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THEY NEED THE DOUGH!

ARTHUR SILKSTONE, who works at Bartons Bakery, in Basildon, Essex, and South East district secretary of the Bakers' Union' talks to Socialist Worker.

YOU SHOULD have heard the language on the picket line this morning. People were coming up to us with the papers in their hands and shouting with anger.

The Bakers' Federation have spent as much money advertising in today's papers than it would have cost them to settle all our claim. They say in these ads that 'the average gross pay for most men is about £70 a week.'

Where do they get their figures? I'm a plant foreman and I have to work 53 hours to get £60 on the top line. Plant operators are on 71p an hour.

No wonder they drift in and out so you don't know your shift from one week to the next. I came back after two weeks holiday the other day and I only knew two people on my shift of seven.

Risen

We bread workers have been angry for a long time: ever since we were sold out over a pay strike in 1974.

That's what this dispute is about: our anger over low pay and rotten conditions in one of the richest businesses in the country.

This anger exploded on August bank holiday.

Our conference this year decided unanimously that from now on we



bakers had a right to have bank holidays off just like any other workers. So this year, we reported on the Sunday, ready to work then instead of the bank holiday Monday.

They sent us home, and told us to come back on bank holiday. When we refused, they deducted the day's pay from our wages!

We've had enough. The time has gone when you have to touch your cap to the master bakers and say, please, sir, is there any work for me today? It's up to us to decide when we take our holidays.

But get this clear. This isn't just

about holidays. It's about our next pay-claim and the whole future of the Bakers' Union.

If Sam Maddox, our general secretary, takes us to arbitration like in 1974, then I tell you I'm not going back through any bakery door. The Bakers' Union will be finished.

Already the management are playing all kinds of tricks to wreck our union. They'll clean us up completely if we don't win this

Up to now, the bread workers have been a soft touch for these millionaires. This time, I think, they're in for a shock.

'EVERYBODY talks about the bread prices going up, but what we want people to know is that we don't get any of that. We get just 71p an hour.' That is what bakery worker Ravi Singh Bassi told Socialist Worker on the picket line outside Nevills' Sunblest Bakery, in Walthamstow, East London (ABOVE). 'You have no social life when you work in a bakery. This is an animal's life. Work, sleep, work. If you work 14 or 15 hours a day, every day, you only take home £56.'

The branch secretary of the Bakers Union at Nevills is Satnam Singh. He said: 'The call for a national strike is the best news ever for us. Now we will get somewhere, when everyone comes out.'

THE MILLIONS

BETWEEN THEM, the big three bakery firms—Associated British Foods, Rank Hovis McDougall and Spillers—made £138 million profits last year.

That's an increase of £27 million on the previous year—or 25 per cent.

The shareholders in all three got an increase in dividends—while the bakery workers' wages have been held down by the Social Con-trick.

The big three have been expanding their operations over the past 10 years, but sacking workers. Since 1968, ABF have sacked 13,507 workers and Rank have sacked 5,268.

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A bakery worker's pay slip: 72 hours worked to take home £59. So much for the employers' claims!

How the rank and file built the bread strike—PAGE 2.

Jailed - black editor attacked by racist

DARCUS Howe, editor of Race Today, and well-known black militant, has been sent to prison for three months for a first offence for which a white man would have got, at most, a fine.

His 'offence' was causing 'actual bodily harm' to a white barrister who attacked him in an underground station with an umbrella. He was also fined £100.

Despite an independent witness, who confirmed Darcus' story, and an admission from the barrister that 'on reflection it would have been wiser not to intervene', an all-white jury in Knightsbridge took 15 minutes to find Darcus guilty.

Judge Clover had told them: 'Don't be prejudiced against people who are colour prejudiced'.

The incident occurred at Notting Hill tube station in May of last year. Darcus, who was carrying a bag, did not want to go through the ticket machines, and tried to walk past the ticket collector, showing his ticket.

Shoved

The collector, Patrick Conlon, shoved out his arm and told him: 'You can't go that way, you black bastard.' More insults, and a scuffle followed.

Enter Paul Camp, a barrister, who strode up shouting to Darcus to 'stop it, stop it!' and hit him with his umbrella.

Darcus responded with a couple of punches. The police then arrived and arrested and charged Darcus.

Darcus' thumb had been dislocated by the barrister's attack, but there was no



Darcus Howe:
Three months' jail

charge against the barrister. In court, an independent witness, teacher Loretta Jennings, testified that the conductor had started the incident by provoking Darcus.

Contradicted

The barrister and the ticket collector contradicted



A court protest: judge told jury not to be 'prejudiced against people who are colour prejudiced'

themselves and each other.

A not guilty verdict seemed inevitable. But Clover and the jury soon found otherwise.

Darcus, from the dock, regretted that there were no black people on the jury 'to educate you on what it is like being black in London, and why we black people must defend ourselves against

assaults and abuse.'

Darcus has been in court several times before. He was found not guilty of riot and affray in the notorious Mangrove trial in the early 1970s, and not guilty of malicious wounding in a police assault case soon afterwards.

His imprisonment on this

charge is obvious retribution by the authorities for those not guilty verdicts.

Protest was swift. Two pickets have been held of courts where Darcus has appeared, and of Pentonville prison.

The application for leave to appeal has been brought forward to this Wednesday.

MINERS BEWARE! GORMLEY PLOTS NEW 'BLOOD MONEY' DEAL

By Bill Message

A PLOT is being hatched which, if it succeeds, would be the greatest betrayal of the miners since 1926.

The only difference is that this time it is the miners' own leadership which is behind the sell out.

The National Union of Mineworkers negotiating team, headed by President Joe Gormley, is to meet the Coal Board next Monday to discuss a productivity deal vetoed only two months ago at the union's Annual Conference.

The negotiating team, with its inbuilt right-wing majority, is expected to approve the deal and recommend it to a full Executive meeting later in the month. The Executive has a similar right-wing majority.

Divide

The proposed deal amounts to nothing less than a return to the murderous piece-rate system. It would divide the rank and file, unit by unit, pit by pit and area by area.

It is only 11 years since the piece-rate system was abolished. The Power Loading Agreement which replaced it was designed to hold back wages and facilitate pit closures.

For six years this worked. Then it backfired on the Coal Board and in the 1972 strike,

for the first time in nearly 50 years, the rank and file rediscovered their power and unity.

The 1972 strike scared Coal Board boss Derek Ezra and Joe Gormley alike. In 1974 they tried and failed to introduce a divisive productivity scheme.

Now, in a direct challenge to Conference resolutions, they are trying again. The danger is that after two years of harsh pay restraint, if the initial carrot is large enough, Gormley might succeed.

At stake is nothing less than the future of the miners themselves.

The Coal Board's plans for the next 15 to 20 years would involve the closure of more than half the pits and the further decimation of the workforce, with production concentrated in a handful of 'super-pits' like Selby and the Vale Belvoir.

Practice

A productivity deal would enable them to put these plans into practice.

If Gormley gets his way, the other two important resolutions passed at this year's NUM Conference will also be torn to shreds.

The claim for £135 a week by November would be meaningless.

And the resolution unanimously opposing any extension of the Social Contract would be trampled into the dirt by a productivity deal that would be like having a Phase Three that lasted four years.

The editorial board of The Collier, the rank and file miners' paper, has printed 25,000 leaflets calling for rank and file action against the deal and for the wage claim.

The climax of the campaign will come on Saturday 15 October, when a National Collier Meeting will be held in Doncaster to plan further opposition to the sellout.

Leaflets and full details of the National Collier Meeting from: The Collier, 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

Let's unite
to fight
low pay!

TWO FACTORIES involved in major struggles against low pay in the food and drink industry this month have got together.

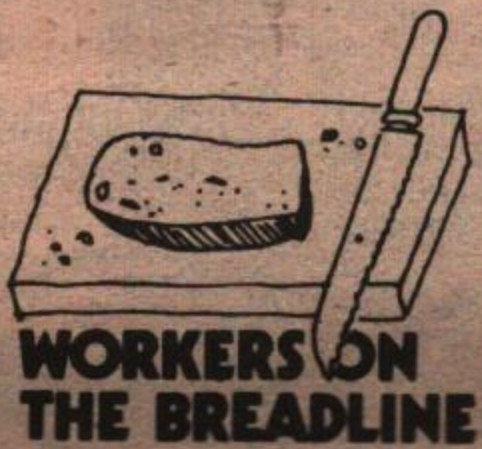
Vin Knight, Transport Union convenor at the Sheffield Batchelors factory which returned to work on Monday, and Dave Squire, Transport Union convenor at the Gloucester Beechams factory which is still out on strike, have signed a joint appeal for an industry-wide shop stewards' meeting.

The letter, being circulated this week to shop stewards committees throughout the industry, argues that "the last two years of pay restraint, far from helping the lower paid, have made things worse."

The meeting, to take place in Manchester on Sunday, 25 September, will consider the lessons to be learnt from the rash of disputes now taking place in the industry, and the possibilities for rank and file organisation.

Copies of the letter of invitation to the meeting are available from the Rank and File Centre, 265a, Seven Sisters Rd. London N.4.

HOW WE CAN HELP



WORKERS ON
THE BREADLINE

THE STORY of the South Wales bread workers should inspire every Socialist Worker and Women's Voice reader to action in support of the bread strikers. You can, and should:

- See that the local flour mills are being picketed.
- See that the bread workers' case is properly circulated to the public. Bread queues especially

should be leafleted. If the bread workers in your area haven't got a leaflet out, get one out yourself.

- Get down to local factories and see that the workers understand the bread workers' case. Organise collection sheets for their strike fund.
- Organise a special sale of this issue of SW.



AFTER THE FARMER'S HAD HIS REASONABLE - SIZED SLICE...



AND THE SHAREHOLDERS HARD-EARNED SHARE HAS BEEN FAIRLY APPORTIONED...



AND MANAGEMENT HAVE ENJOYED THE BENEFITS OF THEIR WISE INVESTMENTS...



TROUBLE-MAKERS DEMAND YET MORE, IGNORING THE NEEDS OF THE POOR HOUSEWIFE... (ETC, ETC)

Rank and file can win it

WHEN I started work, I thought this was just a job like any other, and I used to moan about getting up at 5am to go to work.

Now I suddenly feel important, and I can't wait to get up in the morning.

This national official strike would never have happened if it hadn't been for the action and the pressure of the rank and file bakery workers.

It all started here in South Wales, when workers from the Hopkin Morgan bakery at Taffs Well came on strike and started, on their own accord, to send round flying pickets.

The strike spread like wildfire through all the bakeries in the area.

A shop stewards committee was elected. In the words of its secretary, Jack Morgan: 'We started to do

By Ian Robertson, Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union, Memory Lane Bakery, Cardiff

the work of the full time officials'.

Stewards and rank and file workers toiled round the clock organising and spreading our case.

The second meeting of the joint shop stewards committee decided to give full

support to workers at ASB bakeries in Swansea, who are facing closure.

A delegation, led by Jack Morgan, went to Swansea where Jack spoke to a mass meeting and urged the workers to fight the closure to the bitter end.

WE WANT THE RIGHT OF OTHER WORKERS

BECAUSE of the constant need for fresh bread, Bank Holiday working has always been compulsory.

Those who work bank holidays get double time. Those who remain at home with their families and friends get nothing.

Most of the major bakeries

have their own food freezers. All have access to cold storage.

Our members have made it clear that they are willing to work the day before a Bank Holiday.

Bread can then be cooled, frozen and distributed as normal the day after the

The committee then organised an open meeting for strikers and public. Four hundred people turned up, and four stewards put our case.

The committee also published a bulletin giving the facts of our plight to the public. More editions are planned.

The best action was the picketing of the big flour mills—Rank Hovis at Barry

and Spillers at Cardiff.

We got a lot of support from the workers inside the mills, who told us when things were being loaded, and refused to work with scab contractors and private bakery vans.

We've had marvellous support throughout the action from USDAW salesmen and T&GWU flour workers.

As long as we rank and file bakery workers were running things, everything went smoothly and well.

We stopped the flour deliveries, and we kept people informed. But the officials soon pushed themselves in front of us and started to wreck everything we'd done.

On Tuesday morning, Gloria Martin our local official went down to the docks and stopped the flour pickets!

This is already established as most workers right

They can afford it!

ON TUESDAY, the national Press published vast adverts for the bread employers. The cost of these was:

Mirror	£13,104
Sun	£11,980
Financial Times	£4,928
Guardian	£4,400
Times	£4,704
TOTAL	£39,316

Remember that the total cost to the employers of meeting the Bank Holiday Claim would be £100,000. By the end of the week, if this mass advertising campaign continues, the employers will have spent more on blatant class propaganda than is being claimed by 56,000 bread workers!

Grunwicks: Don't let the trade union leaders back out

HAVE the trade union leaders decided to abandon the Grunwick strikers?

Only a week ago the TUC voted overwhelming support for the strikers, and pledged complete blacking of the company. TUC leaders were to meet this week to discuss how to put this policy into action.

But in private, it seems, they do not treat this at all seriously.

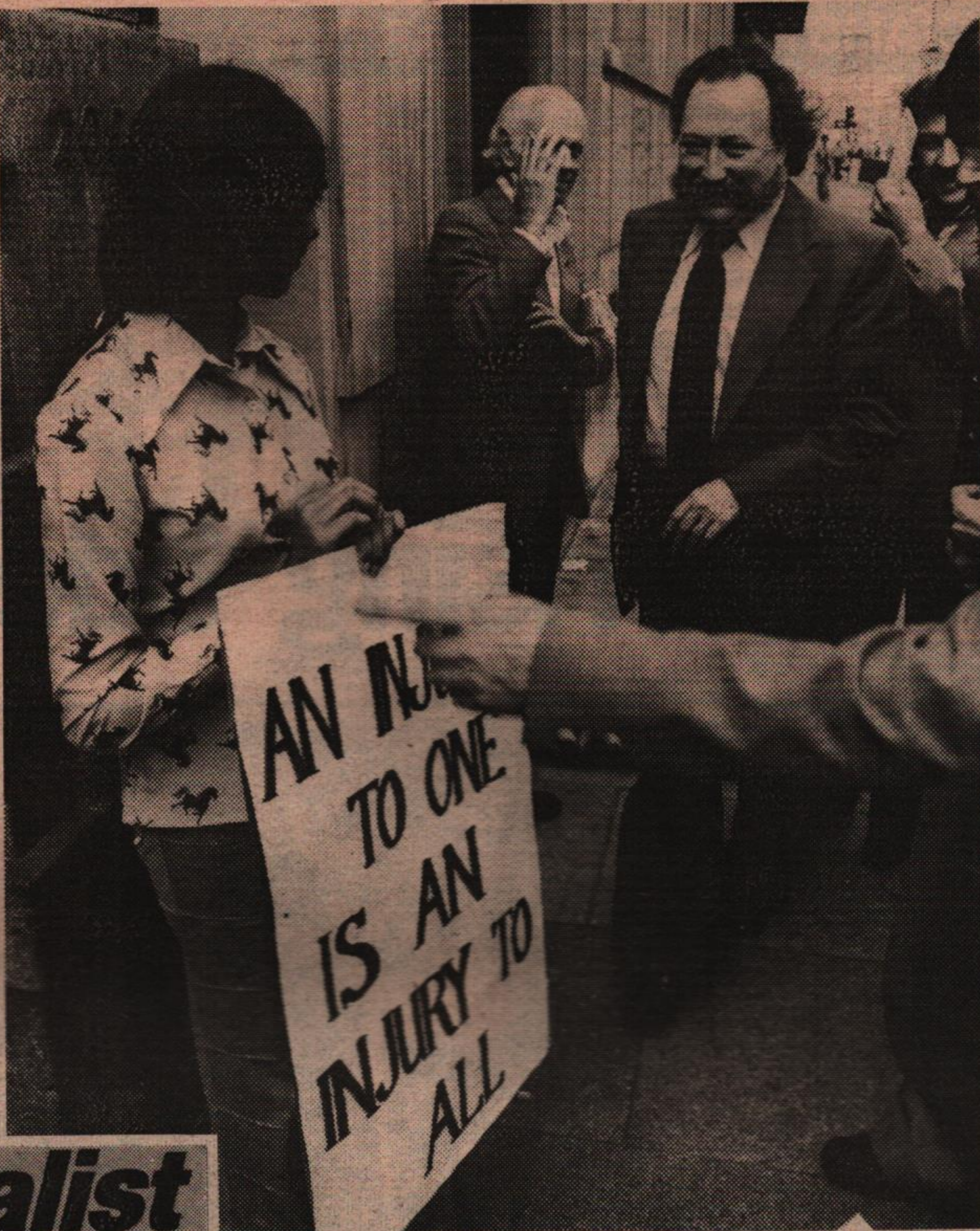
The Sunday Telegraph reported last weekend: There is a growing feeling among trade union leaders that they will have to admit defeat at the hands of George Ward over the year-long strike at Grunwick. . . . The mood of trade union leaders at Blackpool was of



embarrassment at getting dragged into the battle.

