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Admission 2s

Starts 8 p.m. Both lectures given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)

SOCIALIST LEAGUE Trotsky Memorial

Congress here this morning.

But, if railmen's general secretary, Sir Sidney Greene's

3,000-word presidential ad-

dress is any yardstick, their

hopes seemed unlikely to be

kers — mainly from London, Kent, Birmingham, Leeds,

Manchester, Wales and Scot-

land—pressed for a Congress-

sponsored young Trade Union-

Several hundred young wor-

fulfilled this week.

GLASGOW Partick Burgh Hall (nr Merkland St underground)

7.30 p.m. Admission 2s. English Revolution Speaker: G. Healy (SLL national secretary)

> Sunday October 4

Please note changed date problems of low pay, cheap labour and dead-end jobs.

Alongside them stood representatives of Brighton's municipal government and of its 38,000 old-age pensioners. 'We're handing in a protest to our general secretary—the T&GWU chap Jack Jones—

told the Workers Press.

Resisting For two years Brighton's Tory Council, explained pensioners, have been resisting their demands for concessionary transport fares at offpeak

With a cost-cutting Tory government now in the West-

'A change of government

Describing the Tory threats

mass unemployment are two PAGE FOUR COL. 1

anti-Tory FIVE THOUSAND workers at

militant yet.

Lucas men stay

'The general level of un-employment in Clydebank has hardened our attitude,' said Laird. 'People are not grasping at redundancy payments as they were before.'

MAINTENANCE workers of industrial regimentation. at the two Lucas combine factories at Fazakerley, Liverpool, have decided by **Reminder** an overwhelming majority

to continue their month-old strike for a £5 no-strings It is worth remembering now, since it is the same Jones who is threatening the Tories with dire penalties, that it was his retreat on the dockers' £20 basic without strings demand that paved the way for Devlin Phase Two. At their latest meeting the men rejected a £4 management offer which inagreed upon before the What price, may we ask, are the local government workers going to pay after all the shouting has died dispute and a clause providing for a year's pay stand-still.

CAV and Lucas Industrial It is not the sewage in Equipment, as a result of the strike which involves their toilets which workers will have to look out for, but rather the productivity-At the same time the Commission on Industrial Relations inquiry into Lucas' four Merseyside facflexibility bilge which they are being asked to accept Productivity dealing and tories is continuing.

stewards.

next Monday.

time working, say manage-ment, is the world-wide drop in demand for commercial vehicles and tractors and disputes in the motor

have refused to co-operate.

but at CAV, where stewards agreed to the investigation, unionists are being asked by the CIR's Will Paynter, exminers' leader and CP member, to answer ques-tions on internal union affairs and elections of

sembly-line workers have been told that they will be on a four-day week from The reason for the short-

and component

Meanwhile at CAV Rochester and Chatham factories in Kent 2,000 as-

One delegate was cheered

Teachers had to work as a

THE NEW Thames Television series 'The Day Before Yesterday' started last Tuesday with 'We are the Masters' (10.30) a programme of newsreel, interviews and commentary centred on the first post-war Labour government.

If it did nothing else, the programme chronicled, mainly through the mouths of present Labour rightwingers, the thorough-going betrayal of the working class which Attlee and his colleagues carried out after 1945.

They set out, through timid reforms and half-hearted compromises, to patch together the war-mangled body of British capitalism and lay new foundations for it to continue.

They ended, as all such attempts must necessarily end, in humiliating defeat at the hands of Churchill and the Tory Party.

Newsreel film of the 'Forces election' in 1945 gave a glimpse of the tremendous wave of anti-Tory feeling which swept the Tories out of office at the end of the war. Right winger Christopher Mayhew recalled that when the Army ballot boxes were opened in his constituency, almost every single vote was for Labour.

Defeat

In 1945 the working class administered the most crushing electoral defeat ever to the party of unemployment, war and big business.

Despite the singing of the 'Red Flag' in the Commons when the new parliament assembled, Attlee made clear that though some reforms were to be expected, the working class would have to make sacrifices to 'put Britain on its

In reality, the Labour leaders were mortally afraid of the working class that had lifted them to office. Over the rest of Europe, their fellow bureaucrats were, with difficulty, holding back revolutionary struggles, and the Labour Party leaders, with suitable modifications, set themselves the same task in Britain.

The United States' \$4,000 million loan was, in reality, a turning point in this process,

The Day Before Yesterday We are the Masters

Thames September 1 — and

The Cramlington Train Wreckers

BBC 2 August 31

part of the inflationary export of dollars which initiated the post-war boom and combined with the counter-revolutionary efforts of reformism and Stalinism to give a new lease of life to the capitalism in W

Europe. Then came the beginnings of Labour's nationalization programme.

The mines were to be first —on the basis of an efficiency plan drawn up for the coal-

owners during the war. Herbert Morrison, in charge workers in the state industries of the nationalization pro--and none more than the gramme, saw it as intervention miners—have tasted to the full by the capitalist state to increase the efficiency of backthe bitter fruits of the Labour government's pro - capitalist

take-overs.

ward key industries in the

overall interests of the em-

come the miners' gave nation-

alization (the programme

showed Durham miners danc-

ing in the streets the day the

Despite the tremendous wel-

ployers' system.

The government's austerity policy, designed to allow business to re-equip itself after the ravages of the war, meant bread and clothing rationing, a measure which was exploited to the full by the Tory women's

lobby. The programme showed scenes of overfed Conservative ladies waxing indignant about the coupon system.

The most phoney Tory lobby of all, however was the British Medical Association's campaign against the National Health Service, masterminded by 'radio doctor' Charles Hill. Hill denounced 'the state

doctor' and praised the virtues of 'independent' (i.e., private) medicine.

Now that the Tories are getting ready to slash even greater holes in the NHS, it is worth remembering just where they stood on the question of free medical care.

Who are the wreckers?

Finally, after being forced to devalue the pound, the Labour government went to the polls and was returned . . .

but with a majority of just six. The historic crisis of British capitalism posed enormous questions before the Attlee

THE CRAMLINGTON

(left to right) Robert Harbottle, William Nuckle,

Arthur Wilson and Tommy Roberts.

TRAIN WRECKERS:

government, but it proved powerless to solve them. Like Wilson's government of

1964-1970, it ended by opening the door to Toryism. The lesson of the 1945 Labour government is that

needs of the working class in a period of capitalist crisis. Even with the best of intentions—and these were notably lacking from the 1945

government — Labour

ousted by the Tories.

