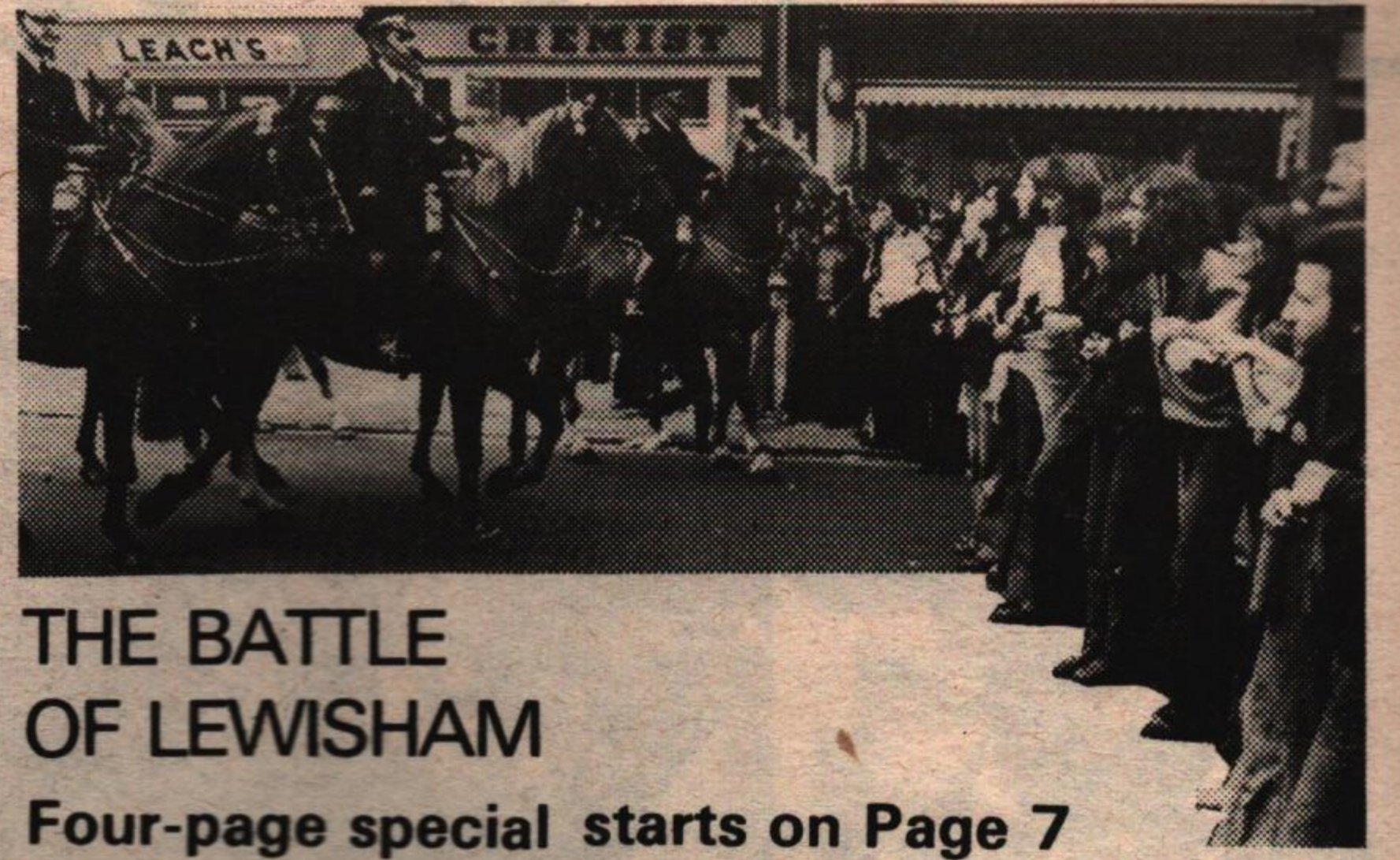


# Socialist Worker

PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 10p



THE BATTLE OF LEWISHAM

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# WE STOPPED THE NAZIS

**DAVID FOSTER** told *Socialist Worker* on Tuesday how the black people who live in Lewisham feel about the events of last weekend.

David, a bus inspector, was once a policeman in Jamaica. His son Christopher is one of the 21 black youths facing trumped-up conspiracy charges from the local police.

All the people I've talked to in this area are glad there was a counter-demonstration. They're glad that the National Front were stopped from marching as they wanted to.

I've lived here for 26 years. My children have been brought up to know no difference between white and black skin colour. I've never come across much colour prejudice here—until the National Front moved in.

The National Front have done everything in their power to whip up hatred between black and white. They have brought racial violence and destruction to a peaceful community.

On 2 July, when we marched for our children who have been arrested, the National Front showed who are the violent ones.

They attacked our demonstration; threw acid in the eyes of one young girl and broke the jaw of another.

I haven't heard anyone around here complaining about the violence on Saturday.

### Violence

What they say is: If the National Front had been allowed to march, there would have been much more violence in the community.

They would have got a stranglehold on the community. They would have started to do whatever they liked.

Then you would have seen real violence. Black people would have been killed.

The best thing about the counter-demonstration is that the National Front will think again before they put their foot in here.

I've supported the Labour Party seven times and the Liberal Party once in the last 26 years.

But they don't do anything to stop racialism in this area.

I don't agree with everything the Socialist Workers Party says, but they were the only organisation to stand up for the rights of black people here.



# ...AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!

### JOIN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

SINCE last Saturday the Socialist Workers Party has been flooded with calls from people wanting to know how to help us in the fight against the Nazis.

You can join the Socialist Workers Party today by filling in the form below and sending it to 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

### AID OUR ANTI-NAZI FUND

If you want to help the anti-Nazi fight, but are not yet prepared to *join* our party, send a donation to our anti-Nazi fund at the address above.

# Reinstate steward-or we stop Heathrow



Jack Gatsky: sacked for telling the truth

ENGINEERING workers at Heathrow will strike at 6.30 am this Friday if leading shop steward Jack Gatsky is not re-instated.

That decision was taken on Tuesday by nearly 3,000 workers with a two-to-one majority.

Jack Gatsky was suspended for telling the newspapers that he wanted a public inquiry into safety standards at Heathrow. A few days later, Ian Morris, rank and file Presidential candidate in the AUEW elections, was also suspended for telling the newspapers that he supported Gatsky's right to complain!

## Sacked

Gatsky was sacked outright last week. Full-time officials at Tuesday's meeting made it clear that engineers could not tolerate the victimisation of any shop steward.

Pickets will be out on Friday telling workers from other unions that they should not cross the picket lines.

Jack Gatsky was a member of the committee of five shop stewards which led the strike earlier this year for decent shift rates.

Below we reproduce the statement Ian Morris made at the British Airways Inquiry following his suspension.

The statement I made to the press association was not about British Airways as such.

The statement contained my reactions to the summary suspension of a fellow shop steward, and my reactions to an article containing an interview with Sir Frank McFazdean published in the Evening News.

The article contained statements that were factually incorrect and were prejudicial to me personally and to the trade union movement at British Airways. They were also prejudicial to British Airways, in my opinion.

## Practice

He stated "there is a political campaign to ground the airline" and "you can pick up International Socialist pamphlets on the airport and there is a degree of political motivation in the campaign against us."

I am at present contesting an important election in my union. In my election address I state that I work at Heathrow and that I am a member of the Socialist Workers Party (late International Socialists).

Our members, reading Sir Frank McFazdean's article, could well get the impression that I am engaged in attempting to ground the state airline, which is ludicrous in the extreme.

It is a denial of basic human rights to attempt to impose a staff regulation to prevent me from correcting this impression.

As secretary of the Joint Shop Stewards Committee, I feel I have the right, if not the duty, to point out that if the airline was grounded, the cause was more likely to be shortage of skilled labour rather than cloak and dagger politics leading the trade union movement by the nose.

It has always been custom and practice that the trade union point of view at the airport has been published and the spokesmen have been many and various.

To single me out, even before the statement is published, for the first statement I have made, can be nothing other than blatant victimisation.



Tuesday's mass meeting: the strike call was carried by a 2 - 1 majority

# MAGNIFICENT! £1,000 BOOST FOR RIGHT TO WORK FUND

**'SO YOU'RE going to march some youth from Wigan to Blackpool?'**

**'On the march they'll meet agitators, disidents, militants, ultra-lefts, subversives and other troublemakers, and readers of the 'nasty vulgar, Trotskyist rag' Socialist Worker.'**

*Who wrote these words? A*

**The man who's riding 1,760 miles to raise money**

**GLOUCESTER building worker Simon Phillips will be trying to raise money next week for the Right to Work Campaign in an unusual way—a sponsored motor cycle ride.**

The route will be from Gloucester to Land's End to John O'Groats and back to Gloucester—a total of 1,760 miles.

'It's going to be a long slog,' he said, 'but it will be worth it for the Right to Work Campaign.'

'If people think my bike ride is a good idea, they should consider organising their own.'

It is hoped that the sponsorship will raise several hundred pounds.

Nearly £100 has been raised by trade unionists in the Gloucester area.

*right-wing Tory out to bait the unemployed?*

Not at all, K. D. Harding's letter from North London ends: 'Here's £50. I can think of no better use for this old man's money!'

£1000 has been raised by the Rank and File teachers organisation towards the £12,500 target. Teachers on holiday have pledged £10 each to be collected when they return to work next term.

There are many more teachers

and lecturers who can follow this tremendous example of support to the hundreds of school-leavers signing up for the march.

Collections have also been received from Surrey University ASTMS members 3.40, Abraham Moss Centre Middle School Teachers £9.60, South Teesside General Hospital Site £7.95 and £33 collected by T&GWU members at Aintree bus garage.

The first of the regional registration meetings for marchers has been very successful.

Many trade unionists are pledging to collect from their

friends, family, and neighbours. In Grimsby, Right to Work campaigners collected £7.90 outside a football match and £40 from collecting in the pubs. In Guildford, £8.80 was collected on the dole queue.

If the unemployed can collect such sums from among themselves, then every employed person reading this can take a collection at work this Friday.

We need one final push at

collections, in pubs, factories, offices, outside football matches and anywhere else to raise support for the many unemployed marching to Blackpool.

Send in your collections straight away

Rush donations and collections to:

□ National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Rd, London, N4

## You can't come here, Tories tell the jobs marchers

THE RIGHT to Work marchers have been banned from camping in Preston, Lancashire, by the Tory-controlled council.

This incredible decision was denounced by Labour councillor Frank McGrath as 'petty and thoughtless'.

The aims of the Right to Work Campaign are in con-

flict with the Tories' said the councillor, highlighting the Tories' traditional contempt for the unemployed.

The ban has caused a stir in Lancashire. Radio Blackburn interviewed Steve Brindle, secretary of the Preston Right to Work Campaign.

He told listeners that the marchers would be stopping in Preston whatever happened.

The campaign continues to

hit the headlines in the North.

The Daily Express carried a big story and photograph at the end of last month when Right to Work demonstrators invaded job centres in Paisley.

Young unemployed were joined by members of the Paisley Students Association worried that college these days is more likely to be a passport to the dole than to a 'good job'.

## Support

GLASGOW: Last Saturday the Glasgow Right to Work Campaign organised a day of action throughout Clydeside to win support for the unemployed march to next month's TUC in Blackpool.

In four hours over £100 was collected and another 14 marchers signed up for the march.

Laird Portsch, the clothing factory in East Kilbride where recently over 300 women were on strike for eight weeks for equal pay, have agreed to sponsor the march and are donating £40 to the Campaign.

**NOW IT'S UP TO £5,000 — BUT ANOTHER £7,500 IS STILL NEEDED**

£5,000 has so far been collected for the march.

And sponsorship has been received in the last week from the following organisations:

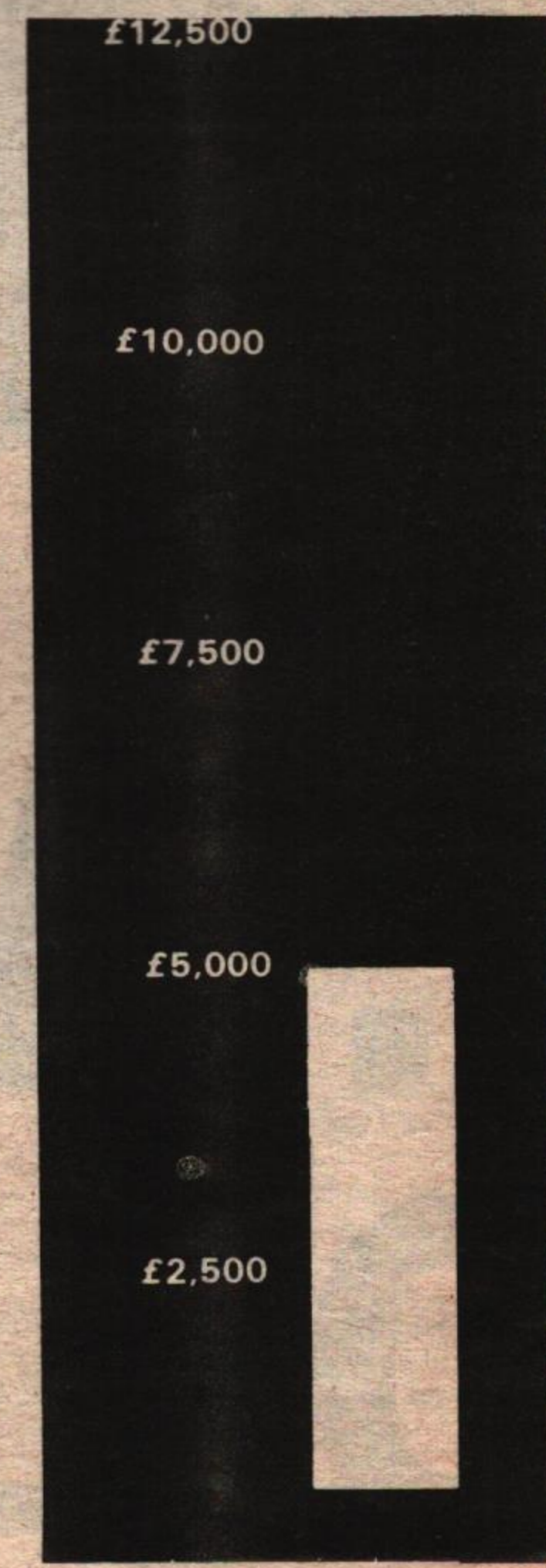
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- Wednesbury 3 AUEW
- TGWU 6/505
- Kirkby 3 AUEW
- Knottingly NUPE
- ASTMS Sheffield Steel
- Hounslow NALGO
- Greenings (Warrington) JSSC
- TGWU 7/38/178
- AUEW Cheltenham
- AUEW Ealing
- Southwark NALGO
- SLADE Executive Committee
- Wirral Trades Council
- Southwark Social Services SSC
- Brook Motors (Honley) SSC
- NUM Denby Grange

**Grunwick Strike Committee**  
**MASS PICKET APPEAL**  
**for WITNESSES**

Prosecutions of those arrested on the Grunwick picket line are due to start next Monday, 22 August. If you witnessed any arrests or have information about events leading up to them or you took photographs of any incidents, please contact

□ Brent Community Law Centre (01-451-1125) or write to or call at

□ Brent Community Law Centre, 161 Church Road, London NW10.



THE TRUTH ABOUT THE POLICE AND THE VIOLENCE

# The NF are Nazis—and there's only one way to deal with them

THE ATTACKS on the police at Lewisham and Birmingham have been followed by denunciations of the Socialist Workers Party.

But why did the police come under fire?

They did so because they were ordered to protect the Nazis at all costs.

This in areas where local black people, particularly black youths, have for long been on the receiving end of harassment and trumped up charges from the many racials within the police.

No wonder they were angry when the police began defending those whose avowed aim is to destroy the black community in this country.

Their anger exploded when the police produced their newest riot equipment to use against them.

They felt entitled to use any means at hand to fight off the police and assert their control over the streets where they live.

The Socialist Workers Party does not, as the press pretend, follow a policy of systematic attacks on the police.

We believe revolution can only take place when the majority of working people have been won over to our point of view.

That means a long process of argument, of showing workers through their struggles in the factories and localities, that our ideas are correct.

But the police have got only themselves to blame if they get hurt while defending Nazi marches and meetings in the midst of the communities the Nazis would like to destroy.

## Don't let the police stop the carnival

By Tony Bogues, Socialist Worker and Flame

THE NOTTING Hill Carnival returns at the end of next week.

The press have been trying to imply that the SWP wishes to see 'violence'. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Carnival was a high point in the life of the West Indian community. Then, last year, it was stormed by hundreds of police.

If the police stay away, it will be peaceful and enjoyable.

If, however, they come in large numbers to pounce on black youth, the whole place will erupt.

Black youth and socialists want to enjoy the carnival but they will have to be prepared to defend themselves.

Our slogan is: 'Don't Stop the Carnival—Police Muggers Out'

## THE SOCIALIST Workers Party has been abused for calling on trade unionists and black people to confront the National Front in Lewisham and Birmingham.

We have been accused of advocating 'thug rule', or organising a 'hate rampage'.

It has been claimed that we attacked a 'peaceful group' that does not believe in 'violence'.

People who say these things either don't know—or don't want to know—what the National Front is. It is a Nazi organisation, modelled upon the party that Hitler built in Germany before the war.

