

# Socialist Worker

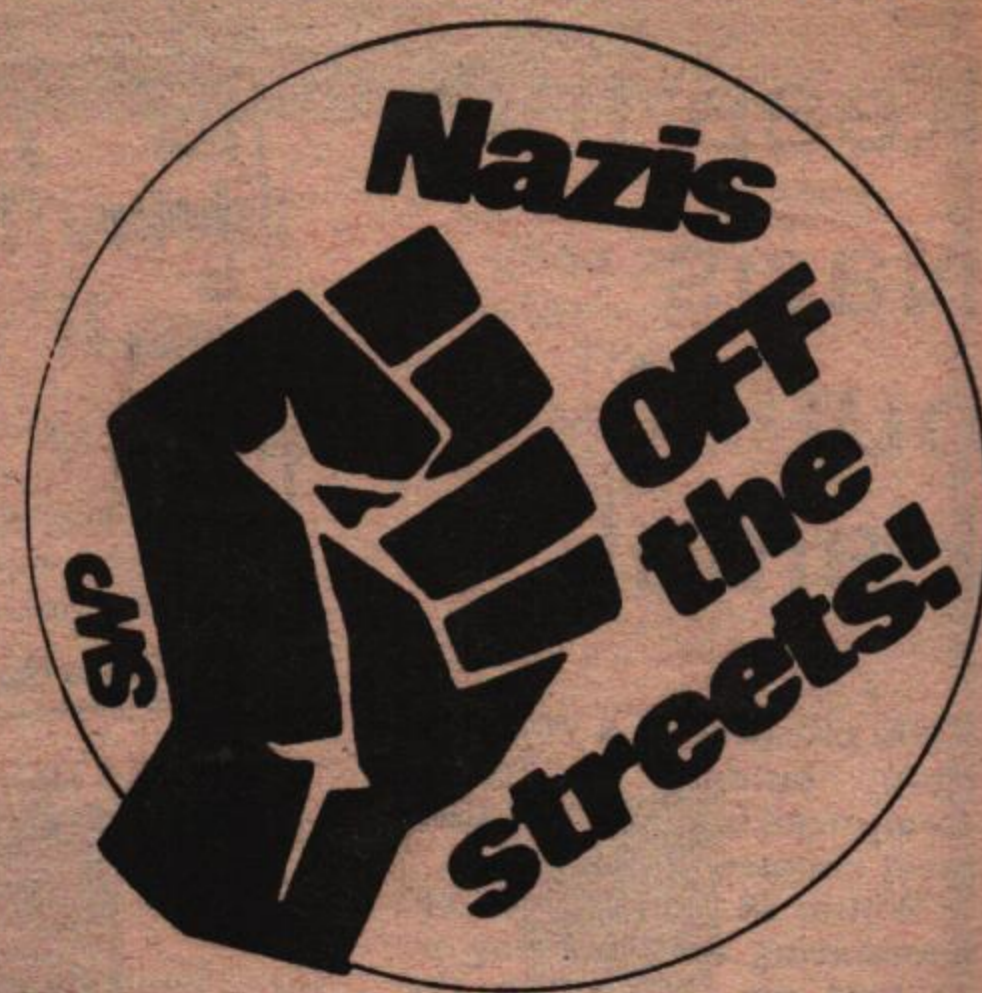
PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 10p

KEEP NAZIS  
OUT OF  
STOCKPORT!

The Nazi Front, defeated in Hyde, are now attempting to march through another part of the Manchester area this Saturday.

JOIN US IN RESISTING THEM.

□ Assemble Stockport Town Hall, Wellington Road South, 12 midday, this Saturday 8 October.  
(SWP branches in north, north-west and north of Birmingham to attend)



# 'They're taking the food out of our mouths'

says Beryl Womack

**ARE Mr and Mrs Denis Healey worrying about where the money's going to come from to buy new winter shoes for the children?**

Are Audrey and James Callaghan having to make do with sausages for their Sunday dinner?

*You bet your life they're not.*

But Beryl and Steven Womack are worrying about all these things.

The Womacks are a working-class family from Sheffield. Thanks to the Callaghans and Healeys of this world their lives are becoming intolerable. They just can't manage to feed themselves and their four children any more.

Beryl told Socialist Worker what she thought about the 10 per cent rise Denis Healey fresh from completing purchase of his new £70,000 house, has commended to the Labour Party Conference for people like ourselves.

'The rise in the cost of living is taking food out of the children's mouths.

'A 10 per cent rise is hopeless. It would mean about £4. That's taken up just by the rise in school dinners and rent.

'It's just impossible to make ends meet. My husband Steve is a bus driver. If he works a 44-hour week on early shift, which means he leaves the house at 4am and doesn't get back till 3pm, he brings home £48!

## HOW THE WAGE CONTROLS HIT ONE FAMILY

I have to make most of the kids' clothes or else they would have to go round in rags. Just now they all need new shoes for the winter and they're having to wear their summer sandals.

'There's often nothing left in my purse at all by Tuesday and Steve doesn't get paid till Thursday.

### Normal

'We rarely get a proper Sunday dinner. We just have to have sausages and beans.

'In the past we used to put a bit of money in the bank for going out or for Christmas, but there's nothing in it now.

'A couple of years ago we could live quite comfortably. Now it's just impossible. We

can't live a normal married life, because the wages are so low and the hours are ridiculous.

'Steve's a shop steward, and I sued to object because of the time involved. The trade union doesn't provide for wives at all.

'I would like to know what was going on. If the wives were involved, there wouldn't be so many rows at home.

'I understand now that it's only by fighting for better conditions at work that we can in the end have more time together. I think it would be great to get the wives down on the picket line.

'We can't afford the strikes. But it's got to be done.'

The strikes are a series of one-day stoppages by busworkers in South Yorkshire. The second was this Tuesday.

They are claiming a £15 wage rise, to be paid now, with £21 for one-man bus operators plus four weeks holiday.

They want that £15—now for one simple reason. Like tens of thousands of other workers, THEY NEED IT NOW.

Don't you?



Busman's wife Beryl Womack and her four children in Sheffield this week

'My husband Steve is a bus driver. If he works a 44-hour week on early shift, which means he leaves home at 4am and doesn't get in until 3pm, he brings home £48.

'But our bills are: school dinners £3.75, milk £3.50, rent and rates £10, food £25, gas and electricity £6, mail order payments for clothes for the kids £2. And all that comes to £50.25.

That means Steve is forced to work an average of 60 hours a week just to keep going.'

## Keep the Nazis out of Hemel!

THE prospect of a National Front meeting in Hemel Hempstead is being met with a great counter-campaign.

Within 48 hours of the NF announcing their meeting to be held on 11 October, the local SWP had printed 10,000 leaflets calling for a counter-picket and exposing the NF as Nazis.

The call put us directly in the firing line—but not from the NF. The local Liberal candidate launched an immediate attack, denouncing the SWP as 'fascist and racist'—claiming we supported the internment of Jews dissidents in Russia, and exposing nothing but his own ignorance and stupidity.

But others used this as an excuse to join the bandwagon—notably the secretary of the Hemel Anti-Racist Committee, Communist Party member Bernard Rubin, who attacked the SWP



Part of the Hemel SWP leaflet—10,000 handed out.

for 'confrontation tactics' against the Nazis.

The attacks have rebounded on them, uniting the opposition to the NF even more. For the Trades Council's response was to vote unanimously to support the counter-picket.

And the Anti-Racist Committee, originally committed to holding a 'Festival of Racial Harmony' in another part of town, has changed its line and is also supporting the picket.

**KEEP THE NAZIS OUT:** Picket the NF meeting with mini-fuehrer Martin Webster, Tuesday 11 October, assemble 7pm, The Green, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, for march to Westwick Primary School.

# Heart op after Nazi knifes socialist

## THE POLICE are doing yet another cover-up job after the most recent in a series of National Front attacks.

Last Saturday 19-year-old Garry Whitehead was stabbed while helping with Socialist Worker sales on Bradford's crowded Broadway precinct.

He was rushed to the Royal Infirmary, where emergency open heart surgery was needed because of six stab wounds to his back, chest, forearm and neck.

Two wounds had penetrated the heart and lungs. Garry is still in a critical condition.

Garry's attacker was a well-known

## GARRY STABBED 6 TIMES

local Nazi, nicknamed 'Evil' by local Socialist Worker sellers. This man was also a key figure in at least two previous incidents, at the Ringbar and Duchess of Kent pubs, when blacks and trade unionists were beaten up, one receiving a broken glass in the face.

These incidents, which occurred regularly over several Friday nights, were denied by the police to be political—even though they had started to draft in extra police on Friday nights—and were described to the press

as 'due to too many bachelor nights out.'

Many witnesses to the attack on Gary gave statements to the police. They were told that they could not refer to the attacker as a member or supporter of the NF, and that they could not say that they recognised him from the previous incidents.

Early on Monday morning the police issued a statement to Pennine Radio that they did not believe that the man they had arrested was a member of any political organisation.

Later 23-year-old Charles Michael Appleyard was charged with 'wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm'. Bail was not requested, and he was remanded in custody.

Richard Firth, prosecuting, said there were a lot of witnesses to trace and there was 'a risk of damage to Appleyard' if released.

Stephen Couch, defending, said: 'The incident arose because of conflict

between rival factions, but Appleyard was not associated with either faction. He is showing great remorse and is in a state of deep shock.

'The police officer who dealt with him, Detective Constable Higson, had shown him great understanding.'

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Couch, the defence solicitor, has recently defended several NF members in court.

On Monday night an emergency meeting of Bradford Trades Council executive agreed to:

□ Issue an immediate statement saying that Garry's attacker is well-known as a National Front supporter.

□ Print leaflets for mass distribution in local factories.

□ Call an emergency meeting for all local shop stewards in the area for 10.30am, on Saturday 15 October, at the Textile Hall.

□ Request an urgent meeting with local MPs, including the Attorney General, Sam Silkin.

□ Make a public appeal for further witnesses.

Meanwhile, from his hospital bed, Garry asks us to use this incident to obtain the maximum publicity and to demonstrate clearly what the Nazis are up to so as to ensure that their organisation is smashed!

## 300 picket

ALMOST 300 people turned out last Thursday evening to picket a National Front meeting in Plymouth.

Two weeks ago the Front had claimed they were having a rally and march through the centre of Plymouth. The Trades Council started the call for a picket, supported by the Plymouth Anti-Fascist Committee.

The Front held neither their march nor their rally. Too scared to come out into the open, they took their supporters with police escort into the Cornish countryside for a private meeting.

This was seen as a victory by the anti-fascist committee, who held a spontaneous meeting attended by 200 people and addressed by delegates of the Grades Trades Council, the anti-fascist committee, the Transport Workers Union, the Socialist Workers Party, Labour Party and Claimants Union, and a visiting delegate from Hammersmith Trades Council.

## NF attack

SATURDAY morning shoppers in Bury got a first-hand view of what the Nazis stand for last weekend. Five people were selling Socialist Worker and Socialist Challenge when ten Nazis, from the British National Party, jumped on them.

First they tried to snatch papers and leaflets. Then they launched an all-out attack on two people. One Mark Hackett, was pulled to the ground and had his head kicked.

But before too much damage was done they were chased off.

## Front banned

THE Tory-controlled council has banned the National Front from holding a rally in Reading Town Hall.

The council declared they took their decision because the Front meeting might have clashed with a performance later that night of the Salisbury Singers in The Gondoliers.

The real reason was that Reading Trades Council was organising a mass picket to stop the NF rally.

## Abortion: This is Britain's blackspot

BIRMINGHAM is Britain's abortion blackspot. However desperate a woman is, she is unlikely to be able to get an abortion unless she is well-off.

No fewer than 94 per cent of the women who have abortions in the city have, somehow, to scrape together the money for a private operation. Only six operations in a hundred are done on the National Health.

That is why the National Abortion Campaign has chosen Birmingham for its next national demonstration on Saturday 29 October.

Supporters of Socialist Worker and Women's Voice should work for the demonstration by:

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□ Distributing leaflets among nurses and hospital workers, especially where consultants refuse to carry out abortions.

□ Leafletting places where the anti-abortion group SPUC is already organising, such as Catholic girls schools. Challenge SPUC to debate about abortion.

□ Leaflets and posters for the demonstration from SWP Women's Department, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Leaflets £2.50 per thousand. Posters £1.50 per 100.

□ No return to backstreet abortion—Free abortion on demand. Demonstrate on Saturday 29 October, 1.30pm, Victoria Square (Town Hall), Birmingham.

Picture by John Smith



Firemen from all over the North West marched through Liverpool last Friday demanding a 30 per cent pay rise. At a mass meeting afterwards the men made it plain they would strike in November if their claim was not met.

□ Full report next week.

## ELECTION FIDDLE BY NAZIS

THE Master Race in Ashted, near Dorking in Surrey, are having trouble finding people to sign their nomination for a local council by-election.

It seems to be general NF policy to hoodwink local residents into signing the forms through the simple expedient of not actually telling anyone the candidate is NF.

No fewer than seven of the ten signatories to the form of Nazi candidate Barry Hill told the local paper that they either did not remember signing at all or were not told he candidate was NF.

One man said he signed his name. 'Then I saw National Front at the top. I said I wanted nothing to do with them, but they walked away.'

The Nazis even refused to take one woman's name off his list when her son asked them to do so on her behalf.

**Socialist Workers Party BLACK CAUCUS WEEKEND SCHOOL**  
22-23 October, North London Polytechnic, Holloway Road, London

Registration 50p  
SATURDAY 11am  
□ Fascism and the State—Aloke Biswas  
□ Black Liberation and Socialism—Tony Bogues and Bipin Patel  
□ Black Women in Struggle—Jackie Bogues, Martha Osamor, Rehana Minhas  
□ The Socialist Workers Party, who we are and how we are organised—Steve Jefferys  
SUNDAY, 10am  
□ Fighting police harassment, the experience of defence campaigns and self-defence groups—Lee Kane, Tony Bogues, Balwinder Singh

Plus Social on Saturday night, bookstall, exhibitions, films.

## Shareholders' £3½ million bonanza

by SEYMOUR PROPHET  
Our bug in the boardroom

AUGUST 11 this year was a happy day for the 3,300 shareholders of Clayton Dewandre, who are kept fat by the labours of the company's 4,500 workers.

That was the day they got a letter from their chairman, ex-Tory minister Lord Orr-Ewing—who manages to hold down four directorships at the same time.

