an overtime ban has been

accepted by mass meetings.

Both these actions followed the policy adopted at the STC/ITT Com-bine meeting earlier this month which attempted to unify the fight for jobs. Recommendations included:

No negotiations on redundancy, No overtime,

No recruitment once redundancies

are announced, Stop the use of sub-contract labour,

No movement of plant or work, Occupations in case of closure, Back any national policy in the industry with industrial action.

It was felt that the fight back had to start even though all plants weren't represented. The meeting was told that 600 jobs were going at the New Southgate site in North London.

# Policy

However since the meeting many Southgate stewards have been thinking up reasons why we shouldn't adopt the combine policy. The EEPTU, having supported sending delegates, now say that they can't adopt any policy which Frank Chapple and his executive haven't sanctioned. The EEPTU stewards at East Kilbride and Northern Ireland

didn't encounter this problem.

The loss of jobs in the telecommunication industry is the direct result of the government's cuts in the Post Office. The only effective answer is to fight for the 35-hour week with no loss of pay and the nationalisation of the whole industry without compensation and with shop steward control of manning.

**BAILEYS TAKE ON** 

**SCABS AND** 

# He would have to buy out Beaverbrooks interest in the paper—the building and plant—if he intended to go ahead with his 24-hour paper idea. Otherwise the Evening Times, who paid Beaverbrooks' handsomely for the death of the Evening Citizen, would sue them for reneging on this deal by breaking on the Times monopoly. The likelihood, however, is that this will be the last week of the Scottish Daily News. Some of the women

# **MASS PROTEST AT £200m CUTS AT INFIRMARY**

By Marian Townshend, NUPE shop steward, Withington Hospital.

MANCHESTER:-One hundred trade unionists joined a demonstration outside the Royal Infirmary called by supporters of the rank and file paper Hospital

The protest was called against the shelving of a £200 million rebuilding programme at the Infirmary. Conditions in some parts of the hospital are so bad that the corridors flood when it rains.

Manchester Trades Council joined five hospital trade union branches and shop town halls union NALGO and the Technical Teachers union on the demon-

Vic Scott, a shop steward in the Health Service Employees union COHSE, said: 'It's important that everyone supports action like this throughout the Health Service one hospital should back the next

Other actions are being taken against the cuts in the Manchester area. Can-teens were boycotted last week in hospitals throughout the area. We now intend to call a meeting to set up a light the Cuts Committee of delegates from trade union

workers from the occupied Balfour Darwin factory in Sheffield on a mass solidarity picket last Friday. The occupation against the threat of redundancies - mostly among women-is now in seventh week. A combine-wide strike is planned for Wednesday 5 November. Messages of support and donations to Balfour Darwin Strike Committee, c/o W Frisby, 44 Cliff Street, Sheffield 511 8FA.

# 'Dockers could have saved our hospital'

EAST LONDON: 'Hackney is the leader in everything from TB to VD', said a speaker at a public meeting last Saturday on cuts in the Health Service. The meeting, organised by Hackney Trades Council, drew about 60 delegates from unions inside and outside the Health Service, including the Public Employees the white cluding the Public Employees, the white-collar union ASTMS, the town halls union NALGO, the building workers' UCATT, the National Union of Teachers, the Sheet Metal Workers and the Hackney United Tenants' Association.

Dave Widgery, a doctor spoke of how 'illness is going to disappear back into the crevices' and how 'soya-bean sausage and and chip sandwiches are bringing up a the dangers of just taking private practice out of the NHS, which he said 'would lease a two-fier health service". A rudimentary system for the majority and a water system for those who can afford The next was to end private practice

Store Luffurn, a MIPE hospital shop neward, drew out the lessons of losing higher Hospital. Tracted of lobbying and thomas all we thought have been light the Regional Health Board, a tee importer thek no meter of pertrions, but, and Street would have taken some notice dockers had gone into action and left his

sying the education of the second of the need to support the Right to Work lobby of parliament on 26 November.

A trades council public meeting on 4 December and a lobby of the health authorities at 11 December had been organised. A similar broad-based conference had been organised by Hammersmith had been organised by Hammersmith

THE Baileys Action Committee, representing 30 men sacked by Bristol Channel Ship Repairers in June for refusing to support their employer's anti-nationalisa-tion drive, have discovered that the firm has taken back six retired ex-employees.

