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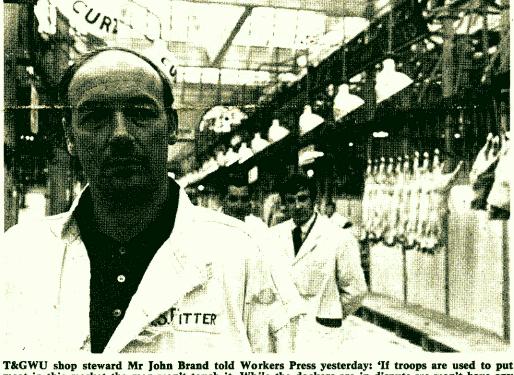
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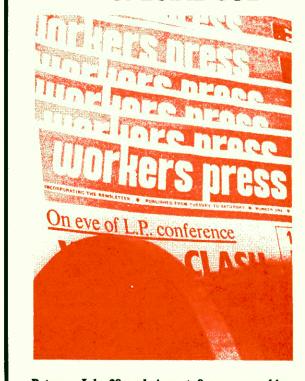
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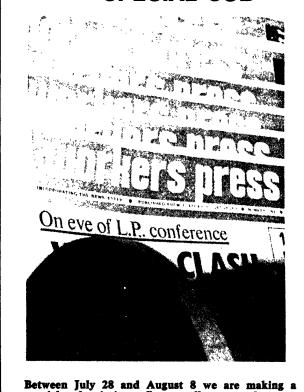
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They have not been able to operate this system for three main reasons.

- (1) Relatively full employment over the past period, in many cases, with the shortage of skilled labour, has meant that an employer has been concerned to hang on to all his labour force, even during a slack period.
- (2) With many specialized processes it has proved cheaper to retain workers who know the work rather than have to constantly re-train.
- (3) The enormous shop-floor strength developed during this period, enabling the working class to resist sackings and to fight for the right to work.

This has stopped the employers operating the system they would like.

However, government experts continue to examine this method and present developments in dock work and with the electrical contracting industry Joint Industry Board suggests efforts by the employers to introduce some form of 'stand by' system are still being prepared.

Under this, workers who could not be kept occupied even with the operation of the flexibility and mobility proposals, would get a retaining wage (retained by the industry, not necessarily by the firm).

Although during the early part of setting up this pool system the government may make the employers pay a contribution towards cost of getting it started, and although a relatively high stand-by wage may be paid, once the scheme is well entrenched and thousands of workers are on the pool, the government and employers would adopt a completely arrogant attitude.

The stand-by would be cut to near dole-level and the money for it taken from the worker's direct contribution deducted from wages.

Also, in all probability, this pool system would apply to skilled workers which the employers wished to keep available. The rest would simply be on the dole.

What about redundancy payments? Don't they see you over until you get another job?

THAT IS what you are supposed to think. The redundancy payments scheme has been set up by the govern-ment to give the impression that it is all right to get the sack, because you get a lump sum to carry you over until you get the next job.

This also fits in with proposals for 're-deployment' and re-training various schemes. While a few workers may be lucky enough to get a payment which is useful, the vast majority will get no bene-

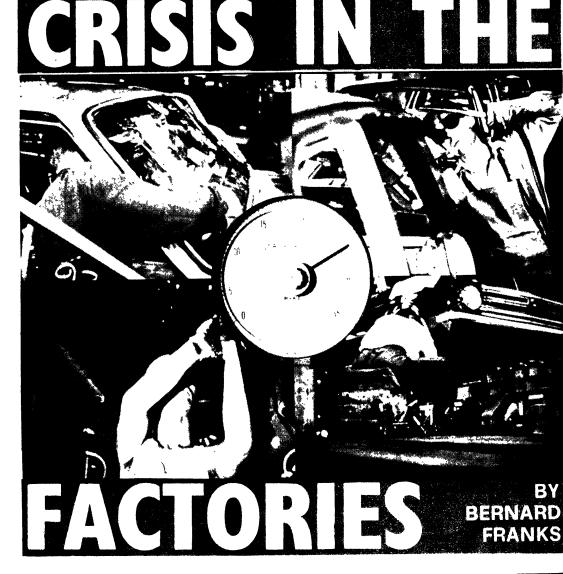
For example, workers who leave or are sacked for refusing to work the new methods or speeds, or refusing to move on to other plants or jobs, or workers who are simply forced out by the low rates of pay, high cost of travelling to work, etc., get nothing.

Only where an employer declares that he is sacking you because the job is being wound up, or eliminated, will payment be made; (also for some short-time working or lay-offs).

The employers, if allowed to get away with it, will use all sorts of methods to make a job unbearable, in the hope of forcing workers to leave of their own accord, hiding behind their no sacking 'guarantees' to avoid redundancy payment.

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# Job evaluation, phasing, equal pay

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

class is that some union leaders and militants are playing along with the government scheme, and instead of waging an all-out struggle for the right to work and against all closures and sackings, are trying to divert the struggle into one for better redundancy payments. This is a complete fraud.

Even if an increase of a few extra pounds is achieved, of what use is this when the prospect is one of permanent unemployment?

Although at some stage it is correct to fight for proper payment for workers when leavTHE QUESTION is not whether a few workers may be benefiting at the moment from the scheme, but what is its over-all aim?

The passing of the Industrial Training Act by the Labour government followed by the setting up of industrial training centres, has been given a good deal of publicity in the press and on the radio and TV and in trade union iournals.

