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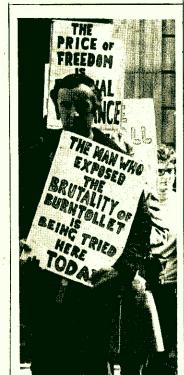
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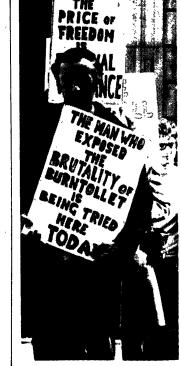
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These dossiers that managements are continually on the lookout for show ways to extend 'productivity' methods amongst

HOW DO these systems hold down wages? Surely with initial payments to get the productivity agreements accepted and with the

bonuses this means there is some improve-

SOME WAGES increase, but all

manner of reasons are given why workers have failed to earn full

Once pay is tied to productivity the managements

unions — fight to keep it that

When the cost of living rises

the worker certainly needs more pay to keep up, but what has he left to sell? Does he agree to

another jobs cut or double out-

Many workers who went onto

these schemes between 1966 and

It does not take long to realize

HOW CAN the coun-

cil manual worker win

THE TORIES are determined to make an example of all workers

in public and nationalized indus-

tries as a lesson for all the

It is significant that gas, water

supply and national health workers all got the same treatment from the 1967 PIB report

The Tories say the employers' £1 14s offer is reasonable. In other words £15 9s a week is a

A determined battle is needed

to throw out the Tories, their schemes and productivity bargaining and to win the £16 10s.

muster the combined strength of

the council wor**kers and will** make it easier for managements

to creep in a few strike-breaking

An all-out struggle is neces-

Dustmen, maintenance crafts-

men, sewage workers, firemen,

ambulance workers and grave

diggers have all shown there is

All council workers must fight

They must be placed under

Any illusions in the union

leaders' militancy must be dis-

Only by joining the All Trades Unions Alliance and taking up

socialist leadership in the trade

unions can the policies outlined

struggle for an alternative

workers' control to ensure an end to sackings and to misuse of

technical developments.

be put into action.

for socialist principles of extend-

ing all direct works and public

this struggle?

working class.

good wage.

on local authorities.

private contractors.

no lack of fight.

sarv.

that all talk of pay tied to pro-

ductivity is just a means to speed up work, cut back jobs and hold

1969 are in exactly this position. Their 'rise' has been overtaken

by galloping price increases.

ment in pay?

way.

put yet again.

down wages.

techniques are being

intensive MDW system.



strike which was joined by all sections of council workers. Strikes by dustmen at the end of last year sparked off a

ALL VITAL town and country

services are operated by the local

Manual workers in the current

dispute run and operate ambu-

lances, crematoria, refuse collection, street cleansing and lighting,

road and pavement maintenance,

parks and gardens, public baths,

schools maintenance, school

meals, council house maintenance

On separate council agree-

staffs, direct works building departments, and teachers.

The Greater London Council

Of the 700,000 workers affected

A mass walk-out by these

workers would soon show their

importance to the running of the

It is not a question of them having fallen behind on wages;

A 1966 Prices and Incomes

Board survey revealed £12 13s

basic pay for men in England and

Wales. With overtime, shift

allowances and incentive pay-

ments, total weekly earnings averaged £15 18s 10d. In many

cases overtime is not available.

Full-time women workers averaged £7 19s 7d for a 34½-

women workers received about

shows how little the wages have

BUT SURELY many

of these jobs are a bit

of a backwater and a

lot less exacting than

production industries?

MECHANIZATION and new

working methods have changed

SCHOOL KITCHENS

For example, the development of large comprehensive schools

as well as increased numbers of

pupils in existing buildings have lead to the installation of high-

Giant electric boilers, dish-

This has meant more work for

kitchen staff. Food preparation-

washers and friers are now in

speed, mechanized kitchens.

this out-dated concept:

week, while part-time

were never in the race in

alone has over 100,000 full-time

by the present claim, about 55

ments are firemen, town

and part-time employees.

per cent are women.

the first place.

4s 6d an hour.

moved since 1966.

and many other jobs.

disposal, gravedigging,

Thousands of local council workers plan to strike in direct opposition to Tory plans to make them scapegoats for a wage-freeze policy. Bernard Franks looks at some of the background issues which have led to this situation.

Why council workers are

planning to strike

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

fish, meat, vegetables and pastries — is done at high speed on production-line principles.

After dinners there is a clean-up of all equipment. Although ventilation systems have improved, the heat and steam remain — as does the of accidents with machinery, knives and slippery

Often part-time workers who have not seen the modern kitchens, start work in the morning, find the pace too hot, and by mid-day decide to leave.

PUBLIC GARDENS

Council gardening is not simply a matter of planting a few seeds and sitting back.

most public gardens flower beds have to be cleared, dug up set out several times the throughout

Potting and re-potting takes place at nurseries on productionline principles, shrubs and trees are pruned and lawns motormown, children's playgrounds supervised and cleaned and refuse and leaves removed in a constant

In the larger parks, attendants have mopeds to help them carry out their patrol duties.

DRAINAGE AND **REFUSE DISPOSAL**

In 1967 the Greater London Council initiated a giant £250 scheme to London's drainage and refuse disposal systems. This included the £10 million incinerator at Edmon ton and the expansion and development of Beckton and Crossness sewage outfalls.