Its national organiser, Martin Webster, has said: 'We are building a well-oiled Nazi machine'.

Its chairman, John Tyndall, has declared that 'Mein Kampf is my doctrine'.

The avowed Nazi who infiltrated the Labour Party in Ladywood, Birmingham and became its agent told The Guardian last week that 'the leaders of the National Front are Nazis'.

The same story is told by people who have left the National Front in disgust, such as John Considine in last week's Socialist Worker.

The methods of Nazis are not peaceful. Their aim is to build a movement that can dominate the streets and intimidate black people, Jewish people and anyone who opposes them.

They know the economic crisis is demoralising more and more people. They hope to feed off this despair by offering the illusory excitement of street demonstrations, of attacks on black homes and clubs, of petrol bombings of left-wing bookshops and Jewish shops.

As Hitler once put it, the aim is to create such a feeling of excitement that 'the little man, although he is only a worm, feels as if he is part of a mighty dragon'.

Instead of blaming the capitalist economic system for people's problems, they blame black people and 'Jewish financiers'. The moment they feel they have sufficient control of the streets in any area, they begin to exploit people's feeling of despair so as to launch attacks on minority groups.

Every successful march, every successful attack on black people, builds up the mood of exhilaration that stops their followers seeking for the real causes of their despair.

Once the Nazis have built up enough momentum, they will do to black people what Hitler did to the Jews. They will also begin to attack strikers, as Tyndall promised in a recent issue of his rag, Spearhead.

That is why the Nazis have to be stopped

now, before they can begin to enjoy such successes.

So far they have been unable to translate the considerable passive electoral support they get into an active presence on the streets.

This has not been because of anything the police or the Home Office have done—they have done their best to aid Nazi marches.

It has been because socialists, trade unionists and black people have organised to stop their marches, as we organised on Saturday and Monday.

To those who denounce us, we say: If you had been in Germany in 1933, and you knew then what we know now about the Nazis, would you have sat at home and waited for reason to prevail?

## Don't forget where the rats breed

THE SOCIALIST Workers Party has received enormous publicity for our fight against the Nazis.

But we do not believe you can fight these vermin without also fighting the conditions in which they breed.

That is why we cannot finally defeat the Nazis unless we overthrow the wage controls that have brought massive cuts in living standards for millions of workers, white and black alike.

We also have to organise a fight-back against unemployment.

Despair at rising unemployment is driving people in desperation into the arms of the Nazis.

Unemployment is also creating the general feeling of uncertainty that the Nazis are trying to exploit. For instance, as we show on page six, youth unemployment is creating the growth of petty crime that the Nazis call 'mugging' and blame on black people.

That is why one important step forward from the Lewisham and Birmingham demonstrations is the unemployment march called for a fortnight's time by the Right to Work Campaign.

Lewisham Defence Campaign meeting for all defendants: Thursday 18 August, 7.30pm, West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road.



'WE FIGHT HARD FOR EVERYTHING'

# Every woman is an image of energy...



LAST WEEK the Indian women on the Grunwick picket line congregated outside the gate for the 50th week. If they had been running the strike, it would probably have been won by now.

Publicity has focused on Mrs Desai but most of the women strikers feel just as angry. Some of them explained why to Socialist Worker.



WE ALL voted against Roy Grantham when he came to tell us to call off the mass picket for 8 August.

He was probably annoyed that we did so, but we don't care about that.

We cannot win without the mass pickets.

Every step forward we have taken is a result of the mass pickets. They have brought us everything.

## Angry

Look, they've even postponed the date of publishing the findings of the Court of Inquiry because the mass pickets were called off. Without showing this power and spirit, we are nothing.

The women are angry at the racism all our people have had to put up with in that factory. Why should we put up with it?

We came to this country to work but all we've got is abuse. Those Grunwick managers picked on us in the nastiest of ways.



'We all voted against calling off the mass picket'

## The women of Grunwicks, talking to John Rose

You know about how they made us put up our hand if we wanted to go to the toilet.

And how the pregnant women were denied time off to visit the doctor.

## Sack

Well, the nastiest of all the managers, Alden, used to park his car in the yard. He'd watch us to see if we went near it. He once approached one of us and accused her of scratching the car with her

finger nails.

Another time a girl's dress touched his car. He came out and told her to move away. His car was more expensive than her dress, he said.

This man could sack us on the spot. He loved doing that. He looked for any excuse.

The women are more determined than the men on the picket. We are here much more regularly than they are.

Women understand things better than men and boys. Look, we have to look after

our homes as well as do the picketing. This is why we need the union more than the men.

If we are less harassed at work, we will be able to pay more attention to our homes.

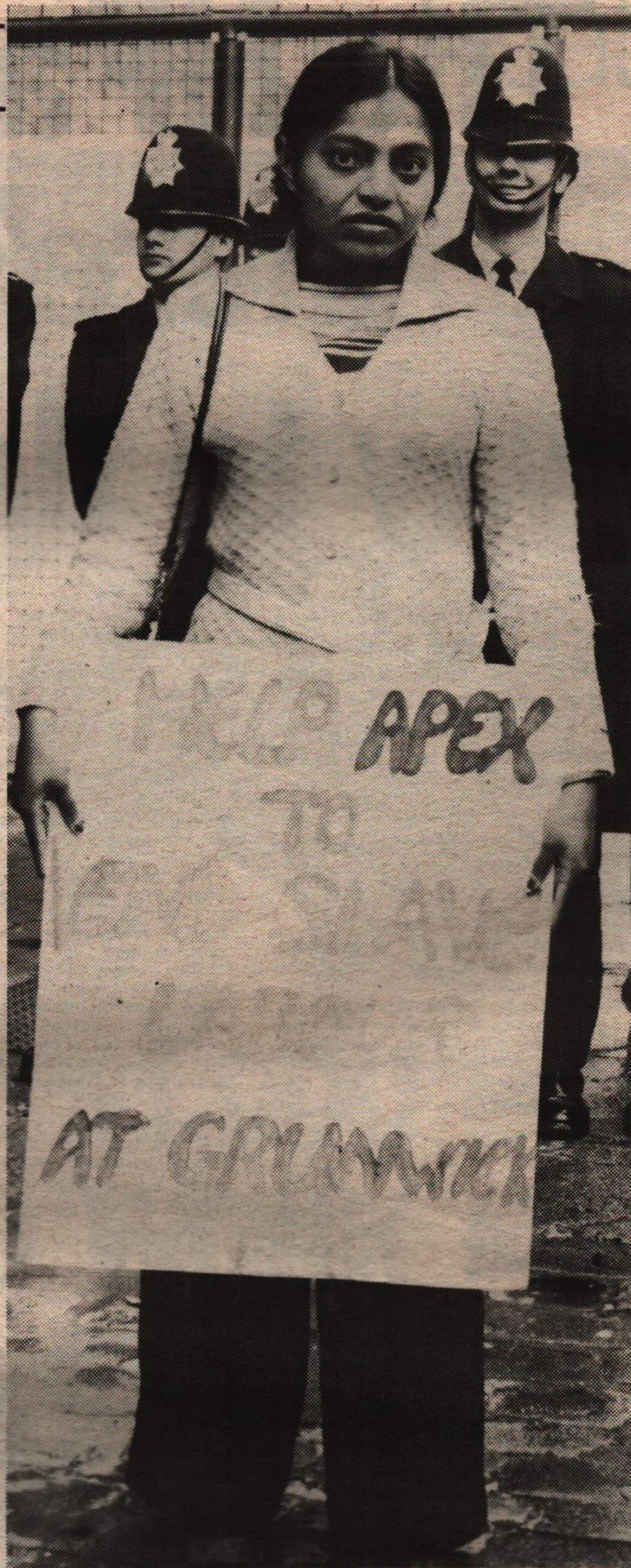
We can't trust the men to do the housework. They are incapable of doing it. Why,

## Hard

some of them can't even make tea properly!

For all these reasons the women are fighting harder. But women always fight hard for everything...

In our philosophy every woman is an image of energy.



## Police admit: We 'cooked' evidence

THE persecution of the Ward family by the Northampton police has had a bit of set-back.

Louise Ward was found not guilty on 5 August of causing a breach of the peace. The police admitted that they had cooked their notebooks.

They pinned another charge on her: 'conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace'. Louise was fined £25, and is appealing.

On 9th August, Janet Ward was found not guilty of damaging a police cell. On the same day, news leaked out that PC 194, Dave Hasdell, also known as Marshall, is likely to resign while an inquiry into his activities is conducted.

Marshall has spearheaded the campaign against the Wards.

## Agree

Janet has been accused of writing 'Up The IRA' in one of the cells, but the police couldn't agree which cell.

The manager of a social security office testified that she had left peaceably when arrested, and one of the policemen had called her a 'little bitch'.

The 'waistcoat with metal buttons' with which Janet was supposed to have written the words turned out to have plastic buttons.

One thing was agreed in court: Janet had dreadful injuries after being released from a night in the cells, during which she was beaten unconscious.

The verdicts were followed by incredible scenes.

About 20 police in the corridor were greeted with a huge chorus of Muggers In Blue—Out! Janet Ward is Innocent—and 194 is Guilty!

The pathetic Marshall took cover behind other officers.

Eddie Ward, Janet's father, told Socialist Worker: 'Merway police station is a bad shop. The minority of police scum there have been thoroughly exposed by the events today. The place should be cleared out'.

## CONFERENCE ON GRUNWICK

Called by South East Region TUC and Region No. 1, T&GWU

Tuesday 23 August, 7.30pm

Friends House (near Euston) London, NW1

Credentials from Jack Dromey, 13 Plympton Road, London, NW6 7EH  
GRUNWICK STRIKE ANNIVERSARY RALLY & SOCIAL Alexandra Palace, Friday 19 August



## Rank and File DIARY

**DEFEND DIRECT WORKS!** Mass National Delegate Conference of local authority workers to build a national campaign against attacks on Direct Works and against the cuts. Called by Manchester, Liverpool and Sandwell (Birmingham) Direct Works. Saturday 20 August, 1pm-5pm. Houldsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Credentials (25p) from J Kelly, 17 Findon Road, Manchester 23.

**NUJ DARLINGTON:** Cause for Celebration, Closed Shop Open Party. To mark the anniversary of Darlington journalists closed shop declaration and impending strike victory. Friday 19 August, 8pm-1am. Live music, disco, cabaret, late bar. Beehive ballroom, McMullen Road, Darlington. Tickets 50p from NUJ Strike HQ, 9 Victoria Road, Darlington. All trade unionists welcome.

**COLLECTION SHEETS** to raise support for the Right to Work March where you work. Available from the Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

**SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH!** Stickers now available. 20p a sheet of 12. Ideal for street and pub collections for the Right to Work March fund. Order from Right to Work Campaign, Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

**EDUNBURGH:** Picket THF hotel. Saturday 20 August. Meet 5pm, The Mitre, High Street. Hourly rota. Jointly organised by Edinburgh Womens Voice and the Right to Work Campaign.

**BRIGHTON:** Song for the Right to Work! An evening of traditional Irish music and song in aid of the Right to Work March, with Tim O'Leary. Floor singer welcome. Friday 19 August, 8pm, Queen's Head, Steine Street, off the Old Steine, Brighton. 40p, claimants 25p.

**GUILDFORD** Right to Work Campaign has RAND NEW PAIR OF Clarke's Nature Trek shoes, size 7, for sale: £85. Proceeds to Right to Work March. 21 Cooper Road, Guildford, Surrey.

**GUILDFORD** Right to Work Campaign has a brand new pair of Clarke's Nature Trek shoes, size 7, for sale: £8. Proceeds to Right to Work March. 21 Cooper Road, Guildford, Surrey.

**WOULD** the comrade who picked up a pair of gold-rimmed glasses at Clifton Rise on the Lewisham demo contact Hull Socialist Books, Hull 25925.

**BUILDING WORKER** July/August issue now out. 5p a copy (plus 7p postage) from 19 Red Post Hill, London SE24.

# LIES, DAMN LIES AND LORD NELSON

BY SEYMOUR PROPHET, THE BUG IN THE BOARD ROOM

'THE NEXT truth which must be universally recognised is that we cannot carry on with low average outputs per man.

This explains why it has become increasingly impossible to accede wage demands unless they are linked with greater output.

rewards are only possible for those who either on account of higher skill, greater application or longer working hours make a higher contribution per man per year.

'Our customers will not pay for workers who are less efficient, work shorter hours or demand a higher standard of living... than those of other suppliers.'

Those words come from the 1952 annual report of electrical combine GEC. They are quoted again in the 1977 report, with the comment 'These truths have lost none of their validity.'

Here are some more truths.

**FACT:** In the last ten years, GEC's profits have increased more than 13-fold from £21 million to £278 million. The number of UK employees has

fallen from 220,000 to 156,000.

**FACT:** The average wage including overtime per UK employee in GEC last year was £60 a week, below the national average.

GEC chairman Lord Nelson is paid £800 a week. Managing Director Sir Arnold Weinstock is paid £1,000 a week.

**FACT:** In addition, Sir Arnold Weinstock receives dividends of £97,000—after paying standard rate income tax.

**FACT:** Last year Weinstock got £903,000 in a

cash handout from the company. Tax on this comes to about £300,000.

**FACT:** Lord Nelson says that over the last three years average wages in GEC have risen by five per cent more than inflation. In 1976/7 the average weekly wage rose by 15 per cent. The retail price index rose 17½ per cent.

**FACT:** The number of GEC managers paid more than £10,000 a year increased by 40 per cent last year.

**FACT:** Lord Nelson, Sir Arnold Weinstock and the men who run GEC are well paid and rich.



## EAGER BEAVERS

THE COMPANIES THAT LOVE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

INDIA celebrated its 30th Independence Day on Monday—and its first without a Congress government.

After suffering three decades of Congress Party misrule since independence

from British rule, including Mrs Gandhi's 20-month 'Emergency' dictatorship, the workers and peasants voted the Congress out of power in March.

They chose the only available alternative: the Janata Party (peoples Party)—a hotch-potch

thrown together for the election.

Campaigning for the restoration of civil liberties and the release of the 100,000 political prisoners, Janata, which included many of Mrs Gandhi's former cohorts, routed the Congress Party.

They chose as their leader the veteran conservative Morarji

Desai—well known for his puritan zeal and hatred of alcohol. His cabinet includes extreme right-wing Hindu chauvinists, advocates of free enterprise and even George Fernandes, leader of the famous 1974 railway workers' strike.

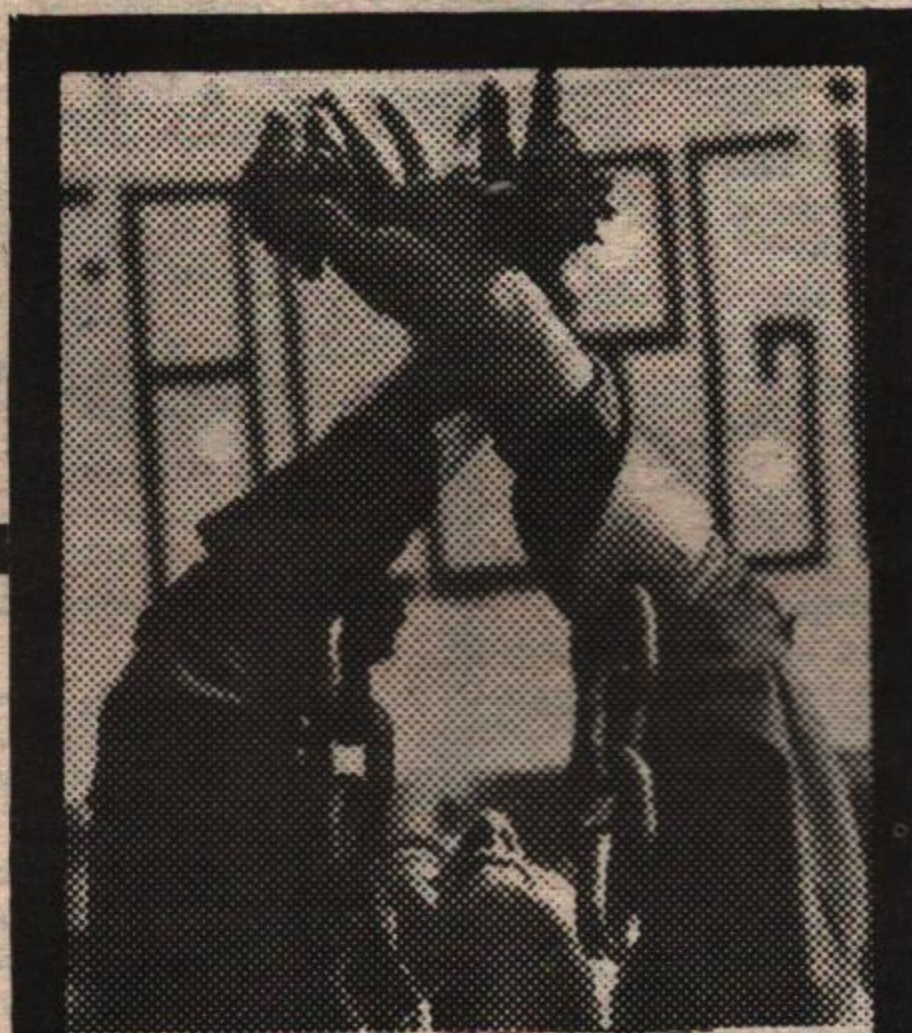
But the removal of the dictator was a great morale boost for the workers.