The glad tidings Lord Orr-Ewing's letter brought was of a £3½ million bonanza for shareholders. American Standard—who, like Clayton Dewandre, make brakes and other parts of cars and lorries—were making a

takeover bid for Clayton.

They were offering 142p a share, compared with a stock market price of 115p—which itself was 15p higher than a week before as speculators got a whiff that something was afoot.

It is easy to see why American Standard were after Clayton. Lord Orr-Ewing—pocketing his instant £500 profit—is sure profits this year to December 1977 will be more than £3,750,000.

That is over £1 more than in 1976 and almost £900 for every Clayton worker.

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Between 1974 and 1976 Clayton made pre-tax profits of almost £8 million and had over £10½ million available for investment. In fact they invested only £3,660,000 in new plant and expected to spend only £1,200,000 in 1977.

But the directors have nothing to worry about. Some have their jobs guaranteed under service contracts, one is sure of £340 a week until the end of 1981.

The workers also, of course, have their jobs guaranteed. American Standard said that the interests of the employees of Clayton would be 'fully safeguarded'. Just as they have been safeguarded up to now—by taking £900 off them each year.

'No redundancies are envisaged as a result of the takeover,' promised the new bosses. We shall see.



## EAGER BEAVERS

THE COMPANIES THAT LOVE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

## The Nazis switch their march to Stockport

A FORTNIGHT ago the Nazi National Front were forced to drop their plans to parade through the streets of Hyde, near Manchester, by the prospect of a huge counter-demonstration.

Now they are attempting to recover their prestige by switching their march to near-by Stockport.

The knife attack on a socialist in Bradford (see page 2) shows what happens when the Nazis are able to go openly on to the streets. They use the knife, the knuckleduster and the firebomb against socialists and black people.

They believe that by secret preparations for a demonstration this Saturday they will be able to open up Stockport to their antics.

The Nazi spokesman Verrel boasted to the Guardian: 'It is rather amusing. The Reds [by which he means any decent person who opposes the Nazis] don't know whether they're coming or going. The more speculation about where we are going to march, the more we like it'.

Verrel was trying to cover up the extent of the recent defeats suffered by the Nazis. They are now forced to demonstrate in secret, unable to put out prior publicity or to mobilise any other than their most hardened supporters.

But things will only stay like that if their attempts to march in places such as Stockport are met with determined resistance. So we urge as many of our readers as possible from the North West and North of England to be in Stockport this Saturday.

## IT'S THE SAME OLD TALE . . .

□ 'The rate of inflation can be brought down to 10 per cent by the end of 1975'—Denis Healey, September 1974.

□ 'We are determined to bring the rate of inflation down to single figures by the end of 1976'—Denis Healey, July 1975.

□ 'No serious observer now argues we have no chance of reaching our target, under 10 per cent inflation, by the end of this year'—Denis Healey, March 1976.

□ 'Inflation by the end of this year should be about 13 per cent and fall to single figures early next year'—Denis Healey, October 1977.

. . . and what they'll say for votes

□ 'James Callaghan is a good prime minister'—Eric Heffer, Tribune group MP, on Radio 4, Tuesday.

# SSSSsh!

## THE SYSTEM'S IN AS BAD SHAPE AS EVER, BUT THEY'RE KEEPING IT VERY QUIET

TEN DAYS ago Chancellor Denis Healey returned from a meeting of the International Monetary Fund in Washington. Ever since then the press, the TV and the government have been proclaiming how rosy the

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WHAT WE THINK

economic prospect is.

But in the back pages of the posh papers, where few workers are likely to venture, a different story is

being told.

Far from being rosy, the prospect world-wide is grim, despite years of falling wages, public spending cuts and rising unemployment.

The Times business section reported last Thursday: 'In private most people from the industrial countries seem agreed that the world's economy is going sour on us at a pace no one imagined six months ago, and there seems no way out.'

The present slump began

four years ago.

Since then, in all major Western countries, growing numbers of unemployed have been prevented from working in a growing number of shut-down or half-operating factories. Because of this, the total amount of wealth produced world wide is about a fifth less than it could be.

In Britain, less wealth is being produced now than during the notorious three-day week imposed by the Tories under Edward Heath. In the past three months industrial production has fallen by more than one per cent, despite all Healey's talk of 'economic recovery'.

### Insane

The profit system means that governments are frightened to do anything to overcome this insane state of affairs, in case prices rise even faster than at present.

They claim that eventually the system will solve its own problems, without them taking any action. This was the reason Healey gave on Monday for not taking any real action to solve unemployment. Yet, as The Times pointed out: 'There have been short periods when output has grown, as last year, but they have been so short as not to provide any self-sustaining recovery . . .'

'At the moment when ministers have started to congratulate themselves that things are coming right, a

new setback is developing . . . Europe's growth will not be enough to prevent unemployment rising and to give any push to investment . . .'

### Control

In public, governments tell workers that if they are only patient, and don't make any attacks on capitalist power, then eventually things will be all right. But in private ministers talk and act as if they had lost control over their own affairs.'

There is a short and sharp conclusion in all this, which of course The Times doesn't draw: Things are bad and will get worse, unless and until workers stop listening to the excuses of ministers and start fighting to replace a system based on lunacy with one based on sanity.

### THERE'S JOY SOMEWHERE

PROFITS rose no less than 44.3 per cent for industrial companies that reported their trading figures in September.

Dividend payments were up by 19 per cent on the previous year—despite the government's claim that they are restricted to 10 per cent. That means that while workers are experiencing a continual fall in living standards, parasites who live off their shareholdings are keeping well ahead of rising prices.

## What! Can't the Chancellor count?

DENIS HEALEY claimed at the Labour Party Conference on Monday: 'The fall in living standards is over'. He was loudly applauded.

But you don't have to be a mathematical genius to see that the claim can hardly be true.

According to Healey's own predictions, prices will still be rising by 12 per cent in December. His sidekick, Joel Barnett, suggests that even in a year's time they will still be rising by 10 per cent.

Yet wages are prevented from rising by more than 10

per cent overall. After deductions that means increases that average about 8 per cent—much less than either prediction for prices.

So simple arithmetic shows that Healey must be wrong, that living standards for workers are going to continue to fall.

And that's without taking into account that millions of workers are being forced to put up with the 5 per cent rise they got under Phase Two until next June or July.

The only possible conclusion is that either the man in charge of the British economy cannot count, or that he is a liar.



Right to Work marchers in Brighton (from left): Hugh Bonner, Danny Jones and Derek Bond and Marcus Luck.

### Get your finger out, Labour!

WHAT are you going to do about unemployment? That's what 16-year-old Danny Jones from Skelmersdale asked Chancellor Denis Healey outside the Labour Party Conference in Brighton.

Mrs Healey made her own little contribution to the discussion: 'You don't have to tell us about unemployment,' she said. 'My father was unemployed in the slump.'

They rushed off, without answering Danny's question, into the luxury of one of Brighton's five-star hotels, the Grand.

Danny Jones was one of the unemployed who took part in the joint lobby of the conference organised on Monday by the Right to Work Campaign and the Campaign Against Youth Unemployment, which is

supported by the Communist Party.

After the lobby the two organisations held a joint meeting. Speakers included Labour parliamentary candidate Ernie Roberts, Bob Boynton, secretary of the CAYU, and John Deason, secretary of the Right to Work Campaign.

The 230 people at the meeting agreed on the need for further joint co-

operation between the two organisations, and in particular a campaign to get unemployed workers on the Grunwicks picket.

Some of the CAYU demonstrators joined the Right to Work Campaign campsite. Said one: 'The food is barely eatable, the camp is windswept, but I'd much rather be here than with the Oyster Brigade, in the Grand Hotel up there.'

Picture: Mark Risher (IFL)



Read and digest the contents of this letter.

The S.W.P continues to scream their hatred of the NAZI Terror in this country, they almost always go on to equate any such act's of terror as being the work of the NATIONAL FRONT. We assure the members of the S.W.P that there are some far more interested groupies in this country, who are watching closely the movements of the S.W.P

One such groupe is the IITH HOUR BRIGADE who for some time now have attended your meetings and noted the course which you are taking. They have also noted interesting activity after meetings too.

The IITH HOUR BRIGADE see the S.W.P as an affront to the people of Britain and a threat to the state. It has not gone without notice that you advocate violent revolution in this country in spite of the fact that Millions of ordinary people do not seek nor wish for such a confrontation, yet will become involved.

The IITH HOUR BRIGADE have noted your curious hatred for the Police and your readiness to latch onto any anti state activity. We note your sphere of subversive activity in our trade unions and in our schools, using the ignorance of the uninformed people to turn against the state and the Police. You have had some success but the state, the Police and the People will wake up and come down on you in the near future. BUT WE CANNOT WAIT.

We aim to distroy you by the very violence that you yourselves advocate. We in the IITH HOUR GROUPE are pledged to eliminate the nucleus of your party at any cost even if it means the possibility of long terms of imprisonment. We know who you are in most cases where you live and work, What part you play and who your financial backers are and their line of business... We move slowly, but when we move we move good and heavy. We will give you some proof of our intent in the not too distant future we are at this moment evaluating the situation and who and what is to be our first target. We warn you, take heed, We will stop at nothing, if nessasary we will liquidate. we have no time for revolutionaries especially those that advocate violence to achieve it. We will teach you what violence can do

IITH HOUR BRIGADE "LONDON"

# OUR THANKS THIS WEEK TO:

- Inner East London SWP
- Wolverhampton SWP
- St Georges building site
- Southend SWP
- Blackburn SWP
- Edinburgh SWP
- Outer East London SWP
- D Llewelyn
- Cardiff SWP
- J E Manley
- Wigan SWP
- South London SWP
- J Loff
- Chessington
- Anon - Chancery Lane
- Basingstoke
- South East London
- Abbey Tavern
- Evelyn School, Hillingdon
- D C Thomson, Dundee
- Swindon SWP
- Black Country SWP
- S Farbur, USA
- S Mellor, USA
- Bedford SWP
- Brighton SWP
- Birmingham swp
- Lea Valley SWP
- Durham
- Andrew Fult
- Epsom TGWU
- Southampton SWP
- Shropshire SWP
- Leicestershire SWP
- Crawley
- BBC
- G P Healey, USA
- D Parker, USA
- Stockport SWP
- Reading readers and supporters
- Crewe
- Jan and Pat Brook
- central London SWP
- Medway swp
- Blackpool SWP
- Canterbury SWP
- S Hellor
- LEB
- Balham South Africa Meeting

## £10,000 appeal

Fight the racists!  
Stop the Nazis!

## £5,198

# Magnificent Response

## Against Nazi Threats

THE 11TH Hour Brigade are the people who claimed responsibility for bombing our headquarters. Three weeks ago they claimed responsibility for bombing the Community Relations Commission. They are desperate people. As the tide

turns against them, and slowly but surely that is happening, they will resort to these tactics.

The threats will not stop us but we would be foolish not to take on the fight. £10,000 is needed to secure our headquarters and carry on the fight.

This week's response is magnificent but we need that money now & before it's too late.

Have you done anything to help us? The 11th Hour Brigade threatened to bomb a pub in Crewe where Paul Foot was supposed to be speaking this week. The

brewery told the landlord to call off the meeting and any future meetings at the pub.

Take a collection, rush in your contributions today to: SOCIALIST WORKER FUND, 6 Cottons Garden, s London. E2.

## Sheila Parkin



Socialist Workers talking

WE DIDN'T go away on holiday this year. Like most working-class families, the only way you can afford one nowadays is by saving for at least seven months and cutting down on what little standard of living you've got left.

So we did not go away. But I wish we had. Nobody on our row of houses had a holiday, probably for the same reasons.

Marlene next door has four children and the only holiday they get is a day trip to Blackpool with her husband's factory.

So I get very annoyed when I see advertisements in posh papers or magazines, giving details of 90-day cruises costing £20,000 if you go first-class or £5,000 if you go third.

How many working people, can go away for a day to the seaside, let alone for a

week, because of fare increases and money to spend?

And yet these rich bastards can just hand over £20,000 for one holiday. They can do it because of the profits we make for them where we work, and all we get is a lousy £20 a week.

But everybody deserves a holiday no matter who they are, after working five days a week, 52 weeks a year.

And if you don't go away on holiday you don't get a break at all, and the pressures feel even greater.

So next year, sod the gas and electricity bills. The people we have to pay for these necessities will be nipping off to their weekend retreats and £20,000 cruises, so I'm sure they can wait for their money.

If they come to cut off the appliances, they will have to get past my fist first.

# WORKPLACE BULLETINS...1 CO-OP MANAGEMENT...0



SMOKING OR EATING IN CHEMICAL PLANTS CAN BE HAZARDOUS...

ATTEMPTS to ban the Socialist Worker Workplace Bulletin at the Co-op Tea factory in Crewe have ended in farce and defeat for the management.

The management tried to ban distribution of the bulletin inside the factory when it appeared calling for a no vote in a factory ballot. The management had organised the ballot to try and win support for a 10 per cent pay deal.

But when the vote took place there was a big no vote.

The top manager erupted, stormed down to the factory floor and called meetings of all workers on both shifts. He denounced the Socialist Worker bulletin for trying to influence the vote and declared that the manage-

ment were going to organise another ballot.

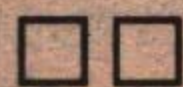
There was loud laughter when he declared he would have done this even if the vote had gone the other way.

The shop stewards recommended that everyone abstain from the ballot. And they did!

After the managers had counted the few votes in a derisory poll they sent formal letters of apology to the shop stewards committee and to the full time officials.

The bulletin produced by supporters of the Socialist Workers in the factory will now be going on, with one success notched up already. **□ HAVE you sent Socialist Worker a copy of your workplace bulletin yet? Send us a copy and write and tell us how you produced it and how it is working.**

Send to: Bulletins, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 8DN.



SEPTEMBER was another good month for the Socialist Workers Party. The total number of new members recruited was 323.

Among those joining were 109 unemployed, 26 members of the Transport union, 19 members of the engineering union, seven building workers.

## Sell Socialist Worker in the colleges

By Gill Brown, SWP Student Organiser

THE NUMBER of students in the SWP doubled over the last year. This year we could double it again.

NOISS, the student organisation of the SWP, emerged as the organisation fighting against the increases in tuition fees. Massive disputes developed and thousands of students were drawn towards revolutionary politics.

But students struggles rise and fall

very quickly. Thousands can be occupying one day - and the next day it can all be over. So leading those struggles - although very important is not enough.