CONTRACTORS

One of them was dismissed years ago for refusing to pay union dues.

Meanwhile, Norman Simon, the Transport Union shop steward who originally demanded that contractors be removed from the ship repair yard, has stated that no outside contractors have been used since his members users state. been used since his members were victi-

mised by managing director Chris Bailey.

The fact is the 15 contractors have been re-hired by P & D, an electrical company owned by Bailey, and returned to the lagging section in the yard, doing work previously done by sacked trade

Simon, who recently returned from a business trip in Holland with his employer, was asked why such issues were not raised at branch meetings. The answer is that there aren't any branch meetings. don't know what a branch meeting entails, he said.

After all, he's only been with the firm for seven years.'

Transport Union 4/107 branch has sent resolution to regional office demanding imquiry into the handling of the case Graham Phillips, the district officer the sacking. Socialist Worker readers in the Transport Union should raise the call for an inquiry at their next branch meeting.

#### TOUR SUCCESS

The speaking tour of the colleges and universities organised by NOISS for Socialist Worker reporter Paul Foot is going extremely well. In Lancaster 200 came to the meeting, in Liverpool 200, in York 150 (including the vice-chancellor!) and in Leeds 300. Already the expenses for the tour have been covered, and an additional £170 raised for the Portugal Solidarity Fund.

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Anti-Fascist Film Show and Discussion:
Sunday 2 November, 6,30pm. BarnesWallis Building. UMIST, Manchester.
Dreams and Nightmares (Spanish AntiFascist film) and film on Black Workers
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# **AEC** pay-off is setback to jobs campaign

by Ian Morris, shop steward at London Airport and member of the AUEW district committee, and John Rose

WEST LONDON: 590 redundancies were announced at British Leyland's AEC truck plant last Monday. 'Special incentives', on top of the government norm for redundancy payment, is Leyland's way of bribing older workers, over 55, to get out of the plant.

So, the campaign to prevent what amounts to the part-closure of the factory has suffered a serious setback. It will be difficult to prevent men volunteering for the redundancies.

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Shop stewards failed to convince a factory-wide meeting last week to occupy and 'work-in' in response to management's announcement of two-day working. The chairman of the AEC Action Committee, Dick Dixon, told Socialist Worker: 'The trouble is that so many workers don't trouble is that so many workers don't realise how bad the unemployment situation is in the area.'

Nearly 1000 workers marched from the

factory gates to a public meeting at Ealing Town Hall, They were joined by delegations from many of the key engineer ing plants in the area.

The march was lively and determined.

Bernie Bateman, TGWU secretary in Southall bus garage, said after the meeting: 'Mrs Yvonne Sieze, GLC councillor for Ealing/Southall, was one of the speakers. She confused the audience with her vague promises of new work, like bringing spare parts from Chiswick works to the AEC. Such ideas will divide the movement.'

# Agreed

By relying on these councillors, or looking to MPs, many of the men's leaders, have evaded responsibility. For too long some senior shop stewards in the factory have been too pre-occupied with nego-tiations with management and their fancy plans for 'worker participation'. Little effort was made to involve the rank and

Bulletins should have been produced months ago alerting the men to the likely local unemployment situation this winter. Already there are 8000 on the dole in Southall.

Lack of involvement of the rank and file also characterised the march. Con-

file also characterised the march. Convenors in the big factories didn't campaign to bring their members with them. Some workers at the Hoover plant and at the vital Chiswick Works didn't even know about the demonstration.

At London Airport a full meeting of nearly 200 shop stewards discussed their own wage claim on the Friday before the demonstration. Shop stewards who are in the International Socialists tried in vain to get an AEC shop steward to that meeting get an AEC shop steward to that meeting to appeal for support for the demonstra-tion. But it should never have been left to them in the first place. A much larger demonstration would have gone some way to impress the unconvinced AEC workers of the urgency of the situation.