The collapse of the railway strike had left them defeated and demoralised. Mrs Gandhi cashed in with a wage freeze and a national ban on strikes.

But in the last three months, workers have been striking back at the employers, whose profits rose to record heights during the Emergency.

SPECIAL REPORT BY SWAPAN DASGUPTA

# India's sleeping giant stirs



**WORLD IN STRUGGLE**

The next time TV news shows misery like this, remember who is to blame

□ PRESIDENT Carter of the US has made a great play about the 'defence of human rights'—especially in countries the US wants to put pressure on.

But he himself is taking an action that will deprive millions of people of the most elementary human right—the right to eat.

He is preparing plans to stop the production of wheat on millions of acres of American farmland. Farmers will be paid to leave the land idle.

This will force up prices, so that millions of people throughout the world will be driven to starvation. But it will also increase the profits of the business interests which control the American grain trade.

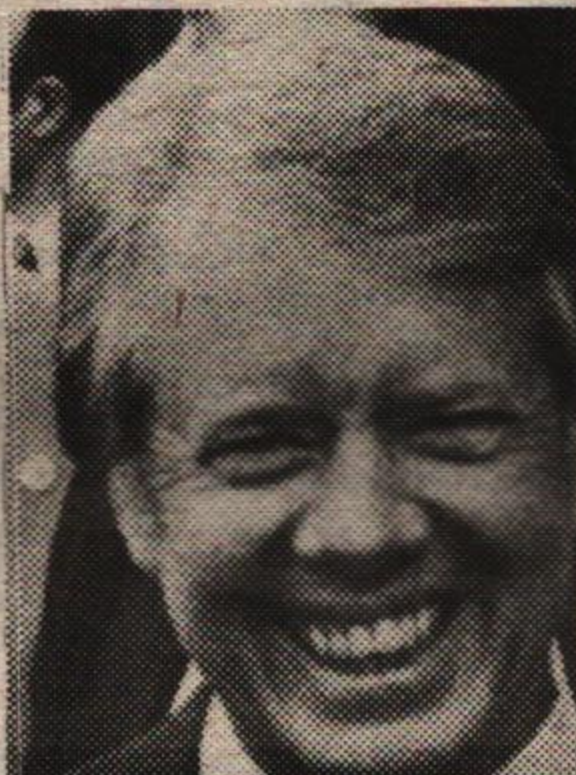
□ WHEN Vital Michalen died during the police attack on the anti-nuclear demonstration in France three weeks ago, the British press said the reason was 'natural causes'. Now German newspapers have revealed the truth.

He was killed by a new riot control weapon, an 'offensive grenade'. It looks like a tear gas or smoke bomb canister.

But if you throw it or kick it out of your way, it explodes, causing serious injury.

□ OUR OWN Sunday Times prides itself on its 'objectivity' and 'impartiality'. The issue before last was a prime example.

It carried a long article describing those behind the recent shooting of a



Jimmy Carter: so much for 'human rights'

West German banker as the 'Croissant gang'. Croissant is a German lawyer who used to defend the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrillas. In the eyes of the German police, that makes him as good as a guerrilla himself.

He has fled to France, claiming he will never get a fair trial in Germany.

□ SOUTH Africa could have atomic weapons within a year. And part of the responsibility will lie with the state of Israel.

That was the conclusion of US officials who spoke to the Boston Globe newspaper last week.

The South Africans have been able to build the complicated machinery needed to produce bomb-making uranium thanks to technical assistance from Israel.

In return, Israel has received supplies of bomb-making uranium for itself.



Carter encourages farmers not to grow wheat—and the poor of the world pay with their lives...

A BITTER and important strike has been fought out in Rajhara, a small mining town in central India supplying ore to the massive steel complex at Bhilai.

A quarter of the 11,000 workers are employed by Bhilai Steel and are paid 62p a day. The rest are 'contract labour' and earn up to 30p a day, though by law they should get the same.

Living conditions are appalling, with one tap for 4,000 residents.

The workers struck in June for an increase in bonus payments, which had been reduced from £19.25 to £4.39 during the emergency.

They also demanded an end to the contract system in the mines and an early implementation of fallback wages.

Within days, strike leader Shanker Niyogi was arrested. Police were sent into the town and a curfew imposed.

Nevertheless, 10,000 workers marched through the streets demanding his release. The police fired on the demonstration, killing 12 workers.

Starving and without strike pay, the workers fought on. Harassed by the police, they took refuge in nearby villages.

The official Communist Party union refused aid and organised its own demonstration, demanding that Niyogi be kept in jail.

After three weeks, the bosses gave in to the workers' demands and released all the arrested strikers.

The bosses were reported to be bewildered by the workers' militancy.

**Strike wave grows again**

THIRTY thousand workers struck for higher wages in the Calcutta area alone during April and May. The dockers in Bombay and refinery workers in Baroda followed suit.

Even in the backward area of Rajasthan, 7000 workers struck in May. The Bombay dockers came out again in May, along with workers at nearby Carbide.

This month could well see strikes by dockers, bank employees, postal workers and railwaymen.

## MURDER AND LOOTING AS 'UNTOUCHABLES' COME UNDER FIRE

INDIA'S new government is supposed to stand for 'civil liberty'—and yet attacks on 'untouchables' go on in the a-same old way.

'Untouchables' are considered the lowest form of human life in India. They are at the bottom of the caste system and have traditionally been treated like scum.

B.P. Nilaratna, a physics student at Leeds University and an 'untouchable', told Socialist Worker:

'In June, local caste Hindus threatened to burn down my family's house.

'The month before, wheat was looted from our half-acre of land. Only last year a member of my family was beaten with iron bars.

'I am really frightened for my family. I fear the worst for them.

'Hostility is whipped up by the authorities at local and national level.

'I hear reports of beatings and even killings from different parts of India. There are many in the government who would like to see us become a target. We are a convenient scapegoat.'



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# Mugging: The facts

By Jean Gray

**BELIEVE** what you read in the papers and you'd think that all black youth spent their Saturday nights beating up old ladies in the streets simply because they're too lazy to go out and get jobs to earn money.

Because that's the racist garbage that has been fed up by the press for digestion and regurgitation by the

National Front.

The result is that many people, mostly women, in areas like Lewisham and East London are afraid to go out at night for fear of being mugged and they're terrified at the sight of a few black youths together in a group.

In fact they are 13 times more likely to be slaughtered on the roads, but the NF don't organise campaigns about that.

Mugging is one of those

emotive labels that the press latches on to from time to time. Right now it must be the most over-used and abused word in the language.

## Violent

But let's get it right. Mugging was a word which came out of New York to describe the most serious violent robberies on the streets.

Nowadays every handbag snatch in the street is a 'mugging' although in the vast majority of cases no violence is used. Because 'mugging' is big news.

Is the solution more police patrols? That's what the press and the Nazis call for.

But look at the figures. The number of police in London has steadily increased for the last four years. Last year saw the greatest increase in mugging.

Take a look at some more figures and you see the real reason for these quick and easy robberies.

The majority of so-called muggers are young people, mostly unemployed. It's no coincidence that ever since youth unemployment began to shoot up four years ago, so did the figures for mugging.

In 1973, the only time that youth unemployment fell, so did mugging.

Baba Oguyinka, 17, is a classic example of someone the press label 'a mugger'. He appeared at court in East London recently because he stole a woman's purse in the street. She wasn't hurt.

Baba, the court was told, was unemployed, penniless and hadn't eaten for four days.

But the press, the police and the Nazis are not interested in the real causes of muggings.

Because the myth that all young unemployed blacks are potential muggers gives the police a free hand to go out harassing and beating any group of black youths and rounding them up, like in Lewisham and at the Notting Hill Carnival, without any public outcry on their behalf.

## Justify

Not all muggers are black. But quite often the press will only use the term when police are looking for a black suspect.

(Of course, they justify using the person's colour to help the police with their inquiries.)

In Glasgow where there are very few black people the rate of 'muggings' is nine times higher than in London, because there is much more youth unemployment in Glasgow. But there the word 'mugging' is rarely used.

Mugging is an emotive issue that the fascists use to push their racist ideas.

The government and the police have no answers. Longer prison sentences and police patrols don't work.

The only answer is to reduce unemployment.

Anyone seriously wanting to free people from the fear of being robbed in the street should campaign for more jobs, fight factory closures, redundancies and cuts in hospital services.



**WITHOUT COMMENT:** I KNOW of nothing more exhilarating than a stroll through London's Mayfair on a fine summer morning: Rolls Royces glinting in the sun, the shops and galleries of Bond Street and Burlington Arcade offering a dazzling and ever-changing show.

Thanks to the rich who patronize them, we can all enjoy the atmosphere of wealth and luxury without spending any money ourselves.

That's why I don't believe in equality. It's a bore.

—from Good Housekeeping magazine.

## So who's insane?

**TWENTY PEOPLE** have been admitted to mental hospitals by Liverpool Social workers in the past seven years without the right legal requirement.

Mr. Tom Smith, who has just retired as the city's senior social work adviser, gives the details in an article in Community Care magazine.

He concludes that similar abuse of the Mental Health Act is widespread.

Police are sometimes

called in to remove people from their homes, he says.

Cases of patients being admitted to hospital against their will and without medical recommendation, and instances of inappropriate use of emergency powers are among the abuses mentioned in the article.

Mr. Smith says that he wrote the article because he believes social workers are not given adequate training to deal with mental welfare.

## A blow for democracy?

**PRINTER Stanley Thompson** punched journalist Ian Reineke in the face so that he could cross a picket line at the Northamptonshire Evening Telegraph earlier this year.

The journalists were out on strike to win a closed shop.

Mr. Thompson was charged with using threatening and abusive behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

He told the court: 'It

was like striking a blow for democracy.'

He said he felt elated and patriotic after doing it.

Kettering magistrates found him guilty and gave him an absolute discharge, which of course means no sentence at all.

Ian Reineke, who was on the same charge, did not have the benefit of an appeal for leniency from the prosecution. He was fined £60.

## ...and his mum made the electrodes

**WOMAN'S OWN**, the magazine which featured Rhodesia's Ian Smith as a harmless, middle class, colonial gent, this week excels itself with a picture spread on the Shah of Iran.

Headed 'The most exciting photo session of my life' Reg Davis goes on to tell of his experiences in capturing the jet-setting Shah and the Empress at play.

'Although I have covered innumerable royal sessions

and am now familiar with the luxury and excitement of it all, from the moment I arrived in Iran I was impressed by the sheer grandeur.

'It began in a small way with my accommodation—an enormous room in a splendid villa, with its fridge full of all kinds of drinks and exotic fruits, and a splendid dinner cooked by a chef from Maxim's, France's most renowned restaurant,' writes Mr. Davis.

Mr Davis attributes the Empress's constant body guard to the fact that she likes to go diving in shark infested waters.

He seems to have been totally unaware of the real nature of Iran and the Shah's stranglehold.

The Shah of Iran has been named by the CIA as 'a meglomaniac'. His country is notorious for its torture of political prisoners. Harassment from SAVAK, the secret police, is a matter of

routine. Poverty is rife.

But all of this, Woman's Own obviously feels, is of no interest to its millions of readers.

**ACCORDING TO** Frank Swertlow, TV critic with the Chicago Daily News, the Shah is to get yet another publicity puff.

David Frost is planning to do a series on Iran. Iran's biggest bank is a partner in the show.

### The most exciting photo session of my life

Reg Davis has photographed royalty and celebrities all round the world, but even he was impressed by the grandeur and informality of the Iranian royal family when they invited him to take these exclusive photographs. Here he tells us what went on behind the scenes...

I knew Crown Prince Reza was a keen photographer, so I asked if he'd like to take one for me—he said: 'Yes I'd be delighted.' The result is this picture (above) of me with the Shah and the Empress. Later I took the informal picture (left) as the royal couple relaxed over dinner.

I thought I had plenty of energy... but I've got nothing on the 16-year-old Prince! Whether he's playing tennis or driving his motorbike, it's always with the same enthusiasm. But like everybody else,

**GUESS WHO** Vogue magazine was talking about when they recently said:

'Her beauty lies in her smile'.

And: she 'regards fashion as one of the least tiresome of her duties, and spends 172 hours a year being fitted for clothes and hats.'

Here's a couple to clinch it: 'She is relieved of the minor roles that fall to other women—cook, housekeeper, cleaner and chauffeurse to the children.'

On a recent journey she was accompanied by: 'two ladies-in-waiting, two private secretaries, a doctor, press secretary, equerry, two policemen and twenty maids, dressers and pages.'

Yes, you've got it. **OUR QUEEN.**

**A 35-YEAR-OLD** man was crushed to death while working for Concrete Ltd at Stourton in Yorkshire.

The company were taken to court and admitted failing to ensure the safety of an employee. They were fined £200.

## Bananas at ten

**JOURNALISTS** at Radio Sheffield are keeping up their campaign against the anti-union BBC.

Despite being stabbed in the back after an eight week strike over the BBC's use of non-journalists as reporters, NUJ members are showing the management that they're determined to go on fighting for their jobs.

**PRESS FREEDOM** part 598: Larry Lamb, editorial director of such worthy publications as The Sun and The News of The World writes in the Times 'The Royal Commission's first essential safeguard' is the freedom of a journalist to write, speak and act in accor-

Recently the journalists linked up with colleagues from the local press to interrupt the genteel calm of first-class county cricket.

They set up their own greengrocery stall inside Chesterfield Cricket ground to show that the greengrocer was covering the match instead of full-time reporters.

dance with his conscience without fear of expulsion from his union or dismissal from his paper.

'This is rather like giving a postman the freedom to deliver as many letters as he likes, where he likes, but only if he likes.'

'How could any editor possibly accept respon-

The protest was well received with spectators and even the professional cricketers signing a petition protesting at the BBC's union-bashing.

Now the journalists are waiting for their union to carry out a decision taken at its annual conference calling for a nationwide campaign to bring the dreadful BBC to heel.

sibility for a newspaper produced in a state of total anarchy.'

In other words Mr Lamb believes that rank and file journalists, postmen or any other workers, should not even be allowed the right to a conscience—unless of course they agree with him!

**EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Peter Golding's** Stuff the Jubilee stickers were very popular with his school mates at Derwent Junior in York.

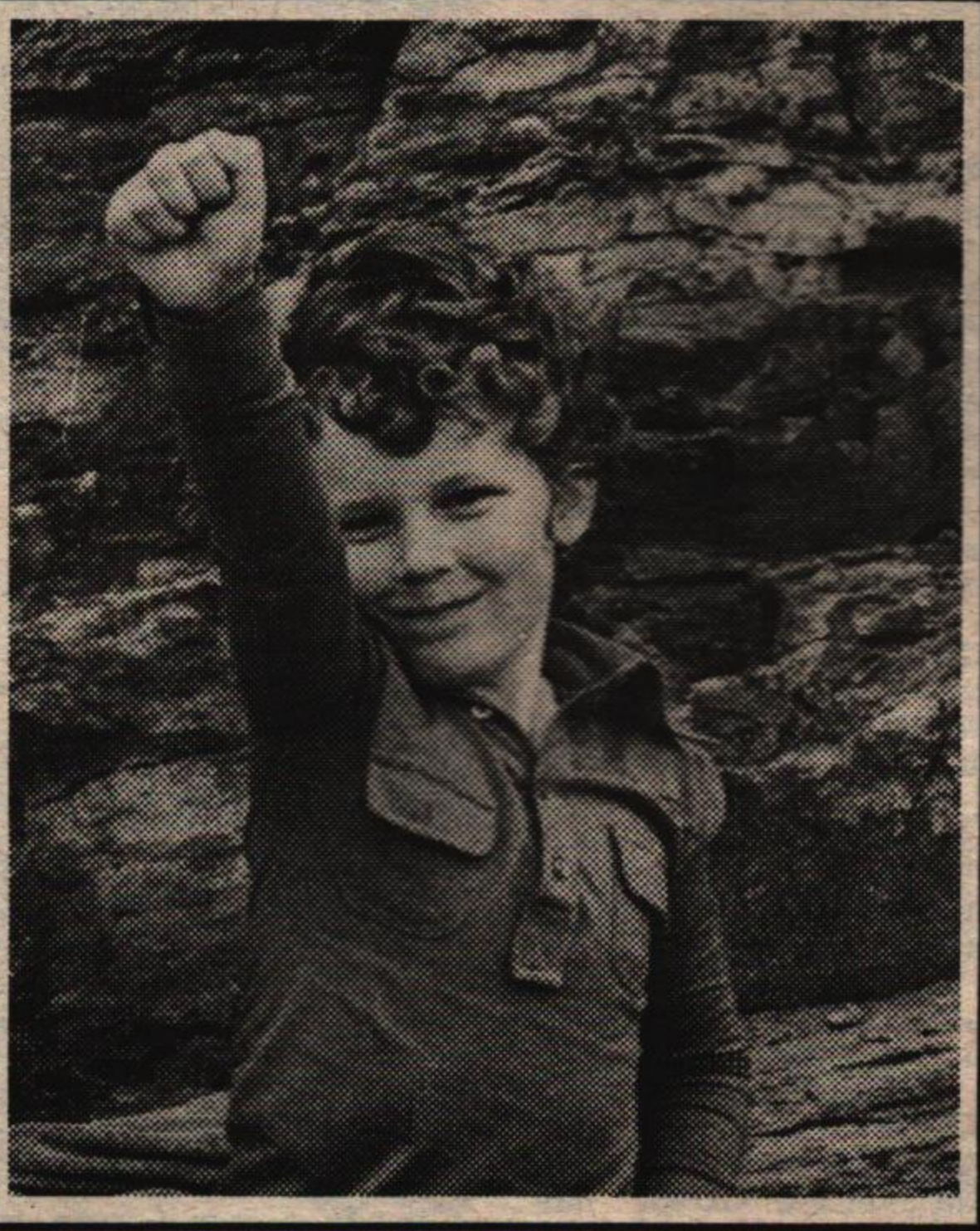
They stuck thousands on the insides of desks and on walls.

