

# Socialist Worker

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## STOP THE

# DEPORTATIONS!

**HYPOCRITE IN ACTION:** Merlyn Rees, the man who operates the racist immigration laws, speaking at the anti-racist rally last Sunday. He was shouted down.



**'THERE is a difference between the Conservative side of the House and this side. Your side prefers security, while ours prefers our liberal traditions.'**

The words of James Callaghan summing up in a Commons debate on 19 January 1971—on the deportation of Rudi Dutschke, a German student.

The Tory government insisted that Dutschke, his wife and child should be flung out of this country for two reasons. First, Dutschke was a foreigner. Second, he was a 'security risk', that is, he was a socialist.

The Labour Party exploded in anger. Callaghan, Labour's spokesman on Home Affairs, was particularly aggressive. Michael

Foot spoke in parliament and at a huge meeting in Trafalgar Square.

In the following months, Labour bitterly opposed the Immigration Bill proposed by the Tories. They objected to the provisions for summary deportation without trial. Leading that fight in the House of Commons was Labour's No 2 on Home Affairs, a timeserver called Merlyn Rees.

Now Labour is in office. Now Callaghan is Prime Minister, Foot is Deputy Prime Minister, and Rees is Home Secretary.

**Now all three have conspired to issue deportation orders just as offensive as Rudi Dutschke's. They have ordered two American journalists, Mark Hosenball and Philip Agee, to get out of Britain within a fortnight.**

The full force of the Tories' Immigration Act, which the Labour Party Conference voted to

repeal, is being used against the two men. They have no right to a public hearing, no right to any form of trial.

What are the crimes of Agee and Hosenball? Hosenball has named British intelligence agents. Philip Agee has exposed the murderous activities of the CIA all over the world.

Agee's revelations lead to the full-scale inquiry into the CIA by the US Senate which demonstrated that the CIA actively sought to bring down the elected governments of Chile, Brazil and the Dominican Republic, and engaged in assassination attempts of left-wing heads of state all over the world.

### Enough

The CIA had had enough of Agee. They told their friends in the Labour government to do something about it.

**The Labour government are trampling on people's elementary rights. They are plunging Philip Agee and his family into desperate danger. They are depriving Mark Hosenball of his Right to Work.**

All because the two men told the truth about the violently undemocratic activities of secret policemen.

The *government* can and must be stopped.

Stopped from deporting Asian immigrants like Zahira Galiara, who was threatened with deportation a month ago and who lost her baby as a result.

Stopped from their use of these foul laws against Turkish Cypriot refugees like Metin and Hulya Salih, arrested three weeks ago and now in Pentonville and Holloway Prisons awaiting deportation to the misery of a refugee camp.

Last Sunday in Trafalgar Square Merlyn Rees got a taste of his own medicine when he tried to make a hypocritical speech about racism. The crowd, many of them Labour Party supporters, rose in anger against him.

The CIA's plan for Britain—by Philip Agee. See Centre Pages

## IMF: Another excuse to tighten the screw

THE campaign for another and even more devastating attack on public spending plumbed new depths this week.

Newspaper editorials, Treasury-inspired leaks, bankers' statements and after-dinner speeches, every piece of machinery available to those with wealth and power was flung into action.

The inspectors from the International Monetary Fund had to be persuaded to put as many conditions as possible on the loans Denis Healey and James



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titles to interest and dividends.

In this insane way their confidence is supposed to be restored. And if the call of superprofits from the rape of Southern Africa is not so alluring, they might just invest a little more in Britain.

These parasites are only too anxious to disguise their massive power. They're only too happy to have their demands met under the guise of 'tough conditions' imposed by 'an international agency' for 'the good of the country'.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The IMF and the World Bank are powerful and ruthless—but they do not move without being pressurised and primed by the local ruling class.

The Labour government surrendered again on Monday and cut back the rate support grant to local councils. The result: a big increase for home owners and council tenants and 20,000 more council workers to go on the dole.

Whether or not our masters succeed in forcing

through yet another round of withering public sector cuts remains to be seen.

They're building up a huge head of steam against the Labour government, forcing it further and further to the right. But they do not yet have the confidence to drive it from office.

Whatever happens, workers are going to have to fight. And only workers can ensure that last Wednesday's monster demonstration against the cuts really was a sign of the things to come.



## Miners chase their union leaders

MINERS are to vote on industrial action to win early retirement following this week's negotiations with the Coal Board.

Militant Yorkshire miners had chased their national executive members around London on Tuesday demanding action on the claim.

They caught them at NUM head office, followed them to Congress House and pursued them to the Coal Board offices.

They gave union president Joe Gormley special treatment. 'Judas!', 'Traitor!', they shouted.

There is growing frustration and militancy in the mines. It is desperately needed too, looking at the latest accident statistics.

Sixty-four miners were killed and 586 seriously injured at work last year, compared with 48 dead and 497 injured the previous year. The only possible explanation is the Coal Board's incessant drive for more production.

Miners need the right to retire earlier. But they also need the right to live until retirement.

# The Tory Fifth Column

A GANG of Tories has accused the Left wing of the Parliamentary Labour Party of being a 'fifth column'.

The term 'fifth column', let us remind them, stems from the Spanish civil war.

It was the gang of businessmen, lawyers, speculators and layabouts who supported Franco, the Fascist General, and his uprising against the elected government. They wanted the lash of law and order in the interests of the wealthy.

## Comics

That is exactly the role played by the Tories who are making the allegations against the Labour Left.

The three ringleaders of the red-baiting campaign are:

□ IAN SPROAT, MP for South Aberdeen who has eight directorships in little businesses of his own,



Sproat, Ridley and Bryan: their main job in Parliament is to defend their 'right' to make money...



including an interesting one called Westminster Bus Iness Consultants Ltd.

Sproat has spent most of his life producing upper-class comics and books like the Harold Wilson Bunkside Book, The Wit of Sir Winston Churchill (40 blank pages) and other nonsense including Edward Heath's life in pictures.

Just once in his life, Sproat (who also campaigns against so-called scroungers) actually went to work—at the Glasgow Herald. He couldn't stand the pace and left after four weeks.

Sproat lives in a huge mansion at

Banchory in Kincardineshire when he's not in London.

□ NICHOLAS RIDLEY, MP for Cirencester who has set up a huge store of wealth for himself by the enterprising and dynamic way he was the son of his father, Viscount Ridley.

For some centuries now, the Ridleys have idled their way through hundreds of thousands of pounds which they have sucked from the working people of Northumberland.

When young Nick came down from Cambridge and wanted a job, his Dad, the Viscount, fixed him up with a directorship at a subsidiary of Swan Hunters.

□ PAUL BRYAN, MP for Howden, is a television tycoon. He's a director of the enormously profitable Granada Group.

He was one of the big champions in Parliament for commercial radio, and when his campaign won he was rewarded with a lucrative directorship on the Greater Manchester local radio station.

Sproat, Ridley and Bryan are typical of hundreds of MPs whose wealth from directors' fees, dividends, rent interest and other "outside interests" is far more than they get as MPs.

Their main job in Parliament is to defend their 'right', and the 'right' of their friends, to make money for nothing.

Instead of exposing their accusers as extreme Rightists and hypocrites, the Left Labour MPs have snivelled to the Speaker of the House of Commons. They claim that the Sproat rantings are a breach of privilege.

This pathetic tactic enabled the Tories to get in another round of red-baiting and then escape scot free.

# NUS CRISIS: 200 JOBS AXED, £43,000 SEIZED

THE NATIONAL Union of Students has closed down its major service companies, NUS Travel and the printing companies. 200 workers have been made redundant.

Already the banks have seized £43,000 from membership affiliations—money which should be spent on campaigning—to pay debts.

The right wing in the union, the Federation of Conservative Students and their allies, will use this to try to wreck the union. Over the weekend, the NUS Executive were notified of four meetings to be held this week to discuss disaffiliation. More are expected.

It could lead to a wave of disaffiliations all over the country—and especially in Scotland, where recent moves have left half the universities outside the national union.

Unfortunately the leadership of the national union has often played into the hands of the right.

In the recent debates on disaffiliation, almost all the emphasis has been placed on the NUS services

## Concern

So it's hardly surprising that some people will now be wondering what is the point of staying in the NUS.

That would be disastrous. It is becoming increasingly obvious that attacks on students need a national response.

Cutbacks in education, discrimination against overseas students, closure of nurseries, rising canteen prices—all these attacks come from a government committed to anti-working class policies, and all need to be fought at a national level as well as locally.

Only a national union can do that and try to unite students in struggle.

That's what the right want to wreck. They want a union which does not fight for members' rights, but which will quietly accept cuts and declining living standards.

We have to defend our union—and the only way is to

By  
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and Graham  
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NUS Executive

go on the offensive.

We have to campaign up and down the country AGAINST disaffiliation and FOR a fighting NUS, which will campaign for its members' interests and make the union worth belonging to, with or without a travel service.

The National Organisation of IS Societies (NOISS) is calling an open meeting to discuss the best way of doing this.

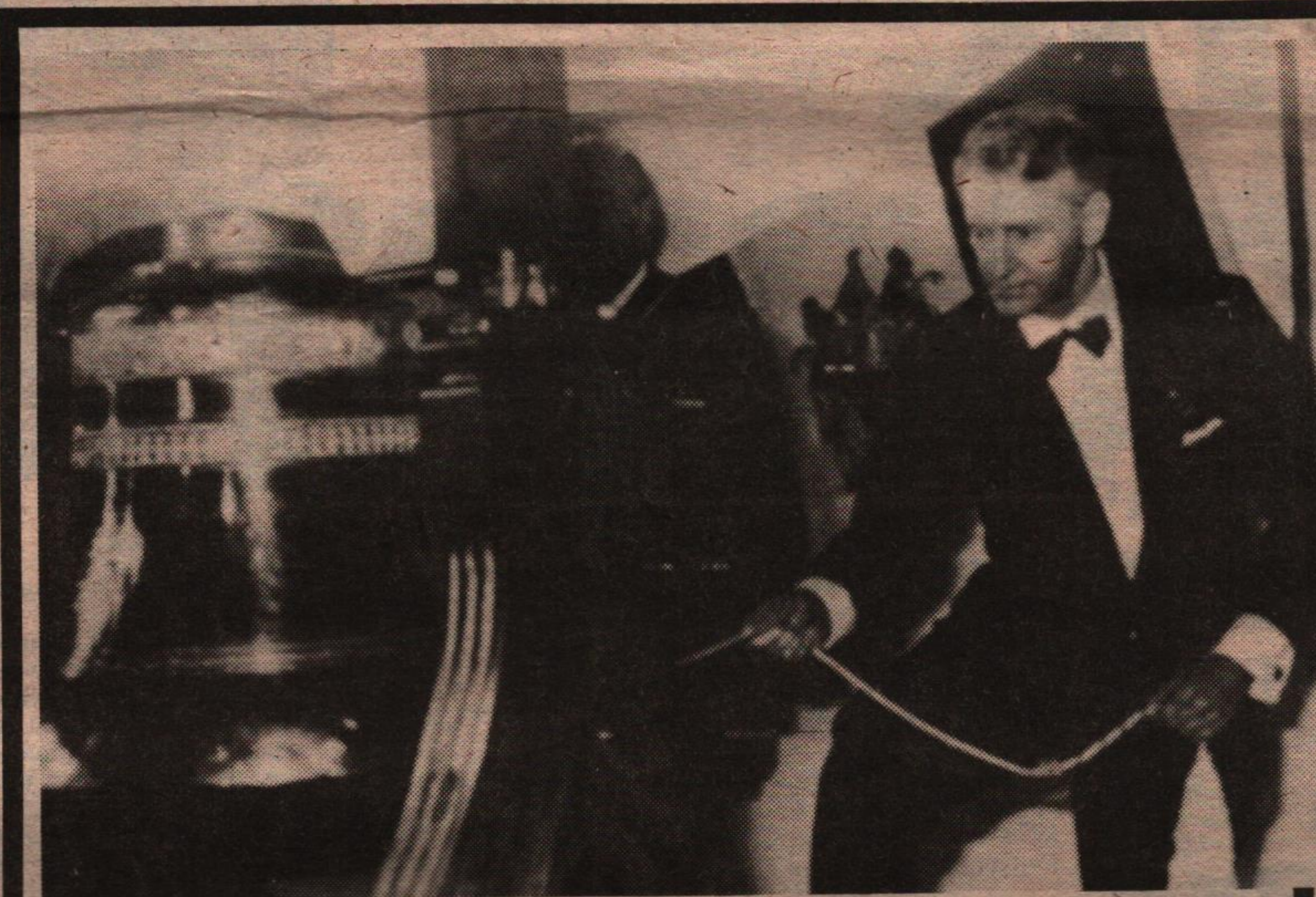
We are inviting students' unions to sponsor it or send delegates or do both. It will also be open to individual observers.

## An open letter from SW to the AUEW executive

DEAR BROTHERS,

Terry Gallogly is a member of your union. He is in prison for organising workers in a factory into your union.

That's why he was moved from a prison hostel and a pre-release work scheme into Wakefield prison. The



## FEAR NOT FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS...

It tolls for thee, Mr Smith. Rhodesia's top racist, fresh from the negotiating table at Geneva, rings in the twelfth year of independence from Britain. Enjoy it while it lasts, Smithy. It may well be your last.

authorities have admitted this. What are you going to do about it?

Terry wants legal help from the union and he wants it now. His wife has been told that he must send a letter to his branch secretary but the prison authorities will not allow him to do this.

Since he was locked up he has received no visit from his AUEW district secretary Ken Garwell, who has simply written to him advising him to apply to the Arbitration and Conciliation Advisory Service.

Terry has not been allowed to work with the other prisoners. He has been kept locked in his cell with only half an hour's exercise a day.

He is entitled to a single cell, but this has been refused with no explanation. His mail is being delayed.

On 11 November, Terry was taken from his cell back to the prison hostel and told to go down to the Job Centre to find himself a job.

Since he had received no advice from the union, he did not know whether this would prejudice any legal action he might want to take against the factory, Aronstead's, for victimisation.

Terry made it clear that he was not refusing work—on the contrary he wanted to work, but he had to be sure of his legal position.

The authorities took him back to the jail and locked him up again.

The management of Aronstead's have said that they would rather close the factory than take Terry back again.

Your union, brothers, has the power to call their bluff. Why are you silent?

CAROL Johnson, Wendy Blake and Hazel Douglas, all aged 12, are regular members of a pipe band in Walsall.

On Remembrance Sunday, the band played at the Cenotaph. But the three girls were left in the bus, and not allowed to play. Why?

Because the three girls are black, and the band was hired by the National Front.

Mrs Douglas, Hazel's mother, was on the coach. She told Socialist Worker:

'The girls started tuning their pipes. Then Hazel came to me and said she'd overheard a man declaring that she couldn't play because she was black.'

The two other black kids were brought back to the coach and all three were told they were off the parade.

'Carol and Wendy, the two other black girls, didn't know what the National Front stood for. When Hazel explained, they just sat there looking forlorn.'

'We were told that the National Front were holding

## We're here to stay, fascists

the band to the contract—but I think the organisers put the fee of £250 before principle and before the welfare of the three girls.'

Mr Blake, Wendy's father, said he felt disgusted that

children should be humiliated like that.

'I didn't know where the band was going or for who they were playing. We didn't know it was anything to do with the National Front.'

'When Wendy came home she said they had been treated as if they had rabies.'

Mr and Mrs Johnson, Carol's parents, were very angry. 'The National Front should get things straight—our kids are here to stay, they won't push them out, they were born here and this is their home.'

## BRITISH JUSTICE...

NORTH WEST LONDON: Haresden magistrates accepted preposterous police allegations and found five black defendants guilty last week. Virginia Joseph and Patsy Wright were convicted of obstruction and given conditional discharges. The magistrates cleared Virginia Joseph of assault, but found Monica Wright, Rosa Toussaint and Hycainth Mathias guilty.

The last three have young children. The magistrates are now asking for three weeks to consider psychiatric reports before they finally pronounce sentences on 13 December.

Prosecution pretended that the whole affair was a plot by the International Socialists. Defence lawyers tore this notion to shreds in their closing speeches, but to no avail. Again magistrates' 'justice' took its toll.

## INQUIRY CALL OVER BOYD

FOLLOWING last week's revelations in Socialist Worker about AUEW general secretary John Boyd's plans to 'wrap up' the Automat strike in Manchester in cahoots with union-bashing Tory MP Winston Churchill, AUEW members in the Manchester area are calling for action.

The union's Walkden branch met last Friday and demanded a full and immediate investigation.

The shop stewards committee at L Gardiners and Sons has also called for an inquiry.

As Socialist Worker went to press on Tuesday, the four major districts in the division, Manchester, Stockport, Newton and Warrington, and Ashton were to meet.

Socialist Worker understands that Boyd's behaviour is high on the agenda of all the meetings.

Of particular concern to all members of the union is the fact that Winston Churchill MP's letter to Boyd, which Socialist Worker published last week, intimated that in some way Churchill and Boyd planned to 'wrap up' John Tocher, Manchester Divisional Organiser of the Union.

AUEW rules forbid actions which are damaging to the union or any of its members.

□ NOISS NC Emergency meeting. To discuss services and composite meeting. Every IS Soc should send a delegate, and all those going to composite weekend must attend. Friday 26 November, 10am sharp, Room 61, North London Poly, Holloway Road, London N7 (Holloway Road tube).

OPEN MEETING called by NOISS: The collapse in the service companies and the future of our union. Saturday 4 December, 11am, Manchester Poly SU, Cavendish Street, All Saints, Manchester. Students unions are invited to sponsor and/or send delegates.

BEFORE joining the main march, more than 400 workers in West London attended a rally against the cuts called by the Houslow, Ealing and Hammersmith hospitals joint shop stewards committee and Brent health shop stewards committee.

More than 30 local workplaces and factories and bus garages were represented. Bill Geddes, editor of the local rank and file paper, the

## NOW FOR LOCAL ACTION

Hospital Worker, and Bill Tizzard, another shop steward from Hammersmith, called for local action by all workers against the cuts.

From Lucas Aerospace, Mike Cooley promised full

support for local hospital workers.

Other speakers included Billy Taylor, from the North London District Committee of the AEUW, Tom Durkin from Brent Trades Council, John Phillips from the North West Post Office Engineers, Freddie Byrne from Cricklewood bus garage and Neil Davies from the local Right to Work Committee.

Ten coaches went from the meeting to the lobby of Parliament.

## The Great Marches

# STOP THE CUTS!

AFTER TWO long years, the trade union movement burst into life last week.

On Wednesday, 80,000 trade unionists and unemployed workers assembled in London from all over the country to protest against the cuts.

On Sunday, another 25,000 trade unionists and socialists marched from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square to demand an end to racialism.

On Wednesday's massive demonstration, ambulancemen, nurses, firemen marched in uniform.

80,000 say it loud and clear

**Socialist Worker**  
WHAT WE THINK

Tens of thousands assembled behind the banner of the public employees' union, NUPE, thousands more behind the banners of other public sector unions

It was the biggest demonstration of trade unionists since the TUC called an official demonstration against the Tory Industrial Relations Bill in February 1971.

But there was a marked contrast with the 'Kill the Bill' demonstration. In 1971, miners, dockers and engineers led the march. In the two years that followed they destroyed the Tory Industrial Relations Act and the Tory Government.

Their fantastic industrial strength could stop the cuts, reverse the massive rise in unemployment and smash the wage freeze—if they united with those who marched last week. These united campaigns will not be achieved by the leaders of the TUC.