If there is any truth in this story, it is the most astounding indication of treachery in high places.

Two months ago mass picketing was on the verge of closing down the Grunwick plant. Support for the mass picketing was growing day by day.



Postal workers' union leader Tom Jackson walks past a Grunwick picket the day he got the blacking of the firm's mail called off.



Roy Grantham, leader of the strikers' union, APEX, who spent weeks of pressure to force the strikers to drop the mass pickets.

But then the government appointed a court of inquiry under Lord Scarman, and the union leaders instructed that the mass picket be called off. At the same time the leaders of the Postal Workers Union blackmailed their members in Cricklewood mail, although this was squeezing the firm as nothing else could.

The argument was: Wait for the Scarman Report. That will support the strikers. We will then be in a position to win.

Eventually Scarman reported—and still the firm would not budge. The union leaders' argument became: Wait for the TUC to decide on what pressure to bring.

Now the TUC has met . . . and these same leaders contemplate abandoning the struggle completely.

Only one thing can stop them performing this final sell-out. An effort now to revive the mass picketing of the factory. Only this can create the momentum necessary to ensure that the TUC decisions on extended blacking are put into effect.

THE REVIE SCANDAL: So who are the football hooligans?

'YOU CAN never tell in football,' Don Revie used to say before an England International match. Unless, that is, you've arranged it before hand.

To the doubtful pleasures of a rainy afternoon on the terraces, watching your team draw 0-0, is now added the possibility that the result was fixed.

The Daily Mirror alleges that Don Revie, the hero of

post-war British football, was not averse to 'approaching' certain key people before certain key games with offers they found it difficult to refuse.

Tax-free

In one game, a full-back got such an offer, and managed (accidentally) to handle the ball twice in his own penalty area.

By an amazing coincidence,

Revie resigned as England team manager and signed a £340,000 tax-free contract with the Gulf States just a few weeks before the story broke. Now he is sitting in the desert with gold trickling through his fingers, and laughing at all the suckers he's conned for so many years.

Revie was the scourge of the 'soccer hooligans'. He was all for 'stiffer sentences' for kids who ran on to pitches and went berserk over the idols he

had created.

But who's the hooligan now? And how many other hooligans are there on the boards of football companies who deceive their gullible fans just as readily as they denounce them?

Gain

As Jimmy Hill would say: 'The gain's the thing. 'From football and its fans, we'll reap it in'.



Muggings? But why ...

POLICE in London are trying to build up more hysteria about so-called 'mugging'—by which they usually mean pick-pocketing.

Last week they told the papers that the incidence of this sort of crime on the London underground has risen 'by more than 30 per cent in the last two months.'

They claimed there were various explanations for this—including even that 'because IRA bombings have ceased, police and public on the underground are less vigilant'.

But one simple explanation escaped them. Two months ago hundreds of thousands of teenagers went straight from school to the dole queues. Unemployment among young people is dozens of times higher now than a few years ago.

Is it surprising that a few of these young people, forced to live on a miserable £9 a week from the dole offices, turn to petty crime in desperation?

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**FIGHT
THE RACISTS!**

**STOP
THE NAZIS!**

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**THE NAZIS:
ENEMIES OF
TRADE UNIONISM**

John Tyndall is the British Führer: chairman of the Nazi National Front and publisher of its monthly magazine, Spearhead. The July 1977 issue of Spearhead has a lot to say about the major issue facing the British working-class movement: Grunwick.

Indeed, it's front page is headed: 'The lesson of Grunwick—Crush this mob rule by Nazis!' Inside, having called for 'the elimination from our politics and administration from our industrial and class-based policies, be they those of parties or trade unions', the magazine's What We Think column turns to Grunwick.

But the British Nazis do not simply stand for the maximum amount of police shuggery in defence of the 'freedom' of an employer to sack anyone he doesn't like. They also oppose all solidarity action taken by other workers.

Finally, Tyndall gives us a clear picture of what life will be like if his Nazi party ever takes power.

100,000 LEAFLETS, headed 'The Nazis: Enemies of trade unionism', and 250,000 anti-Nazi stickers have just rolled off the Socialist Worker presses.

That is our answer to the thugs who petrol-bombed our headquarters.

The extensive damage is now being repaired. The police inquiries have confirmed that all Nazi NF members were, at the time of the crime, visiting their Grannies in Southend.

Still, what can you expect? It is said there's safety in

numbers. That's particularly true for us.

We have no insurance for such damage and, unlike the Nazis, we have no wealthy sponsors to support our campaigns. We rely on you, our readers and supporters, to carry forward this fight.

We've made appeals in the past and no doubt we will make them in the future, but seldom is one as important as this. We need money not just to rebuild our headquarters—but to fight the Nazis wherever they show their heads, to fight their vicious racism, their anti-trade unionism.

DON'T JUST send a donation, use our pamphlets, leaflets, stickers, to expose the Nazis for what they really are.

□ **DONATIONS and COLLECTIONS** to Socialist Worker Appeal, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

□ **PAMPHLETS:** The Fight Against the Racists, 10p plus 7p postage, 10 copies for £1.30 including postage.

□ **LEAFLETS:** Nazis: Enemies of Trade Unionism, £2 for 1000.

□ **STICKERS:** Red and black, various designs, £2 for 1000.

All from Socialist Worker, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

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We must

build on this rising tide of anger

THE RANK AND FILE MOVEMENT

MORE and more workers are frustrated and angry at the continuing fall in their standard of living.

The decision by the TUC to continue to support the 12-month rule means an attempt to continue with another year of wage restraint. At the same time they rejected a demand for a £50 minimum wage to help the low paid.

As more and more workers take strike action or find that their officials are enforcing small claims, the anger at the trade union bureaucracy will grow.

The time is now right to launch a National Rank and File Movement on three issues against the 12-month rule, against racism, and on building rank and file organisation within the trade unions.

Most disputes in the next three months will be unofficial. Many will be long and bitter. The officials will at the best equivocate, and in many cases they will side openly with the employers.

The anger and frustration

THE COMMUNIST PARTY

THE committee renewed the appeal to the Communist Party for joint co-operation on issues of common concern.

In particular the National Front's planned march, through Manchester on 8 October, needs to be faced with united and determined opposition by the whole of the left.

Many groups of strikers, at Beechams in Gloucestershire, Grunwicks and Dessouters, in North West London, face isolation. Together the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party could win far more solidarity action than we can achieve individually.

The committee decided to urge all branches of the SWP to approach local Communist Party members to arrange joint activity on these

issues. In many areas they have already reacted with enthusiasm to suggestions that coaches be booked together, leaflets appealing for support be produced jointly, collections be jointly arranged.

Even where local CP district committees have not been helpful many individual members have helped. This has enormously strengthened the ability of the whole left to fight the fascists and help those on strike.

The appeal to the Communist Party is not just a question of an exchange of letters between two headquarters in London. Every SWP members should speak of the need for local joint initiatives to every CP member he or she meets.

AT A two-day meeting last weekend the National Advisory Committee of the Socialist Workers Party discussed the enormous possibilities that are opening up for revolutionary socialists.

The rising anger and frustration of most working-class people at the fall in their living standards has been intensified by the TUC's decision to continue with the 12-month rule, so continuing to hold down wages.

At Lewisham and at the Notting Hill Carnival too the bitterness of young blacks against unemployment and racism boiled over.

The three most important decisions taken were:

- A massive effort by every SWP branch to build workplace units and organise regular bulletins in every workplace where we have members or sell Socialist Worker.

- A special effort to win delegations, particularly from shop stewards' committees, to this November's Rank and File Conference.

- A renewed drive for members, organised in their workplaces.



The painting that raised £22 for the Right to Work March. LEFT: Campaign supporters Karen Bailey, Alan Bailey and Ian Ramsey with the painting that was raffled at Markham Main Colliery, near Doncaster. It had been donated by the artist, Wilf Parker, who is a faceworker at the pit. Altogether Markham raised £46 for the campaign.

JOINING THE PARTY

HOW DOES an ordinary person join the Socialist Workers Party? That was what one demonstrator asked after the Lewisham anti-racist demonstration.

More and more people are attracted to our party and to our politics. In the past nine months we have gained many new members—there are twice or three times as many who could be persuaded to join.

But we have to make it easy for people to join, and we have to make it easy for people to be useful and valued members.

Not everyone who joins will have the time to go out and work for the party every night of the week. Shift workers, for example, simply cannot attend evening branch meetings.

A shift worker who regularly sells Socialist Worker at work, who pays weekly subs, and who organises in his or her workplace a factory bulletin and perhaps a Socialist Worker discussion group, is a valuable member of the party.

The definition of membership adopted by the committee is 'a member of the SWP is someone who supports our politics and organisation among the people they meet every day.'

This means 'selling Socialist Worker at work, paying weekly subs to the SWP, helping to put out SWP bulletins in the workplaces.'

For housewives or unemployed this means selling Socialist Worker on the housing estate or on the dole and organising around local issues or with the unemployed.

This definition of membership has nothing to do with going out 'eight nights a week and twice on Sundays', nor attending regular meetings of geographical branches.

As the SWP gains more and more people who are part of their local communities, who have family commitments, who work shifts and so on, there will be different levels of party activity. This is part of the process of growing and expanding our influence.

Branch committees, and other more experienced members, will have to make a special effort to help these new members. The established branches will have to make major changes in the way they operate.

BUILDING WORK PLACE BRANCHES

THE committee decided that the time is now ripe for a big effort to build workplace units of the SWP.

In every factory where we have members or where we sell Socialist Worker we must produce regular, self-financing, factory bulletins.

Around these bulletins, and around the regular sale of Socialist Worker, we can bring into the SWP many militants who want to fight on wages and are against racialism.

In factory after factory the traditional shop stewards organisation has been untested over the past two years. Our factory bulletins, our

members in Socialist Worker discussion groups and factory branches, will have to take on those battles in the factories.

But there will be no easy short cuts. There will be no newspaper headlines or easily visible results like those gained from anti-Nazi demonstrations and the Right to Work Campaign.

Instead sustained, systematic work over several months will be needed to organise the bulletins, to build up and assist each workplace unit.

The workplace units are where the SWP will find many new members. They are where these new members will be integrated into the activities of the party. Without the workplace units the mass expansion of the SWP will be held back. They will be the place to expand the permanent regular sale of the Socialist Worker.

They will be the foundation for our work in the trade unions and for organising campaigns over wages, for organising solidarity with strikers across combines and industries.

These workplace units must be organised now. In the three months before Christmas there will be many strikes but it now seems that the big battalions, the dockers, the miners, the carworkers, will be holding off until the New Year.

In these few short months the SWP has the chance to grow in workplace after workplace.

Where the action is...

THE National Front threatened to break up a Socialist Workers Party meeting last week in Hornsey, North London.

When the master race arrived, in the shape of four young loud-mouths, they took one look at the crowd milling outside the meeting and fled down Crouch End Lane.

There were 230 people at the meeting—and 19 of them joined the new SWP branch.

THE BEST night of the Right to Work March was when the marchers entertained themselves.

On the Sunday, after 22 miles marching in the rain, the marchers relaxed in the bar of Preston dog-track. They heard Paul Foot call for the spirit of the march to be taken back to all the places where the marchers lived.

The best way to do that, he said, was to join an organisation which struck at the root of unemployment. 107 people promptly joined the Socialist Workers Party.

WHERE WE STAND

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

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

delegates and a workers' militia.

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

INTERNATIONALISM

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

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

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

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

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

We are for real, social, economic and political equality of women.

The experience of Russia

demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country.

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

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How can we afford this?

And why should we have to?

IT'S UP to the head whether the school has a uniform or whether certain clothes are suitable.

In 1954 a court hearing decided that 'to send a child dressed in such a way that it is known that he will be refused admission as a matter of discipline is in fact the same as failing to send the child to school at all.'

I think it's disgusting to insist on children wearing a particular uniform. Sometimes they win concessions but only small ones. My daughter Nina, 16, says, 'We're not allowed to wear trousers at school but we just did.' Now they're part of the uniform. *But they must be maroon.*

Some people say that uniforms cut out competition in clothes. Rachel, 15, my younger daughter, says that is rubbish.

'Well, they say the rich people have better clothes than the poor people, but the rich people have better uniforms than the poor people.'

SCHOOL UNIFORM: Now it's £17 for a blazer

OUR children went back to school last week.

It's a hard time, getting them settled in, hoping they'll make friends and get on with the teachers, especially if they're going to a new school.

It's bad enough at the best of times, but this year it's murder.

I just can't afford the extra on their clothes and meals. The other mums on our estate are in the same boat. Most secondary school kids *have* to wear uniform.

I've been talking to other parents and they're all having trouble coping with this year's monstrous price rises.

On top of that, they have to try and buy a new, separate set of clothes just for school.

Colditz

It's bad enough just managing from day to day, without all the hassle of traipsing from shop to shop trying to get a uniform that fits.

And they can charge what they like if they're the only shop doing your school uniform. It's like that everywhere, as I found out.

Rita Barker, whose husband Dave is a faceworker in a pit near Doncaster; taking home just under £50, told me she's had to put away money out of the shrinking 'housekeeping' all through the holidays to buy her son Steven's uniform.

She's just bought him: One

I JUST CAN'T AFFORD IT, SAYS MARY PHILLIPS



Blazer £17, trousers £6.50, shoes £9: and if you don't wear uniform, you can be sent home



Deirdre Hickey: 'School dinners cost me £3.75 a week'

blazer - £17, one pair of trousers - £6.50, two shirts - £6, and one pair of shoes - £9. That's £38.50, without the sports kit he's still got to have.

If he doesn't go to school in the proper uniform he'll get sent home. 'It's like Colditz', says Steven.

Jimmy, who lives on my

estate in South-London is an unemployed ex-building worker. He has to bring up his three daughters on Social Security.

He says: 'They insist on a uniform but don't give poor people enough money to buy it.'

He gets a grant for their

uniform, but it's only £24 and you only get it every two years. The uniform comes to at least £55.