As just stated, a part of this may be to encourage workers to feel that getting the sack is not too much to worry about. This system is also expected

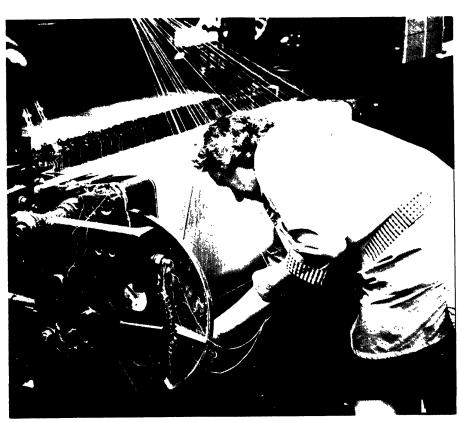
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Only when the miners have been trained in this new trade can they be used as a big stick with which to beat the engineers into accepting a lower standard of living, speed-

But in general, they would be no more than a threat.

They would not get the jobs because the engineering employers would give preference to a worker who has been in the trade for some years rather than employ one with only a few months training.

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ing or retiring from a firm, to substitute this for a struggle for the fundamental principle of the right to work, is a betrayal of the workers con-

You mention that re-training schemes could be a swindle like redundancy payments? But I've heard of workers being able to get other jobs through this training. Surely it widens your

scope for finding work. What's wrong with that?

flexibility, interchangeability and mobility proposals, as even the employers realize that the workers cannot simply swop from one skill to another instantly; also such training, if it is to fit in with government planning, must encourage workers to accept work study.

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In fact schools are being set up as part of industrial training schemes specifically to spread work study methods.

For example the Construction Industry Training Board opened a special work-study school in May 1968 to run courses for management, supervisors, foremen and trade unions' officials.

According to the specialist magazine 'Work Study' this

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industry and thousands of miners were out of work. This pool of unemployed would still not constitute a threat to the jobs of the other workers that the government want to attack, say engineers, if the miners

be out of a job. Under this principle, re-training schemes would not be training for employment, but training for unemployment.

Does this fit in with selective Employment Tax? Wasn't this supposed to push workers out of offices and shops and into engineering, etc.?

THAT'S RIGHT! But at the same time as these workers from services and distributive trades were to be 're-deployed', extensive productivity schemes were being worked out for these trades, and rationalization programmes were planned for these very industries that were to have absorbed those workers.

As we know, such schemes even when training is pro-

According to the Reddaway Report on SET the tax reduced employment in the retail trade by 100,000 jobs and in wholesaling firms by 30,000.

As we said above, these schemes are simply a plan to extend unemployment.

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In order, then, to receive the same pay as men they will have to increase output (speed, intensity of labour) by a set amount defined by the jobevaluation consultants.

At the same time, women will be expected to give up all protective practices, restrictions on excessive hours, and shift work—in the name of 'equal work'.

Clause One of the Equal Pay Bill states:

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This type of organization would be of immense advantage to the employers inasmuch

- (1) it would completely enslave the worker to the needs of production;
- (2) would control all wages at a level fixed by the Board;
- (3) it would single out all militants for 'blacklisting';
- (4) it would weaken the trade unions further as defence organizations of the working class by tying them to the needs of business; (5) it would prepare the way
- for state control of the unions as such Boards would inevitably come under government supervision, perhaps through such bodies as the Prices and Incomes Board or the Department of Employment and Productivity.

Developments in these directions are now taking place in the electrical contracting industry where the aim is to replace shop stewards with 'board representatives' whose main function will be to see that the directives of the board are carried out.

> You show that employers are working to an overall government policy, but does this apply to everything? For example, some firms are demanding an end to overtime while other firms are demanding that overtime be worked. Can't they make up their minds?

THE POLICY put forward through various Prices and Incomes Board reports, is that overtime should be 'eliminated' and instead, the amount of work now done in eight hours plus overtime be done in eight hours only, and that doubleand three-shift working is more profitable than fewer hours paid at overtime rates.

### BBC 1

10.40 a.m. Watch with mother. 10.55-1.00 p.m. Cricket. 1.45 News and weather, 1.53 Grandstand. The British Commonwealth Games. Athlectics, boxing and cricket Gillette Cup semi-finals. 4.55 'The Happy Age'. Film from France. 5.15 Tom Tom. 5.44 Abbott and Costello, 5.50 News and weather.

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6.50 THE DOCTORS. 7.15 BRIAN RIX PRESENTS. 'Clutterbuck'. By Benn W. Levy.

8.45 NEWS and weather. 9.00 LABOUR PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST.

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#### REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except:

Midlands and E Anglia: 6.00-6.15 Your region tonight, weather. 11.57 North of England: 6.00-6.15 Your region tonight, weather. 11.57 News, weather. Wales: 6.00-6.15 Wales today, weather. 6.50-7.25 Heddiw. 7.25-7.55 'Royal

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BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school. 4.10-6.30 p.m. Cricket Gillette Cup semi-

8.00 LOUIS MALLE'S INDIA. 'Reflections in a Lens'. 8.50 JOHN WILLIAMS. Guitarist plays Bach, Praetorius and

9.00 LABOUR PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. 9.10 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Mantovani and his concert orchestra. 10.00 FANNY CRADDOCK. Cheese and wine party.