We have to convince those thousands of students that they must go further than one occupation or demonstration, and begin to fight against the whole system.

Socialist Worker is central in that. Sales must be organised regularly in public places, not just to a few

friends in the coffee bar. Every student branch should plan sales round every college residence; at the changeover of lectures; round canteens and bars; in their own lectures; at union meetings.

All these places must be covered every week. We can't afford to miss potential buyers because they don't happen to drink in the same bar. We have to aim for 10,000 sales in the colleges every week by the beginning of November.

# Eight million tons of coal the NCB wants to throw away

## ROCKINGHAM MINERS FIGHT TO SAVE THEIR PIT

JOE GORMLEY president of the National Union of Mineworkers, attacked young unemployed Right to Work marchers at the TUC Congress last month, telling them they should get jobs in the pits.

Now Gormley is at the centre of moves which could lead to the large scale closure of pits all over the country, with the loss of thousands of jobs.

That is what will happen if the productivity deal in the pits gets through.

Rockingham Colliery, near Barnsley in Yorkshire already faces the threat of closure in what is obviously a trial of strength between the Coal Board and the rank and file miners.

The Rockingham miners told their story to Socialist Worker.



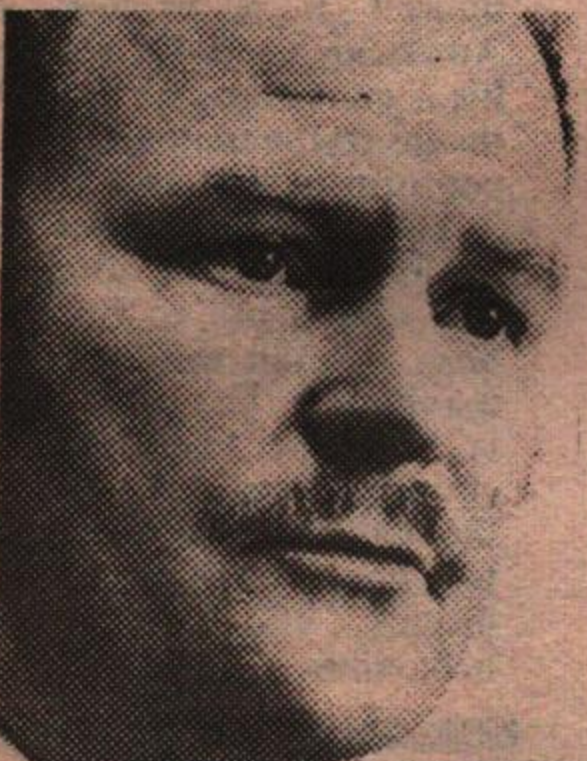
Above and left: Miners at the pit last week



Albert Grant



David Mollard



Neil O'Connell



Ken Vicars

**ROCKINGHAM COLLIERY** lies just a few miles outside Barnsley. Like most pits it forms the centre of a community. The National Coal Board want to shut the pit, but the men are fighting back.

They have won the support of other pits in Yorkshire and the delegate council of the Yorkshire Area NUM has decided to take industrial action if necessary throughout the coalfield to keep the pit open.

Neil O'Connell, NUM branch secretary at Rockingham, explains: 'There are reserves left here which we intend to work. They amount to eight million tons which, at present rates of extraction, would last about 18 years.'

### Refused

'We asked the Coal Board 12 months ago to make exploratory borings to test the reserves, but they refused. I understand that they've now succumbed to union pressure, but we want our engineer to say where the borings should be taken.'

'We don't want them to bore where they know they won't find anything.'

Roy Grist, who works underground transporting supplies to the face, says: 'The feelings of the men here is dead solid. If there's no coal left then fair enough, but there is.'

'Some of the conditions are pretty rough, but that's due to bad planning on the part of management.'



'You can make a pit uneconomical by not putting new gear in so you don't get the coal out. And that's what the Coal Board's been doing here. We're transporting tackle in there that other pits would condemn.'

Roy Garner, Roy Grist's workmate, agrees: 'There's no planning at this pit. They're running it down deliberately because they want to shut it.'

Underground development worker David Mollard adds: 'Half the time we're doing nothing. Development work is always being held up because we're waiting for supplies all the time.'

So what is the real reason for the NCB wanting to shut the pit?

Ken Vicars, the branch delegate, points out: 'They're just wanting to use men as

fodder for other pits.'

'They only want experienced men, you see. And this is a good workforce here. They've had to work in rough seams, so they've learned all the skills of the job.'

'But how can there be a shortage of manpower in the industry when the level of unemployment is so very high?'

David Mollard: 'They blame the man-power short-

age on early retirement. But the knew it was coming. They just didn't take on any new labour.'

Neil O'Connell: 'We've lost 240 men at Rockingham in the past 12 months and they've not been replaced. There's just 1,000 left.'

'The Coal Board doesn't want to take on any green labour. There are no jobs for the young school-leavers because they're not prepared to train them up. They're only advertising for experienced men to re-enter the industry. They've let the training scheme at Barnsley run down for years.'

Albert Grant: 'It takes six

months to train a man properly for underground work today and a man needs at least three to four years underground experience before he can go on the face. The NCB doesn't want to train them up.'

Albert isn't so sure that there are many youngsters who really want to work down the pit anyway: 'With all the publicity over the past couple of years about pneumoconiosis these kids aren't fooled any more. They know about the dust. The more machines there are the more dust there is. They know they're going to be old men at 40.'

What about the social consequences of shutting the pit?

Neil O'Connell again: 'I live in a village where the pit closed down 12 years ago. I know what happens.'

'First the public transport goes, then the local Co-op shuts. And so it goes on until the community dies. They'd like to set up a system where we're all industrial gypsies.'

'A couple of years ago I was at a safety competition at Grimethorpe and a deputy manager was talking to me about Selby. 'Wouldn't you like to work there?' he said. 'I would,' I said, 'but would the Coal Board find a house there for my mother-in-law who lives next door but one to me?'

'They destroy families, that's what they do.'

'There's a lot more pits they'll go for when Selby gets going. We're not the only ones. We're just the tip of the iceberg.'

## Productivity deal equals more closures

THE AIM of the government and the Coal Board is to concentrate production in the next 20 years in a handful of new superpits such as Selby and the Vale of Belvoir.

Rockingham has become a test case of their ability to close other pits.

Last year they managed to kill resistance to the closure of Langwith Colliery in Derbyshire with the help of NUM national officials Joe Gormley, Lawrence Daly and even Michael McGahey. This makes the struggle at Rockingham vital for all miners.

Ten years ago, under the last Labour government, pits were being shut at the rate of three every fortnight. At that time the miners were

demoralised and their power seemed broken.

Then came massive unofficial strikes in 1969 and 1970, to be followed by the great national strikes of 1972 and 1974.

The closure programme

came to an end. Workers were confident in the fight for wages, and would not allow the pits to close.

Now the Coal Board is out to weaken that confidence.

The main weapon the Coal Board want to use in pushing

through their closure programme is the productivity deal. This would destroy the national wage rate, erode the level of real wages and smash the unity that has developed among the rank and file.

A productivity bonus scheme would attract men from low productivity pits to those such as Selby, where they would be offered the top rates. This would almost certainly kill the will to fight for the survival of pits like Rockingham.

### Right-wing

The national executive of the union, comprised almost entirely of full-time officials and with a right-wing majority, is falling for the deal hook,

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# Human nature, is it?

IDEAS by themselves cannot change society.

This we showed last week, was one of the first conclusions arrived at by Karl Marx.

Like a number of thinkers before him, he insisted that to understand society you had to see human beings as part of the material world.

Their behaviour was determined by material forces, just as the behaviour of any other natural object was. The study of humanity was part of the scientific study

of the natural world.

Thinkers with such views were called materialists. And Marx was proud to be included among their number. But he criticised other materialists for their crude 'mechanical' interpretation of society.

## Greedy

One very widespread, non-Marxist, materialist view holds that human beings are animals, who behave 'naturally' in certain ways. Just as it is the nature of wolves to kill or in the nature of sheep to be placid,

so it is in the nature of men to be aggressive, domineering, competitive and greedy (and, it is implied, of women to be meek, submissive, deferential and passive).

A recent formulation of this view is to be found in the best selling book, *The Naked Ape*.

The conclusions that are drawn from such arguments are almost invariably reactionary. If men are naturally aggressive, it is said, then there is no point in trying to improve society. Things will always turn out the same. Revolutions will 'always fail'.

But 'Human nature' does in fact vary from society to society.

For instance, competitiveness, which is taken for granted in our society, hardly existed in many previous societies. When scientists first tried to give Sioux Indians IQ tests, they found that the Indians just could not understand why they should not help each other to do the answers. The society they lived in stressed co-operation, not competition.

## Wipe out

The same with aggressiveness. When Eskimos first met Europeans, they could not make any sense whatsoever of the notion of 'war'. The idea of

one group of people trying to wipe out another group of people seemed to them crazy.

In our society it is regarded as 'natural' that parents should love and protect their children. Yet in the ancient Greek city of Sparta it was regarded as 'natural' to leave infants out in the mountains to see if they could survive the cold.

'Unchanging human nature' theories provide no explanation for the great events of history. The pyramids of Egypt, the splendours of ancient Greece, the empires of Rome or the Incas, the modern industrial city, are all reduced to the same dismal level as the illiterate peasants who lived in the mud hovels of the dark ages.

All that matters is the 'naked ape' - not the magnificent civilisations the ape has built. It is irrelevant that some forms of society succeed in feeding the 'apes', while others leave millions to starve to death.

## Changed

No wonder many people turn instead to a different materialist theory, that stresses the way in which it is possible to change human behaviour.

Just as animals can be trained to behave differently in a circus to a jungle, so, say the supporters of this view, human behaviour can be similarly changed.

If only the right people got control of society, it is said, then 'human nature' could be transformed.

This view is certainly a great step forward from the 'naked ape'. But as an explanation of how society as a whole can be changed it fails.

If everyone is completely conditioned by present-day society, how can anyone ever rise above society and see how to change the conditioning mechanisms? Is there some God-ordained minority that is magically immune to the pressures that dominate everyone else? If we are all animals in the circus, who can be the lion tamer?

## Behave

As Marx pointed out, 'this doctrine necessarily ends by dividing society into two parts, one of which is superior to society'.

And, what is more, it is often quite reactionary. One of the best known adherents of the view today is a right wing American psychologist called Skinner. He wants to condition people to behave in certain ways. But since he himself is a product of American capitalist society, his 'conditioning' merely means trying to make people conform to that society.

The approach pioneered by Marx is quite different. The aim is not to find out how a small minority can manipulate the rest of society, but rather to discover the circumstances under which the majority of people begin to change their own conditions and their own behaviour.

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## Football hooligan? It's a copper's lie

I WAS standing with a friend at the recent Dundee-Stirling Albion game, the first football match I'd been to in years.

My friend, Larry, was wearing a Dundee scarf and, because we were standing in a crowd of rival supporters, the police told him to move on. He refused as he wasn't causing trouble and had paid 70p to stand where he liked.

To our surprise, he was ejected from the ground. I asked the constable responsible why.

He told me it was none of my business and then asked if I was with him. I said I was, so he grabbed my arm and shoved me out of the gate.

I couldn't help but lose my temper. He swore at me and I swore back.

He called another constable. They dragged me back through the football ground to an office, where they charged me with a breach of the peace.

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I was taken to the local cells and told I would be staying there all weekend. Christ! All for speaking up for myself.

On Monday, a lawyer told me I had been charged with shouting and swearing, and threatening violence.

I said that to get it all over with I'd plead guilty to shouting and swearing but not to threatening violence.

In court, the prosecution read the policeman's report: 'William Perrie was with a crowd of 15 youths, throwing bricks at groups of rival supporters.

'He was told repeatedly to quieten down but refused and when approached ran off.'

'When caught, he resisted arrest and was under the influence of alcohol' (I was

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## The living and the dead

BOB GILFELLON is a Blyth electrician. For years, he's had a running battle with the police.

But all his complaints to the Northumbria Constabulary were brushed aside. Indeed, they only served to increase the aggro.

In desperation, Bob decided to make a personal appeal to Mr Stanley Bailey, the Chief Constable. Repeated telephone calls each time elicited the reply that Mr Bailey was in conference, on holiday or out.

So Bob hit upon the stratagem of 'phoning up under an assumed name—that of Sir Nicholas Garrow. Immediately, his call was put through.

This may seem somewhat strange, since

Sir Nicholas Garrow was a Labour lawyer who died about four years ago.

Apparently, the Chief Constable is prepared to talk to the dead but not to the living, especially if they have complaints against members of his Force.

RAY CHALLINOR

ARE THERE any car spotters among SW readers?

I've just taken up the hobby and think you should give us autonumerologists a column every week.

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Should you spot any of these cars in your travels it is essential that you keep your hands on the wheel and your lips tightly shut.

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CHARLIE ADDMAN

## PORTRAIT OF A POLICEMAN

Policeman, kicking their way through crowds  
Who have to riot—in self-defence,  
They claw desperately,  
At the tall dominating police  
Who look down on them disdainfully,  
Smirking, with a feeling of superiority  
Riding their tall proud beasts,  
They kick their way through  
Viciously, maliciously, killing  
Saying all the while  
That it is for Peace  
But really—

It was they who started this fight  
Knowing that inevitably they would be the victors  
Laughing as individuals fall back  
Dead, into the crowds  
Giggling as families crouch over the bodies  
Of their loved ones.  
He joined the Police, one of this crowd,  
And they made him this.  
They have turned him into a policeman,  
A cold, hard, unfeeling, classical policeman,  
A policeman.

FRANKIE POTTER, aged 11

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**PENANG**

THE PENANG High Court in Malaysia has just sentenced to death a boy aged thirteen at the time of his arrest for carrying a weapon and live ammunition.

The case comes under the notorious Essential (Security Cases) Regulations of October 1975, passed after the great popular agitation of 1974 and the bombing of Kuala Lumpur police headquarters.

The regulations, for the first time in Malaysian law, presume in cases certified as 'security', the guilt of the accused, remove the right of a jury, and end all discretion by judges (all found guilty must receive the maximum penalty).

Malaysia, supposedly the 'most stable democracy in Asia', according to the London Times in this measure 'abandons all the basic principles of law when dealing with (security) cases'.

**THAILAND**

THE PLIGHT of political prisoners in Thailand, one year after the Fascist military coup of October 6, is not a happy one.