MAINTENANCE

The development of huge twoman road-makers and surfaces has changed the whole concept of road repairs in many areas.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Standardization of paper sacks and plastic dustbins, along with the development of mechanized bin-emptying lorries, has led to speeding-up refuse collection combined with a cut in manning

SURELY the councils have a powerful weapon in their claim that they are making savings on the rates?

THE TORIES are preparing to slash every service.

Every attempt to increase Health Service charges, close direct works departments and hand over the work to 'private enterprise' will be made in the name of 'cutting costs'.

Rents and rates will rise and operated before the PIB reached services deteriorate. Already its conclusions, and the Board many departments are heavily made them basic government main pre-occupation is

making even greater cuts, while they allow outside contractors to make sizeable profits on many

As long as council rents and rates continue to soar and investors can find interest rates of 8, 9 and 10 per cent offered by local authorities all claims of concern for ratepayers' money are worthless.

COUNCILS have been

trying out time-and-

motion schemes for

some time. When did

this become a political

policy for use every-

THE Prices and Incomes Board

produced a report in 1967 cover-

ing the pay and conditions of 680,000 manual council workers.

It recommended a short-term

Although this meant paying

The report considered up to

These schemes were to lead

inter-craft demarcations,

to the longer-term aim of shift-working, removal of inter-group

reduction of overtime, 'abolition'

of mates, job evaluation and the

introduction of the Measured-

The document explained that

ruling for all local

MDW was a system 'whereby a

fixed addition to the weekly or

100 per cent increased output

possible while 'savings' were put at between £50,000 and £100,000

on a 500 man labour force.

extra wages, the continual cut-back in the labour force would

policy of work-studied incentive

where?

bonus schemes.

reduce the wages bill.

Day Work system.

Within a short time both Labour and Tory councils were forecasting all manner of savings and labour cuts.

The Greater London Council estimated that 200 County Hall workers could be discharged or re-deployed.

£750,000 would be 'saved' by using mobile work squads for gaining, running courses on workstudy 'appreciation' for shop stewards.

Transport and General Workers' Union leaders support MDW as an alternative to fighting for straight wage increases without strings — they have produced a booklet on how to nego-

tiate deals.

generally — the kind of thing NUPE has always advocated.'

Fisher, now NUPE general secretary, talks about action which will make the sewage rise in the lavatories.

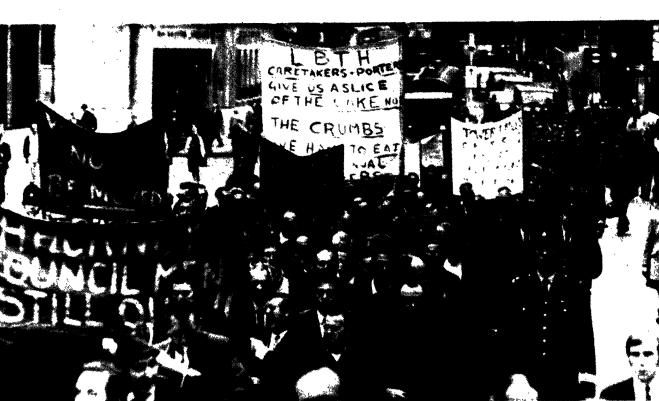
However, he makes no call to force the Tories to resign or to throw out the productivity swindle.

HOW DOES 'productivity' working operate on local councils?

USUALLY the management, with hired consultants in tow, set out to 'buy' a reduction in the labour force.

Camden Council offered 220 dustmen a £5 3s minimum bonus on top of their basic wage — provided they agreed to the labour force being cut by half.

In other cases the operation is not so direct. Workers involved are simply told that recruitment will cease under the new scheme and the work force will be reduced by 'natural



In October, 1969, striking council workers demonstrate through the

streets of London demanding a £5 To speed up working, a full-

motion study. All times for operations and actions are measured.

time work-study department is set up to introduce bonus

Dustmen are timed for picking up a bin, carrying it to the van and emptying it. Measurements are taken from front doors to the van and collecting routes are

The work-study department then issues a job specification of how the job should be done and how long each operation should

which varies with the number of standard minute 'credits' they earn over a fixed level.

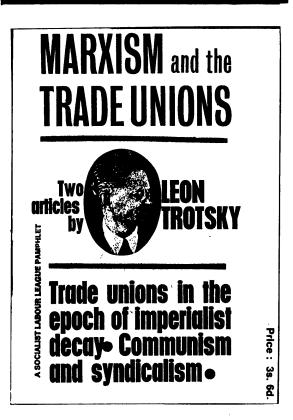
related to output. At the new

Workers are then paid a bonus

This payment is not directly

tasks of the International

IMPORTANT READING



New Park publications 186A Clapham High

YOU MENTION that the unions were part of the NJC, does this mean the union leaders have helped to implement these schemes?

council house maintenance, in-

creasing work output by up to

In January 1969, the National Joint Council for England and

Wales (a body which included

union representatives) set out to

make changes which would save

Every local council was given until February 1969 to produce its productivity plans. As 'The

Times' Business News declared:

'It is the biggest exercise of its

size ever attempted and has its

beginnings in the PIB report pub-

It is certainly vital to direct

the fight against the Tories who

now propose to extend the schemes, making council workers

the scapegoats in their bid to

No one must be allowed to

forget that these schemes were

instigated and introduced as a

political measure by a Labour

200 per cent.