10.20 'CORTEZ AND THE LEGEND'. Reconstruction of the adventures surrounding Hernando Cortez's conquest of Mexico

11.10 NEWS and weather. 11.15 LINE-UP.

#### ITV

2.00 p.m. Racing from Sandown Park. 4.17 Tingha and Tucker club. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Anything you can do. 5.20 Freewheelers. 5.50

6.02 THE SAINT. 'Interlude in Venice'.

7.30 CORONATION STREET.

8.00 IT TAKES A THIEF. 9.00 LABOUR PARTY BROADCAST.

9.10 TALES OF EDGAR WALLACE. 'Man at the Carlton Tower'.

10.40 NEAREST AND DEAREST. 'Two Pennies to Rub Together. 11.10 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. From Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

11.55 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

12.10 a.m. LAND OF THE RISING SUN.

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CHANNEL: 2.00-4.15 London. 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 African patrol. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Nanny and the professor. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 Life in France. 9.10 Music hall. 10.10 London. 11.50 Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As channel except: 4.25 News. 4.27 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.55 Faith for life. Midnight weather. SOUTHERN: 2.00-3.35 London. 4.00 Hcuseparty. 4.15 Sara and Hoppity. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.30 Doris Day. 7.00 Jokers

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ATV MIDLANDS: 2.00 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Branded. 7.30 London. 8.00 Avengers. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.10 London. 11.45 Who knows? weather.

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YORKSHIRE: 2.00-3.35 London. 3.55 Houseparty. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.35 F troop. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

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BORDER: 2.00 London. 4.13 News. 4.15 Freud on food. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.00 London. 11.55 News, weather.

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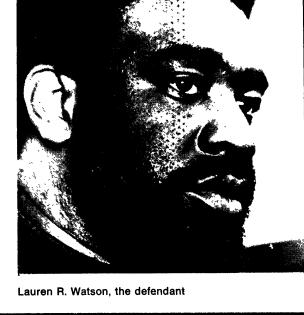
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A Negro, Lauren Watson, was arrested for a traffic violation and for eluding arrest by a white policeman. The Negro was a leading Black Panther and the trial shows the way in which the constant harassment and persecution of the Negro minority, especially of militants, is brought to the fore despite

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If the pool system of employment were in operation, this would also be

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- (1) it would completely enslave the worker to the needs of production; (2) would control all wages
- Board; (3) it would single out all militants for 'black-

at a level fixed by the

- listing'; it would weaken the trade unions further as defence organizations of the working class by tying them to the needs of
- business: (5) it would prepare the way for state control of the unions as such Boards would inevitably come under government supervision, perhaps through such bodies as the Prices and Incomes Board or the Department of Employment and Productivity.

Developments in these directions are now taking place in the electrical contracting industry where the aim is to replace shop stewards with 'board representatives' whose main function will be to see that the directives of the board are carried out.

You show that employers are working to an overall government policy, but does this apply to everything? example, some firms are demanding an end to overtime while other firms are demanding that overtime be worked. Can't they make up their minds?

- THE POLICY put forward through various Prices and Incomes Board reports, is that overtime should be 'eliminated' and instead, the amount of work now done in eight hours plus overtime be done in eight hours only, and that doubleand three-shift working is more profitable than fewer hours paid at overtime rates.

### BBC 1

10.40 a.m. Watch with mother. 10.55-1.00 p.m. Cricket. 1.45 News and weather. 1.53 Grandstand. The British Commonwealth Games. Athlectics, boxing and cricket Gillette Cup semi-finals. 4.55 'The Happy Age'. Film from France. 5.15 Tom Tom. 5.44 Abbott and Costello. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 LONDON. 6.15 GRANDSTAND. The British Commonwealth Games and Cricket. Gillette Cup semi-finals.

THE DOCTORS. 7.15 BRIAN RIX PRESENTS. 'Clutterbuck'. By Benn W. Levy.

8.45 NEWS and weather. 9.00 LABOUR PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST.

9.10 FROST OVER AMERICA. David Frost talks to Orson Welles. 10.00 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES. Boxing.

10.30 24 HOURS. 11.05 BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES. Boxing. Cricket Gillette Cup semi-finals. 11.55 Weather.

#### REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except:

Midlands and E Anglia: 6.00-6.15 Your region tonight, weather. 11.57 region tonight, weather.

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#### BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school. 4.10-6.30 p.m. Cricket Gillette Cup semi-

7.30 NEWS and weather. 8.00 LOUIS MALLE'S INDIA. 'Reflections in a Lens'.

8.50 JOHN WILLIAMS. Guitarist plays Bach, Praetorius and Albeniz 9.00 LABOUR PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST.

9.10 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Mantovani and his concert orchestra. 10.00 FANNY CRADDOCK. Cheese and wine party. 10.20 'CORTEZ AND THE LEGEND'. Reconstruction of the adventures surrounding Hernando Cortez's conquest of Mexico

from 1519-1521. 11.10 NEWS and weather. 11.15 LINE-UP.

2.00 p.m. Racing from Sandown Park. 4.17 Tingha and Tucker club. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Anything you can do. 5.20 Freewheelers. 5.50

6.02 THE SAINT. 'Interlude in Venice'. 7.30 CORONATION STREET.

8.00 IT TAKES A THIEF.

9.00 LABOUR PARTY BROADCAST.

9.10 TALES OF EDGAR WALLACE. 'Man at the Carlton Tower' 10.40 NEAREST AND DEAREST. 'Two Pennies to Rub Together.

11.10 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. From Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

11.55 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY. 12.10 a.m. LAND OF THE RISING SUN.

#### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 2.00-4.15 London. 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 African patrol. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Nanny and the professor. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 Life in France. 9.10 Music hall. 10.10 London. 11.50 Epilogue, weather.

WESTWARD. As channel except: 4.25 News. 4.27 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.55 Faith for life. Midnight weather. SOUTHERN: 2.00-3.35 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Sara and Hoppity. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. Crime desk. 6.30 Doris Day. 7.00 Jokers

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HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.23-4.25, 6.01-6.35 Scene West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 11.55 Y dydd. 12.25 Weather.

HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01 Y dydd. 6.30-6.35 Report Wales.

ANGLIA: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.25 Newsroom. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 7.30 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.00 London. 11.55 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 2.00 London. 4.02 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Branded. 7.30 London. 8.00 Avengers. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.10 London. 11.45 Who knows? weather.

ULSTER: 2.00-4.05 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Viewfinder. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby. 9.00 Music hall. 10.00 News. 10.30 From glen to glen. 11.00 Wrestling.

YORKSHIRE: 2.00-3.35 London. 3.55 Houseparty. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.35 F troop. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Saint. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 1.35 Encore university challenge. 2.00 London. 4.10 News. Short story. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.10 Octopus. 6.30 Big valley. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.00 London.

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BORDER: 2.00 London. 4.13 News. 4.15 Freud on food. 4.40 Tingha and Tucker. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Baron. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.00 London. 11.55 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.17 London. 6.00 Summer scene. 6.25 Police call. 6.30 Raw deal. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.10 London. 11.10 Gateway. 11.45 Late call. 11.50 Two-shot golf.

GRAMPIAN: 2.00-4.10 London. 4.25 Handful of songs. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Mad movies. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 8.55 Police news. 9.00 London. 9.10 Music hall. 10.10 London.

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#### RANK CARTWRIGHT

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Clearly everyone's intentions

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And the BBC's introduction,

A Negro, Lauren Watson, was arrested for a traffic violation and for eluding arrest by a white policeman. The Negro was a leading Black Panther and the trial shows the way in which the constant harassment and persecution of the Negro minority, especially of militants, in hard the fore dentity is brought to the fore despite attempts by the police and the authorities to disguise it.

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Loyal Protestant readers who turn to the centre pages will find another battle under way. This time it is 'The Battle of Britain -1970', as presented by the Right Honourable Enoch Powell

The 'Telegraph' devotes its entire centre spread to 'a com-plete and unabridged transcript of Enoch Powell's controversial speech delivered in Birmingham on June 13, 1970.

'This speech,' it says, 'has been cruelly misrepresented and in substance misreported. It was on the basis of this speech that the former Home Secretary, James Callaghan, warned that Powell was tending to "Paisleyism".

'Let us add,' the paper goes on, 'that though our readers will be able to judge for themselves, we cannot agree with Mr Powell's point that some third force has manipulated religious differences in Ulster. Rome has been and the historic foe not only of Ulster Protestants, but of Christian civilization.'

And with this single comment, Paisley's journal reproduces the whole of Powell's diatribe, including the passage about 'the enemies of Britain' watching the numbers of W Indians, Africans and Asians' mounting.

Paisley is too clever, as a rule. to be caught saying anything about issues unrelated to Roman Catholicism, Irish nationalism or the British monarchy.

But his movement is here directly associating itself with Powell's views on immigration, law and order' and the fight against communism. This is certainly in line with

the action of his colleague in the British Council of Protestant Christian Churches, the Rev Brian Green, who stood in the General Election in Islington as a National Front candidate.

DES WILSON, described in 'The Times' as a 'dynamic' 'whizz-kid revolutionary' has resigned as director of Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless.

His appointment as the director of the Consumer Council is expected in the near future.

Since his new post will carry a salary of £6,500 a year (some 'dynamism') our Des should at least be able to buy himself a home if he hasn't already got one, while, of course, retaining

commuters who apparently take a long time getting home from work. This searing problem does not now seem to be overshadowed by

his deepest symapthy for those

less fortunate.

The reason Wilson gives for

this rather lucrative change is

that sometimes the enthusiasm of

charity directors wanes, that he

was in danger of becoming a bore

(God forbid!) and that he wants

to fight for changes within the

movement from without.

Workers Press notebook

PROTESTANT

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the increasing number of Lon-

His regular column in 'The Guardian' complained on July 17 has indeed found the streets of London paved with gold, as well as with homeless people. at the delays suffered by London's But certainly, he had a talent for organizing protests. His success may well be an inspiration

doners without either homes or

Nevertheless, Des Wilson is 'not

Its cause, he says, is 'urgent

apprehensive' about the future

and just' and its servants 'com-mitted and talented'—if not quite

Ten years after coming here from New Zealand, Mr Wilson

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to others. Tariq Ali, please note.



ANOTHER prominent personality who has taken rather longer to gain recognition for his talents, is Mr Michael Foot MP.

Mr Foot has been elected to Labour's Shadow Cabinet, re-ceiving 124 votes (compared with that other erstwhile stalwart of 'Tribune', Mrs Barbara Castle, who got 98).

Foot joins the '12 Apostles' but two other aspirants, Mr Eric Heffer and Mr Ian Mikado, re-ceived only 78 and 61 votes respectively. Nevertheless it must be said

that Mr Heffer has travelled far since his days in the Revolutionary Workers' Party, when even joining the Labour Party was considered crass opportunism, and all parliaments were damned. It is fitting that the success of Mr Foot and the steady climb of Mr Heffer should occur on

the same day as the Labour leadership collaborated with the Tories in introducing a state of emergency aimed at breaking the dock strike.