Hundreds still remain in prison, some in 'tiger cages' 3 feet by 3 feet. Food is usually bad, with grit in the rice, and large and regular bribes are required for each meal. Some prisoners are kept in 'tiger cages' in twilight, only being let out into the sunshine once a month.

Their captors regularly abuse them, urinating over the male prisoners and raping the female prisoners.

One prisoner was wounded by bullets in the mouth during the police massacre in October 1976. A year later he still has not received proper medical treatment and his lower jaw is rotting.

Some prisoners have been hung in their cells and others face the death sentence in military courts without defence lawyers.

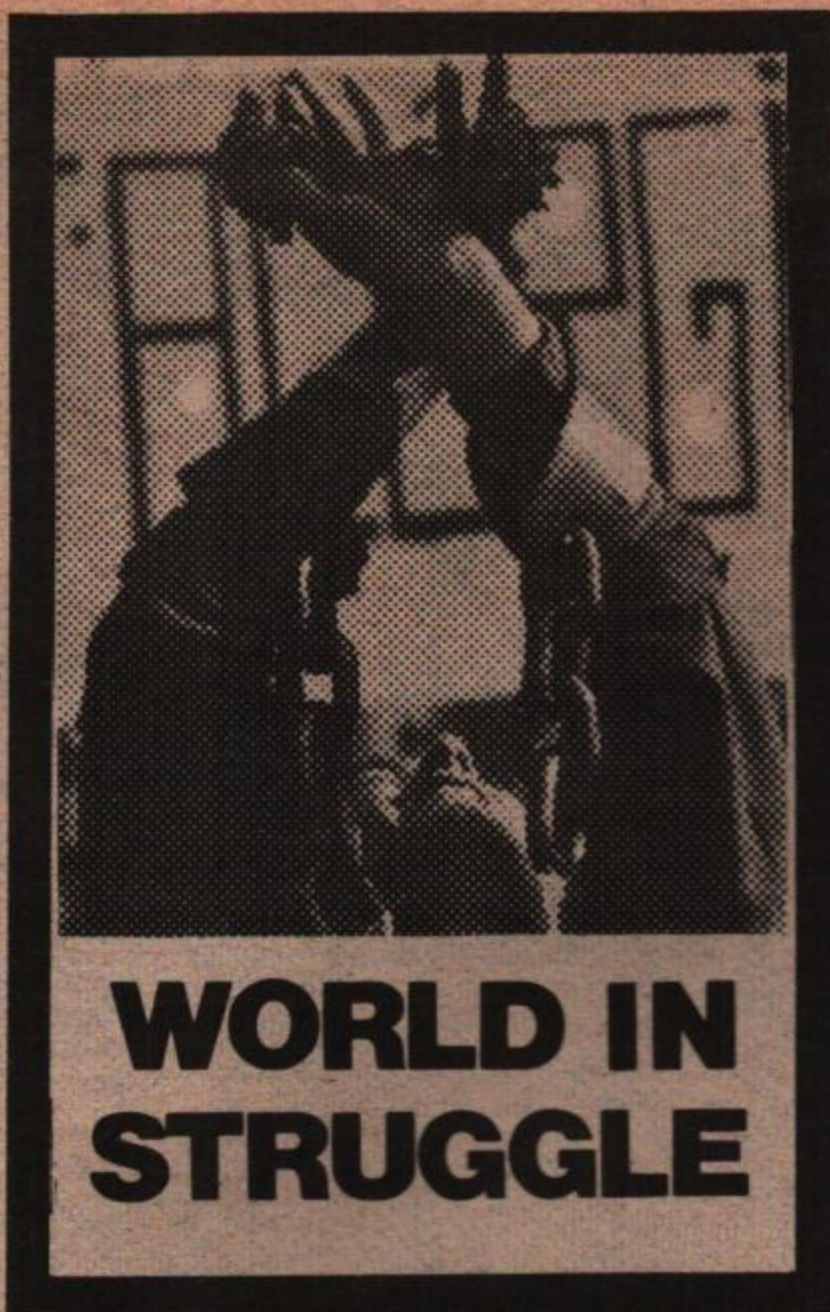
The Communist Party has launched all out war with the military rulers but doesn't seem to have learnt lessons from other countries and is calling for a united front of all 'progressive forces', including local capitalists.

**BRAZIL**

MORE THAN a thousand people were arrested when military police attacked a gigantic demonstration at Sao Paulo's Catholic University in Brazil.

The demonstration was one of the largest so far in the growing campaign for a restoration of elections and the National Students Union.

Since the trade unions are moving into action could be a united movement to throw out the military.



**WORLD IN STRUGGLE**

# ITALY: Strike called against fascists

**THREE NIGHTS** of fascist terrorism culminated in the murder of Walter Rossi, last Friday.

On Wednesday night Paola Carnigiani and Nazereno Brusca were sitting with a group of friends outside an underground station when a masked youth walked up, pulled out a pistol and aimed into

**By Ben Christon in Rome**

the group.

Paolo was shot in the groin, the bullet caused a dangerous haemorrhage which the doctors succeeded in stopping with some difficulty. Nazereno was wounded in the foot.

Thursday night in Piazza Igea Elena Paccinelli, was gravely wounded when three fascists

pulled up in a car, fired and sped off. These were the most grave attacks in a long list of beatings and assaults on left wing officials. The most grave, that is, until Friday night.

Walter Rossi, a member of the revolutionary socialist group Lotta Continua had gone to demonstrate outside the local fascist den in Viale delle Medaglie d'Oro, from where most of the attack emanated.

A group of 15 to 20 fascists were outside the building along with the police in a personnel carrier which slowly moved down the road towards the group of demonstrators 150 yards away.

The fascists followed behind. As the police van approached the fascists ran forward in front of it and a tall blond youth pulled out a large calibre pistol, knelt down, took aim and killed Walter Rossi with a shot in the neck. He also wounded a 68-year-old petrol pump attendant working nearby.

Only an hour later did the police see fit to take any action against the fascists going into their den and arresting 15. But of course by this time there was no trace of the assassins.

**Tear gas**

That evening, as the news was spread by the revolutionary radio stations, around 3,000 comrades gathered and marched to the fascist building.

By now it was heavily protected by police who started firing tear gas.

Saturday morning strikes were called in most schools in Rome and other cities and at the university.

In the evening there were two demonstrations, one of about 8,000 strong and another which marched to join it. By the end of the march, there were 20,000.

In other Italian cities demonstrations were held on Saturday and a one-hour general strike was called by the trade unions in Rome on Monday.

These acts of terrorism by fascists conducted with the complicity of the police have been well orchestrated and obviously have the support of the Christian Democrat Government.

**Excuse**

They are an attempt to provoke the student movement into using guns, giving the government the scapegoat it so desperately needs.

It is an attempt on the part of the government to repeat the events of March when the University was occupied and subsequently closed and when armed provocateurs gave the excuse for the banning of demonstrations.

To defeat the aims of the government and the fascist bootboys the movement must spread the struggle into the factories instead of resorting to the blind alley of armed retaliation. The one-hour strike is a start.



*Jubilant supporters of the liberation movement in Eritrea ride on a tank captured from the Ethiopian forces. How long will it be before workers in Addis Ababa are also celebrating on captured Derg tanks?*



*An Eritrean liberation fighter waiting for the Ethiopian forces to make another attempt to dominate the Eritreans in his area.*

## ETHIOPIA: Derg struggles to hold power

THE ETHIOPIAN military dictatorship, the Derg, seems on the verge of collapse. Its armies have been decisively defeated in battles with Somali forces in the South East of the country and with Eritrean liberation forces in the North East of the country.

Reports indicate that civilian demonstrations for the end of the Derg have been taking place in the streets of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

Much of the Western press claims that the Derg is a 'Marxist' government. But its main opponent in Addis Ababa is the Marxist, Ethiopian Revolutionary Peoples Party (EPRP) and the trade union movement that overthrew the Derg's predecessor, the emperor Haile Selassie.

The Derg tried earlier in the year to wipe out this working class opposition through the murder of hundreds of worker militants. But the street demonstrations indicate that it has not been

successful. In a desperate attempt to retain power, the Derg switched from the American camp to Russia and Cuba for arms and 'technicians'.

Now, however, it has been trying to get friendly with the Americans again, although it is still receiving large supplies of Russian arms.

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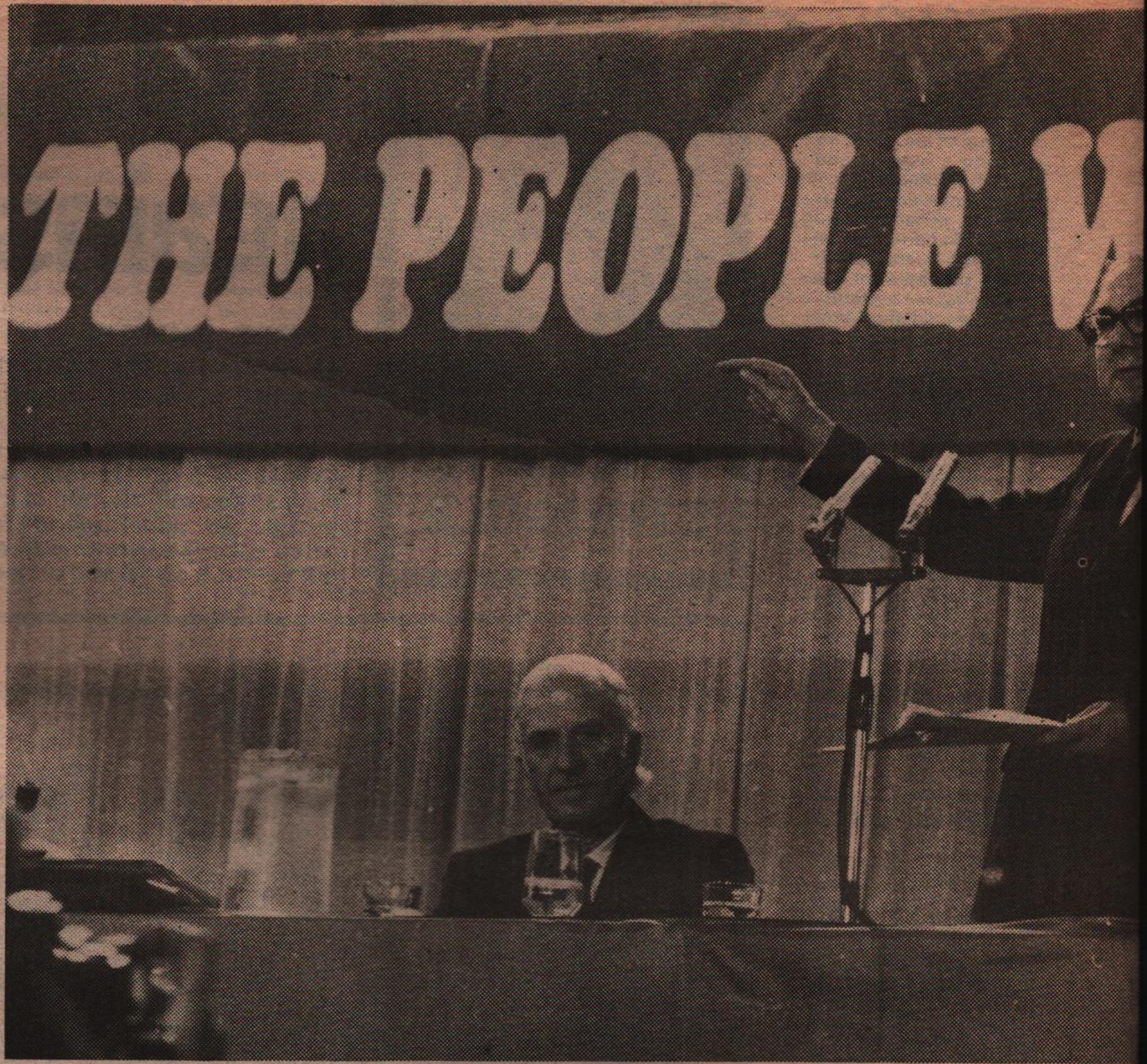
**POLISH WORKERS DEFENCE** CAMPAIGN Bulletin No 3 out now, 5p each plus postage, from PWDC, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

**COLLEGE RANK AND FILE** meeting: Why we need a Special Salaries Conference, Sunday 16 October, 7.30pm, The Plough, Museum Street, London, WC1. ALL NATFHE members welcome.



**SHOP FLOOR**, paper of rank and file members of the Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers. No 1 out now. Price 5p, but all donations welcome. Obtainable from 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. Make cheques and postal orders payable to Shopfloor.

**SOUTH WALES BENEFIT** for the Right to Work Marchers: Wednesday 12 October, 6pm to 1pm, the Bierkeller, Aberavon Seaford, Port Talbot. Alkatraz; plus Red Dog, plus licensed bar and extension Tickets 75p from Derrick's Records in Port Talbot, Derrick's Records and Picton Music in Swansea, Paul Michael and Falcon Music in Llanelli, and from Right To Work Committees at 12 King St, Port Talbot, 149 Rhyddings Terr, Swansea, and 46 Brynhyfryd, Llangennech.



# TAKE A TRIP TO DISCOVER THE LABOUR PARTY

THEY TELL a almost perfectly Prime Minister relationship to the base he needed for

Callaghan, the story about during election Brooks.

They pass the Court properties owned by Callaghan's colleague Julian Hodge.

At election times Hodge is akin to Sir Eric Miller's huge Labour Party posters hardings.

But sharp-eyed, quick that this time something Labour, Vote Callaghan.

He turns to Brooks there any posters up, Jack hesitates, then a But the film they're shown from Outer Space.

### For the children

Ron Hamer works full-time for the Splott Adventure Playground (right). He's begged, borrowed and wheedled equipment from steelworks, docks and other workplaces to kit the playground out. The club gets the princely sum of £133 this year for equipment.

This doesn't even cover table tennis equipment) says Ron. 'Yet there are hundreds of children who look to this place for a bit of pleasure and hope.'