£25 million a year.

lished in 1967.'

hold down wages.

hourly rate is paid in return for the achievement of a given per-WITHOUT union backing these productivity schemes could never Some pilot schemes had have been introduced

> The General and Municipal Workers' Union leadership, for exponents of productivity bar-

union, to consider the needs of the local government and health services and the workers they employ.

In the same issue Alan Fisher

(then assistant general secretary)

enthused over the report.

was impressed by the fact that it appears to be the first real attempt, in my 32 years with the

One of the keenest supporters

In 1966 its journal 'Public

Employees', under a headline 'Union have big stake in work-

study plans', outlined a code of

principles for introducing work-

study schemes which union

officials had helped the employers

In May 1967, the same journal

congratulated itself on the sup-

port it had given to the PIB in

preparing its report. The general secretary, (then Sidney Hill) commented:

'On my initial reading of it I

the National Union of

of productivity bargaining has

Public Employees (NUPE).

He explained that the Board's roposed first two stages would lead to a 10 per cent increase in basic rates in return for a 10 per cent saving in total labour costs.

'This would give us time to launch the third stage under which we would establish a much closer relationship between pay and productivity bargaining and Measured-Day Work as well as the incentive bonus schemes already used in local government.' he commented.

'The total effect of this threestage operation would be to bring the earnings of local government and health employees into a close their counterparts in industry

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Actor David Calder talks about acting and the entertainments industry

The illusion Mshattered

A Workers Press interview

WHAT ARE the wages and conditions of young actors and actresses when they first get a job?

THE FIRST thing you're faced with when you leave drama school is to find somewhere to work, normally in the provinces as an assistant stage manager

As an ASM you are required to be a stage hand, a dog's body and to act and you're usually contracted for, say, around seven or eight shows, depending on the

During the process of a show you'll be doing more work than anyone else in that show and for this you'll be paid between £9 and £11 a week, depending on the grading of the theatre.

In the West End you would be paid at least £18 for the act.

be paid at least £18 for the acting job and at least £20 for the actual stage management. In the provinces, an ASM does both jobs for his £9.

When it comes to a scenechange halfway through you have to change the scenery your-self, whereas in the West End this would be done by a NATKE member at something closer to

a living wage.

As an ASM, your working day is probably from 9.30 in the morning to 11 o'clock at night, because you will have to set up before morning rehearsals and stay until after the evening per-

During the day, you will have little time to eat because you during the rehearsal breaks or making up for a performance.

You may have to share a small dressing room and one basin with five other ASMs and provide soap and towels yourself. You get through them because you're taking off grease makeup and it can be quite expensive.

The general state of the dressing rooms is normally quite prehistoric — no carpets, dusty wooden chairs and benches. You make up in mirrors that are

In fact, you can't do the job that you're actually trying to do properly. You're handicapped at every stage and yet you're expected to run the whole show.

Then, of course, you are in the position of living away from home and away from any kind of centre. The most you can afford is £3 for a small bedsitter with a cooker. They're pretty disgusting, but when they know you are in the theatre, they start taking you for a ride

HOW FAR is the period as ASM considered to be necessary basic training?

THAT WOULD be for the first year, although some are fortunate enough to by-pass it, and basically it is regarded as an exten-

sion of drama school training.
In fact, that's a complete fabrication, because you're not trained to do anything. You simply allow the company to run at low production costs, be-cause they don't have to hire a large crew or fully-paid actors for the smaller parts.

In the top repertory companies such as Bristol — where in a large play you might have 20 actors, and that's very large you will have a good five acting

Along with that, you will have, say, two technical ASMs who are also going through the same grind as you, except that they are supposedly training to be qualified stage managers or lighting engineers or whatever.

DO CONDITIONS improve when the period as an ASM is over?

THE ACTORS themselves, when they have gone through that mill, can be in as bad a situation, because sometimes they might not get any rehearsal pay at all for, say, the first four weeks. They may be contracted to do a play at perhaps £20 to £25 a week and at that level a cut-off

Of course, at this point, people start to settle down; they've got kids and they are running flats and cars and a car is something you really need It is one of the tools of the trade for an actor because you have to carry a lot

IF THE glamorous image of the acting profession was always the thinnest veneer, the impact of economic recession has today cracked that shell irreparably.

Illusions will undoubtedly persist—ably assisted by the capitalist mass media—but it is becoming increasingly difficult to convince those who take up acting as a career that unemployment and the lowest wages are an acceptable part of an actor's life or that they are essential for the best artistic contributions.

Present cut-backs in the entertainment industry, which have led to the closure of film studios like Borehamwood, have meant a rapid rise in the always high level of unemployment among actors and actresses.

We talked to a young actor DAVID CALDER--- one of the lucky ones in work'---who told us something of the conditions and the present campaign of the actors' union Equity for an £18 minimum weekly wage.

of stuff around and travel up and

down the country.

Then again there's the state of the theatres around England. They are incredible — I mean really filthy, dirty, completely unhygienic.