His teachers, however, were not so keen. His end of term report reads:

'Much too talkative. He can distract others, though he is generally a good worker himself.'

'Is becoming more confused recently about his values and opinions of society. He has expressed some very biased views without clearly understanding their implications for him'

'Generally an agreeable boy, but can throw his weight about.'



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THE BATTLE OF LEWISHAM

# THEY DID NOT PASS!

**THE NAZI FRONT** got the hammering of their lives last Saturday.

Thousands of people responded to the Socialist Workers Party's call to stop them marching.

Black people and trade unionists, old and young, 14-year-olds and veterans of Cable Street, Rastafarians and Millwall supporters, Labour Party members and revolutionary socialists—all joined in a massive, united action against the Nazis.



The Nazi march was only able to assemble at all because of protection from 5000 police—the biggest number ever used for any demonstration in London.

*And even then it could not intimidate the black people of Clifton Rise, as it had hoped, but had to assemble in a miserable back street.*

The Nazis remained in the back-streets, cowering behind massive police lines, until they



were finally forced to abandon their march before it was half completed.

The scale of the victory over the Nazis is shown by a simple set of figures.

A year ago, their marches were 1500 strong. On the first demonstration where they faced united, mass opposition—at Wood Green, in North London—their numbers were down to about 1,000.

*On Saturday there were probably no more than half as many.*

The leaders of the Nazis want

to build a mass movement based on widespread racial prejudice so as to take command of the streets.

They believe they would then be able to attack, burn out and murder black people and trade unionists at will.



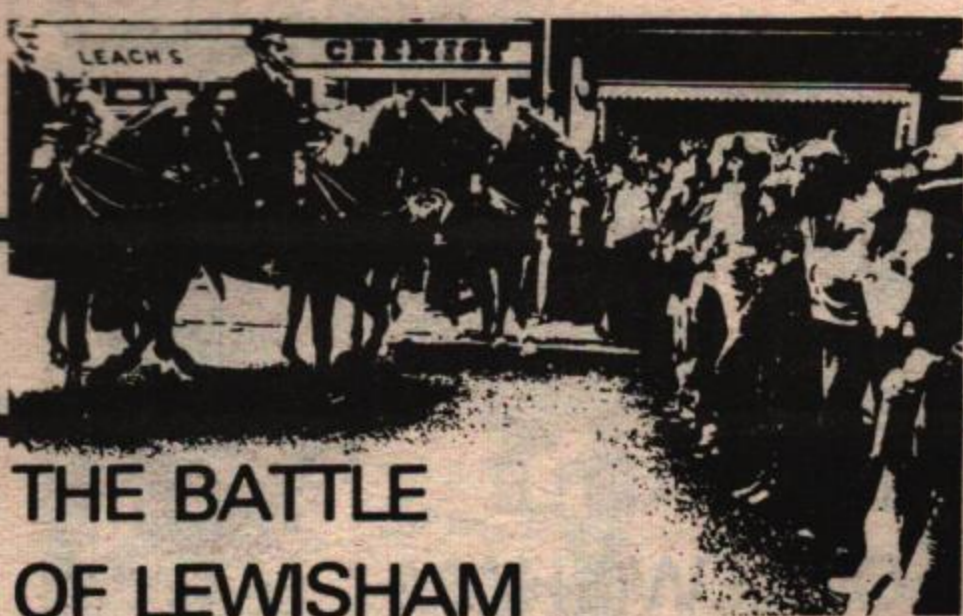
They have been foiled in this attempt. Despite the considerable number of votes they get in elections, they hardly dare crawl through the back streets, let alone put their real Nazi aims into effect.

Only one thing could have stopped our movement—if our adversaries had understood its principle and, from the first day, had smashed with the utmost brutality the nucleus of our new movement.

—ADOLF HITLER, 1933



The most humiliating moment in the history of the Nazi Front: Anti-fascists swarm across the road and break their 'march' on the pavement in two.



THE BATTLE OF LEWISHAM

BLACK YOUTH, WHITE SOCIALISTS, LABOUR PARTY MEM

# The day we sto

**THE DAY BEGAN** with a large demonstration called by the All Lewisham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism.

It brought together large numbers of trade unionists and socialists, although the leadership included the local bishop.

It assembled at the other end of Lewisham to the Nazis, and its leaders accepted a police order to disband it well away from the Nazi assembly point.

But at least two-thirds of the marchers saw that Nazis will never be stopped by peaceful pleading, and side-stepped the police lines to walk to the Nazi's assembly point in New Cross.

There they joined thousands of other people who had responded to the Socialist Workers Party's call to stop the Nazis.

The whole of New Cross High Road and the top of the Nazis' intended assembly point, Clifton Rise, was occupied by anti-fascists.

It was then that police made their first, unprovoked attack.

Foot police tried unsuccessfully to clear a path for the Nazi march, and then mounted police moved in.

They, too, were soon forced to retreat—but not before the police had taken revenge by grabbing people at random.

**REPORTS BY  
CHRIS  
HARMAN  
AND JOHN  
ROSE**



Thousands of us were waiting . . .



The police pushed a way through for the Nazis . . .

# ...and the polic

**Rocks**

Unable to clear the top of Clifton Rise, the police finally made the Nazis march move up onto the main road through a sideroad 200 yards along.

The Nazis were allowed through police cordons to join their march by showing their Nazi membership cards.

Suddenly, hundreds of police and a score of police horses began to charge down the road clearing a path for the head of the Nazi column.

The crowd of anti-fascists exploded. Sticks, smoke bombs, rocks, bottles were thrown over the police heads at the Nazis.

The angriest anti-fascists were not those who had travelled many miles to take on the Nazis, but the local people, the blacks especially, and also lots of young white kids wearing Millwall scarves.

The would-be master race were now huddled onto the opposite pavement into bedraggled groups, hardly a march at all.

**Riot**

Their humiliation was crowned when, in at least two separate points, anti-fascists rushed across the road to break into the Nazi ranks.

Banners were seized and set on fire. The police eventually got most of the Nazi marchers through and blocked us from following them.

But by then thousands of anti-fascists were already swarming through the streets to stop the Nazis getting to one of their main objectives, Lewisham High Street.



The police charged madly to get their revenge after we'd blocked the Nazi route at Lewisham, the SPG grabbed people at random



There they blocked the main street, despite repeated police attacks.

Several hundred marchers went looking for the Nazis in Belmont Hill. There, out of sight of the press, the police went wild.

They bottled up the anti-fascists with cordons, lobbed bricks back at the demonstrators and sent mounted police up and down the road, driving

demonstrators into the garden.

By this time, the Nazi march had already been forced to disperse well short of its objective, Catford.

But the police back on the main road were only just moving into action.

**Batons**

They could no longer protect the Nazis' alleged right to march. But they could get their revenge on the demonstrators, particularly the local black community.

Their new riot shields were distributed. A line of them formed and then charged wildly at the crowd massed across the road, using the shields to hit people with.

The Special Patrol Group

jumped out of their vans, truncheons out, hitting and grabbing at random.

They flung one anti-fascist through a shop window.

The effect was to remind the local black people of the harassment and humiliation they've suffered at the hands of the police in the past.

Rocks were lobbed over the police shields, running fights developed all along the road.

People soon learnt to deal with the SPG vans that screamed down the road. Bricks poured through their windows and put at least one out of action.

A group of demonstrators besieged the police station and broke its windows. A match was put to what was thought to be a police motor cycle.

By now the SPG were

running wild.

Several thousand demonstrators had been marching down the road peacefully, chanting 'We stopped the Front' and 'The Workers United will never be defeated' to applause from groups of local people gathered at the ends of their roads.

They were clearly about to disperse.

Police vans tore into this march from behind, breaking it up, and then chasing black youngsters, nearly running them down at 40 mph.

Police jumped from their vans, using batons to hit people at random, arresting anyone,

## THE LIES AB

**FOR SEVERAL months the National Front had been using their 'right' to go on the streets of Lewisham to attack black people and trade unionists.**

A few months ago, after an SWP meeting, socialists were insulted in a pub by a gang of racists.

The landlord passed chairlegs out to the racists who then set upon a Nigerian student and broke his legs.

After the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee was formed, the National Front made a number of violent

attempts to smash it. This was the purpose of their Lewisham march.

They broke up a street meeting on Saturday 25 June when Faith Foster was speaking about the arrest of her son. They grabbed Norma Hundleby and banged her head into the ground until she was

**THE THUGS IN BLUE ...**

**DESPITE** all the din about injured policemen, one of the people most seriously injured was anti-Nazi demonstrator Martin Culverville, a student from York.

He spoke to Socialist Worker from his hospital bed. 'I was hauled out from the crowd by three policemen. I remember nothing until I woke up in an ambulance with a cracked skull and ruptured eardrum.'

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## THE LIES ABOUT THE VIOLENCE



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... another victim to be fitted up

**'WHAT ABOUT the knives and ammonia?'** a BBC radio reporter persisted in asking Steve Jefferys of the SWP Central Committee on Sunday

Most demonstrators first heard about 'knives and ammonia' through the press—except for some SWP members who saw Nazis use ammonia in Clifton Rise and grabbed the bottle from one of them and threw it away.

The National Front are in business to wreck the lives of black people.

The Jews in the ghettos in Nazi-occupied Europe in the 1930s fought with everything at their disposal. They had no choice.

No-one would be surprised at the uncontrollable anger of a Jew if a swastika was waved at him.

A National Front march provokes exactly the same response from black people and large numbers of white people.

TED PARKER, former secretary of Greenwich Trades Council, lost his memory and had his ribs cracked after a policeman knocked him unconscious with a riot shield.

Jerry Fitzpatrick, who was standing next to him at the time said:

'Ted and I were standing on a traffic point next to Lewisham clock-tower. The police charged the crowd with riot shields.'

'Ted and I had megaphones. A group of police made a determined effort to come towards us. Two of them went up to Ted.'

'At point blank range one of them clobbered him with his riot shield. Naively, both of us had imagined they'd just start shoving.'

'But this copper lunged at Ted's head and face, smashing his riot shield down his forehead, face, chin and into his ribs. It was just like using a club.'

LOUIS Burlingham was picked up by the Special Patrol Group as he was walking along Lewisham High Street. 'He'll do,' they shouted.

'As soon as I was in that van with the doors shut they started on me,' said Louis.

'It was like torture. There were three of them. One was treading on my wrist which was doubled up under my body.'

'Then he started pounding my head with his fist and kicking me in the chest. Another one scraped the heel of his boot towards my ear and back. He did this methodically and slowly all the way to the police station.'

'When I tried to complain, he punched me in the teeth, saying: 'You dirty scum, you should be breaking rocks in a labour camp.'

## OUT THE 'IMPARTIAL POLICE'

'Yes, but what lot?' Then Keith realised what the cop wanted to know.

'Haringey National Front Branch' he lied. 'In that case you'd better jump over the wall and get away'.

live. They wandered around, shouting through a megaphone: 'We know you're in there—we'll get you one day.'

They daubed swastikas on the walls.

Once again, the police were nowhere to be seen.

THE PRESS have claimed the police were 'impartial' and 'caught between the two sides'.

That is a lie—and it's shown by police behaviour two and a half hours before the Nazis assembled.

At noon, a police bus pulled up outside the Clifton Rise HQ of the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee.

Twenty policemen kicked their way in. They claimed they had a warrant to search for 'criminal damage.'

When they reported back to their inspector that they could find none, he instructed them to arrest everyone in the HQ for 'behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace'.

Among those arrested were three cameramen, a doctor and a solicitor.

DAVID Foster, a West Indian bus inspector, whose

son, Christopher, is one of the 21 young Lewisham blacks facing conspiracy charges, has been told by a policeman that the arrest of the boys was known as Operation 39/PNH.

PNH stands for Police Nigger Hunt. It follows what the police call 'a great campaign against mugging.'

The policeman said: 'The blacks had been arrested "at random".'

"At random" included six policemen breaking down the door of a house in Childeric Road, Deptford with an axe at 5.30am.

It also included Cathy

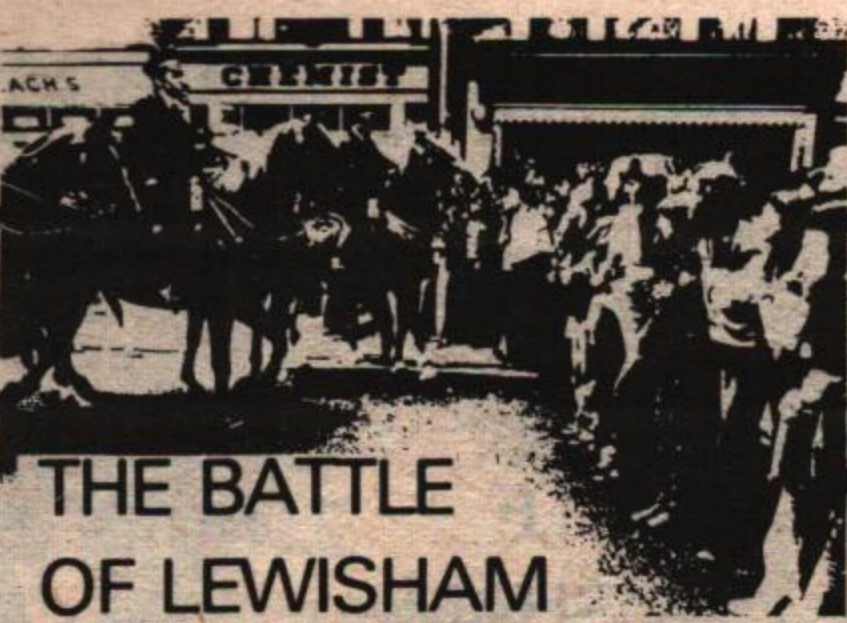
Cullis, the young white girl who was arrested and stripped to her underclothes in a police cell. Two policemen joked about the 'disease' she had caught from living with black people.

□ PETER Griffith, a computer programmer, told Socialist Worker:

'The Special Patrol Group had us pinned against railings and let three nazis attack us with sticks and bottles.'

'They broke a friend's arm. He had to have a special operation—a wire was fitted into it. I was clubbed on the head and had to have five stitches.'

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# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE NAZIS ARE NOT STOPPED

## NO! More power for the police is NOT the answer

MANY people are now calling for a ban on the Nazis and more police powers to control demonstrations.

The Morning Star, for instance, has said the NF's marches 'must be stopped by the police'.

### Privileges

None of us would cry if that were to happen. But we have to face the basic truths.

The men who give orders to the police, men like McNee, are dedicated to the protection of the privileges and property of the rich.

They may not like all

the Nazis' methods, but they prefer them a hundred times to any suggestion of socialist change.

The rank and file of the police is loaded with racials. This is most true of groups like the SPG which are used against demonstrations.

Only a couple of months ago, the police in Lewisham staged what they called Operation 39 PNH. The initials stood for 'Police Nigger Hunt'.

To call for increased police powers is to call for powers that will be used mainly against the left, rarely against the Nazis.

Most anti-fascists

arrested on Saturday were charged under various sections of the Public Order Act—a law introduced in the 1930s allegedly to deal with fascists.

### Streets

The way to stop the Nazis is not to call for more powers for the police, but to ensure that there are so many socialists, trade unionists and black people on the streets every time the Nazis try to march that they are driven off the streets.

Then the police will stop their marches—to protect the fascists.

### ORGANISE SUPPORT FOR ARRESTED 200

MORE THAN 200 people were arrested on Saturday. A few of them are still remanded in custody, facing grievous bodily harm charges. It's essential to raise money and support now in every area of the country for those arrested.

Donations to and more information from: Lewisham Defence Campaign, 6 Bowden Street, London, SE11.

PICTURE: Mark Rusher



A PETROL bomb was hurled into the premises of this Unity Bookshop in Harrow Road, Harlesden early last Wednesday in yet another racist attack on black premises. The people who run the bookshop are convinced it was the work of Nazis. The shop was gutted and thousands

of pounds worth of books and crafts were destroyed.

The police were less than interested. They cynically suggested rival black groups might have been responsible. Then, 18 hours later, they told a Daily Express reporter that no bombing had taken place.

# It was all over. Then the police decided on an orgy of violence

### 'AN ORCHESTRATED and violent attempt to prevent a lawful march

'Violence escalated and turned on police themselves when normal methods of crowd control frustrated the efforts of the counter-demonstrators to prevent the National Front march.'

That was the explanation of London police chief McNee for Saturday's violence. It is a deliberate lie.

The anti-fascists could not be 'frustrated' because of their failure to prevent the Nazis marching. We all knew we had prevented the Nazis going where they wanted to go.

