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HEALEY! Lobby the TUC,

in London

NO DEAL

CUT YOUR OWN

THROAT, HEALEYNOTOURS!

WHEN the first bout of Labour's cuts was announced last year, Socialist Worker predicted it wouldn't be long before they were back for more.

Sure enough, that is exactly what Chancellor Denis Healey is up to this

He and his masters in the Treasury have quietly prepared a second savage assault on health, welfare, education, housing and social services. Another £2000 million is to be taken, on top of the £4000 million cuts programme already announced.

Spending on what Healey and big business describe as 'essentials'—such as armaments, the police, tax relief for businessmen, will remain untouched.

And this won't be the end of the nightmare.

For even as Mad Denis was demolishing a hospital ward here and withdrawing a children's nursery there, the pound was taking another hammering

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On the rumours that Britain's coalminers might not have voted to swallow the 4½ per cent pay deal—equivalent to another wage cut even bigger than the last, the speculators (£100,000 a

year, payable in Cayman Islands) got to work again.

They used their well-disguised but massive economic power to push Labour into policies still more brutal, still more reactionary, still more to their own advan-

tage.

The crisis could be solved without cuts or price rises.

But that would mean nationalisation without compensation of industries where workers and machines are left idle in the interests of the profit system.

It would mean seizing the wealth of those who live it up at Quaglino's or in the Bahamas while pensioners worry how they are going to pay for spuds.

ADVERTISING

It would mean ending the enormous waste on advertising, two-thirds empty Concordes and so-called 'defence'.

It would mean the government and the trade unions intervening directly to prevent the rich from moving their wealth abroad.

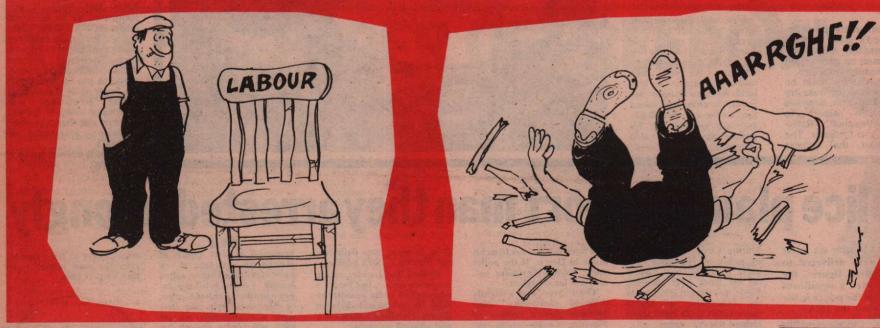
The Labour government has consistently refused to do any of these things. Instead it is preparing another attack on the very people who elected it.

In a desperate attempt to justify this final betrayal, its supporters are saying it is the only alternative to the return of the Tories.

But the Tories are still frightened to return to office, because they know they cannot yet defeat the strength of the unions. They could not impose their policies on the miners now any more than they could in 1972 and 1974 when Heath was prime minister.

The desperate need in this moment of crisis is to build up this working-class strength, to release it from the bonds put on it by elected-for-life trade union leaders.

That is why every worker should support the miners if they do vote against the Healey deal.



HELP STEP

UP THE

FIGHT FOR

SOCIALISM!

THE International Socialists' annual conference this week agreed on many new ways of stepping up the fight for socialism.

Already 100,000 copies of last week's Socialist Worker front page on immigration—THEY'RE WELCOME HERE—have been issued as a special leaflet

We agreed to produce new pamphlets, expand present publications such by MEL NORRIS

International Socialists national treasurer

as the black workers' paper Flame, more leaflets and posters, as well as take on new full-time workers.

None of this can be done without money. Already in the first four months of this year we have doubled the political output of our printshop compared with last year.

Conference decided to appeal to all members of

the International Socialists to hold a special

levy of f5 a member.

Obviously some members, particularly those unemployed with families, will not be able to pay the full amount. Others will be able to pay far more, to make up the levy for each branch or district.

district.

This money must be raised by the end of June

at the latest. It is the central task of branch treasurers

£5 is equivalent to not drinking four pints of bitter a week for a month.

a week for a month.
We ask our readers to boost the Socialist Worker Fighting Fund. We know times are hard. But unless we organise to fight the government's policies they will get worse.

☐ Send donations for the Fighting Fund to 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN. Get the levy under way now!

FLAME

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EQUAL PAY, THE TRICO WAY!

ONE of the largest strikes vet for equal pay has started at the Trico car components factory.

The issue at this factory in Brentford, West London, is crystal clear, uncomplicated by grading problems and union rivalry. Men production workers earn £52, women earn £46.25. They need £5.25 to bridge the

The 350 women, all members of the Engineering Union (AUEW), walked out a week last Monday after years of negotiation. They were joined immediately by the dozen or so men on the production lines.

Shop steward Eileen Ward told Socialist Worker: The men on the production lines are grand. All the men in the factory get lousy wages—they're among the worst paid in the district.'

Publicise

As the strike started the women gathered in large numbers outside the factory pates. This quickly wiped the patronising smiles off the aces of the local police who realised that the women wouldn't easily conform to heir tidy picketing instruc-

The women organised a march around local factories to publicise their case.

A key issue in the first week of the strike has been the attitude of the other nonproduction men workers in the factory—the toolmakers, labourers, storemen and so on. Although production is at a standstill, this is a big factory employing over 1500 people, including office staff, and the women have rightly wanted to know whether their fellow AUEW members would cross the

picket lines.

Last Thursday the Southall AUEW district committee recommended that the strike be made official, but the following morning the men still at



The Trico strikers marching round local factories to win support.

work voted only to hold a' one-day stoppage this. Wednesday in solidarity rather than walk out com-Some of the men still

working, particularly some of the skilled men, are notoriously hostile to the women's claim.

Expectations are high that the company is going to be brought to heel. But if these expectations prove false then a massive campaign will have to be launched.

☐ Immediate pressure on Trico's other firm in Northampton employing

50 women on production for solidarity stoppage.

The strike must be raised in the car industry itself. The firm supplies windscreen wipers to Ford, Vauxhall, Rolls-Royce and Chrysler. The first hint that wipers would not be fitted to any of these firms' cars would bring the big car bosses down on Trico like a ton of bricks.

This means forcing the AUEW to use its official machinery to get the blacking. Delegations of strikers would have to go to AUEW headquarters and directly to the car. and directly to the car plants themselves.

A district and nation-

wide fund-raising campaign of support.

Meanwhile the strikers are astonished at their collective strength and spirit. Said Eileen Ward: This is the first real strike ever to hit the company. We have been taken by surprise at how solid we are. Women not even in the union have joined the strike early beginning to he with the strike early strike and the strike early strike to be strike as the strike and the strike as the the strike enthusiastically and are volunteering for picket duty. They can't stop

How Healey backed down on equal pay

WHAT is the truth about equal pay?

Four weeks ago when the Healey 4½ per cent pay deal was announced, Socialist Worker announced: EQUAL PAY SCRAPPED. Alone in the press, we declared that the TUC leaders had agreed not to press for equal pay payments over and above the 41/2 per cent limit.

Our source for this suggestion was Chancellor

Denis Healey himself.

At his press conference after the deal he said: There will be no special provisions for equal pay as there were in last year's settlement.' On television that evening he repeated himself even more clearly: We won't have to pay more for equal pay over and above the limit. We've drawn

it very tightly.'
Then on 13 May, Harold Walker, Junior Employment Minister, announced in the House of Commons that equal pay payments were an 'allowable addition' to the pay limit. The TUC statement on the Social Contract, in a carefullyhidden paragraph, also states that 'the same exceptions' in last year's policy applied this year

Socialist Worker asked the Department of Employment for an explanation for this contradiction. The chief press officer said: "I'm pretty sure that the Chancellor didn't mean to say what in fact he said at his press conference.

It is difficult to believe that Healey could have made so specific a statement without meaning it. Yet now it has been reversed. What happened?

The TUC leaders *did* agree not to press for equal pay during the period of the freeze. They assumed that Healey would keep their promise

Healey ratted on them. In order to improve his package in the eyes of bankers and industrialists, he 'threw in' the equal pay commitment.
The TUC couldn't hold the line with their

women members. They forced Healey to change the commitment.

But they still don't intend to fight for equal pay. Women are still entitled to equal pay-even within the pay limits. But if they want to get it, they'll have to follow the Trico women and go into action themselves.



CHURCH AFFAIR

AT a meeting of the general management committee of the North Islington Labour Party last year it was suggested as an economy measure that instead of the agenda for future meetings being sent out in the post to each member, perhaps Father McNamara would agree to pin up a notice in the foyer of St Gabriel's.

The proposal was withdrawn when it was pointed out that not every member attended St

Some, it seems, go to St Joseph's . . .

TROOPS Police plan to deport man they arrested wrongly

THE DAY after six letter bombs were delivered to establishment figures, the Sun reported a significant

success for the police in the fight against the IRA. 'Joseph Coyle . . . the brother of IRA gun-girl

Marion Coyle, was detained by police at Heathrow Air-port, wrote Michael Fielder on the front page. Marion Coyle was the girl involved in the kidnapping of Dutch industrialist Tiede Herrema in Ireland last November.

On Friday, Joseph Coyle

..AND THE TERROR ACT CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

LARRY SILLERY, 21, was to be deported to Ireland on Tuesday under the notorious Prevention of Terrorism Act. He was held in Cannon Row police station under the PTA for seven days.

He was not allowed to speak to his solicitor until the fifth day. Larry has not been charged with any crime, much less convicted of any offence. But he has been finger-printed, photographed, questioned and now forced to leave England. WHY?

Because he is an Irish worker who wants British troops out of

told Socialist Worker from his home in Derry: 'If the police think it's me they have got, they are far mistaken.'

The Express had a slightly different story—that their prisoner was a brother of Marlene Coyle—whom the police say they want to interview about bombings.

Marlene Coyle, too, does have a brother called Joseph. He is ten years old.

Dumbfounded

There is no doubt police believed the man-arrested when he arrived from Dublin the previous Sunday-was Joseph Coyle, the brother of a notorious IRA woman. Police at West Drayton, where the man was initially taken, were dumbfounded when told by an Irish journalist on Friday that

their prisoner was definitely not Marion Coyle's brother.

By then Roy Jenkins, acting on police advice, had issued a deportation order against the man. He was taken to Brixton prison, classified Category A and allowed no visitors

A solicitor contacted by the Trade Union Committee against the Prevention of Terrorism Act, spent a fruitless holiday week-end trying to get into Brixton to see the man.

Scotland Yard told Socialist Worker: 'We are certain in our own minds who this man is. We are not saying when we became certain who it is we are certain he is. Or who he is . . . It is not our policy to say anything. We will say who he is after he has been

deported.'
What seems to have

happened is that police at Heathrow arrested passenger from Dublin called Joseph Coyle, believing he was a brother of either Marion or Marlene Coyle and that such a relationship, on its own, was reason enough for

Mistake

After the letter-bombs of Wednesday they released this 'information' to a couple of their less principled press contacts in order to show that they had things under control. It was only after the resulting publicity that part of the truth

began to emerge. In order to cover up their mistake the man is now being deported as a 'suspected terrorist'. The police do not, of course, have to tell anyone even the man himself-why they suspect him.



it. You may need it tomorrow if you or one of your mates is held under this Act.

01-603 8654.



Labour bows

THE speech by Enoch Powell and the barrage of press propaganda has done its work well.

Again the Labour government has surrendered before the dispensers of racist poison. Again black people from Asia and Africa are to feel another turn of the screw.

The Labour government has quietly agreed that from now on all short stay visitors to Britain will have to sign away their rights to go to an appeals tribunal if later refused permission to stay. If they do not sign when they first arrive they will not be allowed in.

It doesn't stop there. Apparently the government is considering another despicable proposal that Asian workers who return to Pakistan or India to meet their brides-to-be before they marry will not be allowed back into Britain.

So the racists who dominate the Home Office have won another victory. By British government order a young woman who has a marriage arranged with a man in Britain will have to travel across the seas before she first meets her husband.

One law for rich

No such restrictions are to be applied to tax exiles. These parasites are allowed to come in and out freely every year.

They contribute nothing to the social system. Instead they live in places where the riches that workers, black and white, produce for them can be enjoyed without any attention from the taxman.

So, as ever, there is one law for the rich and another for the poor, particularly if

racism



you are poor and black.

Socialist Worker is opposed to these barbaric new restrictions. We're opposed to the old and equally barbaric ones too. We're opposed to the whole bureaucratic mountain that has been raised against black people coming into Britain.

Such restrictions inevitably involve the most heart-rending tragedies. Just last week we saw the misery of 21-year-old Safira Begum unfolded before the High Court in London,

Revolting system

She was refused entry to Britain because some immigration official believed she was already married to her husband-to-be and was pretending to be a fiance to jump the huge queues of wives kept waiting for entry to Britain.

What a condemnation of this whole revolting

First, by a whole barrage of racist and other restrictions, you keep women from exercising their right to live with their husbands in Britain. Then, if you think that in desp

might have tried to jump the queue that you and your laws create, you send them back.

At this week's conference of the International Socialists in London, delegates from all over the country vowed to fight against immigration controls and against the poisonous ideas from which they come.

which they spring.
Immigrants, black or white, Irish or Australian have nothing whatsoever to do with the causes of unemployment or bad housing. They are often the worst afflicted victims of these and the system that creates them.

It is the duty of every trade unionist and socialist to fight against this torrent of racialist propaganda and to turn that tide.

ABOVE: The answer to the racistsblacks and whites together in struggle. In Blackburn last week young Asians and their white brothers and sisters occupied the social services department in protest against the appalling treatment of Jack Shorrock,

seen here in his wheelchair. Thanks to years of underfinancing of the social services, plus the recent cuts, the Shorrocks have been deprived of the aids for the disabled to

which they are entitled.