No self-respecting worker in any other industry would go into

these places. Showers only came in virtually because the American touring company of 'West Side Story' demanded it. As it was a show with a guaranteed return because it was so popular, it was worth while managers putting in showers. That's why there are showers in English touring theatres and not in repertory

The toilets are disgusting. They are situated under the stage where all the dust accumulates and where everything is stored. Then, you're compelled to look at each show that you do, not only as the show itself, but also the way it sells you for your

next job.
You become part of the meat market and no actor or actress escapes that — high or low. Everyone is in that situation, including directors to some extent. They all come under these

HOW DO conditions on television compare with the theatre?

Well, superficially, the wages seem to be high, but, if you work it out, your first TV show may involve a week's rehearsal and one take. You might earn say £40, but that's it — you've done your television and you have to look for work. That £40 may be spread over three months you don't know.

Of course, there is a very minute section of the industry which can demand a very high wage, but they're not really worth considering-I mean they are a fraction of a per cent.

The reason that they are the names spoken about by the public is that they are the people the public associate and define the industry by; it's an illusion.

HOW MUCH of the year is an actor actually working?

ON THE average, half the yearand that's at peak. At the moment you have the situation in which there are around 20,000 actors and 16,000 to 17,000 unemployed with very little prospect of being employed. becoming the harsh reality day by day.

It doesn't affect just this section of the industry-it affects the whole of the entertainment industry.

The whole economic structure

of the industry is based on a very quick profit return and the ability to find the money for investment is decreasing daily. You have the American re-

cession hitting the industry-the film industry especially — which has its effect right the way through; from the big film to the small film companies, right the way through to television and

IN WHAT way is this affecting the thinking of actors?

IT'S HARD to say. There is increasing militancy in the union [Equity] but this raises great dangers ahead if this militancy

grabs at straws. It comes out of the most in-

the crisis in the entertainments industry as something peculiar to the industry, which it's not. It reflects the whole social, eco-

tense frustration on the dual

level of being an artist, wanting

to work, wanting to develop that art and the fact of earning your

money to live by, to support

your family by.

Both these issues are coming

to the most fantastic acute crisis.

employment was regarded as part of the romance of the

theatre and all the illusion that

surrounded it. The arty illusions

did a marvellous job of giving

the so-called individual actor or

anyone in the profession the feeling that, well, it's all right,

a bad patch, the lucky streak will

reappear.
But, of course, over the last

boom period that has been the

case. Things sometimes got very bad and some people left the profession, but the bulk stayed. They would get employment, save up a bit of money to be

Now it's evident that the work

is just not there. You see it in the film companies. We have just

witnessed Borehamwood being

closed down-that's 20 per cent

of the film studio space.

We see it with the drama

projects that the television com-

panies are putting up. Whereas

before there were five-hander plays or serials, this isn't the

The drama is usually two-

handers and there's a mass of

repeats coming up because they

can't afford to produce any new

So as the economic crisis of

the whole society deepens, the

reality of this is affecting actors

more and they're compelled to

see it for what it really is, as

opposed to what they thought it

tration and wanting to really hit back now — fighting for survival

—is creating this militancy, but

This confused feeling of frus-

unemployed again.

case anymore.

was before.

stuff.

Previously the casual nature of

IN THIS situation, how do you see Equity's campaign for an £18 minimum wage?

nomic crisis that we exist in

it needs a lot of definition.

has to be broken down.

A lot of things have to be

cleared up because there is still

a mass of mystique that sur-rounds the theatre and the whole

entertainments industry which

Part of the mystique is to see

WELL, my personal feeling is that we must give the union full support on this demand. In a sense it's more of a symbolic demand.

In real terms £18 still means very little, relative to the amount of employment an actor is likely to get. It just means that for a few weeks he gets a few more bob in his pocket—that's all. It certainly solves nothing in

The important thing is that it's a departure from the normal union activities in the sense that it's a demand—either they take it or they don't take it. Obviously we don't know what

the managers are going to say to this demand. It is probable that the big people, the monopolies, can absorb it and deflate the whole issue whereas the smaller people

might be closed down. Apart from being too small as a real demand, it's not really dealing with any problem in the theatre. It's just a primary step, a forward-looking movement in the union, but it's not actually

posing anything clearly in itself. There are very large issues which are going to confront not just Equity but all the unions involved in the entertainments industry. In any action that a union

takes in the future there must be a conscious fight for unity between the unions by both the leadership and the rank-and-file if we are to achieve anything at

The issue that must be clarified through this fight is the question of ownership of the theatre and just who exactly we sell our skills to.

I think this is what must be brought out very sharply — the issue of ownership and our attitude as a union to it.

My feeling is that the whole entertainment industry, not just one aspect of it, must start to look towards nationalization if it's to see anything in real terms.

That is something which I firmly believe.

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STALINISM **BRITAIN**

A TROTSKYIST ANALYSIS BY ROBERT BLACK

behind THE NEWS

UNdevelopment

IMPERIALIST plunder of colonial and excolonial peoples is not exactly a new phenomenon.

The closest analysis of the capitalist mode of production and its development into its highest — imperialist — stage have, of necessity, been at the centre of the struggle for Marxism from the standpoint of destroying imperialism through proletarian revolution.

Of course, capitalism has received a great deal of attention from other quarters with other

The yearly output of books and doctoral theses which seek sanctify the status quo economically and politically—albeit with this or that criticism and helpful suggestion—must indeed

The 'plight' of the people in the 'developing' countries is a favourite topic. A few years ago, when to speak of the end of the boom was taboo in bourgeois circles, much was writ-ten about the problem of 'takeoff' in the underdeveloped coun-

The bad, old imperialist days were gone, the story went, and 'newly-independent coun-were nations in their own right, with their own economies, their own Westminsters and a little of everything that labelled a country as Christian and civil-

No more talk about the white man's burden and 'enlightening the natives'!