Many of those trade union leaders who led the 1971 march went to work as usual last Wednesday. The protest was against policies they support, the policies of the Social Contract.

Jack Jones declared two weeks ago

that he would 'support the Government through thick and thin'.

Many of the trade union leaders who did support last week's march did so with little conviction. The executive of the teachers' union is busy suspending rank and file teachers who have taken on the fight against the cuts by unofficial action.

Shop stewards' committees, districts and branches and groups of rank and file workers in every industry, work place and union will have to take up the

argument and the fight back against the Government's policies.

The Right to Work Campaign has appealed to the organisers of last spring's Assembly Against Unemployment and to the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions for a united campaign against unemployment.

Such a campaign could mark a major step in building rank and file resistance to the policies of the Social Contract.



## And 25,000 march against racialism

Part of Sunday's demonstration in London against racialism: when National Front members, one of them brandishing a knife, tried to start a fight in Trafalgar Square, police quickly moved in—and arrested an anti-racist, nurse Maggie Dunne! None of the fascists was arrested.



## HELP US TO KEEP FIGHTING

OUR FUND this week came to £191.32 for which, much thanks.

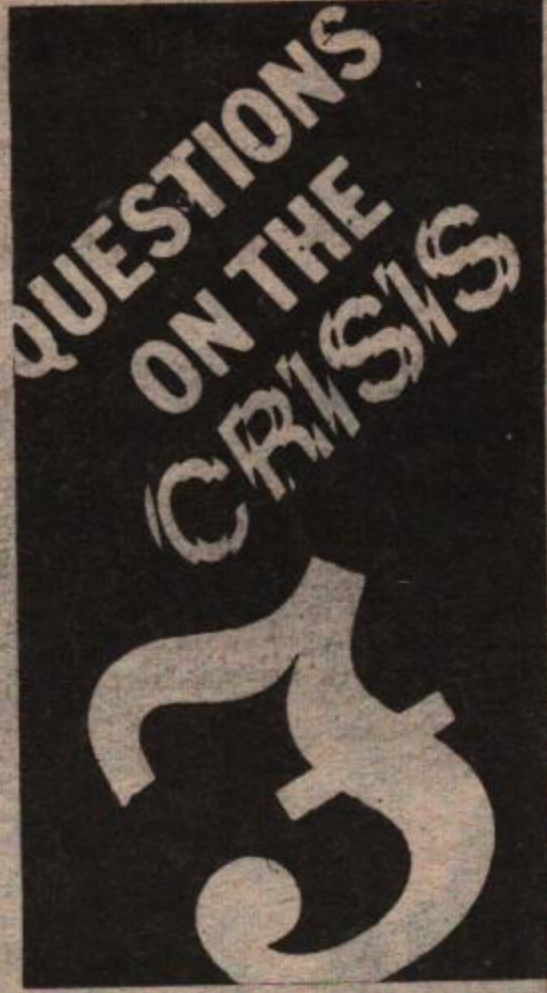
It helps a great deal to keep up the battle. And it's a battle on many fronts—against the cuts, against racism, for the right to work for all workers, and for a socialist alternative to the crisis.

We want to step up the fight on each and every one of these issues. We want to convince more people that in the words of P.R. K. Rao, who sent us £5, that the English are not, as Enoch Powell and the National Front would have us believe, 'native to this planet and the rest of us aliens.'

Our thanks this week to:  
B. Clarke £1; C Tindall 80p; Danny Flynn 40p; Bristol Hospital SW readers £4.72; North London Reader £2; Nick Howard £25; Hatfield Poly £4; Crawley SW supporters £3.50; P. Laurensen £40; R Patel £1.50; Standard Triumph SW supporter Coventry 50p and Southampton Reader 40p.  
Central London collection £9.90; Kingston £1.50; Bedford £10; Maidenhead £50; Norwich £20; High Wycombe £5.50; Stockport £6;

Send donations and collections to SW Fighting Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

Myth no 1:  
Too many  
civil  
servants  
—and  
they're not  
productive



IT'S OFTEN claimed that the economy is in a mess because too many people are employed by government and local authorities.

Two would-be economists, Roger Bacon and Walter Ellis, recently stated in the Sunday Times, for instance, that 'from 1966 to 1975 the economy's productive market sector lost almost 200,000 jobs a year because of the growth of government and local government employment.

**CRUDE**

This, they said, was the cause of the crisis.

Their argument is the crudest sort of upper class rubbish: that anyone who produces anything that is sold is 'productive', anyone who produces anything that is distributed by the government is unproductive.

So stockbrokers are productive, but mathematics teachers in primary schools are unproductive.

Clearly, we socialists have been misled. We have never properly understood that school teachers, nurses, dustbinmen, postmen and so on all live off the exploitation of the stockbroking classes.

The number of people working in insurance and banking (including stockbroking and property speculation) rose by 600,000 between 1961 and 1974, twice the increase in the number of people working in medical services.

Yet none of the notables now calling for more cuts call for them in the banks, insurance or the stock exchange.

Of course, the number of people employed in some parts of the public sector has grown.

But it has not been nearly enough to wipe out the figure of a million and a half unemployed. These could provide more

workers for industry without any need for cuts in the social services.

Why doesn't it happen? Because an insane economic system prevents unemployed workers going into shut-down factories to produce more wealth.

And this is where the arguments of the Bacons and the Elises can be turned against them.

They claim the fall in the number of workers in industry has caused the crisis.

But the productivity deals pushed through by successive governments and the employers mean that a smaller number of industrial workers could, if they got the chance, produce massively greater quantities of wealth than 15 years ago.

In a decent society some of this extra wealth would be used to employ more doctors and nurses, more teachers, more social workers.

This cannot happen under the present system, however, for a reason Karl Marx pointed out more than 100 years ago.

The present system runs on profit. Profits come from the efforts of industrial workers.

**WAGES.**

If the number of industrial workers falls, the source of profit begins to dry up and the system runs into crisis—even if the total amount of wealth that could be produced is greater than ever before.

Attempts to deal with this by cutting wages or social services mean more poverty and smaller markets for what is produced.

People are sacked because in the midst of poverty 'too much' is being produced.

The answer is not cuts, but a fight to replace the profit system by socialist planning.

**CHRIS HARMAN**

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH**



Police surround the demonstrators on the airport forecourt

**250 protesters invade Heathrow**



Afzal Galiara, father of the murdered baby, on the demonstration



The Southall Youth Movement banner

'THEY'RE hiding in the Queen's Building, the people who murdered my baby.

I want to see the doctor who said my wife was fit to fly. I want to see the guards who stood by and laughed as my wife screamed with pain.

I want to see their faces. Let them come out here and face me, these racists, these murdering immigration officers.'

THAT'S Afzal Galiara speaking at London's Heathrow Airport on Saturday to 250 demonstrators protesting at the treatment of the Galiaras and at the other racist crimes of the airport's immigration officials.

Afzal's baby died at Heathrow last month after immigration officials trying to keep his wife from entering the country had refused her an ambulance when she went into labour.

The demonstrators came from nearby Southall to the airport by bus. Then, right outside the scene of the crime, the demonstrators chanted their outrage.

Members of the Southall Youth Movement led the

chanting, supported by members of IS, the Indian Workers Association, a few representatives of the Labour Party and Communist Party, and the local representatives of the Community Relations Council.

At the end of the demonstration, Afzal Galiara again hit out against those who had murdered his baby.

'I want to make sure that this never happens again. I want to thank all my friends here today. I want to thank the Socialist Worker for campaigning against this crime.'

At a rally in Southall after the demonstration, local Community Relations officer, Martin Grubb, hit out strongly against the inhumanities

that were every day being committed through the Immigration Laws.

John Rose of the International Socialists, summing up the meeting, outlined plans for setting up an independent inquiry backed by immigrant and trade union organisations into what is going on at Heathrow.

He also called for a campaign in defence of Rupri Ahluwalia, the arrested Southall roofer now being held in Pentonville Prison as an alleged illegal immigrant. Said John: 'I don't know if Rupri is an illegal immigrant and I don't care. He's here, he's being victimised and we must defend him.'

It's been another bumper week for joining the International Socialists—45 new members, in 14 different trade unions. We've got two new branches established—in Gravesend and Lincoln.

**SW sales? Call in a steel band!**

by NEIL DAVIES

IN Harlesden, North West London, last Saturday we hired a steel band and a big flat-bottomed truck. The truck wound its way slowly

round the main streets while the band played and about 20 Socialist Worker supporters sold papers and gave out anti-racist leaflets.

When we stopped at the junction of the High Street, the road was full of people dancing and listening to the music. There we held a public meeting, where we were able to advertise further meetings and activities in the area.

We sold more than 100 papers.

This isn't something you can do every Saturday, but it does give the paper sales a massive boost. And everyone enjoys the sales and the propaganda.

**Double your branch!**

THE FIRST public meeting held by the new Wellingborough branch of the International Socialists doubled its membership from five to ten.

Tony Cliff, speaking on racism and unemployment, stressed the failure of attempts at a gradual change to socialism, likening it to 'asking a tiger to stand still while you pull its claws out one by one.'

Of the five new members, one has rejoined IS after being in the Labour Party, three because of our trade union work, and one through reading Socialist Worker.

**WHERE WE STAND**



**SOCIALIST WORKER** is a revolutionary paper that seeks to organise its supporters around the following principles:

**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 state—a workers' state based upon councils of workers' delegates and

a workers' militia.

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

**INTERNATIONALISM**

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

We oppose everything which turns

workers from one country against those from other countries.

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

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

We are for an end to all forms of discrimination against homosexuals.

We are for real, social, economic and

political equality of women.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country.

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

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

**THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY**

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

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

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

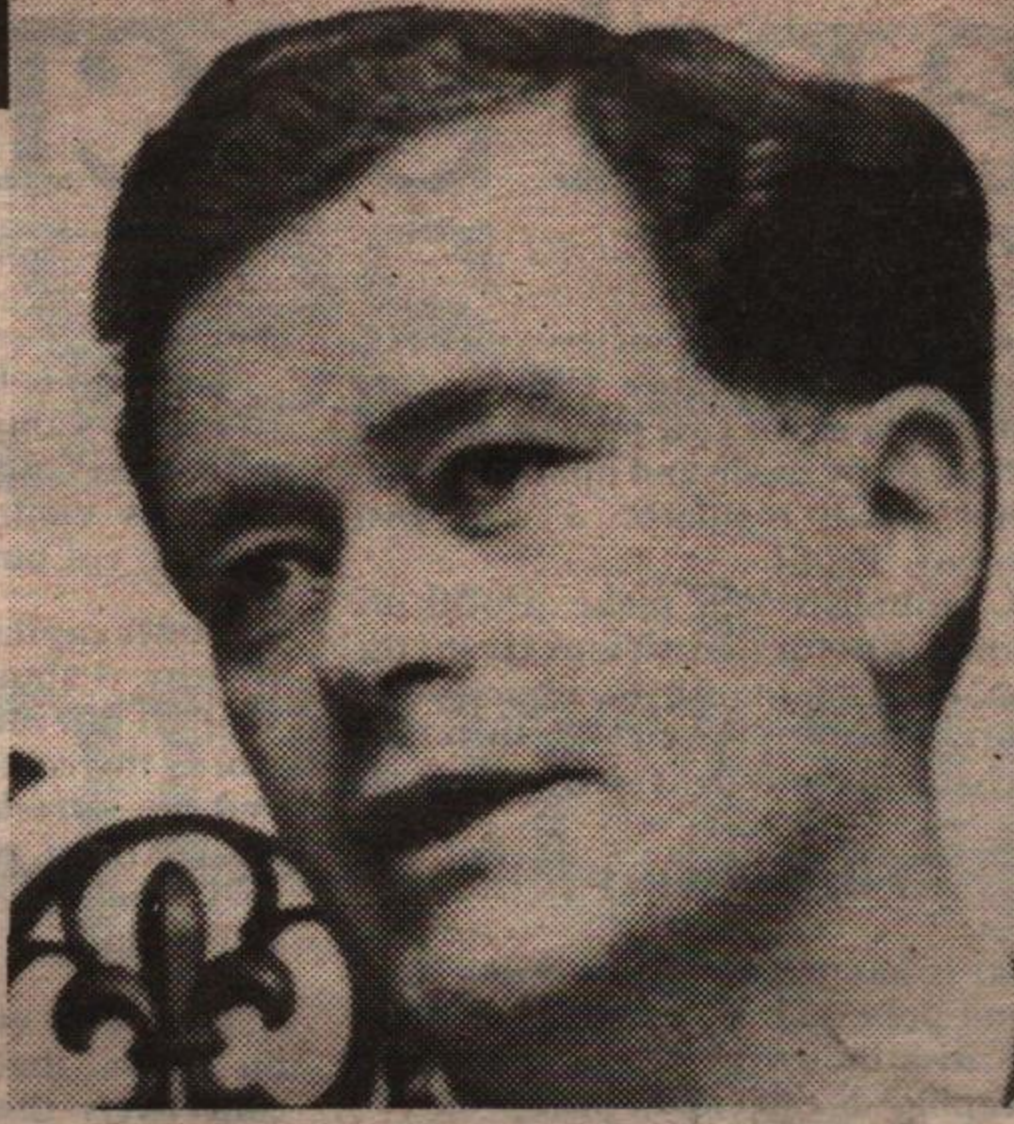
We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

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

**If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15.**

## A NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK

For lining his own pockets by sacking workers, Jim Slater faces a £50 fine



## CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENT

For defending the unemployed, John Deason faces life imprisonment



# Defend the Right to Work Campaign!

THE trials of 42 of the 43 arrested Right to Work marchers are now over.

Now the secretary of the Right to Work Campaign, John Deason, is to appear at the Old Bailey on Thursday 5 May.

The charges are far more serious than those in the 42 cases already heard. These are four: maliciously wounding with intent, causing grievous bodily harm with intent, causing grievous bodily harm, and assault.

## Assault

The first two charges carry maximum sentences of life imprisonment. The third charge usually means a sentence of several years. Even the assault charge can mean anything up to three years' jail.

The police are going all out for conviction. Most of their evidence is being presented by senior officers, not by constables. The Department of Public Prosecutions has approved all the charges and is organising the police case.

Only the widest possible defence campaign will ensure that the DPP, who put Des Warren and Ricky

Tomlinson behind bars, do not succeed.

The events at Staples Corner when John Deason was arrested make it clear that the police were determined to arrest and charge John Deason in particular. Anyone who doubts this, should ask themselves two questions.

□ **WHY, with 43 arrests, are all the most serious charges levelled at one individual, who just happened to be the secretary of the Campaign, and the man who, above all others, organised the Manchester to London march?**

A number of policemen gave evidence in court that they were told the reason for the first three police charges into the march was to arrest John Deason. Policemen were heard, by other witnesses, shouting: 'Get Deason.' The other question is:

□ **IS IT really likely, as the prosecution claims, that the 80 marchers would attack the police outside a police station after marching for three weeks without any trouble?**

There were only three miles left to go to complete the day's marching. The next day all that was left was the march to the mass reception at the Albert Hall.

Independent witnesses, who had nothing to do with the march, gave evidence in court that the police had been lining up for hours beforehand. The first police attack came outside the police station, over half a mile from a crowded shopping centre, in

an area where there would be few witnesses.

If the prosecution evidence is to be believed, the notorious Special Patrol Group just happened to be lined up in a nearby street as the march arrived at Staples Corner.

All the trouble stemmed from an attempt by the police to seize the lead banner. There was only one conceivable reason for the police taking the banner. They had decided to make some arrests. It is clear from the police evidence alone that, above all, they wanted to arrest Deason.

## Protest

The independent trade union inquiry report concluded on this point. It said: 'If the Committee had clear evidence that on the 19 March the violence had been caused or provoked by something the marchers had done, it would be difficult to say that there had been any interference with the right to protest.

'But the evidence before the Committee is to the contrary. An unjustified attempt to seize a march leader and grab the lead banner makes no sense unless the aim is to break up the march, discredit the marchers' cause and stifle their protest.'

The Committee of Inquiry was set up by Barnet Trades Council. Its members were: **Sydney Bidwell MP; Jack Collins**, executive of the

National Unions of Miners; **Jack Morrish**, Group General Secretary of the Society of Civil Servants; **Dolly Sewell**, shop steward at Patent Die Casting; **Chris Soutar**, convenor of Oliver Toms Ltd; **Bryan Stanley**, General Secretary of the Post Office Engineers and a member of the NEC of the Labour Party; **Mike McGrath**, executive member of the CPSA; **Ian MacDonald**, barrister; and **Vincent Flynn**, former general secretary of SOGAT.

The 6 November Right to Work Conference called for a redoubled effort to make sure that no one goes to prison and that the charges against John Deason are dropped. We call on all trade unionists to fight and fight hard to see that this is achieved.

□ No more Shrewsbury  
□ Support the Defence Campaign Fund. Send donations to the Honorary treasurer, Ernie Roberts, 265a Seven Sisters Rd., London N4.  
□ Move resolutions through your trade union organisation calling on the Home Secretary to drop the charges and the TUC and your union executive to endorse the findings of the Independent Inquiry and the call to drop the charges.

□ Support the demonstration by the three marchers already sentenced to imprisonment. The appeals are in January.

□ Support the demonstration outside the Old Bailey on 5 May, the first day of John Deason's trial.



John Deason (above, left) with jailed Shrewsbury picket Ricky Tomlinson

# Drop the charges against John Deason!

THE FOLLOWING working-class organisations and figures prominent in the labour movement are among those who have supported the Defence Campaign or backed the Defence Fund.

Get in there alongside them. Send your resolutions of support or donations to the Right to Work Campaign, 265A, Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

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Other bodies: Shrewsbury branch UCATT; Haldane Society; 7/84 Theatre Group; Yorkshire Miners; Sowerby Labour Party; Edge Hill College Students Union; Todmorden Labour Party; Skelmersdale Communist party; Brent East CLP; Hornsey Labour Party; ASLEF Kings Cross. Southall District AUEW; Dunfermline CLP; Kincairdine Labour Party; Dagenham CEU; ASTMS Swansea no 2; TASS Leeds West; TGWU 1,498; AUEW Eastleigh; AUEW Ford 38 FE; Ford Southampton; Rosyth Labour Party; and hundreds of other working class bodies.

THREE marchers face imprisonment.

They never even got a jury trial. They are Mike Lynch, an unemployed miner and the chairman of Dunfermline Labour Party, who was sentenced to six months.

Willie Dolan, an unemployed member of the shopworkers' union from Glasgow, got one month.

Bobby Buirds, an unemployed plumber in the electricians and plumbers union from Manchester, got two months.

## MASS PICKET OF THE APPEALS OF THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCHERS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Mike Lynch 6 months  
Bobby Buirds 2 months

Willie Dolan 1 month

Monday 13 December, 9.30am, at Middlesex Crown Court, Parliament Square (by Westminster Tube).

Organise now for official trade union delegations. Bring trade union banners. Every banner and every official delegation makes it more likely that the prison sentences will be suspended.

All local Right to Work Committees should book coaches and transport to the picket immediately.

# TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Hallas

When profit is no longer king, everyone will be involved in useful work. There's no reason why Prince Philip shouldn't become an engineer instead of just talking about engineering . .

# Profit and socialism?

'THEY SAY that you have to invest anyway under socialism and you still have to keep wages down to get more money to build more factories etc. What is the answer to this?'

The short answer is that people who talk like this don't know what socialism is. The basis of a socialist economy is, in Robert Owen's words, 'Cooperation not Competition'.