'I took £30 out with me on Monday. I was out about an hour and I came back with 2p.

'I only bought the youngest a cardigan, a blouse and a skirt and the eldest a blouse, a shirt and shoes.

'I haven't got a grant for the eldest this year, so I buy them out of my supplementary benefit.'

Cash

'When I pay my rent I have about £34 for my family, including family allowance.'

The education authority won't give him money. They give you a letter which you have to take to the shop.

The shop retain the letter, then they send it on to the school.

'It means I can't go to shop until I get it back,' says Jimmy.

'It's the old middle class idea. If they give you cash in your hand, you'll go out and booze it.'

School meals: Now it's 25p

IT'S bad enough having to try and find the money for the school uniform.

But if you refuse to buy one, there might be trouble at school and the child might be upset.

You might have a fight on your hands. But you could probably manage. But nobody can manage without food.

I thought the point about school dinners was that all children were supposed to get a hot dinner every day.

I also believed the TUC won us the right to go on having school dinners cheap last year in exchange for keeping our wages down.

Nothing of the kind. They've gone up from 15p to 25p.

Need

Monday's papers say about one child in six has stopped buying lunches because of this 66 per cent price rise.

Lots of people don't know if they can get free meals for their children, and apparently more than a quarter of a million don't even bother to apply, so an awful lot of children must be suffering from not getting the dinner they need.

Often it's not much good, anyway. Georgie Nicola, who lives next door to me, said his

dinners are 'no good. You can have two cream crackers, with cheese, and a scoop of potato and a spoonful of runner beans or cabbage and that's it.

'Maybe they're worth 12p but not 25p or 15p even.'

And at my daughters' school 'the greens are watery, the custard is lumpy and watery. The rice pudding is indescribable. There's never enough. The potatoes have kind of hard lumps in.'

I can't make them go on having school dinners. I'm not going on paying 25p for something one of my

neighbours described as 'not really a school dinner. It's just a passover.'

My friend Deirdre's really choked. She's got seven children and three of them eat school dinners.

Free

'School meals,' she screamed. 'Don't speak to me about them. They cost me £3.75 a week.'

She's applied for free school dinners and says: 'If I don't get them I'll go and sit on their steps till I do.'



Steven and Rita Barker: she paid out £38.50



Dora, Elaine and Georgie Nicola with grandson Tony: 'The meals are not worth even 15p'

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The workers' leaders?

WHY DO so many trade union officials hesitate, back off from supporting their members or end up supporting the employers?

In most unions they are not elected by the members who pay their wages, but are appointed by other full-time officials.

If they step out of line, there is almost no way of recalling them and electing someone else instead. Re-elections are infrequent.

So almost from the start, officials are removed from the control of the ordinary members of the union.

Other pressures then build up. Seventy years ago, in their classic history of British trade unionism, Sidney and Beatrice Webb interviewed a skilled engineering worker about the pressures on full-time officials. His comments are as true today as they were then:

Superior

Branch Secretary, working at his trade, our friend, though superior in energy and ability to the rank and file of his members, remained in close touch with their feelings and desires. His

promotion to a salaried office brings him wider knowledge and larger ideas.

To the ordinary trade unionist the claim of the workman is that of Justice. He believes, almost as a matter of principle, that in any dispute the capitalist is in the wrong and the workman in the right.

But when as a District Delegate, it becomes his business to be perpetually investigating the exact circumstances of the men's quarrels, negotiating with employers, and arranging compromises, he begins more and more to recognise that

there is something to be urged on the other side.

There is also an unconscious bias at work. Whilst the points at issue no longer affect his own earnings or conditions of employment, any disputes between his members and their employers increase his work and add to his worry.

Vivid

The former vivid sense of the privations and subjection of the artisan's life gradually fades from his mind and he begins more and more to regard all complaints as

perverse and unreasonable. With this intellectual change may come a more invidious transformation.

Nowadays the salaried officer of a great union is courted and flattered by the middle class.

He is asked to dine with them, and will admire their well-appointed houses, their fine carpets, the ease and luxury of their lives.

He knows many men who, with less ability and energy than himself, have, by steady

He knows many men who, with less ability and energy than himself, have, by steady pursuit of their own ends, become foremen, managers, or even small employers. . .

And so the remarks of his wife and her relations, the workings of his own mind, the increase of years, a growing desire to be settled in life and to see the future clear before him and his children, and perhaps also a little envy of his middle-class friends, all begin insidiously, silently, unknown even to himself, to work a change in his views of life.

Dropping

He goes to live in a little villa in a lower middle-class suburb. The move leads to his dropping his workmen friends; and his wife changes her acquaintances.

With the habits of his new neighbours he insensibly adopts more and more of their ideas. Gradually he finds himself at issue with his members, who no longer agree to his proposals with the old alacrity.

He attributes the breach to the influences of a clique of malcontents, or perhaps to the wild views held by the younger generation.

At last the climax comes. A great strike threatens to involve the Society in desperate war.

Unconsciously biased by distaste for the hard and unthankful work which a strike entails, he finds himself in small sympathy with the men's demands, and eventually arranges a compromise on terms distasteful to a large section of his members.

Raised

The gathering storm-clouds now break. At his next appearance before a general meeting, cries of 'treachery' and 'bribery' are raised.

Alas! it is not bribery. Not his morality, but his intellect is corrupted.

Secure in the consciousness of freedom from outward taint, he faces the meeting boldly, throws the accusation back in their faces, and for the moment carries his point.

But his position now becomes rapidly unbearable. On all sides he finds suspicion deepening into hatred.

He looks out for some opening of escape, and finally, accepting some small appointment, lays down his Secretaryship with heartfelt relief, and disappears for ever from the trade union world.

They pay no tax, they make huge profits - so who's keeping who?

MANY companies now pay no corporation tax on profits because of the generous concessions they are 'entitled' to, according to a report just published by the Labour Department.

Most firms are now receiving far more from the government in subsidies than they pay in mainstream corporation tax, says the

report.

This of course does not take into consideration the subsidies many workers have to claim to bring their income up above the poverty line because rich companies are too tight-fisted to pay decent wages.

In 1976-77 private industry received £1,332 million in state aid.

This year the figure will be cut to a mere £985 million,

but it is expected to return to former levels fairly shortly.

About £132 million of this will be spent on the Government's ingenious Temporary Employment Subsidy.

Scheme

This scheme enables employers to tell the Government that they are in dire straits and have to make

workers redundant.

They then receive a massive hand out providing they guarantee no redundancies for three months.

Bosses have been known to tell workers: 'Of course we're not really going to make you redundant, but sign here so we can get the money.'

And they talk about scroungers!



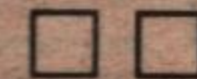
'DEDICATED OFFICER', Police Sergeant David Joddrell snapped the night he went to investigate a fight.

He went to a pub in Stockport, Manchester, and questioned three men. He dragged one of them across the pavement by his hair and said: 'Do you know what British justice is like? I'll show you.'

He then beat him with a stick and asked: 'Who's next. You come here' and hit another man. The stick was broken.

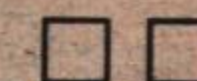
A third man was struck in the groin and the head.

Joddrell pleaded guilty to assaulting them at Stockport court and was fined a total of £600 with £30 costs. He now faces a disciplinary committee.



SUNDAY MIRROR columnist Woodrow Wyatt is a great defender of the postal ballot as a means of getting a 'democratic' result in union elections.

That's why he regularly tells readers who to vote for like last week when AUEW members were warned that a vote for Terry Duffy was the only way to keep out 'extremists'. There was, of course, no mention of any of the candidates' policies. And that's democracy!



IN LIVERPOOL, a group of marchers were stopped by three black guys in a car who'd spotted their orange jackets. 'Where's it all happening?' they asked.

'We're going to the TUC to demand the right to work,' said a marcher.

'We're fighting for the right to rob,' said the driver.

'Give us some of the loot then,' said the marcher.

And that was another £1.50 for the march funds!



Right to Work marchers stunned police at Blackpool with their new weapon . . . ridicule.

Marchers discover a secret weapon . . .

THE ARREST of John Deason in Blackpool last week gave rise to a unique form of picketing.

The entire Right To Work March went to the police station to demand his release.

John said afterwards that the police inside were really worried. They had riot shields at the ready because they thought we might try to storm the police station.

Instead we secured his release with a new form of deadly weapon—ridicule and sarcasm.

We all lined up opposite

the police station and linked arms like the police on a picket line.

We started in unison with the appropriate knee bending action, and 'Hello, 'ello, 'ello? What's going on 'ere then?'

We used all the police clichés like 'I'm throwing the book at you', and 'move along now'.

We even threw in 'we want the right to strike' and 'I'm working class, too'.

The dozens of police guarding the station didn't know how to react. They must have been fuming.

—PHIL MCCOWEN

Is your employer here?

THE BIGGEST contribution from big-business to the Conservative Party last year came from Trafalgar House, the company which has recently taken over the Daily Express and London Evening Standard.

This is believed to be a great step forward for 'press freedom' as we know it.

Vic Matthews, a new boss of the newspapers, is the man who said: 'My editors will have complete freedom so long as they agree with the policy I lay down'.

His first move was to sack Express editor Roy Wright.

Other figures published by the Labour Research Department reveal that employers paid £122,679 in donations to the Right-wing Economic League, the organisation which keeps files on trade unionists and their political activities.

These are some of the donations paid by other companies: **Conservative Party** £22,045; **Economic League** £2,000. **Hambros:** Conservative Party £10,000; **Economic League** £750. **Wilkinson Match:** British United Industrialists £6,000. **BPB Industries:** Conservative Party £5,000; Centre for Policy Studies £1,000. **J Lyons:** Conservative Party £5,000; Centre for Policy Studies £1,000. **The 600 Group:** Conservative Party £5,000; Aims for Freedom & Enterprise £335; **Economic League** £225; **Common Cause** £125.

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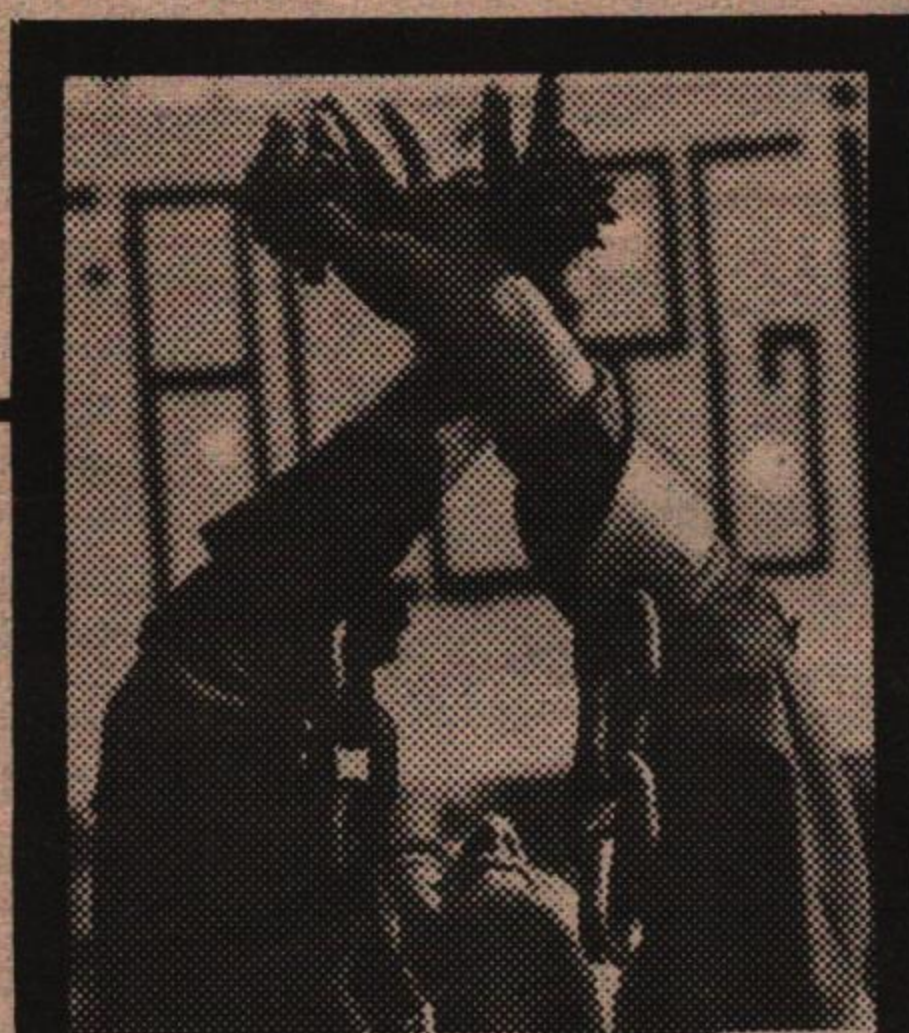
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An apartheid bomb-made by the 'free world'



**WORLD
IN
STRUGGLE**

BALTHAZAR Vorster, Prime Minister of white South Africa, issued a terrible ultimatum to the world's people this week:

Brutalise

'Either you leave us four million whites alone to exploit and brutalise the 17 million blacks in our country, or we will blow you all to pieces.'

White South Africa now has the

knowledge and the materials to make nuclear weapons. The knowledge has come as a result of the 'free market' system of trading with other industrial countries.

The West German government's recent decision to build four new nuclear power stations in South Africa has given the South Africans all the training they need.

In addition, the mining of the British multinational, multi-profit company Rio Tinto Zinc has ensured enough provisions for the bomb.

The huge uranium mine at Rossing, for which RTZ got permission from the Labour Government in 1968, can provide enough uranium to blow the world to pieces ten times over.

There are other mines at Pelindaba, west of Pretoria, where a nuclear reactor has been built.

Horrible

The 'free enterprise'-loving Western world, in fact, has supplied the potential for these weapons to the most horrible racial tyranny on earth. And now that tyranny is preparing to use those weapons unless the policy of apartheid is endorsed by foreign governments.

Another example of the nuclear subsidy is the Mirage jets, furnished to South Africa by the freedom-loving French government. The jets can carry nuclear missiles.



Vorster: nuclear ultimatum

CARTER'S MAN RUNS INTO TROUBLE

JIMMY 'Clean' Carter, who campaigned for President of the United States on a 'sweep out corruption' programme, has run into a little local difficulty.

It seems that the man he appointed Budget Director in charge of the finances of the American nation has run up a nasty little overdraft at couple of banks in his (and the President's) home state: Georgia.

Just a little matter, of course, about three million pounds. And the interest on it is about £200,000 this year.

How did 'Bert' Lance, the lovable Georgian manage to run up such an overdraft? Answer: he owned the banks.

And why should he want so much money just at the time when his old pal Jimmy Clean was fighting for President, and promising him the Budget Directorship?

Well, your guess is as good as Nixon's.



YURI Andropov, chief of Russia's secret police, has announced:

'There will be more drastic measures taken against dissidents'. This will come as a surprise to most dissidents in Russia, who find it almost impossible to complain about the government and remain free.

Dissidence, said Andropov, has become 'a kind of profession which in essence is little different from the way imperialist services pay their agents'.

This is very similar to the theory of the former CIA director in Uruguay, who said in 1969: Protest is treason.

Either side of the Iron Curtain, that is.

SPAIN'S RULERS TREMBLE

ONLY three months after elections that were greeted as a 'great victory' for the Spanish prime minister, the country's press has been full of rumours about a government crisis.

A leading member of the government party, the UCD has called for a 'government of national concentration', including members of the Socialist and Communist Party.