### Bitter

Most of the bitter fighting with the police took place in Lewisham High Street when the police chose to use horses, plastic shields, police vans and batons against demonstrators.

Yet the commander must have known that, in half an hour, the demonstrators would have dispersed peacefully, their aim of stopping the Nazis fulfilled.

Instead, the police chose to test out some of their new weapons for

controlling demonstrations, creating disorder that they then tried to blame on us.

It was McNee's personal decision to let the Nazis march.

He knows the National Front's avowed aim is 'to build a well-oiled Nazi machine' that will intimidate black people.

When McNee was in charge of Glasgow's police, he was well known for his friendship with a number of members of the Orange Order, the extreme right-wing organisation that has the same approach to Catholics that the Nazis have to black people.

This is the man who now orders thousands of police to protect the efforts of Nazis to stir up racial

hatred.

He is also the man who can use the same police, day after day, to protect scabs at Grunwicks.

### Hypocrisy

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees backs McNee to the hilt. He claims: 'Even if we despise and hate these people, we have to think about their right to demonstrate in our sort of society.'

What hypocrisy! Only a few weeks ago Rees had journalists Phil Agee and Mark Hosenball thrown out of the country merely for writing what they believed.

## ABSENT FRIENDS...

ONE POLITICAL party notable in its refusal to join the united demonstration was the Communist Party.

Many individual members were with us, remembering Cable Street in the 1930s.

### Peaceful

But the leadership put out a leaflet urging people on the morning march not to go near the Nazi assembly point, but instead to turn the other cheek

and rely on 'peaceful, orderly methods'.

They claim it was futile to support the Socialist Workers Party's call for confrontation.

'We totally oppose' they said, 'the harassment and provocative march planned by the Socialist Workers Party'.

And in the language of the Daily Telegraph, they attacked 'those who insist on the ritual enactment of vanguardist violence.'

On Monday, the Morning

Star accused the demonstration that stopped the Nazis of 'staging ritual confrontations and street fights.'

### Swagger

Let's be clear.

What would have happened if the confrontation had not taken place if the Socialist Workers Party had not organised people to fight the Front?

The Nazis would have been free to swagger through

Lewisham, lording it over the local population, relying on the sympathy of a good part of the local police in their efforts to intimidate the black population. A peaceful march two miles away would not have worried them, or their friends in the local police.

We ask those members of the Communist Party who disagree with the suicidal line of the leaders to demand its immediate change.

Another notable absentee, at least as an organised force,

was the pro-Moscow break-away from the CP, the New Communist Party.

### Organising

The Socialist Workers Party wrote to them a month ago, suggesting they join with us in organising to stop the Nazis.

We received no reply. Some of their members did turn up.

But the New Communist Party made no attempt to persuade their former comrades in the CP to take a principled stand.

### The Fight Against The Racists



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## POSTAL POINTS

I TOOK great exception to Chris Harman's remarks (23 July) about 'the thugs that rule Russia'.

There is no such thing as 'Stalinism'. Stalin will be remembered for his contribution to Marxism.

The propaganda of Socialist Worker against the Soviet Union is identical to that of the enemies of the working class.  
□ S WORMALD, Cumbria

SW's frontpage headline, The £3,000m Robbery (6 August), was breathtaking. Unfortunately, just as breathtaking was the lack of evidence to back it up.

A detailed analysis of the accounts of the nationalised industries may be boring, but such articles do need substantiating if readers are to be expected to believe them.  
□ STEVEN HART, Horley

ALTHOUGH I am totally aligned with SWP, I cannot help but concur with the pessimistic sentiments of the speaker quoted at the beginning of Chris Harman's article (6 August).

Most people today own a car, nearly everybody has a television, lots of people pay mortgages.

The fact that we can have these things eradicates the distinction between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie as Marx saw it.  
□ ROB MORTON, Brighton

WHO can be a socialist and Christian?

I am an atheist, brought up Irish Catholic. I am not an atheist because of politics but because being a Christian is degrading.

Belief in an after-life is the ultimate sin against humanity.

As Joe Hill said, I want revolution but in the meantime I want pork chops.  
□ PAUL FURNESS, Leeds

WHAT kind of a religion is it that can regard love and its sexual expression as a sin, because the individuals involved are of the same sex?

The Old Testament certainly does attack homosexuality. But it has many out-moded ideas.

The Bible was written by a primitive people to fulfil their needs.  
□ P MULLADY, Manchester

# The forgotten murder of 11 men

THE Appleby Frodingham steelworks explosion in 1975 killed 11 workers.

So far the British Steel Corporation have not been found guilty of any of the offences they were accused of under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Seven months after the explosion BSC were brought before the local magistrates court, charged with failing to keep a safe blast furnace, not adhering to their own safety policy, and failing to provide maintenance workers with protective clothing.

In view of the scale of the disaster, these charges were trivial.

The magistrate referred the matter to a higher court—much to the chagrin of BSC and the Health and Safety Inspectorate.

Since then—nothing! The 13-month delay is nothing unusual in legal circles, but it has a purpose.

To the people of Scunthorpe this disaster is already in the dim past. Any prosecution now will have limited impact.

Meanwhile the Scunthorpe Steel Works continue daily to lurch from near disaster to near disaster. A major tragedy is only a matter of time.

The implications for the Health and Safety at Work

Act are evident. A major nationalised corporation appears to be riding roughshod over it.

To trade-unionists, justice is not being done quickly enough and fairly enough! The law is apparently acting in all its devious ways. Why else the long delay?

What of the workers of the blast furnaces at Scunthorpe? Have their working conditions improved following the tragedy?

No major plant re-design or improvement in working conditions has taken place since the explosion!

□ SCUNTHORPE STEELWORKER



Flashback to the Appleby-Frodingham disaster: after 20 months, no-one has been brought to account

## THE CP AND MR BENN'S BOOTS

THE SPLIT in the Communist Party has seen the departure of a sizable chunk of its 4,000 or so activists.

I can't say that I'm overjoyed by the tone of our new draft programme.

Yet contrast this with the objective political situation—the Labour and trade union movement needs a positive, broad-based driving force.

The SWP's hand of friendship was snapped and snarled at by Bert Ramelson.

Racism is rampant and basic trade union rights are being trampled on by employers, judges, the police and the media.

This isn't the time for raking over the past, when sectarian name-calling was the norm.

I can't in all honesty see a shuffling, mumbling crowd of well-meaning social democrats ever leading the masses to socialism.

And yet there is no workable alternative, though there would be if certain persons in the upper echelons of the CP came into 1977.

As for working together with the SWP and other socialists or fellow CP members who can get up off the floor and stop licking the polish off Tony Benn's boots, I'm up for offers.

□ LUDWIG KASATKIN, Communist Party member, Castleford.

Now I'm a member!

IT'S 2.30 am on Tuesday 21 June and I'm standing on the Pier Head, Liverpool. I'm staying with my cousin for a couple of days.

It's cold, raining and I'm tired. I think my cousin is a nutter. She's been running round all night putting up posters—something to do with the Queen's visit tomorrow.

From here I can see the Royal Yacht—what a pretty sight. But wait a minute, what are all those people lying on benches for?

What? They've no homes? Even those 14-year-old kids there?

Perhaps my cousin and her comrades are not nutters after all.

Five weeks later, I am a member.

□ ANNE MARIE McSTAY, Bolton

## SO THAT'S PROGRESS!

A.J. EGGS (Letters, last week) accuses me of ignoring 'the huge steps forward in education this century' and improvements in working conditions and the Welfare State.

If he really believes that the Welfare State guarantees a decent standard of living for the unemployed, the sick, the disabled and the aged, I can only assume that he has had no experience of how it works.

He ignores the savage attacks which have been made in recent years, under Tory and Labour governments alike, upon education, welfare services, and working class living standards in general.

Attacks on working class living standards are not occurring just because capitalists and right-wing Labourites are wicked; they have been necessitated by the crisis of the capitalist system, against which the 'creeping socialists' cannot or will not fight.

I firmly believe that the present crisis will prove to be worse than that of the Thirties, although as yet there have been no events as spectacular as the Wall Street crash.

Unless capitalism is overthrown we shall not go forward, even 'creeping'.

We shall continue to travel backward at an increasing rate.

□ JIM PARKES, WALSALL.

# Letters

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

## THE QUEEN'S VISIT WAS NOTHING TO SMILE ABOUT

SURELY A VOTE FOR IAN MORRIS WOULD BE A WASTED VOTE...

WHY on earth does Socialist Worker call for a vote for Ian Morris in the vital election for President of the Engineering Union? He hasn't got a chance of winning—but he might just take enough votes from the main left-wing candidate, Bob Wright, to let in right-winger Terry Duffy.

If that happened, the AUEW would be in the hands of a leadership as reactionary as that, say, of the electricians' union. OK, there's a lot wrong with Wright. But I'd sooner have him at the top of my union than Duffy and his mates.

If Duffy wins, Ian Morris and the Engineers Charter will have to shoulder a lot of the blame for splitting the left-wing vote.  
□ AUEW MEMBER, DERBY



All smiles ... unless you're a Catholic

"HANG HER" they shouted in Ardoyne. In Turf Lodge they stoned Her Majesty's taxi as she made her getaway.

In Twinbrook her soldiers picked up wee lads while the "Queen was put on Trial."

Thousands of people enthusiastically sang Stuff the Jubilee as a street theatre toured the anti-Unionist areas of Belfast.

Witnesses, including unemployed and homeless and a letter from a prisoner smuggled out from Crumlin Road, gave evidence against the Queen. Of course, she was found guilty; the street players were later arrested and charged with illegal assembly.

Her Majesty's Government virtually sealed Catholic areas off from the city for several days. The heavy army

presence inundated areas like Turf Lodge.

Bringing the troops in during internment week only helped increase the hatred of the army and the Queen.

The Queen and her government insisted on this visit to prove to themselves and the Loyalists that Ireland is still indeed part of the United Kingdom.

Anti-Unionists have the army every day to remind them of that.

But the Queen could not come here without the help of 32,000 soldiers and police.

The costs of her visit were high: the £1 million on security, scores hurt in rioting, hundreds of homes ransacked as her troops went wild, the lives of several of the Queen's soldiers and the life of a 16-year-old boy. Was it worth it?  
□ JOAN KELLY, BELFAST

## RAPE: What about women's self-defence?

I AGREE with Gill Macey (Letters 30 July) that Socialist Worker has never taken seriously the problems that cause rape.

But does she believe that imprisoning rapists would solve these problems?

The problem is too massive under the existing political

scene. We campaign in an effort to make some changes.

More support for Rape Crisis Centres must be won. We must express our disgust at sexist ads that show women as kitchen scrubbers or as satellites to men.

Theatres, cinemas, bookshops, sex shops etc can

be picketed.

You can phone into radio talk shows with thousands of listeners.

And what do people think of vigilante groups of women?  
□ LINDA WOODRUFFE, Central London

WHEN YOU cannot walk down a street without feeling physically threatened, then you know what oppression is.

When blacks are threatened by racists our attitude is clear—black self-defence groups to hit back.

Yes, rape is also a product of our society, like racism. We should follow the example of the black community—women's self-defence groups now.

□ H. McCULLIN, Manchester

## Was Jesus Christ really a socialist?

Was old Jesus a Socialist?

Was he really red?  
Did he fight hard for the weak,  
As Harry Penfold said?

I know he talked of right and wrong  
And told us what to think,  
He once smashed up a market-place,  
Had he been at the drink?

Many times before he'd seen  
The rich man's injustice  
But he always used to say,  
'You must put up with this.'

He'd talk of camels and needles  
And seeds on stony ground,

But did this pay Simon Peter's tax,  
99p in the pound?

'Turn the other cheek' he cried,  
'And let them do you down,  
Don't fight against the Romans,  
We must respect their crown.'

'Your Kingdom is not of this earth,  
But of Heaven up on High,  
So don't fight for salvation,  
Just curl up and die!'

He'd curse the naughty Zealots  
Who fought Rome's tyranny,  
And when the people rose and fought,  
That's not where he'd be.

Up on some lonely hillside,  
Turning water into wine,  
He'd tell them all to think nice thoughts  
And then life would be fine.

Forget of things material,  
Love thine enemy as thy self,  
Even when starving be Christian,  
Let the Rich man steal your wealth.

Now if that's Socialism,  
I'll let it pass me by,  
For it's food on the table that I want,  
Not pie in the sky!

□ STEVE FOREY, N. London

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**GLASGOW CENTRAL Socialist Workers Party public meetings:** Every other Wednesday, 7.30pm, at SW Books, 64 Queen Street.

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**EDINBURGH BOOKMART** - open now. For Socialist and TU books, 130 Morrison Street, Edinburgh. Only two minutes walk from Haymarket Station.

## Yorkshire

**HULL SOCIALIST BOOKS, 238 Springbank, Hull.** Open 10am-5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

**LEEDS STUDENTS:** Will any member or supporter of the SWP coming to study at a college in or around Leeds please contact S Smith, 2 Chestnut Ave, Leeds 6, as soon as possible.

**SHEFFIELD STUDENTS:** Will any member or supporter of the SWP coming to study at a college in Sheffield please ring Sheffield 584561 as soon as possible?

**HULL Socialist Workers Party public meeting:** The Rank and File fight back. Speakers: local trade unionists. Wednesday 14 September, 8pm, YPI, George Street.

**LEEDS DISTRICT Socialist Workers Party new members' meetings** fortnightly, Thursday evenings 8pm, Leeds Trades Council Club, Savile Mount, Chapelton Road.

25 August: You can't change human nature—a well worn objection to socialism is subjected to a critical eye. Speaker: Tim South.

Meetings are open to members and friends and everyone should do their best to get along and bring non-members with them.

## North East

**NEWCASTLE Socialist Workers Party** meets every Thursday, 8pm. The Bridge Hotel (Newcastle end of High Level Bridge). All readers and supporters of Socialist Worker welcome.

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## North West

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**LIVERPOOL:** Any Socialist Workers Party members starting a course at Liverpool University, the Polytechnic or any of the colleges in September 1977 should contact Merseyside district secretary, c/o 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1. Any non-members interested in SWP activities and meetings should also write.

**BIRKENHEAD Socialist Workers Party** meet every Thursday, 8pm, Pier Hotel, Woodside, Birkenhead (by the Ferry). Basic socialist ideas course now starting. All welcome.

**LIVERPOOL SOUTH Socialist Workers Party** meet every Wednesday, 8pm, County Hotel, Commutation Row, Liverpool 3 (opposite St George's Hall). All welcome.

**KIRKBY Socialist Workers Party** meet every Thursday, 7.30pm, Tower Hill Community Centre, Heathfield, Tower Hill, Kirkby. All welcome.

## South East

**OXFORD:** Students coming to Oxford next term please contact Ben Ross, 29 Richmond Road, Oxford.

**ESSEX:** Any SWP members and supporters coming to Essex University please contact Richard Allday, 7 Purcell Close, Colchester, as soon as possible (to plan a fightback against victimisation).

**GUILDFORD:** Sunday 28 July, Socialist Paddle in Littlehampton—summer coach trip. Proceeds to Right to Work March. Employed £2.25, unemployed 50p, children free. Contact Howard, Guildford 77363.

## London

**WEST MIDDLESEX Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings:** Every other Tuesday, 7.45pm, The Griffin, 57 Brook Road, Brentford.

**LEWISHAM Socialist Workers Party public meeting:** Fight unemployment—fight fascism. Speaker: David Widgery. Thursday 18 August, 8pm, Lewisham Concert Hall, Catford.

**ISLINGTON Socialist Workers Party open meetings, Thursdays, 8pm, Hemingford Arms, Offord Road, London N1.** 18 August: The Desputters Strike. Speaker from the Strike Committee. 25 August: The Rank and File Movement.

**HACKNEY Rock Against Racism for the Right to Work Campaign:** Saturday 20 August 8-11.30pm Assembly Rooms, Hackney Town Hall, Mare Street E8. Buses 106, 253, 35, 6, 277, 48, 22, 55, 30, 38. With the Cimaronos and Generation X, plus disco and bar. Tickets £1 (50p for unemployed with dole card). Phone Liz 739 9772 (day) 254 3470 (eve) for tickets or go to Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

**NELP:** coming to NELP in September? Please contact Gary, daytime, 555 8447. There will be a meeting of all NOISS and SWP members and supporters Monday 19 September, 1pm The Quiet Room, Students Union, Barking Precinct, Longbridge Road, Barking. First branch meeting, 28 September, 6.30pm, Greengate St bar.

**CROYDON Socialist Workers Party meeting for members only, Thursday 25 August, 8pm, Ruskin House, Croydon.**

**CROYDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting:** The origins and traditions of the Socialist Workers Party. Speaker: Duncan Hallas. Thursday 18 August, 8pm, Ruskin House, Croydon.

**SOUTHAMPTON Womens Voice public meeting on School meals increase and the closure of a local maternity hospital.** All women welcome. Wednesday 24 August, 8pm, Anchor Inn, East Street, Southampton.

**SOUTHAMPTON Socialist Worker discussion meetings.** Every Sunday at 8pm, in the Anchor, next to East Street shopping centre.

