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Right to Work March special: Pages 7-9

A question for Callaghan:

PRICES DON'T WAIT



The Right to Work Marchers lobbying the TUC: Callaghan refused to meet them

12 MONTHS, WHY SHOULD WAGES?

TIGHTEN your belts again, and accept the 12-month rule and 'moderate' wage settlements.

Inflation will then come down to only ten per cent and maybe, just maybe, the economy will pick up and there will be more jobs.

So James Callaghan told the TUC. So the TV and press tell us every day. It is what they told us last year—and the year before that. What happened? Two years of wage control have caused the biggest

drop in living standards within living memory. That is a fact. Even Callaghan can't deny it. Now he says:

'There need be, will be, no further reduction in living standards'.

There will if his advice is followed . . .

Settlement

A 12-month period between wage settlements and no increase over ten per cent is a certain recipe for another cut in living standards.

Inflation is still running at more than 15 per cent a year. For the first half of this year it was rising month by month.

DUNCAN HALLAS

Maybe the rate of inflation will fall, maybe not. One thing is certain.

Not even the government predicts a fall to below ten per cent. A ten per cent rise before stoppages means a further real cut in pay even if the rate does eventually come down—and goodness knows when or if that will happen.

We are told 'the 12-month rule is essential'. What about a 12-month rule for prices?

In his TUC speech, Callaghan said not one word about price control. Not one word.

There is a reason for this. For all its chatter about the evils of inflation, the government has been allowing and even encouraging price increases to boost profits.

And they have been boosted with a vengeance. They are, a writer in the Financial Times said recently, 'embarrassingly high'.

Thousands of millions of pounds have been transferred from working people to the rich. That is what the government's so-called anti-inflation policy has achieved.

That, and an increase in

unemployment to a level unknown for 40 years. Two years of Social Con-trick have pushed unemployment up to 1.6 million.

The rank and

file's answer

to the TUC

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But now Callaghan makes promises of jam tomorrow, of the economy being 'stimulated' in the autumn.

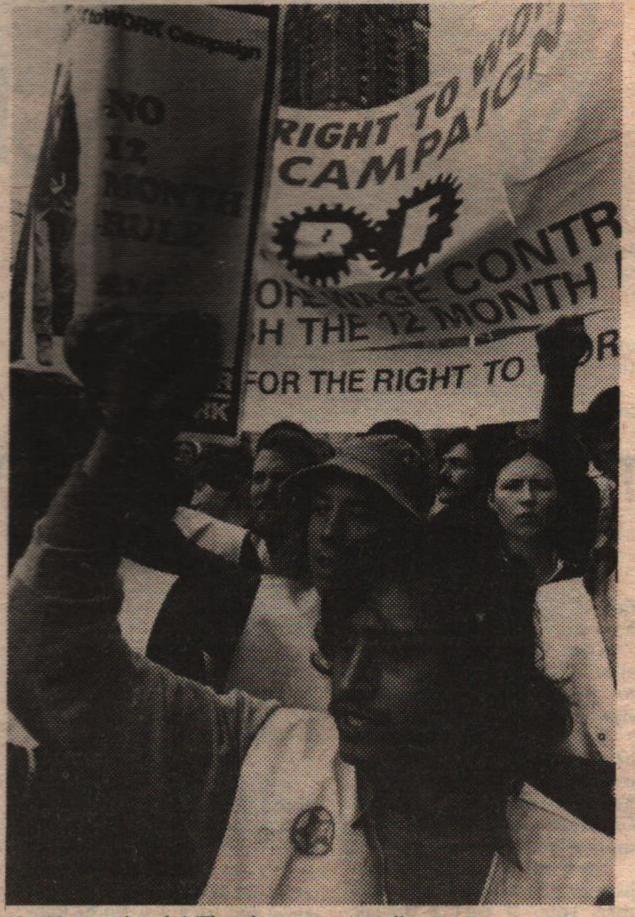
Believe

Then why not now? The brutal truth is that you cannot believe a word the man says.

Working people will get only what they fight for by their own efforts.

NO 12-MONTH RULE!

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No 12-month rule! The alternative is still more wage cuts

they fixed the vita TUC vote

By PAUL FOOT
A TUC decision to call
on its members to
observe the 12-month
rule for more wage
restraint is not a decision at all.

Workers should pay no attention to it.

The reason is simple—the vote for wage restraint could only be carried with the support of a million votes from the Engineering Section of the AUEW.

Yet these million votes have been committed by the AUEW Executive for the 12-month rule against the wishes of the National Conference of the whole AUEW and the National Committee of the Engineering Section.

Break

It does not reflect the views of the elected bodies or the rank and file of the union, and it breaks the union's rules.

Billy Taylor, deputy AUEW Convenor at Acton Works, North London, and a member of the union's delegation at the TUC, told me:

'Our National Committee and conference decided on an immediate return to free collective bargaining from 1 August.

August.

'23 out of 26 of our delegates here think that means we should get on with our new claims now. And the other three abstained.

'But Scanlon and the Ex-Continued on Page Two

Grunwicks: Fine

WE WON'T disclose our plans' said Roy Grantham, General Secretary of APEX, moving an emergency resolution at the TUC on Grunwicks.

It summed up the whole Grunwicks debate on Tuesday.

Grantham had a lot to say about how good the Scarman Report was and how nasty George Ward is, but nothing at all to say about how Ward is to be finished off.

The resolution piously called for more 'practical help' from trade unions for the strikers.

Passed

It was seconded, with a lot of rhetoric, by Ron Todd, TGWU fulltime official in London, best known as the man who sold out the Yardley women strikers last spring.

The motion was passed unanimously after a unanimous recommendation from the TUC General Council.

'They should be specific,'
Jayamben Desai, a member of the
Grunwicks Strike Committee, told
Socialist Worker.

'The resolution is far too vague. We wanted a definite commitment from trade unionists that they would cut off water and gas and postal services.'

Johnny Patel, another member of the Strike Committee, said the resolution was 'the lousiest thing I've ever seen.'

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MUGGER

GETS

AWAY

WITH IT

A PEER of the

Realm-ex-Eton and

Sandhurst to bootcame up in court

recently . . . on a

John Campbell, the

tenth Earl of

Breadalbane, was

convicted at Highgate

in North London of

stealing a purse from a

woman's shopping

The Earl, 58, who

served with the Black

Watch during the war,

was given a con-

He had, reported the

Hendon Times on 25

August, stolen £8 and property valued at

reported the story of

78-year-old pensioner

Edwin Chellingworth,

who had stolen cold

Rather less than the

Earl—but a somewhat

heavier sentence: a

meat worth 40p.

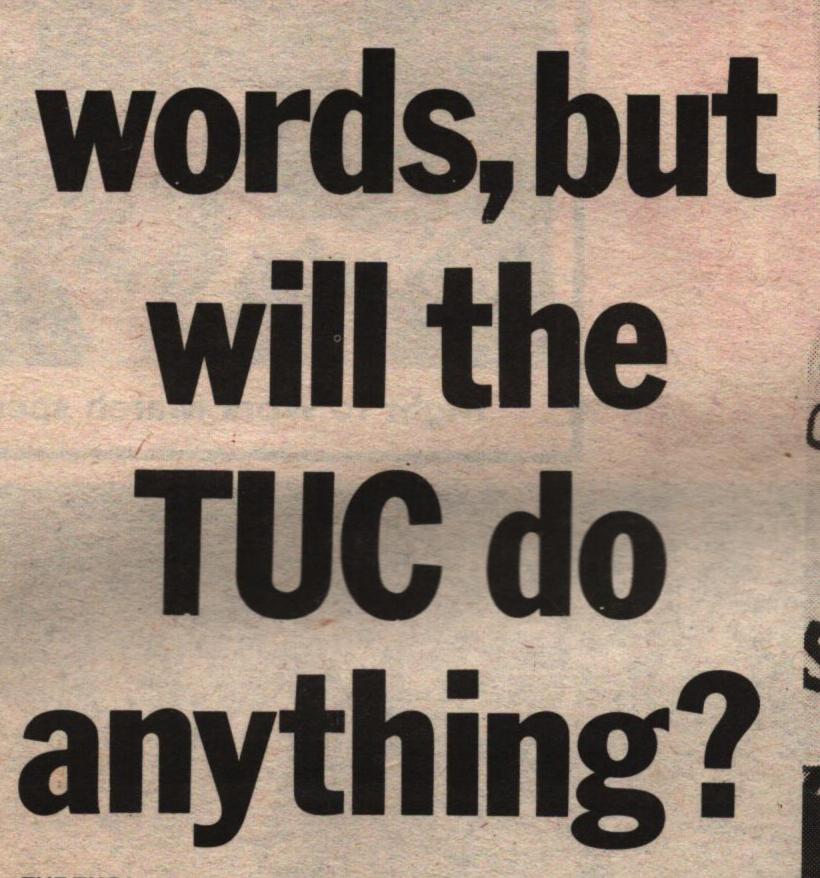
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THE TUC has avoided committing itself to any form of action over Grunwicks.

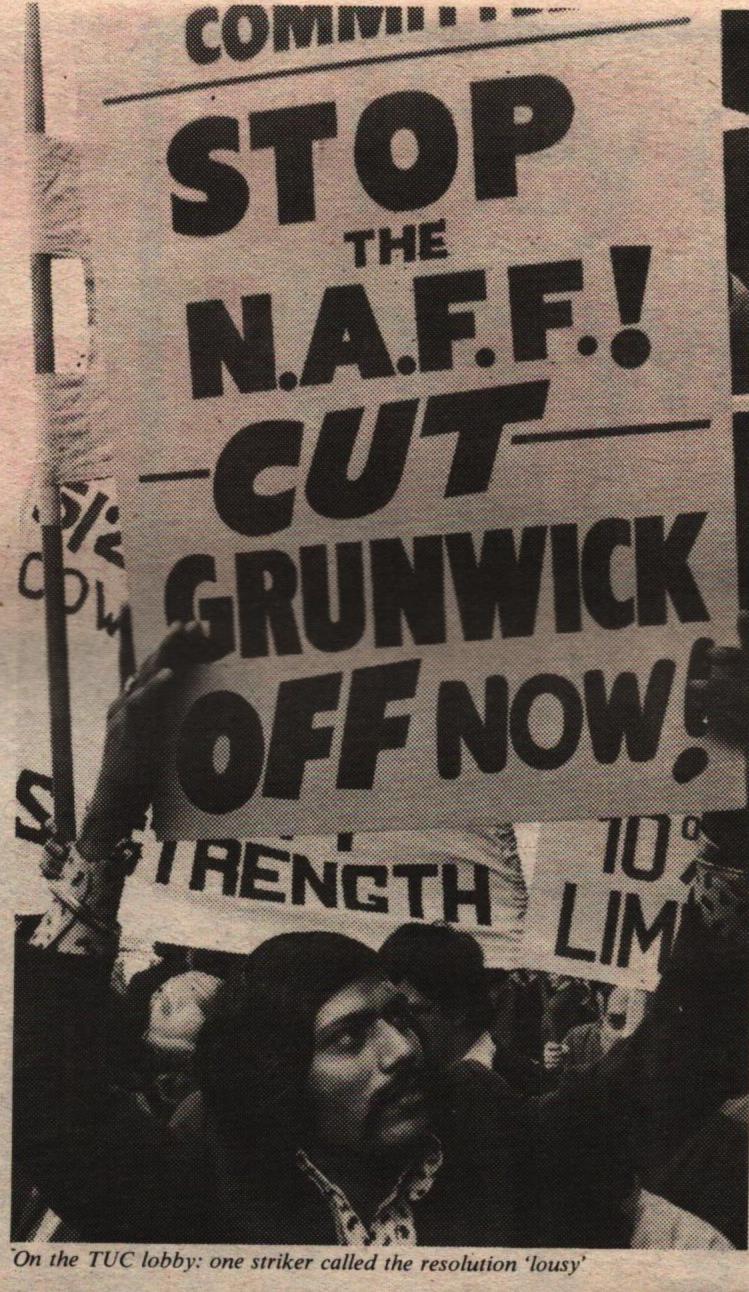
When Scarman reported its findings, the Strike Committee gave George Ward seven days to implement them. Ward thumbed his nose.

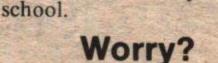
Roy Grantham persuaded the strikers to wait upon the TUC before calling for further mass

action. The Strike Committee patiently let him have his way.

But the TUC leaders will go on dithering for ever. They are past masters at appearing to do things while in practice doing nothing.

Many strikers are now itching for the mass pickets to be reimposed. They may be sure that there are thousands of trade unionists just waiting for the call.





their jobs, their houses and their children's places at

BBC

CHEER

THE

RACISTS

THE BBC's latest

documentary on racism-

called Race-started on

Like most programmes that

set out to be 'unbiased' and

'objective', this one simply offers the racists a platform.

the National Front dis-

tributing leaflets in Brent

where there is 'a high concen-

Millions of viewers saw

Front supporters spewing out

their 'ideas'. There was no

attempt to show the Nazis in

These were just local people concerned about blacks taking

tration of non-whites'.

their true light.

We were treated to a film of

Monday night.

Neither was there any attempt to show the real causes of unemployment or racism.

Instead there were the results of the BBC's survey, which pointed out that most people think there are more black people in Britain than there really are.

The implication: Don't worry, folks, there aren't really that many here. It's not as 'bad' as you think it is.

Next week we are to be given a look at the history of immigration to Britain, along the lines of 'how a trickle became a flood'.

Among the noteworthies being interviewed is none other than Enoch Powell.

And this is what they call being objective.

Master race run away

THE NAZIS fled in Leamington on Saturday—all eight of them.

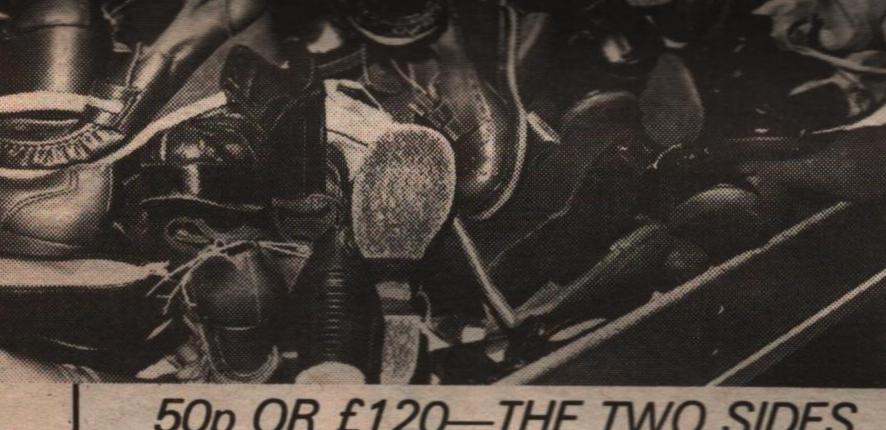
The local Socialist Workers Party, together with the Trades Council and others, had organised a mass paintout of Nazi slogans.

The Nazi British Movement called for a national mobilisation of their membership to stop us.

The result was a complete victory for us. The police were forced to make the Council remove all the offending slogans.

So our 120-strong column marched instead into the centre of the town, where we were opposed by only eight Nazis.

The police then decided to stop protecting them and they disappeared rapidly with their tails between their legs.



50p OR £120—THE TWO SIDES OF LABOUR'S BRITAIN

A new pair of shoes in London's Bond Street: price £120. Second-hand shoes for 50p on a stall in Skelmersdale—the town with the worst unemployment in Britain.



LEFT-WING and Black bookshops in London have recently been the target of National Front attacks.

But now the fire-bombing and vandalism has spread to the provinces.

The Fourth Idea Bookshop in Bradford—a gathering

point for many anti-tascists has had all its upstairs windows smashed.

The attackers left their calling card—three British National Party leaflets saying 'BNP We Will Win" were pushed through the letter box.

On 30 August the shop had

a visit from a BNP member (a

former NF candidate in the local elections).

He was recognised by Rueben Goldberg, a voluntary worker at the shop, and left.

Three minutes later a phone caller, who refused to give his name, asked for Reuben and told him:

'We'll burn you to the

ground, you Jewish bastard. Heil Hitler.'

The Bradford College Students Union has also had all its windows smashed. The Union has been used

The Union has been used for meetings of the Bradford Ad-Hoc Committee Against Fascism, of which Reuben Goldberg is the secretary.

RACIST harassment of Asians in Rochdale, Lancashire is growing.

Already Bangladeshis have had their homes stoned and National Front slogans daubed on them.

The worst incident so far came last Friday when 55-year-old invalid Dewan Abdul Hye was struck from behind with a stick.

Mr Hye, who suffers from diabetes, chronic bronchitis and a serious heart condition, escaped with bruises.

The police said they could 'do nothing' as it was only a civil offence.

Joint SWP and Asians patrols have now been mounted in the area.

THE SOCIALIST Workers Party and student movement have suffered the loss of a fine comrade, Johnnie Donachie.

He died last week in a diabetic coma, aged 22.

Despite being a diabetic since an early age, Johnnie

never spared himself in his work as a revolutionary. He joined the International Socialists four years ago after leaving the

Young Communist League.

He became well known in the student movement for his work at Sheffield Polytechnic, where he was elected to the union executive and was also a delegate at NUS national conferences.

Ripped

Johnnie was an ardent opponent of the racists. In last summer's campaign against a National Front candidate in Rotherham, he was attacked by a fascist when he had a go at their loudspeaker car.