Heffer, in particular, is most adept at never letting his left hand know what his right hand

On the one hand he criticizes the Labour leaders for accepting the state of emergency, on the other he declares in parliament: 'I am not opposed to a court of

(It should never be forgotten that Heffer started out on the road to fame by helping to end the seamen's strike of 1966—an action for which he was praised by Harold Wilson in parliament.) So from Des Wilson through to Michael Foot and Eric Heffer,

as the crisis of capitalism becomes daily more acute, the protestors and the opportunists find their natural habitat - in the Establishment.

LENINGRAD'S Tauride Palace, headquarters of the Petrograd Soviet in 1917, was the scene last week of a different type of gathering.

Foot

Here assembled the mayors of towns all over the world, at the conference of the World Federation of Twinned Towns.

Among the 2,000 delegates were mayors from Spain and Israel. Representatives of the Vatican and the United Nations were also there.

and of cultural and technical exchanges, 'especially through the increase of bilingualism'. At the end, everybody, including the Israelis, voted for a resolution which expressed anxiety at the menace of 'aggres-

sion aggravated by the occupation

of towns, the bombing of civilian

populations and the causing of

massive exoduses, multiplying the

Opening a four-day orgy of platitude, the Mayor of Lenin-

grad, Sizov, stressed the urgency

of a 'concrete programme of aid to cities of developing countries',

number of refugees'.

the delegates was rather more clearly expressed by the remarks of one of the Spaniards to a iournalist.

'If we had taken account only of our own political opinions,' he said, 'we would have hesitated to come to a city where the cult of Lenin is only equalled by that of Peter the Great.

'If we are present, without regret, it is because we consider the need for a dialogue, in the interests of peace and goodwill between people of different ideo-This fascist talked just like a

'Morning Star' editorial.

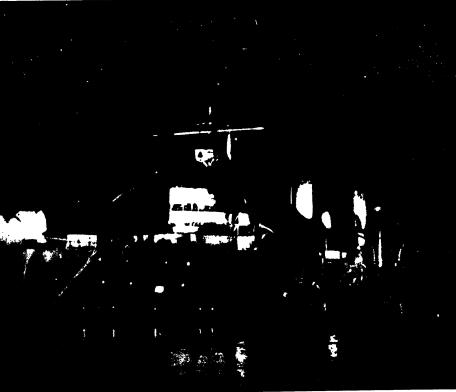
But he spoke in the hall where the representatives of the Petrograd working class heard Lenin outline the programme of the

October Revolution.

To complete the picture of peaceful co-existence, and its contrast with the foundation of the Soviet Union, some French war-ships anchored in Leningrad

Where, in October 1917, the revolutionary sailors had moored the cruiser 'Aurora' and launched the attack on the Winter Palace. Pompidou's navy entertained the delegates — fascists, Papal envoys and all. Zionists,





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preparation for fresh

Jan and Karel Sling,

sons of Otto Sling, the

Brno Party Secretary who

was framed and hung in the 1952 Slansky trial,

together with Jan Vlk,

whose father was con-

demned for 'Trotskyism'

in the 1950s, have used

their constitutional right

of petition to send a

protest to the Party

Presidium, the government

'It is shocking to see,' they write, 'that 16 years after the trials of the so-called "traitors" and seven years after the "rehabilitations",

illegal acts are again perpetrated . . .
'One can claim once that it

was a question of the errors and faults of certain indivi-

duals, but on a second occa-

sion this argument is worth-

less.
'If there are fresh political

trials no one will be able to hide the fact that they are an

integral part of the policy of

The three denounce the bureaucracy's cynical persecution of the families of their

victims:
'In the 20th century, in a supposedly socialist and civil-

ized state, young people are kept out of suitable work and

prevented from studying be-

cause their parents are presently "on the index"... One would think the Middle

Ages had returned.'

and parliament.

Young

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THREE young Czechoslovaks, in a courageous public

letter, have raised their voices against the political

purges.

## Sheffield forgemen say no to productivity

THE UNOFFICIAL strike of 100 forge workers at the Neepsend Combine's three Sheffield plants (Moss and Gambles, Jonas and Colver, and Denton and Best), now entering its seventh week, has only just been made official

'We are staying out until we get our claim, 25 per cent increase in all piecework prices,' one of the strikers told the Workers Press.

A steward from Moss and Gambles said: 'Piecework rates have been static for the last 20 years. Bus fares, prices, everything is going up except our wages.'

The forge workers, who average £17 to £18 for a 40hour week, are angry about alleged scabbing in the plant.

They have firmly rejected a management offer which sought to tie a 25s rise to 7½ per cent productivity increase.

The local leaderships of the three unions involved—General and Municipal, AEF and Boilermakers — must be asked why they took so long to make the strike official.

# Rehabilitation attacked Husak regime defends torture methods

CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S 'Rehabilitation Senates' have again been sharply attacked by Prague Radio.

**Busmen face** computer control

BY BERNARD FRANKS

The report explains that

the aim is always to reduce total wage cost of the schedule

without picking up stretches of work more than necessary'.

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of the number of crews: 'The

programme will use the num-

ber it considers the minimum.

Advances

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port, technology could be of great benefit if controlled by

workers themselves, at pre-sent these are being used solely to cut jobs.