All that was necessary, the tale continued, was some philan-thropic aid and a bit of technological know-how and whoosh 'take-off'-the economies would suddenly generate their own momentum and everybody

TRADE UNION leaders are

very proud of their record

At last week's Trades Union

on productivity bargaining.

Vic Feather referred glowingly

to the 'signing of more than

3,000 productivity bargains in

the last three years . . . and . . . the appointment of union

Congress finally decided not

to fight productivity speed-up

and unemployment, but to

investigate how employers are

getting more profit from fewer

workers and to see whether

Indeed, productivity seems

The spirit of pioneering is

abroad when it comes to aiding

the boss to squeeze the last

drop of blood from those who

September's issue of the

Transport and General

Workers' journal 'Record',

reports that 'a fascinating and

welcome (!) problem has been

posed in the cement industry

by quite enormous advances in

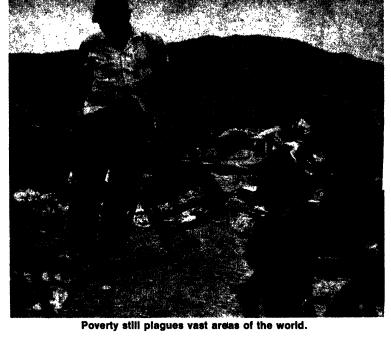
happen to still be at work.

to have a fatal fascination in

productivity officers'.

the price was right.

these circles.



would live happily ever after. Naturally, in the meantime, there was still poverty, etc., but this was only natural—like capitalism itself—and if you didn't like it, there was always Oxfam, War on Want and many other organizations to make you feel

So the story went. But developments didn't quite match up to the academic apologetics.

The breaking up of the postwar boom was heralded by the sound of political thunder. Military dictatorship replaced the Westminsters and 'take-off' time was never quite reached.

However, the academic factories continue to produce the theories to order, ever compassionate for the lot of the world's underprivileged.

At present, a conference is being held at Jesus College, Cambridge, which hopes to throw some light on and find some solution for the worsening conditions in the 'developing' (not 'underdeveloped', mind)

The subject is 'Prospects for Employment Opportunities in the 1970s' and an impressive amount of brainpower is being brought

Ninety representatives from over 40 countries and international organizations are attending, including ministers, senior officials and academics.

The World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank will also be represented so as to impression that the discussion is

According to preliminary notes on the conference issued by the Ministry of Overseas Development, the problem is immense.

Unemployment, outside the

purely of academic interest.

metropolitan capitalist countries and the workers' states, runs at around 25 per cent.

In Nigeria in 1965, urban unemployment was 10.6 per cent in Lagos and 12.6 per cent overall.

The pioneering 'That the majority of urban unemployed should be under 25 years of age, many of them school leavers, says the blurb, is perhaps the most pathetic side of the picture. The problem of unemployment in developing countries is above all the problem of youth."

Obviously, less youth means less unemployment:

'Most perturbing is . . . the population explosion—the deepest and most intractable cause of unemployment.' Simple!

However, the implications of the subsequent statements and

Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 Scottish Pipe Band Association Competition. 11.30-12.00 Scottish Viewpoint. 12 mid-night News, weather.

West. South, West: 6.00-6.45 Points West. South today. Spotlight South West, weather. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 Enthusiasts: People with a jest for living (South only). News, weather. 11.52 News, weather.

proposals—all couched in the nicest phraseology—indicate the future that is held out to the majority of the world's population as the imperialist crisis

'More places in schools and universities have outrun the numbers of paid jobs in the modern sector available to leavers. High standards of living in cities and towns compared with those in the rural areas also attract labour away from the land in search of urban employment which does not exist.

'Lastly, modern technology, applied to agriculture and industry as the most efficient means of increasing the production of wealth, tends, in the short term (1), to destroy more jobs than it creates.'

Again the implications are clear. What's the point of education if there's no jobs?

Why invest in modern machinery if it provides little employment?

The second point is pressed

'For example, assume a case in which £100,000 is available to increase textile production. If it is invested in a modern textile factory it could produce an extra output of say £40,000 and 100

'Alternatively the sum could be invested in handspinning and weaving which could produce an output of only £20,000 but 1,000

'The conflict between getting maximum output for capital and getting maximum employment out of it is, in this case, dramatic enough to illustrate the dilemma of choosing between labour-intensive and capital-intensive technologies in development policy.

This is indeed a policy for underdeveloping developing countries!

This is the language of the imperialist crisis.

In better times, the export of capital was direct and openly brutal. With 'indpendence' came the system of 'aid'—large loans for investment tied to high interest rates — by courtesy of the World Bank and various 'development' organizations.

While ensuring sizeable returns for the donors, for the recipients it meant industrial starvation, while the emphasis was on primary production for export.

Now, even this phase of development is coming to an end.

While the latest transistor radios may be offered to those who are voluntarily sterilized, its back to the Middle Ages and beyond in everything else.