ANOTHER flash-back programme—this time on BBC, revealed something of what Toryism means to the working class.

Wreckers' were eight North-

The 'Cramlington Train

said one of them. reformism cannot answer the

cuts the employers wanted to make-the coal masters wanted to trim the wage of 6s 8d a day by 40 per cent. 'Conditions were wicked.

spoke of the appalling condi-

tions in the pits, and the wage

'Slaves'

'We were next to slaves. Churchill wanted to set the troops on the strikers. We had to let the people see what we were getting. We were getting starvation wages, and they wanted to cut them.'

Tory justice extracted a terrible price for their action, and tried to brand them as potential murderers.

But they described how the International Class War Prisoners' Aid stood up for them, and how they were





MENTAL BREAKD

IT MIGHT be thought that actions in the finest detail, par- Manual'. The article explains experiments carried out by time-and-motion consultants tems, they are still concerned into basic elements. to fix the amount of energy that much valuable profiteach worker should use in a given operation are the last word in the drive by the employers to intensify labour. This is not the case.

Although the 'experts' claim to have defined all manual

stuff

Drop of the hard

ticularly by use of the pre- that, as with manual work, determined-motion-time syson ineffective mental activity.

According to the current issue of the specialist magazine 'Work Study', attempts are now being made to correct this deficiency by the Work Factor company which has laid down its results in a so-called 'Mento

mental activity can be divided

The times for each element making time is being wasted are given in one or several tables and are expressed in time units where one time unit (TU) equals 0.0001 minute. The fundamental elements are 3. said to be:

> 1. EYE-MOTIONS. As with the MTM system, this is

divided into eye focus and eye shift.

SEE. The time for this is said to be based on the size of an object, the contrast with its background and its colour.

CONDUCT. This is the time required to conduct the impulse from the eye along the nerves to the brain and from the brain

to start the Tory day with a

bang by hurling himself into a

blistering tirade on black

power, expatriate revolution-

aries, subversives, agitators,

wanton and vicious violence,

'Too much tolerance is

shown to demonstrators who

would blackmail the majority

of the population and flout the

country's traditional hospital-

ity. Some pose as students and others as professional racialists.

seek to dwell in this country are not entitled to undermine

its security and institutions.

Those who revile the police

and demonstrate in the pursuit

of wanton and vicious violence

are seeking a state of anarchy

and a climate agreeable to

Sounds familiar? Read on.

their deportation should be accelerated, said Soref and

added that those who were so

keen to knock Powell might

now care to pay tribute to his

which are happening with in-creasing frequency, will doubt-

ess shortly lead to street fight-

The sooner the Home Sec-

retary takes action the better,

before trouble gets out of

After this lengthy blast,

was a pleasant social occasion, but he had felt it his duty.

His apology was obviously

superfluous. An enjoyable after-

noon was had by one and all,

confident that their affairs were

in the hands of a capable and

Ice creams in hand, they

wandered about the tranquil

lawns. For those who wanted

more of the hard stuff, there

was always Punch and Judy.

far-seeing rep.

The disorders and riots,

'In the interests of Britain

revolutionary intent.'

prescience.

hand.

'Agitators,' he went on, 'who

anarchy and troublemakers.

Warned Soref:

to various parts of the body. 'It depends on the length of the nerve path.'

IDENTITY. This involves the speed at which an obout for what it is. 'An unusual position', e.g. 'upsidedown', says the article, 'requires extra time'.

DECIDE. This is the time taken to decide what action to take on the basis of the information received from

6. DISCRIMINATE. Is the time needed to make a distinction between similar shapes, colours and sizes.

SPAN, it is said, relates to observation of a whole number of characters. For example, 'to look at a group of soldering joints at once instead of looking separately at each one'.

CONVERT. This is said to mean the conversion of one type of information into another. 'For example, a postal sorter reads the name of a street on an envelope and puts the letter into the pigeon-hole for the appropriate district'.

TEMPORARY MEMOR-IZE AND RECALL. This is the temporary storage in the memory of information required again in a short

10. TRANSFER ATTENTION. This is to disengage the operator's attention from task A to task B. 'The time,' explains the article, 'is governed by the intensity of concentration required to execute task A and task B.'

11. COMPUTE AND SUS-TAIN. The time for this, it is said, depends on the kind of computation and the number of continuous computes to be made.

Inspection

The article gives an example of how this system would be used to fix times for an in-Soref politely apologized for pursuing a 'hard line' at what spection task. This involves examination of sheets of paper 30 cm by 22 cm for visible flaws (spots, bumps, pits, etc.).

> It explains that the inspection unit which can be properly encompassed in one gaze is 3.1 by 2.4 cm. This would mean that 100 such 'gazes' were required to examine each sheet of paper.

The elements included in

this operation and the time for each is given as follows:

I. Eye shift to next unit 5 TUs

See inspection unit 4 TUs III. Conduct impulse to brain 1 TU

IV. Identify presence or absence of spots, etc. 7 TUs

Decide to go on or not 7 TUs

VI. Conduct impulse to eye 3 TUs

total 29 TUs

For the complete sheet of paper the time would be 100 by 29 TUs = 2,900 which is17.4 seconds. This system is reckoned to provide opportunities to study routine mental activity and 'gives the possibility of drawing up standard times for inspection work'.

The current trend among work-study consultants is to call for a more human approach to workers. More psychology and plenty of workers' participation is said to be what is needed. The early users of the systems, Taylor and Bedaux, are attacked as having been too much concerned with the mechanical aspect of the operative.

Inhuman

This present attitude is clearly no more than a cover for the most inhuman concept of all; that the worker is no more than a bundle of mental and physical impulses which exist for nothing else than to be applied to working operations.

In this situation, not only must the worker refrain from all useless actions which might detract from full-speed production, but he must also be sure not to think any thought unconnected with the work he is doing as this might well affect output—and so profits.

However, it should not be thought that these methods are simply some form of sick joke by one or two businessmen.

The employers are desperately concerned to stave off a falling profit rate by use of automation, and, where he cannot be dispensed with, by incorporating the worker into the automated sytem.

So long as capitalism exists, managements in all seriousness will set out to pursue and extend this policy.

umberland miners sent to prison after the general strike for derailing a train.

Four of them are still alive, and their story was told on 'Yesterday's Witness' last Mon-

The four men told how, on the seventh day of the strike, they had set out on union instructions to stop trains on the main railway through the village.