He has been repudiated by various ministers, but his call indicates widespread feeling of unease within the government.

The cause of that unease is simple. The government is unable to deal with massive levels of inflation and unemployment. And it is also unable to stop a continuing wave of mass demonstrations and strikes.

Autonomy

In the last couple of weeks, there have been demonstrations of 200,000 and 100,000 in the cities of Bilbao and San Sebastian for autonomy for the Basque country, a million strong demonstration in Barcelona in support of autonomy for the Catalans, and a 150,000-strong demonstration in Madrid against the cost of living.

The strike of hotel workers was much reported in the British press. What the papers did not say was that it was organised in defiance of the Socialist and Communist Party union federations by delegates elected directly from mass meetings.

This is the pattern with strike after strike. The union leaders spend their time trying to recruit members and look upon strikes with disdain.

But the workers strike just the same, using democratic forms of organisation,



Some of the hundreds of thousands who demonstrated in Barcelona last Sunday in support of Catalan independence.

separate from the unions. Meanwhile the unions have a membership of less than one worker in ten.

Last week all the shoe workers were on strike, controlling their struggle through mass meetings in the football stadium at Alicante. The stadium was packed.

In the impoverished countryside of Southern Spain, the level of unemployment makes Skelmersdale look like a boom town.

One estimate is that 80 per cent of the agricultural workers are jobless for most

CHRIS HARMAN reports from Spain

of the year. And the economic crisis is causing the closure of many of the factories in the region

As one local newspaper put it: 'Hunger comes to Andalusia'.

But there is anger as well. The minister of the interior complained last week of 'illegal acts' like the dividing up of the land on the big

estates.

In the cities of Seville and Granada, five smallish factories that the owners have tried to close are now occupied.

In Seville, a co-ordinating committee between the factories has been organising for a large march jointly with unemployed workers.

All this explains why the

government is worried. Its attempts to make the workers pay for the crisis are rebounding in its face.

It can turn the various armed police forces against the workers and the Catalan and Basque nationalists. But that could produce an uncontrollable explosion.

Control

Its only alternative is to try to use the 'moderate' leaders of the working class and nationalist parties to control their followers.

The leaders of the biggest Basque Party PNV, and of the Catalan government in exile, have already bitten at this cherry and prepared to compromise on the demands for national autonomy.

The Communist Party has indicated that it would love a few seats in a coalition government. But the Socialist Party so far has rejected this notion, believing that if it waits long enough it will be seen as the only party capable of selling sacrifice in the interests of Spanish capitalism to the workers.

ISRAEL STEPS UP TERROR

THE ISRAELI occupation of Palestine is being stepped up.

Since the establishment of the state of Israel 30 years ago, more than two million Palestinian Arabs have been driven out of Israeli-held territory.

Most live in refugee camps amid indescribable squalor and poverty. Hundreds of thousands of people have been in the camps in the Lebanon and Syria since 1947.

Now Israeli foreign minister Moshe Dayan has declared that there is no question of an Israeli withdrawal from the

west bank of the River Jordan.

This was the area conquered by the Israelis in the Six Day War in 1967. Thousands more Palestinians were driven off their lands and forced to flee.

For ten years, Arab governments, recently backed by the Americans, have held out the possibility of some sort of settlement based on an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank.

This would still offer nothing to the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians driven off their land in the rest of Israel.

All the talk about the West Bank has now been revealed as a charade. For ten years, Arab land has been confiscated. The western half of Jerusalem, formerly the Arab quarter, has been surrounded by new Israeli housing estates.

Settlement

Now the Israeli government is encouraging Jewish settlement on the West Bank.

In the last two years, Arabs in Israel have organised two general strikes and numerous demonstrations and street

battles to demand that the Israelis withdraw.

Instead, the Israelis have shot demonstrators dead in the streets, carried out thousands of arrests and, as a recent report in the Sunday Times revealed, used widespread torture.

At the same time, Dayan and the rest of the Israeli government is trying to persuade some Arabs to collaborate.

Local Arab mayors, town councils and village headmen are to be offered more power on local issues if they cease to

demand the withdrawal of the Israeli army of occupation.

These proposals are aimed to conceal the continuing military occupation of the West Bank and the racist laws of Israel.

Israel will gain a racist state as long as Jews from anywhere in the world are allowed to settle in Israel, often on land confiscated from Palestinians.

Meanwhile, the refugee camps are full of Arabs who cannot return to the farms and villages they were born in.



IT'S NOT ONLY in Britain that the fascists are gaining ground: this anti-fascist was beaten up and arrested by police while protesting against a Ku Klux Klan rally in Columbus, Ohio.

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- BCC Racall Wembley SSC
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- Individual members Southport
- Trades Council
- SOGAT members Oyez Stationery
- Chapel Liverpool
- TGWU members Hy-Ten, Liverpool
- Welsh Breweries, Cardiff
- GMWU National Panasonic, Cardiff
- Peter Stubbs Files (Warrington)
- NUM Markham Main Colliery
- NATFHE members Manchester
- Charing Cross Hospital
- NALGO University of London library
- NUPE Nottinghamly sports Centre
- Thames Board Paper Mills
- Gravesend
- NUR members Cambridge
- ASTMS AEF Lincoln
- AUEW Lansing Bagnall nightshift
- Basingstoke
- Schwepes TGWU drivers Liverpool
- Tilghmans Wheelabrators, Manchester
- NALGO members Ilington, Environmental Health Dept.
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- NATFHE members Leeds
- NALGO members Manchester City
- Planning Dept.
- EIS Napier College
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Madam President and Congress,

On behalf of John Green, the President of our trades council, and myself I would like to thank you for the books you have presented us.

It is an honour to be up here and certainly very interesting to see what goes on in the highest place in our movement. Especially as I believe I am the first woman who's ever done the job of minutes secretary.

I am sure you will agree with me, Madam President, that it is high time there were women on this platform and in the hall.

I must say that I am rather sorry you have decided to wait twelve months for my next wage rise. When I was listening to the Prime Minister on Tuesday and he was warning us not to go in for a wage rise every six weeks, I couldn't help thinking about the six-day rises in coffee prices.

It's also wonderful to see how everything runs so smoothly. For example, when you make the wrong decision you can always put it right with a quarter of an hour recess.

And again, as on Wednesday

VALERIE JOHNSON is secretary of Blackpool Trades Council. As is the custom, she took the minutes of last week's TUC—and made this brief speech the Congress as it closed. Her speech, for some reason, was not reported anywhere.

over the 12-month rule, when delegates make up their mind one way, the vote goes the other way.

I was sorry to hear Tom Jackson describe members of the Socialist Workers Party as 'as bad as the fascists' and 'bootboys'. This must make me a boot girl.

Because I am a member of the Socialist Workers Party. And I spend a lot of my spare time helping to keep trade unionism alive and strong in Blackpool.

I always thought, and still think, that socialists are the opposite of fascists and I think we need a lot more trade unionists organised as socialists.

I would like to wish you all a safe journey home. The members of Blackpool Trades Council hope you have all enjoyed the hospitality of our town, especially our Trades Club, and we look forward to meeting you all again in the future.

IS YOUR PUB

The truth behind the blacking of the Fox and Goose

WHEN the Transport and General Workers Union was briefly expelled from the TUC last week, the papers and television laughed in triumph.

This was a case, they told us, of 'the small man having a bash at the big man'.

The publican of the Fox and Goose pub in Birmingham, who happened by chance to be in Blackpool, was given the grand treatment on all telly challels, and in all newspapers.

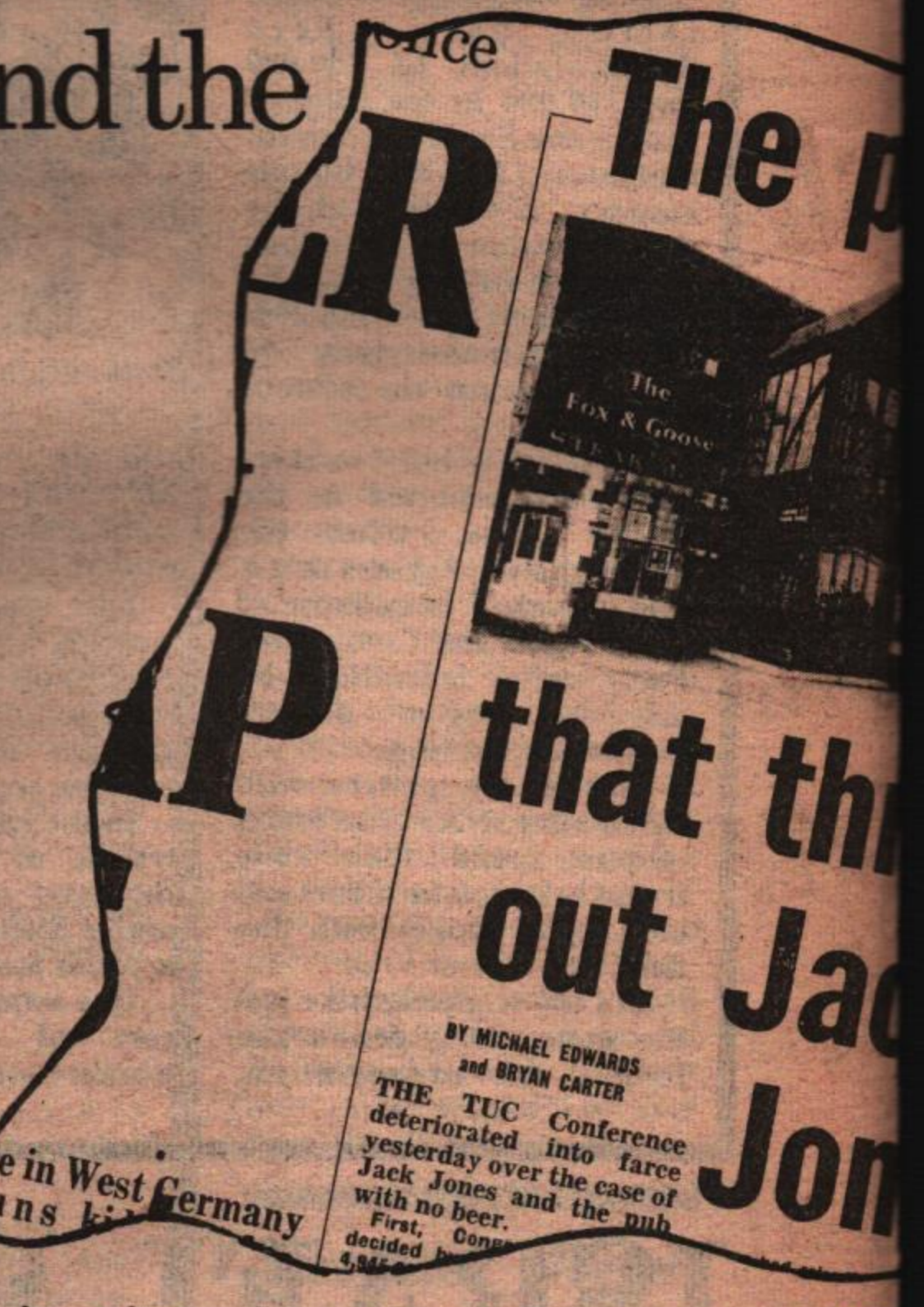
Many trade unionists believed that the TGWU had behaved in a bullying and offensive manner towards a smaller union.

The truth is the opposite. The Fox and Goose dispute is about trade union organisation in the breweries and in the pubs.

Of Britain's 73,600 pubs, 50,700 are owned by the brewers. Of these 14,800 are run by managers appointed by the brewers and instructed by them in all the main decisions, including beer prices. More and more of the pubs are 'managed' in this way.

The brewers want a closer grip on their pubs, partly because they want to get a closer grip on their workers in the breweries.

Six companies—Bass Charrington, Allied, Courage, Whitebread, Watney Mann and Scottish and Newcastle—control most brewing and



most pubs. They have close links with the Tory Party. They hate trade unions. They are engaged at present in a campaign against their workers. Bass Charrington is seeking sackings at Liverpool. Workers at Wilsons in Manchester, part of Watney Mann, have just finished a wages strike. Allied Breweries are planning a large 'reorganisation'.

last year, they found it vital to organise pub managers into a proper trade union. This was the only way to ensure that pubs did not accept delivery of beer from other breweries—such as the less well-organised Ansell's brewery at Burton-on-Trent—during the strike.

Half the pub managers in Birmingham are not in any trade union. Of the other half, 500 are members of the National Association of Licensed House Managers (NALHM) a tiny union of 13,000 members which was expelled from the TUC in the early 1970s for registering under the Industrial Relations Act. It has since been readmitted.

The pub managers on the other side of the branch

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Saturday 26 November, in the Co-op Hall, Manchester

Credentials for delegates from all trade union organisations from the Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

speech at the TUC



TRADES UNION

Marie Johnson (left) speaking from the platform at the end of the TUC, with field marshals of the trade unions Len Murray, Tom Jackson and David Basnett

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The TGWU delegation walks out of the TUC after being suspended—and one delegate backs to Marie Patterson, TGWU official and TUC chairperson, to come. She refused.



Picture: John Sturrock (Report)



HOW TO KNOCK 12p OFF THE PRICE OF A PINT

WHEN the Right to Work marchers collected in Tiffany's, Blackpool, for their final night out, they were amazed to find that the price of a pint of beer was 42p.

They responded by putting a picket on the bar and boycotting all drink. After a quarter of an hour the management came up with an offer of 38p a pint.

No use. The picket went on. A quarter of an hour later, the management collapsed. The beer came down to 30p, and a good time was had by all.

This recruitment was bitterly resisted by NALHM. And the battle came to a head over the Fox and Goose.

The previous manager, Tony Collinson, joined the TGWU when he was threatened with the sack. But once his job was saved, he left the union and became a bitter enemy of it.

He set the dogs on union draymen delivering beer, and abused union staff and the organisers at Ansells. During the six-week strike last year, he consistently paraded his

anti-union hostility in the local press.

His pub was promptly blacked by the draymen, and the union called on Allied to get him out. NALHM, meanwhile supported Collinson, and brought every possible pressure on Allied not to sack him.

Fair

When Collinson finally *did* leave Allied Breweries came to an agreement with the TGWU and NALHM. They promised

to put a tenant into the pub, rather than a manager. The tenant would not be eligible for any trade union membership.

The agreement was signed by Michael Griffith, director of Allied, and was regarded as a fair compromise by both unions.

Then, suddenly, the management and NALHM ratted on the agreement. They installed Bill Clutton, the Birmingham chairman of NALHM and a tireless campaigner against the TGWU, as manager of the pub.

This was meant, and was taken, as deliberate provocation of the TGWU. The draymen continued to ban all

beer deliveries to the pub.

NALHM took the union to the TUC Disputes Commission.

Cocked up

Arrogantly, Moss Evans, the TGWU official involved, decided to deal with the case on his own. None of the trade unionists from Ansells in Birmingham, who knew the dispute, were called to give evidence.

'Our case was completely cocked up,' says Peter Kane, ACTS shop convenor at Ansells. 'Evans handled it badly, and we lost. We were very angry about it.'

The TUC Disputes Com-

mission ordered Evans to get the beer delivered again. But Evans couldn't persuade the draymen to do anything of the kind. Nor could he expel the draymen without jeopardising his entire union membership in Birmingham.

So the Fox and Goose remained blacked. Now it is being used as a bargaining counter in exchange for a 'no redundancies' pledge from Allied Breweries. The dispute may be settled soon.