BBC 1

1.00 p.m. Dyna wall. 1.25 Interval. 1.30 Watch with Mother. 1.45 News and weatherman, 1.53 closedown, 4.20 Play school, 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Animal magic: The world of animals. 5.20 Marine boy. 5.44 Babar. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE, London. 6.45 TRANSWORLD TOP TEAM. International top of the form.

Salisbury v Eindhoven. 7.05 Z CARS. 'A lot of fuss for 15 quid'. Part 2.

7.30 LAUGH PARADE. 'How to be Very, Very Popular'. With Betty

Gable and Sheree North. POINTS OF VIEW. 9.00 NEWS and weather.

JOLLY COPPER. Documentary on the British policeman. 10.10 MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS. 10.40 24 HOURS.

8.00 SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S SHERLOCK HOLMES. 'A

9.20 PREMIERE. 'The Escape to Mindanao'. With Ronald Remy and

2.35 p.m. Junior Athletics. 3.35 Journey of a lifetime. 3.50 Skippy.

4.17 Hatty town. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Bright's Boffins. 5.20 Magpie.

10.30 THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY. No. 3: 'Set the people free'.

8.30 CRIBBENS. New comedy series with Bernard Cribbens.

9.00 ARMCHAIR THEATRE. 'A Room in Town'.

George Maharis as American soldiers in enemy-occupied

11.15 THE SKY AT NIGHT. Moon-quakes! 11.30 VIEWPOINT. The missing centuries—a story of literary detection.

11.50 Weatherman.

REGIONAL BBC

11.00 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

study in Scarlet'.

10.50 NEWS. 10.55 LINE-UP.

6.25 GHOST AND MRS MUIR.

6.55 FILM. 'Carry on Teacher'.

11.30 TURNING POINT. China.

Philippines.

7.30 p.m. NEWSROOM and weather.

8.50 WHEELBASE. World of motoring.

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Midlands today. Look East. Nationwide, 10.10-10.40 Miracles take a little longer: A film about Birmingham. 11.52 News, weather.

North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Look North, weather. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 (North East only) 'A Canney View' followed by News, weather. 11.52 News, weather. Wales: 5.20-5.44 Telewele. 6.00-6.45 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.05 Heddiw: Topical events. 10.10-10.40 Changing years: W. E. Gladstone. technology and productivity'how to get 300 men to do 3,000 men's jobs with the minimum of trouble. The article on page 11 goes 'The fact that it occurs in

BBC 2

5.50 News

an industry that is hostile to productivity bargaining makes the problem even more attractive.' Two new kilns are being

Cement Works of the Associated Portland Cement Com-Their output potential is equivalent to that of the company's present seven cement works on the north and south

introduced in the North Fleet

duce a high proportion of Britain's cement. Voluntary redundancies have been negotiated, but what about the 'lucky' 300?

side of the Thames which pro-

Just in case anyone was likely to think that the savings in wages might by chance find their way into workers' pockets, the 'Record' puts the record straight: 'The wages structure at

present, after considerable attempts to convert the company to productivity bargaining, remains one of jobevaluated rates on a basic rate. 'Faced with the prospect of productivity multiplying

evaluation won't be able to cope!' Obviously some other way of convincing workers that

something in the order of 900

per cent, obviously job

although 'our people require a fair share of the results of technical progress'. Gleefully, the article runs

they are not really producing

more wealth is necessary,

'The forthcoming negotiations will be literally pioneer-

But pioneering what? Rather well-trodden paths, we fear.

Love, American style. 6.55 Film: 'Rogue Cop'. With Robert Taylor and George Raft. 8.30 London. 11.30 News. 11.40 Weather. Action '70.

HARLECH: 4.25 Women today. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bonanza. 8.00 Mr and Mrs. 8.30 London. 11.30 Survival. Water, water everywhere. 12 midnight

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.23-4.25, 6.18-6.35 Report West.
HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd, 11.30 Trip I'r Teulu, 12 midnight Weather.
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ANGLIA: 4.30 Newsroom. 4.40 Enchanted House. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'True as a Turtle'. Starring John Gregson. 8.30 London. 11.30 NYPD. 11.58 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 3.50 Your stars to-morrow. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.50 Catweazie. 5.15 London. 6.35 Cross-roads. 7.00 '7th Cavalry'. 8.30 London.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 In Question: Current Affairs. 11.52 News, weather. 11.30 Better Driving. ULSTER: 4.30 Romper Room. 4.50 News, 4.55 London. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'The Warriors'. With Errol Flynn. 8.30 London. 11.30 White Line.

YORKSHIRE: 2.30 International Flat Green Bowls, 4.00 Decimalization, 4.15 Wind in the Willows, 4.30 Matinee, 4.55 London, 6.00 Calendar, 6.30 Nanny and the Professor, 7.00 Film: 'Cattle King', With Robert Taylor and Joan Caulfield in a Jackson Hole ranch drama, 8.30 London, 11.30 All our yesterdays, 12 midnight Weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 London. 6.00 Newsview. 6.10 All our yesterdays. 6.40 Film: "Sitting Bull". 8.30 London. 11.30 Four just men.

TYNE TEES: 2.30 International Flat Green Bowls. 4.00 Interval. 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 Film: 'Duel in the Jungle'. With Dana Andrews and David Farrar. Insurance investigator checks on diamond tycoon. 8.30 London. 11.30 News. 11.45 We travel hopefully.