It is the very opposite of the competitive scramble for more investment to make still bigger profits. In a socialist economy production is carried on to meet people's needs and for no other reason.

Why build more factories anyway? It

depends on the sort of society you have. Under capitalism more factories are built, or not as the case may be, if more profits can be made and not otherwise. That's what regulates a capitalist economy. Profit.

If capitalists can make profits by making arms for that vicious tyrant the Shah of Iran to use to oppress the unfortunate people he rules, then they will be made and delivered.

### Who's won ?

That is happening just now and our TV and press hail it as a great victory for 'British industry'.

If capitalists can't make profits out of the provision of a decent health service in Britain, then, we will be told that we 'can't afford' proper hospital facilities

and so on.

That too is happening just now and so-called 'Labour' politicians repeat the reactionary rubbish put out by the big business controlled press about the need to cut public services!

Under capitalism profit is king. That is why Labour governments which support 'the mixed economy'—in plain words the capitalist economy—always end up attacking the workers who elected them, no matter what promises they make when their party is in opposition.

A socialist economy is organised on the basis that what people decide collectively that they need is what is produced. The economy is run according to a plan.

Is more investment needed? It

depends on what people decide they want. There is no built-in compulsion to increase investment.

Nor, and this is most important, can there be the sort of unemployment we have now. If too much of something is being made then resources are shifted to making something else. If too much of everything is being made then hours are cut all round.

### Output

And if everyone who is able to do useful work does so not only the unemployed, but the host of people, from stockbrokers to the Inland Revenue, who are now engaged in socially useless work, then output can go up and hours down right away.

There is no reason why the Duke of Edinburgh should not become an engineer instead of lecturing us on the virtues of engineering. A slight retraining problem, that's all.

Of course there is a lot more to socialism than this including, in the end, the withering away of the wages system itself.

But for the moment I want to concentrate on the fantastic waste and absurdity of capitalism and the immense superiority of a planned economy under the democratic control of the producers.

There is a snag though. Earlier I mentioned Robert Owen, the Welshman who was the pioneer of the socialist movement in Britain. Owen said all I have just said, and no doubt said it better.

### Obvious

He thought his arguments so powerful and so obvious that he could persuade everyone, including the ruling class, of the superiority of socialism to capitalism.

He was wrong about that. The capitalists, and the privileged classes generally, are not open to argument.

They won't be persuaded to give up what they have, not even by promises of the most generous re-training scheme for redundant millionaires!

Before workers can get down to the job of organising a sane and decent society they have to take power out of the hands of the defenders of capitalism.

## THE MUGGERS IN BLUE STRIKE AGAIN

FAMILIES of John McDonald, 15, and Peter Neville, 17, are taking legal proceedings against the police in Blyth, Northumbria for beating the two teenagers to make them admit offences they did not commit.

The two boys were taken from their homes to Blyth police station where they were questioned about a break in at a club.

John says he was beaten about the head for 45

minutes and after that treatment would even have admitted murder.

Peter was hit in the face and stomach. Their solicitor was not allowed to see them.

When they were finally released on bail, John's neck was red and swollen and he had a bump on the back of his head. Peter was violently sick as a result of the blows.

When they appeared at Newcastle Crown Court the prosecution offered no evidence. Two other boys had already been convicted of the offences.

The public prosecutor decided last month that there was no case for criminal proceedings, so the families are taking private actions.

ANYONE interested in a bit of big-time legal scrounging would do well to invest £140 in a ticket for the Associated Business Programmes two and a half day conference at the Portman Hotel, on December 1-3.

On the agenda will be: factors involved in choosing a tax haven; financial advantages of the Channel Islands; Switzerland as a centre of operations; the anti-avoidance provisions in the UK legislation against transferring assets of income overseas.

But, the publicity leaflet warns, this is not a conference designed to discuss the rights or wrongs of tax havens. No, just how best to use them.



WOMEN asking for a crossing for school children in Beechings Way, Gillingham, were told there was no need for one.

When they asked for a 'lollipop' patrol they were told that it is too dangerous as the last woman was almost knocked down herself on several occasions.

USDAW, the shopworkers union, voted for a TUC motion asking the General Council to ensure that 'non-independent or competitive organisations' should be denied a negotiating role in fields where 'legitimate' trade unionism is established.

Strange, since the only body recognised to negotiate for the 120 workers employed by the union is the USDAW Clerical Staff Association, which meets only three times a year.

This year a number of staff joined APEX, but the APEX general secretary, Roy Grantham felt that present arrangements were entirely satisfactory.

Not so surprising. APEX workers have their wages negotiated by an organisation called APEX fraternity.

IN a court case in Belfast a couple of weeks back the British army had to admit, for once, that it had shot some innocent men and framed another. Christopher Hendley, a former paratrooper, explained to the court how he had opened fire and killed an Ardoyne man, Brian Smith.

But the press kept pretty quiet about some of his other remarks. He told the court that there were 'a number of thugs' in the Parachute Regiment who carried out beatings and abused people.

'I have a lot of time for the people who were making allegations about the army in the area at that time.

The army refuted these allegations saying they were IRA propaganda. They were not, there was a lot of truth in them. I think these people should be listened to more,' he said.

At the trough with the butchers



THIS WAS Thailand a month ago. The Army and Police seized control, murdering thousands of people, including mildly left wing students on a demonstration.

Left wing books were burnt, the 'tyranny of the trade unions' was stamped

out, the 'student trouble-makers' had been taught a lesson.

The silence from the Labour Government over this bloody coup was almost deafening.

And this week Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign and

Commonwealth Office, was feasting with the butchers.

He was guest of honour at the Anglo-Thai Society dinner at the Grosvenor House hotel, where he wine and dined with the Thai Charge d'Affaires and Mme Vejajiva.

## TOO HARD TO SWALLOW...

IT SEEMS that the time and motion men at Brockhall Hospital, near Blackburn, don't like their own medicine very much.

The management has agreed to start a new time and study scheme, very similar to the present one, started 13 months ago.

### Fiasco

The reason for the latest fiasco is not to save money, but jobs. The unions at the hospital have been told that if it doesn't go ahead, the time and motion people would be on the dole!

Brockhall is the same hospital which hit the headlines in April when listening devices were found in the bake-house.

The man who found the devices, shop steward Tommy Miller, has been accused by the management of stealing two chickens and is awaiting trial by jury.

The victimisation goes on. Now the management are

turning their attention to NUPE member Frank Beavan, who is being hounded for taking time off sick and his normal lunch break.

They even tried to stop him going to a birthday party in the women's hostel!

## School of scandal

I RECENTLY worked at a school in Bradford which had been designed by Mr Corruption himself, jailed architect John Poulson.

Enquiring into this further the next day at school, one of the heads of department led

me to a plaque in the entrance hall.

Under some blue curtains—now permanently drawn—a sorry sight beheld me. All the people commemorated on the plaque had taken part in the opening ceremony and are now

either in prison, on trial or awaiting trial.

The moral of this tale is—don't get your local mayor or any of his friends to open any new school. You never know where they've been.

DON BRADLEY

IT'S A SAD week for Manchester. James Hargreaves, chairman of the Greater Manchester Police Committee has announced that he will not stand for re-election to the council.

The news follows a stormy meeting in his constituency Labour Party about the committee's refusal to prosecute National Front members who broke up a meeting on Northern Ireland last year.

Two people were injured. Graham Atkinson needed stitches in his face and Malcolm Peach had his arm broken.

Cllr. Hargreaves claims there is no connection between the sounding from his local party and his decision to quit. He just needs a well-earned rest.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE Chief Constable Frederick Cutting has struck a blow for the right to work.

Last month he stopped his officers working an extra day to compensate for undermanning and intends to spend the money saved on recruiting 36 new constables.

Could it be that Mr Cutting believes in banning overtime to create jobs? Possibly, but on the other hand his salary is geared to the number of men under his command and his salary increases as staff levels go up.



## NAZI NEWS

FROM DANCASTER NATIONAL FRONT INTERNAL BULLETIN: 'A local karate expert has approached the committee with an offer to coach any of our members who may be interested in the martial art. Leeds branch have a thriving karate society and it would be good if we could get enough people interested for us to start a section of our own.'

Now why would they want to do that?

While the Tories conduct their red-smear campaign against some Labour MPs it will be interesting to see their reaction to a possible recruit to their own ranks.

One-time leader of Crawley National Front, Major H. W. Hill who resigned as chairman of Crawley National Party last month was so impressed with the Conservative conference that he wants to rejoin the fold.

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# Peace, yes. But by conquering injustice, not yeilding to it

Dear Joan,

**YOUR INTENTION** to come and appear at the Trafalgar Square rally of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement this Saturday has been widely publicised in Ireland and Britain.

This letter is to ask you earnestly to consider the facts of the Northern Ireland situation and to urge you to change your mind.

The announcement that you will be on the platform has, without doubt, boosted the credibility of the Peace Movement leaders. Given your record of espousal of progressive causes, it has conferred on them a veneer of radical respectability.

## Square barred

Yet there is not a radical fibre in the make-up of the Northern Ireland Peace Movement. It seeks peace not through conquering injustice but by surrendering to it.

Consider: For the past five years Trafalgar Square, the traditional rallying point for British political and protest movements, has been barred to all organisations campaigning on the Irish issue.

Movements against internment without trial or for the withdrawal of

## On the eve of the 'Peace' Movement's rally in London, an open letter to Joan Baez from Bernadette McAliskey

the British Army have been made to meet in side streets.

But the 'Labour' government, with the support of the Tory opposition, has gladly put the Square at the disposal of the Peace Movement. **Why?**

When you involved yourself in protest campaigns in the past you did so in the face of opposition and calumny from the political establishment and its agents. *This* movement has the passionate support of the political establishment. **Why?**

When you marched in the United States for civil rights or disarmament or against the Vietnam War you had alongside you those who were alienated from the power structure, the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, the chained and the cheated. On Saturday you will be shoulder to shoulder with, among others, the rich

and reactionary. **Why?**

*The Northern Ireland Peace Movement began, let it be admitted, as a reflection of a genuine and widespread longing for an end to the war: a longing which was most intense and heart-felt in the Catholic ghettos of Belfast which have borne the brunt of the war.*

Many thousands rallied to the single slogan: 'Peace.' And in the hectic euphoria of the first few weeks, few had the time, and none of the leaders had the inclination, to examine the implications of their mushrooming movement.

## Military machine

Within a short time it had become what it undoubtedly is today: a propaganda adjunct of the British military machine in Ireland.

The presence and function of that military machine is central to any analysis of why the war started.

There is a war because Northern Ireland is, fundamentally and *irreformably*, undemocratic. It was set up by Britain in 1921 to frustrate the national liberation struggle of the Irish people.

Within it, the iron rule of Orangeism controlled everything—and protected British interests. In return, naturally, Britain backed the Orange bosses to the hilt—with a military garrison and, when necessary, with direct military intervention. Every attempt to change the set-up was brutally repressed.

In the seventies, Britain, under pressure from the Civil Rights Movement and because of her own changing interests, belatedly supported a series of limited reforms. Each crumbled on the rock of inbuilt sectarian prejudice.

*In the end it became apparent, particularly to the youth of the Catholic ghettos, that justice was not attainable within Northern Ireland: the struggle for democracy passed over into guerrilla war against the state itself. That is how and why the Provisional IRA came into being.*

To campaign for 'peace' without confronting that fact is at best the height of naivety, at worst the deepest dishonesty.

To demand that 'the gunmen' lay down their arms while ignoring the oppression which caused them to take up arms in the first place is, in effect, to sanction that oppression.

If you march, the forces which oppress the Irish people would be forever in your debt.

That, whether they realised it or not, was the logic of the 'non-political' peace movement from the start. It is apparent, if you can read through them, from the pronouncements of the 'peace' leaders.

They have been strident in their condemnation of Provo killings; but speak in scarcely-audible whispers about the activity of the British Army which puts a dirt-cheap evaluation on the lives of innocent Irish people and has, with impunity, shot down men, women and children.

## Political bosses

Inching further into the open, the leaders of the movement last month urged the people of Northern Ireland not to oppose *all* gunmen, but to give their support to the British Army and the North's sectarian police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

It is not to be wondered at that the political bosses of the British Army welcome such a movement to Trafalgar Square; or that Conservative Party spokesmen are among its most enthusiastic supporters.

We all want peace. But there are two ways of going about getting it. One would go to the root of the problem—the British-guaranteed existence of the sectarian state—and begin by demanding that Britain take her troops at last out of Ireland. That is the socialist way.

The other way is to smash resistance into the ground and ignore the peace of the prison camp. If you march on Saturday, you will be proclaiming to the world that that is your way.

## Reactionary cheers

*Many in the Peace Movement are well-meaning, imbued with a fervour which, at first meeting, is infectious and which brooks no rational discussion. But they will not be the most significant element on Saturday.*

You will be marching—if you do—to the cheers of reactionaries the length and breadth of Britain. The forces which oppress the Irish people will be forever in your debt.

When you marched in the United States you were with—and were often yourself cited as—a rebel against Authority. On Saturday you would be marching with Authority against the rebels.

We ask you to ask yourself whether that is really the side you now wish to be on.

Bernadette  
McAliskey

## EXPOSED-BIG BUSINESS PLANS 'ANOTHER VIETNAM'

IN AN astonishing article, the Sunday Times this week exposed plans to rape Namibia, the huge, rich country to the north west of South Africa.

Since the end of the war, Namibia, which has a million people—only 90,000 of them white—has been ruled as a puppet state of white South Africa.

Its black people have been exploited in the most hideous fashion. Namibia has been the largest slave labour camp in the world.

Now the victories of the black armies of the MPLA in Angola have terrified the South African government and their supporters in the American and British big business into action.

Their aim is to stop another Angola. They are out to stop the South West Africa Peoples Organisation (SWAPO), whose guerilla forces are fighting in Namibia, and which has strong support

## PLUNDER

Enormous funds from the coffers of American and British corporations have been poured into a propaganda campaign on behalf of Chief Kapuuo, a tribal chief who is being promoted as a new puppet black President of Namibia.

*With Kapuuo in charge, they reckon the enormous mineral wealth of the country will be free to plunder.*

Kapuuo's chief financier is Alan Manus, a millionaire

speculator who owns 15 per cent of a former German mining company.

The company owns the mineral rights to 25 million acres of Namibia—a sixth of the entire country. But Kapuuo is also supported and funded by more conventional mining companies such as the British company, Rio Tinto Zinc.

The Sunday Times have uncovered documents disclosing an American plan to back Kapuuo, if necessary with troops and ammunition.

The documents accept that 'there will inevitably be bloodshed'. In other words, the American government is prepared to defend shareholders' rights in Namibia with the war machine which battered Vietnam.

## SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN



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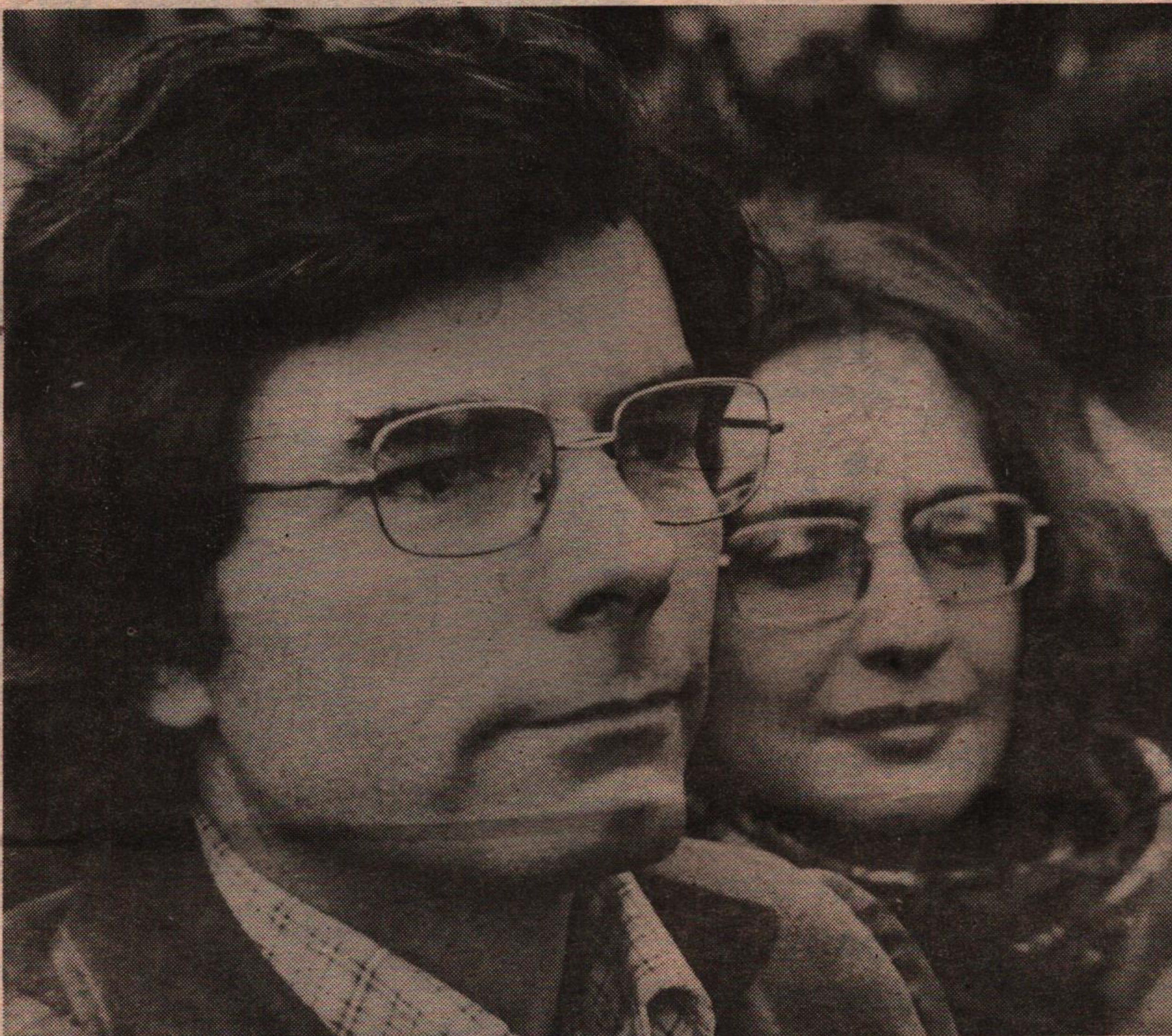
**SHEFFIELD:** Thursday 2 December. Watch for details. **BIRMINGHAM:** Sunday 5 December. ZIPA speaker. Watch for details.

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# Merlyn Rees, C

# Agee, Hosenball must



TO BE DEPORTED? Former CIA agent Philip Agee

JUST ONE year ago, Philip Agee—the former CIA agent who now exposes its personnel and plans—wrote this article for Socialist Worker.

It described, in 'fictionalised' form, the CIA's Plan for Britain: a plan to smash the left and the unions.

Philip Agee's article understandably overlooked one important permutation: that the CIA and their friends in MI5 and MI6 would decide to get rid of him.

# SUDDENLY IS HAPPENING HERE..

possible, that dilemma between the right wing authoritarian lurch a la Chile or an irretrievable slide leftward.

No-one's sure if we'll be successful, but they want to make a last try to help 'moderate' trade union leaders and to divide and weaken the left. My labour operations are only part of the new station programme—we're also going into unilateral propaganda and penetration operations against the left wing political groups.

The wider US policy involves heavy pressure on Common Market leaders, particularly the Germans, to provide emergency credits, expand purchases in Britain and restrain certain exports to this country.