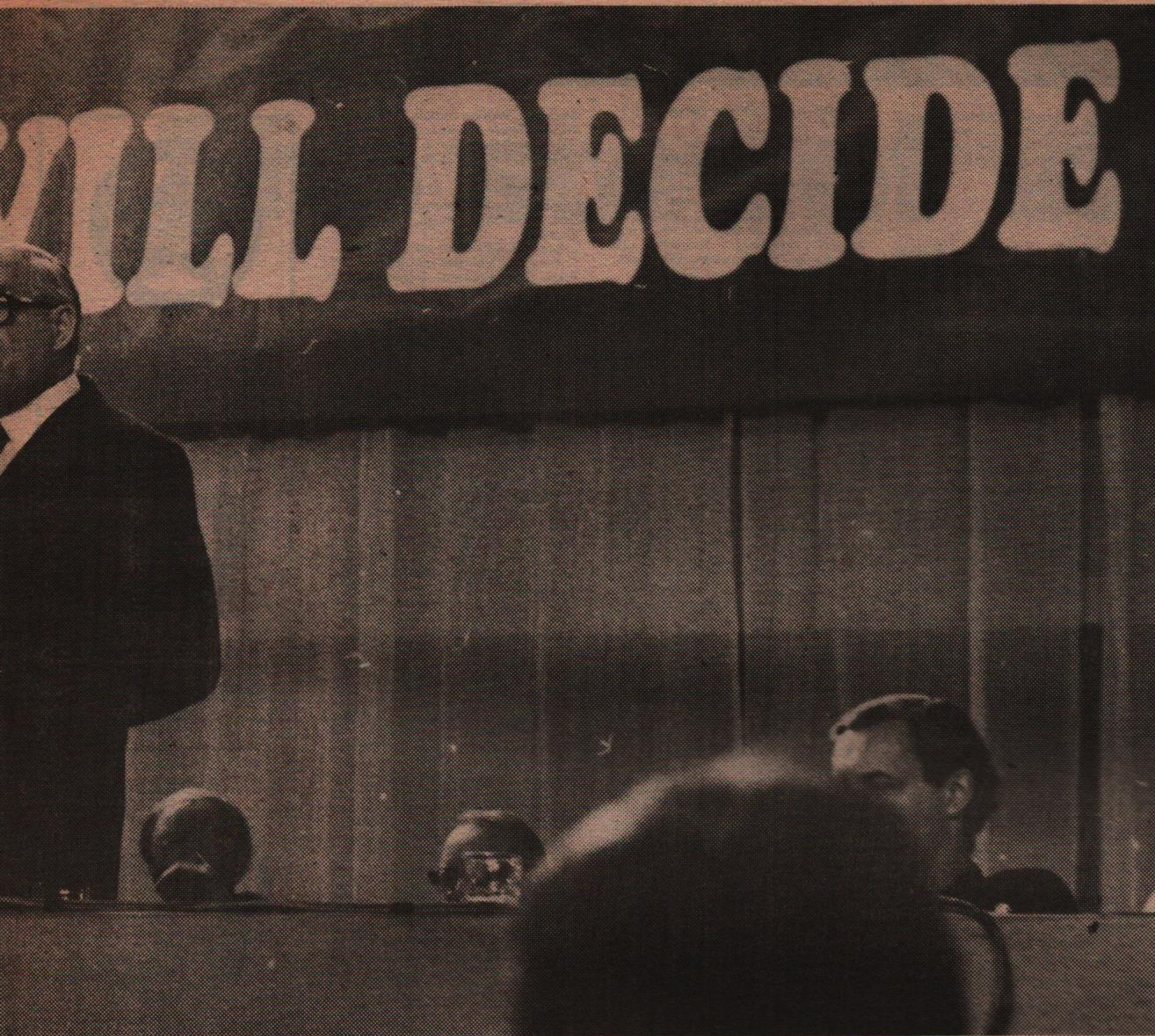
'They're saying now that this building and the old age pensioners' place should be demolished.'

Cuts in Cardiff are already savage. The Housing Budget has been cut back from £17 million to £8 million at one go.

The price in human misery is incalculable. As usual it is the weak, the poor and vulnerable who bear the brunt.







**Looks fine  
doesn't it? Till  
you realise  
which 'people'  
he means...**



**...these**

Callaghan in his Cardiff constituency with bankers Julian Hodge and David Rockefeller

# CALLAGHAN COUNTRY AND

story in Cardiff which describes our beloved James Callaghan's town that gave him the success and fame.

... goes, is doing a quick drive time with his associate Jack

... Cinema, one of several such

... Callaghan's close friend and business

... ge, whose reputation in Wales is

... n heaven, has his cinemas display

... rs above his 'Showing This Week'

... k-witted Jim Callaghan notices

... has gone wrong. There's no 'Vote

... poster on the County.

... nd asks anxiously: 'Why aren't

... ck'.

... swers: 'We wanted to do it, Jim.

... wing this week is 'The Monster



## For the tenants

*LEFT: This is Billybanks, a new housing estate in Penarth which used to be in Sunny Jim's constituency. It's been moved out via redrawn boundaries. Jim Callaghan is suitably grateful.*

*For Billybanks is a classic example of the new slums Labour has thrown up in the belief that it was solving the housing problem.*

*Now all its tenants are having to be moved out. Defective construction materials have been discovered. The prize-winning houses are falling apart before they are ten years old.*

## For the workers

*RIGHT: Fitters on the Saturday morning shift at East Moors steelworks, in the heart of Callaghan country, are first aid men. Their job is to keep an antique steelworks going by patching this and mending that.*

*Peter Howe, one of those fitters, doesn't believe his job is going to last long.*

*'GKN next door are doing very nicely out of this feeling of insecurity', he says. 'They're paying 15p an hour less in their Mini Mill. And that Mill is tremendously profitable.'*



**EVEN** the most superficial glance round Callaghan's constituency is an indication that places like 10 Downing Street, or the Grand Hotel in Brighton, from whose luxury Callaghan and Company manipulate this week's Labour Party conference, really must be on another planet.

Callaghan's Cardiff South East constituency takes in a number of places with prominent positions in the geography human misery, Butetown, Adamsdown and, most appalling of all, Splott

Each of these places is a reminder of Labour's total failure to challenge poverty, abolish unemployment and squalour and human suffering.

Each is testimony of Labour's incorporation within the system.

## DECEIPT

Together they make the conference hall rhetoric of the left in Brighton an exercise either in self-delusion or in cynical deceit.

In recent times the bulldozers have moved into Lower Splott, smashing the houses and clearing away the sources of a Prime Minister's embarrassment. But who can

believe that this is a change for the better when everywhere hospitals are being cut back, new houses are already slums, and new Splotts are on the way up.

What the clearances in Splott have done is expose for all to see the hulk of the East Moors steelworks, a place where amid the poverty of Splott millions of pounds were made, a place which today is a sort of tribute to British capitalism and Labour's sad attempts to change it from within.

East Moors is due to close by 1981. Nobody believes it will last that long.

Indeed as Jim Callaghan was posing for the press on his skateboard in Brighton last

weekend, part of the plant was shut down and 53 more jobs were axed.

East Moors used to belong to GKN. Throughout the immediate post-war years, when there was no Japanese or German competition, the directors of GKN milked the place dry for profit. Not a penny was spent on capital investment and East Moors was allowed to rot.

## SUBJECT

When it was finally on its knees the Labour government kindly nationalised it, kept the unprofitable bit and let GKN have back on knock-down terms the sections that made real money.

In January 1973, when the Tories were in power, James Callaghan made a moving House of Commons speech on the subject of the impending closure. In that speech Callaghan pronounced himself shocked that there was 5.9 per cent male unemployment in Cardiff.

If he was shocked then, he must be in a terrible state now. For according to information computed from the 1971 census reports and recently published by the Upper Afan Community Development project, unemployment in some of those inner city wards, right in the heart of James Callaghan's constituency, was up at the 20 per cent mark. That was 1971.

God alone knows what it must be now, after the lying promises of 'Back to Work with Labour' gave way to 1½ million registered unemployed and lower production levels than during the Tory-imposed three-day week.

**THE ONLY** place where the Labour Party shows any signs of real life locally is on the Llanrumney Estate. Here some ordinary people have joined Labour to fight Labour.

Elsewhere in Callaghan's constituency, the party is just a dying shell which shudders back into life for elections. At those meetings which do take

place, choosing the candidate takes up a good deal of time, as does debate on who shall be chosen for the honour of opening the annual fete.

A few left-wing socialists in the area persist in the illusion that going to ward meetings and choosing candidates is socialist activity.

## SUPPORT

Two years ago, at the height of the move to get Reg Prentice ousted as Labour MP for Newham North East, in London, some of them sent a telegram of support to Prentice's opponents.

Callaghan pounced and demanded a vote of confidence. He did rather better than the sick union general secretary whose executive sent him a 'get well' card by 13 votes to 12. But only just.

James Callaghan, then deputy leader of the Labour Party, got his vote of confidence - 20 votes to 10.

Which is a fair indication of what Labour in Cardiff means.

**THE** property men have been having a field day in Callaghan's Cardiff. As the magazine Rebecca and The Cardiff Peoples Paper have shown, a whole range of stinking deals have been made which have benefitted only those who are already rich.

There is the case of the planning permission rushed through in record time for a British Rail office block because of a promise of jobs.

It turns out that this office block isn't owned by British Rail at all. It's owned by a subsidiary of the stupendously wealthy ITT.

Even more incredible is the deal with Debenhams for a new store which the city doesn't need. In order to get round the Labour government's own Community Land Act, Debenhams have been given a 999-year lease on a new store for payment of only £500,000 as a premium. The Battle of Hastings took place just over 999 years ago, which gives you some idea of the time scale.

And so desperate are officials and councillors to get the firm in the bag, that Debenham's rent on this

superstore works out at £10 a week, less than one of Callaghan's constituents would have to pay for a council house.

In Cardiff this rip-off was effected with the assistance of the Welsh Office, who granted a dispensation from the Community Land Act.

In Swansea Labour councillors used even more absurd methods to ingratiate themselves with Debenhams. They met to sign a contract selling the company a town centre store just hours before the Community Land Act came into force.

These Labour councillors have rushed into the arms of the speculators and property men whose only reason for setting up in Cardiff or Swansea or anywhere is to suck money and resources out of the area.

## URGENT

Their arrival and the vast expenditures of capital that will be undertaken to make their stay as pleasant as possible will only distort the local economies even further.

And as the celebrations of the shop openings take place, more hospitals will be closing and more working-class houses remotely near the town centre will be knocked down.

**THAT IS** the end result of working within the system. That is the product of 50 years of burrowing away seeking position and office.

In Callaghan country the building of a fighting socialist alternative is a matter of great urgency. It is of incalculable importance that people's desire for change, their belief that things can be changed, isn't buried in the debris and the heartache that Labour has left behind.

Report by  
**LAURIE FLYNN.**

Pictures by  
**PHIL McCOWEN**



# The sort of violence our rulers support

ANYONE with doubts about the 'justice' of the execution of the four mercenaries in Angola last year, should read this book.\*

The story of the recruitment and activities of these men is nasty and sordid.

And nothing about it is more sordid, or cynical, than the involvement of the British and US governments and their puppets. Consider some of the facts.

The mercenaries were recruited through newspaper advertisements, despite the fact that there are supposed to be laws against such recruitment in both countries.

No check was ever made nor were the recruiters warned off by the police.

## Adverts

The role of papers like The Sun and The Daily Express is interesting. As the book's authors point out:

... most of the mass-circulation daily and Sunday newspapers carried advertisements and articles likely to stimulate interest in recruitment.

\*One might ask if it would have been considered ethical by the same newspapers to carry advertisements for recruits to hi-jack a plane. The answer would be a shocked "No".

*Hi-jacking a country whose politics you don't like is different, of course.*

The British mercenaries left London airport under the eyes of the police and without hindrance, despite the fact that several of them were

\* *The Whores of War*, by W Burchett & D Roebuck (Penguin), 90p, inc postage, from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.



wanted on criminal charges, and few of them had passports.

Most sinister of all is the evidence of direct assistance of the British and US governments. Two of the British team were Special Branch officers!

And while officially the CIA had been ordered to stop assisting the bogus, pro-Western FNLA, they were still channelling money to them, more than 50 million dollars.

One of the British recruiters picked up £282,000 in one week, and most of the Americans were employed directly through the CIA.

Why should the Western powers go to so much trouble? The book gives a clear answer—because the whole of Southern Africa is exploding, and with it, Western interests.

## Hostile

With the withdrawal of Portugal from her former colonies, it looked as if hostile black governments would be established on the borders of the bastions of white rule in Rhodesia and South Africa to further endanger the tottering regimes there.

After Portugal's humiliation in Africa and America's defeat in Vietnam, Western governments are nervous of committing themselves to

## BUILDING WORKER DANNY BRENNAN ON THE 'WHORES OF WAR'

fighting liberation movements directly—mercenaries are the ideal solution.

In Britain and the USA, there are thousands of men who have been brutalised by military service in Ireland or Vietnam, and they continue to provide excellent cannon-fodder for their former masters.

*The psychopathic 'Colonel Callan' was a former British Army paratrooper*

For all that, they were a pathetic rabble. Although they slaughtered black civilians and each other indiscriminately, they were unable to prop up the crumbling pseudo-liberation movements for long.

But mercenaries clearly have a big future. They're

fighting in Rhodesia and the Lebanon today, and the authors quote the following chilling passage from an Australian there:

'I reckon there are about 40 Frenchmen fighting with the Falangists. Mostly they're students who belong to the French fascist party.

'They come over here for three months, get trained, and do some fighting. Then they go back and wait to go into action in France.'

The book gives plenty of evidence of French, Spanish and Italian fascists recruiting and financing mercenaries. And the western powers would not scruple to use such people against revolutionaries in their own countries, as they have done in Spain and Italy.

## Revenge

Against this background, the reason for the trial and execution of the mercenaries is quite clear. It is ludicrous to talk of revenge. If the Angolans had wanted to they could have shot them out of hand on the battlefield.

Instead they wanted to show these men up for what they were, and the rotten and corrupt societies that produced them.

And they wanted publicly to discourage any future soldiers of fortune who might seek to ply their trade in Africa.