Johnnie was roughed up and had his clothes ripped. But the police, of course,

Johnnie Donachie, a fearless fighter against racialism

prosecuted him instead of the Front.

He came from a working class family near Glasgow. A funeral service was held in Scotland on Monday last week.

Two minibuses of comrades and friends travelled from Sheffield to pay their respects.

The best way to remember Johnnie is by contributing to a memorial fund we are setting up. Part of the fund will help Johnnie's family, but the rest of the money will go to the SWP Fund to fight the Nazis.

Ring Sheffield 584561 for details.

HOW THEY FIXED THE TUC VOTE

ecutive wouldn't even let us discuss the 12-month rule at the official delegation meeting.

'When we got to wages policy at the end of the agenda, he said: 'Well, the policy of our union is already decided on this,' packed up his things and ran out of the room.

'There are two Appeals Committee decisions in 1966 and 1967 which make it quite clear that TUC delegates have the right to discuss and vote on matters on the TUC agenda.

'These decisions have been

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flouted by Scanlon and the Executive.

'They could have called another National Committee to decide on the 12-month rule. But they didn't dare.

'Because they're frightened of the feeling in factories all over the country that we've had enough of the Social Contract and we want more money in our pockets.

'So if the decision is taken here on the basis of Scanlon's card vote, it isn't a proper decision.

'Ill be telling my members not to pay attention to a TUC vote which is based on our own Executive's flouting of the union rules.

'I'll be telling them to act as our Conference should.'
Billy Taylor's anger goes

through the whole AUEW delegation and through many TUC delegates here.

It's the anger of low-paid

It's the anger of low-paid workers everywhere which has risen too high now to be kept back by the Canutes of the General Council, wheeling and dealing the block votes to suit themselves or the government, but never the rank and file.

Hugh Scanlon, the former militant, is now a pathetic broken figure, playing with his million votes with every bit as mucy cynicism as was once shown by his hated predecessor, Sir William Carron.

Carron's law then, Scanlon's law now, rank and file law tomorrow.

SWP FASCISTS? YES-AND

IS', said Tom THERE Jackson, 'little to choose the Socialist between Workers Party and the National Front . . . both are political bootboys'.

The Post Office Workers' leader was talking at the TUC on Tuesday. The same morning, the press had quoted miners' leader Joe Gormley calling the Right to Work marchers 'Nazis'.

Now both Jackson and Gormley know there is a world of difference between unemployed youngsters demonstrating in Blackpool and the activities of the National Front.

Every week, Socialist Worker and other newspapers carry reports of the most appalling Nazi violence, in particular unprovoked assaults on blacks.

Such is the inevitable pattern of extreme right politics. Anyone who stands for the compulsory removal from this country of several million black people, can hardly believe in anything other than the use of violence

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to achieve political ends.

Racialist assaults, the arson at the offices of the Socialist Workers Party and, above all, the marches planned through black areas all have one aim: to create an atmosphere of violence and racial hatred.

Those are the only conditions in which the National Front can thrive.

They are also conditions which are damaging and dangerous to the socialist, labour and trade union movement.

As Tom Jackson has himself often argued, racialism spreads divisions in the ranks of every trade union.

But it is a far cry from the deliberate planned violence of the extreme right wing to the incidents at Blackpool this

Joe Gormley had a tough argument with young unemployed workers. Nothing more. He would not have been treated so lightly in most Yorkshire pit villages-and he knows it.

So why was he so angry? And why was Tom Jackson ready to lie about the organisation that has taken on the National Front in the streets?

Both of them will speak with passion about the dangers of racialism, the evils of unemployment and the need for a decent living wage for all workers.

But they resent the blast of cold air from the outside that the different groups of workers picketing the TUC this week represent.

They would rather patch up their difficulties with the incomes policy and the Labour Government without that pressure beating at the doors of the

Their efforts to drag nonsensical red herrings into the argument will not help them one bit.

and the **bully** boys': What really went on at the TUC lobby

Gormley

UNTIL noon on Monday, the lobby protesting against wage restraint at the TUC was small and a bit sad.

There was hardly a shout or a song. But the delegations from factories all over the country were suddenly cheered by 700 Right To Work Campaigners chanting and singing down the road.

Some had bandages on their feet. Others had hardly more than eight hours' sleep over three nights. But all were in high

spirits.

The lobby rose to the marchers, who formed up to greet delegates coming out of the Winter Gardens.

One of the few trade union leaders to come out was Joe Gormley, NUM President.

He shouted at the marchers: 'You could get a job in the pits if you wanted, but the trouble is you don't want.'

There are no pits in South London,' replied one marcher from Brixton.

Gormley was jostled as he insulted the marchers. No one spat at him.

Two policemen frogmarched him out of the crowd into a taxi. This was the 'disgraceful incident' with which the press attacked the marchers as 'bootboys'-yes, the same press which almost completely ignored the 70-mile march.

The marchers returned to the Winter Gardens in the afternoon. As their van tried to get into position, the police barred its way.

Almost at once, a posse of some 20 policemen rushed out of the Winter Gardens and grabbed hold of John Deason, who was standing nowhere near the van.

He was bundled into a van and taken to the police station.

Margaret Merry, from the Beechams strike committee, saw the arrest. She said: 'They obviously knew who they were after. He was just walking across the road when he was grabbed. They were out to get him.

The entire march sat down in the road outside the station for four hours.

John and Robbie Marmion an unemployed worker from Liverpool who had also been arrested. were then released on bail.

Many TUC delegates were very friendly to the marchers. Arthur Scargill got a

great cheer when he went into the Conference on Tuesday morning and many other delegates chipped pound notes into the collection buckets.

This is what real Nazis did to our HQ

LAST WEDNESDAY, a National Front kerosene attack gutted the headquarters of our party.

It gutted the ground floor where valuable printing equipment and materials are stored.

The staircase leading to the first floor was burned out and the staircase to the second floor seriously damaged. The electrical wiring melted.

About 5,000 copies of the pamphlet, Why you should be a Socialist, together with many other pamphlets and back editions were lost.

Undoubtedly, this was the work of the National Front seeking revenge against the thousands who rallied to the call of our party at Lewisham.

Political damage has always been excluded from our insurance policies. We need to secure our headquarters from future attacks.

You are our insurance. You, the reader, you the trade unionist, you the black worker or Jew, you who live on the estates, tower block, flats or houses.

We appeal to you. Turn the NF Nazi defeat in Lewisham into a rout. Support our £10,-000 fund. Send as much as you can. Every donation is welcome.

Socialist Worker Appeal, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.



ABOVE and BELOW: The scene after the fire-bombers struck

all, July Affekl

JEWISH businessman in Southend put his hand in his pocket and gave everything he had: £60.

Not everyone has that sort of money, but there is tremendous sympathy for Socialist Worker.

A spontaneous collec-

tion in the British Prince pub in East London, where the paper is sold regularly, raised £53.

We have issued 30,000 appeal sheets and ask all our supporters and members to collect for our fund.

If each member or supporter collects £5 we

would bust £10,000 easily. Think of the good use the balance could be put

We are confident that 50,000 will contribute to our fund. Go to the black community, Asian mosques, temples and cinemas. Explain our case and ask for help.

on their counters. Give your workmates and neighbours a leaflet/appeal sheet. Talk to them about the dangers of racialism and fascism and you will find that they will contribute.

There is a large body of opinion against the Nazis. Turn that opinion into positive support for those who fight against it.

Last year in Southall, a

raised £70 in a day. This

can be done again many

Use the appeal sheet as a leaflet. Asian

shopkeepers will be all too

willing to put a few sheets

collection

door-to-door

times over.



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☐ Each SWP member to collect £5 ☐ Aim to collect from 50,000 workers

DASH: WHY NOT TALK WITH SWP?



Jack Dash: CP leaders 'mistaken'

JACK DASH, one of the best-known members of the Communist Party and a former London docker, last week publicly called on the CP Executive to talk with the Socialist Workers Party.

Issues like Lewisham showed. he told a meeting in Hammersmith, that the Executive were mistaken in not meeting the SWP.

The meeting was called by a dissident group of CP members under the title

By Steve Jefferys

"Against the split-Against the Draft'.

It was intended to rally those CP members who opposed the formation of the New Communist Party, but who still disagree fundamentally with the reformist nature of the hew draft British Road to Socialism.

John Foster from Glasgow brilliantly demolished the concept behind the draftthat the British state could be

gradually democratised in a truly socialist direction.

The CP was being led by reformists who, he told the 400-strong meeting, far from advancing revolutionary policies were laying the basis for the acceptance of state capitalism within the working class.

Foster's was the last contribution to a demoralised meeting.

The dissidents now know that the reformist draft will be passed by the CP Congress in November.

And when that happens they realise they will face the choice of staying inside a reformist party, of joining a tiny Stalinist sect (the New Communist Party) or of dropping out of CP politics altogether.

Jack Dash's call for talks with the SWP shows, however, that whether they like it or not, the SWP is now on the way to becoming alternative that must be looked at seriously by all

call to CP Dear Gordon McLennan,

'Let's plan joint

action over NF'

THE CENTRAL Com-

mittee of the Socialist

Workers Party has again

written to the Communist

Party proposing a meeting

to consider joint action

against the National

'Earlier this year you rejected our proposals for united action between the CP and SWP on wage restraint, unemployment and racialism. You them did not reply to the letter we wrote before the August 13th Lewisham demonstration.

'We understand from the Morning Star that you believe the most effective way of combatting racialism is a united movement of Cable St.

'We entirely agree with this, and believe that it would be Parties were to co-operate in mobilising against the planned Nazi provocation scheduled for Hyde, Greater Manchester on 8 October.

'We therefore propose an

'A united mass mobilisation that stops the Nazi march on 8 October would be a major advance for the working class

Yours fraternally, Jim Nichol **National Secretary**

Success for SW in 'enemy

By Sean Marcus,

SWP members recently went

Two keen comrades from Boston showed they were determined to show a socialist presence in what is a right-

We expected not to sell any

Discussion

and discuss things.

Two meetings are to be held at Lincoln's Labour Party head of the NHS), and one to with Trade Unionists'. We will

Two Labour Party members have joined the Right to Work Committee we have initiated, and 14 unemployed have written in to join the march on the TUC.

proportions. possible to move some way in this direction if our two

Meeting

urgent meeting between representatives of our Central Committee and your Political Committee to see whether there is any common ground between us that can be used for the best interests of the anti-racist movement.

movement.

Socialist Workers Party

country'

Lincoln SWP

to Boston to help with Socialist Worker sales at this new branch.

wing community.

papers, but merely to establish the name of the paper and party in the eyes of the shoppers.

It was a pleasant surprise to find not only buyers but people who wanted to stop

Headquarters this month, one on the National Health Service (to be addressed by the 'establish common ground be at both.

Front's demonstration in revolutionaries still inside the Manchester on 8 October. The letter reads: Owen's peacekeeper-man behind these massacres



Carver: Labour's man for Rhodesia

HAVE YOU had a rise of

more than 200 per cent over

Probably not: that would

Since then, prices have

But some prices have risen

500. The last time that

be against the social contract.

risen by about 80 per cent and

most people's wages have not

even kept up with that.

come up 230 per cent.

Disappear

share prices.

sell shares.

and run.

they will take their profits-

maximum tax 30 per cent-

ple who are enriched are

stockbrokers and merchant

The second group of peo-

Oh, but that is unfair, you

the last 2¾ years?

THE LABOUR government have appointed an extreme right-wing military officer as the man to 'solve the Rhodesian problem'.

Field Marshal Lord Carver, the man proposed in last week's White Paper as the all-powerful Commissioner for Rhodesia, has declared his support for using the army against mass movements of industrial workers and other protesters, whatever the view of the elected government.

He is also a seasoned campaigner against freedom fighters, having led British military forces against nationalist movements in Kenya, Malaya and Cyprus.

And he attended the Downing Street meeting with Edward Heath, Reginald Maudling and Lord Carrington which planned the British Army's Bloody Sunday operation in Derry in January 1972.

Yet this is the man proposed by Labour's Foreign Secretary as the most suitable British representative to deal with Rhodesia's black majority, whom Owen pretends to sup-

Training

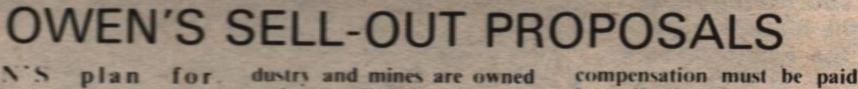
In 1971. Brigadier Frank Kitson wrote a book called Low Intensity Operations. It was aimed at army officers. and it stressed the importance of army training against 'terrorism' in Britain.

One of its central conclusions read:

'If a significant and serious grievance arose such as might well result from a significant drop in the standard of living, all those who now dissipate their protest over a wide variety of causes might concentrate their, efforts and produce a situation which was beyond the power of the police to handle.

'Should this happen, the army would be required to restore peace rapidly. Fumbling at this juncture might have grave consequences even to the extent of undermining confidence in the whole system of government.'

Such army action would be 'required' whatever the 'fumbling' of the elected



OWEN'S plan for Rhodesia is a sell-out of the blacks.

It ensures 20 seats in a 120assembly for the whites. Its most outrageous proposals are about property.

At present 87 per cent of the land and all Rhodesian in-

Kitson's book was officially

endorsed. Its introduction was

written by Sir Michael Carver,

ves the same Carver, the chief

of the general staff of all the

first-hand knowledge of his

(Kitson's) exceptional skill

both in Kenya and in Cyprus'.

The book was 'written for

Carver wrote: 'I myself had

armed forces in the country.

government.

and controlled by the white minority.

Kenva, Cyprus and (above) Malaya: Carver has been behind massacres throughout the world

The Owen plan leaves this control and ownership untouched and untouchable. No property can be taken over unless in 'exceptional circumstances and even then

the soldier of today to help prepare for the operations of tomorrow'.

The business of 'counterinsurgency', the General concluded has to be carried out without regard to customs, doctrine or drill'.

The General's support for Kitson's book and his extreme right-wing opinions infuriated several Labour MPs who demanded that Carver be rebuked

The message from Owen

and Young to the blacks is

simple: 'You can vote for a

government—but the govern-

ment can't touch the wealth

which you produce. That

remains in the hands of the

The Tory government responded by promoting him to the Chief of all the Defence staff.

immediately.

whites'.

The Labour Government showed their faith in the man who hates everything they stand for by making him a peer of the realm.

SCANDAL OF THE CUTS

as they did in 1974—these trouble. paper gains will disappear The third group whose and the rich will be back fortunes rise with share prices where they started; not so are the 1,300,000 of the rich, just like the rest of us. population-that's 21/2 per This is untrue. There are cent-who own 87 per cent of three groups of people who the shares in private hands. are able to enrich themselves

EAGER BEAVERS

LOVE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

even more than that: Share bankers who benefit as the

Last week the Financial vestors are sucked into a

And since January 1975 - sion funds and insurance

If you are one of the 11/2 is just the net investment

million people who own figures-after much larger

Contract won't be bothering If you add all the purchases

say. When share prices fall— up a couple of pence for their

shares—well done, the Social purchases and sales.

when share prices hit rock companies invested £707

bottom-the FT Index has million in government stocks

Times share index reached frenzy of speculation.

happened was in January of this year, for example.

How some

people get

a 200%

increase

stock market rises and in-

Take the first three months

During those months, pen-

and company shares. But this

and sales together, more than

£6,000 million worth of

business went through the

And on each they picked

hands of stock-brokers.

THE COMPANIES THAT

The rise in share prices has enormously—and hang on to enabled some of these people the money-by the rise in to sell out. Others-with the value of their assets up by 200 First, the speculators. Ris- per cent-can go to their ing share prices give them a bank, using their shaes as great opportunity to buy and security and borrow money to buy themselves yachts, cars As the market goes higher, and holidays

> SEYMOUR **PROPHET**

The bug in the board-room

JOANNE Cowell, aged three, has been turned away from Britain's leading hospital for children one week before a vital heart operation.

The reason? Not enough trained nurses.

Joanne was born with a heart defect. Her parents, Barry and Wendy Cowell of Stanford-le-Hope in Essex, have known since January that she needed the operation.

In April they were told it would be performed on 10 August.

Then with just a few days to

By Judith Condon

go, came a letter saying the operation was off. Joanne must wait at least another month.

The cardiac unit of London's famous Great Ormond Street hospital is short of specially trained nurses.

Mrs Cowell told Socialist Worker. "We were very upset. Now they've told us she's top priority, but they seem uncertain about the next date.

'There are now six top priority children waiting. I feel sorry for all the other poor little mites. Goodness knows how long they have to wait."

Hospital officials claim there is no staff shortage in the intensive cardiac unit. They insist the case has nothing to do with cuts.

But members of the public employees' union, NUPE, think otherwise. Shop steward Conway Xavier explained:

They took a short-term gamble, cutting down newlytrained nursing staff. They hoped to transfer nurses from the Maida Vale Hospital, which they succeeded in closing, despite all we could do.

'It's not just the cardiac unit. Shortages are appearing in every department. That's why it's so important the nurses get themselves into the union.



Rank and File DIARY

GRUNWICKS Strike Committee:

Volunteers (preferably male) urgent-

ly needed to help run a creche for the

children of the Grunwicks strikers.