The main US aid will be massive credits for food purchases together with a quiet appeal for voluntary export restraint.

Meany [the US version of Len Murray] will explode if he finds out, but Washington believes it's so bad here that help for creating jobs

including even the American jobs, may be My first step, already the Ambassador, is to the Labour Attache's cover.

### Me

This will allow me union circles and the himself is going intensive programme and other meetings

LUCKILY, I revealed to the as a CIA man; couldn't get into operations.

Meyer promised more case officers, assistant and a secret months but meanw forge ahead on analysis. It'll be exhausting.

LONDON, 11 September 1977

THE TIME had finally come for the CIA to act.

Cord Meyer, its London chief, brought back the message after a brief but historic trip to Washington.

The 30-year agreement that all CIA work in Britain required prior approval from British counterparts was at an end.

Unemployment and inflation had paved the way for alarming gains by left-wing militants in the struggle for leadership of the British trade union movement.

### Enemies

During the coming year, we estimated these enemies of NATO, capitalism and the United States would likely gain control of the movement as a whole—unless we stepped in.

Our local friends in liaison services seemed powerless to stem the tide, had not called on us to help. We guess they'll just look the other way.

The day after he got back, Meyer told me I would be in charge of the London station's labour operations because I worked in this activity in Latin America.

CONDITIONS here, he said, are following the Latin American pattern and people at the highest level in Washington want to avoid, if

## Secret links with Labour bosses

DURING the 1950s, the American Central Intelligence Agency put in a lot of time and money into winning the loyalty of the right wing of British Labour.

It was instrumental in starting the Bilderberg group under Prince Bernhard, the corrupt Prince of Holland.

The Bilderberg Group brought together leading politicians, industrialists and military men from all over the Western world.

### Gaitskell

Among the earliest and most regular attenders were Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party, and Denis Healey, who had been chief of Labour Party's International Department after the war.

In 1954, Healey became the London correspondent of the New Leader, the CIA-financed 'Labour' newspaper in America.

The CIA also financed Socialist Commentary, the 'voice' of right wing Labour, and Encounter, the 'intellectual' magazine of 'moderate opinion'.

The CIA also financed and operated through a number of student organisations, including the World Assembly of Youth.

### CIA-ISC

On the British Council of WAY was Maurice Foley, who later became a Labour MP and an under-secretary at the Foreign Office.

Foley was a founder-member of the Ariel Foundation, a CIA-financed body which organised meetings and conferences involving 'moderate' MPs and African nationalist leaders.

The CIA also financed the International Student Conference, to which the National Union of Students was affiliated. Gwyn Morgan, former general secretary of the NUS, became secretary general of the ISC in 1964.

He left it in 1965 to become head of the international

The foundations provided all sorts of facilities for right-wing Labour MPs to indulge their moderate views all over the world.

By the early 1960s, the talent-spotters for the CIA organisations had picked out a promising new recruit.

The CIA's candidate for the Labour leadership after Gaitskell's death was James Callaghan (he came bottom of the poll, with a respectable 40 votes).

### Rees

As soon as Labour was elected, Callaghan picked Merlyn Rees as his private secretary.

When Callaghan became Home Secretary in 1968, he insisted on Rees as his Parliamentary private secretary.

Rees presided over the Home Office's sharp rightward drift after 1968, especially on immigration.

He ran Callaghan's campaign for the leadership this year. To the delight of the CIA, Callaghan won.

Immediately, Tom McNally, the supporter of American imperialism in Vietnam, was moved into the most powerful position in the Prime Minister's Office.

Rees was promoted to Home Secretary, where he can be even more useful to the 'security forces' than he was in Northern Ireland.

The CIA want the blood of their enemies—and hatchet man Rees is only too happy to deliver.

department of the Labour Party.

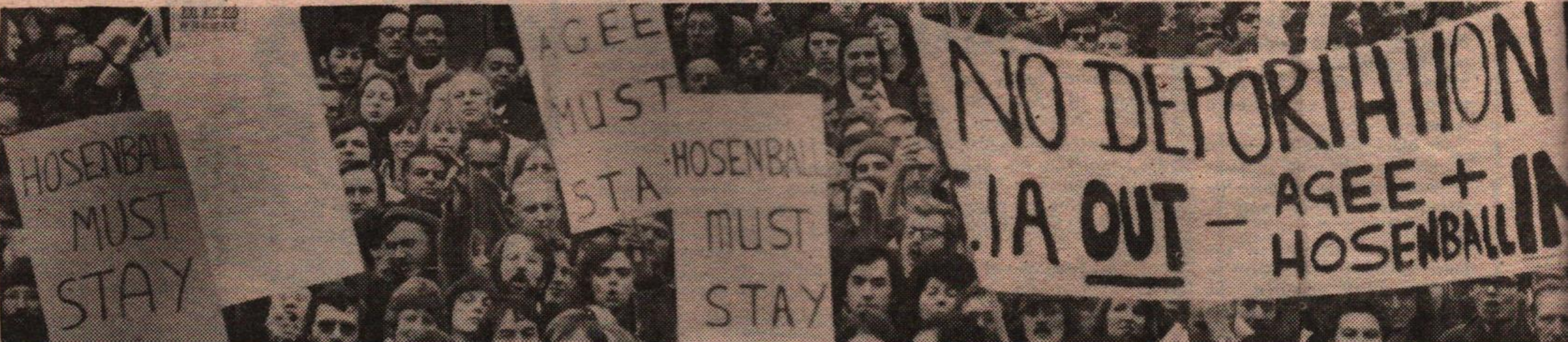
In 1972, Morgan failed by the casting vote of the executive chairman to become general secretary of the Labour Party.

He left for a well-paid position in Europe. His place as head of the International Department at the Labour Party was taken by Tom McNally.

In 1972, the Labour Party publicity department drew up a Party poster, in accordance with Party policy, calling for the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

McNally vetoed the poster, without giving reasons.

Throughout the 1960s, the links between the CIA-financed foundations and the Labour Party were strongly forged.



The posters say it: Agee and Hosenball must stay

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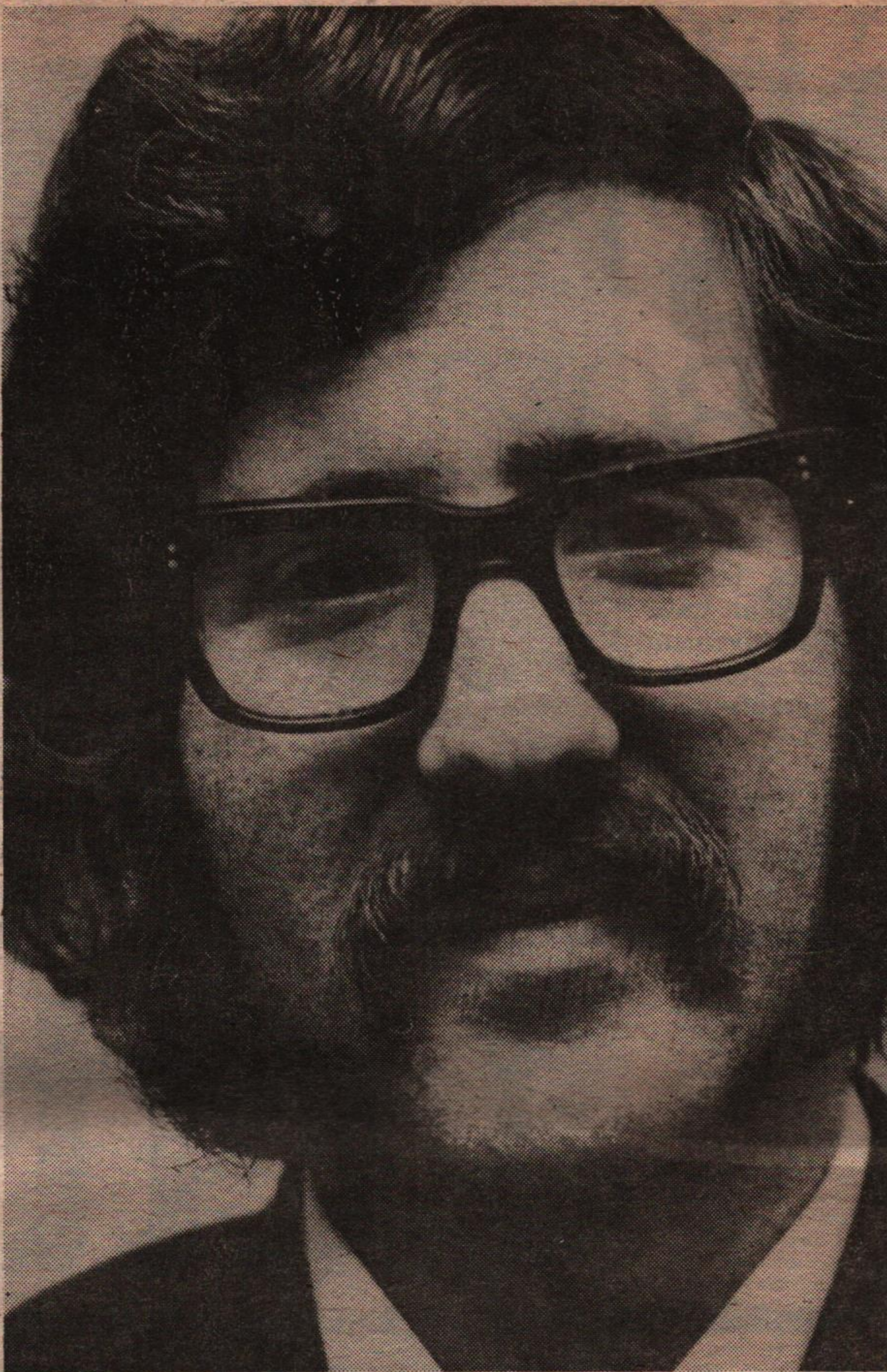
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# CIA! Hosenball stay!

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TO BE DEPORTED? Journalist Mark Hosenball

Now a new CIA station chief, Dr Edward Proctor, has been installed in London. A new, even more pliable, Home Secretary has been installed in the Labour government.

Together, they have decided to deport Agee and another young reporter in the forefront of exposing the CIA in Britain, Mark Hosenball.

These appalling developments only serve to underline that the possibilities outlined in Phil Agee's article are far from being incredible.

## ONLY, IT OPENING

MEYER is getting a former US ambassador to Britain to front for a lot of the money. The committee will be small at first but ready to expand if necessary for the inclusion of Britons as well.

Besides fronting for money, this group can also be used for surfacing false stories, rumours and other kinds of propaganda.

Americans for A Free Britain is what we're going to call it. We'll have a non-official cover case officer as 'Executive Secretary' and I'll direct him to the people we want to help.

### Dividing

Dividing, weakening and discrediting our enemies on the left is not going to be easy—mainly because they're right in most of what they say.

But we've got all the emotion and fear of the cold war to fall back on and with an aggressive propaganda campaign our baiting should work here just as it has on other countries.

By isolating them, we can reduce their influence to something comparable to their numbers.

If this doesn't work we'll be prepared for military action: Meyer's getting another station officer going on formation of goon squads to intimidate the bad guys.

Threatening letters and a beating here and there can do wonders and the word gets around fast.

It's sad to have to do these things here. The next place is home.



Merlyn Rees with the sort of man he'll do anything for—Sir Frank King, former British Army boss in Northern Ireland

## Now step up the fight for the Right to Work

By PETER CLARK

ACTIVE SUPPORT for workers fighting for their jobs was the first item discussed at the Right to Work Council in Manchester on Saturday.

At COURTAULDS in Aintree, Liverpool, more than 600 workers have now been told that the plant will shut in the New Year. 'When shop stewards from this plant attended the 6 November Conference, we promised them our support,' said Right to Work Campaign secretary, John Deason.

The Council agreed to organise a national picket of support outside the factory in the New Year, in cooperation with the shop stewards committee.

At LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL in Newham, London, 30 teachers have now been suspended from the National Union of Teachers.

Their offence was to take unofficial industrial action, by refusing to cover for teachers absent for more than three days.

The Council is circulating all supporting bodies calling for resolutions in support of the teachers to be sent to their own unions and to the NUT.

### Support

More money and support is needed for the workers at ROLLS ROYCE, Blantyre, now in the 21st week of their occupation to stop the plant closing.

Another picket is being organised at EN BRAYS in Waltham Cross, near London this Friday. At the Manchester branch of the firm, three electricians are on strike to save their jobs, shop steward Phil Kelly told the Council.

They have now discovered that the Waltham Cross branch of the firm is carrying out their work.

This same factory is also using parts produced by scab labour at AUTOMAT, where Engineering Union workers have been on strike for union recognition for ten months.

The Council called on its supporters to organise pickets and occupations and other actions against the cuts, and in particular against any closures of hospitals and nurseries.

The Council went on to discuss wages. At BRITISH LEYLAND in Preston and at MASSEY FERGUSON in Manchester, workers have demanded the 4½ per cent allowed under the incomes policy. But they are asking for

### FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!

#### Meetings and Notices

DANCE for the Right to Work. De Grey Rooms, York, Thursday 25 November. Organised by York Right to Work Committee.

Right to Work Christmas Dance: Saturday 17 December, 8pm, till late. Polytechnic of Central London, Cavendish Street W1. Large Hall, with the Derelicts, K K Band and Rock Disco. Tickets £1 (50p unemployed), from Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters, Toad London N4.

RALLY AGAINST RACISM: Supported by Bolton Right to Work Committee and Bolton Asian Youth organisation. Saturday 27 November, 1 pm, Bolton Queens Park. All North West IS branches to support.

the agreement to run for just four months, from April to July.

After this, both factories are demanding a return to free collective bargaining.

John Deason said, 'There's no contradiction between fighting against unemployment and fighting for higher wages. If workers are paid more, they would be able to buy more, and this would create more jobs.'

### Promises

'We were told that if we accepted a wage freeze it would hold down unemployment. Since then unemployment has risen by more than three quarters of a million. It is part of the same fight.'

The Council agreed the preliminary dates of the Right to Work march to be held in the spring. Local marches are being organised from Swansea to Cardiff and from outside Glasgow to the Scottish TUC.

Marchers from Jarrow and Skelmersdale are meeting in Sheffield to march to London. The march will arrive on May Day.

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publications and getting familiar with the top level bureaucracies in each of the important national unions. Then we'll set priorities for the people we want to help and for those we'll try to defeat, both in the national bureaucracies and on the shopfloor.

I'm going to start targeting the left-wing trade union leaders 'some for recruitment' perhaps, but mostly for provocations and general discrediting.

In the current mood here, the old arguments identifying them with foreign causes and ideologies like the Soviets, will probably work.

In a few critical cases, I'll be ready to get incriminating documents forged, and maybe I'll be able to take advantage of headquarters' new computer-assisted programme to fake tapes, making them sound like telephone calls or ordinary bugged conversations.

Given only a few minutes of the real voice on tape, Headquarters experts can construct any conversations we want and on the fake tapes it'll sound exactly like the guy we want to burn.

## MURDER IN JAMAICA

ONE reason why British and American intelligence have decided to get Philip Agee is his recent disclosures about their operations in Jamaica.

There the CIA are hard at work instigating violence and murder in a Chile-style operation to

bring down the PNP (Labour Party) government.

Philip Agee was asked by the liberal Council for Human Rights to visit Jamaica to help identify known CIA agents.

Back in London, Agee spoke of what he had discovered in Jamaica. He told how the recent violence in the country had followed the

arrival of eight CIA agents.

Demonstrations against the government had been organised by the ruling class after the pattern of those which preceded the 1973 coup in Chile.

Anti-communist groups and 'freedom leagues' had sprung up under such names as Christian Women Agitators For Truth and the Jamaica Freedom League.

Policemen had been shot at

the US Embassy—and yet only officials had known that they were to be there.

The killings, blamed on 'left-wing terrorism', bore the hallmark of CIA provocateurs. And they were followed by a wave of murders of socialists.

In one outrage, the Orange Lane incident, ten people were killed, including eight children.

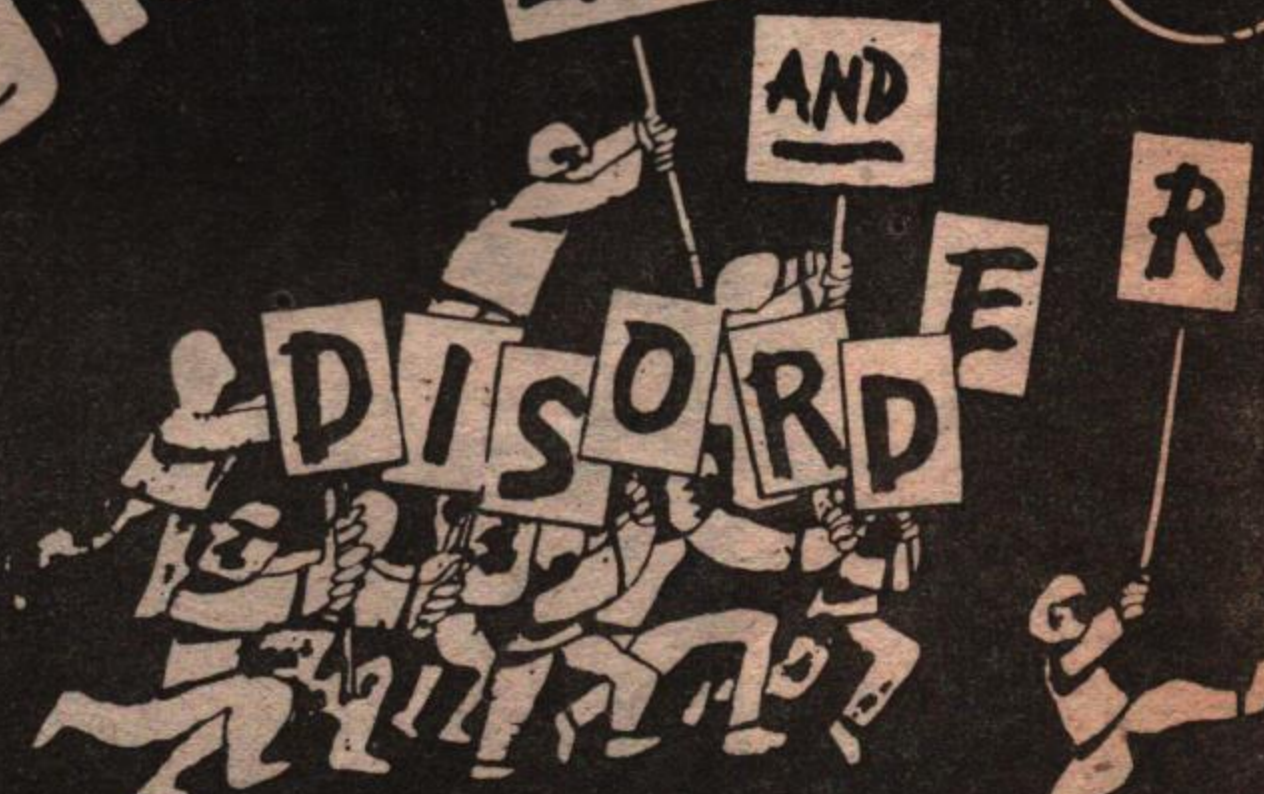
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# PRAYING FOR THE 1,500,000 ON THE DOLE, MR BOYD?

because you're doing damn all else!

I WAS surprised to see a letter penned by John Boyd, general secretary of the AUEW, in the pages of Socialist Worker (13 November).