But the fight to organise the pubs in a strong trade union will go on—not just in Birmingham but everywhere else.

REPORT BY PAUL FOOT

How we fought for the Right

to Work in the Thirties



PUBLICISING . . . for a meeting of the unemployed: such men, if caught, received heavy fines.

THERE were three million unemployed between 1935 and 1938.

There was no Social Security then. After 26 weeks on standard benefit you were referred to government tribunals under the title 'Not Genuinely Seeking Work.'

About 90 per cent of these cases were thrown off to the Board of Guardians. It was a most humiliating process.

The Means Test was the central feature. It affected whole families. A person on benefit could be knocked off because other people in the family were working.

There were thousands like this. Families split up because they could not afford to live together.

Shame

The number of suicides was high. People could not bear the shame of unemployment and the Means Test.

There was a wave of patriotism which made the unemployed feel ashamed. Men used to stand on the dole queue with their hands over their faces so that people on trams couldn't see them.

Then Sir William Boyd-Orr, Britain's leading expert on malnutrition, brought out a report. Two million families were suffering from malnutrition. Children were being born with rickets.

This alarming report shocked many people. And it galvanised the unemployed to fight.

I helped to set up a branch of the National Unemployed Workers Movement in Hackney. Just a few of us started it. We used to have meetings in a committee room.

The unemployed queued up outside the Labour Ex-



PROTESTING . . . in London's Oxford Circus



PROTESTING . . . chained to a Labour Exchange

change for their dole. Anything between 4,000 and 5,000 men would be there. Queues were half a mile long.

We used to set up a platform outside there. We were hounded away by the police for causing obstruction. But we came back and started again.

There were about 11,000 unemployed in Hackney then. More than 90 per cent joined our movement: we had 9,000 members.

Respond

When we had demonstrations it was fantastic to see the size of our contingent from Hackney. It wasn't difficult to organise. People responded to our organisation.

The first Hunger March was from Aberdeen to Hyde Park. Ten to 15,000 of us set off. Local trades councils organised hostels and food for us on the way.

All our support was unofficial—trades councils, miners' branches and so on.

When we arrived in Lon-

don, there were over a million people in Hyde Park. We had a petition with two million signatures which we wanted to hand in at the House of Commons.

I was one of those going to hand the petition in. But all our leaders were arrested.

The petition, sackloads of it in a van, was allowed to leave the park and so were we. But the police wouldn't allow the demonstration.

It led to one of the biggest battles I've ever seen. The battle went on for hours. Thousands were injured.

There were at least 1,000

mounted police with stave banners. They made charges into the crowd.

The police made a bee-line for the banners and smashed the poles. You could see NUWM banners strewn all over the street outside Hyde Park.

Battles

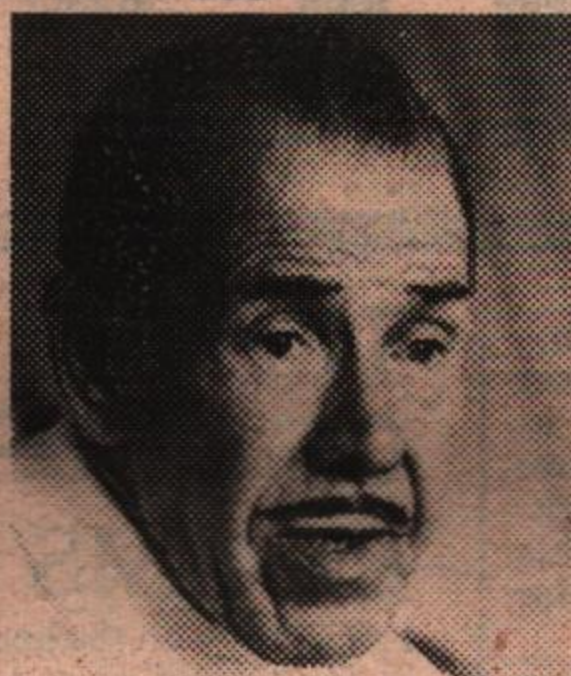
Our forces had been dissipated into about eight groups, all going different ways. All were attacked. There were even battles with the police on the underground.

Savour instead the wrinkled brows of the British, posing by their radios waiting for Churchill to speak.

And guess which unsuspecting actor is going to be delayed for five minutes and so miss a bomb.

Watch out for the people who go to live in the country to escape the Blitz—they usually cop it anyway.

War Office telegrams tend to arrive in the middle of a knees-up. The Continental resistance movement is (of course) run by Grammar



By **BOB DARKE**

An executive committee member of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement in the Thirties and a former member of the Communist Party.

Interviewed by Anna Paczuska

marched on Pentonville prison to demand the release of our leaders from jail.

You couldn't see the Pentonville Road. 100,000 were there. It ended with police baton charges and broken heads.

Decided

Then the government decided to set up Test and Task Work Centres for the unemployed. Some were residential and men could only come home every few weeks. Others were set up locally.

They took over decrepit schools and locked you in with a policeman on the gates between 9 and 5. If you didn't go, your wife didn't get the flour, tea and food you were entitled to.

We called them slave camps. The object was to smash up the NUWM and to get the unemployed away from mass meetings.

We organised sit-down strikes inside them. I was sent to one in Belmont to organise the strike.

The Labour Party took no part in organising the unemployed until we reached our peak. Then they organised the Jarrow march to split the movement. We offered our co-operation, but they didn't want it.

Anyway, we gave it our support. The Labour Party didn't want the support because our leadership was Communist.

After that march, our movement started to disintegrate. Many of those who had marched with us demanding the right to work now went to support Mosley and the fascists.

One thing that really grieves me about the unemployed today is the violence, the mugging. In my days, the unemployed weren't violent like today. They organised.

The young people today shouldn't be out mugging. They should join the Right To Work Campaign and fight.

MASS MURDER - THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

BANK managers and doctors join with cafe proprietors and the occasional peasant to thwart the Germans in World War Two.

They are organised by young, fashion-conscious attractive girls in an autumn-coloured Belgium.

While Londoners spill their cocoa, raise Alf Garnetts and discuss the drama of life over Sunday dinners, the good old slums keep smiling through.

Those were the days, as seen by two new series:

BBC1's *The Secret Army* and ITV's *London Belongs to Me*. I shall never watch either again and I suggest you shouldn't bother, either.

Forgotten

Forget the fact that Belgium, Britain and, for that matter, Germany, are industrial countries and if you were in one of them the chances are that you would meet a worker every now and then. Think like that are best forgotten.

School Boys who are best at speaking French, even if their stiff, upper-lip might give them away.

Haystacks can be hidden in as long as there's a beautiful girl to distract the thick-necked krauts.

Ferret

Ordinary German officers are just doing their jobs while the SS have ferret faces and spoil everybody's fun. The war would be almost enjoyable if it wasn't for them.

Occasionally, people die—but they always do, don't they?

In Blighty you can drink Worthington E in a smokey pub and sing Goodbyeeee.

The German—poor sods—have only the Eastern Front and potato peelings. No wonder they lost.

SUNDAY

1990 (BBC2) UK horror dictatorship etc. Sounds like everybody's nightmare. **SOLDIER BLUE** (10pm, ITV not all) shows the US Cavalry for what it was.

MONDAY

BILL BRAND is repeated at 2.25pm (Thames only).

TUESDAY

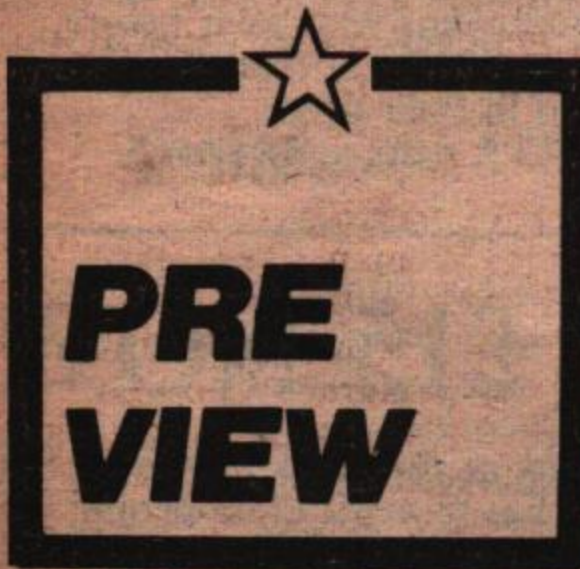
ITALIA (BBC1) claims to be a comprehensive look at Italy. **WATER MARGIN** (BBC2): more episodes of Chairman Mao's favourite book.

WEDNESDAY

POWER WITHOUT GLORY (Thames only, mid-night).

THURSDAY

PIT STRIKE (BBC2) is a play by Alan Sillitoe.



By **ROLAND MULDOON**

Two kinds of violence

SOME WORKERS abhor violence, which is understandable—but it is unavoidable under capitalism. Don't forget there is no such thing as democracy, only capitalist democracy.

There are two kinds of violence in this world.

There's the backward violence of imperialism, which sacrifices millions of lives to keep this system going, for instance Vietnam.

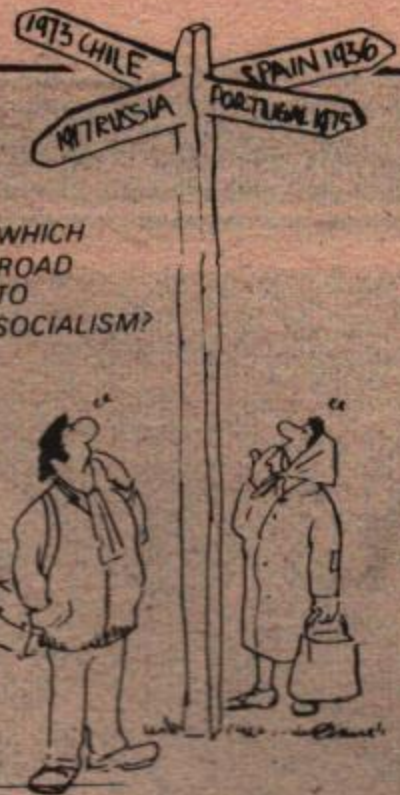
Then there is the progressive violence. Would anyone have the temerity to say that

the Vietnamese should not have taken up arms against imperialism?

If Allende in Chile had understood these two sides of violence, it is possible he would be living today. Even Hitler said that if the workers had used their power the Nazis would never have survived.

Remember, to refrain from violence is to have one leg in the grave. Imperialism will make you pay heavily for your hesitation.

□ T NICHOLSON, Glasgow C1.



AT FIRST sight your idea of workers' councils seems a good one. I can see it working on a small scale in small firms. But with large firms it's quite different.

Working organisation means dealing with the boring minutiae of day-to-day life and most people prefer to leave this to a full-time official. It is easy to see that this full-time official would soon be in a position to influence the big decisions, after having made so many small ones.

Hey presto! You would have precisely the same situation as what you are arguing against.

I take your point about society being controlled by the public school breed. But surely the same situation would apply when the Socialist Workers Party gets in power, this time the SWP being the management instead of what it is now, the opposition.

It would soon find that to remedy all the wrongs of this world is beyond its resources. As an example I cite the development of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union.

I reckon that a massive socialist education programme has to be done

□ R J WATTS.

Carnival: You're wrong

SEVERAL SWP members who went up to the Notting Hill Carnival from Merton came back with a rather different account to that given in Socialist Worker this week.

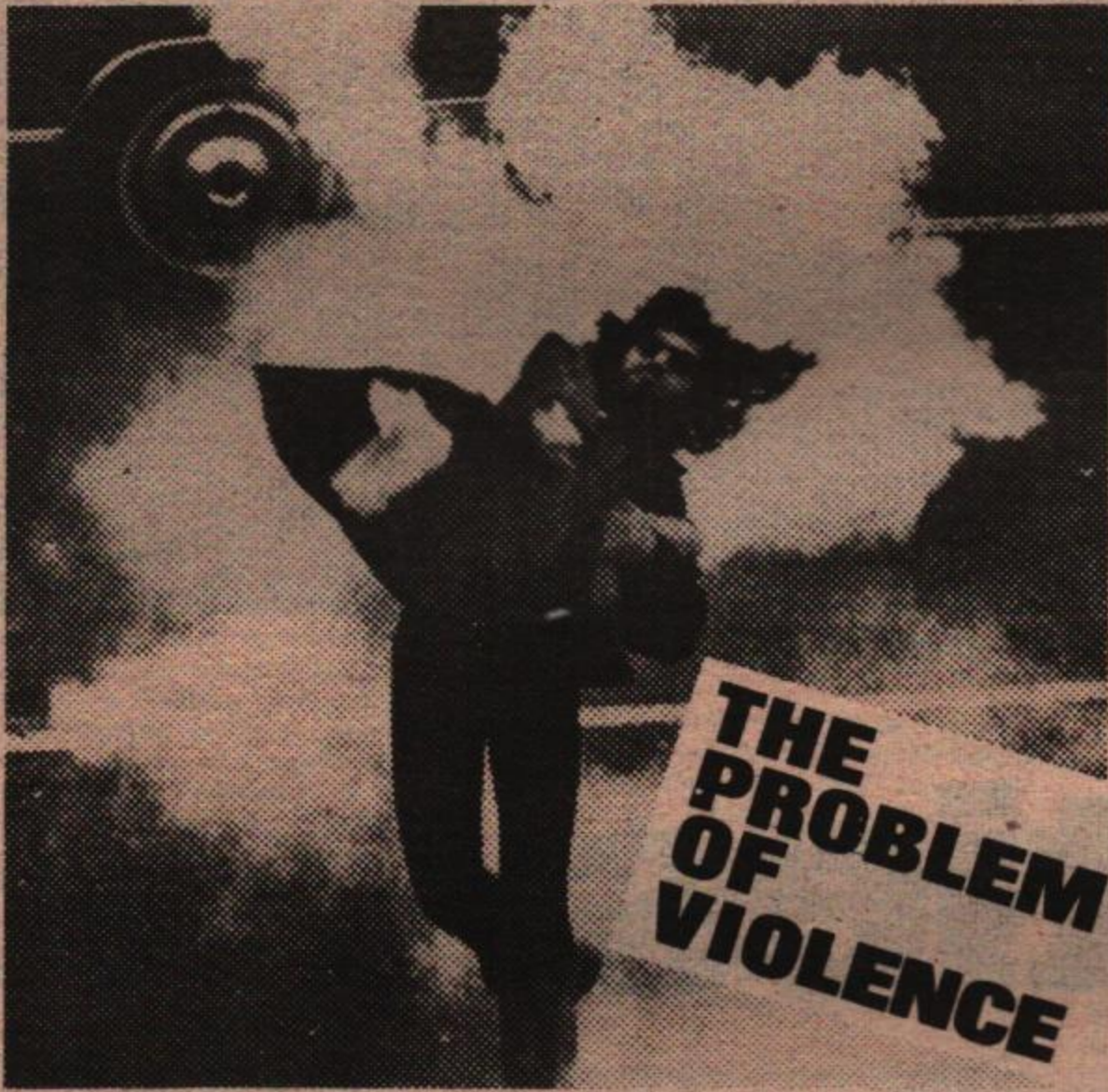
Simply, the article does not attempt to explain the causes of the violence and pretends that people were not beaten up and robbed.

Also, to blame the trouble on the fact that these kids didn't have enough to do is just not true.

To condemn these assaults on what were, in all probability, sincere anti-racists, is not to side with the fascists or Tories. The article should have said these youths were wrong, the attacks sad and regrettable and that the task of socialists is to win these people from a life of petty crime to a political commitment to end the wretched system that put them where they are.