Derailed

They removed a portion of track and the Edinburgh express, driven by two medical students, ran off the rails. though only one passenger was injured.

After a five-week search for witnesses in the village, the police were finally able to suborn some of the men to turn King's evidence, and the eight were jailed for from four to eight years.

The survivors still consider their action was right. They

greeted with brass bands and a huge procession on their release. The most terrible thing, one

of them said, was when 'Your mate gets up in the witness box and swears your life away. That was terrible.

Even now they hold a celebration when one of the men who betrayed them dies.

By contrast with the medical student strike-breakers, now respectable middle-class Scottish medicos, the four miners gave a tremendous impression of class loyalty and tenacity.

class justice which took vengeance on them for the general strike and for its own fear of revolution.

They were victims of ruling-

But they were not broken men. As one of the four said at the end:

'I'm still smiling. Nobody will ever take the smile off my face. I've learnt to take hardships as they come.'

What a contrast with the Labour bureaucrats who figure so prominently in 'The Day Before Yesterday'!

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IT WAS a bright and sunny tary session, Soref proceeded day in Ormskirk and down at the bottom of a Mr Duxfield's modest patch of grass, the local Tories were relaxing at their annual garden fete. Everybody who was anybody was there to enjoy the atmosphere of goodwill and camaraderie and have a go at the 'goofy golf' and sundry side shows.

There were displays by the Eaglais A Chnot Scottish dancers, music from the Blue Magnolia Band and more to entertain the local Tory bro-

Ted's back in No. 10 and all's well with the world. But down amongst the tombola, something stirred. It was Harold Soref, recently-elected

therhood.

member for Ormskirk, come to address his loyal supporters. Obviously intent on exercising his muscles in preparation for the coming parliamen-

Tory fete: SOREF (centre)



KREMLIN TRADE DEALS

Growing Soviet

economic

creasing defence commitments.

ated in economic management

by the 8th Plan do anything

to overcome the crisis stem-

ming from the bureaucratic

mismanagement of the econ-

Indeed factory managers,

hit by acute labour shortages,

and facing intense pressure

from the working class, allowed

wages to soar up way beyond

increases in productivity, thus

aggravating a situation where

delays of many months and

even years are common for

Conservative estimates indi-

cate that labour shortages may

exceed two millions through-

large consumer durables.

Nor did the reforms initi-

Crisis

BEHIND

THE RECENT announcement that the W German government is willing to provide a credit guarantee for the building of a large truck plant in Russia underlines the great crisis which is now gripping the Soviet economy.

Stuttgart has now been selected as the venue for the first exchanges between Soviet officials and the W German car firm Daimler-Benz on the construction of a giant truck plant near the Kama River in the USSR.

The talks are due to begin late this month, and, according to a Daimler-Benz spokesman, the Moscow team will probably be headed by Soviet Minister for car production

The W German government has already promised to assist in the financing of the project, which will cost around £400 million, and when completed, turn out 150,000 trucks a year.

At present, the entire Soviet truck industry produces about 100,000 vehicles.

Daimler-Benz, one of several W European car firms involved in the project, will make its patents and technology available to the Soviet motor industry.

It may also advise the Soviet government on which other western companies could assist the Russians in building and fitting out the plant.

There is little doubt that the possibility of securing more deals of this kind lay behind the speed with which the Soviet leaders signed the Treaty of Detente with the W Germans.

Another firm believed to be involved in these discussions is Renault. In January of this year they did a deal with the Russians involving the supply of equipment to the motor industry-part of a general easing and expansion of trade between France and the Soviet

Motors has not been the only industry involved.

NATURAL GAS

Natural gas-an industry which Soviet leaders are trying desperately to expand—has also involved deals with western firms. At the end of last year a French consortium was awarded a contract to build three plants to refine and re-

The Italian government has also lent financial support to similar deals in which leading Italian firms including Fiat and Pirelli have contracted to purchase supplies of Soviet natural gas in return for sales of piping and telecommunications equipment.

While, on the one hand, these reflect the growing turn on the part of leading capitalist monopolies to markets in E Europe and the Soviet Union, they indicate at the same time the insoluble economic problems of the Soviet economy.

The 24th Soviet Party Congress which should have been held in March of this year, and as recently as June was announced for the autumn, has been further postponed.

Widening differences in the top bureaucracy about how to handle fundamental economic problems are certainly behind the delay.

The announcement of targets for the 9th Five-Year Plan have also been delayed as it becomes increasingly clear that the last Plan (1966-1970) did little to deal with longstanding economic problems and in fact saw some regression in key areas, notably agriculture.

It was in 1965 that more 'liberal' economic measures were introduced to try and raise output and labour productivity.

These measures represented a move away from centralized planning, which had character-

Address









BY PETER JEFFRIES

ized the years of Stalin's rule, towards a system which gave individual factory managers more scope in the organization of production.

These measures were themselves not only an indication of the failure of previous Plans, but also revealed the weakness of the bureaucracy. The 'old methods', employing bureaucratic centralism and organized repression as the instruments of labour discipline were no longer possible.

But it is clear that whatever the reasons for its introduction, the reform measures have proved a failure.

For 1969, all industries, with the exception of footwear, failed to meet their target plans.

SHORTFALL

In some industries the shortfall in 1969 target figures was considerable. Thus in motors it was almost 40 per cent; in agricultural machinery it was nearly 20 per cent; in paper around 20 per cent; steel pipe over 15 per cent, gas nearly 20 per cent; fertilizers over per cent; tractors nearly 25 per cent.

But it was in agriculture that the crisis was most revealed. Here, over the last year, there has been an actual decline in output of around 4

per cent. This was even more serious, coming as it did after a period when farm prices were deliberately raised along with wages in rural areas in an attempt to

step up productivity.

officially inere are now admitted acute meat shortages in many parts of the Soviet Union and the number of livestock has actually declined in

recent years. 95.7 millions to 95 million goats declining from 146.1 to 136.3 millions.

of sugar beet, potatoes and grain—this largely the result of bad harvesting conditionsalso dropping sharply.

backwardness may reveal itself most clearly in agriculture which still employs 30 per cent of the labour force—its real

roots lie in industry.

market and burdened with in-

French and Italian imperialist 'help' is currently being solicited.

Between 1968 and 1969 the number of cattle fell from with the number of sheep and

But while the economic

Agricultural production and productivity cannot be raised in the absence of a modern chemicals industry, without a rapid expansion of the production of farm machinery and along with it the development of a modern machine-tools

Over the same period meat production was stagnant (at 11.6m tons) with the output

industry.