**21 August:** Sexual politics and socialism. 28 August: Rank and file movements of the past—their lessons for us today.

**29 August:** Imperialism and the theory of permanent revolution. Speaker: T Pearson

**BECCLES, HALESWORTH and LEISTON district branch of the Socialist Workers Party in Suffolk** now formed. Details, contact SWP National Office, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

**NORWICH:** Would all Socialist Workers Party members and supporters coming to either the University of East Anglia, Norwich City College, or Keswick College, this October, please contact Dave Arthur, 76 Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**CAMBRIDGE:** students coming to tech or university in September, please contact Derek (0223-65477) now.

## Action in the unions

**TGWU:** Regional meetings for all SWP members and supporters in the Transport and General Workers Union.

Region 5—Midlands: Saturday 3 September 2pm, 224 High Street, Deritend, Birmingham.

Region 1—LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Monday 15 August, 7.30pm, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

Region 7—SCOTLAND: Saturday 20 August, 1pm, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow.

Region 6—NORTH WEST: Sunday 11 September, 1pm, 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1 (near Playhouse).

Region 9—YORKSHIRE: Sunday 18 September, details later.

Region 4—WALES: Date to be fixed. AGENDA: Report-back from national meeting, TGWU General Executive Council elections, Campaign for Democracy in the TGWU, the fight against the 12-month rule.

**RAILWAY WORKERS: URGENT...** Would all SWP members and supporters who work on the railway please contact: Steve Forey, c/o Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Rd, London N4. IMMEDIATELY. The ASLEF pay claim and the emergence of a significant layer of militants throughout the rail unions make it vital that we coordinate our work on a national level. Don't delay; write today!

**BOILERMAKERS:** Will all Socialist Worker Party members in the ASB contact the address below so that we can form a much-needed fraction in the union? Could all District/branch secretaries of the SWP make sure that every name/address of boilermaker members be sent to Dave Hayes, 16 Appleby Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne/Wear.

**EETPU National fraction meeting** for all SWP EETPU members and supporters. Manchester, Saturday 17 September. Start organising now. Full details next week.

**Direct works Conference.** Saturday 20 August, 11am, TU Books, Basement, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. Pre-Conference meeting for all Socialist Workers Party members and supporters.

**SOCIALIST Workers Party Africa Group Weekend School.** Saturday/Sunday 17/18 September. Royal College of Art, London.

Saturday 17 September: 11am-1pm: Introduction by Alex Callinicos on issues facing socialists and the workers' movement in Africa. 2-3pm: Workshops on NE Africa (Ethiopia), West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria), and East Africa (Uganda). 3.30-4.30pm: Perspectives by John Rogers for Africa Group work—how to use African Worker Journal. Evening: big fund-raising social for African Worker (including excellent Zimbabwean band).

Sunday 18 September: 11am-1pm: Introduction on background to current struggles in Southern Africa. 2-3pm: Perspectives on Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign by Peter Alexander.

## SW Notices

**SWP GAY GROUP** meets regularly in London. Can arrange speakers for branches. Contact Richard 01-790 2454 or write to 19 Redmans Road, London E1.

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**WOMENS VOICE writers' school:** Saturday 17 September. Where to begin; how to take an interview; preparing your copy; doing your own sub-editing; what the finished page should look like, photos and all. Limited number of places. Write now to Womens Voice, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

# AUEW's vital poll: From left to Wright?

By MICK BRIGHTMAN, AUEW, and PAUL FOOT

A REMARKABLE meeting for members of the Engineering Union was held in Manchester at the weekend.

Its purpose was to promote Bob Wright, the union's assistant general secretary, in his campaign for union President—the most important union election to be held in Britain for a long time.

Bob Wright had a powerful supporter at the meeting—Hugh Scanlon, the existing President, who spoke first. Astonishingly, Wright was forced in his later speech to disagree with Scanlon on several crucial issues.

Take the notorious '12-month' rule, for instance, by which the Government and the TUC want to stop us getting any more wages until 12 months after our last settlement.

Bob Wright is against that rule.

But Scanlon spoke strongly for the 12-month rule. 'We have to honour our agreements' he said.

Scanlon also spoke in favour of the Government's cuts in public spending. 'We need more emphasis on those who work, rather than on those who serve', he said.

Wright said he opposed the cuts. But his commitment to those policies was, to say the least, dulled a little by Hugh Scanlon's commitment to the opposite.

Nearly ten years ago, Hugh Scanlon won a great victory for the Left in the AUEW.

## Wretched

He won it with the support of an active, enthusiastic organisation of shop stewards and militants committed to socialist and Left-wing policies.

The centre of that organisation was Manchester. Manchester meetings for the Scanlon campaign in 1967 were attended by hundreds of such militants.

Yet here was Scanlon speaking to a wretched meeting of little more than 100 people—and saying:

'Deep down in our hearts we all know it. Our Manchester organisation has broken down.'

Scanlon in 1967 was a far stronger candidate than Bob Wright is today. Yet Scanlon has sold out what he fought for then in the most appalling way.

He is now the country's chief trade union spokesman for wage restraint.

If Scanlon, with his vast support, could be swept aside by the right wing and the employers like that, what possible chance has Bob Wright of holding his position?

If it were just a question of selecting the best president between Bob Wright and Terry Duffy, the right-wing candidate, there'd be no problem.

Wright's against wage restraint he's for multinationals combine committees officially set up by the union; he's for plant bargaining and the rights of district committees and he's against the cuts.

## Isolated

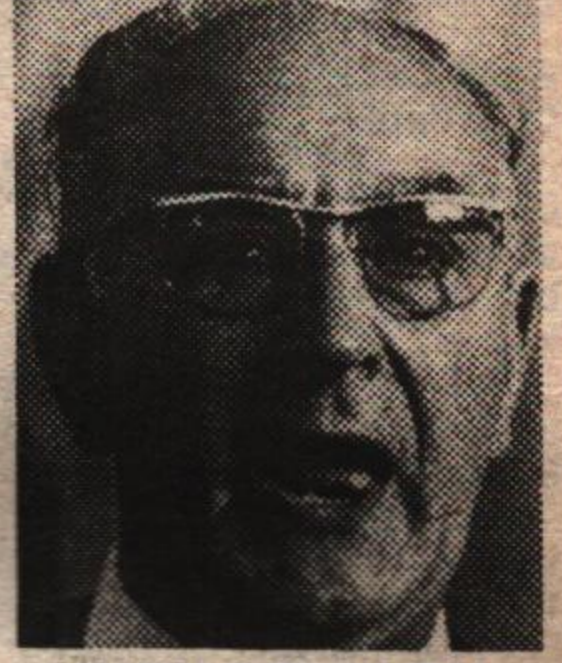
In all these things he's directly opposed to Duffy. But it's not just a question of choosing the candidate with the more Left-wing policies, as Scanlon's term of office shows.

For Wright and Scanlon both believe that what matters most is what happens at the top of the union.

This emphasis makes it easy for those who are elected to be isolated or bullied by the



BOB WRIGHT  
... against pay restraint



HUGH SCANLON  
... for pay restraint

right wing or by the employers.

It makes them irresponsible, unaccountable to any real rank and file body.

It's this obsession with the top of the union which has destroyed Scanlon's Manchester organisation', and, effectively, the Broad Left organisation everywhere, and landed the union with a Right-wing president, elected on a Left-wing platform.

How did Bob Wright come to be the Broad Left candidate? He was 'chosen' at a meeting in Birmingham earlier this year.

## Boring

The meeting was treated to a series of long, mostly very boring, speeches from executive members and full-time officials.

At 3.55 the chairman announced that the hall had to be cleared by 4pm.

Dick Etheridge former convenor at British Leyland, Longbridge then got up and spoke for three minutes on the virtues of Bob Wright. He was cut short by the chairman who proposed that Bob should be the Broad Left candidate for President.

This was carried with a few abstentions. There was no-one else to vote for, after all. One of the workers at that meeting was Ian Morris, an engineering shop steward from Heathrow airport.

'It was a charade, a complete charade' he says.

A lot of us were sickened'. Ian Morris is now standing as the Engineers charter candidate for President in this election. His policies are much more radical and more straightforward than Bob Wright's.

But the central difference is his commitment to build a rank and file movement in the union, a movement which must take its thrust and impetus from below.

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# WHERE WE STAND

## INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

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

## REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

## THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

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

delegates and a workers' militia.

At most, parliamentary action 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 Socialist Workers Party, fill in the form on page 16.

# It was legal murder—and the judge joked: 'Did you see what I did to those anarchist bastards?'

**TRAGEDY  
OF HOW  
RUSSIA  
WENT  
WRONG**

**SACCO and Vanzetti were foreign-born workers, Italians.**

The foreign born were the backbone of the revolutionary movement in the United States in the years just following the first World War.

In the Socialist Party there were 120,000 foreign-born members. When the Communist Party was founded in 1919 it was led and dominated by the foreign-born language federations.

The revolutionary movement among workers in 1918, 1919 and 1920, was unlike anything before or since. There were national strikes of miners and steelworkers in 1919. In the same year, the Boston police struck, terrifying the nation's rulers, who called them communists and anarchists.

In Seattle there was a general strike during which the workers took over the entire city and ran it themselves. Washington state was often referred to as a 'soviet'.

The United States government became increasingly desperate until it finally launched a reign of terror against the revolutionary movement—first and foremost against the foreign born.

*Sacco and Vanzetti were the victims. There were many others as well, but the two Italians from Massachusetts were the best known.*

Judge Webster Thayer tried Sacco and Vanzetti. He hated foreigners.

He openly instructed Vanzetti's jury that 'although this man may not have committed the crime attributed to him, he is nonetheless morally culpable because he is the enemy of our existing institutions. . . . The defendant's ideals are cognate with the crime.'

Judge Thayer was vile in his contempt for the two men.

On the golf course with society's 'finest' he referred to Sacco and Vanzetti as 'dagos' and 'sons of bitches'.

At the Dartmouth football game he boasted to a friend: 'Did you see what I did to those anarchist bastards?'

## Inspired

Sacco and Vanzetti, as anyone who will read their letters or listen to their words can understand, inspired millions.

On the eve of their executions, 6,000 Colorado miners struck. Sixteen thousand workers marched through Rochester, New York. Hundreds of thousands demonstrated in New York City.

There were demonstrations almost everywhere. Twelve thousand workers clashed with police in London. There was street fighting in France—in Paris, Brest, Lyon, Marseilles.

There was a riot in front of the American Embassy in Geneva. American flags were burned in Casablanca.

There were riots in Berlin, Warsaw, Buenos Aires, Mexico City.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts placed an armed garrison round the Charleston death house—to ensure that these two men died.

And then, as if not content with their blood, police attacked the mourners who marched in Sacco and Vanzetti's funeral procession.



Sacco and Vanzetti: the frame-up sparked riots in London, Paris, Geneva, Berlin, Warsaw, Buenos Aires and Mexico City

## THE STORY OF SACCO AND VANZETTI, EXECUTED 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK. THEIR CRIME: SOCIALISM



NICOLA SACCO

I know the sentence will be between two classes, the oppressed class and the rich class, and there will always be collision between one and the other.

We fraternise the people with the books, the literature. You persecute the people, tyrannise them, and kill them.

We try the education of the people always. You try to put a path between us and some other nationality that hates each other.

That is why I am here today on this bench for having been of the oppressed class. Well, you are the oppressor.

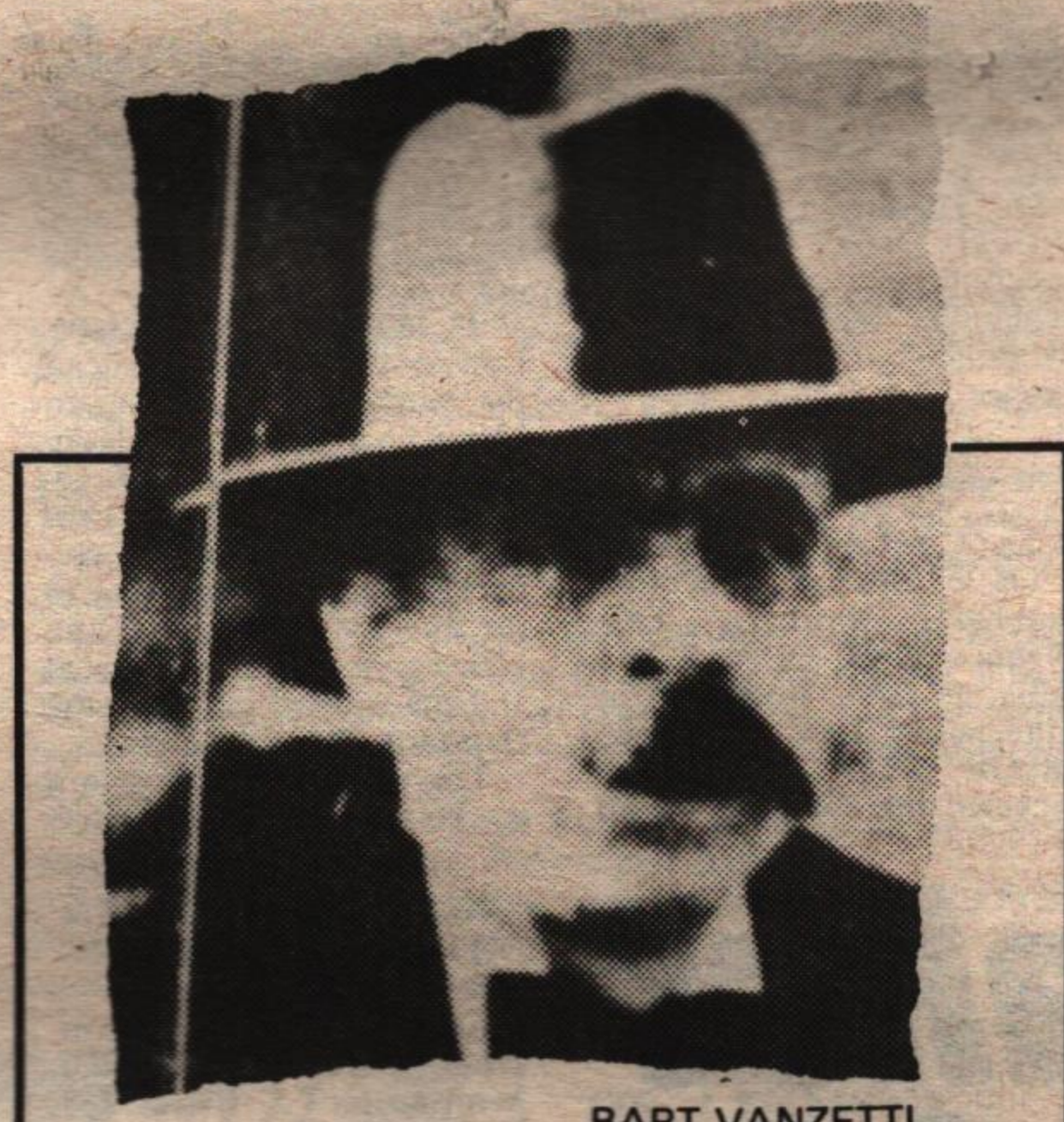
NEXT TUESDAY should be a day of international working class remembrance for two socialist martyrs who, 50 years ago, were executed for a crime they did not commit.

Nicola Sacco, a shoe worker, and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, a fish hawker, were emigrants to America from Italy. They were framed for a murder that took place during a wages snatch in 1920. But their only 'crime' was to have become involved in the revolutionary socialist movement as anarchists.

During the trials, which dragged on for seven years, they were subjected to exactly the same sort of racist abuse that is directed against immigrants in this country today.

The judiciary decided they should die as an example to other immigrants who might develop left-wing ideas, despite a confession by a man called Celestino Madeiros that he had taken part in the crime and that neither Sacco nor Vanzetti was present.

OSSIE LEWIS



BART VANZETTI

If it had not been for these things, I might have lived out my life talking at street corners to scorning men. I might have died, unmarked, unknown, a failure. Now we are not a failure. This is our career and our triumph.

Never in our full life could we hope to do such work for tolerance, for justice, for man's understanding of man, as we now do by accident.

Our words—our lives—our pains—Nothing! The taking of our lives—lives of a good shoemaker and a poor peddler—Ah!

That last moment belongs to us—that is our triumph.

## Now they admit: It wasn't a fair trial

LAST MONTH the governor of Massachusetts issued an official proclamation which stated that Sacco and Vanzetti did not receive a fair trial.

His aim was to 'rehabilitate' the names of Sacco and Vanzetti as well

as the system of justice for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Very fine and good, 50 years too late.

Will we be having to wait 50 years before California and Illinois 'rehabilitate' George Jackson and Fred Hampton? And meanwhile,

Hurricane Carter, Gary Tyler and thousands of other political prisoners are still imprisoned by the very same system that executed Sacco and Vanzetti.

FOOTNOTE: The governor, Michael Dukakis was censured by the

Massachusetts Senate last week for his proclamation.

'Sacco and Vanzetti received perhaps a fairer trial than anyone else accused of a major crime in the state of Massachusetts,' said Republican Senator David Locke, sponsor of the censure motion.

THE BRITISH Communist Party is fiercely debating its future policy, and its relationship with the Soviet Union.

So what better time to read *The Case of Comrade Tulayev*, a moving novel of post-revolutionary Russia?

The author, Victor Serge, was one of the few supporters of the Left Opposition to escape Stalin's purges with his life, being imprisoned and deported to Central Asia.

He witnessed the privations of the Civil War, the growth of the power in the hands of Stalin and his henchmen; the use of the secret police; and the butchering of the leaders of the Revolution.