Rather than pay a decent wage for a decent service the

employers pin their hopes of

saving costs on one-man buses

carrying 80 and 90 passengers

and penny-pinching re-arrangements of work schedules.

**MARKET** 

BRUSSELS

Brussels, Tuesday—Britain

and the six Common

Market countries met here

today to open their first

detailed talks on Britain's

bid to join the European

The British team at the

talks, scheduled to last many

months, is led by Mr Anthony

Barber, whose main task is

to secure the lowest possible

entry price.

Mr Barber met the six

magne Building in their first

meeting since negotiations on

British entry were formally opened in Luxembourg on

After today's session to decide which issues shall be

taken up first, the ministers will adjourn until late Sep-

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While it is true that many

It is also claimed that no

USE of a computer to schedule and control bus crew work and operation of buses is being examined by Leeds University Operational Research Department, according to the current trade paper 'Motor Transport'.

The information initially required for the scheme to

- (1) A list of all the written and unwritten restrictions in the agreement with the
- (2) the bus schedule giving the times at which buses enter or leave the garage, or pass a relief point; (3) the signing-on and signing-off allowances at
- every garage and relief point used: (4) the time needed for crews to travel between

different garages and/or

- relief points and the allowance paid for this;
  (5) canteen facilities at every garage and relief point, and any allowances in time, or money for travel to or from the canteen; (6) the method used to compute the wages paid for

#### Computer

This is fed into a compute which builds up a schedule by working towards the middle of the day from each

duties (early, spreadover, mid-day or late) are all decided.

#### WEATHER

London area, SE, central England, E and W Midlands, Channel Islands: Sunny inter-Cool. Max. 19C (66F).

SW England: Cloudy with Cool. Max. 17C (63F).

NW England, Glasgow area, N Ireland: Cloudy with heavy showers, perhaps with thunder. Some bright intervals. Cool. Max. 16C (61F). Edinburgh: Cloudy with scattered showers, some sunny spells. Cool. Max. 16C (61F).

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Continuing unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain, but also some sunny

#### **ALL TRADES** UNIONS ALLIANCE

ABERDEEN: Wednesday July 22, 8 p.m. Music Hall, Union Street. 'Support the dockers! Defeat the Tories'. GLASGOW: Thursday, July 23, 7,30 p.m. Woodside Halls, near Georges Cross. 'Support the dockers' strike! Force the Tories

envisaged in the 1968 Trans port Act have been shelved. Tory Minister of Transport John Peyton, answering MP's questions last week, put the cost of installing this £40 recording device in the 650,000 goods vehicles covered by this section of the Act at £30

### LATE NEWS

ROLLS BOARD CRITICIZED Rolls-Royce shareholders, anxious about a slump in the company's profits, criticized the management at the company's annual meeting in Derby yesterday.

The board reported that profits after tax were halved in 1969 to £4 million. One shareholder called the

acceptance by the chairman Sir Denning Pearson, of a £9,000 rise a 'shocking example' from the chairman of a company which was asking workers not to come forward with wage demands.

'POSITIVE PROGRESS' IN SALT TALKS

Vienna, Tuesday — United States and Soviet negotiators have made positive progress here towards some form of initial understanding on curbing the muleical states and Solution of the muleical states and states and support at the positive progress and Solution of the muleical states and Solution of the solution of ing the nuclear arms race, it was reported yesterday.

Set up under Dubcek to expose the faked trials and purges carried out by the bureaucracy after 1948, their inquiries now pose a serious threat to the Husak regime, which draws many of its cadres from Stalinists deeply implicated in the frame-ups of Gottwald and Novotny.

The radio broadcast complains:

'It is known that in some cases their approach in dealing with applications was insufficiently responsible and that there was a patent endeavour to rehabilitate crimes even when the offenders had been rightly condemned.

The broadcast opposes the reversal of a verdict on the grounds that it was based on a confession extracted under torture or other forms of coercion:
'In the course of the pre-

liminary investigations [by the 'Rehabilitation Committee'] some of the accused talked of psychological and physical co-ercion from the interrogators [at the original trial].

'Even though their plea of guilty had been correct, the Special Senate nevertheless adopted the standpoint that the confessions had been extorted by improper methods. It quashed the sentence and acquitted the accused.'

#### Justified

Torture is therefore still justified in the eyes of the Husak regime — provided its victims plead guilty.

And that is usually the end result of such barbaric practices, as the 1952 Slansky trial proved.

The broadcaster — Dr Jan Nebl-takes to task those investigators of past trials who allow victims to abuse 'the psychosis which had been whipped up by the mass media, who puffed up and intentionally exaggerated cases of infringement of legality'. Steadily and with revolting

cynicism, the path is being cleared for a return to the era of the show trial, the torture chamber, the 'confession' and the unearthing of the most fantastic conspiracies: . the mere claim that the confession had been extorted

by force was not enough to lead to the conclusion that the wrong decision was reached at the original trial. 'If at the original trial there was reliable evidence of the guilt of those sentenced

[which was always based on the same confessions extorted under torture, then even in a case where infringement of the provisions of the law had occurred, the original decision of the court should not have been dismissed as faulty.'
What are being 'rehabilitated' now in Czechoslovakia are not the victims of past purges, but the methods used

## Seamen pay claim

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The shipowners federation and the unions are to set up an inquiry into earnings and hours and the possibility of a new pay structure.