Above: mercenaries leaving for Angola and getting their "reward"

## WHEN THE BOAT CAVES IN

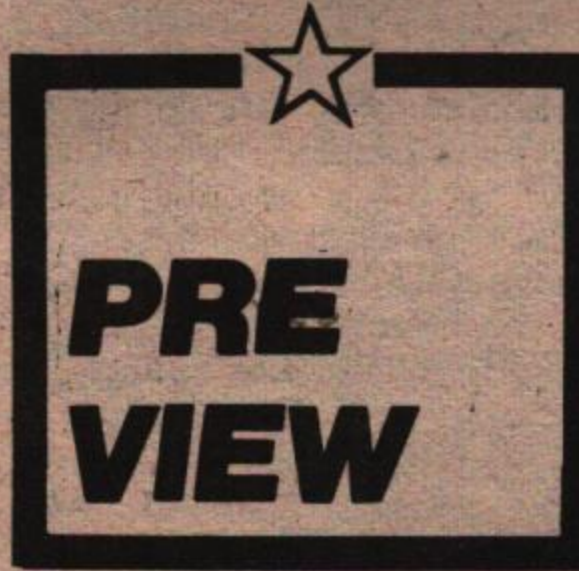
IT'S RARE for your SW TV critic to be in possession of some internal TV gossip, so I must let it out as soon as I've got it.

The story goes, that at the main star's insistence, the politics for the new series of *When the Boat Comes In* had to be written out. That's all I've got; but it explains a lot.

Gone is the endless fight against ruthless shipyard bosses; instead, we now share with the rich their fear of Jack Ford.

Gone are the insights into the corruption of the Labour Movement manipulated by cynical trade union officials—instead we are beginning to get the impression that if a man is dynamic he is justified in using desperate methods to get to the top of the ladder. Will he lose his soul on the way? (Yawn, yawn).

If it wasn't for President Carter, Muhammad Ali and the forthcoming tour by the CAST Theatre Group, out-



By ROLAND MULDOON

siders hardly ever get to hear of the North East.

The exception has been *The Likely Lads* and that 'lodger from next door', Alex Glasgow, and nowadays *When the Boat Comes In*.

Previously, Southerners on a Cooks tour would have expected to be shown ugly council blocks, synthetic brown ale factories and the sound of natives, for a price of a drink, telling of the old days when they ate Hovis to the accompaniment of a

handy brass band.

*The run-down shipyards, the closed mines and the boarded-up luxury houses of imprisoned Labour councillors wouldn't appear on the 'must' list.*

The decline of the North East would be explained away as if it were Atlantis.

The first two series of *When the Boat Comes In* changed all that. Instead we were shown a mirror image of British Industrial history, the dignity of a class that wouldn't lie down.

## Beer cans

The red herring of patriotism that decimated the youth in the first world war and, of course, the speculators who squandered the skills of that power house of engineering ingenuity, all leading to the big question, 'Why the hell do we let them get away with it?'

No wonder the series has changed course. I think I've got the story wrong—it must

have been a strong east wind sent by divine intervention that has blown the series a couple of counties to the South, just as it did the Jarrow marches and for that matter my dad seeking work in the Thirties.

Things must be kept in perspective. If Geordies want to stay up there and face unemployment then it's all right for the rest of us. Otherwise they would come down here telling us their woes and throwing beer cans. If they have got to appear on telly, let *The Wonderful World of Disney* handle it.

It's no good looking up people's arse-holes, because you might start thinking of your own. What super-star would want that to happen?

No, the past (and in this case the present) is best left undisturbed. I wonder if that old smug Southern statement still holds true—'Geordies are so loyal to Labour that they would vote for a dog if it were the candidate.'

*There's an angle Walt!*

## BOOKMARX CLUB

These are the books for the fourth quarter, 1977.

### LIST A

**WORKER IN A WORKER'S STATE**, by Miklos Haraszti

A first-hand account of working on piece rates in a Budapest engineering factory. The author was put on trial because 'he claims the situation of the workers is identical with that of the proletariat under classical capitalism'.

**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.

**FONTAMARA**, by Ignazio Silone

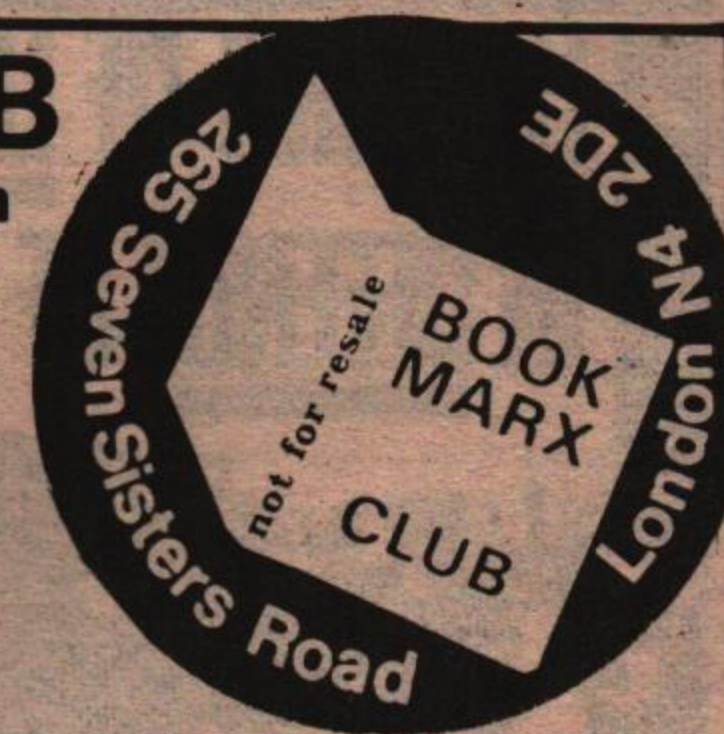
This remarkable novel condemns forever the lies, corruption and violence of fascism.

### LIST C

**THE SUFFRAGETTES**, by Sylvia Pankhurst

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

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# A WAGE CUT BY ANY OTHER NAME

PRICES are rising at the rate of 17.7 per cent while wages are rising at 10.9 per cent. In fact, earnings increases have lagged behind inflation by the widest margin in statistical history.

The figures prove what every housewife knows—she is able to buy less and less with her money.

Coffee has more than doubled in price in the past year. And it is forecast that soon bread, cheese and milk will all go up.

We now have an economy of low wages and high prices. One result of this is that over the past quarter, while production has gone down by

one per cent, profits have increased by 30 per cent.

However, the Government is not satisfied with this and trying to tighten the screw further.

Wages are to be allowed to rise once a year but prices may go up weekly.

In the Hungry Thirties, workers' wages were cut, money was taken from the pay packet. Today, by allowing price rises and freezing wages, the government is achieving the same result.

This subtle move should be resisted. Phase 3 of the pay policy should be fought against.

□ W R, Harlow



Picture: by Bob Golden

## Want a better life? Then take it!

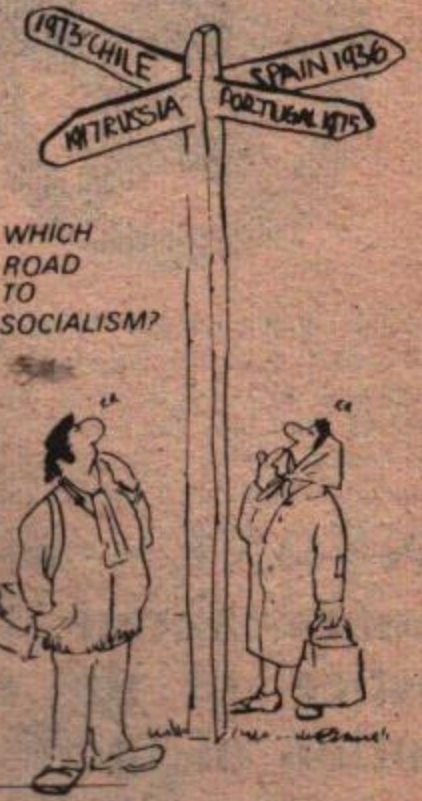
JOHN Webster says (17 September) that by going through the parliamentary road we can give you the reforms that will pave the way to socialism.

Allende said the same thing. He caused a reaction so barbaric that it nearly destroyed the working class movement completely.

The CP also say that bureaucrats can be changed—but changing one bureaucracy for another still leaves the new bureaucrats with the same privileges and in some cases a more powerful state apparatus.

The only way we are to achieve a better and fairer life is if we take it, run it ourselves and smash anything that tries to stop us.

□ S BASSINDALE, unemployed construction worker, Edinburgh.



## Which to tear up?

I HAVE recently left the Communist Party to join the SWP. I had been a CP member for seven years after coming here from Australia. During the last two years I have become disillusioned with the CP as a revolutionary party.

One of the main items of dissent was with the new draft of the British Road to Socialism which to me is certainly not the Marxist Road to Socialism.

On holiday this year, I read Lenin's book, State and Revolution. On finishing it, I realised I had one of two things to do: tear up the book or my Party card. I chose the latter.

□ B BARTLETT, S E London

## POSTAL POINTS

THREE young members of the SWP went along to a Young Socialists meeting recently at which the local MP was speaking.

However they were turned away when a YS organiser recognised them and claimed it was a closed meeting. It had in fact been advertised in the local paper.

So much for the non-sectarian Labour Party.  
□ GRAVESEND SWP

EAMONN McCann went on about Roy Mason (24 September) which he does very well.

The workers in Mackies in Belfast have smashed the pay guidelines which will benefit the workers all over Britain—as well as Northern Ireland. Yet no mention in the paper.  
□ M HIGGINS, Paisley

MAY I draw your attention to a group of people who, judging by their performance on the BBC series Open Door, displayed a contempt for the trade union movement. These are the Association of Self Employed

People. Throughout the programme one got the impression that they were just interested in 'acquiring the Midas touch' by exploiting working people for their own gains.

We must unite against these 'parasites of profit' and make sure there is never another Grunwick.  
□ K MULLEN, London.

HERE'S a little idea for gumming up the National Front's works.

They are advertising in the local newspapers inviting people to write to their headquarters at 91 Connaught Road, Teddington, Middx for further information.

If every SW reader wrote to this address it would cost them at least £3000 to reply.  
□ NIGEL WRIGHT.

MY FRIENDS and I are launching a Mary Bell release campaign and we need support and donations urgently. All our volunteers are unemployed. We need finance for petitions, stencils, etc.

No person should ever forget that Mary Bell was a child when she committed manslaughter—not murder.

□ M COOPER, c/o Mary Bell Release Campaign, 98 Lingdale Road, Bilton Grange, Hull, Yorks.

I WAS disappointed that your article What Scroungers? (24 September) made no mention of single mothers who form a large number of claimants.

Instead, you gave two divorced women as examples of unsupported mothers on social security.

Single mothers are not pathetic victims of absconding males, but women who are fighting patriarchy. Many of us reject marriage. Others simply regard it as a convention not valuable enough to warrant a forced wedding and automatic abortion or adoption, should we become accidentally pregnant.

Because of our resistance to the property-linked concept of marriage, we are vilified. Your paper, in ignoring our existence as embarrassing to your case, gives tacit support to patriarchy and also evades the feminist significance of the divorced mothers' struggles.  
□ KATHY PERLO, N London

## NUCLEAR ENERGY YES, NOT WEAPONS

THE TWO letters on nuclear energy (24 September) raise points which need to be answered.

On the question of whether we should oppose nuclear power completely, I agree with those fighting against its extension but this does not mean nuclear energy cannot serve a useful function in time.

In a socialist society, there would not be research into weapons of destruction.

A small point on George Johnson's letter: he's right that all socialists should be horrified that South Africa has developed the A-bomb. But let's remember that a nutter called Nixon had that weapon.

The belief that America and Russia's bombs are 'acceptable' but that they should not fall into the hands of 'less stable' developing countries has racist undertones.  
□ HUGH ROBERTSON, Aberdeen

CAPITALISM will naturally abuse the quality of life by disregarding the dangers of nuclear power in the interests of profit.

But nuclear energy may be necessary as a form of peaceful energy.

The disadvantages would have to be balanced against the disadvantages of non-nuclear power.

It is true that nuclear waste takes hundreds of years to decay. But technological techniques may be developed



to break it down.

Nuclear power may well be a safe and abundant source of power controlled by a sane society.  
□ WILLIAM McFARLANE, Lowestoft

I AGREE with Kevin Wingfield (24 September) that we should oppose all aspects of nuclear power—including the public relations label 'for peaceful purposes'.

It's doubtful if it could ever be safely used. Capitalists certainly cannot be trusted with anything nuclear. Profits are their overriding concern. Use comes a poor second and the dangers of misuse a poor third.  
□ JAMES ANDERSON, Central London

## POLICE HATRED?

THE EMOTIVE report on the police visit to Mrs Faith Foster's house (24 September) does no good to anyone.

It simply serves to arouse a hysterical hatred for the police, whom you surely appreciate are caught up in a difficult situation, largely not of their making.

There is also no corroboration on the police side for your report and it could be that the facts are substantially different from those presented, not least one can suspect a degree of provocation on Mrs Foster's part, since otherwise the behaviour of the police is inexplicable.

Hatred for the police and the encouragement of the black community to hate them and perhaps take the law into their own hands can only lead to more and more trouble with no-one gaining.  
□ G S HARVEY, Surrey.

## Paedophilia

THE ARTICLE on the Paedophile Information Exchange (24 September) forgets that it is not only children who are 'open to exploitation'.

It is often the child rather than the adult who initiates a relationship. Their rights must be fought for.  
□ FRANIYK, Lancaster.

CONGRATULATIONS on the article about the Paedophile Information Exchange. But paedophilia is not the result of a socially and sexually sick society. Its persecution is.  
□ J DIEBOLD, Canvey, Essex.

## Election dead-end

'ONE HAS to win elections', says John Webster of the Communist Party (17 September).

I suppose he and his friends will be trying to win elections for the next couple of centuries, while capitalism continues to roll along.

Lewisham proved how socialism can be presented to the mass public in a much quicker form than through constitutional electioneering (however more palatable this may appear).

Similar mass action on the streets will continue to be more successful than any electoral alternative.  
□ P GALLAGHER, Sheffield

## Who rules Britain?

SO NOW we know who rules Britain. According to the Daily Mail, it's the International Monetary Fund.

'They are', says the Mail, 'the unsung heroes of this sunnier hour. They are the ones who have compelled the unwilling socialists to make cuts in government expenditure'.

This rag always preaches 'democracy', but isn't Labour the democratically elected government?

It's no coincidence that you always have a sterling crisis when Labour is in power. These crises make a joke of Labour manifestoes.

It proves there is no parliamentary road to socialism.  
□ JOHN APPLEYARD, Leeds

## LESSONS OF LEWISHAM IN DEFENCE OF VIOLENCE



International Socialism 101 40p (inc postage) from 6 Cottons Gardens London E2 or 30p from your Socialist Worker seller.

## IN DEFENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

MOST of my friends are reds, many of them in the SWP.