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 Telephone game. 4.40 Origami, 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround, 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Westbound'. American Civil war feature film. 8.30 London. 11.30 Better Driving, 11.55 News, weather

SCOTTISH: 3.50 Your stars tomorrow. 3.52 Women today, 4.15 London. 6.00 News. 6.15 Telephone game. 6.45 Marcus Welby. 8.30 London. 11.30

GRAMPIAN: 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Enchanted House. 4.25 Makem Country style. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.20 Max. With Vincent Price and Geoff Love. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 'Gunfight at Comanche Creek'. 8.30 London. 11.30 Better Driving.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Enchanted House. 4.25 Nanny and the Professor. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Police five. 6.15 Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Young and Eager'. 8.30 London. 11.30 Gazette. 11.35 News.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

11.50 WHY IT MATTERS.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.30 Faith for life. 11.35 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 2.35-3.35 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Enchanted House. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.40

working at **CAV Acton**

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

OVER 120 workers at CAV Acton are to be put on short-time.

The 33 per cent cut-back in work affects three departments; the nozzle shop, the 440 assembly line and the igniter section.

Stewards were also told at a meeting last week that men CAV's Sudbury factory in Suffolk would start four-day

This follows the recent announcement of economies throughout the Lucas-CAV group nationally because of the drop in diesel sales and the effects of the GKN-Sankey

A call to resist the cutback by strike action was rejected by Acton stewards who voted instead for work-sharing in departments affected and if this was refused by management, a four-day throughout the plant.

Stewards will hold a mass meeting at Canham Rd to-

Dangerous

Workers at Acton are now in a very dangerous position.

Tele-control monitoring is being installed and this, with the effects of short-time, could demoralize the men and make inroads into the factory's trade union organization.

They must not follow the example of almost 1,000 CAV workers who simply left the Acton plant in the mid-1960s because of labour mobility on the shop floor which reduced earnings.

Two Teesside closures

TWO HUNDRED and thirty workers, mainly women and girls, are to lose their jobs as a result of the closure announced last week of Rem-brandt's clothing factory in Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside.

The closure of the three year-old factory, has followed the shutdown only a few weeks ago of the nearby BSC Malleable Pipe Works, putting 800 out of work.

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ISRAEL RELEASE 70

(See page one)

Tel Aviv, Monday-Israel to-

day released 70 of the Arabs

rounded up in a mass swoop throughout the occupied terri-

tories during the weekend,

Arabs might be used as

counter-hostages for hi-jacked

airline passengers held in Jordan, but Foreign Minister

Abba Eban said today they

were detained as part of a scurity probe into the activiti-

the Liberation of Palestine.

The radio said the 70, in-

cluding some women, were released on the completion of

TWO DANGERS WARNING

After a meeting with officials of the DEP yesterday

union leaders of 770,000 corporation manual workers said

that they had warned the

their interrogation.

the Popular Front for

It had been believed the

Israel radio reported.

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Short-time | Swindon motor workers in danger PSF prepares MDW drive

THE DETERMINATION of Pressed Steel-Fisher's Swindon management to get productivity deals introduced stems from their eagerness to reduce the labour force and speed up production through a Measured-Day Work system.

Such action is seen by the employers as providing effective backing to Tory plans to outlaw strikes and to defeat all demands for increased pay.

Union negotiators are still discussing the terms of agreement and have not come out against the company's

In August the employers published their proposals which would give them the right to use work-study, jobevaluation and mobility of labour techniques and anything else they decide would help to boost output. They promised there would be no enforced redundancy.

But nearly all productivity deals incorporate this clause in order to encourage accept-

A truer reflection of the consequences of productivity bargaining is the recently announced proposal to sack

FERRYMEN STAY OUT

HOLYHEAD railway clerks who had voted to return to work after a six-day strike were out again yesterday.

Their decision, over a pay bonus dispute, means that no car ferries can sail to or from Holyhead to Ireland.

British Rail warned intending passengers to make alter-

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might take unofficial action

before September 29, when

the current pay agreement

runs out. The other was that

if there was not a quick

settlement the present negotia-

tion machinery might be

SONIC BOOMS MAY BE BANNED

The government is consider-

ing the possibility of banning all commercial flights at supersonic speeds over Britain,

Mr Eldon Griffiths, Joint Parliamentary Secretary, Minis-try of Housing and Local Government, said yesterday at

a conference of the Association

of Public Health Inspectors

at Blackpool.

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By Industrial reporter

1,800 workers made by the Alcan-Booth Company as a direct result of a productivitydeal speed-up carried out over the last nine months.

Proposals

Present PSF proposals

'If, as a result of the use of work study, situations are revealed which hinder the efficient use of labour, departmental boundaries may be revised in order to provide for increased flexibility and efficient manning.'
This is sheer double-talk.

Job evaluation and work study set out from the beginning to break down all job, trade and departmental demarcation, enabling flexibility of labour to operate bility of labour to operate. There is no 'if' about it. Significantly, the employers

do not object to union partici-pation in the job-evaluation They know that so long as standard work-study methods are used, only one set of

results is possible.
On the other hand 'mutual agreement' with the union officials is expected to set the seal of approval on every-thing that is introduced.

Agreement

The PSF employers are quick to point out that their lemands only follow from the 1968 national engineering agreement in which the engave in to the employers on Measured-Day Work.

'The 1968 National Agreement included provision for the use of work-study techniques throughout the engineering industry. This proposed productivity agreement provides for an extension to that proviso.'