But on second thought I remembered that Brother Boyd has always argued 'the superiority of Christian thinking over Marxist materialist thinking'. So his message to us, 'Thou shalt not steal', seemed apt.

And I must say I found myself in agreement when he wrote: 'Stealing can take many forms; from the evident and easily recognised, to the refined and complicated.'

One very 'refined and complicated' theft was our union democracy, when the postal ballot system of elections was instituted over the branch ballot. A big supporter of the postal ballot is Brother Boyd, and the increased costs—more than twice as much at £151,490 than the branch costs at £64,323.

Some members think it's a 'theft' of union funds.

And how about the 'theft' of hundreds of thousands of jobs in industry? Because of government-union economic policies much supported by Brother Boyd.

But the worst crime is the 'robbery' of our social services by the government cuts in hospitals, schools and welfare.

JOHN BOYD in his letter (SW, 5 November) seeks to convey that the working class and the boardroom have a common interest—while conveniently forgetting Courtaulds and the spectacle of 1½ million workers on the scrapheap, put there by honest boardrooms in the pursuit of profit.

A man that conspires with a parasite like Woodrow Wyatt, to 'steel' the minds of the AUEW membership to maintain his position, can hardly be so naive.

I believe he got his message across loud and clear: 'John Boyd is an honest man. He prays.'

And no doubt he prayed in silence while Jim McCallum was being arrested for demonstrating against the foul murder of a new-born infant at Heathrow Airport. And yet again when seven uniformed thugs committed 'justifiable homicide' when beating up the electricians' shop steward Liddle Towers.

I am sorry I cannot join John Boyd in a prayer for today, as his God must be preoccupied with the adoration of liars, parasites and hypocrites.

□ F MURRAY, Wolverhampton.

Right again! Brother Boyd supports cuts as well!

On top of all this, Boyd has commissioned articles for the union journal from gangsters such as Sir Campbell Adamson, then director-general of the CBI, much known for his 'compassion' to the working classes.

And the big disciple from GEC, Sir Arnold Weinstock, who saved the souls of 100,000 GEC workers by leading them down the 'path of righteousness' to the dole queues. Bet he goes to church on Sundays!

Yes, I agree with you, Brother Boyd. Stealing does take many forms. Go and blow your hypocritical tuba somewhere else—but don't put it down anywhere. It might be 'easily recognised', and nicked!

□ MICK BRIGHTMAN, editor, Engineers Charter, paper of rank and file members of the AUEW.

LIKE all the major religions, Christianity says 'Love thy neighbour', but this is not always easy in a society in which one's 'neighbours' interests are often sharply opposed to one's own. It is capitalism, against which right-wingers such as John Boyd will not fight, which maintains these divisions.

□ JIM PARKES, Walsall.

## A laugh in church

AS A Roman Catholic and an International Socialist I seldom have cause for joy when the question of abortion is raised in church. But last Sunday I had a good laugh.

The priest said he was ashamed to report that from a parish where about 2300 go to mass each week only 102 put their names down to go to Chelmsford for the SPUC rally 'to make a profession of faith and show disapproval of one of the greatest evils of our times.'

Of these, only 32 turned up! So he had to send one coach back empty and the other half full to Chelmsford.

□ MARK GEORGE, London W3.

## Nkomo: Are we wrong?



Joshua Nkomo, leader of Zimbabwe's Patriotic Front

I AM disappointed by your paper (6 November) which acted as an agent of dividing Zimbabweans in Britain. I strongly attack your editorial section about Joshua Nkomo.

I quote: 'No doubt in Zimbabwe American and British money is flowing into the pockets of "moderate" black leaders such as Joshua Nkomo. As in the case of Jonas Savimbi, leader of Unita, Nkomo has close links with Lonrho, a big exploiter of black workers throughout Africa.'

I do believe that you have been misinformed by CIA agents to smear Joshua Nkomo as a moderate. Beware of these agents, we know them and they have been collecting money from such sympathisers like your paper and IS in the name of Zimbabwe but turned it to buying houses in Britain. Do your homework—you will prove me right.

Nkomo has suffered for many years at the hands of the imperialists but has refused to give in. I therefore request you to stop your smear against the blacks if you support them.

Zimbabweans in Zimbabwe are butchered by the whites. If you support the Zimbabweans, support all the black leaders in the Black struggle. Stand up and condemn white brutality in Rhodesia.

Zimbabwe shall be free!

□ E S MPOFU, Norwich.

What are the views of other Zimbabwean readers?



AUEW general secretary John Boyd in a fighting mood

# Letters

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

IN HIS column Talking About Socialism, Duncan Hallas wrote: 'It is not the technology or the scale of organisation that is the problem. It is the power structure of competitive, militaristic societies. Technology is neutral. What matters is the use to which it is put.'

His words have sparked off many letters to Socialist Worker. We do not have space to publish all of them. Here are some of the points made.

WHAT are we referring to when we use the term 'technology'?

Not to some body of knowledge applied to society in a sort of vacuum but to knowledge, techniques and skills which exist (at the moment) within and for capitalism.

If what Duncan Hallas wrote were the case, it would follow that revolutionary socialists only need to win control of science and technology and then run it for the needs of the working class. But such a view is oversimplified because what we would find ourselves in control of would be techniques, procedures, institutions and skills which had been developed in the interests of our rulers and not the working class.

To realise the possibilities of modern science, modern industry, modern technology the power of capitalists, militarists and bureaucrats needs to be destroyed. This must go hand in hand with the struggle for democratic control of science, technology and industry and the destruction of capitalist scientific mythology.

□ HOWARD MILES, Guildford.

THE technology dominant throughout the 'developed' world is capitalist technology, designed not to produce use values, but exchange values. Things are produced not because they are useful but because they can be sold at a profit.

In a socialist society we shall be able to make decisions about technology and production freed from the burden of 'survival on world markets'.

Tell someone working in a modern factory that the technology is neutral. It is not. It is an instrument of oppression in the hand of an exploiting class. Capitalist

## Technology neutral you say?

technology cannot simply be taken over and used by the working class—it has to be radically changed.

□ JIM MADGE, London

DOES Duncan Hallas (SW, 5 November) think that the production line was invented inevitably, just because the scientific know-how was available? That because science can put almost anything in an aerosol can strawberry flavoured vaginal deoderants are a symptom of a 'reasonable standard of living and freedom from unremitting toil'?

Capitalism is telling us that we need nuclear power to provide the energy that we need to run the electric mixers, blenders, toothbrushes, calculators, computers, plastic daffodil, factories etc.

□ CHRIS PITTS, Canterbury.

IT JUST isn't good enough to talk, as Duncan Hallas does, about big organisation, big technology and nuclear power all in one breath.

Big organisation plus the right technology might give us the freedom to plan (the three-hour day, plus computers, plus video link-ups between workplaces etc), but nuclear power is qualitatively different.

It is based on the stuff of nuclear bombs, produces killer wastes with a life expectancy of several thousand years, and demands systems of secrecy and security that will make the Prevention of Terrorism Act look like a showpiece of liberal democracy.

□ G BIRKING, North London.

## Conference: Reactions differ

THREE women in last week's photo of the Conference of the Right to Work Campaign are from my branch of NUPE, at Newton-le-Willows in Lancashire.

One of what I would call the backbone of the local Labour Party. She does the minutes and typing and helps out at functions to raise money, so I had this feeling I would have to defend the conference most of the day, if the Labour Party were vigorously attacked.

To my amazement, they listened intently to every speaker and clapped a lot.

Since then, one of them is trying hard to attend the demonstration on 17 November and urging people to go. The conference seems to have inspired her.

The other two said the conference helped them see other people's point of view on strikes etc, and the problems other people have and how the cut-backs affect us.

We all agreed we would attend any other conference by the Right to Work Campaign. The conference certainly was worthwhile. It opened three women's eyes to what's going on.

SADIE BLOOD NUPE.

AT THE 6 November Right to Work Conference against cuts and unemployment, a delegate from Liverpool made some cheap jibes at homosexuals. Another from Skelmersdale blamed cheap foreign imports for the situation at Courtaulds.

I was not surprised at these contributions, as to support a rank and file movement like the Right to Work Campaign you do not (and should not) have to agree with the International Socialists. But I was surprised that none of the IS speakers at the conference replied to these points.

If we want to build a revolutionary party, we should be arguing for our point of view at every opportunity and trying to win people towards it, not 'ducking out' on 'difficult' issues.

BERNIE WILCOX, delegate, Salford branch AUEW-TASS.



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# Slavery, in the words of the victims

BLACKSHEAR HAD THEM take their babies with them to the field and it was two or three miles from the house to the field. He didn't want them to lose time walking backward and forward nursing. They built a long trough like a great long old cradle and put all these babies in it every morning when the mother came out to the field. It was set at the end of the rows under a big cottonwood tree.

When they were at the other end of the row, all at once a cloud no bigger than a small spot came up and it grew fast, and it thundered and lightened as if the world were coming to an end, and the rain just came down in great sheets. And when it got so they could go to the other end of the field, that trough was filled with water and every baby in it was floating round in the water, drowned.

IDA HUTCHINSON

MY MOTHER told me that he [the slaveowner] owned a woman who was the mother of seven children, and when her babies would get about a year or two of age, he'd sell them and it would break her heart. She never got to keep them.

When her fourth baby was born and was about two months old, she just studied all the time about how she would have to give it up, and one day she said, 'I just decided I'm not going to let ol' master sell this baby; he just ain't going to do it.'

She got up and give it something out of a bottle and pretty soon it was dead.

LOU SMITH

MASSA ... got killed and my sister and me went to his son. His son was a killer. He got in trouble in Georgia and got him two good-stepping

□ BOOKS ABOUT SLAVERY are rare: books about slavery by its victims are rarer still. *To Be A Slave* is an exception. In their own words, written down at the time or shortly after 'emancipation' in 1865, American slaves and ex-slaves tell of their humiliation, their misery and their anger. Some of their story is re-printed here. For the full version, you'll have to get the book. At 30p, it's astonishing value. Available from Bookmarks, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (add 10p for postage).

horses and covered wagon. Then he chains all his slaves round the necks and fastens the chains to the hesses and makes them walk all the way to Texas. My mother and my sister had to walk. Emma was my sister. Somewhere on the road it

went to snowing, and massa wouldn't let us wrap anything round her feet. We had to sleep on the ground, too, in all that snow.

Massa have a great, long whip platted out of rawhide, and when one of the slaves fall behind or give out, he hit him with that whip. It takes the hide every time he hit a slave.

Mother, she give out on the way. Her feet got raw and bleeding, and her legs swell plumb out of shape. Then massa, he just take out his gun and shot her, and while she lay dying, he kicks her two, three times, and say, 'Damn a nigger wha: can't stand nothing.'

You know that man, he wouldn't bury Mother. Just leave her laying where he shot her at.

BEN SIMPSON

THEY ARE deceived who flatter themselves that the ignorant and debased slave has no conception of the magnitude of his wrongs.

They are deceived who imagine that he arises from his knees with back lacerated and bleeding, cherishing only a spirit of meekness and forgiveness.

A day may come—it will come, if his prayer is heard—a terrible day of vengeance, when the master in his turn will cry in vain for mercy.

TWO SNAKES full of poison. One lying with his head pointing north, the other with his head pointing south. Their names was slavery and freedom.

The snake called slavery lay with his head pointed south and the snake called freedom lay with his head pointed north.

Both bit the nigger and they was both bad.

PATSY MICHENER

1937—70 years after 'emancipation'—and a Mississippi black is tortured with a blow-torch and then lynched

## WILLIAM BROWN

A song from the Hungry Thirties

A nice young man was William Brown,  
He worked for a wage in a northern town.  
He worked from six 'til eight at night,  
Turning a wheel from left to right.

Chorus: Keep that wheel a-turning,  
Keep that wheel a-turning,  
Keep that wheel a-turning  
And do a little more each day.

The boss one day to William came  
And said, Look here young what's-your-name,  
We're not content with what you do,  
So work a little harder or out you go.

So William turned and he made her run  
Three times round in the place of one.  
He turned so hard he soon was made  
The Lord High Turner of the trade.

William turned with the same sweet smile,  
The goods he made grew such a pile  
They filled the room and the room next door  
And overflowed to the basement floor.

The nation heard the wondrous tale,  
The news appeared in the *Sketch* and *Mail*.  
The railways ran excursions down  
And all to see young William Brown.

But sad the sequel is to tell,  
He turned out more than the boss could sell,  
The market slumped and the price went down:  
Seven more days and they sacked young Brown.

## Forty years on...and William Brown's on the dole again



How many William Browns here? A queue for jobs in Detroit last week

# BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

**EAST KILBRIDE** SW discussion meetings on *THE MEANING OF MARXISM*. Every second Tuesday, 8pm. The Murray Hall, The Murray.

30 November: The struggle in Ireland—a Socialist Perspective.

**EDINBURGH** Socialist Worker discussion group meets every Saturday, 11.30am, Room 9, Societies Centre, 21 Hill Place (off Nicholson Street, opposite Nicholson Square). Open to all SW readers. Further information from Penicuk 72819.

**Socialist Worker CLYDESDALE RALLY**: Sunday 5 December, 6.30pm-9.30pm, McClellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. Speakers: Tony Cliff and John Deason (secretary, National Right to Work Campaign), plus the socialist theatre group CAST in their play about the attack on social services. Putting us to Shreds. Tickets 25p from IS Books, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow C1 (phone 041-221 3426) or 30p at the door.

**ABERDEEN** Socialist Worker discussion meetings on *The Meaning of Marxism*: Every second Wednesday, 7.30pm, Trades Council Rooms, 24 Adelphi (off Union Street, near ABC Cinema). All welcome.

8 December: Hungarian Revolution 1956—the struggle against Russian imperialism in Eastern Europe. Speaker Gordon Philip.

22 December: History and traditions of the International Socialists—towards the Socialist Worker Party. Speaker: Des Murphy (EIS).

**DURHAM SW Education meetings**: Socialism or Capitalism? Speakers from local IS branch.

Monday 29 November: Which way to socialism in Britain? The politics of IS. 8pm, back room of Colpitts Hotel, Sutton Street, Durham City.

**DURHAM** Socialist Worker Christmas social: Friday 3 December, 8pm, Fowlers Yard, Durham. With CAST in *Sam The Man*, bar and disco.

**HULL** Socialist Worker public meeting: Is Russia socialist? Speaker: Duncan Hallas. Thursday 25 November, 8pm, YPI, George Street.

**BRADFORD** Socialist Worker Silk Screen day school: Making a silkscreen, using it, all you need to know to set up a printshop, plus poster design. Saturday 4 December, Contact Bill House, (phone Bradford 493734) for details. Social in the evening!

**BRADFORD** Socialist Worker Teachers public meeting: Racism in Schools. Thursday 2 December, 7.30pm, Carlisle Hotel, Manningham.

**BOLTON** Socialist Worker public meeting: The Socialist Alternative. Speaker: Tony Cliff. Tuesday 30 November, 8pm, Balmoral Hotel, Bradshawgate. All Socialist Worker readers welcome.

**PRESTON** SW discussion meetings: Every second Thursday, 8pm, The Keystone, Brook Street. All welcome.

9 December: The police and the state.

**BLACKBURN** Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, Veteran Hotel, Enam, Blackburn.

9 December: Southern Africa.

**MERSEYSIDE AREA** meeting for all members of the International Socialists. Thursday 2 December, 7.30pm, place to be announced. Includes discussion on Socialist Workers Party and election of National Council delegates.

**WARRINGTON** Socialist Worker public meeting: Can socialism be achieved with Labour? Speaker: Paul Foot. Thursday 16 December, 7.30pm, for further details phone Padgate 811584.

**MANCHESTER**: Regular international Socialist Worker/International Socialists get-together every Wednesday, 8.30pm-10.30pm, The Wheatstaff, Deansgate. Come for a drink and a chat! All welcome.

## Socialist Worker public meetings

Send notices — to reach us first post Monday — to What's On, SW, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

**Socialist Worker EAST OF SCOTLAND RALLY**

Weekend 4-5 December, Students Societies Centre, Hill Place, Edinburgh.

LEADING SPEAKERS: Harry Mc Shane of the unemployed workers' movement in the 1930s on the fight for the right to work, Tony Cliff on the fight against racism, Angela McHugh on women's role in industry, Joan Smith on women and the family, John Deason on the Broad Lefts and the narrow lefts, Alan Meyer on the RDL oil rig site dispute, Alan Armstrong on the SNP.

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**TAMESIDE** Socialist Worker public meeting: Labour rule—OK? Thursday 9 December, 8pm, The Feather Hotel, Old Square, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**TAMESIDE** Socialist Worker public meeting: Social Security scroungers—blame them for this mess? Thursday 25 November, 8pm, The Feather Hotel, Old Square, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**STOCKPORT** Socialist Worker meeting: Stop the Cuts! Speakers from NUPE and NALGO, Monday 29 November, 7.30pm, Stockport Town Hall (room 2).

**CREWE** Socialist Worker discussion group: Trade unions and Socialism. Friday 10 December, 8pm, The Angel pub, Victoria Street, Crewe.

**LEICESTER** SW discussion meetings: Every second Friday, 9pm prompt, Globe Inn, Silver Street.

3 December: The International Socialists and the Labour Party. Speaker: Mike Teague (ASTMS).

Topics to come: China, Portugal, Trotsky and the united front, Leicester and the revolutionary left, Ireland. Queries and suggestions to Terry Allcott, 106 Knighton Fields West, Leicester.

**LEICESTER** Socialist Worker teachers' meetings: Mondays, 7.30pm, The Bricklayers Arms, Welford Road.

6 December: The Left in Europe: Towards the revolutionary international.

**LEA VALLEY** SW public meetings: The Fight for Socialism. Thursday 25 November: Building the Socialist Workers Party. Speaker: Tony Cliff, 8pm, Golden Fleece, Fore Street, Edmonton.

**HARLOW** Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Every Wednesday, 8pm, Tye Green Community Association, Bush Fair. All welcome.

1 December: Workers against the law. Speakers: Laurie Flynn and a Right to Work marcher.

**SOUTH EAST ESSEX** district Socialist Worker meeting (Basildon, Grays, Tilbury, Southend): Saturday 4 December, 1.30pm, in Tilbury (see your SW seller for details). Speaker: Duncan Hallas on Not the dole, not racism, not Labour, but SOCIALISM!

**PORTUGAL—One year after 25 November clampdown**

Film tour with speaker: Pete Robinson, who spent six months in Portugal during the past year.

**BOOTLE**: Thursday 30 November, 7.30pm, place to be announced. Details from your SW seller.

**CHESTER**: Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm, Railway Inn, Brook Street, Chester (near railway station).

**MANCHESTER**: Thursday 25 November, 1pm, University Students Union. Organised by Manchester University IS Society. 8pm: Manchester Polytechnic, Aytoun Street. Organised by Poly IS Society.

**OLDHAM**: Thursday 2 December, 8pm, Bath Hotel.

**WEST MIDDLESEX** Socialist Worker discussion meetings on *The Meaning of Marxism*. Every other Monday, 7.45pm at the Mill Hill Tavern, Gunnersbury Lane, opposite Acton Hospital (E3 bus route, nearest tube Acton Town).

23 November: What is Fascism? 13 December: South Africa. 3 January: Family Life and Capitalism. 17 January: Racism today and how to fight it.

**BRISTOL** Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, Baptist Knowles Community Centre, Horley Road, St Werburghs. (off Mina Road, near M32).