A majority see the established churches as rich hypocrites. Sunday Christians, people with big cars and fancy hats.

As a non-conformist Christian, I myself am cynical about the Church of England.

I've studied the Christian Socialist movement of the nineteenth century. These great scholars saw that Christianity and socialism

were entirely compatible, indeed inseparable.

Christian living is not just philanthropy, the basket of bread to the slums popular with upper-class ladies in the last century.

Jesus expressed a totally left wing attitude in his life. He dropped a revolutionary bombshell by suggesting that there was more to life than mere ritual and that the right attitude was a loving one.

Surely this is what

socialism boils down to?

At the moment, you reds are so caught up in the fighting that you forget or haven't realised this. Socialism is about loving people enough that you want them never to suffer, about hating injustice and loving freedom.

And that's what Jesus is all about too.

□ RUTH LANGLEY, Lowestoft.

I BELIEVE in equality among human beings regardless of their colour, sex or creed.

I believe in the will of the majority and the rights of every citizen, from the newborn right up to the 90-year olds.

After making a statement like that, you might say that I'm a socialist and you'd be right. However, I'm also a Catholic.

Many people say Catholics

are right-wing bigots who pray for salvation but persecute homosexuals, socialists and even other Christians.

Unfortunately there are Catholics who behave in this fashion. My only defence is that they're entitled to their own opinions and my only consolation is that theirs is a fast-dying race.

□ D MURPHY, Manchester.

# DEATH OF A SOLDIER

'A SOLDIER died today after being shot in Belfast,' said the newscaster in a slightly bored voice—after all, so many soldiers had been shot it was no longer 'big news'.

The 'big news' was the reduction of Minimum Lending Rate by 2 per cent, which no doubt cheered the bankers and building societies but was little consolation to the dead man, his family, wife, kids, mother.

But sure, isn't that the way of it. No one cares about a dead British soldier.

By the following newscast it wasn't even mentioned. He, Private X, had ceased to exist.

One moment a living being, loved by his wife, adored by his kids, probably putting a brave face on being over in Belfast 'keeping the peace' yet not really believing it, not understanding it. Then, nothing.

Coughing out his life on a dirty street corner, a late news item on the TV news between the latest strike and the weather. What a way to die. Why?

## 'IT'LL MAKE A MAN OF YOU'

PRIVATE X was born in Glasgow, one of a family of seven. He went to the local school where he was in a class of 40.

The harassed teacher didn't care if he did any work or even if he was there, so Private X left school at 15 with a good British education. So he could write in a fashion and his favourite reading was comics.

So, semi-literate, he went in search of a job in a city of high unemployment. Thousands like him, all on the same quest, which ended in the dole queue. A statistic on a punched card spewed out by some computer.

Dole to pub and—as for most in that poor city—to petty crime. He falls foul of the police—those corrupt establishment bullies who see in this weak, silly youth a source of amusement, someone they can abuse, intimidate and convict without fear of reprisal.

Then to the courts. X is put through the mill by the hacks of the system. He is humiliated, as is his family, and broken in spirit.

Was it the magistrate who suggested he join the army? '... make a man of you ... teach you a trade ... see the world ...'

The sentence: 'Bound over to keep the peace for two years, and a £20 fine.'

by a Republican  
prisoner in Long  
Kesh Camp,  
Northern Ireland



'Playing the part of the crowd being snatched was somehow disturbing, bringing memories of Glasgow and police charges after football matches'

At home X is in trouble. His family can ill afford to pay the £20. It makes X feel his helplessness at the hands of the establishment—police, courts, solicitors. But he hasn't the education to think it out and fight back, he is 'apolitical'.

## SEEING THE WORLD

SO THE scene is set for him to join forces with the establishment he inwardly hates but fears, by enlisting in the British Army.

He joins a Scottish regiment. His parents have to fill in forms, for he's too young to enlist without their consent. But they, like him, are conditioned to believe the lie that a spell in the army will 'straighten him out, give him a trade.'

Did they not see the ad on TV about the soldiers in Canada, climbing, going to the rodeo, enjoying themselves? They signed the forms—his death certificate.

Then the camp. Dressed all the same, learning to drill and learning to kill. But it's all good fun, the comradeship, weekends to the local village pub, money in his pockets for the first time, courting the local girls.

No danger. Indeed this is the good life. Obey the orders, let the officers decide, they know best after all. A pleasant six months, then to Germany.

Imagine, seeing the world at no expense—and getting paid for it! Wasn't this the truth of it: serve the establishment and you will be well looked after? What job could give you more?

How was he to know that a decent education would have given him any financial reward he wanted—more, it might have given him political awareness, an insight into what the establishment was doing to his class. He might have been a socialist. Who knows?

But now, in the way of all soldiers, in peace time there's little work to do, few complaints except the odd route march and exercise.

Of course he's heard of Northern Ireland, but in Germany it's just a pleasant blur. Nobody asks why it's going on in Northern Ireland. Just stupid phrases copied from the junior officers: 'Irish wogs ... paddies ... go in and fix them.'

Anyway his regiment wasn't going there. Barrack gossip was next stop 'Sunny Cyprus'. No terrorists there. A bit of Turk trouble but we're not involved, so what the hell?

## TALK WAS OF 'BELFAST'

A YEAR and a half and back to Britain. A soldier, 19 year old. The regiment is going to Kent for special training, then home-leave.

With his thoughts full of going home he paid little attention to the lectures and learning to be a 'snatch squad' was just a bit of fun.

But playing the part of a crowd being snatched was somehow disturbing, bringing memories of Glasgow and police charges after football matches. He pushed it to the back of his mind.

The talk in the tents at night, was all 'Belfast', but he'd heard it before and anyway just three days and he'd be home. Seeing mum and dad again, sisters and brothers—he'd presents for them from all the places

he'd been.

He'd imagined his welcome a hundred times in daydreams. He wasn't disappointed. His family was overjoyed to see him and he was indeed a returning hero.

His parents must have thought how right they were to have encouraged him to join up. Wasn't he the big man now, so neat and tidy. Not at all like the 'scruffs' hanging about the pub he used to mate about with.

Six weeks passed quickly and he's saying farewell to his family. He doesn't know it's his last. Then base camp ... 'It's Northern Ireland.'

## THE ANGER AND THE FEAR

PRIVATE X isn't sure of his feelings. Was he afraid? A little, but a brave face to his mates ... mustn't let the side down ...

Anyway with the rush and bustle, the embarkation, getting berths on the boat, swapping yarns and supping beer, there's no time to think about it.

Then the briefing from an officer: 'You are going there to keep the peace ... paddies ... bad lot the IRA ... Protestants fairly friendly but not to be trusted fully ... keep your end up ... beat the Yabooos ...'

Then standing on a rainy, windswept dockside, trying to shelter from the cold. Tortoise-like, head withdrawn into your collar, wishing you were at home, anywhere but that bloody dockside.

After what seems like hours you arrive at your new home, a Wild West type fort with high fences and guard posts. A few jokes about cowboys, but little laughter.

When you're settled in the leg-pulling starts. The 'old hands' going out give the new boys stick. Lurid tales of snipers at every corner.

'Watch out for the sniper in The Murph—he never misses.' The laughter is a bit strained.

In the next few days he got to know the score in the district, the houses where the inhabitants were suspects. He went on raids at night—the frightened kids in bed not much different from his own family.

He was confused by that—he didn't like the thought.

It was, after all, the fault of these people. They sheltered the gunmen. Hell, they were the gunmen.

His first riot was frightening. A child was killed by a baton-round. Private X wrote to his mother he'd be glad to be out of here.

The next day a rocket was fired at a Saracen armoured car. Two soldiers were killed and some injured. Private X was angry and afraid. On patrol that evening he was under fire, a soldier was shot beside him.

Day follows night and for the first time he gets a glimpse of the establishment's double-dealing. But there wasn't time to think. It was forgotten in the race to stay alive.

Would this nightmare ever end? Would he ever return to the safety of Glasgow?

Three weeks after he'd arrived in Belfast Private X died. Nearby the glassless holes of a burnt-out bus gaped at him as his life force made rivulets in the dirt of last night's riot.

'The General Officer Commanding, Northern Ireland, General King regrets to inform you of the death of your son, Private X. He was an exemplary soldier, a credit to his regiment and to the British Army.'

## PLAISTOW: 800 ON MARCH

**EAST LONDON:** About 800 people marched through Newham last Saturday to protest against the proposed closure of Plaistow Maternity Hospital.

'It was great to see so many people on the march' said Pat Varney a member of the action committee which has been organising the work in at the hospital.

'It's reassuring for us to see people taking to the streets to support us. The march is only the beginning of our campaign to save the hospital.'

'Now that we have kicked out the management we want to think about improving the hospital.'

'Newham's hospitals have been allowed to get old and shabby and we want to do our bit to change things now we're in charge.'

'We hear our closure date will be around Christmas. That's when we'll need support on the picket line.'



## Sacked for being ill!

**LEEDS:** Seventeen year old Gary Taft thought that his wages were too low when he joined Spen Tyres Limited. He was getting £17 for a 44 hour week.

So when Gary became 18 he asked for a rise.

He was given £1 a week extra. Then Gary became ill. He was off work for three days, but he rang the firm and got a sick note from his doctor.

The managing director, Keith Prior, ignored this and told Gary, 'I don't care why you are off. You're fired.'

Gary Taft took Spen Tyres to an Industrial Tribunal, where the managing director explained what he thought about doctors' sick notes, 'Doctors cater for malingerers these days by giving them sick notes.'

The Tribunal announced that Gary had been unfairly dismissed and ordered the company to pay him 13 weeks wages.

But now Gary has the problem of finding another job, and as he says, 'There are a lot of teenagers working for Spen Tyres. They are being used as cheap labour.'

## Social Workers Sacked

**TWO SOCIAL** workers employed by Hereford and Worcester County Council Social Services Department have been suspended, following their arrests at Grunwicks and Ladywood.

Valerie Beint from Redditch Social Services Area Office is appealing against a conviction for 'threatening behaviour', resulting out of the demonstration against the National Front at Ladywood.

Terry Skyrme was arrested at Grunwicks on 1 July and charged with assault.

Both social workers have been suspended 'pending the outcome of legal proceedings'. Valerie Beint has also been reprimanded 'for not leaving a demonstration which had turned violent'.

Social workers in Hereford and Worcester have reacted quickly to the suspensions by blacking the duties of their suspended colleagues. The National and Local Government Officers Association (NALGO) are also opposing the suspension and have made this action official.

Messages of support to: Nalگو Branch Secretary, Hereford & Worcester, Barrier House, Worcester.

## Darlington: NUJ goes to mediation

**DARLINGTON:** Journalists at the Northern Echo in Darlington who have been on strike for three months for a closed shop, were putting their case to the government mediator this week.

The 108 Darlington journalists are supported by NUJ members at the London office who want an agreement which says they will be able to obey union instructions without being suspended.

The printers in Darlington are also out in support.

Other chapels in the Westminster Press group are meeting to discuss a recommendation from the Provincial Newspapers Industrial Council that they should be prepared to take strike action if the mediation fails.

The Darlington chapel has had support from rank and file printers. A meeting of

delegates from NGA (print union) chapels in Westminster Press recently voted not to return to work until the strike has been won.

But the TUC Printing Industries Committee has been putting pressure on the NUJ to settle the dispute.

The NUJ executive had previously agreed to go to mediation on condition that the closed shop is not negotiable. The PIC told the NUJ to rethink the decision.

The NUJ executive held an emergency meeting and agreed to go to mediation and look at the recommendation in the light of union policy.

Union policy is to establish 100 per cent post entry closed shops.

Messages of support and donations to: NUJ strike committee, Labour Club, Victoria Road, Darlington.

# BOLTON STRIKE WAVE GROWS

**THE WAVE** of engineering strikes which hit Bolton last month is hotting up.

**CHARLES TURNER:** 23 maintenance workers striking for a living wage for a 40 hour week are picketing round the clock. Tradesmen get £44 a week and management have refused to make an offer.

A picket has been hurt and two just escaped when a convoy of nine scab lorries crashed through official picket barriers—as police looked on.

But police quickly threatened to arrest a Right to Work supporter for not respecting the scabs' rights.

Ken Crompton, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers Shop Steward, told us: 'It's a great idea to get engineering workers in Bolton together, in order to base wage levels on those for engineers as a whole rather than on individual industry levels.'

Indeed on Friday morning the pickets received a boost when 50 men from nearby Radcliffe papermill and British Gypsum, both in pay disputes, joined the line.

The District Secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (to which the mill workers at Turners belong) was jeered and made to get out of his taxi and walk



POLICE dismantling a barricade on the picket line at Turners.

because he failed to show his union card!

But those bureaucrats who would drag their feet have a rude awakening to come. Strikers from Turners, British Gypsum, Eatons

Transmissions (where 700 mean are locked out for operating an overtime ban) and Radcliffe papermill are getting together with the Right

to Work Campaign to discuss solidarity picketing and wage levels.

This will be how the strikes are won, by the rank and file sharing their experience and showing their power on the picket line.

Donations and messages of support to: Brother Bill Edwards, 210 Deane Church Lane, Daubhill, Bolton.

**Quinton Hazel's Silencers Little Lever:** The occupation caused by management's refusal to pay for time lost waiting for the factory to warm up has forced management to meet with the AUEW members.

A mass meeting in the canteen voted for a return to work on Monday pending the result of the meeting with a view to re-occupying if necessary.

Kay & Co: 140 foundry workers returned to work last Monday after management guaranteed bonus payments. A great victory!

Meanwhile the President of the union most involved in these disputes is coming to Bolton. It is Hugh Scanlon of the Engineers.

But he isn't coming to see his members on strike. He is coming for a slap up dinner with the engineering employers. We have written to him asking him to come and visit the pickets instead. But there's been no reply.

So come on Hughie, we look forward to seeing you at lunch with your employer friends in Bolton on 12 October!

# DESOUTTERS STRIKE ENDS

**DESOUTTERS:** Monday 3 October at 7.30 in the morning 100 of the Desoutters strikers gathered outside the factory gates. Their long and bitter strike since 13 May had come to an end.

After those weeks of hardship fighting for recognition of their union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, they had been forced to abandon their strike and return to work with only recognition of individual membership of the union, and none for shop stewards committees or any bargaining rights.

The tragedy of this strike is that their own union forced them back to work. The inability of the Executive to take any decision on blacking, the local District Committee's refusal to implement a levy of even a meagre 5p per member, shattered the strikers living on £13 a week.