Glossing these facts over does a disservice to socialists and anti-racists everywhere.

□ Several SWP members, Merton, South London.



The danger of forgetting fear

THERE IS a danger in continuing to take on the National Front in the streets—the scar that violence leaves on any decent man or woman.

When was the last time you were involved in a serious fight? 'Oh, in school...' or 'The time there was trouble at that dance...'

The truth is that naked, face-to-face violence is a stranger to the vast majority of people in this country. Two strong restraints deter people.

The first is a feeling that fair-play and compromise can solve most potentially aggressive problems—and of course the feeling that bashing someone's face isn't going to change their mind anyway.

SWP members feel that this does not, should not and cannot apply to tackling Nazis. Such restraint only encourages NF thugs to run amok against vulnerable people, because the NF do believe in violence for political ends.

The second restraint is the apprehension—call it honest fear if you like—that you feel when faced with head-on violence. Don't write that off as cowardice—only a fool relishes violence.

But what happens when you cross that threshold of

hesitation and apprehension? You forget your fear. If you have to fight you get stuck in.

And later there's a mixture of relief and exhilaration. You did it... and survived. Next time the nervy fear will be overcome quicker.

My fear for SWP members shaping up to the possibilities

Daily Mail rubbish

AFTER the Notting Hill Carnival I read in the Daily Mail the views of one reporter who considered that Socialist Worker was responsible for the troubles caused by a minority of black hooligans.

As a West Indian resident in London for 17 years I deplore this.

About two years ago I was introduced to the Socialist Worker at a conference which they organised at Skegness at a miners' holiday camp. I cannot convey adequately the pleasure of being there and meeting blacks and whites united in a common purpose.

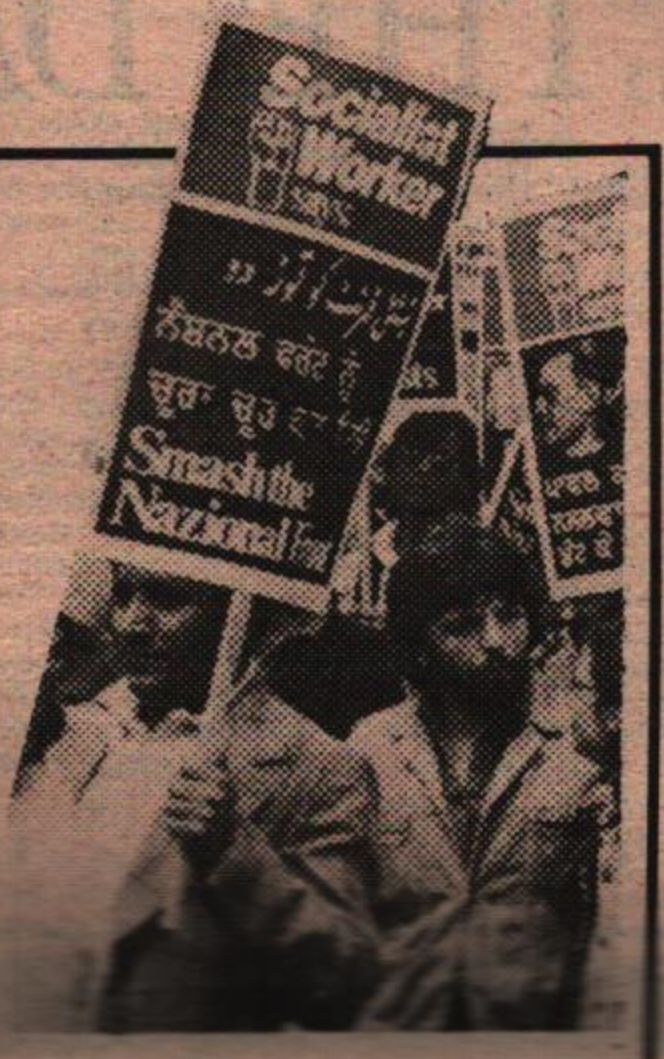
I would like to encourage you in your purpose, aims, ideals of International Socialism as Trotsky would have loved to see.

□ RAY WILSON, Muswell Hill, London N10.

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE RACISTS

The National Front and how to smash it

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of Manchester and Edinburgh after Lewisham and Ladywood is that a brutalising process is taking place, there is a hardening against personal fear.

I grew up in a violent part of Glasgow. After a few years of dodging in and out of weekend gang aggro, the dry throat disappears and the heart stops pounding. The knowledge that violence is only seconds away is no longer tinged with apprehension, only with the will to win.

So, while the numbers of SWP members prepared to stand collectively in the streets against the thugs is swelling, what changes are taking place individually to the same people?

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It should—and must—be a matter of concern. For, in the process of ridding our society of these foul bullies we become brutalised ourselves, there is little hope for a better world when socialism becomes a reality.

I think the problem can be tackled. It solves itself as soon as each man and woman realises the danger exists.

A friend came back from Lewisham. She said: 'I was so scared I was shaking. I don't want that ever to happen to me again. But if they march again, I'll fight them again. But I don't want to.'

That is the real courage. Manchester on 8 October is not a date for lip-smacking. It will be a sad, sickening and frightening experience when decent people will, for a few hours, become ugly.

□ JOHN HODGMAN, Crosshill, Glasgow.

I URGE all our unemployed brothers and sisters to put pen to paper and write to Joe 'I'll find 'em work' Gormley and take up his offer to be Jobfinder Extraordinaire.

After all, Old King Coal has a knack for finding lucrative jobs for himself. He is a director of Vancouver Wharves.

□ BILLY GATES, shop steward, Royal Group of Docks, London.

WHILE Derby members of the SWP were picketing/harassing Nazi paper-sellers, we met an engineer from the Sozialistische Arbeiter Partei (SAP) group in Berlin. He has been working with us, and has collected £25 from the SAP in Berlin for the Right to Work march.

□ NICK WHALEN, Belper.

I'VE JUST been to see the Tom Robinson Band and, by Christ, ever felt proud? He just stopped short of advertising Socialist Worker!

Wot a bleedin' great band—a bloody great political band. See 'em!

He's someone who ain't scared of fascists. He asks you which side you're on: before the concert the audience might not have known, after it they did—a total stranger joined the SWP!

□ PAUL FURNESS, Leeds.

TELL US OF THOSE CLAIMS

I AGREE with the need to put in for claims of at least £15 now. But could we have a bit more detail?

The Charter, the new paper for motor and engineering workers, has an excellent round-up of claims now being submitted.

I would like to see Socialist Worker covering and analysing their progress.

We decided at our last union meeting to put forward a £20 claim to mass meetings. I found the arguments in Socialist Worker justifying such a claim a little inadequate.

No-one disputed the justice of the claim. What they had reservations about was the possibility of winning it against a government committed to a ten per cent ceiling.

I found the Charter's round-up useful in showing how beset the government was in reality and how isolated we would be if we chickened out. □ PETE GLATTER, Tottenham Bus Garage

TO RAISE THE DOLE! £15 NOW

ANY appreciable improvement in supplementary benefit must be preceded by improvement in the net disposable incomes of the working poor.

This is one main conclusion of the Supplementary Benefits Commission, in evidence to the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth.

Their reasoning is that to raise benefits at present would remove any incentive for people on the dole to get a job—of course we all know that everyone on the dole lives like a king and

Why so little on a war 100 miles away?

I HAVE been a reader of Socialist Worker for two years, and a member for six months. I write to express my disgust at the lack of proper reporting on Ireland.

I am Irish, which is probably why I notice this more. English people in general know little and care less about Ireland—all thanks to the media.

Socialist Worker is now being made known to more and more English workers who never considered themselves political before. And SW informs its new readers on events in Southern Africa, Chile, Iran—the corrupt governments, brutal armies, torture victims, trials.

But Ireland is only 100 miles away, and the soldiers there are English, the war is financed by English taxes,

people go through. ('Stupid paddys', as the Marine Commandos, commanding officer had called them).

We saw over a dozen houses smashed up as our friends' had been.

We found the whole community in a state of abject terror; old age pensioners (some of whom had only one light bulb in their home because they couldn't pay the electricity bills), kids, women, men, all of whom had been threatened with death, had guns put to their heads.

Many had been dragged off in Saracen personnel carriers and beaten senseless in army forts and police interrogation centres.

One could go on for pages and pages.

The Catholic people of Northern Ireland are living under nothing less than terror. It is time workers and progressive people everywhere, and especially in Britain, demanded the withdrawal of these terrorists and the right to self-determination for the whole Irish people.

If we don't do this, I honestly wonder how long it will be before their ugly Saracens will be crawling down the streets of Lewisham, Bradford or London....

Yours in anger,
□ David Sharp, c/o Comite Irlande, 14, Rue de Nanteuil, 75015 PARIS, France.



TROOPS OUT

NORTHERN IRELAND: A LETTER IN ANGER



LEWISHAM: 'The CP's tactic of avoiding confrontation with the National Front is amazing'

AMAZING -THAT'S THE CP'S OUTLOOK

By JOHN DAVIS

who recently resigned
from the Communist
Party to join the SWP

ALTHOUGH Communist Party theorists would deny it, I believe the CP is now a reformist party. In a nutshell, that's why I've resigned and joined the SWP.

The current British Road to Socialism draft isn't a revelation to CP rank and filers. Most agree that this is the line that has been followed in recent years.

You can understand the CP Executive's search for new routes to socialism. The CP is failing to recruit, especially among the young. Morning Star sales are down and,

particularly at grass roots level, political activity is declining.

Consequently, the CP has sought broader alliances which, in practice, means excluding organisations and persons to the left and including some who aren't by any stretch of the imagination socialists nor likely to be won to socialism.

In my union, UCATT, the policy of broad left alliance has resulted in the Labour Party controlling the national committees. And when the right-wing Labour whip cracks, all but the strongest Labour Party man jumps, so exploding the theory of establishing a left alliance for progressive policies.

MASS

For 37 weeks in Welwyn Garden City last year, the majority of active UCATT site workers in Hertfordshire supported a picket of Marshall Andrew's building site.

Despite the determined efforts of the union's regional secretary to force the lads to accept the official line and recognise the so-called 'bona fide sub contractors', there was a mass movement for the progressive policy of 'no-sub-contracting'.

Unfortunately, while there was good CP support outside the Eastern Region of UCATT, inside the region, where it mattered, influential CP members allowed themselves to be hamstrung by officialdom and consequently used to break the dispute.

There are, of course, many good revolutionary socialists within the CP and I think the current Draft British Road has brought into the open the differences within the CP.

TACTIC

But now I believe the current thinking at the top of the CP to be firmly established.

Their attitude to Lewisham, and the tactic of avoiding confrontation with the National Front until larger numbers can be mobilised—at a time when conditions are ripe for the growth of fascism—is amazing.

Whether it's 10,000 at Lewisham or 100,000 at Cable Street, both represent a fraction of the organised working class. We can't afford to wait.

I believe the CP is reaching for a level of political sophistication which is out of tune with the needs of the working class.

To win the minds of the working class we need a principled, disciplined party, firmly based among the organised working class.

I believe the SWP can be that party.

But we must win

By JOHN WEBSTER

East London organiser
for the Communist Party

IN INTRODUCING Chris Harman's recent article *Can Socialism come through Parliament*, the question is posed: 'If we cannot get workers to do something simple, like cast their votes for us, how are we even going to get them to inaugurate socialism?'

There is no effort at all to answer it. Elections, according to Chris, are an evil conspiracy that diverts class struggle. In fact, the whole notion of universal suffrage appears to be nothing but a bourgeois con-trick.

It appears that the centuries of struggle that the working class waged against the ruling class for elementary rights has been in vain.

We reject this ludicrous view. What Communists have been saying for some time now is this:

The support of the majority through the ballot box is only part of the socialist revolution—the first part.

The second is undermining the state as a weapon of the ruling class, as a pre-requisite to winning the state away from the domination of the ruling class.

This approach is based on the view that not only is it in the interests of the vast majority to oppose the domination of monopoly capitalism and support policies of the left, but indeed that without the support of the mass then socialist revolution becomes increasingly improbable.

Collapse

In order to demonstrate the nature of bourgeois rule as well as to bring into play the forces capable of defeating it in the event of inevitable sabotage and counter-revolution, one has to win elections.

The only alternative that Chris Harman offers is the

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'inevitable' collapse of capitalism followed by armed insurrection.

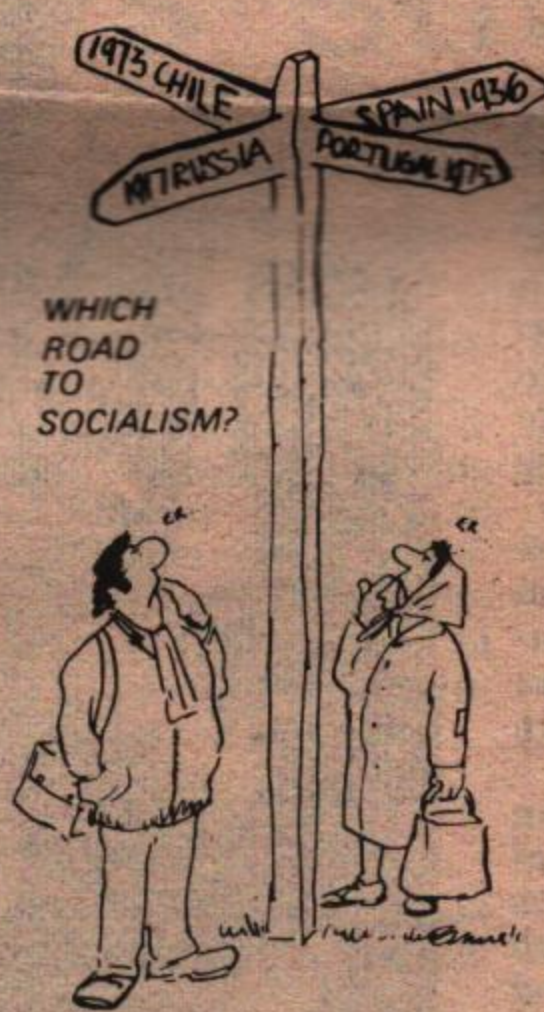
The whole of SWP politics is, therefore, reduced to supporting anything that moves that is remotely against the system—even to the point of supporting Roy Fraser and the recent Leyland toolroom strike, whose aim was not to break the social contract, but to break the AUEW.

If the SWP wishes to be considered seriously as a force on the left, then it has a responsibility to honestly present a strategy charting the way towards socialism.

Chris Harman's article fails to even begin to do this.

All he says is 'capitalism is unfair—we're not playing'.

Well, capitalism is unfair. It would be a damn sight more unfair without universal suffrage.



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These are the books for the fourth quarter, 1977.

LIST A

WORKER IN A WORKER'S STATE, by Miklos Haraszti

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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

LIST B

HOW CAPITALISM WORKS, by Pierre Jalee

At last a thorough and really readable account of the Marxist analysis of capitalism.

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This remarkable novel condemns forever the lies, corruption and violence of fascism.