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DEMONSTRATE against the racists this Saturday: Smash the National Front. Rally and March: 10.30am, Ridley Road Market, Hackney, East

PARLOUR GAMES IN PARLIAN

YRANNY! 'The end of democracy!'
'The collapse of society as we know it!'
In one edition of television's News at Ten these three disasters were announced in succession-Tory leader Margaret Thatcher, and by Maxwell-Hyslop, a ship-repairing employer and Tory MP. They were talking about the Labour government's decision to press ahead with their

Bill to nationalise the shipbuilding and aircraft The Tories whined that the government had broken the rules of the House of Commons'. They had not noticed, apparently-neither had anyone else-that the Bill was 'hybrid', a technicality dug up by these masters technicalities and intrigue, to stall the Bill.

The same Tories who retrospective

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'legitimised' the power of British troops in Northern Ireland in a single day of parliamentary discussion, the same Tories who helped the Labour government rush through the Prevention of Terrorism Act in a one day session are now insisting on 'upholding the rules of parliament'.

Shipyard and aircraft workers will have to prepare their industrial strength in the months ahead to ensure that the Bill goes through.

Needless to say, the SNP, joined the Tories in their parliamentary parlour game without a thought for the future of 40,000 shipyard and aircraft jobs in Scotland.

Again the employers found faithful allies in this bunch of Tartan hypocrites.

THIS 'DEFENDER OF FR IS A NAZI

DID you sign a petition in your factory in support of Robert Relf, the man who put an 'English only' sign outside his house? Did you contribute to his defence fund. Are you thinking of doing so?

If so you're being conned. For Robert Relf is one of the most dangerous men in Britain today.

Dangerous to working class people of whatever origin, white and black. Dangerous because Robert Relf is a self-proclaimed

As a Nazi he believes in a pure race—a race 'cleansed' of Jews and blacks Irish and Scots, the mentally sick, the physically ill and deformed and those afflicted by other so-called 'diseases' or 'preversions'—such as trade unionism, socialism and anything else that smacks of human decency, and points the way to a better society.

Relf has been in jail before

for his Nazi and racist activities. Twelve years ago he did three months after he refused to pay a fine for daubing racist slogans on a

He was then a member of the National Socialist Movement, and so trusted that he was bodyguard to the British Fuehrer himself, Colin Jor-

KKK

In 1965 Relf was back in jail again. This time he had become involved in an attempt to launch a British version of the US organisation of racists and murderers, the Ku Klux

Then a year later Relf himself went-inside again after he made an attack on

an Indian shop.

This time his jail sentence follows charges for adver-tising his house for sale to an

English family only.

While on bail on the charges of putting up this offensive sign, Relf did a bunk to Rhodesia. There he tried to sign up for the white racist Rhodesian army. He failed and returned to Britain.

tain.

And you are being asked to feel sorry for this Nazi, to help him in some way?

Naturally you're not being asked to help him because he's a Nazi. The National Front and the National Party, who are organising the petitions, keep very quiet about his—and their own—revolting and their own-revolting

past. Instead you're kidded along with an appeal over 'free speech'. Free speech for someone who is anxious to set up gas chambers to liquidate people who fight for higher wages, resist unemployment and fight for safety and health at work, or who happen to be black

You must be joking!
Who built his house anyway? The chances are that it was Irish or Scottish or perhaps even Sikh building workers.

Are they not to be allowed to buy it? What about their freedom?

RATION

All the rubbish about 'the English' covers up the real situation. Most so-called English people, that Relf pretends to offer his house to can't afford to buy it because other so called Englishmen own the land and the bricks and mortar needed to build houses and carefully ration

them to keep prices high.

To be sure Fuehrer Relf
isn't giving his house away.

The truth is that the
National Front and the
National Party are using the Relf issue to win support for their divide-and-rule poison. They want you to blame

black and Asian workers for rising prices, unemployment and the overcrowding that has always been the lot of

working people.

How many black workers are there on the board of GEC, which has sacked 50,000 workers and trebled its profits in the past few

years?
Not one! The truth is that the black and Asian workers in Britain are the natural allies of those English, Welsh, Scottish or Irish workers who really want to fight for the right to work and a decent life

If we let the racists and the employers divide us and cut us off one from the other then we are lost. They will walk all over us forever.

But if we stick together we will be able to fight back and solve the unemployment and housing problem once and for all. As the old, but tried and tested, trade union slogan puts it: 'Unity is strength'.

That's why Socialist

Worker says:
To hell with Robert
Relf. Don't swallow the racist poison. And if you're got even one piece of it inside you, get rid of it fast and start fighting for the Right of all workers to Work.



IF one of your workmates has raised the case of Robert Relf why don't you take this article as the basis for a leaflet in your factory? It's vital to stop the racist poison. You could do just that by showing people who and what it is they're being asked to support.

coppers need apply...

AS SOMEONE who has never had any illusions about the impartiality of British justice, it came as no surprise to me to witness two recent

events.
First: self-styled British Fuehrer Kingsley Read appeared in court charged with a breach of the Race Relations Act.

Ignoring the fact that there was no doubt of his guilt, the judge decided to dismiss him provided he gave a promise never to repeat the offence.

Amazing, when you think there are good trade unionists rotting in jail for defending working class interests while racialist morons like Read can get off scot free for spreading their filth.

Second: there was a demonstration in Blackburn against the National Party, where workers from all races marched together under the slogan of 'Black and White, unite and fight'.

Chant

The police showed their usual bias on demonstrations of this kind. When told it was an offence to chant racialist slogans, the only answer that the pathetic 'Boys in Blue' could give was that they couldn't hear anything. It would appear that one of the qualifications for joining the rolling is now deafness.

the police is now deafness. While the demonstration in

Blackburn was good, the attendance left a lot to be

I would like to appeal to the whole Labour movement not to repeat past mistakes about fascism. Don't let's unfascism. Don't derestimate them.

It's up to us to win the propaganda battle—and make sure that every time this scum manage to summon up enough courage to crawl out of their rat holes we are there to confront them.

Brian Jones, Manchester.

THE NATIONAL Union of Public Employees is conducting an inquiry on private medicine and is anxious to ascertain whether when patients who see a consultant and pay a fee are able to advance their place on the waiting list and obtain an

waiting list and obtain an early admission to National Health Service facilities. If any of your readers have experienced this, I should be glad if they would send information to me at the following address: National Union of Public Employees, 222 Public Employees, 222 Stamford Street, Ashton-

under-Lyne, Lancs.

Colin M Barnett,
Divisional Officer, National
Union of Public Employees.

Only deaf Noise: Secretaries take note

I'VE JUST called in the factory inspector to, believe it or not, check the noise level of

my typewriter.

I've got a year-old Olivetti
Editor 4C electric typewriter,
which, at high speed, makes a

sound like a machine gun.

I work in the National
Health Service and this typewriter is on a national contract. Needless to say, none of us secretaries, who know a bit about typewriters, were asked what sort we would like to work with.

The factory inspector said that normal typewriter noise is 70 decibels. He measured mine and it came up to 85 decibels.

The streets of Britain

Nazi Front stickers

have recently been hit by

whimpering Free Robert

Socialist Worker should

join the campaign with its own message: LET RELF

SW Reader, West Lon-

a new virus: small blue

damaging to the ear. But in England we are bred differently and our hearing isn't damaged until the level reaches 90 plus.

Legal

He's applying to my employers to have my ceiling lined with acoustic tiles and for me to be supplied with ear defenders. He told me that the employer is under no legal obligation to comply, so I'm relying on management's goodwill—poor me.

He told me that in Britain it

there are too many workers working at that level, and it could be *uneconomic* to fit them all with safety equipment. Therefore, the government might say that 95 is the danger limit.

danger limit. He also said that factory inspectors often don't prosecute offending firms because the fines are so pathetic that they are no deterrent.

is fairly accepted that a noise of 90 decibels or more, over an eight-hour period, is dangerous to hearing.

But when the government, later this year, fix the legal limit, they might find that there are too many workers.

They don't want to waste time in taking firms to court when they know they will carry on regardless. He said that when magistrates know the directors of local firms they find it hard to fine them

Cosy

We'll have to organise to crack this cosy system that allows the government and bosses to play a game with workers' health. Secretaries with noisy typewriters take

note.
□ Mary Beaken, Preston

POSTAL POINTS

A LOT OF people here are concerned at the growth of the National Front and the English National Party and racism in general. Not all

Will you please consider printing a national leaflet and stickers to combat this poison before it is too

IS sympathiser, Norwich.

SHERRI YANOWITZ (22 May) was right to point out the inadvertent racism implicit in the words we use. What a pity that in the same issue a similar lack of

thought should be displayed in two items. Presumably What We Think is not that people are 'poisoned by race', but that records are reisoned by people are poisoned by racism. And hopefully, revolutionary workers like Our Norman don't go around nicknaming black workers. 'Sunshine'.

Bob Sharpe, Not-

WE HAVE just returned from the excellent Right to Work picket of Hendon Magistrates Court and one

tingham.

Magistrates Court and one thing about the turn-out of police Special Branch we found very distressing.

The plain-clothes policemen were all extremely poorly dressed. Through SW, we'd like to appeal to the Home Secretary to increase the clothing allowance for clothing allowance for Special Branch officers, which might enable them to be less obvious among

PAUL O'FLINN should be careful not to throw out the baby with the bath water by dismissing most popular TV

programmes as rubbish.

Millions of people continue to watch this rubbish and socialists need to help see through it. Television only loses its power to dominate and control people's minds when the lies and prejudice in the programmes are exposed.

Alan Sharples,
Darlington.

A LETTER (8 May) advised people harassed at DHSS offices to write to the ombudsman. Socialists should be aware that appeals, tribunals, etc are run by agents of the bosses and are deliberately designed to paper over the cracks.

Unemployed workers should organise together and demonstrate in SS offices in cases of harass-

ment.

☐ Richard Laver, Dewsbury.

YOUR REPLY to Dennis Skinner (22 May) was far too generous. Of course he is to be preferred to the right wing rats like Prentice and Hamilton, but the similarity between him and Sam the Man comes out quite clearly

in his letter of protest.

He sees the working class as a stage army for exerting pressure on MPs. Stop Protesting Dennis. Come and join in building a strong revolutionary movement.

Andy Strouthous, E Lon-

FRED MULLEY, Secretary of State for Education, has remained firmly on the fence over the Tameside issue of comprehensive education. He has power to stop the ramshackle Tory scheme of selection but for reasons best known to himself he prefers to leave parents, children and teachers bewildered

☐ Two Tameside teachers

etters

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

What about this, Jones?

JACK JONES has been calling for the 35-hour week to cut unemployment. But, at my workplace—an Express Dairy in Cricklewood—we are threatened with the sack if we fight to get back our 45-hour

week.
On 30 April, the night staff were called to a meeting to discuss the night bottling procedure due to start on 9 May.

Mr Lennon, the day manager, said: When the night bottling starts, we will bring 28 men from days onto nights all 28 are volunteers. nights . . . all 28 are volunteers, I have used no levers at all'.

I asked some day workers who came onto nights if they volunteered. One said: 'Mr Lennon had four volunteers and he wanted 24 more by next week or he would "get my volunteers some other way'

Answer

Another worker said: 'As you know, most of us who came on nights have company houses or flats, and if we did not volunteer we would lose our jobs and that means our houses or flats.'

houses or flats.'
Mr Lennon said: 'You will have to work a 50-hour week'.'
One worker asked: 'What happens if we don't want to work the 50-hour week?'
He replied: 'You have got to, because the union (Jack Jones' TGWU) has agreed to the 50-hour week plus and £18

the 50-hour week plus and £18 package deal on top'.

A worker said: 'The union

may have agreed, but the



Mr Lennon was asked what would happen if we didn't accept the 50-hour week. The matter would, he replied, go to

In other words, we would lose our jobs. We were being compelled to work the 50-

the industrial tribunal.

hour week.

EXCLUSIVE

THIS RECENT Daily Mirror article on alcoholism upset my mother, and drove her back to alcoholism. I am writing this letter in the hope that you will print it. The Daily Mirror did not, which shows that they had no real interest in the issue.

This is what I wrote: Dear

Daily Mirror, I am writing to complain about the unjust statements regarding the 'bottle orphans' as you put it.

I should like to point out that this ridiculous article drove my mother, who is an alcoholic, back to drink. She had been dry for

several months after leaving hospital, where she had been treated for four months.

Alcoholism is not an illness which alcoholics choose to have. It is just as unwanted as cancer. But do think some cancer, her family and

friends would feel sorry for her and look after her instead of rejecting her as

A LETTER THE **MIRROR IGNORED**

they do.
The children of alcoholics do have my sympathy since, though I have had it rough, I am probably fortunate in comparison to some.

But I do think soem sympathy could have been shown on behalf of alcoholics themselves.

My mother was ashamed when she read your article and started drinking.

I am only 15 but I do know enough about alcoholism to be able to oppose your arti-

I hope that if you choose to write about alcoholism again you will get your facts right first.

Anonymous (for obvious

reasons)

Helping the homeless?

YORK COUNTY COURT last week gave some people squatting in two empty houses four weeks to get out. This is the latest in a series of moves by the council and the courts to stamp out the squatting movement which got under way in the town last year.

There are now 1500 empty properties in York. There are also a similar number of people looking for places to live. The council's solution is to board up all the houses, make them uninhabitable, and refuse even to rent them as short-life property The tenants served with eviction orders have said they'll be

moving into another squat. All messages of support for their struggle can be sent to York Squatters Association, 14 Charlotte □ Roger Hurcombe, York.

☐ Please don't print my name as I will be victimised. I NOTICED that Our Norman wasn't showing his face in the last issue of SW. Could it

LENIN (MAO AND MARX THE SINKING June 1976 POUND Available now 30p (inc post) VIETNAM from: International EGYPT Socialism HOUSEWORK 8 Cottons Gardens London E2 8DN

International Social

be that he has been suspended after the previous week's display of unconscious racialism? SW reader, Nottingham.

After two hours discussion, we walked out of the meeting

without a proper agreement being reached. This meeting was held nine

days before we started night bottling and we have not had another meeting on the matter

we're on the dole... I WAS a labourer on £23 a

week at the Schweppes factory, Erdington, until yesterday. I was dismissed on the spot while the Transport Union steward stood by and offered no assistance.