Faced with the prospect of their numbers dwindling they still stuck out for an extra week against all the odds for reinstatement of their sacked convenor, Fred Hopper.

But even that demand was refused.

The company, knowing the union was against their own members, was in a strong position.

But the tribute to their courage was that they held a mass meeting, elected a shop stewards committee and this

Monday they proudly marched into the factory.

They may have lost this strike but as Barry Moroney, said: 'We have won our dignity and determination to carry on the struggle to organise.'

Any money collected for the

Desoutters strikers please send. The Strike Committee reckon that their total debts add up to over £1,000.

Send to: Barry Moroney, 27 Springfield Mount, Colindale, London NW9.

## What we think

District Committee have slid a long way since then.

They have acted as if the Desoutters strike was an irritating embarrassment which they wanted to go away. A proper levy of all North London members, organised national blacking of all Desoutters products in the car factories they supply, mass picketing of the plant, could have brought an easy victory in a matter of weeks.

Why didn't any of this

happen? Part of the explanation is that the executive is now a right wing body.

### Failed

But the fault for the collapse of Desoutters is shared by the North London District Committee. Time and again they failed to deliver the most elementary support. Their failure allowed the executive off the hook.

From being a strong

militant area, north London engineering has become a backward and weak area, which cannot even defend stewards.

Thousands of workers are going to face similar problems to Desoutters in the months ahead.

That is why the Rank and File Conference called for this November is so important. The Conference will help create a network of militant shop stewards committees who will provide active assistance for workers on strike.

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### Why wasn't pensioner admitted to 'work-in' hospital?

AN OLD AGE pensioner died in Hounslow last week.

A few days before his death the authorities prevented him from being admitted to Hounslow Hospital, where a work-in is in progress.

There are disturbing signs that this was done deliberately to try to undermine the work-in.

Fred Ladyman, a 77-year-old founder-member of Hounslow Trades Council, was to be the fourth person to be admitted to the hospital since the beginning of the work-in.

He was in hostel accommodation and the warden was due to go on a fortnight's holiday. It was felt that Fred would be better off in hospital with nursing care rather than left in the hands of a relief warden.

So arrangements were made to have him admitted to Hounslow, where there are about 30 vacant beds for male patients.

Last Thursday, about 4pm, a call to Hounslow Hospital about arrangements to bring Fred in that night was overheard by a member of the District Management Team from nearby West Middlesex Hospital.

This person contacted the West Middlesex and a minicab was sent to collect Fred and take him there, not to Hounslow. He was taken to the psychiatric block because there was no other beds for him.

Despite the fact there was a bed at Hounslow waiting for him.

Later that evening Fred collapsed and was rushed to a medical ward. On Saturday afternoon he lost consciousness. He died on Monday.

### Air strike stepped up

THE AIR traffic control assistants are stepping up the picketing in their strike to force the government to concede their claim which was agreed two years ago.

The government are using the assistants as a test case for their pay policy and are refusing to budge.

At Heathrow the assistants have started picketing the cargo area.

At Glasgow Airport picket lines are being respected by Post Office Engineering Union, Union of Post Office Workers and Transport and General Workers Union drivers.

In order to keep up the picketing the air traffic control assistants have appealed to other Civil and Public Service Association members and the local labour movement to support the picket lines and to raise financial support.

Unfortunately some CPSA members who operate teleprinters are still working. It is hoped that they will be called out by their executive committee.

### GEC blockaded

SOUTH WALES: Pickets are preventing the dispatch of three quarters of a million pounds worth of colour televisions from the GEC plant at Hirwaun in South Wales, where all 1700 workers have been out for three weeks for a 30 per cent wage rise.

Average rates of pay on days are £35 a week and GEC have only been able to 'afford' an insulting 10 per cent offer out of their assets of £470 million and last year's profit of £278 million.

Luckily for the workers at GEC, Electrical, Electronic,

Technical Plumbing Trade Union fulltimers Clarke and Cahill have rushed to the scene with the following advice: 'Go back to work. At least you'll be getting more than you would on he dole.'

The workers, mostly members of the electricians union, rejected this 'advice' from their well-heeled officials by a two to one vote and the strike continues.

□ Donations and messages of support to 31 Clifton Street, Aberdare, Mid Glam.



PICKETS at the British Mail Order Company. Workers at the Wigan and Eccles plants walked out on strike in protest at appallingly low wages.

In the Eccles plant the take home pay of a male worker with a wife and child is just £32 for 40 hours.

Workers at Wigan have stayed out in spite of instructions by full time officials of their union. The shopworkers, USDAW, to return to work. At Eccles workers have gone back.

### CONFUSION FOR WIRE WORKERS

1500 wire drawers in the Warrington area have been on strike in pursuit of a £10 a week wage claim.

The strike in this usually right wing area of the union began following threats to Le Bright Bars workers. These workers along with all other wireworkers in the area had withdrawn from piecework to press their claim.

Management threatened them with suspension so the workers walked out. They were joined by all 1500 members of the Amalgamated Society of Wire drawers and Kindred Workers in the district.

Management at the Whitecross Works organised a meeting of their workers in a bid to get a local settlement. Regrettably shop stewards in the factory collaborated in this. No vote was taken.

The meeting ended in pandemonium following an attempt to bar wire drawers from other firms. Nevertheless Rylands' stewards organised a return to work.

This broke the unprecedented unity in the district and caused workers at some of the smaller factories to collapse and return.

Workers at Greenings Wire are still out for the full claim.

### Lorry drivers defy Healey

LORRY drivers in the West Midlands have successfully defied attempts by the Government to blackmail their employers into paying no more than a 10 per cent wage rise.

Haulage contractors, Brain Haulage, agreed in August to pay their drivers 15 per cent. The Department of Employment intervened and said that all Government contracts would be withdrawn from the company if they paid any more than 10 per cent.

The company gave way to the blackmail and the men

walked out on strike. For four weeks they organised pickets. Dockers in Southampton and Liverpool offered full support, and the company collapsed.

#### Dispute

Tommy Sheil, chairman of the container base and container hauliers co-ordinating committee, told Socialist Worker:

'Because we picketed various docks and inland ports and had excellent support from the trade unionists in those areas, our dispute was short.'

'I hope the Mackies workers

win their dispute. I don't see why the Government should get away with these tactics against Mackies and other workers.'

'We are representatives of working people who get accused of blackmailing the country, we don't see why the Government should get away with blackmail.'

Drivers at West Midlands Road Ways are still on strike for the same 15 per cent. Like the Brain Haulage drivers they were offered 15 per cent and had it withdrawn because of Government pressure.

West Midlands Road Ways is part of the same group of companies as the giant building firm, Bovis. They have made millions out of highly profitable Government contracts. Among their other monuments in the Midlands is the appalling Spaghetti Junction.

Drivers at Barkers, Tipton, and Peter Shirley Smith in Birmingham have also received awards of 15 per cent.

### Now a national claim!

A MEETING of representatives of lorry drivers in the Transport Union met in London last week to co-ordinate a national claim for around 34 per cent on their present basic wage of between £35 and £40.

Negotiations are conducted locally, and are opening now in Hull and for the whole of Scotland. These are the two groups who won massive claims against the Tory Government's wage policy in 1973 to 1974.



FUNERAL workers on the picket line at Manor Park in East London, in support of their claim for a decent wage.

Joe Goodman told Socialist Worker he had read that morning's Daily Mail front page attack on the strikers. 'It was diabolical. A bosses' view. Half of it was

lies.' Paul Harris added, 'I don't know where the Daily Mail got its information about overtime from. It certainly wasn't from us. There is no overtime. Instead we have to be on stand by for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But we don't get paid for it.'

# Anger as Leyland workers go back

BRITISH LEYLAND truck and bus workers at Leyland, were blackmailed into going back to work and accepting the 10 per cent limit and management's productivity deal.

There were angry scenes at the mass meeting on Thursday as workers were told that the strike was unwinnable and a return to work was recommended by the Joint Shop Stewards.

#### Lack of confidence

The reason for this became apparent when workers were told that the aNational Enterprise Board had informed our trade union leaders that if it didn't get its house in order then the NEB felt it could not inject any more cash into Leyland Motors.

A meeting earlier in the week with the Strike Committee and trade union leaders confirmed this. The trade union leaders said they couldn't or wouldn't make the strike official.

The vote taken at the meeting was two to one for the return to work, but this was by no means a unanimous vote, an indication of the lack of confidence in the present trade

union leaders.

The National Enterprise Board, and behind them the Labour Government, tried to blackmail us into going back to work. Our full time officials accepted being blackmailed and forced our shop stewards to accept it.

The President of my union, Hugh Scanlon, says we are now under free collective bargaining. But he won't support us.

Instead we've been driven back to work after three weeks on strike for exactly what we were offered before we went out.

And the Bus and Trucks Division of British Leyland made £21 million profit last year.

### OFFICIAL SNUB AT CASTINGS

WEST MIDLANDS: We are now in the third week of our strike for £10. The management say our claim breaks the Government's 10 per cent pay limit and have offered increases based on rises in productivity of between 10 and 15 per cent.

Even then they have offered us £3 for the first four weeks, and then £5.40.

Instead we came out on unofficial strike.

Bill Baker area organiser of the AUEW foundry section has been negotiating on our behalf but insists that our action in coming out on unofficial strike does not merit making the strike official.

Thanks to his total apathy (a union sell out) the men face the prospect of being on the streets without any official backing.

□ Donations and messages of support to David Barrett 6 Red Lion Close, Tividale, Warley, West Midlands.

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## Fighting tyranny in the tunnels

by LAURIE FLYNN

'WE MUST have every man in membership or our organisation will become a rope of sand.'

That was the watchword of Durham miners 100 years ago, fighting to defend their freedom to obtain decent wages and conditions against their employers' freedom to exploit them and pile up

profits.

Another group of miners are engaged in a similar make-or break struggle.

They are tunnel miners, organised in a two-year-old branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Their opponents are tunnelling

contractors like Edmund Nuttall, Balfour Beatty and John Murphy.

Until two years ago, when the tunnel miners achieved 100 per cent trade union organisation, the employers had a field day. They would say to men about to start a shift that they had to move the tunnel forward six or seven rings (12 or 14ft) in one shift or they would be sacked on the spot.

This tyranny meant the miners had to work fast, taking risks, cutting back on timbering and safety. They had no proper washing and changing and eating facilities.

### Rope

And they had to work a sixty hour week in five 12-hour shifts.

Since they forged their union organisation into a rope that isn't made of sand, their conditions have changed.

They have cut back the working week to 40 hours, creating more jobs in a time of high unemployment. And without loss of pay.

They have even obliged the employers to hire labour from the union's unemployed list, thus ending the tyranny of the blacklist.

Fronting the campaign against the tunnellers is the notorious non-union J Murphy company in Finsbury Park, North London. They've refused to take men from the unemployed list and are using lumpers from a sub-contractor called Kayshaw.

But the tunnellers are fighting back. They've pulled out their members on 35 sites throughout the country so far and are sending round delegations this week to pull out more.

### Moved

Last week they also occupied the Murphy's site and staged a stay-down strike.

Murphy's applied for a court injunction. They got it last week and 400 policemen moved in to repossess their hole in the ground.

Police support for the employers who control this lawless industry speaks volumes about the role which they have to play. It's their job to protect the scabs' so-called right to work and to deny that same right to union men.

Murphy's profound regard for law and order was shown recently when they got done for a £1 million-plus tax evasion conspiracy. And their safety record rivals that of the asbestos companies.

Not content with police support, Murphy's have also been lobbying the TGWU. One of the Murphy family members himself went to Transport House on Monday to urge the union to curb the picket.

### Picket

Some union leaders have told the TGWU members to do just this. If tempted to do so, the tunnellers should remember how far moderation has got the Grunwicks strikers. Nowhere!

As the tunnellers' branch secretary, Jim Duffy, told Socialist Worker on Tuesday: 'They are using every trick against us.'

'The conditions on this job are appalling, with men eating and changing in one lousy hut, with 12-hour shifts and compulsory six-day-a-week working.'

'We are fighting for the very existence of our union and we mean to win. We need help here on the picket line and we need financial support.'

Send donations and messages of support to T Gallagher, 29 Deanhouse, Woodbury Grove, London, N4.

# 17 OCTOBER

## The mass picket that must stop Grunwicks



**THE Grunwicks Strike Committee have named Monday 17 October as the date for restarting the mass pickets.**

'We hope we'll see thousands of people there,' Mrs Desai, strike treasurer, told Socialist Worker.

The call for mass pickets is the last chance the strikers have of saving the strike.

There have been persistent reports in the press that the strikers' union, APEX, wants to forget about Grunwicks. The TUC General Council has offered no suggestions for winning—despite all the noises of sympathy they've been making.

Roy Grantham, APEX general secretary, told a BBC radio interviewer that the strikers 'will just have to be patient.' He has told the strikers that the union will not support their call for renewed mass picketing.

For the past few months now no labour movement gathering has been complete without an almost ritual call for support for the Grunwicks strikers. The call is always supported un-animously.

It is the one cause that

**ABOVE: 11 July, the day we almost won the Grunwicks strike.**

**RIGHT: The Grunwicks' picket line today. That's why the strikers need YOU on Monday 17 October.**



'respectable opinion', including cabinet ministers and top trade union leaders, have been able to take to their hearts and use to pronounce their faith in the 'rights of ordinary people'.

But still the wicked employer

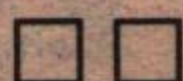
refuses to give in.

So in the face of this upstart boss what do the official leaders of the labour movement suggest the Grunwicks strikers do?

So cowardly are they that they dare not say it openly. But

everyone knows that the whispers are 'Better they give in', 'Mustn't upset Labour's election chances with more violence on the picket line.'

**So what do they propose? They propose to leave the Grunwicks strikers on the picket line throughout yet another winter.**



They hope they will eventually go away. Unless there is a wide response to the strike committee's call for mass

picketing this is exactly what will happen.

The only way to avoid this disgrace is to take our cue from the strike committee and ignore the official leaders of the move-ment.

There must be a great response to their call. We must prove that workers have the guts to fight for what they believe in.

**Unlike the two-faced cowards who run our unions.**

Contact your shop stewards' committee, trade union branch or trades council and make sure coaches are booked.  
**MASS PICKET AT GRUNWICKS, Monday 17 October, 6.30am onwards, Chapter Road, London NW10 (next to Dollis Hill tube station).**