None of these tasks can be solved in an economy still largely isolated from the world

out the economy. **OVERSTAFFED** At the same time, many

sectors, notably transportation and distribution, are considerably overstaffed. As a result there has been little release of labour to assist with the development of Far Eastern Russia in the manner the last Plan hoped for.

The greater ability of factory chiefs to use the surpluses earned on capital to 'bribe' workers to join their plant, or to keep them even when not immediately required, has only added to labour bottlenecks and at the same time raised labour mobility in other sections to startling propor-

tions. An official survey conducted last year in the Russian Federation indicated that of those interviewed, two-thirds had worked in one place for less than a year while over threequarters of those leaving their iobs were under 30.

Because it normally takes a four-week period for a worker to leave one job and start another — and often the time delay is longer — production losses are assuming considerable proportions.

Given the constant changes in production targets which the bureaucracy imposes with no regard for real possibilities. managers have tended deliberately to 'hoard' labour in anticipation that their targets will be raised to levels which they could not otherwise real-

ize. For the same reason there have been continual complaints from those wishing to return to more authoritarian methods that enterprises still concentrate upon quantity rather than quality in their output and still 'hide' much of their productive capacity from Moscow in order to meet their targets.

Laying pipes for NATURAL GAS: An industry which Soviet leaders are desperately trying to expand.

attack in the Party press; Stalin's name has been in-creasingly invoked in economic controversy and there have been more and more strident calls for disciplinary action against those workers who violate the 'labour code'.

In other words, standing at the very heart of the economic crisis is the Soviet working class. The growing offensive of this working class, taking heart from both the revival of the class struggle in W Europe as well as from the courageous fight of sections of the intelligentsia against the bureaucracy, makes any 'peaceful' solutions to these economic problems impossible.

It increasingly makes demands upon its bureaucratic rulers — for more and better consumer goods, for better housing, for better quality food-which cannot be met by the backward Soviet economy. It is this pressure which is driving the Kremlin into closer economic ties with imperialism.

Only in this way does it see any hope of getting hold of the means of remedying the deficiencies in the economy.

Not that these moves, at this stage, represent a qualitative change in Soviet economic relations.

Whatever sections of the bureaucracy may want, the basic conquests of 1917, including the state monopoly of foreign trade, remain. It is on this basis alone, despite the mismanagement and blunderings of the bureaucracy, that the rapid economic development of the last 50 years has

IMPORTATION

Lenin and Trotsky were never opposed to economic relations with the capitalist world, even to the extent of favouring the importation of capital. But these were always, in their case, subordinated to the revolutionary politics of the Third International.

Under Stalin, and now under Brezhnev and Kosygin, it is an entirely different matter.

The latest trade deals with the motor and oil giants of Europe take place as part of a rapid move to the right on all political and diplomatic questions.

As such they DO constitute an increasing threat to the Soviet property relations, even though these can only be finally overturned after a series of major defeats for both the European and the Soviet working class.

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So the 'liberals' have come under heavier and more open





The working class makes increasing demands on the Soviet bureaucracy for more and better consumer goods—which cannot be met by the backward Soviet economy. It is this pressure which is driving the Kremlin into closer economic ties with imperialism—as in the motor industry.

economic crisis has deep historical roots which sections of the working class will begin to grasp as they engage in ever sharper conflict with the bureaucracy.

For it was Stalin who first announced in 1924 that it was possible to build socialism in one country. This Utopian and counter - revolutionary theory guides the hand of the privileged caste which has controlled the Soviet Union for the last 40 years.

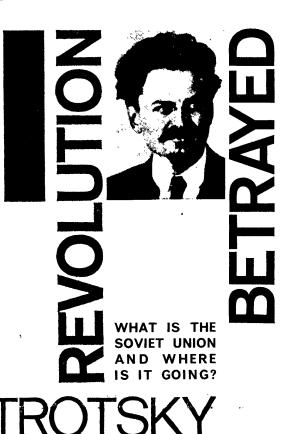
IN CONFLICT

Following in the traditions of Marx and Lenin, Trotsky insisted, in conflict with this growing bureaucracy, that socialism could only be established on a world scale.

Only then would all the achievements of man's struggle against nature, controlled in the main by the ruling class of Europe and N America, be made available to the young and backward Soviet Republic, thus ensuring its all-round and steady development.

It is these theoretical and political issues which lies at the very heart of the latest development of the economic crisis in the Soviet Union, and the open turn of the Kremlin towards closer political ties with W German imperialism and now the fascist regime in Franco Spain.

IMPORTANT READING



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BBC 1

12.55-1.20 p.m. Dyna wall. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Animal magic. 5.20 Marine boy. 5.44 Babar. 5.50 News and weather.

6.20 LONDON, Nationwide

6.45 Z CARS. 'Who's Sylvia, then?', part two.

7.10 TOM AND JERRY. 7.20 POST OFFICE PERSONALITY GIRL OF 1970.

8.00 ANDY WILLIAMS SHOW. With guests Victor Borge, Peggy Lee, Ray Stevens, Danny Thomas and The Osmond Brothers.

8.50 NEWS and weather. 9.10 EALING COMEDIES. 'A Story of Kind Hearts and Overdrafts'.

Documentary about Ealing studios, 1945-1956. 10.25 24 HOURS. 10.55 SWIMMING. 11.30 POSTSCRIPT. 11.35 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC 1 except:
Midlands, East Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Midlands today. Look East, weather. Nationwide. 11.37 News, weather. North, North West, North East, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Look North, weather. Nationwide. 11.30-11.55 North-East fanatics, 11.37 News, weather.

Wales: 5.20-5.44 Telewele. 6.00-6.45 Wales today, weather, Nationwide. 6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 8.00-8.25 Z cars. 8.25-8.50 Bric-a-brac. 11.37 Weather. BBC 2 11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 11.30-11.55 Viewpoint.

Nationwide. 11.55 News, weather.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.37 News, weather.

South West, South, West: 6.00-6.45

Points West. South today. Spotlight
South West, weather. Nationwide.
11.30-11.55 Four futures for 'Hampshire. 11.37 News, weather.

7.30 p.m. NEWS and weather.