The only reason the foreman offered was that 'I couldn't cope' with the work.

But as far as I could see what they wanted was the bionic man.

I had to load up pallets at the rate of 40 crates a minute. If you got out of sequence with the conveyor belt, your hands were in danger of being smashed by the heavy crates of bottles. I often went home with cuts all over my hands.

No, the reason they dismissed me was because I refused to do overtime.

What makes me so angry is that I spent three years in the army believing I would learn a trade and all I've got now is the prospect of the dole queue.

☐ Michael Wilkie, Birmingham.

I AMDUE to go on the dole because I asked for a fair deal. I have handed in my notice because of the treatment I

have received. I am disabled and therefore cannot pick and choose my job. My working week includ-

ed Saturday and Sunday.

I was a ballroom attendant with Aberdeen Council and I found men who had had two jobs for more than 20 years. I

was exploited so they could There was also a 74-yearold man with two pensions and overtime guaranteed all the year round at the exploitation of regular workers.

I was sent to Coventry by these people and was the only union member trying to get

this stopped.
You will find the man in the street agrees with me on these points. These people have two jobs, two lots of holiday pay, while thousands are low paid

and others unemployed.

George Duncan,



Nationalised? We'd see that it benefitted the workers

by DICK HALL (NUM)

UNDER socialism the coal industry would become a powerful machine for improving the wellbeing and standard of living of all workers.

Ever since the massacre of the 1960s, with the so-called economic miracle performed by the Labour government, we have seen the loss of tens of thousands of jobs. Whole mining areas have been wiped out.

So much so that the Durham coalfield could best be described as Britain's

could best be described as Britain's Sahara desert.

All this has been done in the name of technological advance. As defined by the miners, rather than the Oxford dictionary and the so-called free press, this means fewer and fewer workers and more and more policemen— supervisors, gaffers and foremen.

In fact it wasn't until when stood on the picket lines during the 1972 strike

that you could really appreciate the growing army of these characters. All this shower could be set to useful work in a socialist system for a start.

We'd also end the toil of overtime and create new jobs. We'd stop the hellish toll of so-called accidents.

Now, by not having any sort of economic planning we are showered with other strange blessings. We have mounting stockpiles of coal which make the Common Market's butter, wine and meat mountains look like children's sandcastles on Skegness beach.

Heat

So why on earth, with these vast stockpiles, do we still have old age pensioners dying of cold, or hypother-mia as the newspapers prefer to call it? There is no logical or financial reason why we can't heat the homes of all workers for a fraction of the present

The same with electricity How many more murders like that of George Stevenson, the old age pensioner from Dundee who died because his electricity was cut off, must we tolerate before we get the priorities right. And be see this system of some periorities right and be see this system of some periorities right. And be see this system of some periorities right and be seen that system of some periorities right and be seen that system of some periorities right and be seen that system of some periorities right and the control of the pithead price! For their business friends they can arrange a deal and lend a helping hand. that of George Stevenson, the

helping hand.
Meanwhile the poor lonely
old age pensioners have to pay
two and a half times as much
as rich businessmen for their fuel. They have to pay the full pithead price!

If we were free of the parasites, the old coalowners and landowners, those who lend money to 'expand' the industry, we could do tremen-

Cow

We could supply free coal we could supply free coal and electricity to all workers at very small social cost. This would be achieved in part by ending the biggest con of them all, the set-up whereby free enterprise firms milk the nationalised cow.

The history of nationalisa-

The history of nationalisa tion so far is a most interesting one. Nationalisation has taken place when capitalists have stripped their industries too quickly and in their eagerness, have left their big business friends in the proverbial

apple-cart. The trick mineowner who ran the industry into the ground gets massive compensation for his heaps of old scrap. A new nationalised industry is set up, with the workers and the

taxpayer bearing the burden.
Then comes the proverbial killing, through making the industry buy machinery from private businesses.

The lessons of socialism are crystal clear. Complete nationalisation without compensation and under workers'

The May issue of the Collier, the rank and file miners' paper. Copies 5p each plus postage, from The Collier, 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

Truth about the NUM 'vendetta' BILL O'BRIEN, secretary of Glasshoughton Colliery in Yorkshire and

right-wing champion in the Yorkshire NUM, has been suspended from union office for two years.

So has Tom Roebuck, former president of

Manvers Main Colliery. The Yorkshire press, in a frenzy of witch-hunting, has suggested that these suspensions are arbitrary, or part of a personal vendetta against O'Brien by the Yorkshire NUM president, Arthur Scargill. The facts show that O'Brien and Roebuck are luckly to keep their union

membership.

In May 1974, the Sheffield
Star published an article
which suggested that Arthur Scargill had shown favour to pickets from the Barnsley area during that year's miners' strike. The article was wrong in almost every detail.

Voting

The Yorkshire Area Council of the NUM unanimously instructed Scargill to sue the Star. Among those voting for that instruction was the m Glasshoughton pit, John Walsh.

In September 1974; O'Brien was interviewed by a Star journalist. Without even con-



Bill O Brien

BILL O'BRIEN stands for free enterprise. He practises it in a garage which he owns at Nevison, near Wakefield.

John Poulson, the corrupt architect who is doing six years in Wakefield Prison, said at his trial that all his firm's cars and lorries were filled with petrol and serviced at

Cars and lorries were filled with petrol and serviced at O'Brien's garage.
O'Brien was chairman of the Pontefract, Goole and Selby Water Board when the Board supplied Poulson with its biggest-ever contract: for a huge pipeline complex.
O'Brien is deputy leader of the Metropolitan District Council at Wakefield, the council which pays out more per councillor in expenses than any other in the country.
O'Brien was boasting last week that he was going to 'take Scargill to court over this'. He said he was travelling to London last Thursday 'to hire Lord Goodman'.
Lord Goodman told Socialist Worker: 'Who is this fellow O'Brien? I've never heard of him. Is he on the side of the angels? No. I have no appointment to see him.'

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the union.

reprimanded.

Did he get a fair hearing at the executive? He said Yes.

debate-the council decided

by 75 votes to I that he had

acted against the interests of

All 75 delegates agreed that O'Brien should be punished for conduct which brought the

union into disrepute. Some wanted him suspended from

union office for life. Some wanted him severely

At the end of another series

questions-and a long

Arthur Scargill

sulting his own branch, or anyone else in the union, he gave a voluntary statement which was damaging to Scargill. He also handed over private union correspondence from Scargill.

The libel action was heard earlier this year. It was won by

Scargill. O'Brien was the chief witness for the Star.

ll won £3000 which he has Scargill damages, which he donated to the union.

The area executive meeting of the Yorkshire NUM after the action summoned O'Brien to give an explanation at its

meeting on 11 May. That morning O'Brien rang up to say he was going to London 'on council business'

The meeting did not discuss the O'Brien case, but adjourned the whole matter until

three days later.
This time O'Brien did

attend-and started off by denouncing the executive for taking a decision in my

The executive, after much questioning, decided by 16 votes to 1 to suspend O'Brien until the area council meeting on 24 May. At that meeting, O'Brien was asked three

Fair?

He made a voluntary statement to the press about picketing during the strike in 1974? He said Yes.

Did he divulge private

correspondence between the area president and Glasshoughton Colliery? He

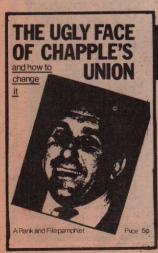
The council voted by 50 votes to 24 for two years suspension. The majority represented 51,000 miners-against 13,000.

How many votes?

THE vote at the NUM national executive for the 4½ per cent pay deal highlights again its ridiculous system.

The 11 people who voted against the deal represented 125,000 miners; while the 13 who voted for it represented 111,000.

Syd Vincent, who abstained, represents another 9000 miners from the North West—whose conference voted against the deal.



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Speakers include Billy Williams (Rank and File candidate for EETPU general secretary) and Jim Atkinson (Rank and File candidate, Chairman: George Kelly (EETPU convenor,

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to Work Committee: Next meeting Thursday 10 June, 8pm, at WCCR, 172 Lavender Hill, SW11. Delegates, unemployed workers and observers from potential sponsoring bodies are invited.

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TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM Duncan Hallas In the interests of dialogue on the left, take a good look at the two new pamphlets-one from the Communist Party, one from

Worker—advertised

Let's talk it over...

THE OTHER day Gordon McLennan, General Secretary of the Communist Party, was quoted in The Guardian as summarising Communist Party strategy with these words:

'It's the same as France and Italy. We are working towards a coalition of the left in the Labour movement and progressives outside it, strong enough to determine government policy democratical-

No sensible person takes the unsup-ported word of any organ of the

capitalist press on any matter, least of all on matters like this.

But in this case the quotation corresponds pretty closely to what the CP's own publications have been say-

The party programme, for example, says 'it is not the aim of the Communist Party to undermine, weaken or split the Labour Party' but on the contrary to help 'the strengthening of the left trends' within it.

True, Gordon McLennan's statement implies a bit more than this. In Italy, the CP is running its election campaign around the pledge 'to get

Italy out of the crisis, to renew it and to save and develop democracy'.

Coalition

To this end, the Italian CP proposes a 'grand coalition' which would include not only the Socialist Party but also the Tories-Christian-Democrats

as they call themselves.

The CP, the Italian one that is, call this scheme 'the historic compromise'. To the more sceptical it sounds more like 'if you can't beat them—join them'.

Because, of course, such a coalition

would have nothing whatever to do

management has made a much larger sacrifice over the last few years.

Interviewer: What are your plans now you are leaving the CBI?
CA: I'm off for three months' holiday.

SACRIFICE CORNER:

Alfred Herbert, the machine tool group, lost £13.4 million last year ... and paid out £115,000 in

'compensation' to two former directors. Mr J W Buckley, the company's new chairman, said: 'We have neither been mean

THE NEW Employment Protection Act is a

It has, for instance, set up the Employment Appeal Tribunal, which

began session in April under its president, Mr. Justice Phillips.

That same month, Mr Justice Phillips was bursting into print in FTAT

Record, the journal of the furniture workers' union.

He penned these immortal

'unfair dismissal' was not

in any sense to be viewed

in a commonsense way, as capable of being un-derstood by the man in the

So much for 'employ-

MAN OR WOMAN

or very generous'

wonderful thing:

with socialism. It is exactly like proposing a British coalition headed by Mr Callaghan, Mrs Thatcher and Comrade

If that sounds too daft to be worth thinking about, well, perhaps that is because the British CP lacks what the Italians have—a large bloc of MPs and

the prospect of more.

In fairness I must make it absolutely clear that the British CP, unlike its Italian comrades, is not, at the present time, calling for a coalition with the

But the Morning Star enthusiastically supports the line of the Italian CP for Italy. And once in the past the British CP has called for such a coalition in

Surely not? Oh yes. It was in 1945, at the end of the second world war. Which brings me to the commercial.

A new pamphlet in the Socialist Worker training series, entitled The British Communist Party, is just off the presses.
It does not deal with the

early history of the party, which is fairly well-known, but concentrates on the period from 1945 onwards.

During the 1945 election, the pamphlet points out, 'the Daily Worker (forerunner of the Morning Star) carried a statement by the Party Ex-ecutive under the headline "All Party National Govern-ment Is Essential After The Election".

Invite

A London District Committee pamphlet in April of that year spelt this out,

should then form a new National Government and

National Government and invite others, including Tories like Churchill and Eden, to participate."

The Labour Party turned this down flat, won easily, and formed a purely Labour

The point of recalling this incident is not to score a

incident is not to score a sectarian point.

As the introduction to the SW pamphlet says: '... we are not interested in CP-bashing for the sake of it'.

The point is to help comrades to understand how and why CP policy, separately in industry and the

especially in industry and the unions, has developed as it

Pamphlet

The CP itself has just published a pamphlet on The Soviet Union, subtitled A Marxist Critique of the International Socialists (reviewed by Chris Harman last week).
In the interests of dialogue

on the left I give it a free advertisement and suggest, in return, that CP members and sympathisers will find the new SW pamphlet in-structive and profitable



STATE CAPITALIST OR SOCIALIST?



40p and 10p from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (add 10p for postage).

POLICE VIOLENCE?

JEREMY Maynard is fast learning that it pays to keep your mouth shut about police brutality . . specially if you're in the force.

Since he reported his sergeant for beating up a young Irishman in a cell, PC Maynard, 22, of Alton, Hampshire, has been sub-jected to Serpico-style treat-

Instead of an investigation into the activities of Sergeant Hewiston, disciplinary action is being taken against PC Maynard.

So far his application for legal representation at the hearing has been turned down by High Court Judge, Mr Justice Griffiths.

He has been called 'an established and compulsive

And he has to answer charges of making a false statement against Hewiston, disobeying an order and

disobeying an order and sleeping on duty.

The young Irishman, David O'Connor, was known to PC Maynard through his work with a Catholic boys club. He was

Student teachers: The facts

THE PRESS, with its usual penetrating logic, has been claiming that teachers can't get jobs because of a 'fall in the birthrate'. But consider

☐ The average size of state primary school classes last year was 30 pupils, and 22.7

☐ In private schools, the average size, according to Independent Schools Information Service, is 'rarely larger than 18'.

☐ If state classes were the same size as in private schools (to which, of course, the press barons send their children) jobs would be created for another 150,000

☐ And if they were cut by only 1.5 children, every unemployed teacher would be able to get a job.

WITHOUT COMMENT:

there undoubtedly lies an official recognition that a large number of unemployed whose life expectations have been boosted by higher educa-tion could become a readymade force for manipulation by revolutionaries. The need to avoid this danger while holding-public spending in check is a severe challenge to government skills.

—from the Financial Times, 26 May

arrested with his two brothers for being drunk and disorderly and started bang-ing on the cell door when he was refused a solicitor.

Blood

Hewiston went into the cell and came out with blood on his hands. David O'Connor was left inside with a split lip and bruises on his face. Hewiston wrote in the

report book that he had been hit by the cell door . . . Maynard claims Hewiston told him: 'If you don't like what happened you are better out of the police force. Your loyalty is

with your colleagues.'
How long will it be before
PC Maynard falls down the steps at the station . . . or decides he wants to become a bank clerk?