Mornings and afternoons. For more

information contact Tony or Angie,

c/o Grunwick Strike HQ, Phone 459

Phone 01-459 4121

RANK AND FILE CONTACT No 5: EETPU rank and file paper out now. Articles on cancelled election result, no 12-month rule, Port Talbot and defending direct works. Also Fight the JIB, Rank and File Contact pamphlet for all sparks and plumbers in construction. Sections on officials, blacklist and next steps in the fight. Both 5p each from 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

BRADFORD Right to Work public meeting: The Fight for the Right to Work Then and Now. Speakers: Harry McShane (secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s) and a Right to Work marcher. Friday 16 September, 7.30pm, room 1, Bradford Central Library.

ASTMS National Rank and File Conference: For all ASTMS members interested in developing rank and file activity and fighting for more democracy and a better defence of members' living standards. Saturday 17 September, 12.30pm, NUFTO Hall, 14 Jockeys

Filed, London WC1.

THE MOST important union election since the collapse of the Social Contract takes place over the next two weeks.

On Monday, ballot papers will start arriving at the homes of the Engineering Union's million or more members. They will be asked to vote for the new AUEW President.

The Charter, the paper for rank and file motor and engineering workers, is calling for a massive vote in the first round of balloting for lan Morris.

lan Moris for AUTH President

STANDING so AUEW members fed up with the way our Union backed the Social Contract can vote against it.

I work for British Airways at Heathrow and saw our Union operating at first hand. We were fighting for normal shift payments. For every worker regardless of skill. But the full-time officials fought us as hard as management.

At Leyland our Union actually agreed to the toolroom workers being sacked!

Who is the Union supposed to represent? The members? Or the fulltime officials and their pals amongst government ministers and employers?

I believe the Union should fight for the rank and file. So I'm glad of this chance to campaign about it.

SMASH ALL WAGE CONTROLS

I'm writing in June. The future of the Social Contract is doubtful. Our National Committee called for a return to free collective bargaining, but the odds are it'll be recalled after the September TUC to endorse some new cooked-up deal.

I stand completely against any deal.

My campaign is about-

- Fighting for a minimum £15 across
- Fighting now. Refusing to recognise the 12 month limit.
- Rejecting productivity deals and speed-up.

Heathrow and Leyland show we must strengthen rank and file organisation. That's what the Engineers' Charter is all

We must make sure that one factory on strike or occupying gets real backing . . . money, blacking, solidarity strikes. That's the way to beat them.

IAN'S ELECTION **ADDRESS**

If you support or want a speaker from the Engineers' Charter campaign then write to me or telephone 01 348 2041.

Some people say that a new round of the Social Contrick would be alright if it 'allowed the skilled man a little bit

But if we let any form of wage controls stay in existence then every worker suffers. Widening differentials only means the skilled man will suffer a little bit less than the semi-skilled.

I support all workers fighting their employer to improve living standards. If fellow workers get big rises from the boss, then all power to them.

Engineers' Charter is about a united rank and file fightback, on wages and the cuts, against unemployment and for equal pay.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

Talking about the 35 hour week has got us nowhere. I support the kind of fight put up by the Right to Work Campaign. EQUAL PAY NOW

Women workers have demanded equal pay. But our Union has done precious little. Trico took five months to win when national blacking and solidarity strikes organised by the Executive could have won it in a week.

We must act now to root out cheap

FIGHT RACISM

The fascists are at work trying to divide workers against each other by playing on deep-seated prejudices.

Our Union must stand fearlessly against these irrational beliefs and the new Nazis of the National Front. If they ever came to power they would smash the trade unions as has happened in every fascist country in the world. Fascists are rotten instruments of the bosses. Like everything that rots we should throw them out.

VOTE RANK AND FILE

The President has previously been a long-serving fulltime official, usually well out of touch with the shop floor.

I believe we need a change—a President elected from the shop floor who would return there after one period in office.

Engineers' Charter wants fulltime officials to be paid the average wage of the members they represent. And we believe every official must stand for election every 3 years.

I believe the capitalists will run the world in their own interests until the vast majority of ordinary workers rise up and change things. So I am a member of the Socialist Workers' Party.

I've been a shop steward at every factory

I've worked in and am currently-Secretary, Joint Shop Stewards Committee, British Airways (European Division)

Delegate to Southall District Committee (10 years) Branch Secretary (8 years). IAN MORRIS

Why we're voting Rank and File

FRED HOPPER, AUEW convenor, Desoutters, North London, where workers have been on strike for nearly four months for union recognition:

lan Morris stands for a rank and file movement in our union that favours the advance of all sections of workers irrespective of race. That's why he particularly deserves the support of every black engineering worker.

JOHN KEENAN,

AUEW convenor, Rolls-Royce, East Kilbride:

I'll be supporting lan Morris because I believe in rank and file policies. The one that sticks in my mind most is the need for trade union officials to be paid average earnings.

It particularly annoys me to think that our earnings have been held down for the last two years while these full-time officials earn more than us. Worse still, they have all sorts of perks.

The big boys like Gormley even manage to end up on the boards of big business. I'm fed up with all thisthat's why I'm voting Morris.

convenor, Kirkby:

His whole philosophy

like so many of those Broad

most impressed by his unusual sincerity.

are particularly important. Our union has been very

We've got equal pay here

ANGELA

During the Social Con-

DAVE WILLIAMS, AUEW Dubilier,

appeals to me on how the job of President should be tackled. If he was elected he would most definitely carry out the wishes of his members.

Lefters in the past. I've met him and was

His stand against the growing fascist movement and his stand on equal pay

bad on equal pay. Trico took five months to win when it should have only taken five days if the Executive Council had really

but after a four-week strike. Exactly the kind of movement lan Morris identifies with.

McHUGH, AUEW shop steward, Rawlplugs, Glasgow:

tract women workers suffered most. They were first to go down the road when jobs were lost. And they



He wouldn't somersault

were the first to be hit by put the pressure on.

All the candidates claim to be in favour of equal pay. But, apart from lan Morris, the two other serious candidates who claim to support rank and file policies, Wright and Fraser, cannot be trusted.

A rank and file movement built around the demands of the Charter will encourage far more women to play a leading role

The men full-time officials have always put us down. Now is the time for change.



Ian Morris confronting Engineering Union General Secretary John Boyd at the TUC. At least we know where Boyd stands. He's on the right wing now and he was when he stood for office.

Not so with President Hugh Scanlon. When Lord Carron, the union's former right wing President, went to the TUC ten years ago, he voted with the Right Wing—in the teeth of opposition from the AUEW delegation. Hugh

Scanlon, left winger, organised the opposition to him.

Now it is Scanlon that ignores the AUEW delegation and votes with the right wing over the 12-month rule on pay claims.

The candidate of the Broad Left for President is Bob Wright. And the man who is speaking out on behalf of him most enthusiastically is . . . Hugh

lan Morris stands for a movement in our union that will oppose any pay policy through direct action. Tising prices. TOCHER, TOO!

JOHN TOCHER, one of the best trade union officials in the country, is facing a bitter right-wing challenge in his bid to be re-elected Engineering Union organiser for the Manchester area.

His opponent. Manchester's right-wing district secretary Walter Mather, recently received this letter from a full-time organiser for the equally right-wing group, TRUEMID: Dear Walter.

By Jack Robertson

I was very pleased that you were able to see me ... after leaving you I made arrangements for the distribution of leaflets in support of our candidate. During my two days in Manchester I made contacts amongst convenors and leading stewards who have all the qualities necessary to overcome the Communist power base.

These lads are very anxious to meet you.

One of the 'Communists' referred to was John Tochernow a member of the Labour

Party. There was also correspondence between right wing Tory MP Winston Churchill and AUEW general secretary John Boyd over last year's marathon dispute at Automat. A letter read:

Dear Mr Boyd, Hope you've had a good break North of the border. Meanwhile I have per-

suaded the management to go to ACAS so with a bit of luck and a hefty shove from you at the appropriate moment we can get all this wrapped up (and T too).

T is John Tocher.

Tocher is solid against the 12-month rule, having circulated shop stewards' committees protesting at the AUEW Executive's support for it.

He must win this election. Vote Tocher for Divisional Organiser, Division 11.

Yes, we really can change things

Socialist Workers talking

This column is open to all socialist workers, whether or not members of the Socialist Workers Party, to write about anything they like.

WORKERS CAN change their minds and act collectively to change their situation. There are thousands of unreported and halfincidents forgotten that happen in our which lives demonstrate the truth of this.

Ten years ago I was a bus conductor in Halifax. One day seemingly passive and submissive busmen angrily exploded over an injustice.

A strike movement built

up that clogged the town with buses within two hours. Everyone was taken by surprise but they shouldn't have been . . .

In Halifax bus garage there were no regular branch meetings-despite the TGWU rule book. The branch secretary said no one would come if he called them.

There were a few activists who campaigned to reform the branch but with little result. Our rates and conditions locally were terrible.

hand was demonstrated by the way they handled 'disciplinaries'.

Management's

Our wages were paid out

whip

By Kevin Prior AUEW shop steward **Heathrow Airport.**

at the bus depot and we had to pick them up in our own time. The bosses had a money saving idea. When they wanted to call someone up for a telling off or some such thing, instead of doing it in his working time they would leave a message at the pay office.

The man or woman would not be allowed to draw their pay until they had submitted to the 'disciplinary' in their own time.

This was illegal. Apart from the illegality it was bitterly resented. But people

went along with it because they wanted to get their pay.

Afterwards they would complain to the branch secretary. Time and again he saw the management about it, telling them it was illegal. Time and again they promised not to do it any more. Yet every Friday the paying out clerks had a list of names.

One Friday however they picked the wrong man. He refused to go for his telling off. They wouldn't give him his wages and didn't let him start work.

Next day I was standing

IT SEEMS that Ron Hill,

the leader of the

the strike at Longbridge,

Birmingham is getting

lots of presents—a fridge

washing machine and

some £2000 in cash sent

in to him at the factory.

the general super-

intendent's office and

collected by Hill every

☐ ONE OF the policemen

investigating the fire at

Cottons Gardens, SWP

headquarters, had an in-

teresting comment about

politicals round,' he said.

'And you know what they

are don't you? Failed

'MODERATES' and

newspaper proprietors

will go to great lengths

these days to defend 'an

editor's right to edit, free

They mean 'interference'

from journalists and trade

unionists who challenge

what they write. When jour-

nalists or printers take in-

dustrial action they are

accused of 'killing'

Last week, BBC2 showed

from interference.'

newspapers.

POST mortem

'I expect you'll have the

the Special Branch.

detectives.

The stuff gets stored at

'scab'

against

breakaway

evening.

demonstration

with my driver in the bus station waiting to take a bus out to Brighouse. We heard a hubbub coming from the Bus Station cafe and went to see what was happening.

It was a group of busmen. They were explaining what had happened and that the bloke had still not received his money and would not get it until Monday. Also he was not being allowed to start work until Monday so he would lose three days pay.

About ten of us were there. He agreed that we must try and call a strike. So we set about talking to other crews as they came in to the stations.

At first they stood about

'IF THE National

Federation of Self

wouldn't have been

victimised by the

difficult for small

Act and Sex

employers . .

The Observer.

Britain.

Employed had been in

existence years ago, we

Employment Protection

which make life very

Discrimination Act, both of

'We are the biggest

single economic force in

recruitment officer, in

MONSEIGNOR BUCKLEY

who has just been ap-

pointed full time priest to

the Northern Ireland peace

movement was a rank and

file priest at St Patricks

church, Leeds 15 years

This man of peace

clouted me over the ear in

the middle of a service, for

HENRY FARMER, a

retired coach builder,

died from asbestosis-six

years after he was refus-

ed a pension by the

pneumoconiosis panel in

An inquest in York

recently heard that Mr.

Farmer, 69 is the fourth

former employee of

British Rail York Carriage

Works to be killed by

The pathologist said

that death was due to

lung cancer and secon-

dary cancer of the brain,

caused by asbestosis.

dropping the Bible.

-ex altar boy.

Sheffield.

asbestos.

-James Sharpe, NFSO

very nervously ready to crack and take their buses out. But as they saw support building up they lost their nervousness and set about spreading the word.

A few crews took their buses out. To stop this we simply blocked the exit roads from the bus station with stationary buses.

An amazing transformation had taken place. This passive workforce had in the space of half an hour become an animated, conscious

Temper

There were little groups of busmen all over the place excitedly discussing the current and other grievances with each other and with passengers who were remarkably good tempered about it all.

Other groups had gone over to the town centre to contact the bus crews who operated from there. All over the town the response was the same. Without any organisation the strike was 100 per cent effective.

After about 11/2 hours we heard that a meeting had been called in the canteen.

From all over the town we trooped in. The canteen was packed out. There was a great feeling of unity. The resentment which has built up over the years was bearing fruit.

Storm

The traffic superintendent and the branch secretary stood on a table and tried to persuade us to resume work. They were shouted down.

They explained that the pay packet was locked up in the town hall safe. Shouts of UNLOCK IT THEN. It was a stormy meeting.

In the end the traffic superintendent paid the man out of his own pocket and guaranteed that he would not lose any wages. He also promised that we would not lose any money for the time we had been on strike.

A few wanted to stick it out until they had opened the town hall safe. However the majority were well satisfied and we drifted back to work.

Aspire

We were elated because we had won and it was one in

the eye for the management. That was the first time I had seen such a thing happen—though I have seen it since.

Workers have aspirations and their frustration builds up at not being able to realise them. But their aspirations and their anger generally stay buried because they feel powerless to do anything

When they feel others around them preparing to act, when they see an avenue open in front of them. When they see the possibilities of real change then hope blooms in their breasts and anger explodes.

about it.

When it is on a big enough scale and if there is a party to organise it—it is a socialist revolution.

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It's the same the whole worldover

AMERICAN NAZI leader Frank Collin is not on good terms with his father.

Colin, the self-styled Fuhrer has never quite forgiven his dad-for being a Jewish immigrant.

Collin senior actually spent some time in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II and doesn't appreciate his son's political activity.

Junior explained in an interview recently how he became a Nazi. He was seven years old when he watched an anti-Nazi film on television.

'When they showed a close-up of Hitler's face I can still

remember my feelings there was a man who was saying something; whatever it was he was deeply committed to it. He was feeling it deeply.

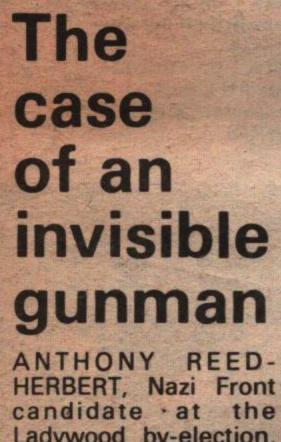
'And when they showed the crowd, they were deeply moved as if they had just had an awakening to something very important. It was like Niagara Falls.

'I've loved Hitler ever since.'

The American Nazis have recently become active in Stokie, a Jewish suburb of Chicago. On July 4 a miserable mobilisation of Nazi rats was easily prevented from marching.

Colin has pledged himself to bringing the thugs back in full regalia, swastikas flying, brownshirts and jackboots ... despite a by-law forbidding such parades.

And surprise, surprise, the 'liberals' are the same the world over. The American Civil Liberties Union is taking his case through the courts—on the free speech issue!



Ladywood by-election, announced last week that he is retiring from politics.

Of course, it had nothing to do with the organised opposition to the Nazis

Instead, Mr. Reed-Herbert claimed he had become 'a victim of hate'. This 'terror' campaign culminated in a timely shooting incident at his brothers' antique shop in Newmarket.

Nicholas Reed-Herbet, hitherto unknown, claims he was sitting at his desk at 9.30 in the evening when someone fired a shotgun at him.

By coincidence he happens to have a shotgun it would himself appear that no one in this quiet market town noticed a gunman making his getaway.

He has been unable to give police a description of the 'gunman'.

In 1963 John Tyndall, then with the Greater Britain Movement, was a victim'.

When he was given the message 'Aunty is calling tonight', he lay down on the floor while the place was riddled with bullets. The fascists then issued a statement claiming it was th work of left-wingers.

And in Blackburn last year a Mrs. James received a lot of publicity when she claimed her house hd been attacked by Asians.

National Party Councillor John Frankman, a sidekick Robert Horman, Mr. And Mrs. James, were caught firing a rifle at the front windows of the house and throwing bricks through the back.

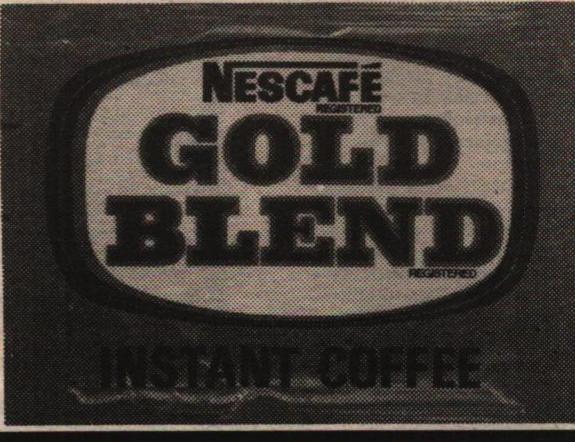


At Nazi hall in Chicago, Frank Collin stands under a portrait of Adolf Hitler

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OFFER: For ruling class

scroungers only, this spoonful of coffee (a 15th of an ounce).

It comes in a very tasteful little gold packet and costs a mere 4p. For those who can do their sums that means 60p an ounce!