## PAGES

These experiences combine in a terrifying picture through the pages of *Comrade Tulayev*.

The nightmare begins when Kostia, an unknown clerk, is given a revolver. He wanders the streets until he stumbles upon Tulayev, a Central Committee member who is visiting his mistress.

The frustration caused by continuous oppression and the lost hopes of the Revolution overwhelm Kostia, and in a second Tulayev is dead.

An anonymous assassin, but in the minds of the Central Committee, the Prosecutor Rachevsky and the Party generally, this was a crime by the 'enemies of the revolution', the Trotskyists.

A web of intrigue and lies is spun, spanning Siberia, Moscow and war-torn Barcelona.

Old revolutionaries who are still totally loyal to the Party come under suspicion solely by fitting the 'plot' dreamed up by Rachevsky. Party members are arrested, tortured and forced to confess their crimes publicly.

## SHOW

'I prevented the irrigation plans from succeeding . . . I dealt with British intelligence . . . The Gestapo sent me . . .'

Such Show Trials were regular under Stalin and some of the finest members of the Bolshevik Party were the victims. Men like Zinoviev, Bukharin and Stetsky.

Serge shows clearly the reasons these men had for confessing rather than denouncing a regime that was fast moving from Socialism.

In recent years, we have seen Russian tanks crush workers revolts in Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Socialists are put into lunatic asylums, and strikes are ruthlessly broken.

These are not the actions of a workers' state, but of a ruling class protecting its wealth and privileges.

The *Case Of Comrade Tulayev* is a powerful testament to the tragic fact that, despite its success, the revolution of 60 years ago did not establish Socialism.

STEVE FOREY

# THREE GREAT STRIKES TO SMASH THE PAY FREEZE

## Beechams powder keg the fuse gets shorter!

By Phil Jones, Don Trudell and Ahmed Shawki

**LAST WEEK**, the multi-million pound drinks and drugs company Beechams applied to the Treasury for a relaxation of dividend control. They want to pass on some of their astonishing £132 million profit to their wealthy shareholders.

At the same time, they prepared for battle with their soft drinks workers who produce a good slice of that profit but who earn less in a week than the average Beechams shareholder spends in a day.

At Coleford, Gloucestershire, where Beechams make Lucozade and other soft drinks, 450 workers are out on strike.

The basic wage is £34 to £38 gross. The workers can't afford to buy basic food and drink, much less Lucozade.

They have forsaken their Phase 2 increase—and now want a rise of £24 on the basic wage. That's what these very low-paid workers need to get out of the 'poverty trap'.

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Here's the pay slip of L Sterling, a black worker at Beecham's Tottenham factory. Notice the 'total hours' entry.

It means that he worked for 80 HOURS IN ONE WEEK — OVER 10 HOURS A DAY FOR SEVEN DAYS. For that the net pay was £65.68.

### Lose

A rise of only £10 for instance would leave most of these workers no better off. They would lose several benefits like free school meals and the extra money wouldn't cover the loss.

Yet the big bosses of Beecham have refused to pay a penny more than the 5 per cent allowed under Phase 2. The Coleford workers are furious, and determined.

Pat Fletcher, on the Coleford picket line, told Socialist Worker:

'This 5 per cent offer is disgusting. This strike should be official by now. There's not a lot of confidence in the union any more'.

Another man who isn't at all happy at the role of the Transport and General Workers Union is the local union official, Bryan Weston.

He told us: 'We're trying to make this strike official, but we are being blocked at a higher level. They say they are waiting for the TUC in September.'

The leaders say they're against the 12-month rule. But when the members respond, they get told to 'wait till the TUC'.

On Tuesday, the Coleford workers sent an angry telegram to Jack Jones, demanding that he stand by the policy of the union's conference.

### Support

The Coleford workers have a lot of support from other Beechams workers. Last Wednesday 50 stewards and militants from Beechams at Manchester, Lowestoft, Newcastle and Tottenham picketed the company's head

office. They had led a one-day strike in sympathy with the Coleford workers' demand.

On Tuesday, the fitters at Beechams White Hart Lane factory in Tottenham came out in sympathy.

At Manchester, Newcastle, Lowestoft and Maidenhead the workers are working to rule in favour of the £24 claim.

At Lowestoft, the management put the 5 per cent increase in the workers pay packet. The stewards went to the director and said: 'Thank you very much for the unusual and unexpected gift—but the claim for £24 still stands.'

The spirit of the Coleford workers and their supporters



Women on the Beecham's picket

in other plant, is marvellous. But they will need more than spirit to crack this greedy and ruthless company.

The strike action will have to spread—not after the TUC but now while the boom in soft drinks sales is still on.

The Rank and File Centre (265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4) is circulating a mass appeal for the Beechams workers.

### Mobilize

There are Beechams soft drinks factories or depots in Tottenham, Manchester, Newcastle, Tamworth, Maidenhead, Worthing, Slough, Brentford, Southampton, Tornliebank, Tonbridge Wells, Exeter, Birmingham, Nottingham, Airdrie, Welshpool and Lowestoft.

All Socialist Worker readers should get down to those factories and put the case of the Coleford workers.

Messages of support and donations to: Tom Jones, 22 High Nash, Coleford, Gloucs.

## A drop in the ocean

**'THERE'S LESS and less meat on the bloody table. Most of our people are becoming vegetarians — and not from choice.'**

**'Some of them are taking home £29 to £31. They just can't go on living!'**

Alan Readhead, chairman of the Transport and General Workers Union branch at Manchester waterworks was talking—angrily.

He was explaining why 300 Manchester water workers are out on strike for the first time in history—for a £15 rise, and for consolidation of the £6 increase into basic rates.

The effect has been catastrophic.

Suddenly, water workers who had always seen themselves at the bottom of the pile, realised their own strength.

'We're just realising that we've got more power than the miners' says Alan. We distribute water to the entire city, and people can't live without water. We're also part of the profit that companies make.

'Shell couldn't make a profit without water. Nor could the breweries. Nor could most engineering companies. They

### Their profit

all need us for their profit. Yet they pay us as if we didn't matter.'

Geoff Platt, secretary of the branch, said: 'Our quarrel is as much with the trade union leaders as with the employers. The stewards and rank and file have no power at all in our

industry. 'All our negotiations are handled by a joint council of employers and full-time officials. If one full-time official is against us, we lose our point.

'And we always do lose our point. We came out on strike to show that we're the people who do the work, and we're the people to negotiate better wages and conditions. All water workers in the country should support us.'

**CLYDESIDe:** Nine shop stewards committees in the West of Scotland, representing about 40,000 workers, have sponsored a stewards conference in Glasgow's Rosevale Hall at 10.30am on Wednesday 24 August, to formulate plans for an immediate return to free collective bargaining.

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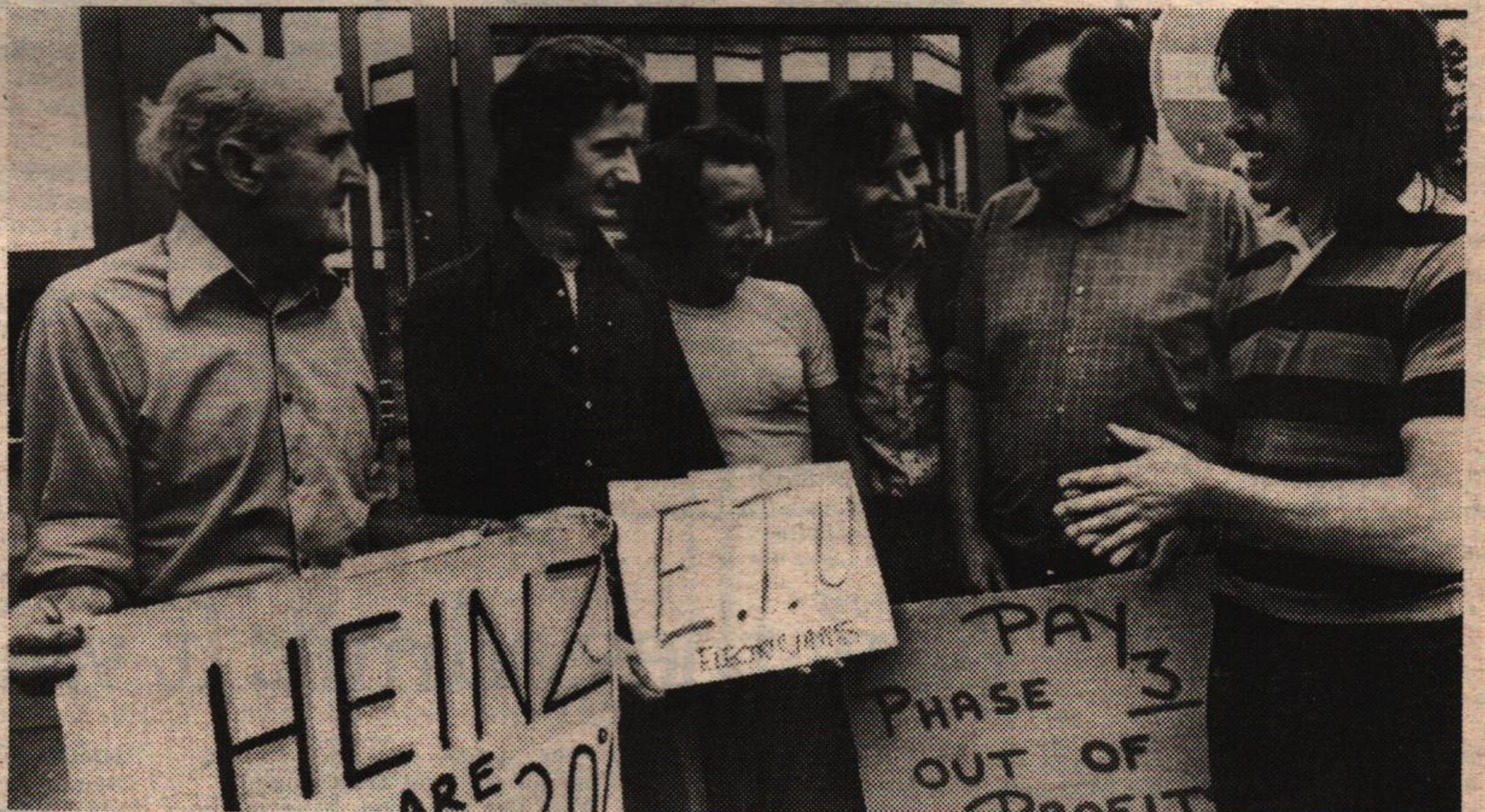
SOME stickers produced by Engineers Charter, the rank and file paper run by members of the Engineering Union (AUEW).

They are part of the Charter campaign for Ian Morris, their candidate for AUEW president. The election is being held in the autumn to replace Hugh Scanlon, who is retiring.

Ian Morris is a leading shop steward at London's Heathrow Airport.

Stickers and other information about the campaign from Engineers Charter, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

## LIE BIG - PAY LITTLE



**EAST LONDON:** 40 maintenance engineers at Liebig meat company (part of Brooke Bonds) are still on strike demanding more than the Phase Two offer made by management.

They were conned into delaying their increase till Phase Two ended, with promises of more and are now determined to stay out till a better offer is made.

This week the electricians in the plant joined the strike. They and the engineers have been promised official backing but it is still not forthcoming.

The production workers at the plant, members of USDAW, voted not to take a decision on the Phase Two offer. This is good as it means management has not got its way with any section of workers, but bad because they are sitting on the backs of the engineers and letting them do the fighting.

The key to the success of the strike is to link up with other factories in the group at present involved in overtime bans. Donations to the strike fund and messages of support to: Knolly Fernandes, 12 Pretoria Road, London, E11.



On the picket line at Batchelors.

## We need your support

**NORTHWEST LONDON:** We at Desoutters are determined as ever to win our fight for union recognition.

Negotiations going on between management and our union, the AUEW, have not produced an acceptable offer, which must include the reinstatement of our convenor, Fred Hopper, who was sacked after an alleged incident on the picket line, which we absolutely deny. It is obviously an attempt by management to break our union organisation.

We call on all trade unionists to give us maximum support by blacking all Desoutter Brothers products, which include air-driven tools, electric drills, and die sets. We also need financial help, as many of our members are suffering extreme hardship.

We are calling a mass picket of the factory the date of which will be announced shortly.

□ Please send donations to: Barry Moroney, Acting Treasurer, Desoutters Strike Fund, 27 Springfield Mount, Kingsbury, London NW9.

## Binmen stay out

By Steve Hamblett

**WOLVERHAMPTON:** Dustmen voted unanimously to stay out on strike for parity with neighbouring boroughs at a mass meeting on Monday.

They have a basic wage of £34 plus cost of living rises plus £12 maximum bonus. Typical take-home pay is £32.

After two weeks on strike the Council offered them their ordinary pay plus £4.50 a day, plus double bonus to clear the backlog of rubbish and a working party to discuss bonus.

The men said they would not go back until they had a concrete offer.

□ Donations and messages of support: Mr R Upton, Crown Street Depot, Wolverhampton.

## Notices and meetings

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**SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN.**

□ New address—21 Mayall Road, Brixton, London SE24.

□ **JUMBLE SALE:** Camden Labour Centre, (near Camden tube), 11am, Saturday 20 August. Please take jumble to SASC office or to 175a Kentish Town Road, London NW1, or phone 01-267-5059 for collection.

□ **BADGES:** In red and black, 20p each (plus 10p postage) or £2 for ten, £15 for 100.

□ **PENS:** Red with 'Southern

## NUJ: Spread the action

**DARLINGTON:** Spread the strike action. That was the call from journalists in the Westminster Press group who met in London last weekend to discuss the 11-week strike by their Darlington colleagues.

The Group NUJ Chapel voted to call for a strike throughout the Westminster Press empire in support of the Darlington members who are fighting

By Steve Childs, Clerk (secretary) United Newspapers Group NUJ Chapel

for a closed shop. Printworkers at the Northern Echo recently joined the strike.

The NUJ executive was likely to meet later this week to discuss the emergency strike call. The print union chiefs in the TUC will find it difficult to

ignore the rank and file pressure for solidarity action.

Westminster Press are part of the multi-million pound Pearson Empire that owns, among many companies, Penguin Books.

The strike at Darlington is solid, with no papers being produced, and for the first time journalists and printers are side by side on the picket line.

This impressive solidarity has led to the victimisation of a NUJ member in another newspaper group, who supported the Darlington picket

Journalists on the Lancashire Evening Post at Preston stopped work last week to discuss the sacking of reporter Brain Best.

Brain's 'crime' was to be one of the 40 pickets arrested and convicted at the Darlington offices.

The Preston management have sacked him for the ludicrous reason that he failed to notify the news editor about his court appearance.

The Chapel (office branch) see his dismissal as a clear attempt to victimise a union militant, and were waiting for national talks earlier this week before deciding on what to do next.

The Preston Chapel know they will get the full backing of the United Newspapers Group Chapel which covers papers throughout Lancashire and Yorkshire.

## Nurses join NUPE

**EAST LONDON:** Since 15 July staff at Plaistow Maternity Hospital have staged a work-in to stop the closure of the hospital. They say no equipment shall be moved without agreement with the unions.

The District Health Authority by passed the Hospital Secretary and went straight to the Union Action Committee for talks on the hospital last week, but as they only wanted to talk about closure the Action Committee have said they will not see them again. They will talk if there is something more concrete on the agenda.

The Action Committee are planning a concert to raise

funds and a demonstration early in October.

Brian Walker, NUPE Shop Steward, told Socialist Worker: 'The key to stopping the closure and movement of equipment is our ability to drum up support at short notice. We ask for other hospital workers, trade unionists and mums in the area to be ready to keep the hospital open.'

A good development is that some of the nursing staff have joined NUPE. This will increase the unity

□ Messages of support and donations to: Action Group, Plaistow Maternity Hospital, Howards Road, London E13.

## Monklands NALGO vote for all out strike

**STRATHCLYDE:** The seven-week strike by NALGO members in the Housing Department of Monklands District Council looks like escalating even further.

Last week, five other departments voted to take action. All they are waiting for is the green light from the National Emergency Committee of NALGO.

If they strike, every NALGO member employed by the district will be on strike

The Council are now threatening to use agency staff (a polite term for scab labour).

The strike started when the Council threatened to sack all the members of the Housing Department and make them reapply for their jobs.

Barney Whelan, President of the Monklands branch, spoke to Socialist Worker: 'It is appalling that a Labour-controlled council can consider bringing in agency labour to break an official strike.'

□ Donations to: Monklands NALGO, Housing Dept., Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

# BATCHELORS: WE MAKE THE FOOD BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY IT!

**SHEFFIELD:** Workers at Batchelors are planning to visit other factories in the Unilever empire this week to win support for their six-week strike.

The 650 production workers—mainly women—are out for a £3 a week rise promised them under an agreement made before Phase I of the Social Contract.

## Afford

The workers at Sheffield have been joined by 550 fellow workers on the same agreement at Worksop.

Unilever claim they can't afford the £3000 a week it

would cost them. But they are bringing in more and more bright young undergraduates to 'watch' the production workers.

Said TGWU shop steward Dot Bailey:

'At a meeting we had recently with management they used a model of a cake to explain their next round of economies. There was a slice of this and a slice of that. And our cut was the biggest bloody slice of all. It's always the same. Production workers lose the most.'