16 December: Ireland's British problem.

**EXETER** Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, Devonport Inn, Fore Street.

2 December: Should socialists be in the Labour Party? 16 December: Internationalism.

**NATIONAL MEETINGS** for all members of the International Socialists and Socialist Worker supporters in the following unions:

CIVIL SERVICE unions: Saturday 27 November, in London.

HOSPITAL WORKERS unions: Saturday 4 December, in Manchester.

TGWU: Saturday 4 December, in Birmingham.

Fraction secretaries' meeting: Tuesday 23 November 7pm.

For further details of these meetings, contact your branch or fraction secretary or call the IS Industrial Department, phone 01-739 9772.



**SOUTHERN AFRICA** Victory to the freedom Fighters! Build the solidarity campaign!

Socialist Worker public meetings

**BIRMINGHAM**: Sunday 12 December, 3pm, Digbeth Civic Hall, Film on Soweto.

**BRADFORD**: Thursday 2 December, 1pm, University Students Union. Speakers from the Zimbabwe People's Army and the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign.

**CENTRAL LONDON**: Wednesday 1 December, 1.30pm, University College (organised by University College IS Society). Speaker from the Zimbabwe People's Army.

**CENTRAL LONDON**: Thursday 9 December, 1pm, Kingsway College, off Grays Inn Road (organised by IS Society). Speaker from the Zimbabwe People's Army.

**WEST LONDON**: Friday 17 December, Luncheon Rooms, Ladbroke Grove. Speakers from the Zimbabwe People's Army and the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign.

**National Organisation of International Socialist Students (NOISS)**

**NOISS Caucus**: For all those attending the NUS Conference composite meeting Friday 26 November, 11am, in London. Further details from 01-739 1878 or 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2. All NOISS members and supporters at the composite must attend.

**ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY IS Society** public meeting: Women's Liberation—reform or revolution? Speaker: Margaret Renn (SW women's organiser). Wednesday 1 December, University Union, Broad Street.

**BERNARDINI Women's Voice** public meeting: Women and the struggle for socialism. Speaker: Margaret Renn (SW women's organiser). Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm, Trades Council Rooms, Adelphi (off Union Street, near ABC Cinema).

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**SOUTH WEST LONDON** Socialist Worker Jumble Sale: Saturday 11 December, 12noon-3pm, Chatham Hall, corner of Chatham Road and Northcote Road, SW11. We need lots of jumble and help. Phone 767-2537 for collection and further details.

**NOTICES**

**MARXIST POLYTECHNIC**: 1-8 July 1977. Organised by NOISS. A week of lectures, discussions and debate around key aspects of Marxism. Want to contribute? Write to 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

**BRADFORD** Socialist Worker Christmas social: Saturday 4 December, 8pm, Rawson Hotel, John Street, Folk (political/trade union) disco, bar extension, 50p.

**LEA VALLEY** Socialist Worker social: Friday 3 December, 8pm, Queen's Head Turnpike Lane, London, N8 (nearest tube Turnpike Lane). Music by Peter The Great, disco, bar extension, 60p.

**WILL** the comrade who took an orange address book from TU Books, Manchester, about two months ago please phone Rob on 061-764 7972.

**CYPRIOT** members of the International Socialists are available to speak on the situation in Cyprus and the fight in Britain against racist immigration controls and the expulsion of Cypriot refugees. Contact Andreas on 01-272 8270.

**Union Action**

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**WOMENS VOICE**

ABERDEEN Women's Voice public meeting: Women and the struggle for socialism. Speaker: Margaret Renn (SW women's organiser). Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm, Trades Council Rooms, Adelphi (off Union Street, near ABC Cinema).

**TOTTENHAM SOCIALIST WORKER DISCUSSION GROUP** on Ireland. Sunday November 28th, 7.30pm, Please ring 348 2041 for details. Everyone welcome.

**IS HEALTH WORKERS'** fraction meeting: Saturday 4 December, 11.30am, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Lunch will be provided free, but each member should bring £3 pooled fare. All IS health workers urged to attend. COACH for London and South East: Leaves from in front of Kings Cross Station, 7.45pm.

**CENTRAL LONDON** meeting for all members of the International Socialists: Wednesday 1 December, 7pm, University of London Union, Malet Street, WC1. Includes discussion on Towards the Socialist Workers Party.

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS BLACK CAUCUS** meeting: Saturday 27 November, 11am-5pm, London School of Economics (basement TV room, St Clements Building), Houghton Street, London WC1 (off Aldwych, Holborn tube). Sessions include: Jamaica solidarity campaign, Southern Africa, immigration tribunal campaign, Chingari, Flame, the elections and building the International Socialists.

**International Socialists GAY Group** meets regularly in London, on Mondays. Phone 790-2545 or 800-8557 for details: 19 Redmans Road, London, E1 3AQ.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON** Socialist Worker meetings on Marxism and Working-Class History, Thursdays at 7.30pm, Charlton House, Hornfair Road, SE17.

25 November: Paul Lutener on Rank and File Movements.

2 December: James Hinton on The General Strike.

9 December: Chris Harman on The Russian Revolution.

16 December: Gareth Jenkins on 'Is Russia Socialist? Does it matter?'

**Marxism and the Revolutionary Party**

**LONDON** Socialist Worker public meetings on Marxist theory and the politics of the International Socialists.

Friday evenings, 7pm, at the University of London Union, Malet Street, WC1 (nearest tube Goodle Street).

3 December: The Labour Party and the Communist Party. Speaker: Paul Foot.

17 December: The History of the International Socialists. Speaker: Ian Birchall.

7 January: The Minority Movement and the Right to Work Campaign. Speaker: John Deason.

14 January: State capitalism in Russia. Speaker: Duncan Hallas.

21 January: World capitalism and imperialism. Speaker: Nigel Harris.

28 January: British imperialism and Ireland. Speaker: Jimmy McCallum.

4 February: Shelley and revolution. Speaker: Paul Foot.

11 February: The degradation of work. Speaker: John Ue.

18 February: The crisis of British capitalism. Speaker: Mike Kidron.

25 February: Fighting racism and fascism. Speaker: Colin Sparks.

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Christmas Social

**WEST MIDDLESEX Socialist Worker Christmas Social**: Friday 10 December, 8pm, Park Hotel, Hanwell, London W7. Food, High Flame Band, country and western—all for £1.

**Womens Voice** wishes SW readers and writers a Merry Xmas and a revolutionary New Year, when we'll be back with our new **FIGHTING WOMENS VOICE**.

A sinister organisation is at work in the South West — and it's not us!

by JIMMY RULE (AUEW)

WHILE we were all working the other Wednesday, 40 of the South West's leading non-producers, otherwise known as businessmen, found time during the country's hour of need to gather in the Mayflower Post House, in Plymouth.

During a feast, paid for on expenses, they heard Harry Welton, the Economic League's director of information and research, work himself into a frenzy about 'subversives'. He claimed that 'subversives' have been planted in factories throughout Devon and Cornwall to undermine the economy.

The Economic League's western regional director said: 'There is absolutely no doubt that cells of subversives are working in Devon and Cornwall. It appears that the Communists are strongest in Exeter and the International Socialists are working out of Plymouth and Cornwall.'

**Spying**

A manager of one firm announced that his company was already the victim of subversive infiltration. A man employed on the shop floor had begun to foment disquiet as soon as he was hired.

On at least one occasion, apparently, he had clambered into the space above a false ceiling to eavesdrop on a board meeting. He even took verbatim notes of the whole proceedings.

There is in fact a sinister and undemocratic organisation at work in the South West. It is the Economic League, supported by some of the largest employers in the country.

It was founded in 1919 to go on a 'Crusade for Capitalism'. It has been crusading ever since without much success.

One of the League's main activities is spying on shop stewards and other trade union activists. One large firm which regularly gives the League a four-figure donation says the League 'does a hell of a lot of security vetting for us on political grounds'.

**Plunderers**

Unemployed engineering workers in West Cornwall may recall the subverting of the Vermillion Engineering factory, part of GKN, by enthusiastic League supporters. After collecting government grants and new machinery, they cleared out, leaving the workers on the dole.

Optical Measuring Tools, part of Turner and Newall, was another factory subverted by League supporters after they collected generous government grants.

Cornwall has the highest unemployment rate in the country. Male earnings are 16 per cent below the national average. Prices are higher, classes are too big, half the houses in Cornwall are over 70 years old, one in three are recognised as sub-standard.

The International Socialists are not responsible for this. It is the result of many years 'crusading' by supporters of organisations like the Economic League.

And it is the result of a succession of insane government regional policies designed to increase the wealth and power of the plunderers and continue a society where a few extremely rich men can get even richer off the backs of everyone else.

**'THEY'RE just unbelievable, Elected by no-one, arrogant beyond description. They're determined to do us down.**

'We should have got rid of them long ago, or at the very least put them to some useful labour where they'd have to earn their fifteen pounds a shift'.

That's London docker Jimmy Clark talking about the House of Lords, about the peers of the realm, who've taken it upon their overworked selves to deny registered dockers, and anyone else they can get stuck into, the right to work.

**Bloody**

Like many another militant docker, Jimmy's stomach is inclined to get a little knotted up when he speaks of the House of Lords. They and their associates in the Commons, the employers' associations and what have you, are just so unbelievable, so bloody brazen in their hypocrisy.

'They hate and fear dockers,' continues Jimmy. 'They hate our spirit. They hate the fact that the slave mentality is foreign to us. They hate us because we're the one group of workers who've ever managed to encroach in any way on the ground they've known from birth.'

'We can't be sacked at will. We can't be disciplined at the whim of the employer. We're registered men. We have some job protection, some faint echo of what the lawyer or doctor enjoys—a licence to practise his trade which only his professional association, our trade union, can take away.'

**Scheme**

'The Lords' sabotage of our registration scheme is a deliberately planned operation. On that we have no doubt. For years now, they and their friends and business partners in the shipping firms have been scheming to move our work out of the dock and away from the scheme.'

'They've cut the registered labour force by nearly two-thirds in little more than a decade. And then, to add insult to injury, they've opened up again just outside docklands or even, in some cases inside the very docks they've shut down.'

'Their ruthlessness knows no bounds. That's why we want our corridor of five miles. That's why we must have it to defend our scheme.'

Let me explain what the scheme means in terms of my own family. I came into the dock 13 years ago. I'd only been there about nine or ten months when I had a terrible accident.

**Accidents**

'A three-ton case got me fracturing my jaw in five places, pulling my tendons. I was a good boxer then, a welterweight. Some say very good. I was wired up around my head for nine months and off work for 18 months.'

'It was one of those accidents that is so common to the docks and every other industry where profit is the order of the day.'

'After that, I was very ill. I went right down from being a very fit man to six stone. I was in a terrible state. But eventually I came back into the dock. In no state to do heavy manual work, I became what's now called a B man.'

'But that's the beauty of the scheme. If I had been a docker

before registration and I had had such an accident, I would have been flung on the scrapheap like a used paper hanky.'

'That's exactly what happened to my own dad. He worked in the dock before the scheme. He fell down a hole and broke both his feet. He went straight on the scrapheap. He ended up with a job as a nightwatchman.'

'The scheme was an enormous advance. The state of the docks before the unions got their foothold was terrible. It was like a cattle-market pure and simple, exploiting Irish immigrant labour in the most brutal fashion.'

*'The blue-eyed boys system was rife. In this very pub, the Connaught Hotel,*

*you used to have to buy the gaffer a drink to have a hope of getting picked out.*

'Although it is true that the piecework system meant that you earned at the expense of risking life and limb, the great spirit of the docks was born. You felt that you were selling your labour on an hour-to-hour basis.'

'You went bartering all the time. You had a ganger, the man with the best developed tongue, and he would spend literally all day arguing and trying it on.'

'You worked your cobblers off. But you fought like lions. I remember when they used to bring the gunvorns down from Leadenhall Street. You'd be down in the hold and suddenly one of



# Why do they want to Lord it over us?



these flash gents would be up on top. The reaction of the men was immediate. "Get him off".

'That's what the employers hated about the scheme. It's in every worker's interest that we succeed in defending it.'

'It's in their interests that we force its extension since it will give many workers the protection that we enjoy.'

*Maurice Nichol, 16 years in the dock, his father a docker before him, puts it this way:*

'The truth is that if other workers had something like our registration scheme, there would have been a damn site fewer sackings and closures in the last six years.'

'Our scheme has given us protection. But it isn't a mollycoddling kind of protection. It puts you on a more equal basis with the boss. You don't have to go in fear of him. You can speak your mind freely without that terrible fear of the sack.'

'I'll give you an example. I remember going to work on 11 shed one day years ago. We should have been there at 7.45. But we were just a little bit late. We turned up at 8.10. The Maltby's superintendent was waiting for us.'

'He had just taken over and was considered a bit of a whizz kid. He looked at his watch as soon as we got there and said "This ain't no good." Straight away one of the lads came back at him and said: "Well, chuck it in the bleeding river then."

'The employers hate this sort of thing. They like to be able to rule through fear. That's why they are after closing the Royal Docks.'

'They've taken our rebelliousness personally. They're deliberately keeping the shipping out of here. And, of course, they're using the same tactics throughout the country.'

**Tactics**

'They are out to destroy us and the only way we can defend ourselves is by concerted action.'

*'Jack Jones, only got his last strike called off by saying that he'd give a copper-bottomed guarantee of a national dock strike if the Docks Bill was in any way tampered with.'*

'Well the sort of Docks Bill we've got now is worse than having nothing. The thing that upsets me most is the way the

employers use the severance payments to destroy us

'You get these whispers every now and then about how they might be ending the payments. Right now, there's a queue of men putting their names down for them. It's appalling how they trick and cheat us.'

'It makes me bitter when I see some of the finest men in the dock going alone with this, taking the employers' stinking carrots, ducking out now, of all times, when we have to fight for survival.'

'It's really done me up. You feel that your very way of life is being destroyed. And it's a way of life that I love.'

'People ask me to explain it, but I can't. It's just something you feel, something you have in common with other dockers.'

'And they tell you it's in the name of progress. What lies. We all know about Dagenham Storage. They got rid of dockers. They brought in men at half the pay and with worse conditions.'

'Did the handling charges go down? Of course they didn't.'

'There was no progress at all—just bigger profits for those who're out to destroy us.'

## BECAUSE DOCKERS CAN'T BE SACKED AT WILL—AND THAT REALLY SENDS THE BOOT BOYS IN ERMINE WILD



*Docker Jimmy Clark: 'The House of Lords sabotage of our registration scheme is a deliberately planned operation'*

**INTERVIEW BY LAURIE FLYNN**

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**Book now for CACTL'S** Conference on direct action & Criminal trespass. Sponsored by ACTI, NCCL, and National Union of Students. Information and discussion on the implications of the Criminal Tresspass Law (likely to be introduced next session of Parliament) and the experience, problems and possibilities of direct action. SESSIONS on Industrial Occupations, Squatting, Direct Action & the Cuts, "Green Bans", Women and Direct Action, Media, Political Use of Law, Rent Strikes, etc. SPEAKERS include Peter Hain, Laurie Flynn (Socialist Worker), Pete Carter (W Midlands UCATT Exec), tenants from Tower Hill estate in Liverpool, Tony Bunyan (author 'Political Police in Britain'), Jack Sprung (Standard-Triumph Shop Steward), Jim Shutt (Chrysler shop steward). At Reading University Students Union, 27-28 November. Further details, booking forms etc, from Campaign Against a Criminal Tresspass Law (CACTL), c/o 6 Bowden St, London SE11. Tel: 01-289 3877.

**Release all Political Prisoners!** Stop the repression of the EPRP! Ethiopia out of Eritrea. Continuous picket of Ethiopian Embassy (17 Princes Gate, off High Kensington Street), 10am Tuesday 23 November to 5.30pm Friday 26 November. Organised by Ethiopian Students Union-European Section (UK Branch), SOAS Student Union. It is supporting picket on Wednesday 24 Nov/November, 3-4pm.

**CAMDEN MEN AGAINST SEXISM** group is looking for new members. Committed socialists active in the labour movement, who see the group as a way of broadening sexual/political consciousness. Phone Chris Thomas, 01-794 2825.

**Patterns of work and unemployment** among young people. 4 December. Held in the Small Lecture Theatre, 35 Marylebone Road, London NW1. Fee £1. Enrolment/further details from: The Polytechnic of Central London, Short Course Unit, 309 Regent Street, London W1. Tel: 01-580 2020 ext 221.

**WEEK OF SOLIDARITY** with the Palestinian Revolution and the Lebanese progressive movement. 22-26 November. Thursday 25 November, cultural evening 7pm. Photo exhibition, revolutionary songs, films and food. Friday 26 November, solidarity meeting and public debate at 7pm. All events at London School of Economics, Houghton St, London WC2 (Nearest Tube Holborn).

**RANK AND FILE TEACHER CONFERENCE:** Fighting racism in the schools. Saturday 4 December, 10am-4.30pm, AUEW Hall, Star Building, Vaughan Way, Leicester. Sponsored by Mid-Leicester NUT. Further information from Rank and File, 12a Upper Tooting Road, London, SW17.

**RADICAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE:** 27-8 November, Islington Green School, London N1. Agenda: nature of progressive reform; socialist strategy against right-wing attack.

**IRELAND: Is the British Army** there to keep the peace? Five members of Labour Movement Delegation to Ireland will answer your questions at Oxford House, Derbyshire St, Bethnal Green on Tuesday 30 November, 7.30pm. Plus slide show. Organised by East London Troops Out Movement.

**Labour Movement Delegation to Ireland:** The Irish Question—how women see it. Reports from delegates and contributions from Pat Arrowsmith and a woman from a working-class area of Belfast. Monday 29 November, The Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, 7.30pm, Tuesday 30 November, Hammersmith Town Hall, King St, 7.30pm.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON National Abortion Campaign** public meeting. Including film, speakers, Frankie Armstrong. Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm, Deptford Town Hall. All welcome.

Calling all rank and file union members in the CIVIL SERVICE: Next Redder Tape Conference: Saturday 4 December, 11am-5pm, Imperial College, South Kensington, London SW7. Details, phone 01-672 1627 after 6pm, ask for Wendy or Eddie.

**SHEFFIELD Right to Work Campaign:** Stop the Cuts in the Health Service, Wednesday 1 December, 7.30pm, The Lion, The Whicker. Speakers from Hospital Worker and local NUPE and COHSE members.

**SPEAKERS ON IRELAND:** This autumn 65 delegates from labour movement bodies went to Ireland to see for themselves. They represented trades councils and union branches. The delegates are willing to speak at report-back meetings. If you want a delegate to speak at your union branch or trades council, contact Troops Out Movement, c/o 1, North End Road, London W14.

## Scottish strikes against the cuts

LOCAL authority workers in the Strathclyde region of Scotland, which includes Glasgow, are organising against plans for 7,000 redundancies and increased fares

On Wednesday this week the Glasgow busmen are calling a one-day strike in opposition to the closure of Partick bus garage.

The region recently announced that bus fares are to increase, despite the decline in service. Fares have gone up once this year already

Next week 6,000 manual and staff workers from the City's Building Department are calling a half-day strike and protest march to the City Chambers. The Labour-controlled council have threatened an immediate 800 redundancies.

They are also making it clear that they want to run down the publicly-owned building department and hive off the work to their friends in private contracting. This is to take place where there is the worst housing record and possibly the poorest community facilities in Britain.

The building workers' action will draw together members of the Electricians and Plumbers Union (EET-PU), General and Municipal (GMWU), Transport Workers (TGWU), Construction (UCATT), Engineering (AUEW) and local government workers union (NALGO).