NAFF and press 'freedom' . . .

THE KENT Messenger on August 18 carried a letter attacking the Socialist Workers Party. It was sent in by a Mr. Boorman, Chairman of the West Kent branch of the National Association for Freedom.

Naturally the local SWP branch sent in a reply defending our action in Lewisham and Ladywood, pointing out the evils of racism and the facts about the Front's Nazi record.

We also asked readers to

look at the NAFF's own politics. Boorman's letter made NAFF out to be a gentle 'non-political' group.

We pointed out that NAFF supported George Ward, the racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia and Chile and the generals.

Yet when our letter was published there was no reference to NAFF. Not surprising. Guess who is chairman of the Kent Messenger group?

None other than Boorman, Chairman of the West Kent NAFF.

which had a huge circulation in Britain during the Forties. It is a classic story of what press freedom is really about.

a programme on the history

of Picture Post, a magazine

The magazine had a fine reputation for printing the other side of the news. It was also full of pictures of what

life was really like for working people in those times. During the Korean War in the early 50s the editor wanted to print pictures of North Korean prisoners being badly treated by the

To be fair, he scoured the world for a picture showing how American soldiers were being abused. He came up with one photo of a soldier being ridiculed. The picture spread was

Americans.

due to be published in the following issue. The owner, Sire Edward Hulton, stopped it. The staff changed, as a

result, editors came and went, the paper lost its style and appeal. Seven years later it folded completely. Sir Edward Hulton said

on the programme: 'Editors don't have a God-given right to decide policy. I felt that as it was my money involved, I should be able to exercise some control.'

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Employed workers cheer 700 Right to Work marchers on their way to the TUC

THE Right to Work march Work march UNITED!

'GO to the TUC and give them Hell'.

That was the message to the Right to Work marchers from Albert McGuire, convenor of Dunlop, Liverpool, and a delegate to the TUC from the General and Municipal Workers Union.

When the march reached Dunlops, on the first day, last Friday, the whole factory stopped work, walked out and lined the streets to cheer the marchers as they went past.

Seven hundred unemployed joined the four-day march from Liverpool, reaching the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool on Monday.

The vast majority were school-leavers and under 18 years old. Most have never held jobs for more than a few weeks. Most have never had the chance to be in a trade union.

For perhaps as many as 500 of the marchers the four days was their first introduction to the trade union and socialist movement.

On the Thursday night the first 200 marchers to arrive in Liverpool from all over the country listened to Harry McShane, 86-year-old veteran organiser of unemployed marchers in the 1930s. He appealed to the employed and the unemployed to unite together.

On Friday it happened. The marchers cheered and clapped at the warmth of their welcome from the marchers at Dunlops from shop stewards at the big IRO building site in Bootle, and from the strikers on the picket line at Lucas.

They got a different reception from the 'leaders' of the trade union movement. On Sunday a strong delegation of marchers went ahead to Blackpool.

Outside the stormy meeting of the Engineering Workers Union delegation Terry Duffy, right-wing candidate for the presidency of the AUEW, confronted Billy Castley of the Skelmersdale Right to Work Campaign.

He told Billy: 'Drift off.'
Turning to Len Blood, an AUEW district committee member from

Warrington who was also lobbying the



Lucas strikers applaud the marchers as they leave the Picket line. Two hours later the strike was won—SEE PAGE 8.

delegates, Duffy said about the unemployed: 'Do you associate with scum like that?'

John Boyd, the right-wing general secretary of the AUEW, gave the marchers £1, but Hugh Scanlon, as soon as he saw the Right To Work marchers, did the 150 yards to his car in 4.2 seconds.

On the pensioners' demonstration Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport Workers Union, summed up the attitude of the TUC. Asked by a marcher what he would do for the unemployed, he replied: 'Nothing.'

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Cheers for the marchers at Dunlops, where the whole factory came out to greet them.





A VICTORY FOR LUCAS STRIKE, A VICTORY FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!

THERE was pandemonium on the first night when the marchers heard that the Lucas strikers, whose picket line in Long Lane they had passed earlier that day, had won.

The cheering, and chanting of 'The workers, united, will never be defeated', went on for a good four minutes.

For the Lucas workers' victory is a victory for the right ot work. They had been out for three weeks to make management restore 30 jobs that had not been filled.

John Doyle, AUEW toolroom steward, told the marchers when they stopped at the picket line: 'You, the youth, are the real wealth of tomorrow. Seeing you here today on this march makes us feel we're doing something about jobs.'

One of the pickets, Eddie McGhee, said he would join the march. He told Socialist Worker: 'Our dispute here is for the right to work. We are out over jobs that this management have taken

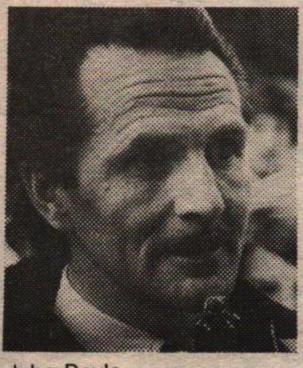
'We intend to get them back at any cost and restore our manning levels. With unemployment as it is we are not standing for any jobs being taken away in this factory.'

The pickets held an immediate collection for the march and raised £12. Before they knew this, the marchers had raised £29 among themselves for the strikers. They insisted on adding the £12 and putting it into the strike fund.

The first thing the strikers did on hearing they'd won was to send a delegation of stewards to the march camp site in Kirkby with £50 for the march funds.



Eddie McGhee



John Doyle



Graham Cooper, 14, and Clive Little, 14, two school friends from Malory School, Lewisham, who are also members of the West Lewisham Young Communist League.

Said Graham: 'We're in bad trouble with the Communist Party already because I left the All-Lewisham Campaign march on 13 July and went and fought the NF with the SWP and other anti-

'The CP said I was being divisive, and they said the Right to Work march would be divisive too. I couldn't understand how it can be divisive when it's the only action being taken by unemployed people to protest.'









Office cleaners wave a greeting on the outskirts of Kirkby.

ABOVE: Members of Skelmersdale Communist Party greet the march. They carried their banner with the march as it passed through the town.

One of them, Terry Aldridge, welcomed the marchers on behalf of the local CP and the local UCATT branch. He told the marchers: 'I think it is a disgrace that no representatives from the trades council and no Skem trade union banners have come to meet you.

'I wish you all good luck. Keep up the fight.



Electricians' convenor Johnny Byrne addresses the marchers outside the giant IRO site on the road out of Liverpool

From Denmark to join the march

THIRTEEN unemployed had travelled from Denmark specially to join the march. Some have been unemployed for more than a year.

Unemployment is high in Denmark-it's one in eight among organised trade unionists, and most schoolleavers are still without jobs.

They are planning their own march against unemployment, and had come looking for new

John, an unemployed metal worker, said it was great to see trade unionists come out of the factories to support the

march as it passed. 'To get that in Denmark

'We're trying instead to unite the unemployed action committees to support our march, which will probably be in spring next year.' Said Erik, a shipyard

would be very difficult-the

trade unions are heavily

dominated by the Social

Democrats,' he said.

worker who lost his job a year ago after trying to get better safety measures enforced: 'It is difficult to find new sorts of actions.

Erik pointed out that the dole money in Denmark was much higher then herearound £70 a week. If you don't have a family to support, being on the dole means boredom rather than hardship.

'So your slogan 'Employed and unemployed unite' is a good one for us-because the unemployed can often give a lot of help to workers who are on strike.

THE ROAD

SIX MONTHS AGO, Tom was marching with the National Front at Wood Green-today he's on the Right to Work March.

Tom isn't his real name—'If my mates knew I was here I'd get my head smashed in,' he said.

REPORTERS: PETER CLARK, PAUL FOOT AND PETER MARSDEN



A 'veteran' Right to Work marcher talks to shoppers in Skelmersdale precinct.

FROM THE NAZIONAL FRONT

'I became an NF supporter because I'm a West Ham supporter—90 per cent of West Ham fans my age are NF supporters. Not because they've any political ideas, but because it's a way you can go out and have a fight and know you've little chance of getting nicked.

'We could go with the NF

on a demo, and every time the police would go for the other side

'A year ago I read about the Right to Work March—the Manchester to London one, but I was into 'It's the blacks cause all the unemployment' then and I didn't want to

'I had a stomach operation

last year. The nurses were Malysian and the doctor was a West African. If they had had the same prejudices as I had, I wouldn't be alive today.

'But what the NF spread is a load of rubbish—you only have to think a bit to see that.
'Tyndall and his mob

'Tyndall and his mob couldn't even start to get the spirit of this march.'

INTRODUCING THE MARCHERS



Richard Thompson, aged 20, came to Britain from British Guiana when he was eleven. He fell out with his father, who is a chief engineer. 'He was so puritanical, always ordering me about.'

Richard trained as an electrician but has been on the dole and squatting in South London for two years.



Ray Stewart comes from Sunderland. He is 23 he lives in the Hill View council estate with four brothers and sisters and his father, all out of work.

He says 'What amazes me is how my mum keeps going, working all day and most of the night to keep us alive. I'd crack within a week if I had to do that.'

Ray spent six years in the Paratroops. He was with the Paras when they killed 13 unarmed demonstrators in Derry on Bloody Sunday.



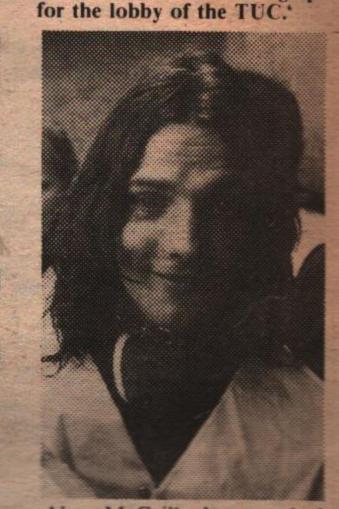
AMONG the marchers are 12 trade unionists with jobs. They are all strikers from the Beechams factory in Coleford, near Gloucester.

Said Mike Jacobs: 'Our wages are so low that we've got people working all day and then applying for rates rebates and free school meals for the kids.

'We want a £24 increase, but all we've been offered is £2.50.



Davina Griffin comes from Coleford in Gloucestershire. The been trying to get a job for the past three weeks. There are none at all. I've been round six factories and all that's happened is I've been put on just one waiting list.



not asking for much. At the

kids gets around £34.

moment a married man with

'We've been 30 years

without a strike. But we could

see we weren't getting

anywhere. We hope this march is going to help our

cause and the unemployed together. We've got several

coaches of strikers coming up

Alan McCville has watched every match played by Glasgow Rangers over the last seven years. He made the supreme sacrifice by missing his first match to come on the march.

'I couldn't persuade my mate though,' he said. 'He's just as keen to fight for the right to work as I am, but he's even more fanatical about Rangers.'

It's our honeymoon!

Kenneth Kirwen, 22, married his wife Marie, 17, last Thursday, and they came on the Right To Work March for their honeymoon. Kenneth, who lives in Salford, has been out of work for three years.

'I've got no money, and we've got nowhere to live. We wanted to come on the march, and we sold our wedding ring to get here.'



Maureen Dudelis and Maureen Clark come from Dunfermline in Fife. Maureen Dudelis has been sacked twice in the past two years and Maureen Clark lost her job when the company went bankrupt.

The two Maureens have never taken any action before, but when they got the Right To Work leaflets at the dole they decided to come on the march.

Six years on the dole

The overtime

A PERSISTENT story had

reached the Merseyside Right

to Work Campaign-that

building workers at the new

Transport and General

Workers Union HQ site in

Liverpool were working a lot

So a delegation of un-

employed building workers

went from the march to argue for an overtime ban to get the

employers, Faircloughs, to

'We went up there ready to

kick the gate in,' said Brian Higgins, a UCATT member

from Northampton, 'but

found they were actually ready

Someone is trying to do

down the TGWU in Liver-

pool, for not only was the

rumour completely false, but

the workers there are on a go-

Said UCATT convenor

Sam Brooks: 'We might be

coming to you in a couple of

weeks to help us picket this

place. We're in favour of the

Right to Work Campaign-

At the Tysons courthouse

site, by Liverpool's Pierhead,

Brian Higgins told a mass

meeting: 'There are 300,000

reasons why we're here-

that's the the number of

building workers there are on

everyone should be."

the dole.'

slow over a bonus dispute.

of overtime.

take on more men.

to ask our help.

that was

a go-slow!

Andrea Earl (left), 17, from Newcastle, told Socialist Worker: 'I went to college for six months when I left school to learn short-hand typing. I thought: It's great. I'll be able to get a job straight away.

'Then I looked around and saw I was kidding myself. I knew I'd just join the end of a massive dole queue.

'I've been looking for a job since May. But there are people with three or four years experience that can't get a job. You find up to 200 people queuing for typing jobs.

Anne Paley, 18, from Sunderland, said: 'I've had just one job in the last two years—that was six weeks on a government Job Creation Scheme.

'I was an auxiliary in a



school. That meant putting the books on shelves and making tea. I got £19 a week—same as I get on the dole—and it only lasted six weeks anyway.

'If you're on the dole you have to march and protest like this. You can't go on strike, can you?

'My dad is a pensioner. But before that he was unemployed for six years. They made him redundant at 59 and he couldn't get another job.

'With that I've been living on the dole for more than six years now.

'The unemployment has never gone away in Sunderland. It's everywhere. Youth unemployment reached 54 per cent at one point last year. They haven't dared to publish figures for this year yet.'

PHOTOGRAPHERS: PHIL McCOWEN AND JOHN STURROCK (Report)

EDINBURGH Socialist Workers Party half-day school on fascism and the National Front: Sunday 11 September, 11am-2pm, Trades Council, Picardy Place. All SWP members and supporters welcome.

ABERDEEN Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Why we stop the Nazi Front Speaker Duncan Hallas (national chairman, SWP). Thursday 22 September, 8pm, St Katharine's Community Centre, West North Street, Aberdeen.

GLASGOW CENTRAL Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Why we need a revolutionary party. Wednesday 14 September, 7 30pm, SW Books, 64 Queen Street,

North East

DARLINGTON Socialist Workers Party bookshop now opened. The Bookcentre, Winston Street, Darlington (off Duke Street). Open every weekday, noon-2pm and 4-5pm, and all day Saturday. Stock includes all SWP literature plus a wide selection of other left wing writings and second-hand book

TEESIDE Socialist Workers Party meets every Thursday, 8pm, upstairs room, Cleveland Hotel, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough. All SW readers

Yorkshire

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

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

SHEFFIELD District Socialist Workers Party day school on Sheffield Labour History Sessions on: The Chartists, early unions, 'The Sheffield Outrages', Syndicalism, birth of the Trades Council, 1880-1914, Sheffield Shop Stewards Movement 1914-20, The struggles of the unemployed 1920-36. The Communist Party since the War. Speakers: Nick Howard, Clive Hartley, Simon Ogden, Nog Clarke, possibly others. Ale and sandwiches on sale for lunch. Sunday 11 September, 12 noon to 5pm, Council Chamber, University Students Union Building.

LEEDS Socialist Workers Party public meeting: The fight for the Right to Work. Speakers: Harry McShane (former secretary, Scottish Unemployed Workers Movement, in the 1930s) and a Right to Work Marcher. Thursday 15 September, 7.30pm, Leeds Trades Club, Saville

North West

WANTED Volunteers to work in Hyde, East Manchester, up to the 8 October anti-fascist demonstration. Accommodation and subsistence provided Contact TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester (phone 061 832 8102) as soon as possible

OLDHAM Socialist Workers Party public meeting: The National Front and what it stands for Thursday 29 September, 8pm, Sergeant-at-Arms pub (upstairs room), Kings Street (opposite the Co-op).

NORTH MANCHESTER Women's Voice group public meeting: The Nursery Campaign, the Crumpsall Hospital Cuts, and fighting the Nazi Front Monday 12 September, 8pm 11 Durley Avenue (off Cardinal Street), Cheetham. Bring babies, or if you need baby-sitting phone Judith, 061-795 0412

MERSEYSIDE Socialist Workers Party meeting for all members: Thursday 22 September, 7.30pm prompt, Tinton Hotel, Paradise Street, Liverpool (opposite Holiday Inn). Agenda includes Current political situation (Social Con-trick anti-fascist work), organising women and the role of Women's Voice, SW sales and finance ALL MEMBERS MUST AT-TEND. Observers welcome from Chester, Wrexham, Warrington, Skelmersdale, St Helens and Wigan.

HULME AND MOSS SIDE Socialist Workers Party open meeting: The Socialist Alternative to the National Front Local speakers. Thursday 15 September, 8pm, West Indian Sports and Social Club, Westwood Street (off Moss Lane East). All welcome.

AFRICA

BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Public meetings and events organised by the Socialist Workers' Party and its fraternal organisations.

☐ Send notices, to reach us by first post Monday at the latest, to Whats On, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 9DS.

Wales

CARDIFF Socialist Workers Party discussion meeting for members and supporters: History of the Trade Union Movement, Speaker: L Arthur. Monday 12 September, SWP Bookshop, 58 Bridge Street

ABERYSTWYTH Women's Voice discussion groups: Every other Tuesday, Farmers' side bar 15 September: Women in Ireland.

SWANSEA SWP sells Socialist Worker every Saturday, 11.30am to 1pm in College Street. IS Journal, Rank and File papers, books etc also on sale. Come along and have a chat and sell some SWs.