# ...AND BUS SPARES ARE NEEDED!

LISBON, Monday: Talks with workers representatives at the Carris (Lisbon Transport) Central Depot in Alcantara has the city's bus services are being crippled by a shortage of spare

There is no doubt in the minds of the workers here that the desperately needed parts are available in Britain, and that they are being deliberately held back as part of the economic blockade of Portugal.

The transport workers of Lisbon will

be drawing up a list of spares urgently needed from Leyland and sending this, along with a message of support to the Southall AEC workers in their battle to

As one delegate said: 'These links must be built. After all, it must be obvious that we are fighting the same enemy. There is only one answer-real solidarity in support of our common interests.





LEFT: AEC workers last week in protest at the threatened redundancies. At the beginning of the march five members of the National Front with an imitation trade union banner tried to join. The AEC shop stewards refused them pointblank and they were forced to take cover behind a line of policemen.

Seven years ago the same factory got management permission to take an hour off to march to Southall Town Hall with a petition supporting Enoch Powell. Times have

changed.
PICTURE: Chris Davies (Report)

# Glasgow: **Now build** the links!

by George Kelly, EETPU convenor, Glasgow Central **Electrical Workshops** 

SCOTLAND:—Nearly 1000 shop stewards and workers from the West of Scotland and Dundee attended a conference in Glasgow last week to discuss the fight against rising unemployment.

Those attending the conference, which was sponsored by the Scottish Trades Union Congress, Glasgow and District Trades Council and the UCS Shop Stewards Committee, heard various trade union Committee, heard various trade union officials declare that workers would not stand for increasing unemployment. Glasgow's Labour Lord Provost, Peter McCann, said that the answer lies in 'real' socialism.

But as the conference progressed it became clear that there would be no commitment for an on-going committee, involving the rank and file and capable of reacting immediately to any specific attacks on iche attacks on jobs.

Appeals were heard on behalf of re-dundant workers at Dunbros knitwear factory in Alloa, from the Personna Blade's workers sitting-in in their factory at Glasgow's Hillington industrial estate, and behalf of Ladbroke's locked-out

But all that came from these appeals were promises of financial support. No real attempt was made to build links between workers threatened by government policy.

But the conference was a first step, and delegates who spoke from the floor were in a militant mood, pledging full support for the 26 November lobby of parliament. Already Chrysler have promised 500 workers on the lobby, and UCS shop stewards have underwritten two train-loads.

Shop stewards in the area should

Shop, stewards in the area should address themselves to the task of building an organisation that links those militants across trade and union barriers, and make sure that no worker or workplace, fights redundancy on their own.

### **West London: 1000** walk out at Walls

WEST LONDON:-A thousand workers at the Walls factories in Hayes and Southall stopped work last Friday when management refused to negotiate over a

dispute involving nine women.

Matters came to a head at Hayes when a few women were switched to a new experimental department.

The company then refused to negotiate with the union, arguing that decisions on new jobs must be taken by management.

'This is a clear matter of principle', said the women's shop steward. 'If they have

their way and the re-organisation plans go through we'll have to put our hands up

to go to the toilet.'

When the TGWU and ACTSS members at Hayes walked out, members of the TGWU at Southall immediately walked out in sympathy. Pickets also managed to persuade Southall AUEW members to stay

# SHOCK WAVE OF SUPPORT WINS ATTRUMP!

by Barry Collins, ACTSS steward, Triumph COVENTRY: After three weeks of occupying and picketing the 1100 members of the whitecollar union ACTSS at Triumph have won. Leyland management crumbled and gave in last Thursday after a week of growing pressure.

During that week, a remarkable series of events brought about their demoralisation.

Harpers drivers, who bring body shells to Coventry from Liverpool, confirmed again that they would not cross our picket lines. This was despite intense pressure from certain convenors and full-time officials.

Then staff unions at Rover Cardiff and Solihull and Triumph Liverpool offered their active support. After this management attempts to lay off manual workers at the Radford plant led to

Better still, the men at the Tile Hill and Canley plants threatened the same.

And just to round it off, when the company ordered the works police to stop people without pass-outs leaving the offices to picket the gates, they refused.

In short the company were losing control of a quickly

new grading scheme, and have even offered financial assistance to any 'occupier' who wants it—a sure admission of guilt.