8.00 SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE5'S SHERLOCK HOLMES. 'The Sign of Four'.

8.50 LOOK, STRANGER. 'A Very Special Occasion'. A school music organizer in South Shields.

9.10 PREMIERE. 'The Movie Murderer'. With Arthur Kennedy and Warren Oates. A series of fires leads to conflict between two 10.45 NEWS and weather.

10.50 LINE-UP. Edinburgh

ITV

9.30 a.m.-12.45 p.m. Trades Union Congress. 2.40 Journey of a lifetime. 2.55 Protest! 3.50 Skippy. 4.17 Enchanted house. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Bright's boffins. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News.

6.02 TODAY. 6.30 GHOST AND MRS MUIR.

7.00 FILM: 'Ensign Pulver'. With Robert Walker, Jr., Burl Ives and Walter Matthau. A captain of a cargo ship refuses a seaman leave to go to a funeral and Ensign Pulver determines to strike a blow for justice.

8.30 NEVER SAY DIE. 'The Gamblers'. 9.00 SPECIAL BRANCH. 'Warrant for a Phoenix'.

10.30 THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY. 'Realities of Power'.

11.30 TURNING POINT. 'Russia'. Part two. 11.50 HELP YOURSELF.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 4.30 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Police file. 6.15 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Viva Las Vegas'. With Elvis Presley and Ann-Margaret. 8.30 London. 11.25 Gazette. 11.30 Les Francais chez vous. 11.45 W2ather.

WESTWARD: 9.30-12.45 London. 4.25 News. 4.27 Gus Honeybun. 4.40 As

Channel. 6.00 Diary, 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 As Channel. 11.30 Faith for life. 11.35 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 9.30-12.45 London. 4.40 Houseparty. 4.15 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.40 Film: 'Sea of Sand'. With Richard Attenborough, John Gregson, Michael Craig and Vincent Ball. War film about battle-weary British soldiers. 8.30 London. 11.30 News. 11.40 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15-4.23 London. 4.25 Women today. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 Report. 6.10 Bugs Bunny. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Champions. 8.00 Mr and Mrs. 8.30 London. 11.30 Interview. 12 midnight Weather Weather. HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.23-4.25 and 6.01-6.23 Scene West. 11.30 Weather.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 10.30 Interview. 11.00 Y dydd. 11.30 Weather. HTV Cymru/Wales black and white service as above except: 6.01 Y dydd. 6.30-6.35 Report Wales. 10.30 Danger man. 11.30 Weather.

ANGLIA: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. 4.30 Newsroom. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Timetable'. With Mark Stevens and Felicia Farr. Train robbery thriller. 8.25 London. 11.30 NYPD. 11.58 Living word.

ATV MIDLANDS: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. 4.00 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.50 Catweazle. 4.50 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'Apache'. With Burt Lancaster and Jean Peters. An Indian brave wages a one-man war against the US army. 8.25 London. 11.30 Legends of the West, weather.

ULSTER: 10.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Mona McCluskey. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Bandit of Sherwood Forest'. With Cornel Wilde and Anita Louise. Story of Robin Hood. 8.30 London. 11.30 Parkin's patch.

YORKSHIRE: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. 3.55 Houseparty. 4.10 Tingha and Tucker. 4.25 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.25 Nanny and the professor. 6.50 'Scared Stiff'. With Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Mystery comedy. 8.30 London. 11.30 All our yesterdays. 12 midnight Weather.

GRANADA: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. Short story. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.10 All our yesterdays. 6.40 Laughtermakers:

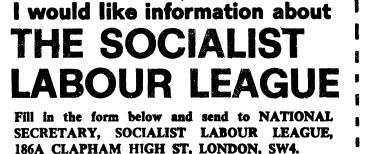
"Call Me Bwana". With Bob Hope and
Anita Ekberg. An American space
capsule goes off course and lands in
the African jungle. 8.25 London. 11.30
Four just men.

TYNE TEES: 9.30 a.m.-12.45 p.m. London. 4.10 Newsroom. 4.15 My three sons. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.25 Where the jobs are. 6.30 Joe. 7.00 Film: "The Happy Thieves'. With Rex Harrison and Rita Hayworth. 8.30 London. 11.30 News. 11.45 Science and faith.

BORDER: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Telephone game. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'The Sharkfighters'. With Victor Mature and Karen Steele. A Naval research team tries to discover a shark repellent. 8.20 Cartoon. 8.25 London. 11.30 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 9.30-12.45 London. 2.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.05 Survival. 6.35 Telephone game. 7.05 Film: 'Edge of Eternity'. With Cornel Wild and Victoria Shaw. 8.25 London. 11.30 Late call. 11.35 Festival now.

GRAMPIAN: 11.15-12.45 London. 4.25 Survival. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. Farming news. 6.15 Vintage comics. 6.35 Crossroads. 6.55 Movie: 'Killers of Kilimanjaro'. 8.25 Bothy nichts. 9.00 London. 11.30 A kind of living.



Tories

FROM PAGE ONE

sides of the capitalist coin. Without unemployment productivity cannot be made completely effective; without productivity dealing, rationalization cannot be effectively carried out and unemployment

In contradiction to the trade union leaders' specious propaganda about 'high wages' through productivity, workers in almost every industry, from clothing to oil-refinery construction, are fighting against deals which increase the relative pauperization of the workers and redundancy at the same time.

The local government pay claim alliance - Fisher, Daly and Jones—will prove as un-tenable and weak as the Triple Alliance of Hodges, Thomas and Lloyd George on 'Black Friday' 1921.

Precedent

As for the ultra-left rhetoric the trade union leaders, that too has a historical precedent in the Scarborough TUC of 1925 when the trade union leaders threatened all hell against Baldwin and capitulated to him a few months later in the 1926 General Strike.

As bourgeois historian, C. L. Mowat put it:
'The Trade Union Congress held at Scarborough in 1925 was the high-water mark of this movement to the left. The Annual Register subsequently remarked on "its evidences of class-consciousness, its strong relish . . . for Marxist phraseology", its hearty applause for the speeches of Harry Pollitt, the Communist . . . The Presi-dential address by A. B. Swales of the Amalgamated Engineering declaimed the collapse of capitalism . . . Tomsky [Soviet trade union delegatel was once again given

an enthusiastic welcome. Nonetheless, when faced with a motion empowering the General Council of the TUC to call and organize a general strike "to assist a union defending a vital trade union principle," the Congress, on the pleas of J. H. Thomas, Bevin and Clynes, merely referred it to the General Council.'!