PORT TALBOT: If you want to buy Socialist Worker in Port Talbot, we sell every Saturday 2pm-3pm, at the new shopping centre. Or contact Kieran Hatton, 37 Fairway, Sandfields Estate, Port Talbot (phone 2268).

SWANSEA Socialist Workers Party meets Tuesdays, 7.30pm, Builders Arms, Oxford Street. Discussion meetings for members and sup-13 September: Unemployment and

the right to work. Speaker: A Right To Work marcher. 20 September: Pay-why we need

East Anglia

CHELMSFORD Socialist Workers Party public meetings on Why You Should Be a Socialist Every Thursday, 8pm, Royal Steamer (Townfield St, just behind railway station). 22 September: Because you'd have hope. Speaker: Sue Johns.

IPSWICH Soicalist Workers Party public meeting: Lesson of Lewisham—Stop the National Front. Speaker to be announced. Wednesday 15 September, Station Hotel, Burrell Road, Ipswich.

CAMBRIDGE Socialist Workers Party: A meeting of members and supporters in the Cambridgeshire area will be held soon to organise work on a district basis. For further information, phone Cambridge

South East

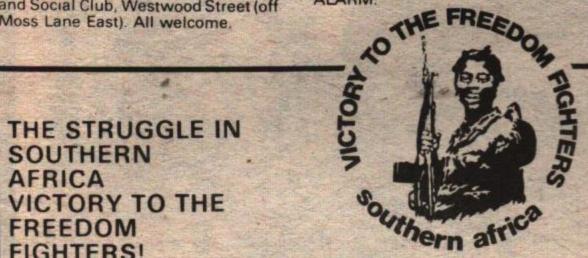
OXFORD Socialist Workers Party: If you'd like to join or know more about our activites, phone Abingdon

London

HORNSEY Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Why you should be a socialist. Speaker: Paul Foot. Thursday 8 September, 8pm, Small Hall, Edison Centre, Edison Road, off Crouch End Hill

SOUTH WEST LONDON Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Blame the Bosses, Not the Blacks, and the Fight Against Racialism in Southern Africa Today, Friday 16 September, 8pm, Balham Baths Hall, Elmfield Rd., Balham.

DEFEND THE ANTI-JUBILEE **ELEVEN!** Public meeting: Tuesday 13 September, 8pm, St Matthews Crypt, Brixton (opposite Town Hall), London SW2. Speaker from Lewisham Defence Campaign, Grunwicks, and a defendant. Sponsored by the SWP Lambeth Trades Council, and



FIGHTERS! Weekend school organised by the Socialist Workers Party

Africa Group 17-18 September, Royal College of Art, London

SATURDAY

11am 1pm: Introduction by Alex Callinicos, on issues facing socialists and the workers' movement in 2pm-3pm Workers on North

(Ghana, Nigeria), and East Africa 3 30pm 4 30pm John Rogers on Perspectives for the work of the SWP Africa Group-how to use

East Africa (Ethiopia), West Africa

African Worker journal. Evening: Fund-raising SOCIAL with Zimbabwean band, Mbakumba Madaka. Tickets 75p in advance, £1 on the door.

11am-1pm: Struggles in Southern

2pm-3pm: Peter Alexander on Perspectives for the Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign.

Further details from SWP Africa Group, International Dept, 6 Cottons Gardens, London Es (phone 01-739 1878).

Socialist Workers Party

THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY NEEDS YOU! A series of public meetings in East London:

ILFORD: Tuesday 13 September, 8pm, Labour Hall, 400 Ilford High

NEWHAM: Thursday 15 September, 8pm, Lawrence Hall, Cumberland Road, E13. Speaker Steve Jefferys.

SOUTH LONDON Demonstration against Racism: This Saturday, 10 September, 2pm, assemble Elephant and Castle, march to Peckham Rve. Called by All-London Campaign Against Racism and Fascism. All South London SWP members to sup-

WEST MIDDLESEX Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Alternate Tuesdays, 7.45pm, The Griffin, 57 Brook Street, Brentford. 20 September: The Communist Party in decline.

HAMMERSMITH Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Alternate Mondays, 7.30pm, Brook Green Hotel, Shepherds Bush Road, London 12 September: The Scottish

National Party and Scottish Nationalism. Speaker: Harry Tait. **CROYDON Socialist Workers Party** public meetings: Every Thursday, 8pm, Ruskin House (corner of Park

Lane and Coombe Road). 8 September: Muggings and its causes. Speaker: Sandra Peers. 15 September: Other left groups.

Speaker: Tim Roderick. 22 September: Nationalism. Debate between Linda Quinn and Steve

WALTHAMSTOW Socialist Workers Party public meeting: The World Food Crisis-How we could solve it with socialism. Speaker: Kevin Jones. Wednesday 14 September, 8pm, Rose and Crown, Hoe Street (near Greenleaf Road), London E17

NORTH LONDON Womens Voice group meeting: Women and the Cuts Speaker: Linda Quinn: Monday 12 September, 8pm, Florence pub, Florence Street (off Upper Street), N1

LEA VALLEY Womens Voice/SWP public meeting: What is Sexism? Come and argue. Speakers: Kathy Tait (AUEW shop steward) and Judith Condon. Wednesday 14 September, 8pm, Lord Morrison Hall, Chesnut Grove, off Chesnut Road, Tottenham.

South Coast

SOUTHAMPTON Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Every Sunday, 8pm, The Anchor (next to East Street shopping centre)

11 September: World Crisis Today—the economics behind it. Open to all SWP members, supporters and Socialist Worker

Action in the unions

HOSPITAL WORKERS: Yorkshire and North East regional day school for SWP members and supporters in the Health Service. Saturday 1 October, in Leeds. Sessions on building a Hospital Worker Group, writing for Hospital Worker, workplace branches, working in the NHS unions, etc. For details, phone Leeds 620350.

TGWU: Regional meetings for all SWP members and supporters in the Transport and General Workers Un-

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.

CIVIL AND PUBLIC SERVICES ASSOCIATION; National meeting for all SWP members in the CPSA. Saturday 24 September, in Manchester. Provisional agenda: Report from SWP national advisory committee, Building the SWP, Prospects for rank and file activity.

NALGO: Meeting for all Socialist Workers Party NALGO members in London Tuesday 20 September, 7.30pm, Earl Russell pub, 2 Pancras Road, NW1 (Kings Cross).

ASTMS: Meeting for all London Socialist Workers Party members and supporters in ASTMS, Thursday 8 September, 7pm, The Plough, Museum Street, London WC1 (near British Museum).

EETPU: National meeting of SWP members and supporters in the Electricians and Plumbers Union. Discussion on rules revision campaigning, the rank and file movement, leading the left, building the SWP Saturday 17 September, noon to 3pm, Lass Of Gowrie pub, Charles Street (off Oxford St. Near BBC), Manchester

For group transport from Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow, London, Newcastle, Sheffield and other towns, phone 01-739 6273.

NOISS

National Organisation of Student International Socialist Societies.

GOING TO COLLEGE NEXT TERM? The Socialist Workers Party and its fraternal student organisation, the National Organisation of International International Socialist Societies (NOISS), have members and supporters in most towns. Contact us at the following numbers: ABERYSTWYTH: Jane Hanscomb,

10 Cambrian Square, Aberystwyth, BIRMINGHAM: Dave Owens, 021 643 5717.

CAMBRIDGE: Phone Derek, 0223-CANTERBURY and EAST KENT: Chris Hale, Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury. ESSEX: Richard Allday, 7 Purcell Close, Colchester.

EDINBURGH: George Higgins, c/o 2 Elm Row, Edinburgh HULL: L Pritchard, c/o 238 Springbank, Hull. LAMPETER: Hilary Thomas, SDUC, Lampeter, Dyfed.

LONDON North East London Poly: Phone Gary, 01-555 8447 (daytime). Meeting of all SWP and NOISS members and supporters, Monday 19 September, 1pm, The Quiet, Room, Students Union, Barking Precinct, Longbridge Road. First branch meeting: Wednesday 28 September, 6.30pm, Greengate Street bar.

City University: Einde O'Callaghan, 15 Eve Road, Tottenham, N17 (phone 01-808 Ealing Tech, Thomas Huxley, St

Mary's: Owen Gallagher, 8 Gunnersbury Avenue, W5 (phone 01 993 1727). LANCASTER: Steve Parsons, c/o Lancaster University Students Union (phone 0824-65201 ext 268)

LEEDS: S Smith, 2 Chesnut Avenue, Leeds 6 MANCHESTER: Dave Richards or Marie Durkin, Manchester Polytechnic Students Union (phone 061 273 3200)

LIVERPOOL: SWP district secretary.

2b, Dawson Street, Liverpool 1

NOTTINGHAM: Phone Nottingham NORTH STAFFS and SOUTH CHESHIRE: Alan Gibbens, 41 Stoneley Avenue, Coppenhall, Crewe

(phone Crewe 4015). NORWICH: Dave Arthur, 76 Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk OXFORD: Ben Ross, 29 Richmond Road, Oxford.

SHEFFIELD: Phone Sheffield 584561 SWANSEA: Brian Rees, 9 Bath Villas, Morriston, Swansea. SOUTH WALES: Contact SWP Bookshop, 58 Bridge Street, Cardiff. SALFORD: Alan Franco, c/o External Affairs Office, Salford Students Union, University House, Salford 5. SUSSEX: Greg Norwood, 37 Rayner Towers, Albany Road, Leyton, London, E10 (phone 01-556 6415) or Sue

Spicer, 26b West Hill Road, Brighton (phone 0273-21060). YORK: Geoff Holders, Wentworth College, York All others phone NOISS, 01-739 1878.

Will all STUDENT CONVENORS of International Socialist Societies please send addresses for next term to NOISS, 6 Cottons Gardens, London

quarter, 1977.

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LIST B

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capitalism.

Miklos Haraszti

classical capitalism'.

Socialist Worker, Perspectives discussion for next term. SW Notices

WEEKEND SCHOOLS for SWP women: Newcastle in September: Manchester in October; London in November. Practical sessions include writing for Womens Voice; writing and producing leaflets; public speaking. Political sessions include organisng women workers; women. the family and capitalism; Britain in crisis. Contact the Womens Department, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. More details next week

NATIONAL STUDENT MEETING.

for all student SWP members:

Saturday 17 September, 10.30am to 5pm, Manchester Poly, Cavendish

Street, All Saints, Manchester. Agen-

da includes: Building SWP in colleges,

Building NOISS in colleges, selling

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM Weekend School on Problems of Modern Capitalism. Planned for Saturday/Sunday 1/2 October at Warwick Univeristy. Those interested contact Colin Barker, 19 Chatfield Road, Manchester 21, (phone 061-881 1070).



SOCIALIST WORKER STICKERS in red and black. £1 for 500, plus 20p postage. Post free to SWP members (state which branch). CASH WITH ORDER ONLY, from Socialist Worker, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

At last! The SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY JOINER'S KIT: The Socialist Workers Party Handbook, with onepage summaries on our position on: Why we need a revolutionary party, The origins of the SWP, The structure of the SWP, Russia-a Marxist analysis, Is China socialist?, The Right To Work Campaign, The Cuts, The struggle for women's rights, Socialist Worker, plus a further reading list. Available from Socialist Worker Books, 64 Queen Street, Glasgow G1. Individual copies 15p plus 10p postage, 10 copies £2 including postage, 100 copies £15 including

DO YOU WANT to put £5 in the Soicalist Worker Fighting Fund and have my fridge (in working order)? Phone 01-767 0651

SEEN ANY GOOD ADVERTS FOR THE SWP LATELY? We're trying to kick out the old political cliches, trying to find ways of giving our political, socialist ides some life. Have you seen-or produced-any good posters, leaflets, badges lately? If so, send them in for the new SWP Agitprop bulletin (can anyone think of a brighter name for it?), also any ideas, articles about films, street theatre, banners, photos for socialism. Also any requests for information. Send to Dave Simmonds, Counter Act. 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1

SOCIALIST WORKER NEEDS an SWP member who is a plasterer for a day's work in the printshop. Phone Mel Norris, 01-739 1870.

FEMALE COMRADE NEEDS OWN

ROOM, in friendly flat or house, North London. Contact Penny, 01-348 MALE COMRADE LOOKING FOR ROOM in friendly house, North or

801 7951 (home), 01-633 8213 **HALIFAX Socialist Workers Party**

East London. Please phone Paul, 01-

need cheap dupliator. Any offers please ring Halifax 67209. **HUDDERSFIELD** Rock Against Racism present Reggae and Punk at the West Indian Club, Vern Street,

with Jab-Jab and The Fall. Thursday

15 September, 8pm to 2am. All profits

to the Lewisham Defence Fund.

BOOKMARX CLUB

These are the books for the fourth

WORKER IN A WORKER'S STATE, by

A first-hand account of working on piece

rates in a Budapest engineering factory.

The author was put on trial because 'he

claims the situation of the workers is

identical with that of the proletariat under

WE SHALL BE ALL, edited by Laurie Flynn

New essays on four episodes in Scottish

working-class history: The Glasgow Rent

Strike 1915, the Clydeside engineers struggles of 1917, the Methil workers'

committees of 1926, and the recent

upsurge of militancy in Glasgow and the

HOW CAPITALISM WORKS, by Pierre

At last a thorough and really readable

account of the Marxist analysis of

This remarkable novel condemns forever

the lies, corruption and violence of fascism.

FONTAMARA, by Ignazio Silone

talking A COUPLE of weeks ago my little boy Simon came home pleasant and I instantly felt from school with a letter from his teacher, asking me to go

Sheila Parkin

progress. My first reaction was 'Oh my god, what has he done now!' You see Simon is a tiny bit bolshy and very intolerant. He also finds school boring.

down next day. She wanted a

word with me about Simon's

The next day, when I had finished work, I went along to the school. I must admit I was feeling a bit nervous as I hadn't been to see any of the teachers for months. I was dying to go to the loo,

and the toilets are just inside the school doors, so in I went. Good grief! What a stink. There was urine all over the floor and the smell was overpowering. I then began to wonder if

the toilets were ever cleaned. Was there a cleaner employed in the school? I then went to sit in the

school hall and got another shock. There was plaster coming off the walls, pieces hanging from the ceiling. The school was really rundown.

Bright

I couldn't believe it because last time I was here the school had just been painted and it was all bright and sparkly. I came to the conclusion that the cuts in education and school buildings were really hitting Beverly Street School.

The bell went at last and the kids came out, pushing, shoving, shouting and fighting. I walked over to Simon's class and there he was grinning all over his face and as black as the fire back.

BOOK

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possibilities it holds for the future. In all a

worker's answer to the tartan nationalism

Clarke was a socialist, lion tamer,

gunrunner, shop stewards' spokesman and

JOHN S CLARKE, by Ray Challinor

Simon's teacher wlcomed me. She was young and very relaxed. Simon went to sit outside while we talked.

Socialist

Workers

She told me he was having trouble with his reading and writing, that he reads from right to left and writes his letters the wrong way round. The teacher thought it might be something physical, that he needed coaching a lot more, but for eight years old he should be a lot better.

Anyway she showed me two of his compositions, which were totally unreadable to me, but the teacher could understand them so she read them out.

Cardiac

The first one she read out was about the Queen's Jubilee and how Simon did not like the Queen, because she cost too much money. that the money should be spent on hospitals and schools, and that his dad wears a 'Stuff the Jubilee' badge, and that he did not want a Jubilee mug.

Well, when she read this to me I nearly had a cardiac arrest. I thought 'What the hell is the teacher ging to say to me.'

I was even more embarrassed when the teacher read the second composition. She had asked the children to write about what their dad-

dies did at the weekend. Simon wrote about how is daddy went on an anti-fascist demonstration in London, how the police were arresting people for nothing and beating people up, and saying that the Nazis were evil people and hated black peo-

Then he wrote that his daddy had had three ribs broken by the police and that the police were nasty.

Well, I was absolutely 'gobsmacked'. I didn't know what to say to the teacher I was so embarrassed.

Listens

But you see, Simon had seen the news, plus heard his daddy and I talking, but I never thought he would repeat it on paper at school. Come to think of it, he does ask a lot of questions when he joins in or listens to our conversations. But the interesting thing

was that after the teacher had read it to me, and I was stood there with a big red face, she said: 'Do you see what I mean about Simon? The content is excellent, he really does take things in.

I was so relieved when she said that, and I thought 'Well teachers aren't all narrowminded, as you might think."

I now think they are accepting the honesty and innocence of small children and are interested by how they relate or translate it on paper, and what kind of background they come from.

I suppose you could say Simon comes from a revolutionary socialist background.

THE SUFFRAGETTES, by Sylvia Unique as the only history of the suffragette

movement written by a major participant, and still one of the most complete records of women's struggle for the vote, particularly in the East End. This is also a memoir of the remarkable Pankhurst family by their one socialist member.

For the subscription of £4.50, saving about £2 on the retail price, you get List A plus List B or List C (please state preference)—or all 3 lists for £6.75. PLUS special offer to members on Trotsky's HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN ☐ Send subscriptions or request for details to: REVOLUTION.

of the SNP.

much more.

Pankhurst

LIST C

Bookmarx Club, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4 2DE.

Scotland Yard corruption horror: The sole survivors speak out

YOU MUST have heard the one about the copper who asks his mate to 'lend us ten fags till the shops shut'.

Or the one about the detective who forgot himself and planted a brick on a PC's wife demonstrating for better police pay?