Say, Gerry baby, d'ya hear the one about the starving peasants...?



HENRY Kissinger cares about the world's poor. Well why else would he have been at the recent UNCTAD conference in Nairobi to discuss the redistribution of the world's wealth?

Why indeed. Kissinger's personal contribution to re-distributing wealth quickly emerged when he announced that the cars laid on for him—brand new Mercedes 280, no less-weren't up to requirements.

So he had two large new limousines flown in specially from the United States to ferry him back and forth to the local Hilton, where he occupied a mere three floors. The Employment Service Agency

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Meet Jack Shorrock, invalid. His bed's in the kitchen ... he can't get out because of the cuts in public spending

by GARTH THOMASSON and LAURIE FLYNN

> TURN on the radio any morning and you'll hear them on about the need to cut public spending.

If you want to know what that means to real people, listen to the story of Jack and Anne-Marie Shorrock, who live in Blackburn.

For the past five years their lives have been dominated by Jack's illness. Jack, a former member of the printworkers' union SOGAT at Crown Wallpapers, has a desperately serious disease of the spine called spondulosis. It has crippled him completely, and confines him to his bed for life. You'd think that a sick man

You'd think that a sick man would have his bed in a bedroom. You'd be wrong. Jack Shorrock's bed is in the downstairs kitchen.

That's right, the kitchen His wife Anne-Marie's bed is in there too because she has to tend him in the night.

The Shorrocks haven't got a chair lift to take Jack up and

Jack and Anne-Marie Shorrock-in their kitchen.

down the stairs. They haven't got handrails so that Jack can move around whatever room

They haven't got an electric wheelchair, or concrete ramps so that he can be taken out of the house now and again without being a burden to his

They haven't any of these things because the local authority 'can't afford' to buy them. That's the local government spending which everyone from Margaret Thatcher to Denis Healey wants to cut

Just this February Anne-Marie Shorrock got a letter telling her that Mr Leybourne, the divisional director of social services, has 'personally investigated the situation and has totally satisfied himself that those items which are recorded as having been provided to you, have been

This is an interesting new departure in official policy. You don't give people what they need and are entitled to. And then you tell them again and early they have been been as a second or the second of the second or the secon and again that they have been

given them.

This isn't Jack Shorrock's only experience of the health and welfare services in Britain today. Not so long ago he had to have a massive operation. He was being carried to the operating theatre when the stretcher gave way under him and threw him to the floor.

Wrong

The stretcher gave way because it was old and poorly maintained. Another time a resuscitation machine broke down when he was on it. The Shorrocks have tried all

the conventional methods of getting the wrong that is being done them righted. They've had promises galore from professional politicians of every description, including Blackburn Labour MP Barbara Castle who until recently bara Castle, who until recently presided over the destruction f the welfare state as Health

of the welfare state as Health Minister.

They've been to the News of the World. Nothing doing.

They've been to the Lan-cashire Evening Telegraph But that paper is so busy printing fictitious stories about illegal immigrants and other racism that no room was found for the Shorrocks' terrible tale.

In Blackburn, racists can get a hearing. But the Shorrocks aren't racialists.

Support

The Shorrocks know that the only way working people will get what they want and

need is by unity.
That's why Anne-Marie
Shorrock gave her fullest
support to the demonstration against the National Party in

Blackburn two weekends ago.
That's why socialists from
the International Socialists and the Asian community will be helping the Shorrocks in their battle.

For theirs too is a battle which shows that contrary to the guff about the welfare state and the ease with which people get things from social security, the poor and the needy only get their rights by tough, united struggle.



Street scene, Kingston, Jamaica 1976

Slum housing: Tens of thousands of workers in Jamaica live in huts like these

Jamaica on the brink political PICTURES: Phil McCowen

temperature Caribbean island of Jamaica is rising to boiling point.

Michael Manley, the prime minister who calls himself a 'democratic socialist', has openly at-tacked 'external elements' which he says are seeking to 'destabilise the economy'. He means the American Central In-telligence Agency (CIA) and the big American corporations that control most Jamaican industry, especially bauxite and tourism.

These corporations are staging a powerful invest-ment strike, running down the bauxite mines and bring-ing tourism almost to a halt. This is their protest against Manley's support for Cuban armies in Angola, Fidel Castro's visit this autumn, and the increasing militancy of the Jamaican working

Troops

Manley is pleading for workers' support for his policies. But these policies have been directed against workers in struggle.

He has introduced an industrial relations act

modelled on the British Tories' Act of that name in 1972. Troops have been used against strikers at Kingston

arganist streets at Angston airport.

The government's wage guidelines make even Healey's 4½ per cent deal

More and more workers are seeing through Manley's appeals. The rich of the Jamaican and expatriate ruling class still bask in the whyshe of Bayerley Hille suburbs of Beverley Hills, Ocho Rios or the beaches of Montego Bay, while 200,000 unemployed fester in the slums-that's one worker in

Politics

More and more workers are coming together in rank and file movements at shop-floor level. More and more are responding to the politics of organisations such as the Revolutionary Marxist League. As the League's paper, Socialist Weekly, put it in a recent issue:

'It is becoming increasingly obvious that the unions under the present anti-worker leadership do not represent our true interests. Look at what the TUC said to the workers at Paper Processing Plant. They sided with the company rather than the

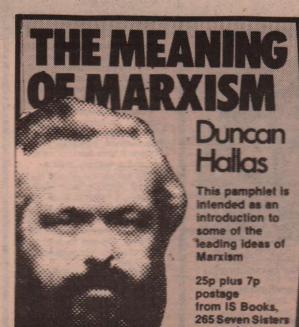
'Unless the union is con-trolled by the rank and file workers themselves and not big shot boys who talk sweet and drive big cars, then we are in for a beating. We have to struggle for a democratic workers' union, and break the leadership of the present

unions and their ties with the two capitalist political par-

ties.

'Not only do we need to struggle for rank and file control of the unions, but we need a workers' organisation need a workers organisation that can topple the capitalist system once and for all. Clearly Manley and the Peoples National Party are not prepared to do this, despite all their fine words.'

Road, London N4



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1917: The year the chain was broken

IN the murky history of the 20th century one event stands out like a gleaming beacon—the Russian Revolution.

A link in the worldwide chain of drudgery and unemployment, of war and oppression was briefly broken. The workers had seized control of a major country and it seemed mankind was on the verge of a completely new life.

The new society was all too Foreign intervention brought economic devastation and economic devastation brought reaucracy

But even that could not destroy the magnificent ex-perience of 1917 itself. Since 1917 several countries

have gone through similar convulsions. There have been peneral strikes, street fighting, parricades, the disintegration of the armed forces, even workers' councils. The latest Portugal before 25 November last year.

But never has the workers' movement succeeded since, as a did in 1917, in taking control

At decisive moments the most influential workers' followers in the wrong direc-tion. Those who have seen needs to be done have had their voices drowned by those whose policies— bether by accident or design—allowed capitalist politicians to reassert their The near-revolutions became the near-misses.

Transmit

We need to learn from the experience of 1917 above all how to avoid these tragic

The second volume of Tony Cliff's biography of Lenin, published this week, aims to ransmit that experience to the generation of broughout the world. It is not sst a book of history or sography. It is above all a for revolutionary socialists, an account of what was done in 1917 and of what socialists need to do in evolutionary situations to-

Cliff has first to deal with me poisonous myths that have been spread about Lenin and the Bolsheviks.

He shows, for instance, that

Chris Harman reviews

LENIN: ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS



from being the blind tool in Lenin's hands that both Stalinist and anti-Communist historians portray. It was a mass party, made up of thousands upon thousands of militant workers who had to argue its politics day-in, dayout to their workmates.

Even before the February

revolution had destroyed the Tsarist police machine, the Bolsheviks had more than 20,000 members. By summer 1917 they had more than 250,000—nearly one worker in ten in manufacturing in-

Its militants did not blindly obey Lenin. On several impor-tant occasions he found himself a minority in the party and had to argue strongly for

Replace

Even leaders of the party who had worked with Lenin for years tended to be too conservative in their response to events. In February 1917 many tended to believe that should support the capitalist governments that replaced the Tsar. In October many did not grasp that a socialist revolution was possi-

After years of building up the party organisation within capitalism, they were frighten-ed of the risk involved in overthrowing the system.

For Lenin, the party was not an end in itself. It was a means to achieving the revolution. So when the party leaders stood in the way of the revolution, he went over their heads to the rank and file to put his case.

At the same time, the party was indispensable. This was shown in April, June and above all July.

Many newly-politicised

Many newly-politicised workers and soldiers wanted to give immediate vent to their anger against capitalism by seizing power before the majority of workers supported them. The mass revolutionary party had to prevent a premature battle that could

have led to a massive defeat. And in October, even though the party leadership were slow on the up-take, without a party that organised the most militant sections of workers there could not have been organised taking of power.

Relate

Lenin himself was able to grasp what needed to be done at each point because he continually related the theories of the party to the live experience of workingclass struggles. When those theories clashed with that experience he was willing to re-examine the theories.

That is why Cliff's account of Lenin in 1917 is also an account of the development of some of the most important ideas in the history of Marx-

He shows, for example, how long and apparently arid debates on the national question between Lenin and other revolutionaries, such as Bukharin and Rosa Luxemburg, were indispensable in preparing the Bolsheviks for 1917, when millions of non-Russians rose up against national oppression by the

out by Lenin then are still fantastically important today for any revolutionary living in a country that oppresses other

the account of how Lenin took up and developed Marx's view of the state. This has been completely distorted before Lenin, and has been distorted since by people who claim there is a parliamentary road socialism or that a bureaucratic dictatorship can be a workers' state.

Lenin stressed that workers' revolution had to smash the state as a bureaucratic machine and replace it with workers' coun-

But he also translated that general argument into specific arguments about how the workers should achieve this in Russia. Even today, these read like pure poetry after the nonsense you get from those who advocate the parliamen-

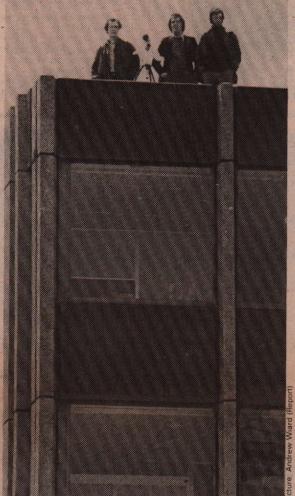
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26 MAY: DAY OF ACTION FOR THE RI



Some of the 100 nurses, porters and other hospital workers who came out from the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to send off a delegation of 50 to the London demonstration.



Watching the London demonstration on top of a convenient office block—are they the Special Branch? Among those on the demonstration was one man in ordinary clothes and wearing a Right to Work badge. Normally he is a police constable on duty in East London. On the recent demonstration in Blackburn against racism four police photographers were identified taking pictures of the anti-fascists. When the fascists turned up they put their cameras away.

Sackings threat swells protest

LONDON: 'Why isn't the TUC General Council organising this protest?" Labour MP Dennis Skinner asked the massive crowd at Tower Hill. 'It's you, the rank and file, who have the power,' he said.

After the 26 November demonstration TUC general secretary Len Murray called us eccentric for supporting the march. We're still here,' he said, and with a few other MPs he led off the march.

The mass of trade union banners were joined by big contingents of student teachers from training colleges under occupation and by unemployed workers organised by the Right to Work Campaign.

Solid

One of the biggest contingents on the demonstration came from Crosfields in North London. Until the day before they had agreed to send a delegation—then management stepped in announced 20 sackings.

On the morning of the 26th the shop stewards called a mass meeting. They voted solidly to shut down the factory-and nearly the whole workforce marched behind the shop stewards' committee banner on the demonstration from Tower Hill. Stewards' chairn

chairman Tom Connolly said: 'This is our spontaneous reaction to these sackings. The whole factory came out. TASS members in the



Skinner speaking at Tower Hill

offices have already accepted the sackingswith us it's different.'

Crosfields was occupied for 10 weeks last year to defend jobs after a mass sacking of 350 workers.

Sheet metal shop chairman Bill Hayward said: You'd think that the damage they did then would have weakened our front-but it hasn't. In fact some people who were a bit less active before are now standing up to be counted.'

JUNE 16 WHO CARES Russian empire. The arguments hammered Distorted But most important of all is cils and a workers' militia.

Some of the 600 workers from Tate and Lyle on the demonstration to Pier Head. They stopped work for the whole day and came on the march in working clothes to protest at the threatened closure of the sugar works. Dockers, carworkers and building workers were also on one of the biggest marches seen in Merseyside since the battle against In Place of Strife.

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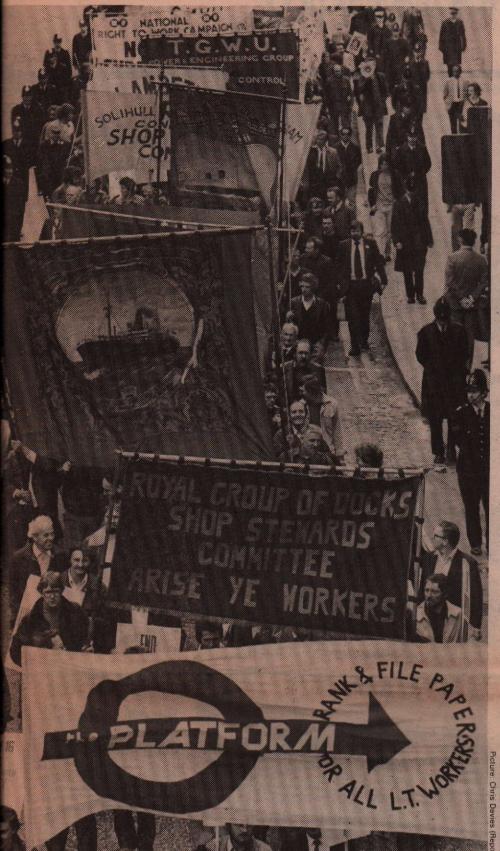
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Action

The next stage in campaign promises a jor impact. On the Da Action, speak throughout the co-called for a massive to outside the Recall TU London on Wednesd

Tony Cliff: All Power to the Soviets

GHT TO WORK





Right to Work Campaign on the demonstration. The campaign handed out hundreds of placards (right) and thousands marched behind its banners in Glasgow, Dundee. Liverpool, Manchester and London.