Tomorrow Workers Press

vill contain an article by Bernard Franks, 'Seamen face dockers' problem — Modernization means giant iob cuts'. This analyses the continuous cut-back in jobs faced by

seamen because of the development of container ships and giant bulk carriers, automation, faster turn-rounds and repairs and productivity deals on board

#### Recall Warning to MPs

MR WILLIAM WHITELAW, Leader of the House of Commons, yesterday announced that the summer recess would last from next Friday until October 27.

But, he warned, the House might have to be recalled 'should the present emergency regrettably extend' beyond a

#### about the fare increases? 'Nobody says that the Tory government is holding the country to ransom.

Justifiable

'The dockers' fight for a higher basic rate is justi-

This was echoed by other workers. Said a delivery

'They get £11 1s 8d

plus bits and pieces. The question is the basic rate. This should have been

'It's a similar set up in

T&GWU district official

'We don't think the gov-

ernment would jeopardize

the position by moving troops into the market. No

Price rises

meat had risen from 3s to

Chilled cuts of imported

the market. Some people

think everyone comes out of here with £30 a week.'

done years ago.

David Daniels stated:

organized labour

touch the meat.'

**● FROM PAGE ONE** the Monday before the strike started.

BY A WORKERS PRESS

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

WE WILL

'We can prove that while Prior [the Tory Minister of Agriculture] was touring round the market on Monday, prices rose by 4d a pound.

'The retailers were very bitter about it. The Minister's reply was very

#### Price stoppage

should have had a stoppage. even if only for a day, in protest against the price rises. The working class is being made to pay as usual.' Smithfield workers were

angry at the coverage of the docks strike by the capitalist press. Meat porter Ron King

'They're saying the dockers are holding the country to ransom, but what

## **SE** London **MDW** strike spreads

WORKERS at the Erith and Southwark St engineering fac-tories of Henry Sykes have come out in support of the eight-week-old strike at the Charlton, SE London, plant.

AEF officials proposed a 15 per cent wage increase and the introduction of Measured-Day Work—subject to 'mutual agreement' — or a straight 12 per cent increase as a basis for negotiation.

The 150 strikers are demanding a  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per cent rise without 'strings'. Under the terms of the 1968 national engineering agreeconsultant engineers recommendations for speed-up.

These were rejected by the Charlton factory and the present claim backed up by a work to rule and a series of one-day strikes. These measures were

extended to full strike action after six men were locked out. As the Charlton works committee negotiates for all the Sykes factories nationally, the employers need to break the strike locally before implementing MDW in its other

#### Centre

It is believed the employers want to make their Slough factory the centre for future negotiations.

To win the strike, any attempts to introduce MDW must be completely rejected and other Sykes factories — particularly at Slough — must give their support.

successful struggle at Sykes will strengthen workers all over SE London who are faced with intense speed-up and widespread closures.

of the Soviet Stalinists, the Polish literary weekly 'Zycie Literackie' has

campaign in Moscow.

'Recent contributions by Mikhail Sholokov and army commanders,' it says, 'have gations that Stalin had been an ignoramus as a military leader who followed the events of the war on a

article writes:

'I believe that in the foreseeable future memoirs and research will move from the subject of the war to a more

#### varied level.

5s 8d a pound between Monday and Friday of last week, he said, 'even before 'The placing of Stalin's bust Prior came to the market or even before the strike 'There's absolutely no reason for it. It's just a

Pearson

question of making a few The decision of the

Smithfield workers is a big blow against the Tories' plans to use troops to break

The employers are now faced with a strike action which is gaining support from all sections of workers and, given leadership, can defeat the Tories' attacks.

● FROM PAGE ONE

the Tory government and the

entire employing class.

But the union chiefs accept the speed-up schemes which

have already cut the dock

labour force from 62,000 in 1967 to 46,000 at present—

with the certainty that much

larger labour cuts will follow

Phase Two as soon as it is

union's claim will not affect

current piecework rates opens

the way to a settlement differing only slightly from the

employers' present guaranteed

minimum £20 offer.
A fight for the £20 basic

wage on the docks is a

struggle against the entire superstructure of moderniza-

tion and increased exploitation

which has been built up over

the past few years and now

hangs like a guillotine over

Pearson said in the course

of questioning the two sides

about the dispute:
'I think this is common

ground between the two sides

these modernization

Jones' insistence that the

implemented.

dockers' necks.

## POLISH LEADER IN PRO--STALIN **CAMPAIGN** FOLLOWING the lead

given careful approval to the current pro-Stalin

school atlas.'
Concluding his remarks on the man who wound up the Polish Communist Party in 1938 on the grounds that it had been taken over by fascists—nearly all its leaders were shot in Moscow during the purges—the author of this

#### Indication

among the busts of other leaders can be another indication that the activity of a man cannot be analysed by looking at him exclusively either from above or below.

This article, written by Polish Central Committee member Wladislaw Machejak, is highly significant. As is the case in Moscow, these remarks indicate the growth of ultra-Stalinist forces within the bureaucracy

as it attempts to crack down on the various opposition groups developing both in intellectual and working-class

and necessary. The ports must

£20 claim was made more difficult by the 'apparent wide

repercussional effects' it would

'If these vitally important

modernization agreements are going to be held up by nego-tiations over an old fashioned

time rate,' he said, 'it seems

Thursday last night after a closing plea for government

He told Lord Pearson:

The inquiry adjourned until

'We are worried that the

government might press into

operation troops which would

exacerbate the situation and

with discontent and with

cation—not a desire to boost the total earnings of all

'Really the men are seething

'This is not a selfish appli-

have throughout the industry.