They're just jokes—but the real thing is much, much funnier.

Like the story of Detective Chief Superintendent Bill Moody, the Scotland Yard boss who was taking bribes and leading an official inquiry into police corruption at the same time.

Files

The police team undertaking that inquiry had earlier been forced to move out of Scotland Yard because senior detectives were pinching their files.

Those detectives were, predictably, doing everything they could to block the investigation. A lot of people had a lot of things to hide.

When a chief inspector was asked to track down the traffic cop who had booked a small-time crook (a bent detective had made sure the ticket had gone missing) he spent three weeks trying and 'mysteriously' got nowhere.

A sergeant was put on the job and found the traffic cop in two hours.

In scenes like something out of an Al Capone movie, a detective ready to testify against corruption was visited by a senior and 'leant on', while reporters were followed and told, in anonymous phone calls: 'We'll get you for this'.

True

These stories—and many more like them—are told in a new book* about Scotland Yard's decade of corruption.

Robert Mark put a stop to it. I know that's true because I read it in the Daily Express.

Never again could a detective investigating raids on

*The Fall of Scotland Yard, By Barry Cox, John Shirely and Martin Short (Penguin), available price £1 (inc. postage) from Bookmarks, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.



clothing shops come to work at Scotland Yard wearing part of the proceeds—stolen from a store just down the road.

Never again could a detective pick up a good conduct medal and a conspiracy charge within the space of 24 hours, as Detective Chief Inspector Victor Kelaher did in 1972.

Half

Never again could a man like Moody move on two junior members of the Porn Squad just because they were trying to muscle in on his racket—a half-share in a Soho porn shop.

Never again could Porn Squad officers seize blue films and show them on their own Scotland Yard projector to raise money for colleagues accused of corruption.

Never again could a Porn Squad chief deliver porn direct to a 'client's' house, sub-edit one of his magazines and even offer to write for it about the Obscene Publications Act, as George Fenwick did.

Fenwick did.—
All this—and much, much
more—was the style of life for
Scotland Yard until Mark
oved in and cracked his whip.

Heads rolled—and those that didn't wisely fled, hundreds of detectives quitting the Yard as the good life drew to a close.

Some idea of the scale of that good life can be imagined from porn king James Humphreys' admission that he felt obliged to supply Flying Squad boss Kenneth Drury with a course of slimming tablets and a rowing machine to work off excess flab. Guess who paid for the flab.

That's just one of many funny stories to come out of this book.

But it's not half as funny as the idea that Scotland Yard or the police in general—are now, give or take the odd rotten apple, on the straight and narrow.

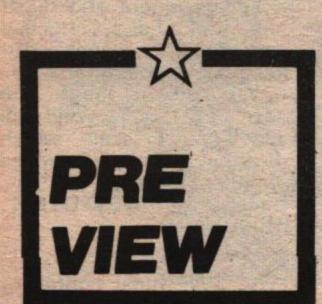
That's the biggest joke of all.

You can't seriously ask such men to protect the real robbers of this society and not expect them to demand a share of the

GEOFF



WILL BAMBER CRUCIFY FIVE MILLION VIEWERS?



"OH NO, not the bloody 'Christians'", was the cry of anguish that went up in our front room last Tuesday. "For Christ's sake, switch over".

TV to defend the control panel. After all, I'm supposed to be the SW TV critic.

"Look it's that bloody bloke who knows all the answers". I spun round ex-

By ROLAND MULDOON

pecting to see a picture of GOD—it turned out to be Bamber Gascoigne. The room emptied.

Socialists usually run away when there's anything to do with religion. I must confess that I have the same problem, being a devout ex-Catholic.

Anyway, the programme was rewarding. Bamber, after

years of exposure to the bright young minds of the modern academic world, shows that he is aware that it's unfashionable to believe in anything.

Consequently, we are spared the 'who planted the daisies in the first place?' argument. Instead, we are rushed around the world like

an advert for a weekly encyclopaedia, watching Bamber read from cue cards against a background of extravagant religious monuments.

He doesn't tell us about the primitive economies that were screwed into making these bloody monuments.

But he does tell us of the blood-letting, looting, political intrigue and outright racism that has characterised the religion since Emperor Constantine made it official.

I remember being told that Jesus suffering on the cross was an example for us all, but I'm sure he didn't intend that his followers should go around guaranteeing that everyone else suffered too.

That's what they did, and that's what they do—witness the London Jesuits who hang on to their shares in South African Gold mines, Church

slum landlords etc.

to end with some wishy-washy point about humanity's endless search for enlightenment, yet it will have served to whet the appetite for a complete look at our miserable history, with the all-important answer to why we have so long been mesmerised by the 'pie in the sky when you die' philosophy.

I'm sure the series is going

Don't blame Christianity blame the Church

PAUL FURNESS (Letter, 20 August) believes Socialism and Christianity to be incompatible.

Although I am not a Christian, I believe true Christianity is totally compatible with a form of Socialism.

Surely what Christ called for was a society in which there would be equality between the races and between sections of society.

People will say that Christ was trying to dupe people into accepting society with the promise of a heaven after life. This ignores the situation in Palestine at the time.

The religious aspect of Christianity was simply a way to use existing channels to further the revolutionary

What is incompatible with socialism is today's established church.

☐ G. COLIER, Crewe

DROP THIS BULLY-BOY STYLE, SW

FOR THE PAST couple of months we have been working closely with the Brighton SWP branch. We've sold SW. We've written and distributed leaflets.

We've campaigned for the RTW march. We've toured hospitals talking to staff and selling Hospital Worker. We've helped to organise public meetings.

We've written and had printed in SW a report on the recent bus strike in Brighton. We've helped in the attempts

to establish SWP branches in Eastbourne and Horsham. But we haven't joined the

We have many friends who feel as we do-who are ready and willing to help build a socialist alternative. There must be thousands of people like us.

But they haven't joined the And the problem is the

paper. has a bully-boy SW manner. In article after article

hectoring, and almost hysterical. There's never a hint of self-criticism, self-doubt or humility.

it comes across as dogmatic,

Repetitive sloganizing is used as a substitue for genuine argument.

SW is right to confront the issues head-on and to be direct and forceful in its attack on the injustices of our society. But in its intimidating style SW does not simply confront the issues, it also confronts its potential readers.

It is that much easier for the mass media to dub the SWP as 'red fascists' when the language, tone, and attitude towards readers of its paper is so indistinguishable from those of the NF.

And it is that much more likely that potential socialists will accept the mass media's evaluation of the party, however unfair it may be.

☐ ROBIN and MANUELA BESTE, Sussex.

POSTAL POINTS ON LEWISHAM

I AM a member of East Lewisham Labour Party and the All Lewisham Campaign against Racism and Fascism. I was present for the whole day of the events at Lewisham.

I was appalled by the senseless violence committed by anti-fascists on the police. But from what I saw it was the police who

provoked the violence. Note that whereas the Nazis of the National Fro are allowed to mare through areas of high blac population, ALCARAF wa not allowed to show i solidarity with our blac brothers by walkin

through their streets. When Lewisham Labou Party Young Socialist wanted to march agains unemployment the polic refused permissio because of the disruption

would cause! I am grateful to the SWI and Deptford Labour Part who organised the mobilisation on 13 August I am ashamed that Eas Lewisham Labour Party and other left wing parties did not support it officially PAUL HOLMES Lewisham.

I AM a socialist, a worker and totally against the National Front, but I am horrified at the part played by the SWP at Lewisham.

What sort of victory is it and what sort of force will you feel it necessary to use next time?

P. MEIER, London W1.

I LOATHE violence, but I prefer the way you stop the Nazi Front to the way the police, government and social democrats of all shades manifestly don't. D. J. HERMAN, Hatfield.

AFTER - Lewisham and Ladywood many of us had to return to work and face criticism or even hostility.

What we needed were some cold factual arguments about the NF. SW should have carried at least one page of analysis explaining the class and economic forces which produce fascism and how it will develop.

ALAN BLOOMFOELD, Walthamstow.

ON BBC2's Ladywood byelection programme, Angus Maude, Conservative MP, said the Front voters were merely 'unthinking people' while the Labour MP declared that 'thugs' like the SWP need hospital treatment.

It is not only the Front we are fighting but the liberals and reformists who allow the working class to be intimidated. ☐ J. SPENCER, Mancheter.

SURELY the protesters are giving the Front the maximum publicity.

I'm afraid that if things go on like this the National Front may gain a certain amount of sympathy or, at worst, support. There must be more subtle and effective ways of putting an end to this dangerous party. ☐ M. J. O. KENNEDY.

SWP SHOULD produce a pamphlet called 'Nazism and the Unions', explaining the threat fascism poses for the trade union movement and showing how in both Germany and Italy the fascists were used for strike breaking. R. MILNER, Manchester.

I AM NEARLY 80 and I want to see the utter defeat of the

against our recent anti-

fascist demonstrations. We either beat the fascists or their fury will spill blood on a scale which

Britain has not experienced in all her history. REDDISH, Huddersfield.

Send your letters to Letters Page, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2

INQUEST ON THE CARNIWA

I WAS at the Notting Hill Carnival on the Monday and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

As I walked along Portobello Road, I saw a couple of gangs of young black kids. Every now and again, they spotted people passing through, carrying handbags and valuables.

The gangs then caused a lot of confusion by, suddenly, running and grabbing at bags and wallets.

Throughout the afternoon, there were spasmodic attacks on people, mostly white.

Stewards begged people to leave the area but nobody moved and the bigger the crowd got the better it was for the gangs; the attacks increased.

The trouble was not at the Carnival, but at this area in Portobello Road where there were no floats or other amusements laid on.

The kids who came to rob were a very small number, about 60.

White people were 'done' first. To the kids, they were the ones most likely to have money, the ones with jobs, the best-paid jobs.

White people shocked by what they saw do not unders-

I TEACH in Islington, Lon-

don in a school with black and

white children, where there

have been no serious racial

A West Indian lad, general-

ly regarded as a bit of a bully,

started abusing a frail

Pakistani kid. 'Hey, sir,'

shouted the West Indian,

who's always got on well with

me, 'he's a bloody Paki curry-

I stopped the lesson and

Making sure everyone was

hauled the kid out to the front.

listening, I said: 'If anyone

called you a black bastard,

incidents.

eater'.

tand the severe oppression black people have lived under for years.

Those kids have been rejected by white society. They even feel rejected by their own parents.

Many black parents are working long hours, six or seven days a week, to provide decent homes for their

But their children know that when they leave school, regardless of how many Alevels they have, the chances of getting a job are nil. If they go on the dole they will be harassed and treated like dirt.

Yet all around them they see a society that tells them that to be 'cool' they must drive the latest car, wear the latest

shoes, and smoke this or that brand of cigarette.

The only way those kids can have a few extra pounds is to steal it when they get the chance. And on Monday at the Carnival they had that chance.

They have had enough of being kicked around and they want to fight back. But the answer is not to rip off working class people like themselves, but to direct their anger against the cause of their oppression. It is our job as socialists to

reach out for those kids to make sure they know what the right solution is: Revolution. ☐ MARY LARNER, N. London



Police on the rampage: but how did the Carnival trouble begin?

IT MUST GO AHEAD NEXT YEAR

I WAS helping out as a steward at the Carnival when the rioting broke out.

I asked one of the police sergeants how this fighting started.

He replied: 'The Socialist Workers have been trying to get the blacks to start on the police, and they have finally succeeded.'

My immediate reaction was Today's lesson ... anti-racism

you'd probably hit him-and

you'd be quite right. So I'm

not going to let you get away

with any racialist remarks

After a bit, the lad agreed

that he souldn't abuse the

Pakistani. And he apologised

right there in the class-which

What's more, I'm quite sure

Which all goes to show that

if you bring the thing out into

the open, it's much easier to

☐ SEAN DOCHERTY, Lon-

against other kids'.

took a bit of doing.

stop it.

don N7

he's never done it again.

one of shock because I had seen that Socialist Worker was selling newspapers written by black editors and that they had a stall and a float,

I knew that they're against racialism and against fascist groups like the NF.

I am astonished also that Jeff Crawford should blame the SWP when they are the people who are doing their best to help the blacks.

This was the man who attacked the SWP over their demonstration at Lewisham, saying that they had used the

blacks to do their dirty work. The Carnival must go ahead next year. And next year we must make sure that it caters much more for the youth and not simply the older genera-

The Carnival is a black people's event in Britain and it is up to us to make sure it

goes OK. The Carnival should become a national event with plenty of television coverage so that everyone can see what a great event it is. ☐ MOSES FRIDAY, Ealing

I WAS amazed by SW's coverage of the Carnival.

I'm no friend of the police. As a trade unionist. I've had too much experience of them on picket lines to believe what the papers say But I was at Notting Hill.

You say the Carnival stewards and some of the Left were wrong to blame some young black kids for the

trouble as this is playing into the hands of the racialists.

But I was one of those and I know it happened to SWP members, too who was mugged.

While understanding the roots of crime, you run the risk of being ridiculed if you don't condemn it.

SW READER, E. London.

The outlook is bleak

TODAY's working man may protest against wage restraint and high prices, but he is not likely to proceed down the road to revolution when his head tells him that it would probably involve violence.

He would only go along with that if he was sure of winning.

The far left at present can only agitate from the sidelines. It has not as yet gained the confidence of the working masses.

The workers themselves are in a contant state of flux. Many are turning to the Right,

some to the Left. Most of them just want to live a quiet life. Their attitude is to hell with politics'.

It is not wise to tell workers to seize power from the capitalists unless there is a forward drive of realistic concepts within the workers' movement.

Under these circumstance, it will be very difficult for the SWP to develop revolutionary poise. I'm not saying it can't be done; I am saying the outlook is bleak.

☐ M. R. Douglas, Leeds

WHY WE SAY RUSSIA ISN'T SOCIALIST

WHY DID S Wormald (20 August) take 'great exception' to Chris Harman's remarks about 'the thugs who rule Russia"? In his opinion there is no such thing as Stalinism.

It is wrong, he says, to speak of Stalinism because 'he (Stalin) will be remembered for his contribution to marx-Ism'

It should therefore follow that it is wrong to speak of marxism because Marx willlet us hope—be remembered

for his invaluable contribution to socialism, communism and to the working class movement of the world.

Parochialism, you may say, but this aside Stalin's contribution to marxism was to turn it on its head and forge it into a quasi-religious doctrine to suit his methods.

The example of 'socialism in one country' will suffice for the moment a theory completely alien to Marx, Engels and Lenin-yes, Lenin, com-

rade Wormald -not to mention the many others who died along the way for their 'sins'.

It was, originally, even unimaginable to Stalin that socialism could be anything but international.

Stalin's implementation of the Five Year Plan and in principle the gross accumulation of capital effected by these plans saw a complete return to capitalism (complete since it already existed in parts of the economy under the

New Economic Policy).

It is obvious therefore to revolutionaries that capitalism exists in the USSR—so it therefore follows that there is exploitation and since there is only one body the USSR capable of implementing this exploitation, namely the state, this body must in effect be the 'ruling class'.

So, comrade Wormald, the propaganda of the Socialist Workers Party against the

Soviet Union is not antiworking class as you suggest but is wholly pro-working class, as witnessed by our consistent opposition to the Russian ruling class.

Our 'Where We Stand' column (if you have never read it, please do) says just this. You, comrade Wormald, are an unwitting tool in the hands of the ruling classes of the world.

☐ TOM IRWIN, E Kilbride.

YOU'VE **GOT IT** WRONG ON CHILE

YOUR ARTICLE, Can Socialism be brought about through parliamentary means? (27 August), overlooked the fact that conditions in Latin America are in no way comparable to those in Britain.

Chile at the time of Allende's election was controlled by foreign monopoly alliances, mainly United States multi-national corporations, and the other major obstacle to socialism was the rich landowning oligarchy.

lackeys to these two powerful spheres. In both Chile and pre-

Belligerent sections of

the military acted as

revolutionary Russia, capitalism was not fully developed. In Britain, it is. Here the transition to

socialism can be achieved through democratic means without the disadvantages of authoritarianism or the antagonism of foreign imperialism and internal oligarchy. Oli Richardson, Colchester.

fascist enemy. Let us ignore and reject the unfounded criticism

THE SWP must tighten up on discipline. Only a 'Minimum Violence' policy is justifiable to the mass of workers who must be won to oppose the Nazi Front. ☐ RUTH & ALAN GOLDS-TEIN, E. London

In 1971, this stadium was filled with hope.

FOUR YEARS AFTER CHILE'S COUP, THE INSIDE STORY OF WHY IT HAPPENED

SALVADOR Allende believed socialism could come peacefully, that the rich would set aside their wealth and their weapons if the votes of the poor insisted on it.

He changed his mind on the morning of 11 September 1973, as eight Sherman tanks pounded his Presidential palace from the street below and two Hawker jets strafed it from the sky above.

Allende and his aides held out long enough to broadcast these last words to their supporters throughout Chile:

'And they have the power, they can smash us, but . . . history is ours, and the people will make it.'

They can smash us....

Within hours, the generals who had murdered Allende were rounding up, torturing and executing thousands of socialists and trade unionists with a barbarity which still continues today, exactly four years after the coup.

The people will make it . . . And yet, tragically, it was all so predictable, so avoidable.

'The people' were reined in and frustrated by their President from 'making their own history'.