### All out

On Wednesday 8 December, the Strathclyde Region of NALGO, representing 12,000 members, is calling for a day stoppage to protest against the cutbacks that will mean sackings among white-collar workers.

This Saturday the West of Scotland Shop Stewards are meeting to plan a mass demonstration in Glasgow against unemployment. This could be a focus for drawing together all the groups in the trade union movement who want to fight against Labour policies.

Sadly, the Scottish TUC General Council have already decided that this demonstration will be on a Saturday and not in working hours. This diminishes the power such protest action could generate.

## Picket call

EDINBURGH: A thousand people, mainly students from every college and university in the city, marched against the cuts last Wednesday.

More than 500 people stayed for the meeting overwhelmingly supporting the call for a militant picket of the next Lothian Region Council meeting which will accept massive cuts in spending right across the board for the region.

□ PICKET: Tuesday 30 November, details from Edinburgh Right to Work Committee, phone 031-557 0628 or 031-229 8463.

# UNION OFFICIAL BETRAYS CLEANERS' STRUGGLE

by GARY BUSHELL

EAST LONDON: 'We've got to stay out. If the Poly get away with this one they'll get away with using anything.'

Striker Mary Pelling summed up the determination of five cleaners to carry on their eight-week strike at the Holbrook annexe of the North East London Polytechnic.

The women, members of the General and Municipal

# LOCKED OUT! SO AMBULANCE WORKERS STRIKE

by JIM BLAKE  
AS THE cuts begin to bite, the government and local government managers look for ways of saving 'candle ends'.

They tried it on with the Essex ambulance men and women. When these workers refused to accept a cut in meal break times, they found themselves locked out.

Twenty-two of the 28 ambulance stations in Essex are out in protest and the other six are expected to follow.

Sue Phillips, a shop steward

of the Public Employees Union (NUPE) from Basildon station, told Socialist Worker: 'The chief ambulance officer, Bullough, an ex-major in the army, is trying to run the service like it was the military. But we are para-medicals, not para-military.'

'We offered our services free

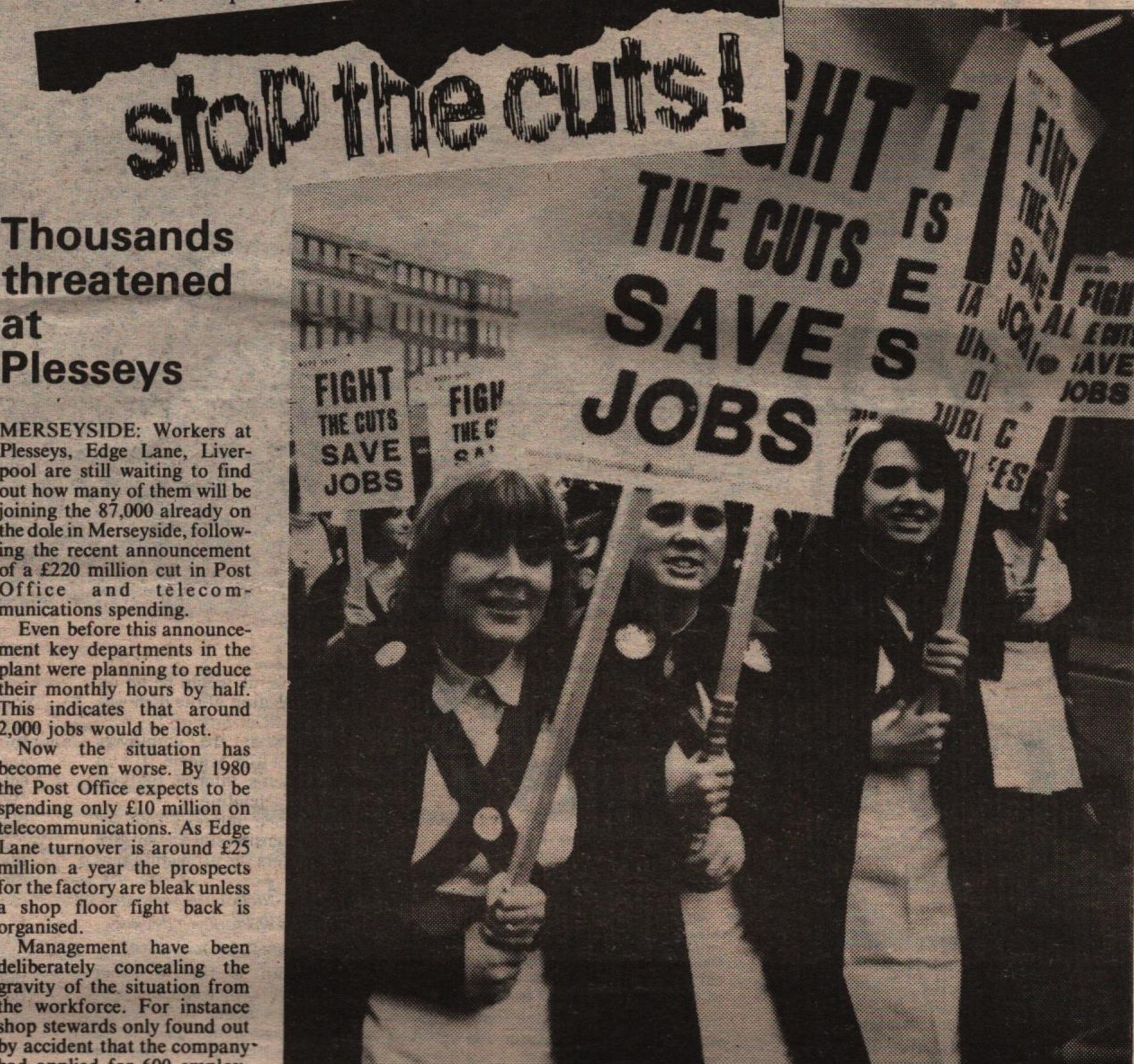
for emergencies and were told that not even in an emergency or major disaster would they call on us..

'So all the management officers are doing jobs which they know nothing about, such as driving ambulances. Most of them don't even have first-aid

certificates, never mind the Miller Certificate, which is the nationally-recognised certificate for ambulance personnel'.

Mike Sargeant, from Brentwood ambulance station, explained that Major Bullough had so far refused to meet the union negotiators and had sent his deputy.

The ambulance men and women have been accused of 'repudiating' their contracts. But if there is no settlement soon, they will be looking for a national stoppage.



Nurses marching on the 80,000 demonstration last Wednesday

## Council workers' flying picket

by PETER WYLIE  
A FLYING PICKET of 50 strikers from the Canterbury Council workers occupied the London offices of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities last Tuesday.

They were demanding that pressure be put on Canterbury Council to back down in the seven-week-old strike, where 350 manual workers have been out since the council sacked

four dustmen for walking out over attempts to cut the bonus payment.

Unfortunately the union is now negotiating on the basis of reinstatement with some voluntary redundancies. One picket told Socialist Worker: 'Voluntary redundancy—it's like knifing your mates in the back.'

The government's Conciliation Service is now active in the strike. On the day they intervened, police escorted

scab labour across the picket line and moved the lorries used for collecting rubbish out of the depot.

The council is clearly out to smash the union by introducing redundancies so they can use private contractors for jobs like collecting rubbish.

□ Messages of support and money are urgently needed. Send to Strike Fund, 124 Old Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent.

## MARCH ON TOWN HALL

FOUR HUNDRED students from Ashton Technical College, near Manchester, struck against the cuts last Wednesday and marched to the Town Hall. The college principle has threatened to take disciplinary action against all involved and has frozen the funds of the student union. He is refusing to recognise the president of the union.

women they'd won and should start work on Monday.

His 'victory' meant Loraine being reinstated but the other cleaners working fewer hours and taking a 20p in the £ pay cut.

McCall shouted: 'Unless you're back to work on Monday I'm having no more to do with you.' The cleaners are gladly fighting on alone.

The factory inspector arrived on Monday—just before 30 coppers who just happened to be passing.

After a look round, he decided that the building is now safe because the cleaners had cleared up most of the dust before they knew it was asbestos. He has still to carry out tests on the dust.

### Unsafe

This in no way alters the findings of two months ago which proved the building was then unsafe when many people were exposed to the deadly dust.

The cleaners are demanding:

□ A register of everyone who used the building when it was unsafe so that the Poly pays compensation if anyone suffers.

□ Loraine Webb reinstated unconditionally

□ Full back pay for the length of the strike.

□ Union labour to be used in future

□ A benefit for the cleaners is to be held at Livingstone House, Livingstone Road, Stratford, this Friday. Admittance 75p.

## Sit-ins for overseas students go on

OCCUPATIONS concerning overseas students are continuing in two polytechnics.

At MIDDLESEX 800 students voted overwhelmingly to continue their occupation of the administration block in protest at overseas students fees and the discriminatory quota system.

On the same day they occupied another building being used by the administration as temporary offices and so effectively prevented them from working.

At TEESIDE Poly last Thursday a massive meeting of 1100 students voted narrowly to continue their occupation indefinitely. They are protesting at the threatened reprobation of 30 overseas students.

They are visiting other colleges for support and looking through the college files—where they have found evidence of discrimination against overseas students applying for admission to the college. One document states: 'There is a point at which the proportion of overseas students begins to alter the character of the institution'.

An electronic bugging device—obviously put there by the authorities—has been found.

### Occupy

Students at SHEFFIELD University staged a one-day occupation last Wednesday, again in protest at discrimination against overseas students.

The students at both Middlesex and Teesside are confident they can win—as long as they get support and solidarity action from other colleges. Unfortunately, the National Union of Students executive—which could give the lead in spreading the occupation—refused to accept this proposal from members of the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies (NOISS) on the executive last Sunday.

That makes it even more important that individual IS Societies, and where possible students unions, take the initiative themselves without waiting for the national union.

Both colleges need visits from delegations and messages of support. But most importantly, they need other colleges to take action, however small.

□ Messages of support etc to: Teesside Polytechnic Students Union, Borough Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, and Middlesex Polytechnic Students Union, Queensway, Enfield.

# Chrysler force 400 out on strike

by PETER BAIN  
Chairman of the TGWU shop stewards, Chrysler Linwood

CHRYSLER have forced 400 workers in the 'bodybuild' area at Linwood in Scotland to take strike action.

For several weeks the management have relentlessly hammered every worker they could with warnings for absence, lateness or leaving the job. The crunch came in one building where 13 work study engineers were brought in to study 13 operators for eight hours.

When the men accepted this the management hotted up the provocation. More warnings were issued. Soon the entire section had received warnings.

The next day the work study men arrived again. The section stopped, and soon the entire building came out in support on indefinite strike.

The Transport Union stewards decided to call a mass meeting of all their members and recommend strike action—then it was decided to shelve the TGWU mass meeting so that all unions in the factory could be involved.

## Defeated

This was in fact a right-wing manoeuvre to avoid taking any action since the TGWU has been forced to sever links with the Joint Shop Stewards over representation on joint committees.

The shop stewards' recommendation was defeated in favour of going to the rest of the unions and so the strikers are on their own for the time being.

This decision represents a serious setback in the fight to defend conditions at Linwood and a defeat for trade union organisation in the plant. Encouraged by the workers' failure to support those on strike, Chrysler will now move into the attack in other areas.

Chrysler's attack is part of the overall employers' offensive in the car industry. Workers at British Leyland have been under the same pressures—with the blackmail thrown in that there will be no more government cash unless they do as their bosses say.

The question of mobilising car workers for a united campaign in defence of conditions and for the nationalisation of their industry under workers' control is again being forced on to the agenda.

# SACK FOR STRIKING HOTEL WORKERS

by a member of the strike committee

OXFORD: 17 of the 22 staff at the Linton Lodge Hotel were sacked last week for taking part in a strike.

They were demanding the reinstatement of two waiters who were sacked, allegedly for 'not settling in the hotel'. The two waiters are Ian Ratcliffe and Joseph Posti. Both are members of the Transport Workers Union, and Joseph is a shop steward.

Everyone else went on strike and were sacked. The management's letter is quite clear why. Each member was sacked 'due to the part taken in the strike.'

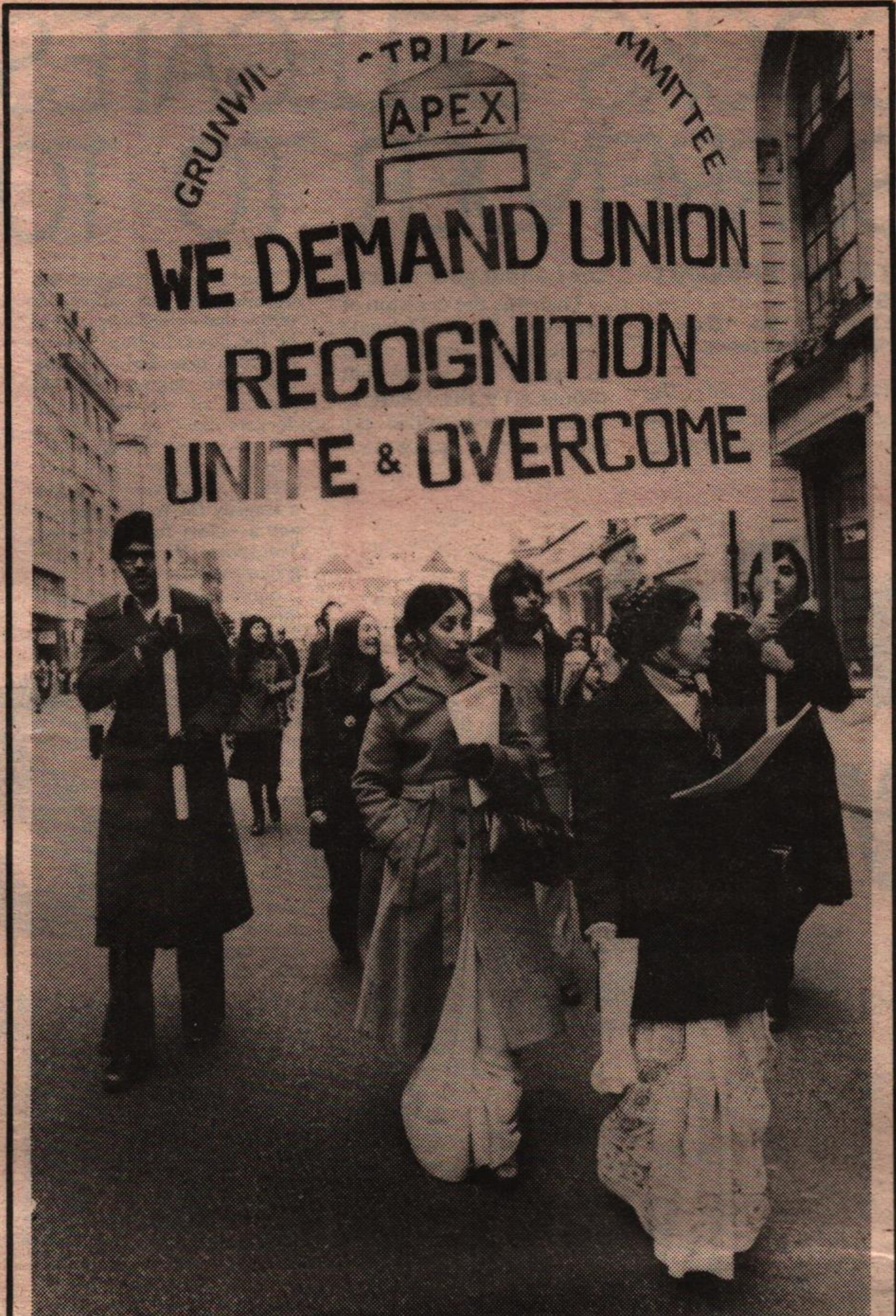
The strikers have occupied their accommodation at the hotel and are refusing to leave.

□ We have also organised a picket line, and would appreciate help on it—phon Oxford 53588.

□ Donations are also welcome. Send to Linton Lodge Strike Committee, c/o 22 Walton Street, Oxford.

# Rubery Owen 120 strike for £10 rise

DARLASTON: Again workers at Rubery Owen are having to fight not only the owner of Britain's largest private company, but also their own union officials. 120 maintenance engineers are on strike to demand regrading, and another 2,000 workers



Grunwicks film processing workers on the demonstration against racism last Sunday. They have been on strike in West London for union recognition for three months. Now the government's Conciliation Service is organising a ballot on whether the workers want to be in the office workers' union APEX. Grunwicks are attempting to avoid handing over the list of

workers—so as to stop the ballot. They have also announced a surprise 15 per cent wage increase. But the strikers are determined to stick out for full union recognition so they can negotiate as one body for all wage increases, for job protection and security and over conditions. No one is prepared to rely on the sudden generosity of a firm like Grunwicks.

# Builders strike to stop 50 sackings

by ALASTAIR McSWEEN (UCATT shop steward)

CENTRAL LONDON: Workers at the Lawrences site in Lower Thames Street are out on strike to stop the sacking of all 50 members of the direct labour force. Both UCATT and TGWU members are on strike.

All 150 men walked out when the management tried to enforce the first redundancies three weeks ago.

The redundancies are disguised victimisations. The site has been strongly organised for two years and Lawrences want to get rid of the shop stewards.

Lawrences are starting men on other jobs in London through sub-contractors, and we have decided to picket these sites. We are starting with Ferdinand Street, off Chalk Farm Road in Camden. We are demanding transfers for all the workers at Lower Thames Street.

We have been offered 32 days money under the Employment Protection Act, but we have turned it down flat.

□ We need the help of all trade unionists and unemployed workers at the picket in Ferdinand Street to help us in our fight for the right to work. The picket is on from Monday to Saturday, from 7.30 am onwards.

□ Resolutions from TGWU and UCATT branches are needed to demand the strike be made official. Financial help is also very welcome. Send to F. Westerman (TGWU), 27 Buckingham Road, Dalston, London E8.

# Lorry drivers in dispute

WITHAM, Essex: 13 lorry drivers from the Crittall's double-glazing factory came out on strike last week.

The cause of the dispute is management's refusal to observe an agreement under which 'contractor' drivers are not allowed to do the trips to Scotland, Ireland and Europe.

They had sent out four contractor lorries on such trips—three of them sneaked out behind the men's backs.

The men then set up a picket. They think management believe that since there has not been a dispute with the lorry men for three years the ground was safe to start under-cutting on them.

Management were wrong.

# Maternity strike!

LANCASHIRE: Strike action in four factories has won one woman her right to work after having a baby.

She took maternity leave from the Standish factory of Sankey Jonchu, but when she returned the management told her the job was no longer open. Workers took immediate strike action, and factories in the group in Blackpool, Burnley and Blackburn came out.

The following afternoon she was reinstated in her job.

Ruthven or any other full-time officials.

Instead they want to conduct all negotiations direct between management and the shop floor. Both full-time officials and the press were refused entry to the last mass meeting.

# Occupation forces Ingersoll to back down

by MICK BRIGHTMAN (AUEW)

WIGAN: The management at Ingersoll Rand have backed down in the face of a determined 12-day occupation of two factories at Hindley Green.

Management have always put two fingers up to the union at Ingersoll-Rand, making it difficult for stewards to operate properly. Amazing anomalies exist in the bonus scheme, with two-thirds of the workforce earning £12-£14 less than others.

The repair fitters, being the worst hit, tried to negotiate a fairer bonus scheme. Management

would not budge to any of the demands, and put the boot in ever harder by laying off eight of them.

The men walked out. Meetings by other workers to discuss the situation met further barriers. Management allowed just 15 minutes for a mass meeting, and then amazingly stopped half an hour's wages.