ABOVE: What do we need a Tory government for with a Labour turer Martin Robinson asked a crowd of 5000 in Dundee City Square. From the occupied college of education, Alex Bell told the demonstration: We are occupying for the Right to Work.' And from Methil came a large group of construction workers from the Redpath, Dorman Long site, where massive sackings are threatened.

e: Now tell the TUC EAL WITH HEALEY!

Socialist

The result of that Conress is being fixed. Jack Jones has lined up all the TGWU votes in favour of the 41/2 per cent pay deal Last week's disgraceful manoeuvres by Hugh Scanlon and John Boyd at the AUEW have ensured that 1,250,000 votes by engineering workers will be cast for the deal.

rank and file have the chance to make their opposition to the deal heard.

The mass lobby called by the London Confed and the Right to Work Campaign is not like the almost pointless lobbies outside parliament. It is a chance to make the TUC General Council and the men who that they will not get away with phase two of Healey's

policy as easily as they are fixing phase one.

The larger that

demonstration, the easier it will be to convince thousandsof other workers that the deal has sacrificed everything the TUC promised to argue for. Pensions, unemployment, equal pay have all been sacrificed—and for what? A cut in everyone's standard of living.

Argue

The Right to Work Campaign has called the lobby to begin at 9.30am. Mass delegations from factories all over Britain are ex-

Transport should be booked now in every area. Where possible trades councils should be approached to book special trains. Right to Work Committees and trades councils should organise fleets of coaches from as many factories and workplaces

as possible.

The Right to Work Campaign says it will be making

a special effort to get unemployed workers, on the demonstration, school-leavers and un-employed students getting trade union bodies to pay for unemployed workers' travel costs.

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RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN RANK AND FILE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

LOBBY THE SPECIAL **TUC CONGRESS** JUNE 16TH

NO TUC DEAL WITH HEALEY

Wednesday 16th June, 9.30am CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER

Glasgow 7,000 march

GLASGOW: 7000 turned out on one of the noisiest and most militant demonstrations the city has seen for some time. A large part of the demonstration came from the occupied teacher training colleges. About 2500 students

Many of the big factories and shipyards did not answer the Clyde Confed call for action. Yarrows, Marathon, Govan, Rolls-Royce and Chrysler stayed at work. Among the factories that did strike were several affiliated to the Right to Work Campaign—Albion, Reyrolle Belmos, Rawlplug, Glasgow Council electrical workshops and MacDonalds, East Kilbride.

Around 500 marched behind the Glasgow Right to

Work Campaign banner.

Right to Work Defence Fund

School. Littleover-like many thousand others-face the dole when they leave

With their collection of £2 for the arrested Right to Work marchers they are helping make sure that the campaign for the right to work for school-leavers this summer is not intimidated by the police and the courts.

Other donations to the Defence Fund this week in-

Clude:

South East London Medical ASTMS collection £1. NATFHE Middlesex Poly, Enfield £5. Northampton General Hospital NUPE members £1. Letchworth No 5 AUEW £2. UCL Gay Society £5. Goodrich Students Union. York £10, Bedford College £10, Workers Action Supporters. Cambridge £15.0. Shell Chemicals Carrington Craft SSC £5. Chester 1S inaugural meeting £13.2. £6. CPSA members. Newcastle Central Office Branch £5.05. Reading RTW Committee £1.50. Kirkby No 2 AUEW members £10.50, Ossett 506E AUEW £1. Harlow and District Trades Council £5. NATFHE collection at Llandaff Cöllege of Technology, Cardiff £4.60.

Trades. Councils Conference collection £14. Scunthorpe workers collection £14. Scunthorpe workers collection £14. Scunthorpe workers collection £1.60. W A Sutton. NUPE branch secretary. Northants Hospital £1. W Hall Rainey. AUEW convenor £9.20.

COACHES TO THE 16 JUNE LOBBY

COACHES are arranged the 16 June Right to Work lobby of the TUC

BRISTOL: University Union 6am, Christadelphini 6.15am. LEICESTER: Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate, 6.30am. LIVERPOOL: Train block booking, meet Lime St 6am. LEEDS: Corn Exchange,

WAKEFIELD: Bus Station. 5.15am. BARNSLEY:

Station, 5.45am. WOLVERHAMPTON: Faulkland St. 6.30am. COVENTRY: Pool Meadow.

BIRMINGHAM: Hall of Memory, 7am. SHEFFIELD: Pond St, 6am.

For other areas contact your local Right to Work Committee who will be organising transport. Socialist Worker will publish any further details of transport arrangements for the lobby.



MONDAY

Your immediate reaction, understandably, might be to switch off when you hear of a TV series on the trials and tribulations of a Labour MP. But BILL BRAND (ITV, 9pm) is a marvellous portrayal of what electoral politics are about today.

The first episode shows that

even at the election the MP is cut off from the workers who vote for him, treated more as a commodity to be sold by his election agent than as someone developing arguments among those who

restricted an another those who wote for him.

Future episodes highlight the futility of the attempts of a newly-elected left-wing Labour MP to move the

The author, Trevor Grif-fiths, describes his series as an parliamentary democracy.



INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS Conference 1976

Wages, jobs and the cuts

THREE FRONTS IN THE WORKERS' STRUGGLE

'FOR big business,' said Chris Harman, introducing the annual conference of the International Socialists at the weekend, 'there is no serious alternative to the continuation of the Social Contract and collaboration with the TUC.

But even the most optimistic perspective for British capitalism is very pessimistic. All the indications are that there will be a further recession after 1977 and more unemployment.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is forecasting 1,200,-000 unemployed at the end of 1976 and at least a million in 1977 even with a partial

There are three fronts of struggle wages, jobs and cuts. All are closely inter-

On wages, the government has held the line since last August for three reasons. First, 15 months ago large numbers of workers got rises of around 30 per cent. Second, unemployment has had a demoralising effect. Thirdly, the massive ideological offensive in the press and television. has held workers back from



But now the cuts in living standards are beginning to bite. And there will be a considerable increase in confidence when a few more workers are taken on. If only

one worker is taken on, you still know your job is safe.

'British Leyland's talk about all the order books being full is in fact increasing the confidence of the workforce.

'The idealogical frost will

The ideological front will also be much more important. Workers on strike will be more open to our ideas because the political implications of the smallest strike will be so con-



Equally on the unemployment front the more talk about the end of the recession, the more fight there will be on unemployment. There will be real strikes against unemployment as people react against losing their jobs while the papers talk of booming Bri-

The third front is the cuts. These will be communing small exertilla actions but these can surlinde. Buttles like that of student teachers can stime the amazonsaes

for. All three—wages, and cuts—are directly origined. If there is more approximent, there will be

THE TARTAN

A CALL for a national fight against the Tartan Tories' was made by Scottish conference delegates.

A woman teacher from Glasgow told the conference that the Scottish National Party and Scottish Labour Party could be one of the biggest threats to

'They are having ma-jor successes in local government elections,'

she said. 'People see devolution as the answer, with Scotland growing richer on Scot-tish oil, leaving England

to sink or swim.
'But it isn't enough to leave the fight to our members in Scotland.'

She suggested a Scottish section to be produced as a supplement to Socialist Worker, putting the arguments against the policies of the SNP and SLP.

'The Right to Work marchers hit the consciences of workers, began to undermine the ideological hold of the Social Contract, and to raise the whole question of No Deal with Healey in a concrete

The student teachers are fighting for jobs as a result of the education cuts—they are part of the fight for the right to

'Events will change very quickly. We shall have to learn to change gear, to move from one front to another and back

'Now we have to be clear: the major battalions are not yet moving. But there is the beginnings of discontent.

'Small groups of workers who fight will feel isolated.

They will see the need for a national framework in which

'In these small struggles we can fight to be part of the leadership. Our strategy is the building of the national framework, of a National Rank and File Movement through the Right to Work Campaign.

'In the coming period small groups of workers will be increasingly open to our ideas in a way that was not true over the past two years. We must also actively take the oppor-tunity to increase our membership in the branches.'

The perspectives debate was being held at an awkward time in view of the miners' ballot on Healey's pay deal, said BILL MESSAGE from Pontefract.

But the dates of the ballot were convenient for the trade

union leaders who supported the deal. 'Most of the pits in the country are on holiday which means there is no time for an effective campaign against the deal!'

PETER BAIN, a shop steward from Chrysler Linwood, pointed out that some workers had been fooled by the prospect of redundanthe Golden Handshake.

COLIN CALDER Swansea stressed the need to organise around the pit-heads. South Wales miners

conference voted overwhelmingly to reject the pay deal, but their executive has made it clear they won't go against the national ballot,' he

PAUL HOLBOROW from East London said the atmosphere was beginning to change. On 26 May we saw the dockers out in real force for the first time in 18 months. Morale has been low among. teachers but the no-cover issue has given them something to be taking up.'

JOHN DEASON, national ecretary of the Right to Work Campaign, explained that the majority of disputes involved workers on the defensive, on issues such as victimisation and union recognition.

'There are more disputes over people trying to get overtime than there are against it,' he said.

He added that student confidence and enthusiasm out of the colleges and involve teachers in the fight.



that many shop stewards and convenors who are party members have also moved to the right with the party leadership.

TONY CLIFF told conference: 'The united front is not about resolutions or joint committees. It is about action

committees. It is about action around the ten demands of the Right to Work Campaign.

'We want to discuss in action the way forward, not abdicate our independence.'

A delegate from Ipswich said that some party members in his area had moved to the left of the national leadership.

'It is possible to work with them on some issues like unemployment, but you have to be clear that the International Socialists is a revolutionary party. You run into problems when it comes to politics.'



TERRY ALCOCK from Leicester emphasised that not just the Right to Work Campaign has split the CP. In Leicester, where the National Front polled 45,000 votes, the party's answer on the trades council was a broad front activity—and it split the par-

JOHN DEASON warned of the party's control over the bureaucratic trade union machine in some areas. 'We are still very much the junior partner and we should never underestimate the negative effect that they can have on our activity in the trade union movement,' he said.

He added that the impact of the Right to Work Campaign has given greater credibility to the activity of the Inter-national Socialists because we had played a part in its

PHIL JONES from Gloucester said: 'There are local members of the Communist Party who are now selling Socialist Worker and the Engineers' Charter in the factories. It was a member of the party who proposed that the trades council join the Right to Work Campaign.'



Liverpool's Day of Action: That's the message.

OUR NORMAN



INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS Conference 1976



THE Right to Work Campaign was the most important initiative the Inter-national Socialists had ever been involved in, said PETER BAIN, a shop steward at Chrysler Linwood.

The campaign had been discussed at literally thousands of trade union bodies and it had kicked off a serious fight against un-

employment.
There is a spectre haunting the Communist Party,' he said. 'The Right to Work Campaign. The specific demands really put them on

the spot.

Hugh Wyper, a former executive member of the Communist Party and Glasgow district officer of the Transport Union, had simply run away from the demand for the 35-hour week demand, though this really offered a way forward against un-employment. Instead Wyper advocated import controls—a reactionary demand, which what's more—doesn't require anyone to do anything.

Bain reported that follow-ing the success of the Albert Hall Right to Work Rally, the stewards committee con-sidered sending a delegate to a Glasgow Right to Work Com-mittee There or state of the st

The next move was to bring out the familiar "It's an IS" front" smear. But again nonaligned stewards came in and said it was the committee's duty to support any body that was serious in fighting unemployment.

Now, said Bain, it is a question of investing in the future. Just three months after they got away with sacking 1500 workers, Chrysler are talking of setting on 130-770 workers depending on overtime and flexibility on what conditions they can force

'So again the Right to Work Campaign would be put to the test,' he said. MIKE McGRATH, from

Central London, argued for stronger emphasis on wages. This was the issue increasingly facing the members of his union, the CPSA.

'The Healey deal offers most of us £1.88 over two years. There is no way we are

going to accept this.'
DICK NORTH, from
South London, argued that
the Right to Work Campaign
was absolutely central to any fight for higher wages.

The first time a group of orkers goes into action against the Healey deal, they will be subjected to the most massive attack by press and television on the lines that

'If people like us don't set aside our nervousness and get on with the struggle, no one else is'

their demands "are causing

unemployment".

'The Right to Work Campaign would immediately sup-port them. This support from unemployed workers would be the most fantastic bolster to

BOBBY BUIRDS, from Manchester, stressed that the campaign had offered a lead to a lot of people and had forced other sections of the working class movement to get their

fingers out.

Now it was important to bring the TUC more directly into the firing line. They were responsible for the fact that a real fight back had been dodged. That's where another march, much bigger in size but shorter in distance, came in, a march to the TUC.

A woman shop steward from Glasgow illustrated the significance of the campaign

in her workplace.

Just last year, she said, the stewards committee accepted the £6 deal by 17 votes to her one. They accepted because they thought that unemployment and prices would come ment and prices would come down and if they did not then there would be a fight back this spring.

Since then the impact of the £6 wore off. They had not come down and there was no fight back. There had been an immense build-up of frustra-tion. The Right to Work Campaign had come at the very time when on the shop floor worker was turning against worker, skilled against unskilled, men against women and vice versa.

'Up till then my workmates saw people like me as in-dividuals. But then they were

forced to relate to a campaign.

'For the 26 May Day of
Action we were able to get the shop floor to vote support for a one-day stoppage, but we were stabbed in the back.

'We have to spell out loud and clear to rank and file militants that if people like us don't set aside our ner-vousness and get on with the job, then who else is going to

'No-one is, that's what we've got to get through our heads.

'The situation now is turning. Now the arguments about the 4½ per cent are coming at us from the shop floor. "Hugh Scanlon is casting our votes for this pay deal—but he never consulted us," that's what people are

saying to me.'
ROHANA MINHAS, from Leeds, said that the demands in the Right to Work Cam-paign on import controls and racism had to be highlighted

again and again.