Later, he added that the

be modernized.

unreasonable.'

restraint from Iones.

create tension . . .

anxiety . .

Mr White, managing director, has sent out two letters in the last week to each individual striker which try to make out that average earnings are already as high as

The Employers' Federation has also been floating a story

boilermakers were ready to settle for the latest offer of Bro. Baker is still on holi-day, the meeting was told, but meanwhile all the boiler-

> Financial support running into thousands of pounds has been received by the strike committee — including £500 from Vickers Crayford

### which represents half of the award recently won there. **Syrian Communist** murdered by

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

ACCORDING to an article in the Moscow paper 'Trud', a member of the Syrian Communist Party has been tortured to death in prison and other Syrian Communists have been arrested.

#### C.P. leaders arrested in Sudan

ABDEL Khlek Mahjoub, leader of the banned Sudanese CP, has been arrested on his return from exile in

Two known CP members sit in the present Sudanese government, and the regime is firmly supported by the

#### Little chance of mortgage rate cut'

MR FULLER OSBORN, Chairman of the Building Societies' Association, forecast little chance of mortgage rates being reduced this year.

He told a London press

conference yesterday that there seemed no likelihood of the 5 per cent investors' rate being reduced and added: 'This means that, failing some tax concession for building societies, the mortgage rates must remain at 8½ per

The only way the rate could be got down was either by reducing the amount of tax paid by societies on behalf of investors or by reducing cor-poration tax, or a combination of the two.

cent.'

'A lower mortgage rate would, of course, in itself stimulate house purchase,' he said.
Mr Fuller said that if the

current trend were sustained, societies might well lend £1,800 million this year compared with £1,544 million in

# Stalinist-backed

government

It must be remembered

that, while the Syrian

Communist Party is

banned, the government

includes one of its

members, Minister of

Communications Faisal.

He is now in the position

of belonging to an adminis-

tration that is arresting and

murdering members of his

own Party.

The 'Trud' article expresses 'anxiety' at this per-

'Progressive people in Syria are deeply concerned

'The Soviet people hope that in friendly [!] Syria, events will be prevented

from developing in a way which might be detrimental

to the unity of the coun-

try's patriotic and anti-imperialist forces.'

Uncritical

over these events.

secution:

and kept our mouths shut.'

#### **PAUSE**

In this bold and principled

Marian Slingova, who opened the present discussion in the British Communist Party on Stalin's crimes ('Why did it happen?', 'Marxism Today', May 1969), yet the Party leadership refuses to denounce the blatant preparations for new frame-ups in Czecho-slovakia, frame-ups in which the Stalinists will try to drown the political revolution in blood, and silence through terror those who now speak

The Stalinists have given uncritical backing to the Syrian regime since it emerged from the coup of Christian Democratic, Social

left-wing army officers in This support has been maintained through all the factional struggles within the ruling Ba'ath 'Socialist'

Party.

There may be a parallel with the actions of the Iraqi working class, right up to the murder of Kassem in

At this point, the right-wing Ba'athist government began killing 5,000 CP members.

But the Soviet bureaucracy remained friendly with the Aref regime, which

replaced Kassem. It is worth noting that the Moscow report was not published in 'Pravda', the Party newspaper, or 'Isvestia', the government gional or local level.

#### Fear

The Socialists, however, fear for their electoral hides if they tie their entire political future to their reactionary fellows in the national co-

However, the existence of a definite group within the Socialist Party in favour of capitulation to the right has given rise to reports of diffuse optimism' in circles close to Andreotti.



#### WORKERS at Sovex Ltd, Erith, delivered a sharp rethat Bro. Baker, district secretary of the Boilermakers' Society, has stated that the

buff yesterday to management attempts to split their ten week-old strike by voting unanimously to continue the stoppage 'until the management give a satisfactory offer in regard to the claim'.

**SAIGON** 

**ADMITS** 

**'TIGER'** 

**CAGES** 

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

HAVING first denied their existence, the Saigon regime

announced yesterday that it

intends to abolish the so-called 'tiger cages' on Con

These barbaric dungeons, hich have held anti-

imperialist fighters captive for

up to seven years, are to be replaced by 'new disciplinary

the rate demanded by the strike committee.

makers at the meeting signed a statement that they would not settle for less than the

**CRIMES** They clearly grasp that it is, above all, the crimes of the Stalinists which weaken the working class and the forces

who defend socialism. The present purge 'has catastrophic consequences for the thinking of the young generation. Under such pressure young people turn more and more against socialism... It is true that you have been able to halt the democratic

socialist movement and make it impotent. 'But from that, very easily. an anti-socialist movement can be born. We think that the threat of new political trials accelerates this process, as do

the campaigns of provocation on the press and radio. 'We are not so naïve as to think that our protest can halt this avalanche. But we do not wish to have to say to ourselves one day that we knew

statement is contained the reason why the Czech Stalinists pause before the task of establishing their complete political dictatorship.

These three young men put to shame all those who would prefer to keep silent on the crimes of Stalinism in Czechoslovakia. It was Sling's widow,

# Coalition: still haggling

GIULIO Andreotti, the right-wing Christian Democrat charged by President Saragat with renegotiating the centre-left coalition has entered his third week of negotiations. He has circulated a 40page secret document to the

Democratic, Socialist and Republican Party leaders as a 'basis for discussion'. His prospects look slender as the Social Democrats are insisting that the Socialists should have no dealings with the Communist Party at re-