We urge all workers not to be taken in by an historical repetition of 1925, but to fight productivity deals and unemployment uncompromis-

ingly.

No increase in real wages is possible without a determined struggle to force the Tories to resign and to construct an alternative leadership in the

BARBARA SLAUGHTER LOOKS AT LEEDS CUT BACKS

FOLLOWING hard on the heels of the sacking of 40 cutters at John Collier's Lady Lane factory in Leeds has come news of further proposed redundancies and factory closures.

The Hepton Group of Companies Ltd, York Rd, employing 500 workers, intend to make 30 women and five men redundant.

At the CWS clothing factory, Holbeck, 40 of the 340 workers, including half the cutters, are to be sacked.

H. Botts and Sons, Torre Rd, employing approximately 100 workers, is to close down.

At Montague Burton's Hudson Rd plant, the first stage of a plan to speed-up the factory has been introduced. Overtime has been eliminated without loss of pay, on condition that previous levels of production are maintained.

Managing director Mr M. P. Frankel is reported to have said the proposals could be accepted or rejected, but overtime would be stopped in either case.

Every Leeds clothing worker is aware that these are only the beginning of the employers' attacks.

Strengthened by the Tory government's plans for the trade unions, the clothing employers intend to use sackings and the threat of sack to impose speed-up methods of work study and job evaluation on the industry.

Disguise

At Hepton's and CWS the employers have attempted to isguise what is taking place by reference to 'special conditions'.

Whilst verbally opposing redundanices, Communist Party members on the factory committees tote a similar line.

The Hepton factory had been 'in the doldrums' for two years and made a £100,000 loss, said one CP committeeman. The company, he added,

had planned to increase pro duction, but had to cut back because of the trade situation. A CWS CP member said the management claimed to have been losing 11 per cent a year of the 'made-to-measure' trade.

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LATE NEWS

GKN WORKERS CALLED TO MEETING National officers of the five unions involved in the GKN-Sankey dispute are addressing mass meeting today in

Wellington.
At last Friday's meeting workers voted to reject the latest deal and to meet again this Friday. General and Municipal stewards later decided that no vote should be taken if a meeting is held

GKN workers must make sure that this decision is carried out.

STRIKE NOW SAY

BRISTOL COUNCIL MEN Angry Bristol council workers have demanded immediate strike action in support of national claim for a £2 10s increase in their basic rate and have formed an action committee which will

meet on Sunday to consider disruptions of the city's municipal services.

HI-JACKED PASSENGERS HELD IN JORDAN

288 passngers from the two airliners hi-jacked by Arab guerrillas are being held hos-tage in Jordan. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine has demanded the release of guerrillas im-prisoned in Switzerland and W Germany, and of Liela Khaled, arrested after being wounded in the hi-jacking attempt on the El Al jet now

at Heathrow airport. The release of Sirhan, assassin of Robert Kennedy, was also demanded.

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Clothing workers face massive unemployment

In fact both firms are closely following Collier's example—the CWS is sending all 'measure' work to the North East factory at Pelaw and Hepton's are carrying out an intensive work-study pilot

This scheme has already resulted in breaking down traditional skills, enabling 15-year-old girls just a month out of school to do jobs which previously took months of train-

Both firms have no alternative but to follow Collier's lead if they are to remain situation of cut-throat com-petition and international trade

Same process

The fact that Bott's firm goes to the wall is part of the same process.

The ease with which Collier's sacked 40 cutters was a signal to these firms, and others, to go ahead with their

Militant workers have described the atmosphere as one of 'anxiety and worry'. No one has any illusion that the attacks will cease.

Rumours are rife among the workers who feel that if the management can get rid of the cutters, they can sack

But these are the same factories and the same workers who led the massive February

By their example and determination the John Collier workers inspired the whole Leeds clothing industry not to return to work without a definite agreement that their ls-an-hour démand be met in

Behind that demand was the intention of scrapping the recently-introduced National Productivity Agreement. This was negotiated by the

Tailor and Garment Workers' Union and Clothing Manufacturers' Federation. On February 25 the Workers Press said that the fight

for 1s an hour was part of the fight against the scheme. On February 19 the union's district committee had recommended a return to work on the basis that the strike was

badly organized. On February 26 the strike liaison committee, including Communist Party members of the present CWS and Hepton committees, also recommended a return without a penny, expressing concern for the ex-

'Victory'

The previous day (25th) a 5,000 - strong meeting had voted unanimously to stay out until the 1s was won.

After the return, the Communist Party claimed a 'victory', because a special national conference had been won. At that conference in March the union's executive board proposed an 8d-an-hour increase for men and 10d for women — and endorsed the National Productivity Agree-

Communist Party members voted for that resolution and defended their action on the grounds that the workers would not come out again for their original demand of 1s without strings.

It was that retreat that paved the way for the present attacks.

When the John Collier redundancies were announced, no leadership came from the Communist Party—in a factory where the mover of the February 19 resolution claims to be victimized—or from the Leeds clothing workers' liaison committee.

A resolution from the No. 2 branch of the Garment Workers' Union calling for an official stoppage throughout the Collier organization was forwarded to the district committee and executive board. Workers were told to wait and see what the executive



the February strikers. Under the National Productivity Agreement, many will face the sack.

has been no action.

At the liaison committee meeting on July 25, workers from most Leeds factories demanded an unofficial stoppag if no official strike was called. A proposal for a town meeting of Leeds clothing workers, to be called un-officially by the liaison com-

mittee, was moved. This has not been taken up by the leadership.

Illusions

But demands made on the executive board for an official strike without independent action in opposition to the bureaucracy simply union means fostering illusions in it.

Similar illusions were created during the February strike when local Garment Workers' Union officials held out the possibility of a national, officially-backed strike if no settlement was reached at the special re-called conference.

This confidence in the bureaucracy was strengthened by a Leeds Trades Council July-resolution - supported by the Stalinists—calling on the TUC to carry out an inquiry into the John Collier redundancies because, they alleged, the employers had not acted according to the agreed procedure.

At the final meeting of Collier's cutters with the union officials on August 17, a resolution calling for unuously ruled out of order by the officials, who were well aware that such a fight had been headed off weeks before.

Two other resolutions were accepted. One repeated the call for official action, the other accepted the executive board's action so far and called on them to have a further meeting with the

These resolutions are a clear indication of the sense of isolation felt by the cutters and their lack of confidence in any struggle taking place.

Statement

The following night (August 18) a liaison committee meeting had no resolution on the Collier lav-offs.