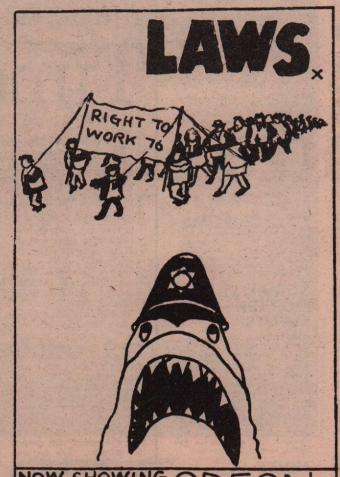
Summing up the discussion,
JOHN DEASON stressed
that the key was to build an
opposition to those in the labour movement who had collaborated with the govern-ment in cutting workers' living

standards.
In this, the battle over the government cuts would play an important role. They can't explain these away. This could be the soft underbelly of the government.'

The wages struggle is an offensive struggle, he argued, and people lack confidence. That's why the Right to Work is so central. It's at the heart of the battle for ideas.

The campaign was The campaign stretching and testing people, he said. A whole number of people were developing as leaders in the process. The leaders in the process. campaign now meant that rank and file militants were a recognised part of the opposi-tion to the Healey package. Now the question is how the fight for the leadership of that

opposition was carried.



NOW SHOWING W. HENDON

THE CUTS HIT ALL **OUR LIVES**

'YOU can take a pound out of someone's pocket, but you dinnae kick their bairns.'

These words sum up the importance of opposing the government cuts in the Health Service, schools, indeed all the social services. For these hit directly at people's

Here the way the government is trying to solve the crisis at the direct expense of working people is clear.

And the cuts are still increasing. The continuing fall in the value of the pound means the press are 'A year ago we knew the

A year ago we knew the cuts were coming, and forecast sackings, but we've been slow, and the attack has been more fragmented than we expected,' said STEVE JEFFERYS.

The cuts attack workers

In reply, JOHN DEASON said that action towards such a

march would be part of every struggle. One of the best ways

to fight racism was to make sure that where it mattered most, in the struggle for the right to work, black and white workers marched side by side.

Every struggle, whether on wages, victimisation, sackings, union recognition, could be tied to the build-up

for a mass protest at the September TUC 'because

workers in all these struggles

are finding inaction and betrayal from the trade union

levels who are terrified of

leaders, from offic

rocking the boat.

in two ways: they attack trade unionists in hospitals, schools and so on over jobs and working conditions—and they attack workers' living stan-dards. So to fight them we must bring together teachers and parents, hospital workers and local factory workers, bus workers and their

passengers. We need: a short programme for each area relating the local Right to Work Campaign to the cuts, a local cuts com-mittee where there is action, and we need to tie these to the national Right to Work Campaign.

The coming cuts are like a rumbling volcano, said a delegate from Edinburgh. You can hear the rumblings, but you don't know when it's going to burst. In Edinburgh the Right

to Work Committee was able to act quickly to help the Borders school cleaners and the students who occupied Moray

TERRY ALCOTT. from Leicester, told how teachers refusing to cover for absences had formed a committee. Then, when other school workers were threatened with loss of jobs, the committee had worked out a policy of action and approached the NUPE and NALGO members.

NEIL DAVIES, from North West London, told how some local schoolkids had themselves opposed the increase in class sizes. One day they lined up outside the classroom and allowed only 30 to go in.

PETE GLATTER, from North London, told

how the bus fare increases had been overtaken by the busworkers' frustration over new rotas. The intensification of work because of the cuts was forcing many workers to fight

JOHN GLEN, from Glasgow, told how the local Right to Work Committee had been initiated by the council building workers. It was they who had helped the students occupying Jordanhill college of education to organise flying pickets to spread their struggle. Now the committee is to draw delegates from other workplaces hit by the cuts.

Put weight

THE PLAN for a three-day march of unemployed workers from London to the TUC in Brighton in September, which was put forward by the Right to Work Council last week, was discussed by the conference.

The decision was reported by Socialist Worker last week.

This would be a much more political task than the three-week Right to Work March. With a direct protest to the TUC as its aim, it could expect greater opposition from within the trade union

bureaucracy at all levels.
'Don't rock the boat', would
be a cry heard more and more.
This was why members of

the International Socialists
must swing their weight
behind the campaign.
JOHN DEASON, secretary
of the Right to Work Cam-

paign, told the conference that the lobby of the Recall TUC on 16 June must be the launching pad for continuing pressure on the TUC, as it represented employed workers, to fight for the un-

employed.
The TUC leaders are their 4½ per cent pay deal through the Recall TUC and then have a quiet summer leading up to the September this march

'We've got to make sure it isn't like that.
'The march to Brighton

needs to involve as many unemployed workers as possible, and when we get there we need to be met by a mass lobby of employed workers. Not just delegations of one and two from workplaces, but big delegations. The 4½ per cent hits everyone.

MIKE McGRATH (CPSA) said: That mass lobby is the most vital. Going to the TUC in the CPSA delegation last year was the most disgusting experience of

'lt's a total stitch-up from beginning to end. The rank and file delegates never get a

word in.
'The only time it came alive was when there was the mass protest over Shrewsbury. I tell you: the trade union leaders were actually terrified at the voices of the rank and file coming in from outside.

'That's what must be done

for the Right to Work.'
BILL MESSAGE, from

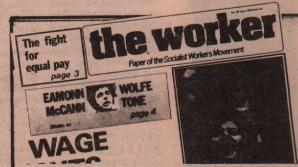
Pontefract, said that we should be winning trade union delegations to go on the march, not just the lobby. It was a short march and easier to get time off work.

GEOFF HEATON, from

Glasgow, said that raising support for such a protest to the TUC would be hard, but that much more effective.

"We all know what the normal lobby to the TUC is like. A polite affair, with the "left-wing" trade union bureaucrats coming out to greet it. To that we've got to counterpose direct actionand they're not going to like

JOHN ROSE, from West London, pointed out the dangers of 'pulling out all the stops' for such a march and leaving other important issues uncovered. The campaign against racism was particular-ly vital, he said.



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WHEN you're unemployed, you're totally alone. When you argue with the unemployed you have to go straight to the political arguments.

'You have to say you're not alone, you're part of a whole class of working people that's being brutally attacked. You have to say "You're unemployed because of the system".

'Very often the unemployed are not in the union. What's more, they partly hold the unions to blame for the situation.

We've got to get through to them. We've got

to persuade them that the unions can put up a

-BRIAN HIGGINS, from Northampton.

I HAD been unemployed for two years before the Right to Work Campaign. I had always been a militant, but I was getting frustrated.

The march motivated and inspired me. I'm fighting harder now than I ever fought before in

my life.'
—PIP JONES, from Cardiff.

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THE International Socialists have lost one of their finest and longest-standing

members. Danny Flynn was only 53 years old when he died last week.

Danny was born in Ireland and was forced to emigrate at the end of the Second World War. He went to Scotland and became an engineer in the mines, a job that may have had something to do with the chronic bronchitis that caused his death.

From Scotland, Danny moved to London where he became a founder member of the first IS industrial base at the ENV engineering plant.

After numerous attempts to break the shop floor organisation, ENV management closed the plant. Danny Flynn, like his comrades, was on the dole and blacklisted.

In June 1967 he became a busman and resolved immediately to build good trade union organisation. Despite opposition from the union establishment, he became branch secretary of the 1/227 branch of the Transport Union in 1972 and chairman in 1974, a position he held until his death.

promising opponent of anything that divided workers, particularly

His standing among his black colleagues was extremely high. They paid him the finest possible tribute when of the 80 or more busworkers at his funeral, more than half were black. Shoulder to shoulder with them all when he was buried were Mike Carver, Duncan Hallas and Tony Cliff, represen-

Les Hills added: 'He succeeded in doing more for the union in Wandsworth in the years he was here than had been done in decades."

Danny Flynn died fighting. He was fighting the insane plans of London Transport to push up fares and push through new schedules-London Transport's version of the cuts.

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SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

SOUTHWARK TEACHERS SW Public meetings:

10 June: Imperialism 24 June: Democratic Centralism 8 July: Theory of the Rank and File

Movement
15 July: The Struggle in Italy
At South Bank Poly, Students
Union, Rotary St. Details from Gil
Loewenstein (622-1090).

CENTRAL LONDON SW Education CENTRAL LONDON SW Education Classes: Women and Socialism. Every second Thursday, 6.30pm, at The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London, WC1. Creche provided. 10 June: The History of the Family. Speaker: Debbie Tom. 17 June: The Politics of Women's Oppression. Speaker: Joy Leman. 1 July: Women and Socialism. Speaker: Sheila McGregor.

AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF WORK PERMITS—END IMMIGRATION CONTROLS! Meeting on the campaign on the work permits and to discuss the legislation introduced under the 1971 Immigration Act, the Appeals Tribunal system and renewal of permits. Saturday 13 June 11am-4pm, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Please contact IS International Department, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2, phone 01-739 9772...

NORWICH SW public meeting: Lenin and the Russian Revolution, Thursday 3 June, 8pm, Suckling Hall (opposite St Andrews Hall), St Andrews Hill, Central Norwich. Speaker: Tony Cliff.

WEST MANCHESTER SW public meeting: Stop the Cuts, Wednesday 16 June, 7.30pm, Ye Olde Nelson, Chapel Street, Salford.

LEICESTER TEACHERS SW meetings: Wednesday 9
June: China—Before and After Mao.
Thursday 24 June: The Communist
Parties in Western Europe. All
meetings start 7.30pm, Globe Inn,
Silver Street.

EAST LONDON SW series of fortnightly lectures, starting Friday 28 May. Britain in the 1920s:

2. Th Early Communist Party
3: Revolutionaries and Trade

nions
4. The Communist International
Livingstone House, North East
andon Poly, Livingstone Road, E15,
30pm, All readers and SW

TYNESIDE SW public meeting: No deal with Healey, Thursday 10 June, 8pm, Bridge Hotel, High Level Bridge. Speaker Tony Cliff.

HOSPITAL WORKERS National Meeting, for all IS hospital workers and SW supporters: Saturday 12 June, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester, 11 am sharp. Please note change of date. Details later.

CHESTER SW discussion meetings: 7.30pm. The Railway, Brook Street, Chester (2 minutes from station). Friday 4 June: Why is there a crisis and can an incomes policy work? Friday 11 June: Why do we need a revolutionary party?

All SW readers welcome.

CENTRAL LONDON CIVIL SERVANTS Socialist Worker discussion meeting: The Russian Revolution. Introduced by Piers Freelove. Wednesday 2 June, 6.30pm, The Plough, Museum Street, London WC1.

PRESTON Socialist Worker/Labour Party public debate: Which way to socialism? Speakers: Len Brindle (convenor, Leyland Motors and Labour carididate) and Paul Foot (Socialist Worker). Wednesday 3 June, 8pm, Ashton Labour Club, Atholi Street, off Marsh Lane, Preston Tickets 10p (5p unemployed). Everybody welcome.

GAY GROUP MEETING: 11am, Saturday 19 June, Central London. SW and the Gay issue; GLF and the politics of separatism; the problems of being gay at work. Social in the evening. If you need accommodation on Saturday night write c/o, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

LEICESTER District SW meeting: The National Front Speakers: Paul The National Front. Speakers. Paul Foot, Autar Johel (IWA-TG shop steward), John Newsinger (AUEW convenor Rearsby Components). Sunday 20 June, 2. 30pm. Highfields Community Centre.

TOTTENHAM SW public meeting: Socialism Not Racism! Speaker: Balwinder Rana, an Asian worker living in West London. Thursday 3 June, 8pm. YWCA Scotland Green, Tottenham High Road.

NEWCASTLE SW public meeting: No Deal With Healey! Speaker: Tony Cliff. Thursday 10 June, 8pm. Bridge Hotel, High Level Bridge, Newcastle.

INNER WEST LONDON SW Half Day School: Sunday 6 June, 12 noon-5,30pm. Workers Musical Association, 236 Westbourne Park Road, London W11. Speakers: Laurie Flynn and Jenny Jackson. Practical session on writing for SW and using the paper to build at the workplace. SW readers welcome.

North London Womens Voice Group public meeting: Equal Pay Monday 14 June, 8pm, Stroud Green School, Ennis Road, N4 (near Bookmarks, bookshop). Speäker: Carol Douras (former Mother of Chapel SOGAT DRGs), plus Womens Theatre Group in 'Work to Role'. All welcome.

SOCIALIST WORKER **EVENTS**

WEST LONDON SW jumble sale: Saturday 5 June, 92 Tavistock Road, W11. Jumble needed, ring 965 5594.

Build the Fighting Fund—SW Jumble Sales in London area: Crocheted hats available for SW jumble sales etc. Only 30p (cost of wool). Orders and details: 639 9509.

STOCKPORT DISTRICT SW social: Disco at the Three Crowns, Macclesfield 19 June, 8pm. 25p admission. All proceeds to SW Fighting Fund.

NOISS

CENTRAL LONDON IS STUDENTS BRANCH public meeting: Why We Need a Revolutionary Party, Speaker John Deason. Thursday 27 May, 7pm, The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London

EXETER UNIVERSITY IS SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

NATIONAL IS meeting on Ireland: Saturday 12 June, 1pm, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Delegates to be sent from all districts and branches. Agenda: Northern Ireland, TOM, PTA, SWM, and

LOWESTOFT IS Jumble Sale. British Legion Hall, Clifton Road, Saturday 5 June, 2.30pm. If you have jumble, contact us at 11 Kirkley Run.

LEICESTER District IS: Post-Conference aggregate, Firday 4 June 7.30pm, Globe Inn, Silver Street.

from July in South (preferably South West) London. Contact Tim Roderick, 14 Edinburgh Road, Norwich.

Will all IS comrades going abroad for their summer holidays and willing to make contacts, take literature with them, please contact the the IS international Department, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2, phone 01-739 9772.



THE INTERNATIONAL STRUGGLE

Time to come back

BECAUSE of the crisis, the working class in the most unexpected places is coming into the struggle.

In Ethiopia last year a tiny working class brought down the government, said TONY CLIFF, opening the discussion on the international struggle.