Every morning at 4 o'clock the miners' wives in villages around South Yorkshire struggle out of bed to catch the bus to the Batchelors works. It costs them 40p a day. There's no choice because there are no jobs in the villages.

Chairman Mike Heron doesn't have to worry about 40p a day. He has a chauffeur driven Daimler Sovereign. Six

'S' registration cars have just been delivered at a cost of £20,000.

Yet workers at Batchelors are hard pushed to buy the food they produce.

Said Doreen Grattwick, another shop steward: 'I think we should stick out for £10 not ten per cent. You've got to keep up with the cost of living.'

## Starve

'It's time they ploughed some profit back onto the shop floor. They're trying to starve the mouths that feed them.'

Support for the strikers has been pouring in. A social organisation by the Sheffield Socialist Workers Party raised £140 for the strike fund.

Lorry drivers are refusing to cross picket lines. A cargo of peas re-directed from Batchelors to Birds Eye has been blacked.

What you can do:

• Check if there's a Unilever factory in the area. If there is approach the shop stewards and ask for support for the strikers.

## Support

• Organise pickets outside supermarkets that sell Batchelors products—most do.

• Collect money for the strikers who are getting only £6 a week strike pay.

• Donations and messages to: Vin Knight, 42 Grissell Crescent, Foxhill, Sheffield.

• Support Batchelors strikers stickers at 20p for 12 from Flat 4, 68 Clarke Grove Road, Sheffield 10. (proceeds to strike fund).

## Batchelors, Birds Eye, Walls—it's all Brand X

HOW OFTEN have you wondered which washing powder to buy at your local supermarket? Perhaps you'd be better off with 'New Improved Persil—washes whiter and it cares.' Or maybe 'Square Deal Surf' is the best buy?

Save yourself the trouble. Both brands are made by Unilever—as are 'Walls' sausages and 'Birds Eye' fish fingers and many other products.

Batchelors are just a small part of Unilever. Even so, at their factories in Sheffield, Worksop and Ashford, Kent, they turn out 19 million packets of dried peas, 35 million packets of soup and 215 million cans of processed peas—at the usual rip-off prices.

They also run a lucrative supplies division for restaurants, schools and hospitals.

Unilever itself is the biggest multi-product company in the world. Total sales last year were £8.7 billion. Worldwide, it has 320,000 employees who last year produced profits of over £605 million for the ruling classes to gobble up—share prices lifted 6p to 458p at this good news.

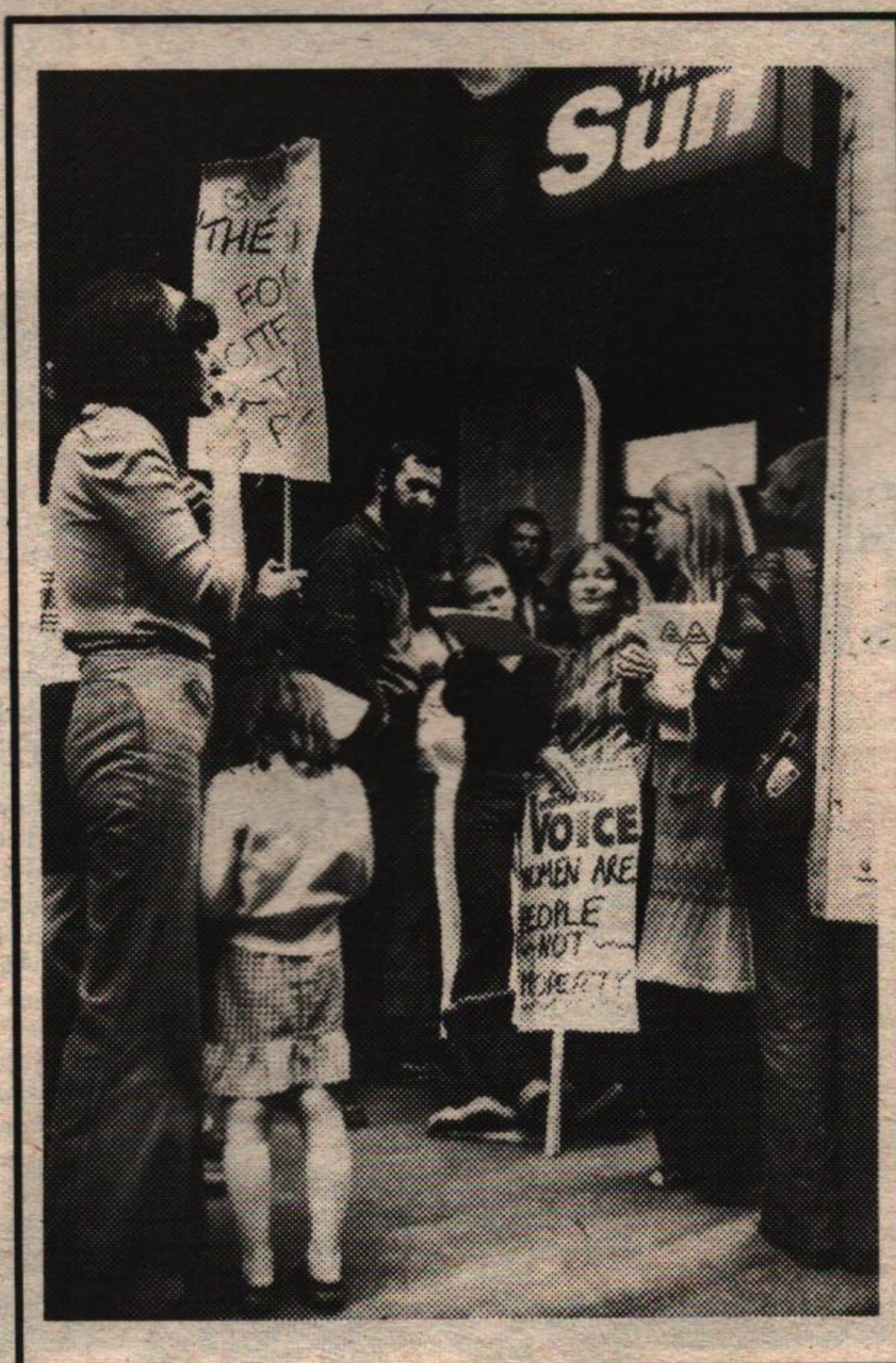
Their tentacles extend from Europe and the USA to South Africa, Nigeria, Indonesia, Turkey and India.

Unilever was the first major private company to offer its firm support for the Labour Government's wage controls.

## Lay offs at Thorne's

**NORTH LONDON:** AUEW members at Thornes have been laid off without pay after a work to rule caused by management refusing to implement a mutually agreed regrading scheme.

□ Messages and donations to: 75a St Marks Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex.



Picture: An Dekker

**FORTY Women's Voice supporters** marched down Fleet Street and picketed *The Sun* newspaper offices this week to protest against the newspapers' hypocritical attitude to women and rape.

They handed out leaflets explaining why projecting women as tit and bum sex objects leads to more rapes.

The front page of *THE Sun* 19 July carried a picture of a scantily-clad woman next to a story about a judge who wants to lock up all rapists.

The Women's Voice leaflet points out: 'We don't think prison sentences are the cure for the men who get

## THANKS!

WE THANK the following people for sending money to our fighting fund:

North West London £15.55, Inner East London £100, Lea Valley £25, Islington £75, Derby £7.50, Stockport £1, Shrewsbury £20, D W Evans £2, Hammersmith readers £2.50, Little Ilford Defence Campaign £15, Charing Cross branch of ASTMS £5.41, K D Harding £5, Anonymous £101. Total £374.96.

caught because that doesn't tackle the source of the problem—a society which uses women to sell newspapers and cars; which discriminates against women because they are thought to be inferior ... which sells sex, at a price, but won't talk about it honestly and openly on television or in school.

A delegation of pickets spoke to print union FoCs.

Said one of the pickets: 'Although we were nervous, we felt it was well worth doing. It shows what can be achieved if you just go along and talk to people about these things.'

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## LOBBY THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS

Monday 5 September, 11am  
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Called by the Manchester Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions, and the Right to Work Campaign.

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Will Heinz mean a row of beans?



OUTSIDE THE GATES: The workers at Wilson's are united for the first time in years

PICTURES: John Smith (IFL)

### 'THREE words sum it up. Fifteen pounds now.

'For the first time for a long, long time we're all together here.'

'We're out on strike and Wilsons won't get any beer brewed until we get £15 on the basic rate on top of anything we get under Phase 2.'

The words of Jim Shepherd, senior Transport and General Workers shop steward at Wilson's brewery in Manchester, where 700 workers are on indefinite strike.

Even on a Saturday, there were more than 50 pickets outside the brewery gates. They are angry.

Colin Noble, a member of the Engineering Union, said: 'Well, I've had the £6 increase, but I only saw about half of it, after stoppages. That's right. I've had about £3 extra in my wage packet in two years.'

### Price rises

'I've got four kids. The food bill alone is up £15 in that time.'

Kevin Doyle, Transport and General Workers Union branch secretary in the brewery, says: 'I've got seven kids, and you can work out what that costs. Our gas bill last quarter was £106.'

Eddie Malone, a member of the United Road Transport Union, says: 'This brewery is owned by Watney Mann, which is owned by Grand Metropolitan Group.'

'The group made £380 million profit last year. That's because we and all the other Grand Met workers were producing more for the same money.'

'We're brewing twice as much beer as we were two years ago, and our standard of living has gone down.'

Jim Shepherd says: 'Under the Social Contract our bargaining power as shop stewards was wrecked. We couldn't ask for anything more than the pay policy allowed us.'

'But now the lads feel that the brakes are off, and that we've got to get more money. We're calling on all other breweries in the group to join us.'

'We've already brought out the transport depots at Bootle and Fleetwood, and we're off to Mortlake on Tuesday to tackle the big Watneys brewery.'

### Mood

The Wilson's strikers sum up a mood which is gathering pace in factories and workplaces all over the country.

In Manchester, 300 water workers are on strike for the first time in their history—for a £15 increase.

At Coleford, Gloucestershire, 400 production workers at Beechams are out for a substantial increase.

Last Wednesday, representatives from Coleford were joined by Beechams stewards from factories all over the country, who struck for a day in support.

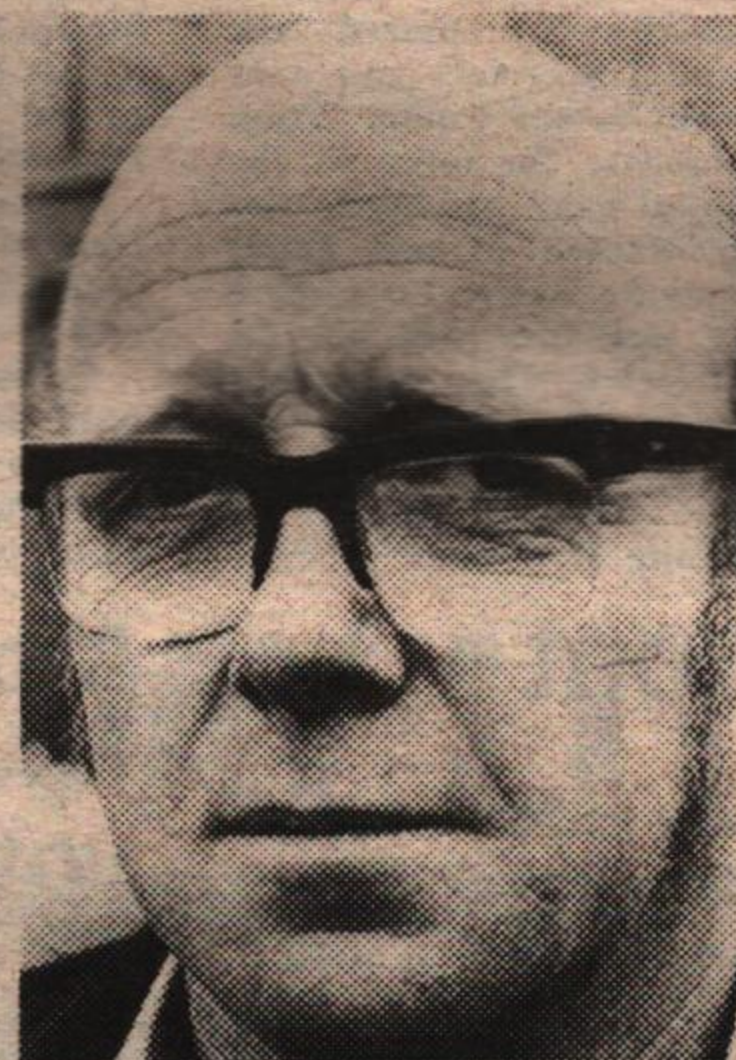
### Promises

At Aylesford, Kent, 300 workers at Key Terrain are sitting in for money promised by management but which 'can't be paid' because of the government's policy.

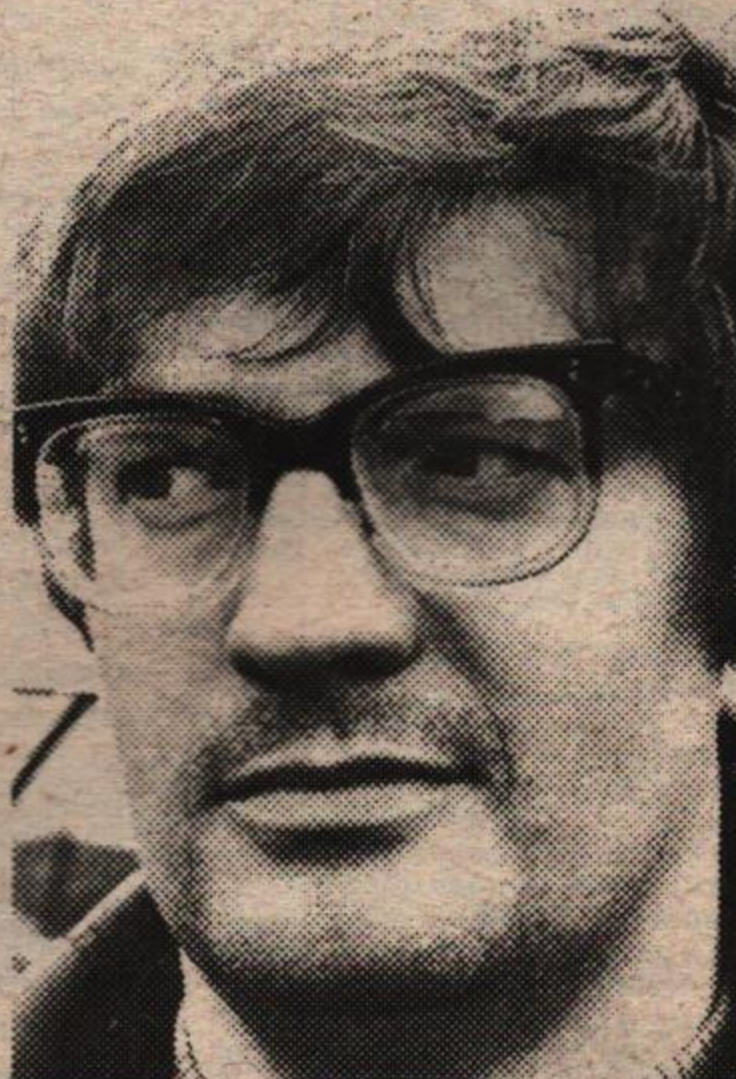
The same mood is stretching into the bigger factories.

At Chrysler, Linwood workers will be voting this week on a proposal for strike action for a substantial increase.

Similar militancy has been proposed at Vauxhalls and even at the traditionally passive Kodak plant at Hemel Hempstead.



Kevin Doyle: 'Our last gas bill was £106...'



Eddie Malone: 'We're brewing twice as much beer'

THE government is making a desperate effort to force through its wages policy—and hold the wretched Phase 2 increases for a full year.

Both government and TUC want to present the TUC in September with an enforced wages policy. They want to be able to tell delegates:

'Hundreds of thousands of workers are already held by the 12-month rule. It would not be fair now for anyone to break it.'

That's why the most incredible tactics are being used by the government to stop big wage increases.

### Stopped

A thousand workers at General Engineering in Radcliffe, Lancashire have had promised wage rises stopped after the government threatened to cut off credits for exports.

At the huge Heinz factories near Wigan an even more disgraceful plan is being hatched.

Substantial pay increases have been won by workers after industrial action.

But the government have threatened to order all nationalised industries and even the Health Service not to buy Heinz products unless the wage rises are cancelled!

Heinz management have agreed to 'think again'. This could mean that they will take the money out of the workers' wage packets.

### Strength

If, as at General Engineering, shop stewards accept this blackmail, they will be condemning Heinz workers to another year's penury.

If they use their strength, neither management nor government can hold out.

The government's tactics are not only blackmail. They are bluff.

The next few weeks are vital. The vote at the TUC is still wide open.

Every effort must be made to swing it behind our real interests—behind an end to wage restraint and the fight back for which workers have had to wait for far too long.

# To hell with any 12-month rule!

Rank and file public meeting

## THE WAGES BATTLE IN MANCHESTER

Speakers from Wilsons Brewery, the water workers, Shell Carrington, bus garages  
Thursday 25 August, 7.30 pm,  
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Jim Shepherd: 'Wilson's won't get any beer until we get £15.'