For Allende was a man of the constitution, of the ballot box, of legality, of parliament.

And his supporters had to play by those rules, even if his enemies had long ago discarded them. It was a strategy for disaster.

No doubts

Even if Allende seriously believed that army generals and police commanders would help him steer Chile to socialism, those rich men in uniform never had any doubts.

The story of how they—the supposedly impartial servants of the impartial state—first trapped and then destroyed him is told in a recent book by Robinson Sandford, a journalist involved in Allende's Popular Unity Movement*.

In his three years in office, Allende faced six attempted military coups before the one that finally overthrew him. And yet he could say and he repeated it endlessly that the armed forces 'did not constitute a danger factor.'

They were 'a special breed, not foreseen by Lenin in his books'.

There seemed, in Allende's early days as President, a grain of truth in what he was saying. But he mistook the generals' initial caution for impartiality.

Unknown to him, they had worked out a rule of thumb guide with their advisors in the Pentagon, the United States war department.



Two years later, it was filled w



filled with death.

It read, in part: 'We, the armed forces, will have to "wait and see what happens". The future will tell us whether we must intervene to put things back in their proper places, or whether Senator Salvador Allende will keep his promise to 'guide' the people's restlessness and prevent the insurrection of the have-nots.'

There was no doubt who the generals feared most. The view of the most powerful and most intelligent among them in these early days amounted to this:

'Our basic task is to prevent Communism from taking over-Chile on the crest of a popular insurrection.' With Allende as president, 'Communism is still very far off'.

Their real fear was 'the assault of the masses . . . and a situation resembling that of the Bolsheviks

By GEOFF ELLEN

in 1917. The essential thing is to gain time, and only Allende can give us this'.

They needed a breathing space.
And they used it to infiltrate the country's economic adminstration, its intelligence networks, its civil service, its political parties, its trade unions, its media.

But as the months wore on, and the leaders of the military elaborated their conspiracy, their friends in big business took fright at the growing militancy of the workers.

Their answer was economic sabotage. And when the workers resisted it, Allende—the man of the ballot box, the man the generals saw as the 'fireman for the people's fire'-denounced them.

'We are', he said, 'against all indiscriminate takeovers of rural properties, we are against the takeover of living quarters, we are against workers' takeovers of small and medium sized factories.

Impulse

'Expropriation and the requisitioning of business must follow a government plan and not the anarchy of the wilful impulse of the few'.

The rich were delighted. The generals were confirmed. The workers were confused.

And so it went on. Sandford tells how in three years of government, neither Salvador Allende nor the leadership in the Communist and Socialist parties ever agreed to mobilise the masses fighting against the Chilean oligopolies and North American multinationals.

As the workers' momentum faltered, they fell prey to the propaganda of the television stations and newspapers, almost all in the hands of the rich.

The privileged and powerful became confident, some super-confident.

In the armed forces, some officers began to abandon caution. 'We have the sonofabitch in the frying pan', General Canales confided to a colleague. He was talking about the President, of course.

Plotting and conspiring by big business and the military doubled and re-doubled. In October 1972, the truck-owners organised a national bosses' strike.

The armed forces backed it, the media glorified it, the government appeared it—but the workers defeated it.

From below, came an explosion of working-class organisation. The factories kept running without the bosses.

Watching the spectacle of the country functioning without

owners and managers, some senior army officers admitted: 'The rabble can do it'.

Here, once again, was the force that could not only defeat the plotters against Allende's government, but could run society.

Allende's response was to bring into his cabinet the commander in chief of the army and two other senior members of the armed forces.

But nonetheless, the masses were on the move again. And confidence was still high enough by March 1973 to give Allende an election triumph, the first time a Chilean President had increased his vote while in office.

Lunatics

As the cordones, the rudimentary workers' councils that had grown out of the fight against the bosses' sabotage, met to discuss the way ahead, Allende repaid them with a campaign against 'the lunatic fringe' who were playing into the enemies hands.

Once again, the momentum faltered and began to wither away.

But by now the political lessons were becoming clear. And, in the heart of the working class, the movement for popular power and the criticisms of Allende's path to socialism—began to grow.

Allende knew it. More importantly, the generals knew it. The time was coming when they would finally act.

Soldiers would not be tensed up to the 'Marxist menace' with films of jungle warfare in Vietnam and lectures on 'the worldwide



Communist threat to our wives, children and parents'.

The press launched a campaign depicting Allende as a drunkard and asking Chileans to join the cry that 'the best Marxist is a dead Marxist'.

The fascist attacks, unhindered by the police or the military, increased; 115 in June 1973, 128 in July, 300 in August.

Investment dried up. Prices rocketed.

And, on 27 July, the truck owners launched their second national strike aimed at bringing down the government.

Signed

Allende, his days fast becoming numbered, now signed his own death warrant.

He ignored calls from workers' organisations to 'solve the industrial stoppage with our own hands'.

And, aware that his sympathetic naval chief had been murdered by conspiring leaders of the armed forces, he resolved, amazingly, to take four of those leaders of the armed forces into his cabinet.

He explained, in private, that if his supporters got to know what had happened to his naval chief, the workers and peasants 'would assault the Navy and military police barracks to crush the conspirators'.

That was unthinkable. So Allende decided to keep it quiet—and instead form a cabinet of 'national unity' to find a solution to the truck owners' strike.

The chiefs of the army, navy and military police now knew that Allende had some idea of the allembracing plot against him and his government. The time to act was at hand.

The coup

And so, on 11 September, the coup that was known to be coming, came. It was led, of course, by the same generals and chiefs Allende had brought into his government and who he called 'a special breed'.

Only 700 of Chile's 100,000 soldiers, sailors and military police refused to join the bloody counter-revolution. The Junta rewarded them with imprisonment.

The rest it rewarded with a 5,000 escuda bonus, about £20 for every person murdered in the first month of the coup.

Just before he was shot down,
President Allende told his
assembled aides:
'Just as no revolution can

triumph if its leaders do not know how to assume their responsibilities at all times and to the bitter end, it is also true that useless deaths contribute in no way to the cause of the revolution'.

Precisely.

* The Murder of Allende, by Robinson Rojas Sandford (Harper & Row) £5.95.



The coup's first anniversary: generals and bishops rejoice

Danger of money for jobs' deal at Batchelors

Smithsstrikersthrow out'profit-sharing'deal

SHEFFIELD: Five days of talks have been held to try to bring to an end the Batchelors strike in Sheffield and. Workshop.

The dispute, now in its ninth week, began when management refused to honour a pre-Social Contract pay offer of up to £3 a week unless workers agreed to the loss of 100 jobs.

But the talks seem to be heading towards a management solution where jobs are traded for money. A formula was likely to be put to a mass meeting of the strikers this week.

Hundreds of jobs have already been lost in the last few years at the plant.

Batchelors, part of the vast Unilever empire, can easily afford the £3,000 a week to pay the full claim. Management are scared of a settlement that will trigger off much bigger pay demands in other parts of the group.

The way to win this struggle is for it to be linked to similar disputes in the food production industry.

What you can do: ☐ Check if there's a Un-Hever factory in your area. If there is, approach the shop stewards and ask for support

for the strikers. ☐ Organise pickets outside supermarkets selling Batchelors products. Most do.

□ Collect money for the strikers, who are on £6 a week strike pay.

☐ Donations and messages of support to Vin Knight, 42 Grisell Crescent, Foxhill, Sheffield.



rank and file workers in the NHS September issue OUT NOW. Reports from action all over the country on wages, cuts, closures. 5p a copy (plus 7p postage) from Hugh Gurling, 19 Red Post Hill, London SE2.

CHELTENHAM: 1300 Smiths offered by the company.

Last Monday the management agreed to see the shop stewards' committee negotiators and suggested a profit-sharing scheme for the whole factory. No details of the scheme were provided by management.

But as Pat Rawlings, chairman of the shop stewards' committee, told Socialist Worker: 'Without hard cash, we're not interested in this sort of scheme. You end up with nothing at the end of the year.

'Already a number of firms in the Cheltenham area have given their workers 15 per cent and broken the pay code.

'Those companies haven't got into trouble, like some people said they would. And it's not true that Smiths have no work. They've just landed a massive Boeings contract in the United States.'

On Tuesday morning, the shop stewards' committee voted 28 to 12 to stay out, following the management's miserable

offer.

Last week the management, local press and a scab lined up to try to get the Smiths workers back.

Bryan Green, a member of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, claimed he had received hundreds of requests for a return to work.

His statements were given full coverage in the Gloucestershire Echo.

Prepared

The following day just two people turned up who were prepared to go back, not including Green.

Earlier in the week a statement from Johnny Styles, works convenor, was denied proper publicity in the Echo. The fact that only two scabs actually appeared at the gates was not considered worth mentioning, either.

☐ The final sentence in last week's SW report on Smiths should have read: 'A statement from the Joint Shop Stewards' Committee reads: 'For Mr Green to engage in an act, subsequent to the decision, that seeks to undermine the solidarity displayed by the majority of his workmates, can only be described as treachery . . . and an act of betrayal.

Beechams: It's lies!

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Workers at the Beecham's factory are having to fight

rumours against their strike. The 450 workers-mostly women—are out for a £24 a. week pay increase. Because the Transport Workers Union (TGWU) has refused to make

strike pay. They desperately need donations from other workers. But now it is being rumoured that a local super-

it official, they are getting no

market has given them each a £6 food voucher. Not true. There are also constant rumours that they are about to go back to work.

In fact the Beechams workers are as determined as

☐ The real facts of their dispute are told in a strike bulletin. For copies, messages and donations: Tom Jones, 22 High Nash, Coleford, Gloucestershire.

Out for 20pc at Nabisco

WELWYN GARDEN CITY: Seventy supervisors and computer staff are on strike at Nabisco, the big cereals and biscuit company, for a 20 per cent wage rise.

Shop floor workers, in the Transport Workers and Engineering Workers' unions, were crossing the picket lines last week—but the TGWU has promised 'some action' this week if there are no management moves.

The shop floor workers have already received the 20 per cent, which includes a productivity deal, but management refused to give it to the staff, members of the white-collar ASTMS.

☐ Messages of support to Steve Lawrence, Assistant ASTMS branch secretary, 30 Upperfield Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.



Striking women workers at Cussons soap factory, Kersal Vale, Salford strike for a £7-a-week wage increase. This is the first major strike at the listen to Transport Workers Union official Wilf Jenkinson calling for a return factory. to work. The mass meeting then voted overwhelmingly to continue the

Picture: John Smith (IFE)

Cannon works stop

Industries workers at

Bishops Cleeve are still out

on strike after nearly six

weeks, for more than the 5

per cent wage increases

by STEVE GRIMLEY

Convenor, Viking Works, and chairman of the shop stewards committee.

LEICESTER: Engineering workers from four Cannon and Stokes factories stopped work for two days last week.

The men and women who produce engine parts for the Aerospace industry were protesting at the lack of

progress in negotiations for an interim pay claim of 40 per

cent on all rates. The shop stewards committee called a mass meeting of workers from the four factories—all Engineering Union closed shops,

Four hundred people attended in the pouring rain. They voted to return to work pending further negotiations, while instructing the negotiating committee to call an indefinite stoppage if meaningful progress wasn't

In an impressive display of unity the vote was unanimous. Negotiations have been hindered by government and TUC statements attempting to force a Phase 3 on us, which management have been quick to seize on.

Workers at Cannon and Stokes have given the rank and file response to all this bluff!

WATER STRIKE **GOES ON**

MANCHESTER: Still on strike after five weeks. the waterworkers' message remains clear: Out with the Social Contract! Restore our living standards now!

The 300 men are out not only against the government's pay policy, but 50 years of Whitley councils—a system that has held down wages in the public sector below those elsewhere.

All workers in the public sector should support waterworkers by following their example: pushing their claim irrespective of government pay policy, Whitley Councils or any of the claptrap used to hold down workers' living standards.

Brewery walk-out

IPSWICH: All 250 workers at the Tolly Cobbold brewery walked out on indefinite unofficial strike last Tuesday.

They are demanding consolidation of their basic rate and a substantial pay increase. Managements first offer

was a derisory £3.50. The workers' action has forced management to cut short their holidays and an improved offer will be put to the workforce this week.

Within two days of the action, which followed the Bank Holiday, most of the 420 Tolly pubs in East Anglia were

struck in support. One driver on the picket line asked: 'How can a man with a wife and children live on £31? Some of the men here only

running dry as transport

workers and draymen in Cam-

bridge, Colchester, Norwich,

Lowestoft and Yarmouth

take home £26 a week. 'What we need is a good basic wage. We won't be going

back until we get at least '. Another picket outside the brewery said: 'Every year

management drag their feet but this time we're not prepared to wait'.

Wilsons 5pc settlement

MANCHESTER: After four weeks on strike a mass meeting of 700 workers at Wilsons Brewery narrowly voted to return to work.

The strike was for a £15 wage claim plus consolidation of the £6.

The settlement was a 5 per cent increase in the basic wage, plus £4 immediate productivity payment, plus fresh talks. So the settlement is a defeat. As senior Road Transport Union shop steward Jim

Shepherd told Socialist Worker: 'It is all very disappointing—we should have got more. But remember management wanted us to crawl back immediately without any cash.

Notices and meetings

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PICKET THE CHILEAN MILITARY ATTACHE, PROTEST AT THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUP: Monday 12 September, 12noon-2pm, Piccadilly House, 33 Regent Street, London W1. Please support and bring banners. Called by the Chile Solidarity Campaign

DEBATE: Socialist Strategy in Western Europe. Ernest Mandel (Fourth International), Monty Johnstone executive committee rep. Communist Party). Friday 9 September, 7.30pm, St Pancras Assembly Rooms, London N1.

A left-wing paper shop and workers cafe is opening in Shepherds Bush GHOST PAPERS is just off Shepherds Bush Roundabout at 14 Norland Road, London W11. Any profits go to their welfare rights

HUDDERSFIELD WEEK AGAINST RACIALISM, 12-17 September. Demonstration: Saturday 17 September, 2pm, Beck Road industrial estate (extension of John William Street, the town's main street). Bring banners.

SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARI-TY CAMPAIGN needs help urgently in the London area. Please contact Peter, phone 01-582 3486, or write to SASC, 21 Mayall Road, London

MEETING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHILEAN POPULAR RESISTANCE: Commemorating fourth anniversary of the military coup, and four years of bitter struggle by the Chilean people. Speakers from Chilean political parties and Latin-American folk music. Friday 9 September, 7.30pm, Fulham Town Hall, Fulham Broadway London SW6. Organisers include MIR and MAPU.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CHILE: Public meeting in Coventry, Saturday 10 September, 10am-12 noon, Shopping Precinct. To commemorate the fourth anniversary of the bloody military coup. Support the Chilean resistance! Speakers include Chilean and Argentine exiles, plus music by Chilean folk groups. Organised by the Chile Solidarity Campaign.

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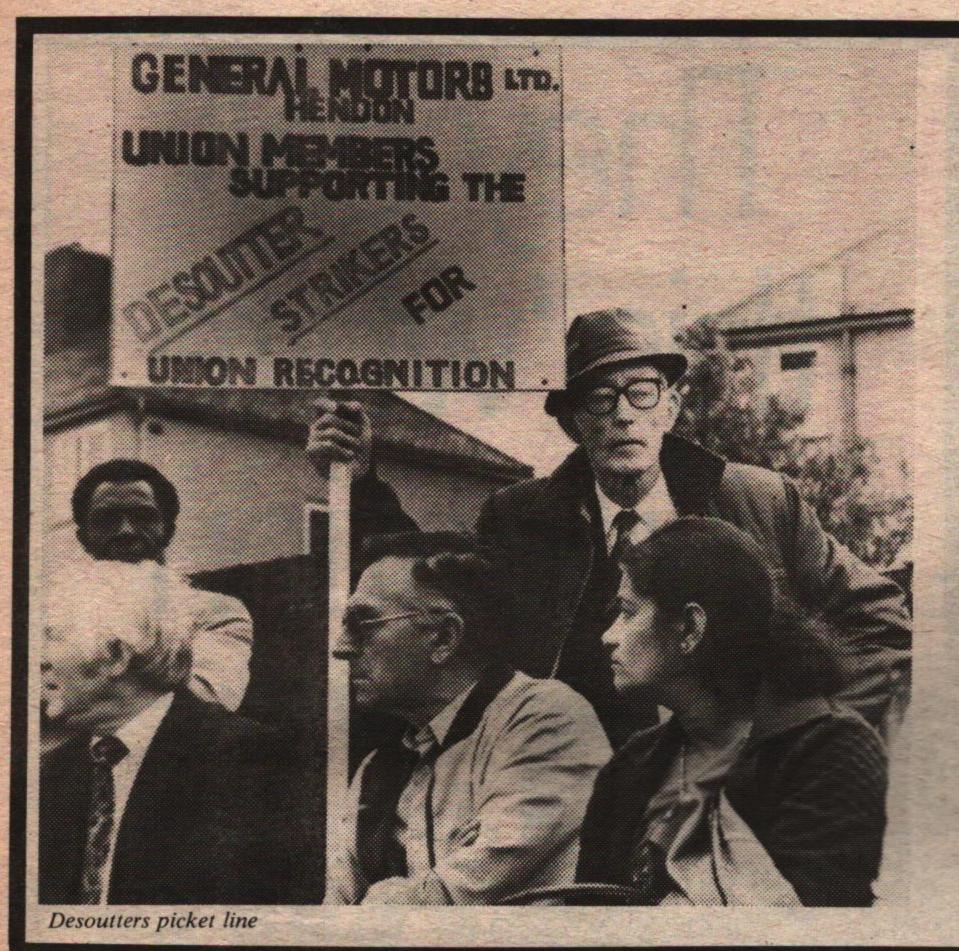
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COULD YOU LIVE ONELS A WEEK?