A statement given Workers Press later, called for the strengthening of the

board would do-so far there It also mentioned a leaflet being prepared on the general situation in clothing. Commented a CP commit-

'The liaison committee can-not do much. We have got develop the thinking workers in the fight against redundancies. We have to start at the factory level. We were rising on the crest of a wave during the strike. Now the employers are taking advantage of the slump.'

Yet during the strike the same CP members refused to raise the National Productivity Agreement on the grounds that it was a wage fight.

In February, thousands of women and young workers showed they were prepared to fight the employers, the union bureaucracy and the agree-

Now the attacks from the Tory government and employers, using that same agreement, will fall very

heavily on them. Redundancies and speed-up are the backbone of these attacks and must be defeated.

This demands that a new leadership be built among clothing workers which can face all these attacks and organize to fight them as part of the struggle to force the Tory government to resign.

It is urgent that all clothing workers join the All Trades Unions Alliance to build that leadership.

'Lefts'

Far from raising the political issues at the centre of the teachers' fight in preparation for the proposed strike action,

for the proposed strike action, they proceeded to disarm.

In the action group discussions on salaries at the end of the conference, one of the leading 'Rank-and-File' spokesmen, Ian Wilson, explicitly stated that a national all-out strike was a nonall-out strike was a non-starter and that the teachers had to push the executive con-

Clear line-up

Another 'Rank-and-File' supporter emphasized that the union's membership of the Trades Union Congress meant that support would be forth-coming from people like Jack

The line-up is clear for any teacher who looks behind the militant phrases and 'left' resolutions. 'Rank and File' members

propose pressure on the executive which — under a Labour government—retreated on the £120 interim pay claim.

The future of education will be decided in the class battles now under way. There can be no progress without a defeat of the Tory government in the

fight for socialist policies.

Neither the NUT executive nor the TUC leaders have any plans to force the Tories to Alternative leadership for teachers is now urgent if the

militancy expressed at the conference is not to be dissi-

pated in the coming months.

down of the Jarring talks, he tries to keep his links with those who have already betrayed the Arab revolu-

ESTIMATE

Dayan gives a clearer estimate of the role of the Egyptian and Soviet leaders in explaining why he is optimistic about the negotiations.

'Israel finds herself in the final phases of the war,' he said on Saturday, 'not only because she wants to see it ended, but also because the Egyptians, the Russians and the Americans want to see

Further comments on

the actions of the group of lefts, mostly International Socialism, organized around the magazine 'Rank and File'. joint discussion

between the International Committee and the Unified Secretariat

CONSIDERABLE interest has been aroused by the reports which have appeared concerning the two meetings between myself and members of the Unified Secretariat.

BY G. HEALY

SLL national secretary

Socialist Labour League, to

contact representatives of the Unified Secretariat for

informal talks around the

possibility of joint discus-

sion centred on outstanding political differences and directed towards the hold-

The Secretariat itself issued a statement in July which said, amongst other

'The Fourth International is, of course, in favour of unifying revolutionary forces wherever possible on a principled basis. We are therefore prepared to re-examine the question of the SLL [Socialist Labour League] and OT [Organization Trotskyistel unifying with the Fourth International if objective evidence should

show that this is feasible. 'The SLL and OT might well begin this process by beginning to discuss their political and theoretical differences with us in a frank and comradely way, without the use of slander or falsifying the positions we hold, and by beginning to engage in common actions on such elementary things as defence of victims

of the class struggle.' The International Marxist Group, its English affiliate, commenting on this, issued a statement on August 23, 1970, which said:

'. . . it shows quite clearly that the United Secretariat rejected Healy's fake unity proposals. These have not been accepted, and there are no internal discussions taking place.'

At no time did I or anyone else from the International Committee make proposals as such for unity to the United Secretariat. In the Workers Press of July 7 we summarized the reasons for our approach as

'As part of this preparation the Committee re-

GEORGE BROWN admitted

in a Sunday radio interview

that as Foreign Secretary he had urged the Labour

Cabinet to sell arms to S

Africa and honour the

Simonstown arms agree-

don't sell shotguns, you

don't sell Saracens," because

they can in fact shoot people and I did not want

another Sharpeville,' said

'But Buccaneers, frigates

— it's jolly hard to kill

black men or even white

men from them—we ought

to supply, because it means,

that S Africa takes over a job that I would rather

Britain did not have to do.'

Labour Party I make this

pledge to you that we shall not let up in anything we do until S Africa is no longer

Fine words, but the 700-

strong audience did not hear

that under the so-called

Labour arms embargo, Hawker

Siddeley were permitted to supply parts for the Buccaneer

aircraft delivered shamelessly

to S Africa by the Wilson

Or that the same company

was allowed to sell the HS-125 2-jet to the S African defence

forces, a business aircraft capable of adaption for anti-

Or that the Anglo-S Africa

anti-submarine exercises an-nounced recently by Sir Aléc Douglas Home were fixed up

under the Labour government.

Fraud

All this evidence exposes

the Labour arms ban, beloved

of these social democrats, as

a fraud and the Tory Party's

decision to legalize the sales,

as simply a regularization of the *de facto* position.

While the Tory Party takes open responsibility for resuming sales, the Labourites

make a show of opposition so

that the leaders of the in-

dependent African states can

point to this 'difference' in British opinion to justify

membership of that imperialist

administration in 1966.

guerrilla activity.

dependent on British arms.

I took the line "You

S Africa appears to have caused a general amnesia in right and left sections of the Labour Party.

ment.

This serious malaise was revealed at a weekend rally in Trafalgar Square where platform speakers comfortably condemned Tory efforts to re-arm the white supremacists of Pretoria, but maintained a curious silence on the murky record of their own ex-government.

'Nowhere else in this world is there a regime that elevates tyranny to the status of national policy. This regime in S Africa is an evil regime with which we should have no relationships,' said Lord Caradon, Britain's representative at the United Nations under the Labour government.
'The Labour Party will always support democratic methods of change, but we have to recognize that if you close a people or people's access to normal channels of

democratic action, if you deny them rights and imprison their leaders . . . then you only leave open the method of only leave open the method of violent struggle. This is the only way for the fighters for freedom in S Africa,' said Joan Lestor, MP for Eton

and Slough.
'When the Labour government came to power one of the first things it did was to ban the sale of arms to S Africa,' said Sir Harry Nicholas.