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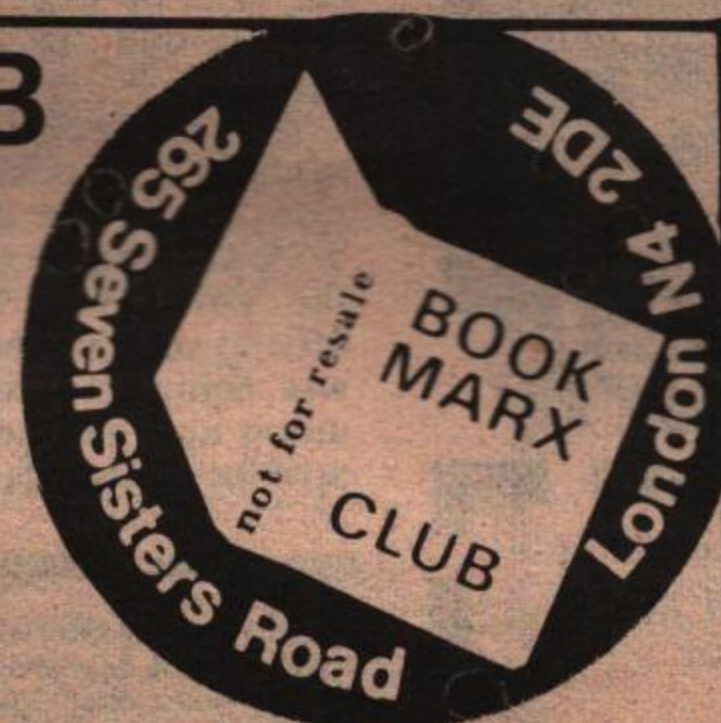
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This is why we say: Vote Rank & File

October 1st: Let's begin to organise

THE SECOND biggest trade union in the country, the Engineering Union, is in a sorry state.

On the same day this week, two AUEW executive members, one from the right, and one who claims to be on the left, found themselves the heroes of Fleet Street.

The Sun ran an editorial in praise of right winger Terry Duffy. 'How nice to be able to say it,' they gushed: 'WELL DONE TERRY DUFFY'.

What had he done? Driven the Lucas strikers back to work.

Rather more surprising, the Daily Express carried a front page article exulting their victory over the print workers. The most notorious anti-trade union newspaper in Britain thanked left-winger Reg Birch for his

role in ending the strike. 'Much credit is due to Reg Birch' they declared.

The millionaire property speculator who owns the Daily Express publicly thanked Birch for forcing through the new agreement which would, he said, 'enable managers to manage.'

Last week the union's president, Hugh Scanlon, ignored the views of the AUEW delegation to the Trades Union Congress. He insisted on voting for the 12-month rule and thereby for a further period of wage restraint.

Can't trust

It has often been said in the AUEW that you cannot trust the right wing officials. The events of the last two weeks should finally make clear what Socialist Worker has said for years—you can't trust the allegedly left wing

officials either.

One group of workers who know that all too well are the strikers at Desoutters in North London. They have been on strike for six months for the right to belong to a trade union.

Three years ago the AUEW destroyed the last vestiges of the Tory Industrial Relations Act in support of two victimised shop stewards at a small factory in Surrey called Con-Mech.

Now they are so frightened of upsetting the Labour government that they will do nothing for Desoutters, and they will do their best to end every strike that looks serious.

That is why support for the rank and file candidate in the forthcoming election for AUEW President is so important.

The right wing candidate is, oddly enough, the Sun's new hero, Terry Duffy. The man chosen by Hugh

Scanlon to continue his policies is the one-time left winger, Bob Wright.

Neither will give any pledge about supporting all engineering union workers who take strike action in the coming months. Only one candidate has done this, Ian Morris, the candidate of the rank and file paper, Engineers Charter.

Scabs

A vote for any other candidate in the first round of the Presidential elections is a vote for a noose around the neck.

That noose will be pulled by Wright, by Duffy, by Birch, or some other member of the present establishment in the union, any time strike action is taken, any time cosy relationships with the employers or with the Labour government are threatened.

AUEW: TWO MASSIVE SELL-OUTS!

THE DAILY Express engineers are now 'the least privileged' group of workers in Fleet Street, says Victor Matthews, the new chairman of Beaverbrook Newspapers.

This is thanks to their union official, Reg Birch,

AUEW national organiser, who talked the men back to work after a week-long strike.

Victor Matthews has praised Birch for his handling of the dispute and publicly expressed his 'gratitude' for the help he gave.

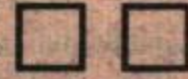
The AUEW maintenance men at the Express in London went back to work with many of their basic trade union rights eroded and committed to 'talks' about redundancy.

The Fleet Street bosses see this as a 'major victory for our right to manage'.

Matthews and his side kick, Jocelyn Stevens, have been crowing about their success and taking the opportunity to show that they intend to take on the print unions in a big way.

The fact that Beaverbrook were able to print so easily in Manchester last week is ammunition for them to use against workers in London in future disputes.

It also means that they can now consider pulling out of London altogether. Wages and other costs are much lower in Manchester—and union organisation is often weaker.



True, the engineers were all taken back at the end of the strike, despite attempts by Beaverbrook to sack chapel (union branch) officials.

Matthews gave up this try at victimisation when officials in other chapels threatened to support the engineers.

When they returned to work, the engineers found police in the building investigating the loss of vital machinery. The engineers refused to work while the police were there.

Throughout the dispute, the engineers played it very close to their chests. While the

Lucas treachery

THE LUCAS toolmakers decided to return to work last weekend.

A mass meeting voted 519-383 to accept management's offer of £3 a week bonus increase plus a £150 lump sum, an increase of £50 on the lump sum.

Unfortunately, because of

an 'oversight' the fact that this increase on the lump sum offer would not be paid for one month and would be conditional on the toolmakers being 'good boys' was not mentioned at the meeting.

This is a defeat for the toolmakers. As one of the strikers told Socialist Worker: 'If I'd known that the

increase of £50 was conditional I might as well have gone back to work three weeks ago.

'Duffy's sold us out—it's the last time he'll get any votes round here.'

Despite the return to work, feeling is still running high over the question of the conditional £50 and there is an angry mood among many of the AUEW members.

The strike has highlighted the lack of joint shop floor organisation in the Lucas combine.

John Byrne, TGWU convenor at the Chester Street plant, told other drivers, also TGWU—despite the fact that the strike had been made official and that the picket line was being respected by both union and non-union drivers arriving at the plant.

LOBBY THE NORTHERN REGION TUC, where Minister of Unemployment Albert Booth will be speaking: Saturday 1 October, 1.30pm, Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne. Called by North East Right to Work Campaign.

Notices and meetings

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SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN needs help urgently in the London area. Please contact Peter, phone 01-582 3486, or write to SASC, 21 Mayall Road, London SE24.

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.

WOMEN IN MANUAL TRADES national meeting: Women working in construction or as mechanics, gardeners, printers etc, or interested in doing so, contact: Women in Manual Trades, c/o Tess McMahon, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds 7 (phone Leeds 629427, evenings).

management wooed other workers, the engineers made little attempt to win support or put their case.

Desoutters' strikers lobbying AUEW President Hugh Scanlon: the union leadership has done hardly anything to help them



Left-winger Birch: praise from the Express

Right-winger Duffy: praise from the Sun

Desoutters: Now for a mass picket

IT IS nearly six months since the Engineering Union workers at Desoutters in North London went on strike for the right to belong to a trade union.

They have appealed to all trade unionists to join a mass picket of the factory on 13 October, when the strike will be six months old.

After a lobby by 50 strikers, the North London District Committee of the AUEW agreed to support the picket.

Mick Butler, a Desoutters striker, says: 'We were there to let them know of our financial difficulties and demand a levy and national blacking.'

'As they started arriving and we lobbied them we began to get upset at their lack of interest. We shouted and yelled at them.'

Loss

'Some of the delegates said to us "If you feel like that go back to work". "Calling me a bastard won't get you anywhere" said George Anthony, President of the North London District Committee.

Inside the Committee, George Anthony raised the question of the strikers' support for Ian Morris, the rank and file candidate in the AUEW Presidential elections.

This attempt to blackmail the strikers politically was attacked from the floor.

At Longbridge shop stewards are prepared to black Desoutters if they get a letter from the Union executive. It is vital that all AUEW members pressurise the EC for that national blacking.

Don't let these workers be starved out of the AUEW. Donations to Barry Moroney, 27 Springfield Mount, Kingsbury, London NW9.

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Rank and File
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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.

MERSEYSIDE RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN Raffle: First prize £25—M Woods, Liverpool 17. Second £15—J Macfarlane, Fairfield Crescent, Roby, Merseyside. Third £10—P Lee, Colburne Close, Burscough, Lancs. All prize money has been sent to the three winners. Any inquiries to Merseyside RTW Campaign, 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1.

MERSEYSIDE RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN: Office now open at 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1 (phone 051-709 1844).

LOST PROPERTY ON RIGHT TO WORK MARCH: Sunglasses and case found at Tichfield Street on Thursday night (1 September). All inquiries to Merseyside Right to Work Campaign, 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1.

HALIFAX ENGINEERS CHARTER public meeting: Sunday 18 October, 12 noon-2pm, Griffin Hotel, George Street. Interested in joining the SWP. Then the SWP discussion group immediately after is for you. Details, phone Halifax 67209.

ASTMS National Rank and File Conference: Saturday 17 September, 12.30pm-5.30pm, NUF-TO Hall, 14 Jockeys Fields, London WC1. A conference called by rank and file members of ASTMS to discuss: 1) Ways of setting up a genuine rank and file movement in ASTMS. 2) The establishment of a rank and file newspaper. 3) The defence of Richard Maull, the ASTMS member arrested on the Grunwick picket, and who the police are trying to pin the charge of throwing a bottle at a Special Patrol Group constable on. The final agenda will of course be up to the conference itself. All rank and file members of ASTMS are welcome to attend.

National ENGINEERS CHARTER meeting for all workers in the motor and engineering industries: Saturday 1 October, 11am-5pm, Manchester Town Hall. Smash the 12-month rule!

Monklands council comes to a halt

STRAETHCLYDE: Monklands District Council has been brought to a standstill.

That's the result of the ten-week-old strike by NALGO members against the council's plan to enforce sackings in the Housing Department.

Every department is out on strike. The workers refuse to call off the strike until all threatened redundancies are withdrawn.

Donations and messages of support to Barney Whelan, Chairman Monklands NALGO Branch, Housing Department, Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

Clayton's: We can win

MANCHESTER: Electricians working on contracts at the huge Clayton-Analine Chemicals site earn less than Clayton-Analine's apprentices. They claimed a site agreement.

Management declared the electricians redundant although they had guaranteed them five years' work. All the contracting workers came out on strike for three days.

It was then decided to keep only the electricians outside the gates and levy the rest of the contracting workers.

The unions are refusing to work with any new electricians and the steward is confident that with effective blacking they will be back inside soon.

Gleasons out again

DARTFORD: 250 workers employed by Gleasons at Littlebrook Power Station are out on strike for the second time this year over bonus payments.

They ended their three-week strike last time after being promised a fairer bonus system. This promise was broken and they walked out again on 6 September.

Peter May, UCATT shop steward, said: 'The bonus was going down while our productivity was going up'.

Letters of support to: Geoff Smith, Gleasons Site Convenor, c/o UCATT Office, Essex Road, Dartford, Kent.

Drivers out for 15%

MIDLANDS:- Drivers from two haulage firms, at Brain Haulage and at West Midlands Roadway, are on strike for a 15 per cent rise.

When the haulage drivers started negotiations in mid-August, both firms agreed to pay.

Then the Department of Employment said the settlement would be outside the government's ten per cent norm.

Now the drivers are out on strike and picketing stores up and down the country.

The strike is being officially supported by the Transport and General Workers Union and the drivers have also got the support of the Southampton dockers.

No going back!

BRIGHTON: Construction workers at the multi-million pound Marina project went on unofficial strike a fortnight ago.

Bonus payments had been falling and management refused to meet stewards to discuss it. They are also objecting to the use of sub-contract labour.

Officials of the men's unions, UCATT and TGWU, recommended a return to work while talks took place, but this was overwhelmingly rejected by a mass meeting.

The company, Taylor Woodrow, agreed to meet officials last Thursday, but failed to keep the appointment, so the strike was declared official.

Journalists fight sell-out threat

DARLINGTON: Journalists who have been on strike for 14 weeks to win a closed shop were this week fighting a new threat—an attempt to sell them out by union leaders.

Refused

Five weeks ago, the 108 NUJ members at North of England newspapers were joined by 200 printers who refused to cross their picket

line.

Now the leaders of the printing unions involved—NATSOPA and the NGA in particular—have got cold feet.

At a meeting of the TUC Printing Industries Committee in Blackpool last week, the general secretaries of NATSOPA, SOGAT and the NGA told the NUJ: Accept the offer of an ACAS 'mediator' or else we send our members back to work.

This ultimatum was greeted with astonishment by the

strikers.

They threw out the terms of reference of the 'mediator' and put forward their own terms.

They also voted unanimously *not* to go back to work while any mediation takes place. The same unanimous decision was taken by the 12 journalists on strike at the London office of Westminster Press who were victimised for supporting Darlington.

Joe Wade, NGA, and Owen O'Brien, NATSOPA, have

made it clear to the NUJ executive that they want a return to work on the appointment of a mediator—before a settlement has been reached.

Important

This is just a few weeks after Wade said on television that this strike is so important it might be necessary to spread the dispute throughout Westminster Press to win it.

At Blackpool last week he dismissed the TV statement as

ANDERSON WORKERS SET FOR PAY RISE BATTLE

GLASGOW: Workers at Anderson Strathclyde in Bridgeton have decided to fight for a decent living wage.

400 hourly-paid workers instructed their shop stewards committee to proceed with immediate substantial wage and conditions claim.

Kenny Gormal, works convenor, said: 'The workers have obviously rejected any further restrictions on free collective bargaining and served notice that they will accept no further cuts in their living standards.'

The workers agreed to support any action to win their claim.

Sponsored

Anderson Strathclyde was one of the factories which sponsored the Clydeside shop stewards meeting two weeks ago.

At that meeting, 400 stewards promised to mount a fight against wage controls and the 12-month rule—by banging in wage claims now.

A wages struggle at the Bridgeton factory could inspire many other groups of workers on Clydeside to join in the fight.

That would be the surest way of combatting the TUC's sellout on the 12-month rule.

300 vote to fight on for 18% pay rise

CARDIFF: 300 striking Whitbread brewery workers have voted to carry on with their 5-week old unofficial strike.

They are on strike for an 18 per cent pay rise. Whitbread, told union officials that they would only settle under Phase Two.

Tom Phillips, TGWU official, told the meeting that the TUC voting in favour of the 12-month rule threw a new light on the strike.

The strikers replied by telling him that there would be no more meetings until Whitbread came across with an offer of more money.

The strike has already closed 600 pubs in South and West Wales.

LEYLAND: 9000 OUT FOR £15 INCREASE

LEYLAND, Lancs: All 9,000 shop floor workers are now out on strike at the British Leyland Truck and Bus plants in Leyland and Chorley.

We are on strike in support of our annual claim—for a minimum of

£15 and a 35-hour week.

Management have offered us a deal that they claim is worth 25 per cent. But the big mystery here is now they arrived at 25 per cent.

They say 15 per cent of this would come from increased productivity payments. But there is no way we could reach the levels they are suggesting. Last week the press played

on the fact that the Leyland night shift voted against strike, though they gave much less space to the overwhelming votes for strike at the day shift meeting in Leyland and the Chorley mass meeting.

And they hardly mentioned that the night shift on Thursday night reversed their decision and voted to support strike action.

Beechams strikers fight on for £24

COLEFORD: 500 workers at the Beechams factory are into their seventh week of the strike for their claim of £24 across the board.