By Barry Moroney, strike treasurer Desoutters, North London

OUR STRIKE will starve to death unless much more support is rallied in the movement.

This may seem a strong statement but many strikers cannot keep themselves alive and functioning unless more money comes in.

We get £9 a week official strike pay from the Engineering Union. In the best week we received £550 to be shared among the 90 strikers from donations and collections.

This is very little especially after money for train fares, petrol and stamps—all those things vital to keep the strike going—have been deducted.

In reality each individual is being asked to live on about £13. Ask yourself: Can you live on that?

The answer of course is no. The strikers only survive by running up serious debt, going into arrears for rent—one of our members is already owing £200 arrears.

Some married people claim Social Security for dependants but typically that means £27 for wife and three kids.

Our members just about exist. But they are damaging their

health by missing out meals to save money.

One problem we face is that the AUEW district committee.

hasn't really campaigned properly around the local factories. For example, in one factory Palmer Aeroes four district committee members have only managed one collection since the beginning of the strike.

But more serious is the fact that we still have not imposed a levy on the district.

On the other hand we can see the strike beginning to bite. Jaguar in Coventry have concelled their contract to Desoutters because of it. This has given us a tremendous boost.

But I never know from one week to the next whether we will have enough money to keep us going.

Last Friday we had £35 in the funds. I though 'that's it we're

the facts on Monday was one

put out by Womens Voice.

And the reason that all the

women did not turn against

the toolroom men was because

the women from Mere Green

and some of the women from

Great King Street were on the

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finished.' But we harangued the district committee and made emergency appeals to Fleet Street and some local factories and luckily scraped together £400.

But that's what it is like-if we fail to pay out one week we're finished.

> One very upset young black kid was forced to return to work after sixteen weeks

> because he wasn't taking money home and his family

Many single Irish girls were forced back. They were living

in rooms and were afraid of eviction if they didn't pay rent.

Some of them now slip us

If our union had organised

proper support in the trade

union movement we'd have

My wife is a Grunwick

striker and its been a long hard

☐ Send us funds im-

mediately to: Jim Black

money from the inside

were desperate.

won weeks ago.

Bakers: strike spreads

By A Cardiff bakery worker

SOUTH WALES: Members of the Bakers Union have been on official strike in all the major bakeries since last Wednesday, 31 August.

The strike is over payment for the Bank Holiday Monday which the Union's annual conference had decided not to. work.

the workers were All prepared to work on Sunday instead, when bread could have been frozen for normal delivery on Tuesday.

The bakeries refused and at Hopkin Morgans in Taffs Well the workers were locked out when they reported for work on Sunday.

The final straw came when they turned up for work on Tuesday to be told that they wouldn't be paid for the Bank Holiday.

The only bakeries now working are small family firms and some supermarket bakeries.

The issue of the strike has widened to include a demand for overtime payment, for working a six shift system, and the amount involved is now about £24 a worker.

There have been pickets posted on the Hopkin Morgan and Mothers Pride bakeries in Cwmbran, at Spillers French, Cardiff, where six bakers are voluntarily producing bread for hospitals, and at Merretts/Sunblest, Cardiff.

The strike is being supported by van drivers at most bakeries, although some scab delivery men are crossing picket lines

The strike has now spread, with bakeries in London, Kent and Merseyside coming out in support and with Bristol bakery workers stopping supplies crossing over to South Wales.

Many more over the country are expected to strike if the employers Federation of Bakers do not back down.

The union should now be organising flying pickets on those bakeries still working in South Wales and organising black lists of those companies sending drivers through the picket lines.

Only if a national strike is called, will this dispute end in a decisive victory.

Binmen seek 'Back to work'revolt support WOLVERHAMPTON: Binmen are still on strike. The

Council rejected an interim payment of £5.40 while a working party was set up and bonus payments revised. There is mounting pressure to get the men back, with talk in the local newspapers of health and fire hazards.

The people to blame are the Council, for not giving the binmen a decent wage. They even locked the depot gates, so that the men couldn't do the hospital service, although they have now been reopened.

The dustmen are doing door to door petitioning, arguing their case with Wolverhampton residents.

It's very important they get the money coming in, so send donations to: Mr R Upton, Crown Street Depot. Wolverhampton.

BURY: 150 strike for 40 hour week

BURY: 150 workers (TGWU) at United Carriers have been on strike for three weeks for a 40-hour week. The present week is as high as 50 hours. The depot is at a standstill and traffic for Bury and other depots is being blacked.

Leeds depot is handling rerouted Bury traffic. In response the newly formed Combine Committee has promised to black Leeds traffic if they continue.

Although management have tried to split the day and night workers by an offer of increased money for nights, their ridiculous offer of 15 minutes off the day has been rejected and the workers remain confident and solid.

☐ Messages of support to Jo Todd, 69 Chesham Road, Bury.

BIRMINGHAM: On Friday the Birmingham Mail carried the headline 'Gran leads get men to work revolt'. The first paragraph started: 'A battling

grandmother led a 'We want to work' revolt by angry women in Birmingham today against the Lucas toolmakers

12 women who were laid off had gone to AUEW headquarters in Birmingham to demand a return to work.

But the Sunday Mercury, owned by the Birmingham Mail said: Back to work women on the warpath. Petticoat power will roar into full throttle tomorrow in a bid to force the striking men of the Midlands back to work.'

Laid off

What happened? On Monday morning about 50 women workers turned up at Lucas Great King Street. Their attitude was clear—they were not against the strike by the toolmakers, they were just against the way management had laid off all the production workers.

The women at Mere Green have been holding a sit-in in protest at being laid off from the very beginning.

Funnily enough, the TV cameras and various press men ignored the women, wandering aimlessly around. The back to work revolt was not materialising.

Then a bus turned up, with about 20 women from Marshall Lake Road, carrying a placard 'TGWU back to work'. One woman was wearing a shirt with 'Back to work or we'll have the shirts off your backs', written all over it.

The pressmen surged forward with cameras and

a damp squib!

tape recorders. This was what they had been waiting for. One Lucas woman told Socialist Worker: 'Even though the press got a group of women shouting 'back to work' the majority of the women support the toolroom men in their claim. They're a group of workers fighting for a living just like us, even though

we are laid off. 'They always give the lead in Lucas. But you've got to understand the women. They've got no money, the kids are going back to school. the women have a lot of clothes to buy and there are no more school grants for uniforms.

'And they're afraid if the toolroom men get the £5 other sections will follow.

'When we do get back to work we should be fighting for layoff pay for internal disputes. I think if the union had informed the production workers at Great King Street like they did at Mere Green there wouldn't have been any of the back to work rabble rousing on Monday'.

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'Revolt' no: 2

THE BACK to work revolt at Cadburys was even more of a damp squib. At a mass meeting of about 3,500 out of the 4,000 production workers fighting for a proper layoff agreement the vote was about three to one to stay out. One of the Strike Committee told Socialist Worker: 'It was the

greatest moment of my life when I saw the mass of people crossing over to support the stewards when the vote was taken.' Curiously, on Monday more lorries turned up at the picket line at Cadburys than in the previous two weeks put together. They all believed the press and thought the strike would be

Roy Pickering, senior steward for the TGWU, told us: 'In last week's negotiations the Director admitted he had a Victorian outlook and couldn't understand the way the workers

☐ Send messages of support and money to: Roy Pickering, 42 Pensford Road, Northfireld, Birmingham.

Norwich Parity strike

NORWICH: 24 maintenance workers at Erie Electronics have been on strike for two weeks for parity with other engineering workers in the

Their basic pay is £48.80 (plus £2.50 under phase two) for a 40 hour week. All management have

offered is more overtime. Said David Haggar, AUEW convenor: 'This is our first strike. Now our section is 100 per cent organised. There's no way we'll go back for peanuts.'

The strike is still unofficial. □ Messages and donations to: D. Haggar, 37 Motum Road, Norwich.

Sacked!

by Pat Duffy, COHSE THE NORTH Lothian Dis-

trict health authority acted decisively for once in its life on August 22. They sacked me. I have been hounded for my union activities since April

this year. Our branch has decided on a withdrawal of labour if I am not reinstated.

Today I heard that I will probably be evicted from my home-I live in tied accommodation.

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Victory in the docks

AFTER ONLY one week on strike, dockers working in London's Enclosed Docks have won a magnificent victory, winning 100 per cent of all demands made.

were behaving.'

What we wanted was that disputes which occurred as a result of shot stowages (which are difficult to unload) should be settled on the spot by calling in a viewing committee with powers to offer cash on the nail.

Our employers were adamant that we should continue

by Eddie Prevost, shop steward, T&G, Royal Group of Docks and delegate to the National Port shop stewards committee

with the existing procedure Enclosed Docks Joint Industrial Committee—where after months of delay the answer to any cash claim was

This meant that, unlike our brother dockers who work in the wharves, we were unable to improve our wages locally.

Gradually the difference of

pay between men who work in

the wharves and the Enclosed Dockers grew wider and the clamour to change the system of negotiations grew louder.

After years of frustration the NASDU (Blue Union) withdrew from the negotiating procedure and told their members not to work any shot stowages until a viewing committee was called on the spot.

This led the Port of London Authority to put a gang of men, who were working in the

Royal Docks, off pay. Immediately, the Blue Union called all its members out on strike in the Royal's. Tilbury and the West India Docks.

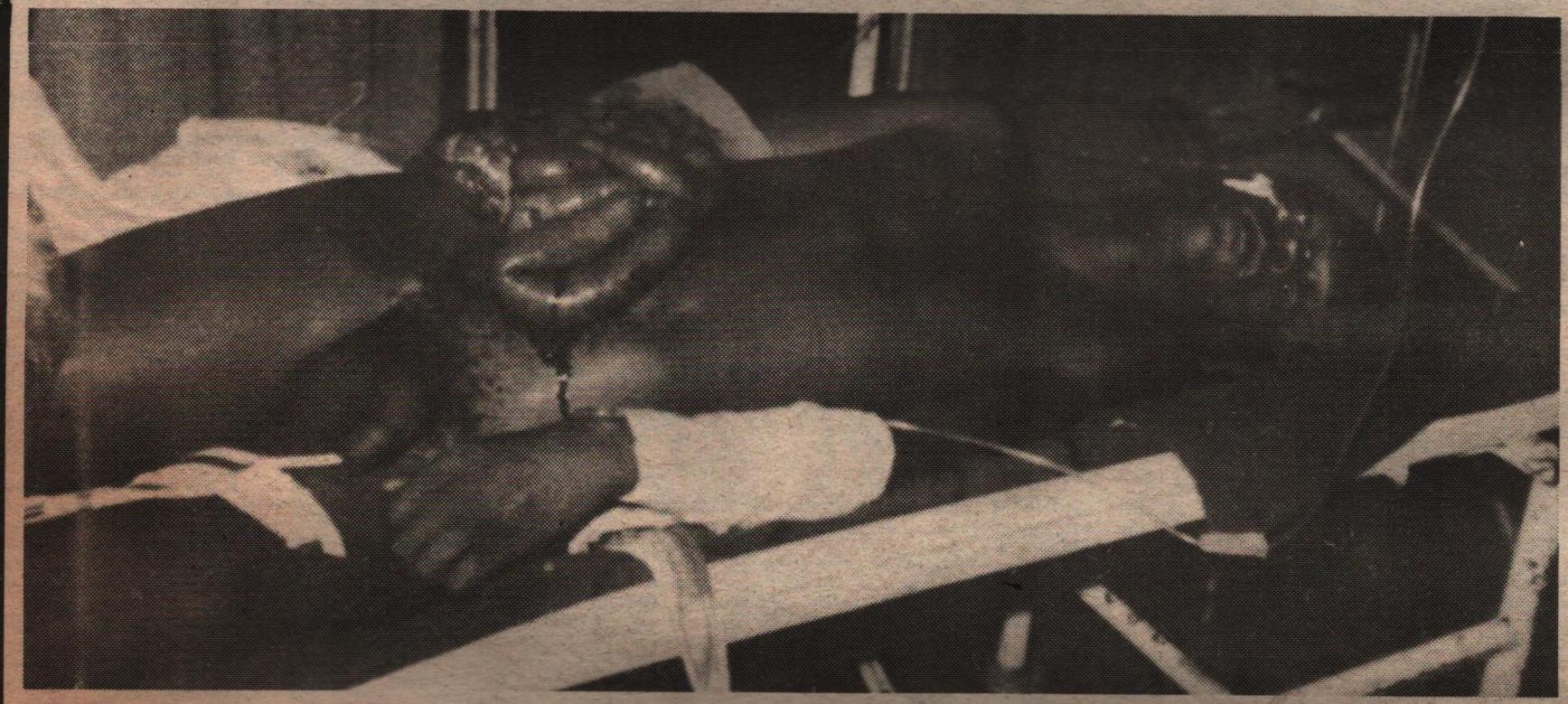
At the same time the **Enclosed Docks Committee of** the TGWU (White Union) instructed all its members to support the action of their brothers in the Blues by striking in support of the claim.

The men responded magnificently and the employers backed down after a week.

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They call this white civilisation



THIS WAS Noah Chirema, aged 19, a few hours after being tortured by the white Rhodesian police.

Noah was mentally defective. Last December, he and a friend were out herding cattle when a Security Patrol stopped.

Noah was questioned and severely beaten. He was then shot with a high velocity shell in the right buttock. He died five days later.

Noah Chirema is just one of the cases of torture practised in lan Smith's white Rhodesia by the security forces. This and many other cases are documented in a report by the Roman Catholic Justice and Peace Commission.

Four of the report's authors have now been arrested by the Smith regime.

Another case investigated concerns a 21-year-old black, named in the report as F.S. He was arrested and taken to Chisasike military camp. He was beaten senseless with a rubber fan belt and made up stories to get released.

The most common method of torture used in Rhodesia involves covering the victim with a towel and squirting water into his mouth and eyes.

> This creates the experience of drowning.

In another case, P.M. was working on his land with his wife and children when an Army patrol arrived.

The soldiers boiled some beer and poured 15 cups of it over P.M.'s head, more over his shoulders, and countless cups over his feet.

His wife was taken by other soldiers and severely beaten. P.M. spent nine weeks in hospital and was still receiving treatment six months later.

The report says: 'A policy of systematic torture is pursued by the Rhodesian Army ...

'Talk of a possible settlement only seems to have intensified the army's resolve to harass and terrorise innocent civilians.'

Owen's peacekeeper-a man with blood on his hands: Page

KNOW what you can do with your 12-month rule!

That was the growing mood this week among thousands of workers-and it's the perfect answer to the TUC.

As Len Murray and Hugh Scanlon wriggled and squirmed to preserve the last vestiges of their beloved pay restraint, one group of workers after another simply turned their backs on them . . . and got on with the job of defending living standards.

Leading the way are the dockers. But there's a formidable army already fighting for higher wages: workers at Beechams in Coleford, at the Manchester water workers, at Tolly Cobbold's brewery in Ipswich, at the Viking engineering plant in Leicester—and of course, the air traffic control assistants.

Hostility

Hundreds of power workers staged a 48-hour stoppage on Monday despite the hostility of their own union leaders.

A leader of their unofficial shop stewards committee in Yorkshire, Clarence Hancock, lind Socialist Worker.

Tour dispute is as much terainst union officials as against the Central Electricity Generating Board."

The power workers' demands include a £6 increase in shift payments, as well as allowances for fuel and travel.

Eddie Prevost: we're strong

ESANSWAY

Dockers lead the way

By JOHN ROSE

But the big explosion on pay could come from the dockers. Stewards from ports throughout Britain have called for a national strike in support of a 20 per cent claim. In many ports, that would

mean £100 a week. Eddie Prevost, a Transport

Union steward in London's Royal Docks, told Socialist Worker:

'We have decided not to release details of our strike

plans or the date of the strike in order to frustrate any plans the employers and shipowners might have to move ships out to the continent in an attempt to weaken our present strong position.

'In any even, links have been made with dockers on the continent to forestall any diversions the employers might try to make.

Dramatic

'Our decision to strike comes as the result of a dramatic fall in our living standards over the last few vears.

'It is in line with the decision at the Transport Union's Biennial Delegate Conference to end pay restraint and the 12-month rule.

'It also comes as a result of the employers' bloody-minded stand against our claim.'

A SECOND GRUNWICKS . .

A SECOND Grunwicks. That's the strike at Desoutters, in North London, just two miles from George Ward's factory.

And it's five months old on

Like Grunwicks, it's a strike for the right to join a trade union, the AUEW. Like Grunwicks, it involves

many immigrant workers.

Unlike Grunwicks, the strikers have been given little publicity—and they get only a quarter of the strike pay received by the Grunwick strikers.

That's why Socialist Worker is calling on all readers to redouble their efforts to raise cash for this

Desoutters' strikers are willing to speak to any meeting. Why not arrange a tour of your local workplaces for collections? If they've been already-invite them again.

Contact Strike Committee: 01-205 4025 (day), 01-452 1570 (evening).

Can you live on £13? See Page 15.