'And as I stand here today

43 sacked as Ottery strike ends

SIXTY men went back to work yesterday at Ottermill Switchgear, Ottery St Mary, Devon, after their 18-week strike for 4s 4d all-round increase and 100 per cent trade unionism.

Neither of these demands

The strikers return to work with a skilled rate of have been met.

The return to work will be phased and it is expected to be several weeks before the factory is working normally. The strikers voted to

accept the redundancy proposals put forward by trade union officials and the strike committee. 43 workers—15 who continued working and 28 strikers—will be made redundant immediately. strikers' jobs hang in the balance until the end of a three-month 'trial period'. This was openly described at Friday's meeting as a blacklist'. All but three taken on during the strike will lose their jobs.

about £24 a week for an interim period of three months until a new bonus scheme has been negotiated. No change in the hourly rate has been agreed.
Many Ottermill workers

became very critical of the union officials—particularly those from the General and Municipal Workers' Union—during the last weeks of

ing of a joint international conference.' We are more firmly con-

vinced than ever that there is a basis for such an approach, and we accept as a positive step forward recommendation of the Unified Secretariat that SLL and OT might begin this process by beginning to discuss their political and theoretical differences with us in a frank and comradely way'.

cept this, otherwise it would have been useless to have made any approach in the manoeuvring Factional over 'unity' as such would

We are prepared to ac-

convince no one, and we have no intention of engaging in this. The comrades of the Unified Secretariat are quite correct to stress that the

stage before us is not one of 'unity' as such. We see it as an effort on both sides to re-examine the favourable objective situation to see whether or not some advances could be made along this road. Our position today is consistent with the pro-posals we made in 1963 when the Unified Secre-

fresh our readers' memories these were as follows: '1. That a world congress of the forces of the IC and IS should be con-

tariat was formed. To re-

vened during the autumn of 1964; '2. That a joint committee of representatives of the two organizations should regularly meet to prepare work out practical ways and means for co-opera-

'3. This committee should set out to prepare a joint resolution on world perspectives for the conference. This resolution would outline the points of agreement as well as disagreement. During the preparation of the resolution, all the sections would be constantly informed of the work of the committee. In this way a genuine and positive discussion involving

the differences would be organized: Congress insisted that this discussion must take place in all sections, not only in the leaderships, but in the ranks. Unless this decision was carried out, it would be impossible for the international movement to develop new cadres which would be able to provide adequate political leadership in the

next period. A proper circulation of all documents must take place; '5. Ioint discussion between the members of the sections, particularly in W Europe, should be organ-ized. Whilst these discussions would deal with the differences, Congress be-lieved that they should be extended to include a discussion on the practical work of the various sections in a way that would bring the members of these sections closer to-

gether. Such a discussion

would also have an all-round effect on the education of the cadres. 'These proposals are to be immediately transmitted to the International Secretariat, with the hope that the joint work can that the joint "begin immediately.' (Reproduced from 'World Outlook' edited by Joseph Hansen, November 22,

Unfortunately, the Unified Secretariat did not accept these proposals at the time, but the objective conditions are today entirely different and much more favourable.

The working class of Britain and W Europe is moving towards open class conflict and into revolutionary politics on a scale never before experienced by our movement since it was founded by Comrade Trot-

sky.
Both the organizations of the International Committee and the Unified Secretariat are thrust more and more into the bitterest struggles against the counter-revolutionary forces of Stalinism and social democracy. The building of mass re-

volutionary parties based on the working class is within our reach in a number of important countries.

We are convinced that
Comrade Trotsky would
want us to have such discussions if he were alive today. Indeed, it is entirely in accordance with the traditions of our movement in the years following his

assassination.
In 1948, the 2nd World Congress of the Fourth International brought us to-gether with the Shachtmanites for a joint congress to political differences, unity was possible.
Subsequently, it was shown that the differences

were too great, but that in no way cut across the valuable political experience of the conference. We mention this experi-

ence, since comrades of the Unified Secretariat, quite understandably, raise the sharpness of the political differences between us as a possible barrier to the proposed talks. posed talks. They are by no means as sharp as they were with Shachtman in 1948.

These, in fact, were aggravated greatly by the two distinctly discontinuous and the statements.

distinctly different political positions pursued by them and us in relation to the defence of the USSR during the Second World War.
There was nothing cynical about the work of our 2nd

Congress in relation to Shachtman. Neither is there anything cynical about our proposals today. They arise within a much more favourable political situation.
All of us agree that there

should be no evasion of the fullest and frankest discuscussion on all the disputed questions. We entirely agree with

no important political difference should be evaded. This is essential if the youth especially are to be

educated in a principled

To assist a comradely approach for such discussion as suggested by the Unified Secretariat, we are mutual agreement that this be no longer conducted in our public press, but in-ternally within our respec-

We are ready now to meet and fix a date when such an internal discussion would commence. It is our opinion that there are now serious forces

tive organizations.

on both sides that want to have the discussion. We await a reply from the Unified Secretariat.

ALL TRADES

UNIONS ALLIANCE

MEETINGS BIRMINGHAM: Tuesday, September 8, 8 p.m. 'The Wellington', corner Bromsgrove St and Bristol St. 'Trade unions — the vital

HULL: Wednesday, September 9, 7.30 p.m. Windmill Hotel, Witham. 'Unemployment and the unions'. Speaker: Trevor Parsons, ATUA national committee.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON: Tuesday, September 8, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon Rd, Battersea, SW11. With-draw British Troops from Ulster. Force the Tories to resign'. LEEDS: Wednesday, September 9, 8 p.m. Trades Hall, Upper Foun-taine St. 'The fight against speed-up and redundancy in the clothing

NOTTINGHAM: Thursday, September 10, 7.30 p.m. People's Hall, Heathcote St. 'Workers Press and the Fight against the Tories'.

COVENTRY: Thursday, September 10, 7.30 p.m. City Arms, Smithford Way. 'Significance of the Rolls-Royce DATA lockout'. SHEFFIELD: Thursday, September 10, 7.30 p.m. Victoria Halls, Room 46, Norfolk St. 'Fight the Tories

WEATHER

Cloudy and wet at first, becoming brighter with sunny spells and showers in places later. Moderate West to SW winds becoming fresh or strong. Near normal temperatures from 15C (59F) in N to 20C (68F).

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Continuing unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain, but also some sunny spells. Temperatures near normal.

Labour Party continues arms fraud THE 'SHOCK' of impending arms sales to