In Thailand, when the price of rice went up 10 per cent, the workers brought down the

overnment.

'We see fighting in South
Africa, Rhodesia, in South
America, Look at Italy, Spain, Portugal.

'Multinationals are stronger in the crisis than they were before. Capitalism is much

better organised than we are.'
The International Socialists put a lot of effort and money into international work last year. 'We will be coming to get

year. 'We will be coming to get money from you this year to do more,' said Cliff.

ROBIN PETERSON, recently back from Portugal, told conference that despite the setbacks, 300 factories were still occupied. Last week 70,000 demonstrated in Oporto, generally thought to be a conservative area.

conservative area.

A delegate reported on the FK conference in Sweden, which was attended by delegates from left-wing organisations across Europe and some from South America 'Some of these groups see themselves as the new Leninist formation. It's centred around Avanguardia Operaia from Italy and Revolution from France.

'Some delegates there criticised IS as being too arrogant, lobbing theoretical handgrenades and then retreating across the Channel.'
STEVE JEFFERYS told

conference he had disagreed with others in IS about not supporting Otelo de Carvalho the Portuguese elections There was a demonstration of 70,000 workers to support him in Oporto. Abstention in that

'We have to work out our political position from the real world. We do it with our work in Britain. Why should we ignore the facts when it comes

to international work?
'You wouldn't guess from
Tony Cliff's speech that there-

differences with some groups, but when you get down to the ordinary members, there is a fantastic amount of common

Police attack during general strike in Athens valuable. last week. One woman

are three revolutionary socialist groups in Europe bigger than us and with daily newspapers.

A delegate from West London, told conference that his union branch has made links with Jamaican airport workers recently on strike and workers at TAP, the

Portuguese airline.
'It's easy to make contact.
We sent telegrams of support to workers when we saw their strike reported in the paper. You can get the addresses fairly easily. 'We may have theoretical

ground.

'I was taken around the hangers at Lisbon airport by an electrician. It was really

'West Indians are really interested in Cuba. We had a speaker down to talk about Castro. It's amazing the wrong ideas you have.'

DAVID McNALLY, from IS in Canada, urged that the new, small IS groups in other countries should not be neglected. In Canada there is a possibility of a general strike in the next few months, and Canadian IS can use our

experience.
CHRIS HARMAN said that IS had had disagreements with other groups. We argue hard. But we are always

To achieve socialism,

the most militant sec-

tions of the working

class have to be

organised into a

revolutionary socialist

be built by activity in

the mass organisations

of the working class.

Such a party can only

We have to prove in

practice to other

workers that reformist

leaders and reformist

ideas are opposed to

We have to build a

We urge all those who agree with our

policies to join with us

in the struggle to build

the revolutionary party.

rank and file movement

their own interests.

within the unions.

repared to show solidarity.
Take the example of
Avanguardia Operiaia. We
published our debate with
them in the IS Journal. In the translation and editing, there were mistakes. We made them

to earth?

But since then we have agreed to try to arrange meetings in Italian com-munities here about the elec-tions in Italy.

Concerning the Portuguese elections, Harman said that we would advise giving Otelo de Carvalho critical support, with the emphasis on the critical.

The pamphlet, Lessons of 25 November, didn't go down too well in Portugal, but a Spanish group decided to publish it in Spanish. They found it very useful?

The speaker from MES, a Portuguese socialist organisation, defended supporting Otelo de Carvalho in the

Portuguese elections.
Otelo has made many mistakes. But we think he has learned from them. The officer he refused to remove from his position was the man who overthrew Otelo himself.'

'The working class is sup-porting him—the workers' commissions, the tenants' commissions. We have to. The real power is in the army.
PETER BAIN, fr

Glasgow, spoke about work in multinationals. national work has been the cop-out for Jack Jones and other trade union leaders.

'We have to do something even if it's only at the level of resolutions. It at least lifts our heads out of the factory.
'At Linwood we wrote to

Chrysler Madrid when they were on strike. We got a letter back from the company saying there were no legal trade

unions, but no Chrysler workers were in jail, they said. 'When Renault Spain was on strike we arranged for a speaker to go to the West of Scotland shop stewards

we have to pull international work out of the clouds and bring it back to earth.

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INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION:

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

The working class needs an entirely different kind of statea workers' state based

workers' delegates and a workers' militia.

At most, parliamenactivity can be make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of workers themselves can destroy the system.

INTER-NATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of a world-wide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers We oppose

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

and imperialism. We oppose all immigration

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation

movements. We are for real, social, economic and

political equality of women.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one coun-

Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist.

We support the struggles of workers in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS Conference 1976



OCCUPATIONS SHOW STUDENTS WILL FIGHT THE CUTS

THE occupations of teacher training colleges show the enormous potential among students for fighting the cuts, said LINDSAY GERMAN.

'We must fight to create a relationship between the Right to Work Campaign and unemployed teachers in every area. The student teachers must take their case to every factory,

picket line and demonstration.

'Many of the students are not in their final year. With these it is particularly important to argue the politics of cuts and unemployment.

'The level of many occupations is very low. In

one college the nuns called a religious mass in support. They haven't seized the switchboards, locked out the staff, or stopped the administra-

JOHN PENNY, from Manchester, said: 'The success of the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies has led to all sorts of careerists leaping on the NOISS electoral bandwagon. It is a problem of success.

We still have a constant battle in our district to explain to other IS members that the orientation we have agreed on means students must build in

their own colleges'.

JOHN DEASON said the JOHN DEASON said the scale of the occupations was potentially enormous. 'But we have been too slow to react. If it had been factories occupying we would have been down there quick enough. Thousands of teachers are taking up our demand for the Right to Work.



'The Right to Teach is a right-wing demand. It means "Cut something else, not teachers." But the demand for the right to work expands the battle to everyone. Teachers must be part of the overall fight.

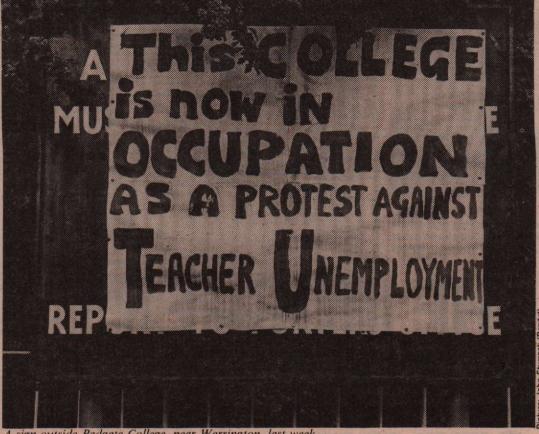
ALEX CALLINICOS, from Oxford, said: 'The experience of the NUT is not directly relevant for student teachers in their last year at college. The occupations are

college. The occupations are student battles.

'Look at their exclusive nature. Look at the rapidity with which the most rightwing sections of the student movement has shifted to fighting for the Right to Work

Work.

'Whatever happens in this particular struggle, our task is to make sure that groups of students committed to students committed to revolutionary politics, grouped around NOISS, are left in the colleges. The only organisation that holds together when the reactionary tide reasserts itself is a political organisation—and that means NOISS.



A sign outside Padgate College, near Warrington, last week

We're women AND we're workers

THE key problem in draw-ing women into revolutionary socialist politics is to approach them both as women and as workers, taking up issues of women's oppression — abortion AND equal pay, for exam-

SHEILA McGREGOR told the conference: The potential is there. In many unions—NALGO, NUPE, NUT—the majority of members are women. But even in rank and file groups in these

unions, men dominate.
'We should argue that every rank and file paper must make a specific effort to appeal to women. Women today are not downtrodden mass. They

have high expectations. It's out job to tap that.
'We have to get away from

expecting the national IS women's organiser to do the whole job. Women have got to say: We are going to light to develop as leaders. We are going to be delegates to conference, to party council

on district committees'.

Women are now a quarter of IS membership.



TIM SOUTH, from Leeds. moved a resolution to stop publishing Women's Voice. 'We have to ask ourselves why we are publishing it. We can't sell it or use it in Leeds'. A delegate from

North London, said: 'I used to North London, said: 'I used to say I was ready for any emergency as long as I had Socialist Worker and my umbrella with me. Now I've got Engineers' Charter and Women's Voice.

'These are the tools we've got. Don't anybody take that tool away from me or other women'.

women'. Glasgow said: 'We could make Glasgow said: We could make real inroads with women manual workers. Take the question of Equal Pay. When there is a dispute over it, we

there is a dispute over it, we cover it. But no one—including us—is running a hard campaign.

'And look at the implications on the shop floor when we win equal pay. In my hard weak heart it with no shop, we have it with no strings. The men say now: "Since Equal Pay, they won't sit down, they're always fighting".

PIP JONES, from Cardiff, had been visiting factories in the area about the EETPU elections. It starts a real good fight when I point out that there are 50,000 women in the EETPU and not one woman among the 140 union officials. 'Some of the best shop

stewards I've come across are

among the women'.

MAGGIE RENN has been appointed as national IS women's organiser by the IS central committee. She said: 'We want a leadership among the women. There are a small number of women's delegates here. We have to work quickly

to change it.

'There is a women's subcommittee on Saturday 19
June. Discuss Women's Voice
in your district and be sure a delegate comes-with ideas to improve it.'

is running a series of classe about women's oppression and the family.. she said 'Other districts should do the same. We have stood back and the Communist Party recruit womén interested in

women's politics'.

SHEILA McGREGOR
summed up the discussion Women are fighters, leaders We have to tap them. It is ou responsibility to organis

'Women are on the lower grades. They will get the leas out of the 4½ per cent deal. W in September'.

Strong, socialist trade unionism is our best weapon

WE ARE in the middle of a new wave of racism.

Bradford, Blackburn and Leicester the fascist National Front has gained a toehold through the elections.

tions.

The Labour government has encouraged racialism: their campaign against the overseas students has been to get themselves off the hook over the cuts in education spending. The TUC and the government has opened the door for the fascists.

CHRIS HARMAN told conference: We must make no concessions on immigration

concessions on immigration control, even when our members are completely isolated. We will gather round us those people who aren't

'The Nazi organisations are still small, but we have to prevent them from growing. We have to harass them. But we don't just go in for Nazi-clobbering. We can't sustain it and it won't be successful to

hold back the racist wave. 'Fascists are strongest where the labour movement is weakest. We have to find the forms of agitation that will bring workers to us to under-mine the fascist base.'

'We have to become the political presence in the locali-

ALAN WATTS, from North London, said: We have to force people to argue rationally about racism, something which is irrational.

NADEEM argued that our NADEEM argued that our work must be more than either fighting the National Front or recruiting black workers to IS. We need to do the slow and systematic work, perhaps call a conference, to really build. NEIL DAVIES, said that there was no contradiction between the areas of work. In North West London all

North West London all posters and leaflets for the Right to Work Campaign included photographs of black workers.

Black speakers had been on the platforms at the meetings, even if black workers didn't come.

Now black workers were joining the picket line when Irish workers are arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, he said.

AZIM HAJEE, from Bir-mingham, said that only by mingham, said that only by doing race work among whites will we gain any credibility with the black organisations. We should have public meetings on racialism and unemployment.

'The slogan "No Deal with Healey" won't be heard if everyone else is shouting "Kick Out the Blacks".'

TONY CLIFF said: 'We have to understand oppres-

have to understand oppression and exploitation. We are talking about black workers, not workers who happen to be

black.
'Working-class struggle is the answer. There are three things we have to do: we have to demonstrate, we have to organise on the factory floor, and we have to build a

black cadres.'
KIM GORDON, editor of

Flame, the IS black workers' Flame, the IS black workers paper said the paper has to talk to young blacks who are prepared to fight, and particularly to organised black workers—for two-thirds of blacks are in trade unions, a higher proportion than among whites.

revolutionary party, with

whites.
'We should organise a demonstration with the slogan "They're welcome here",' he

One of the most difficult problems is the integration of our black members, said an Asian delegate from Loughborough. 'The black caucus will enable us to exchange experiences, but we don't want it to become a black ghetto.'

Anyone can sell Chingari, the IS Asian workers' paper, he said, but there are lots of young blacks who can't read Punjabi or Urdu. 'We should have English pages in Chingari. We also need more full-time workers for our black work.'

SOONU ENGINEER also problem is the development and integration of our black members, the black caucus can do that, she said. Chingari now has Asian workers around it who write for it and work with it.

'We have been soft in recruiting black workers', said ROHANA MINHAS, from Leeds. 'We don't connect the work we do in the community to the workplace. The Right to Work Campaign has been the major driving force to wage the battle of ideas against racism: Blacks lose their jobs

'We need to pamphlets in Asian languages arguing our politics against the Labour government, arguing for revolutionary politics,' she said.

If they come for the Irish...

HOW do we equate the attack on the Irish community from the Prevens tion of Terrorism Act with the other attacks on working-class people?

That was the question posed by PAUL O'BRIEN when he opened the debate on Ireland at the IS conference.

'We would like to see trade union committees against the PTA set up in other districts— North London, East London,

Birmingham, Glasgow.
'The PTA comes up for renewal in November. We should be leading a campaign against it then.

GENE KERRIGAN, of the Socialist Workers Movement of Ireland, outlined the crisis

'The capitalist chickens are coming home to roost. Un-employment in the south has doubled in two years to 120,000. Prices go up 2 per cent a month. Wages are held

down. 'Within the next few years we will have a quarter of a million unemployed in a country where the workforce is one million.'

JIMMY McCALLUM,

from Glasgow, said: 'The central problem is frustration. How can we mobolise around the problem in the North? We have to take up Ireland

just as we take up racism. We tend to rely on Eamonn McCann and Socialist Worker journalists for coverage. But there are cases in our own districts that we It's difficult to raise on the

shop floor, but we can do it especially around the Prevention of Terrorism Act and Troops Out Movement delegations to the North.'

ALAN WATTS, from North London, told conference he had tried to raise

the Prevention of Terrorism Act after a worker from the next factory was picked up under it and then lost his job.