This dispute, the longest ever for Triumph staff, had its weaknesses—inevitable as the tactics were new to the workforce. For instance no real attempt to contact stewards at suppliers' plants was made. But on the plus side, the printing of regular strike bulletins

and frequent report-back meetings by stewards to their members kept everyone well-informed. This, coupled with members actively participating on the picket lines, prevented boredom and demoralisation creeping in.

Reliance on rank and file workers was crucial in the victory. Convenors and full-time officials' efforts on our behalf, if heeded, would have been disastrous.

Staff workers are traditionally not as well organised and weaker than manual workers. Yet in this dispute the Leyland monolith, with the government in the driving seat, was defeated.

Why and how? We can only assume that whilst Leyland can deal with an ordinary strike involving picketing, or an occupation, they are at a loss, at least for the time being, on how to deal with both simultaneously. At Triumph, staff workers, formerly doubtful of their strength to resist management double-dealing, are now quietly confident, without being recklessly over-confident. Things will never be the same as before.

# The fight for jobs

made its bid to break the emerging site organisation on its £35 million extension project near Swansea last week.

Twenty-nine electricians were suddenly declared redundant at one and a half hour's notice—even though there is another eighteen month electrical work on the site.

The electricians insisted that the redundancies be suspended. By noon the following day they had received full support from every construction worker on the site, members of the AUEW, Heating Domestic and the Boilermakers'

The strike to defend jobs and union organisation achieved the effective closure of the site, with a range of construction equipment which should be moving on to other profitable contracts caught behind

More than a hundred of the construc-tion workers and electricians have been picketing daily,



GLASGOW: The Personna occupation at Hillington is now in its second week as 280 AUEW members fight the company's proposals to force through 40 redundan-

There have already been three batches of redundancies this year with 100 jobs lost. The workers are determined that the sit-in will continue until management with-draw the threat of redundancy.

Support for the strikers is beginning to come in. Delegates from one of the city's bus garages have provided financial support and food for the workers. They are arguing for support from the other ten garages in the city.

The workers can win provided they get the support. Donations and messages to Ruby Duncan Treasurer Allew

to Ruby Duncan, Treasurer, AUEW Personna Strike Committee, 27 Bowfield Street, Glasgow, G53.



NOTTINGHAM: Eight of the 30 workers at Attenborough's Anglo-Scotian Mills are on strike for union recognition after applying to join the National Union of Knitwear and Hosiery Workers.

Kevin Green, a packer, told Socialist Worker' 'We were working a 52-hour week for 72p an hour basic, and no overtime payment. All the men who went on strike for union recognition were sacked for breach of contract. A week later, our jobs were advertised, but at a 42½-hour week at £1 an hour. They also gave a ten per cent rise to those who didn't come

Attenborough, the managing director and chairman, said: 'We have never had a union, and have always been happy as a small family firm.' To prove his point he personally took a 'ballot' round to each worker, for them to sign whether they wanted a union or not.

The strikers are asking for blacking of dies by the three main suppliers: Shaw and Barbin, Godber, and Henry and

Messages of support and collections Dina Abbott, 124 Harcourt Road,

ZIMBABWE:

Socialist Worker public meetings No to 'detente'!

No to the Vorster-Kaunda pact! Support the freedom fighters! Speakers: Enos Chikowore and Chen Chimutengwende (members of the African National Council of Zimbabwe, ex-ZANU), Basker Vashee and Johnson Andlovu (members of the ANC, ex-ZAPU), Alan Bladwin, John Rogers and Alex Callinicos (Socialist Worker) There will be a speaker from each group at the meeting

LEEDS: Wednesday 29 October, 1pm at the university, and 7.30pm at Leeds Trades Council Club, Saville Mount, Chapeltown, Leeds 10.

MANCHESTER: Thursday 30 October, 12.45pm, Students Union, The University, Oxford Road.

BIRMINGHAM: Thursday 6 November, 1pm, Birmingham University, and 7.30pm, at the Polytechnic.

SOUTH LONDON: Friday 7 November 7.30pm, Brixton Town Hall, (Room 121). Nearest tube Brixton.

NORTH LONDON: Sunday 9 November, 7.30pm, Stroud Green School, Ennis Road, N4 (nearest tube Finsbury Park).

# NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH

APARTHEID Victory to the black workers and

peasants in Africa.

**DEMONSTRATE: Sunday 9 November** Assemble, 2pm, Charing Cross Embank-

Called by Anti-Aparthied. London IS branches and all London and Home Counties students to support.

# SALES GIRLS CLOSE BREWERY

BIRMINGHAM: Brewery workers at Ansells are in the second week of their fight to stop jobs being hived off. Ansells are trying to get deliveries of some beer carried out by Corona instead of their own drivers the rates of pay at Ansells are much higher.

Telephone sales girls and checkers responded by blacking orders for Double Diamond and Skol. Peter Kane, ACTSS representative, told Socialist Worker: 'The response is one in the eye for the company. We are, to be honest, surprised at ourselves. 52 tele-sales girls have closed the

Eight hundred of the 1200 manual workers have been laid off. But shop floor and staff are staying united. Workers still getting paid are supporting a £1-a-shift levy to support those laid off. The other main Birmingham brewery, M and B, have blacked deliveries to all Ansells pubs.

Telephone sales girl Janet Haynes told Socialist Worker: 'The support we have got is fantastic. This has been an eye opener for me'

Some of the girls agreed that the best way they could repay solidarity is by showing their solidarity with an even weaker group of workers—the unemployed. Peter Kane, their representative, said: 'I'll be trying to drum up support for the 26 November lobby of Parliament.

Nottingham.

# HILE: It's action that counts now

LUIS FIGUEROA, general secretary of the Chilean TUC, addressing last Saturday's Trade Union Conference organised by the Chile Solidarity Campaign and attended by 450 delegates.

Joe Kenny, from the Liverpool branch of the National Union of Seamen, hit home hard: 'Economic sanctions do work. We've been talking now for two years about how bad things are in Chile to little or no effect. What counts now is action.'

But most British trade unionists are not involved in work connected with Chile. For them, the best way they can raise the issue and at the same time help the struggle is to adopt a Chilean political

Pedro Cornejo, a trade unionist released by the intervention of the National Rank and File Organising Committee, gave a moving account of how such actions give a fantastic boost to the strength of our Chilean comrades in the prisons.



# Only 11 days' work till next year

By Peter Bain TGWU

LINWOOD: The story here is little different.

The Machine Shop will work only 11 days between now and the New

Under the Redundancy Payments Act, these workers are entitled to request redundancies. To emphasise that this is, in fact, the company's intention, UK Personnel Director Peter Griffith 'informed' senior stewards on Friday that, in his opinion, if sufficient numbers didn't leave over the next six weeks, the company would be declaring redundancies.

#### Seven

Only seven workers a week are at present leaving.

Chrysler now say the construction of their Iran plant is many months behind schedule and so the possibility of the rumoured Iranian contract materialising in the near future seems remote.

Chrysler have of course asked the government for a £35 million sub. They haven't had a reply yet. But they still claim if they get it, they will build a new model in

This statement has so many question marks against it, that nobody can place any faith in it. Indeed it appears that with the two UK car assembly plants producing at a tiny fraction of their capacity, one of them has to go.

#### Game

Or if that's not Chrysler's game, then the company are out to smash trade union organisation before new work appears in the factories.

What is clear is that, either way, the workforce will have to fight. So far the only sign of a fight has come from the Linwood press shop steCOVENTRY: Chrysler Ryton returned to work last Tuesday, still staggering under the savage cuts in manning levels and the extremely

tight new manning assignments. After a joint shop stewards' committee meeting on hours of work, stewards held meetings throughout the plant-and told us the worst news yet: We would only be allowed to work 11 days for the rest of the

The company had carefully spread the days out through the two-month period to avoid paying out under the Redundancy Act. Some stewards are telling their sections that the company has slipped up on this one, and that redundancy payments can still be claimed at the end of the year.

'by all means at our disposal' the

company's stated plans to take a

have at last declared redundancies.

There is a deep cynicism amongst this section of the shop stewards'

organisation and they will only act

any redundancy, voluntary or other-

wise. It's better to be in a job and

fight rather than joining the swelling

sks of the unemployed

Chrysler workers should oppose

if forced by pressure from below.