Convenor Dave Squires told Socialist Worker: 'The strike fund has now topped £1,000 but between 500 people the money doesn't go very far.'

The strikers are maintaining a 24-hour picket and morale is still high. But if they are to continue their fight against this highly profitable com-

pany they need a regular supply of money.

The Transport and General Workers Union is still refusing to make the strike official, so any income depends on rank and file trade unionists, who have a vested interest in breaking through the government pay code.

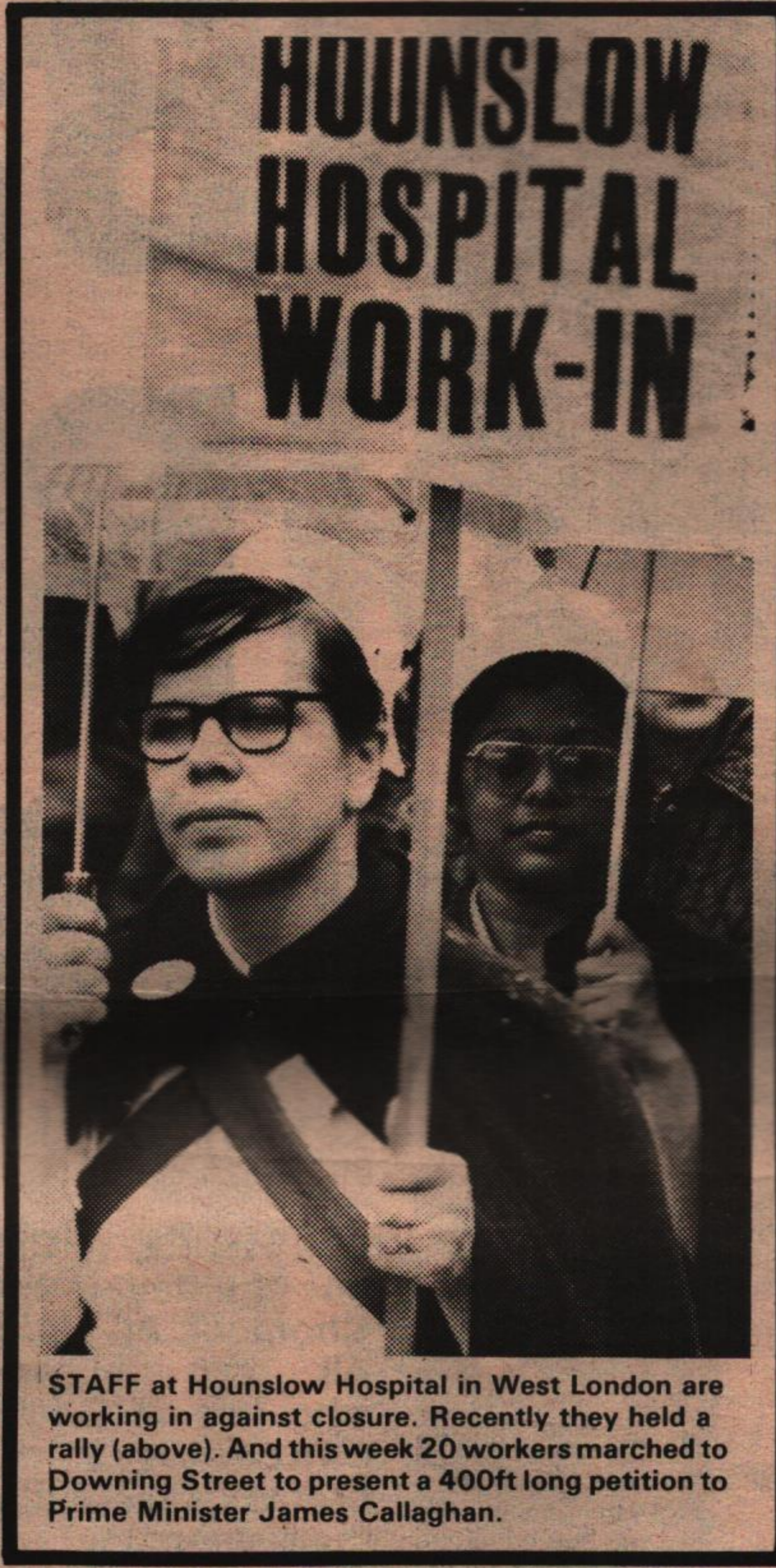
Difficulty

The strikers' families have had great difficulty in ob-

taining any payment from the Social Security. Some families have, for example, received payments of 45p.

Socialist Worker urges readers to make collections for the strikers and also urges workers in the other Beechams factories to come out in support of their mutual claim and not leave the Coleford workers to battle on alone.

Donations to Tom Jones, 22 High Nash, Coleford, Glos.



STAFF at Hounslow Hospital in West London are working in against closure. Recently they held a rally (above). And this week 20 workers marched to Downing Street to present a 400ft long petition to Prime Minister James Callaghan.

SCABS CHASED OUT

MANCHESTER: Waterworkers—out for five weeks without official backing for £15—chased non-union contractors from broken mains and leakages last Thursday.

Management called a meeting on Thursday morning with strikers' representatives and union officials, and at the same time they sent in scab contractors.

Waterworks inspectors—members of NALGO—refused to supervise them and informed the strikers who immediately sent carloads of pickets to chase them away.

The news spread quickly to the West Pennines region (Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Ashton) and also to Warrington and St Helens. By Friday morning more than 700 workers had struck over the scabbing.

Lobby TGWU leadership

A LOBBY of the Transport Union Executive to ensure it keeps Conference policy for an immediate return to free collective bargaining will take place next Tuesday at 1pm, outside Transport House in Smith Square, Westminster. All TGWU members who support union democracy and reject the 12-month rule are urged to get along and let this defeated Executive and Jack Jones know the rank and file point of view.

Management collapsed. The West Pennine, Warrington and St Helens workers are being paid for the four days they were out and have been given an assurance that contractors will never again be brought in without consultation.

This victory, however, must not obscure the need to organise support for the waterworkers.

The few hundred waterworkers have taken on the Government and trade union officials, and the national wage bargaining machinery of the public sector.

A meeting has been provisionally planned for Friday 23 September to organise support.

Messages and donations to 112 Mottram Road, Hyde, Manchester.

Kilwinning strike over

KILWINNING:- The strike at Essex International has ended.

The strikers, most of whom are women, have won parity with the Londonderry factory, but they have accepted a time and motion study.

Full report next week.

WE WANT A UNION!

NOTTINGHAM: 17 members of the furniture workers union, FTAT, are now in the sixth week of their strike for union recognition at the Langley Mill firm of E&H Architectural.

Six months after ACAS said recognition would be a formality, management finally admitted they had no intention of recognising the union. The men withdrew their labour and within 24 hours were all sacked.

Scabs are still working,

Minister to face EGA lobby

A delegation will meet Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, next Tuesday to press the case of the embattled Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital.

A demonstration has been called outside the DHSS at the Elephant and Castle at 3.30pm on Tuesday 20 September.

producing wooden fire surrounds used by Berry Magicoal and Valor at Birmingham and Valor Newholme at Liverpool. These goods must be blacked now.

Support is needed on the picket line. A mass picket may be called. Financial assistance is also urgently required.

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Derek Warburton

THE Nazi Front plans to spread its venom in Manchester on 8 October, led by chief carriers Tyndall and Webster. But who are the local vermin helping them?

Socialist Worker turned over a few stones.

FRANK DAWBER, the Nazi mouthpiece in Hyde. A monumental mason and also a monumental bigot.

Banned from The Grapes in Hyde

Often he recalls his service in the 4/7 Dragoon Guards and brags about how he wants to 'preserve our race and nation'.

MARY DYER, who, when she's not throwing bags of flour at Roy Jenkins, writes to the press expressing her fears that we might all end up in 'an eventual godless state of dialectic materialism'.



Carl Kukla

3am: NAZI BULLIES MOVE IN

FILTH

A christian, she campaigns to prevent local immigrants from having a mosque.

DEREK WARBURTON, Fuehrer of Stockport. He says: 'The cost of employing someone is nothing short of a public scandal.'

His solution for the jobless, who he calls 'workshy' and 'scroungers': 'Make them work 44 hours per week for their social security pay-out, cleaning with sweeping brushes some of the filthy streets in Stockport.'

He blames 'social security hand-outs and strikes' for the crisis.

His garage is a non-union shop. He also has a strong line on what he calls 'discipline', which he says can be increased 'by punishment for the children'.

He once said: 'I think anybody caught carrying a gun should be sentenced to life imprisonment.'

THUG

Perhaps he should start with one J Tyndall, whose sentence for carrying a gun was clearly inadequate.

HERBERT ANDREW, a thug, who was sentenced in 1975 to three months for a vicious assault on an anti-Nazi in Preston.

HERBERT ANDREW, the Nazi prospective parliamentary candidate for Blackley. His greatest contribution to politics: 'The lowering of our living standards and the breaking down of the British way of life at home and abroad... are a predetermined ruthless action by dedicated international socialists.'



Herbert Andrew

AT THREE O'CLOCK on Sunday morning, Chomock Ali and Rofiz Ali, two millworkers who live in Rochdale, Lancashire, were brutally snapped out of their sleep.

Two milk bottles had been thrown through their ground-floor bedroom window. The glass had showered over both beds.

The men jumped up and rushed

to the door. White men were seen hurrying down the street.

'Get Out of the Country!' shouted these heroes as they ran. 'Black Bastards!'

Chomock Ali and Rofiz Ali had learnt the hard way that the Nazis of Lancashire are getting ready for their march in nearby Hyde on Saturday 8 October.

In the past few weeks Rochdale has been plastered with racist stickers and slogans. The attack on the two millworkers is only the most recent.

In last week's Socialist Worker we reported the street attack from behind on 55-year-old invalid Dewan Abdul Hye.

The previous week, an old

Pakistani was hit on the head with a stone while visiting the toilet in his back garden.

Other Asians, who want their names kept quiet, have opened their doors to be met by hails of stones thrown from across the street.

OUTRAGE

The Rochdale police have washed their hands of all responsibility for running down the thugs who commit these outrages. They arrived in Ramsey Street, the home of the two millworkers, one and a half hours after the incident.

They then declared that they could take no action 'as there was less than £20 worth of damage'.

It was rather different earlier in the year when masses of police raided the Freehold flats, and arrested and charged children for writing football slogans on the walls with felt-tip pens.

The police will not defend the Bangladeshi or Pakistani community. So a series of meetings have been held in the town between black people and white socialists to set up self-defence groups.

Patrols are now circulating these streets at night, and a 'telephone tree' for emergencies has been established.

The Socialist Workers Party has organised a meeting to discuss the Nazi provocation and the Hyde march in the Rochdale College this Sunday afternoon.

'We intend to stop these thugs here—and at Hyde,' says Martin Reiser, SWP's industrial organiser in the area.

Phone threat

LES KAY, a Manchester busman who appeared recently on television arguing that the Nazis should be stopped in Hyde on 8 October, has been getting threatening phone calls.

One supporter of the National Front rang with the following message: 'We hear you have a young baby. We hope it's not an orphan before 8 October.'

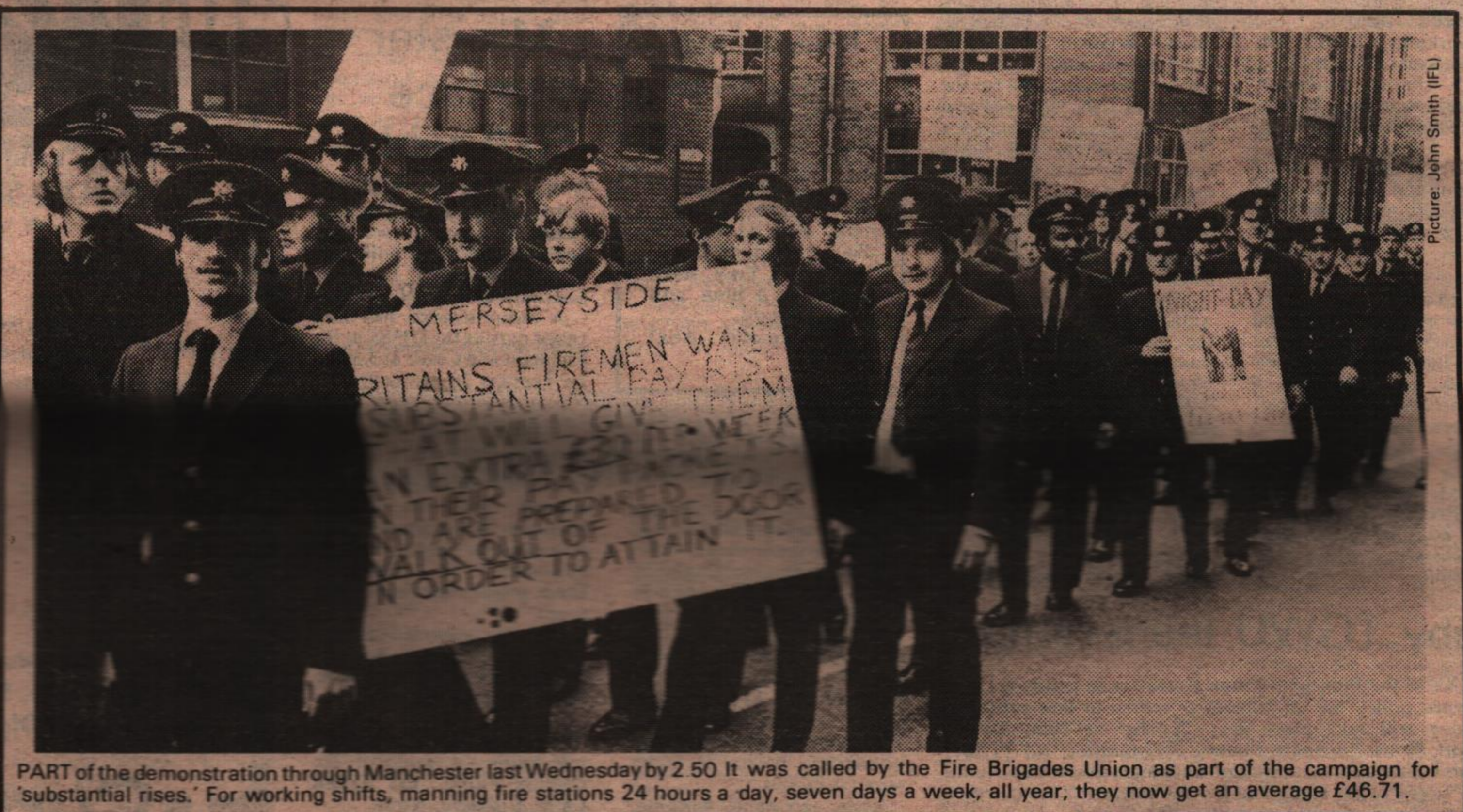
Jail sentence

ANTHONY FAIRMAN, black, 19, no previous convictions, was sent to a detention centre for three months after being found guilty of causing actual bodily harm to a policeman during the Lewisham anti-Nazi demonstration on 13 July.

Kim Gordon, editor of Flame, who appeared on a threatening behaviour charge, was told to come back on 24 October, pending 'further police inquiries'.

These stinging fines cannot be paid by young black people. The Lewisham Defence Campaign desperately needs money.

Send donations now c/o 6 Bowden Street, London SE11.



PART of the demonstration through Manchester last Wednesday by 2.50 It was called by the Fire Brigades Union as part of the campaign for 'substantial rises.' For working shifts, manning fire stations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year, they now get an average £46.71.