There were some men in the union branch from that fac-tory. When I mentioned. Ireland, it was like an iron plate came down over their faces. They didn't want to

'We came to the issue cold. We should have raised it

before.'
PAT O'KEEFE, from the Trade Union Committee Against the Prevention of Terrorism Act, told conference what they should do.

The best reaction to the PTA came from a factory mass meeting where they voted not to allow Special Branch police in the factory unless accompanied by the convenor and two stewards. Ten per cent of people held under the PTA have been taken from their workplaces. People should support

pickets outside police stations where detainees under the PTA are held. They should join the telephone pyramid (or form one) to contact support when someone is taken under the Act. And set up a trade union committee in their area.

SHEILA McGREGOR told conference that the meeting for defence of the 43 Right to Work marchers also had a speaker from Sinn Fein. 'If they come for the Irish in the morning, they'll come for us at night,' she said.

Central London IS distric

can get them on the lobby of the TUC conference on 1 June and on the Right t Work march against the TU

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NORTH WEST SPANNER THEATRE GROUP Winding Up 2: June, 7.30pm. Stevedores and Dockers Club, Posterngate, Hull. Proceeds to the Defend the 43 fund.

COMMITTEE AGAINST THE CUTS

public meeting: Stop The Cuts. Fight For The Right To Work, No Deal With Healey, Monday 14 June, 7:30pm., Bancroft Road Library (off Mile End Road, near Queen Mary College, Speakers, Paul Foot, Jack Aldrich.

NAG SUPPORTERS lobby of NALGO conference Healey debate. Wednesday 9 June. Coaches to Eastbourne from Stratford, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Islington, Camden County Hall and Lambeth Town Hall. For seats on coaches and accommodation contact Jeff Jones

PIRATE JENNY play: Breaker's Yard, North London Polytechnic, Ladbroke House, Highbury Grove, N5. Wednesday 9 June, 8pm.

PICKET AGAINST ZIONISM: Sunday 31 May Royal Albert Hall 10am. Called by the Middle East Research Action Group in solidarity with anti-Zionists and Palestinians. Moshe Dayan will be speaking at the Salute Israel meeting organised by Zionists.

LITTLE RED HEN: A play by John McGrath about the upsurge on Red Clydeside in the 1920s, 7.84 Theatre Company, at the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, 31 May-19 June, 7.30pp.

REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST LEAGUE OF JAMAICA: newspaper Socialist Weekly available from Flame, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2. 10p per sample copy, post free Also available from IS Bookshops in London and Birmingham.

TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT: Open forum on Ireland. Saturday 26 June, 10am, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Speakers to include Alaine Krivine, Tony Cliff, Eamonn McCann, Mervyn Metcalf, Ken Livingstone. Contributions from J P Satre, Pat Arrowsmith.

SUPPORT THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT: April/May issue of AIM Committee pamphlet now available. For copies and more information write to: AIM, 6 Woodland Road, Northfield, Birmingham B31 2HS.

YORK University Students Union: Teach-In on SOUTH AFRICA. Speakers from the Liberation Movements in Zimbabwe, Namibia and Mozambique, 10.30am-9pm, Saturday 28 May, Vanburg College,

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2. An administrator—she/he should have organising experience and knowledge of the trade union and labour movement.

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music.
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FOR SALE-NEW BOOTS: As worr

FOR SALE—NEW BOUTS: As worn by the Right to Work marchers. Style 1376, Burgundy, Price £5.50 for sizes 3-5, £6 for sizes 6-11. Style 1309, Natural tan, £7.25, sizes 5-12. Prices including packaging. Send orders with money to SW Mart, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2. State size and number required.

neetings



Pickets who greeted Transport Workers leader Jack Jones at Poole in Dorset. Local supporters of the Right to Work Campaign handed out leaflets and asked Jones to sign the defence appeal for the 43 arrested marchers. As Jones and other officials forced their way past the picket, some told the pickets: 'Why don't you get

The asbestos danger in one factory - check yours workers who insisted on a factory-wide check for

asbestos discovered criminal neglect by management within

□ In the number four press shop, which is lagged throughout with asbestos, the stanchion lagging is coming away thanks to years of maintenance activity and the impact of Climax trucks.

☐ In the mechanical baler control room, the blue asbestos lagging on the girders is coming away. The vibration of the power presses shakes it down all around the floor, the

machinery and the men sitting below.

In the lagging there are gaps where maintenance have been allowed to saw through the fit conduit nine. through to fit conduit pip-ing, leaving it completely

exposed.

To cap it all, an industrial heater at the exit

ASBESTOS BLACKED ASBESTOS

door blows the dust round

the room. Threats of industrial action have won the press shop operators a pre-fab rest room outside the shop, though this is no solution.

Management have moved very slowly. They only erected a polythene sheet over the control table. By the end of the day this was covered with a layer of blue asbestos dust!

ho was driving by saw the

fighting and stopped to find out what was going on. He was told: 'Piss off or we'll get you

When he didn't move on, he

was arrested, and later charg-ed with obstructing the police.

Fifteen of the youths were arrested and taken to Wood Green nick. Most of the others

followed to find out what'd

happen to their mates. Three

sisters whose cousin was pick-

ed up got there first.

The front door of the nick was locked, so they went round the back where they

were met in the courtyard by a policeman. They asked about their cousin and were told to piss off. The copper gave them to a count of 10 to get out

Pocket

They didn't go. He grabbed

one of them and his mates came out. During a struggle the copper's radio fell out of his pocket. The three sisters

One girl was charged with

criminal damage for 'damag-ing the radio', the other two

with threatening behaviour. That made 18 arrests, in-

cluding four girls and five boys aged between 14 and 16, who

were arrested.

The familiar line about dangerous at all was also handed out. This may well be an Engineering Employers Federation direc-tive since Cov-rad top management have recently attended an emergency EEF meeting on how to deal with stewards' committees that

raise the problem. Factory convenor George Anderson wasn't satisfied with it and asked for the Factory Inspector to be brought in. But the inspector supported the insistence that white asbestos was dangerous, so production could continue un-interrupted in the press

shop.
Tinsmith's convenor Geoff Smart has pointed the way. He learned of the

Finding that Covrad were using solder with cadmium, he informed management the men would use it no more. Management have since been forced to use a safer, more expensive solder.

YORK: IT'S A CAMPAIGN

by PAUL LANNEN (UCATT)

YORK: Union joiners on the Mallinsons council housing site in York have been blacking asbestos products for some time now, though three non union members are insisting on their right to

commit suicide.
Local Labour councillor Ken Cooper raised this issue on the housing committee. This panicked them a bit since the asbestos was to be widely used. They issued a statement to the press about there being no cause for

concern.
The union's regional secretary has also written to the council condemning the use of asbestos on local authority contracts.

We have also insisted on a separate changing room for anyone who works with asbestos, and that the dust

asbestos, and that the dust must be vacuumed up. We have managed to halt the use of Asbestolux in the central heating system. This shows that militant trade union action benefits the public as well as the worker concerned, since the oc cupants of the houses wil

not now be exposed.

We put a motion to the local trades council asking i of the deadly mater

trades council condemna-tion was 100 per cent. The ASTMS York University Branch has blacked asbestos used in the lab. The message is: Get everyone

Barbican: 400 strike

workers on the Barbicar Arts Centre site in London are out on strike ove asbestos.

They are demanding the complete sealing off of par of the site, the complete cleaning of the area by recognised sub-contracto and the removal of all asbestos material

CARDIFF: FIVE SACKED

CARDIFF: Eight member of the Engineering Worker Union (AUEW) have been victimised after striking ove

Royal Infirmary with a inadequate mask. Th engineers returned to wor

after a public health inspec tor ruled that the men woul need to wear air-lin

breathing apparatus in number of areas. But for eight days after th

dispute the engineers wer not given any work. Whe they were, they were told t

fill in bonus forms-although they would not ge

But the engineers, a members of the AUEW, sai they would fill it in if they go a bonus. Otherwise the

could not meet the deman because it would mean wor

was being carried out below

Five were then sacked an three suspended. They in tend to fight this.

agreed rates.

asbestos.

The strike was in support • That the board of governors of Frank Beatson, wh refused to work in a asbestos area in Cardi

The first public meeting of

resolutions condemning Keatings' action may be sent to R Milsom, 27 The Dreel, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

were reported to the police juvenile bureau. The others will appear in Tottenham Magistrates Court, Lordship Lane, on Friday 11 June at

LEEDS: Workers at the country's biggest hospital have rejected Healey's pay deal.

members at St James's Hospital demanded that the executive fights for a minimum of £50 basic—an increase of £14 a week.

Said Tim South, chairman

IS IT A CONSPIRACY THE MUGGERS Millionaire to sack teachers

BIRMINGHAM: All the teaching staff at Fircroft trade union college now face the sack.
That is the recommendation

by the inquiry set up to investigate the college when it was shut down last summer after a dispute between the governors and students.

The college governors are controlled by the Cadbury family, the chocolate millionaires. They are sacking the said of the college of the colle is continuing to get a full state

The committee of three made its recommendations unanimously. Its members are Andrew Legvat QC, Sir Nor-man Lindopp and NUPE national organiser, Don Keating.

Blacked

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Messages of support, and news of NUPE branch

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CATCH-ALL, unprovable conspiracy charges, which are still keeping Des Warren behind bars, claimed five more

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That's the creed the 'muggers in blue' operate by. And it hangs over the head of every black person in Britain. On Wednesday 12 May, there was an inter-school sports day at New River Sports Centre, White Hart Lane, North London, involving ten Haringey schools.

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The confidential roll of teachers and students who are banned from getting jobs in schools and colleges is circulated regularly to headmasters and principals.

Students occupying several of the colleges have seized the list and copies of letters from

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the DES and sent them to Socialist Worker. They prove that List 99 is up-dated from time to time when names of teachers who have disgraced themselves, either through their conduct in school or by committing criminal offences, are added.

A senior civil servant at the DES admitted that the list operates,

but refused to say what sort of criminal offence warranted a name on it. Neither would he talk about the other sort of misconduct involved, except to deny that you could get on the list through political activi-

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But as the list is top secret, who's to say in future whether he is right?

OCCUPIED COLLEGES HIT THE 100 MARK

NINETY-FIVE colleges occupied by the student teachers—and more to follow.

The student teachers' campaign for the right to work is still growing. Support is rolling in from thousands of other workers, from teachers, lecturers, building workers, hospital workers, railway and bus workers.

In many areas students have been travelling round factories and schools calling for support. The response has been very good. But the executives of the NUT and EIS have failed to do anything to help. Unfortunately they have been assisted in this by the National Union of Students executive, which refuses to call on the teaching unions to call official action in support of the students.

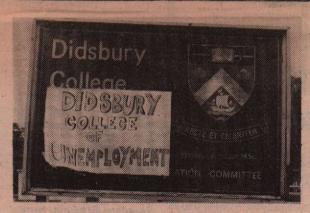
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Contrast

By contrast, John Deason, Secretary of the Right to Work Campaign, said: 'This is one of the most important fights for the Right to Work.

'Every Right to Work Committee should be down at their local occupied college, offering support, trying to get the students round factories and schools, helping to organise activities like Job Centre Occupations or local unemployment demos. We have to move quickly—these sorts of activities over the next few days can make a tremendous difference to the campaign.'

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Students at Didsbury College show their solidarity in a vote to occupy (top).

The different occupations are part of a national campaign for the right to work. Local demonstrations, occupations of Education Offices, pickets of council meetings and support for all actions against unemployment and cuts by other groups of workers, will help link up student teachers with all others fighting for the right to work.

Focus

There also needs to be a national focus for the campaign—a demonstration to Downing Street to

demand to see Callaghan and make him provide jobs. It is unfortunate that the NUS executive is calling a demonstration on 15 June—over two weeks away. The need for urgency in this situation is vital—we can't sit around waiting and doing nothing or the impetus will go out of the campaign. No-one on the executive called for that sort of national demo for the middle of next week, when it is really needed to give a lift to the campaign. Hopefully the conference called by Didsbury this weekend—and backed by NUS—will decide on a more active and campaigning policy.

OCCUPATION CONFERENCE

DIDSBURY COLLEGE of Education, Manchester, is holding a conference to discuss the student teacher occupations and the cuts. All occupied colleges should send delegates, other colleges and teachers' branches should send observers.

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ROUND THE COLLEGES

EDINBURGH: Moray House students who began the wave of education college occupations, are considering whether to occupy over the summer.

They argue this can provide a focus for all students in the Lothian region and keep up the pressure into next year. On 17 June there will be a meeting of all Lothian students.

MANCHESTER: Students at Didsbury College of Education were to meet on Tuesday to discuss the development of the campaign and the lecture boycott. Last week they successfully won NUS executive support for their delegate conference.

Students at Stockport College of Technology have now decided to reoccupy after the weekend pause. Approaches are being made to the main college lecturers' union (NATFHE) for support.

The recently established Manchester Occupation Coordinating Committee has organised many visits to local factories and £18 was raised for the Automat strike fund.

The Automat workers are striking to reinstate eight sacked workers who set up the union. We are in the same boat as them—fighting for the Right to Work,' said Pete Gates of Didsbury College.

GLASGOW: Students have taken the education cuts into the workplaces. Factory gate meetings have been arranged and held successfully around one major industrial estate. Now it is the turn of the shipyards.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Garnett College will be holding a meeting on fighting the cuts next Thursday.

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Graham Packham told Socialist Worker: 'We aim to show that the education cuts will not just hit students, they involve everyone who has a child at school or who needs a job. That is why Garnett students went out to the NATFHE annual conference and won a resolution of support for the occupations.'

BRISTOL: Redland college students voted by 370 to 3 to occupy. Other colleges in the area have already followed their lead. Leaflets have been distributed all over the town to get parents and teachers involved.

COVENTRY College of Education occupied last week and has drawn active support from other local colleges. Students were shocked to hear that so far only about 79 of more than 390 students leaving this year have jobs, and this figure is unlikely to rise much over 110.

NORTH EAST LONDON: The Polytechnic occupation has taken over the whole Barking precinct. The students are linking the two major campaigns against the cuts—the student teachers and overseas students by occupying in protest at both.

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