At a second meeting the convenor, Gordon Clough, wasn't allowed into the factory. When he did get in three hours later, the workforce had three hours money stopped.

## Unanimous

The final straw came at the last mass meeting, called 'off the clock'. The convenor was ordered out of the factory. He got back in on the pretext of getting his coat and the meeting erupted when they heard what was going on. The call was unanimous for a walk-out.

On the picket, APEX and TASS members were heavily pressurised by management. They were told: 'Anyone who gets through the picket line will get paid. Those who don't, will not get paid.'

As Gordon Clough says: 'That's when we decided we had to occupy.'

The district secretary, Harry Costello, who received the enthusiastic support of the Daily Express in his bid to get elected, is not supporting the strike. He explained that the strikers 'didn't go through procedure'.

# Boss 'scared stiff' at Motoradio

BLACKBURN: 40 women and two men are on strike at Motoradio to force the management to negotiate with their union, the General and Municipal Workers (GMWU).

Some of the workers, mainly women, joined the GMWU six months ago. Management tried to sack one man when he was off sick, but he was reinstated by an industrial tribunal.

A supervisor who left temporarily because of an allergy to glue used in the assembly work was replaced by a non-union woman, a favourite of John Martin, the manager. Martin also refused to bring the women's wages up from £31 to the minimum union rate of 33.60. Even then the

women would be on nothing like equal pay.

Management refuse to negotiate with the union official, Joyce Dawson, on Friday they even refused to pay wages.

Before leaving the picket line to try to obtain money for the strikers from the social security, Mrs Dawson told the women: 'The management are scared stiff. We can win this if only we stay out a bit longer.'

The women need all the support we can give them, especially at weekends.

□ Telegrams, donations and messages of support to: The Motoradio Picket Line, c/o Mrs J Dawson, GMWU Offices, 22 Wellington Street, St Johns, Blackburn, Lancs.

THE 20-week occupation of Rolls-Royce Blantyre is coming to an end on terms that are a victory for the management. Full report in next week's Socialist Worker.

# Bingo women pressure officials

COVENTRY: The strike of bingo workers at Club One and Rialto Casino has entered its fifth week with the women as determined as ever. In the past week the organisation of the strike has improved immensely, as we have realised that the strike will not be won by leaving it to the officials.

Before Monday many of us were getting disheartened by the lack of support, and especially strike pay, from the officials. So on Monday about 30 of us, from both clubs, went to Transport House and insisted on speaking to officials.

After phoning almost everyone in the TGWU from Jack Jones downwards, and after pressure from leading industrial TGWU members locally John Joynson saw us on Tuesday, when the situation was resolved and strike pay was agreed to be paid every Friday. The result was that a mass meeting of both clubs we decided overwhelmingly to continue the strike.

□ Messages of support and donations to: Anne Coffey, 42 Hamilton Road, Coventry.

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## DOCKS DELEGATES SURRENDER TO TORIES

by EDDIE PREVOST (TGWU) Delegate to Docks Delegate Conference.

THE future of the registered docker is to be sacrificed to prop up

the Labour government. That was the decision of Monday's Docks Delegate Conference, which voted to accept the scraps left behind after the House of Lords disembowelled the Bill to extend dockwork.

Dockers will regret this decision for generations. It means that the security offered by the Dock Labour Scheme has been breached. It means that scab labour has the sanction of the law to do dockers' work—providing it is 881 yards from a tidal river. It is an abject surrender—without a shot being fired. It is a tragedy for trade unionism and a victory for Jack Jones, Transport Workers Union general secretary.

Jones pulled every stroke he knew to whip dockers into line behind the government. Not only Jones, but TGWU docks secretary Tommy Cronin and Albert Booth, Minister for Unemployment, were given unlimited time to speak from the platform.

The chairman would allow only questions, not contributions from the floor. And the result was a clear majority 55 to 18 to accept the Bill.

But those 18 represented probably more dockers than the 55. As far as I could see every major port except Liverpool voted against.

### Democracy

But the Conference is totally undemocratic. The two votes against from the 3000 dockers in the London Royal Group were outweighed by the two votes for from the 100 dockers in the China Clay ports.

Booth kidded the conference that he could use his enabling power under the Bill to extend the half-mile corridor. But Booth knows that is a half-truth. It would involve

not only a public inquiry but also a Yes vote in both Houses of Parliament.

Jones pumped out his usual argument that we must not under any circumstances jeopardise the Labour government. Jones has now abandoned all pretence of being a trade unionist: today he is just a PR man for the most right-wing government since the war.

Dockers have been loyal to the government. For four years, we have mainly suspended industrial action to allow time for constitutional methods to try to solve the problems of our industry.

### Danger

We have watched another 10,000 jobs go down the river. And now we see the final insult—a Bill which not only gives us very little, but which is a positive danger to our jobs.

The employers and the Tories are already massing for a frontal assault on our jobs. Our only defence is our industrial power. A dock strike could cripple the pound, but that is the very power that the delegate conference has surrendered.

The only group to emerge with credit from this circus is The Dockworker, the men organised around that paper were the only ones to try and take up the fight. Now the problem is to extend that organisation and influence for the next time.

□ Contact The Dockworker, 24 Florence Road, London E13.

# Save our hospital from property sharks

WORKERS at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson hospital in Central London have started a work-in to stop it from being closed.

Pickets are on the hospital gate 24 hours a day to make sure nothing is taken out of the building and only authorised visitors are allowed in.

The Department of Health has said that the hospital—one of two women's hospitals in London—will close by the end of the year. They have been systematically running it down, refusing to carry out vital repairs, because they say there is no money available.

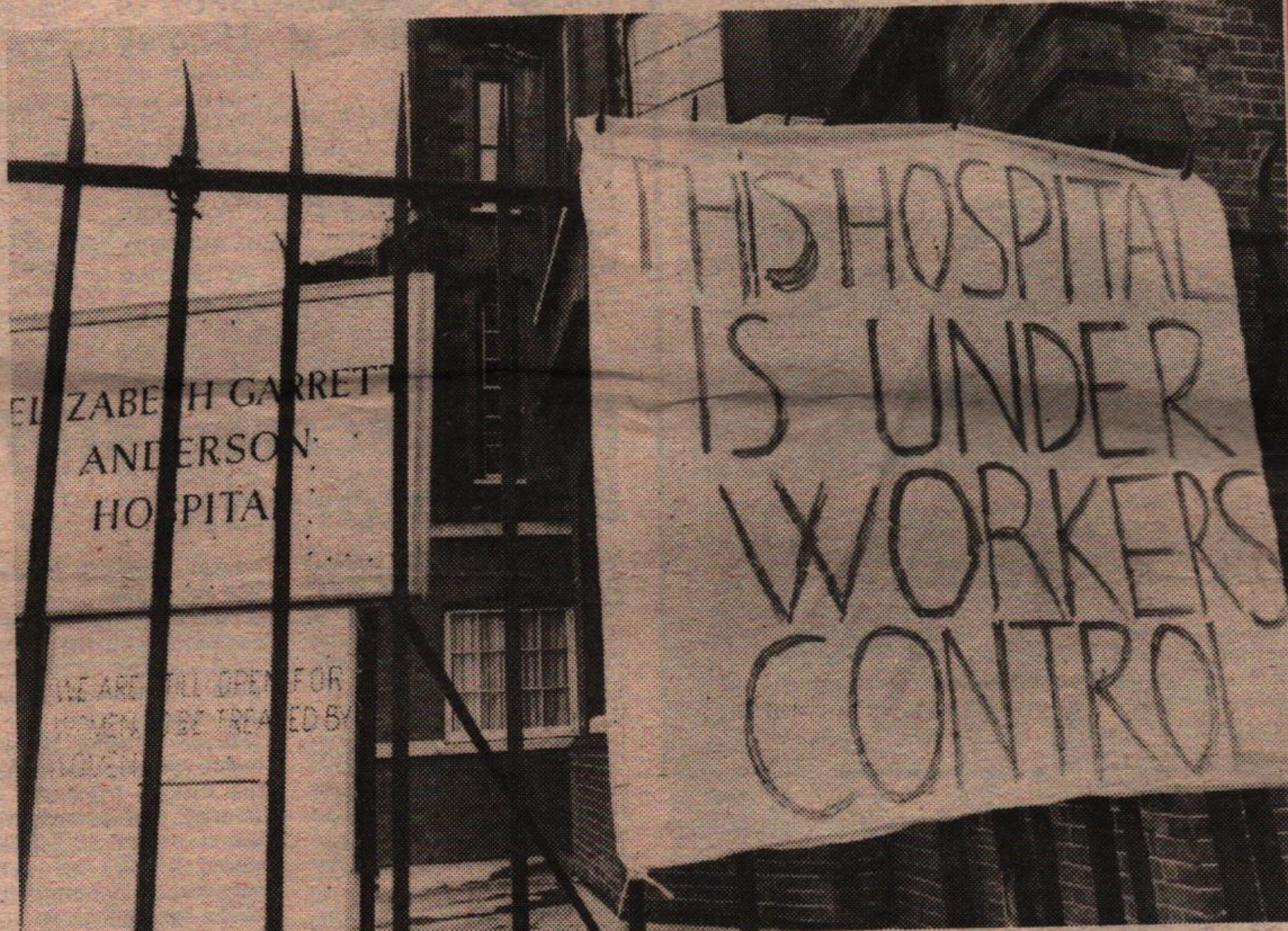
The hospital is on a plum site in Euston Road. Its facilities are squeezed into another hospital the building land would no doubt fetch a vast amount of money on the property market.

### United

Members of the four unions at the hospital—NUPE, COHSE, ASTMS and NALGO—are united in demanding repairs be done and the hospital stay open.

Patients are supporting the work-in. Said May Watts, who has been treated at the EGA for 27 years: 'This is a disgusting move by the government. They just don't care about the needs of patients and staff.'

'Well, they're not going to get this site. There are lots of pensioners who come here who would be prepared to pay £1 a week to keep this place



The banner proclaims the hospital workers' determination

going. I would give everything I've got.

'They talk about moving us all somewhere else, but they don't take into account the atmosphere and working relationships which have taken years to build up.'

Mrs Rosamund Cutler says she will carry on coming to the EGA so long as the staff keep it open. 'It is these people who make this hospital and I

think they've been treated in an appalling manner.

'If the Department had spent money in the past instead of running it down the repairs wouldn't cost so much now. They've only themselves to blame for that, so why should we all suffer?'

Dennis Edwards, a Transport Workers shop steward from Maida Vale Hospital, North West London,

went to the EGA on Thursday to offer support.

'Our own position is unclear at the moment,' he said. 'There are plans to close Maida Vale but we are being given contradictory information all the time.'

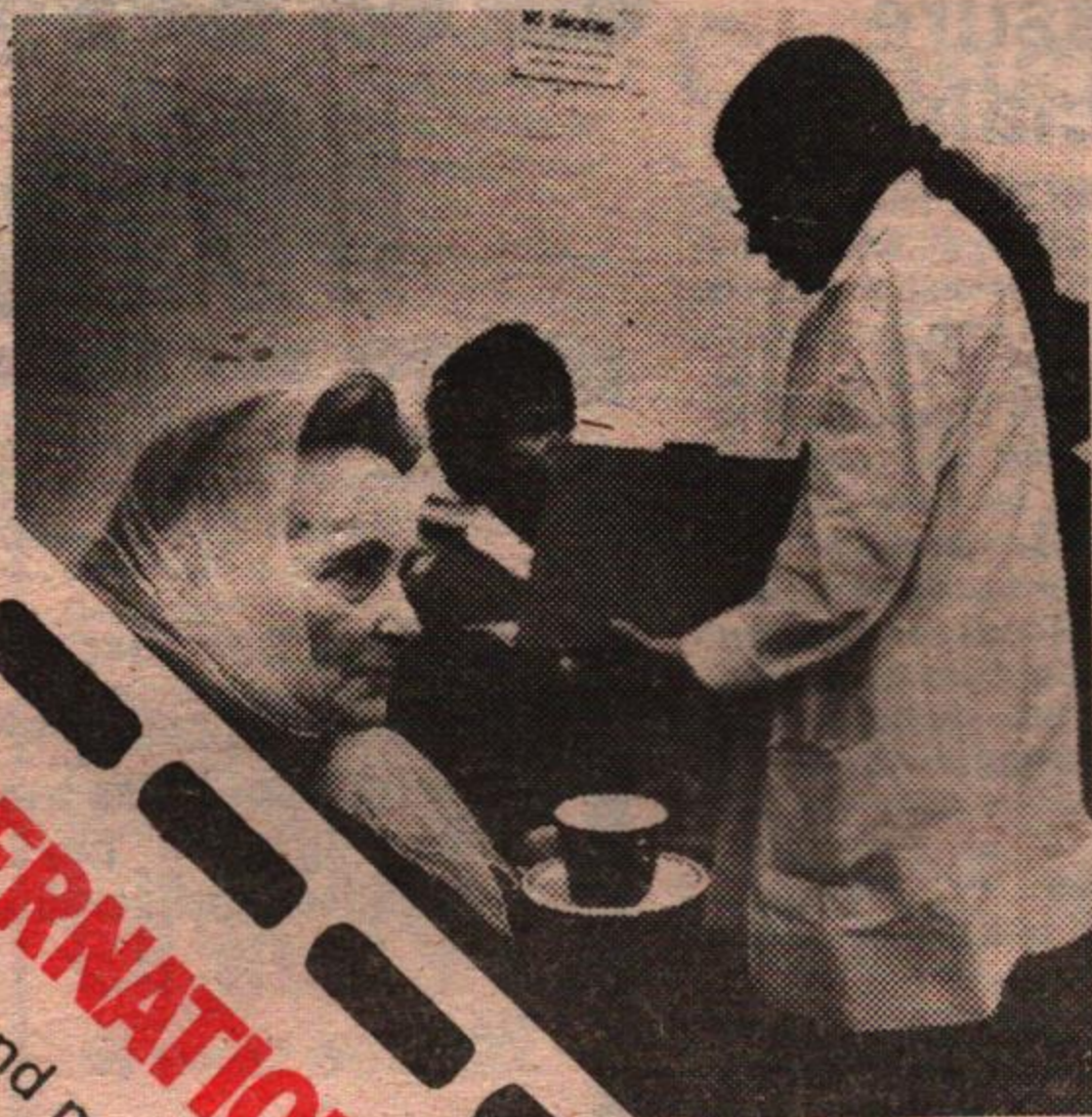
'We will support any fight against the cuts. We're all in it together. We're fighting for our hospitals and our jobs.'

The Right to Work Campaign called this week for a big solidarity campaign in support of the workers at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson

Hospital workers all over London must keep a lookout for the transfer of equipment or patients from the EGA, and block them at once. Workers at the Whittington Hospital should be especially vigilant, since there is talk of a new unit opening there with EGA equipment.

Trade unionists in the Camden Health Authority and the Department of Health should ensure the EGA workers are paid their wages in January. Trades Councils in North London should discuss now how industrial support can be won for hospital workers

□ Support the 24-hour picket and work-in: Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, by Euston Station, London WC1.

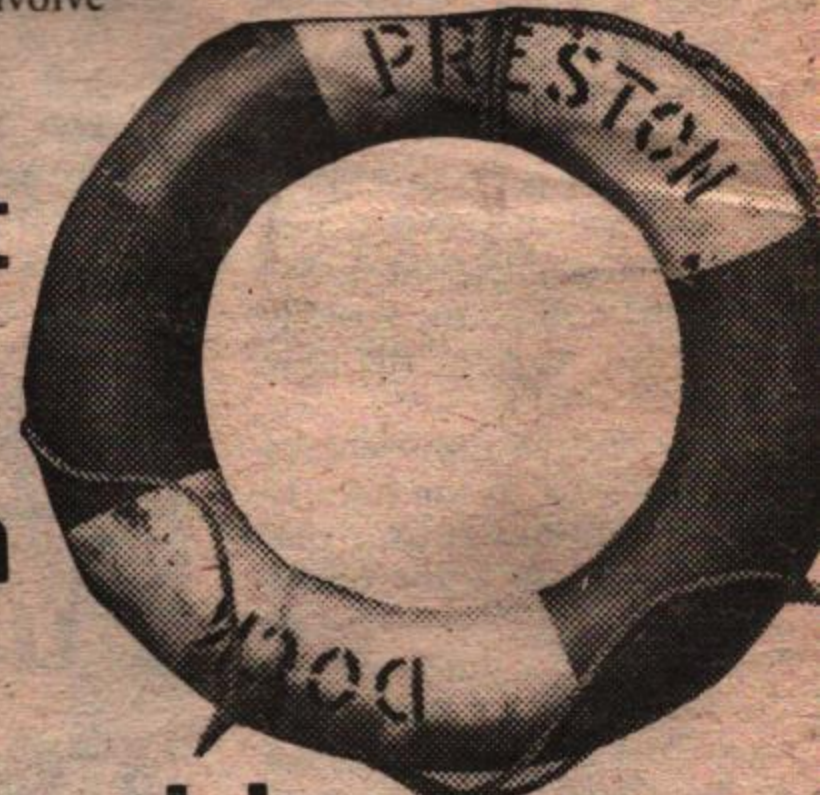


Mary Watts



Rosamund Cutler

## Jones spells it out for Preston We're doing nothing



by BOB LIGHT

A DEPUTATION of 60 dockers from the port of Preston, which is facing closure, travelled to London to picket the Docks Delegate Conference. And the TGWU hierarchy showed exactly what they intend to do about Preston—nothing.

A delegation from the Royal Docks Divisional Committee tried to meet the TGWU National Docks Group Committee to press a resolution for a strike if the Preston lads are sacked.

The Chairman agreed to allow the delegation into the meeting and divisional chairman Maurice Foley began to put the case. But docks group secretary Tommy Cronin refused to allow Maurice to speak.

### Refusal

In the conference Southampton delegate Bill Whitlock tried to get standing orders suspended to discuss Preston. Although other delegates supported him, the chairman refused even to accept the motion.

Under pressure, Jack Jones agreed to meet some of the Preston lads. He was reminded by a London delegate, Harry Brown, that during last year's 5-week strike in London, when Jones was trying to get us back at work, he gave us an absolute 'copper-bottomed' guarantee that if one registered man was threatened with the sack, he would call a national strike.

On Monday Jones absolutely denied that he made the promise. Well, I was at the

meeting, along with 400 or 500 other dockers, in Poplar Town Hall on 28 March 1975—and we know that he made the promise. We know that Jones is a liar.

When Jones spoke to the Preston dockers, his main concern was to slag off The Dockworker, the dockers' rank and file paper that is trying to defend Preston. Jones said it was an 'IS front'—which will come as a great surprise to many of the members of Jones' own party who sell and write for The Dockworker.

### Red-scare

The red scare is the first resort of a frightened man—exactly the tactics used against Jones when he first came to power in the TGWU.

But now all Jones wants is to let Preston quietly rot. He knows that other ports are already queuing up to follow Preston and sack dockers—Methil in Scotland and Weymouth—but for Jones no sacrifice is too much not to embarrass the Labour government.

The TGWU will do nothing to defend the Preston dockers, unless they are forced to. That means the National Port Shop Stewards must take up the fight.

Preston docks shop stewards committee gave £10 to The Dockworker on Monday. Colin Clayton, shop steward and TGWU branch secretary, said: 'Dockworker tells the facts as they are. We cannot rely on the capitalist press. The special edition of Dockworker was really good.'

## Ireland Unfree will never be at Peace

PICKET the 'Peace at any price' marchers.

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□ All London Districts of the International Socialists to attend.

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