The attitude of the convenors seems to be relief that the company

By Jimmy King, AUEW

We think the company's lay-off dates will adversely affect other benefits, such as rate and rent rebates. But we're sure management won't lose any sleep over this

Chrysler policies have already caused hundreds of men to leave the company in the last year, and they are determined to scare away even more.

We must not be shaken off so easily. Now is the time to fight for shop floor control, and nationalisation without compensation, in defence of our jobs.

Here's a merry Christmas to Don Lander and all his other shit bags, from the 11 day workers. We hope your Christmas turkey makes you choke!

We have to make it clear that no

We have to reject any notion that

the solution to our problems lies in

helping Chryser getting their hands

on even more public money. Our

response has to be to demand the

nationalisation of Chrysler without

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If our jobs and conditions are to

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By Andy Enever, TGWU steward, Chrysler Stoke

THE CHRYSLER combine committee met last week and agreed to campaign in every locality to save

Evidence is mounting that the company are deliverately starving dealers of Avenger and Hunter models so as And whatever demands we do put to push sales of the new Frenchforward will be nothing unless we built Alpine model

Their pretended ignorance of the fact that their 50 per cent stake in the new assembly plant for bran National has not yet started opera-tions is incredible. The line order a now the bulk of the Stoke plant's

United we set now, and demand the fall suffernilisation of Chrysler. willout conpensation, and with speeds, the only prospect for at least half of the work force is the back end of a Coventry dole queue

A letter from Muckle Flugga...



**HEARD of Unst? Probably** not. It's in the Shetlands,

We had a letter from there this week. Jonathan Wills. That's him above.

Jonathan is a Transport Union member. He runs the lighthouse boat at Muckle Flugga. His letter accompanied a £10 cheque for our fighting fund.

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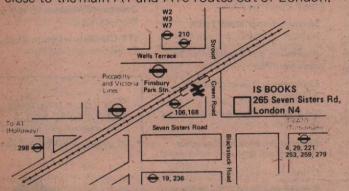
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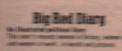
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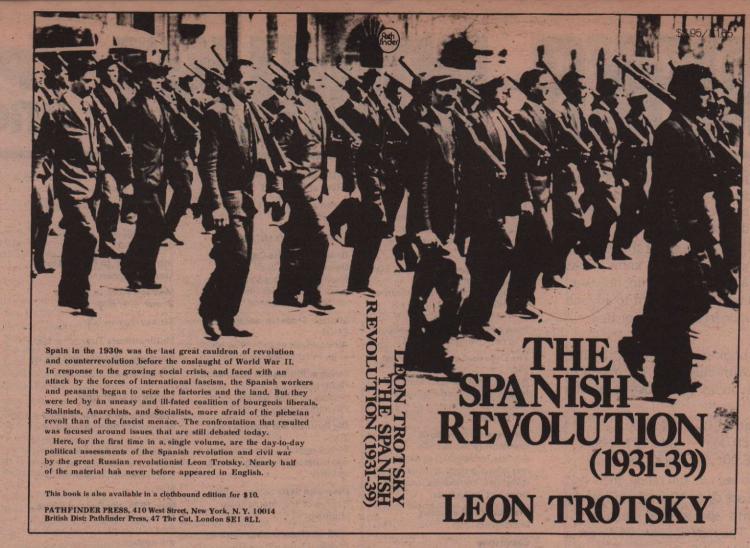
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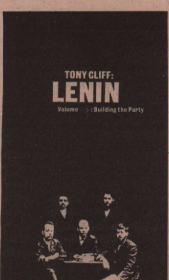
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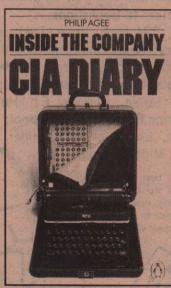
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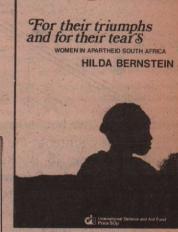
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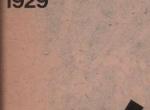
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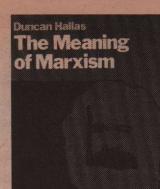
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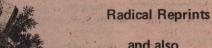
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