Union negotiators hide the real aims of MDW by turning all discussion into a bargain over the price of introduction. In this case extra payments are being claimed to come into operation at different stages of the agreement.

At the same time union officials have told the employers that the deal 'must have phased stages'. In other words they are advising management on how to get the schemes in with the least opposition.

The aim of all productivity deals in large factories is to introduce a Measured-Day Work system based on the Methods Time Measurement or other 'synthetic time' workstudy system.

This establishes a method by which operation speeds and output levels can be continureflection in pay taking place. It also lays the basis for increased supervision and control by management, making gradual depletion of the

The GKN-Sankey and Morris Motors workers' struggle to keep out 'productivity' systems and to win straight, 'no-strings' increases, in face of the Tory government's wage freeze must be taken up Pressed Steel-Fisher workers and those in every other sec-

of the Swindon district committee of the AEF.

Edinburgh: Occasional showers, comparintervals. Light NW winds. sunny intervals. Light NW Rather cool. Max 15C (59F).

Glasgow area: Showers, moderate or heavy at times. Sunny intervals. Moderate to fresh northerly winds. Rather cool. Max 13C (55F). Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Unsettled with rain at times in the West and North. Becoming mainly dry in the South. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.
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is holding out. increased without any

labour force—or mass sack-

tion of industry.

This is, in fact, the position

WEATHER

London area, SE, central southern, NW and central northern England, E and W Midlands: Cloudy. Rain spreading East during morning. Becoming brighter later. Winds light and variable, becoming NW later. Rather cool. Max 15C (59F). Channel Islands, SW England: Cloudy with rain, becoming brighter with sunny intervals by afternoon but with showers. Light NW winds, becoming moderate. Rather cool. Max 16C (61F). Edinburgh: Occasional showers. N Ireland: Occasional showers, locally moderate, sunny intervals. Moderate NW winds. Rather cool. Max 15C (59F).

on wages and conditions policed by rising unemployment are just opposite sides of the same Tory coin.

Tory crunch

• FROM PAGE ONE

An African is hung upsidedown over a fire by legionnaires. He

and later died.

that Sankey's multi-'stringed' offer is certainly the limit to which the company can go and there is no intention of increasing the offer now on the table'.

He goes out of his way to ridicule comparisons between this offer 'with the element of job-evaluation grades, incentivity and levelling-up of piecework' and the strikers' £8 10s no 'strings' demand.

Having obtained - in return for a mere £2 a week the signatures of all unions on a May 1969 'enabling agreement' providing for a 15-month pay standstill, Killick clearly sees no reason to hide the fact that in offering £2 to pieceworkers and £7 6s to craftsmen the company was merely attempting to price progress made since then towards 'a new wage-andproductivity deal'.

This new deal, developed by management consultants Urwick Orr, was a joint management-union 'based on job-evaluation, activity sampling and produc-

It is in order to force this deal through—and, hopefully in the process, weaken resistance to job-evaluation and Measured-Day Work in car assembly — that GKN-Sankey

In this, of course, they have the full support of the 'big four' car-industry chiefs, who have now laid off 30,000 assembly workers, and of the government.

Tory leader Edward Heath's weekend refusal to intervene n the dispute is an unmistakable boost for every employer to fight this battle out to the

This is the real face of what boilermakers' leader Dan McGarvey—in another context— described at Brighton last week as 'government by the Confedera-tion of British Industry'. McGarvey told Trades Union

Congress delegates that when he went with trade union delegates, local councillors and MPs to visit Technology Minister John Davies—a for-mer CBI president—to protest against Vickers' planned closure of Palmer's, its Hebburn ship-repair yard, Davies told him that the government had no intention of inter-vening in this situation despite the already above-average unemployment in the area.
But this should come as a surprise to no one in the labour movement.

Opposite

Productivity-dealing attacks

And the local government workers, miners, busmen and GKN-Sankey strikers are now in the front line of the

policy; theirs, above all, is a political struggle. It is in this context that all trade unionists are being

The achievement of 'sensible and rational wage structures in industry', TUC general sec-retary Victor Feather said at Brighton seven days ago, required two things: 'clear up the mess arising from years of

deal with this sudden explosion of impatience . . . 'It looks to me,' he said, 'as if it's this sort of thing that has happened at GKN-

unplanned development and

Intervention in the dispute from Congress House (and this is now a real possibility), in other words, would be anchored firmly to an attempt to win the stewards away from their resistance to 'strings'.

This would not only endanger the Wellington strikers' fully-justified struggle, but shore up the Tory government's confidence that it can proceed with its anti-workingclass plans safe from any real opposition from the union

Hatred

Distrust and hatred of the union officialdom, unless it is tempered by a political appraisal of the strike, which must include the political role of the union bureaucracy, can site if the union leaders make the strike official.

This surely was the salient lesson brought out by the official recognition given to the dock strike, a policy which facilitated the massive retreat of the union leaders on the basic wage demand, helped to smooth the way for Devlin Phase Two and effectively divided the opposition to Jack Jones.

According to 'The Times' September 14, 1970) Business News, Mr Heath, in a letter to Tom Dalyell MP, has explicitly ruled out government intervention although 'greatly perturbed' by the strike.

It is Mr Heath's firm belief that union leaders should be left alone in their efforts to persuade workers to accept the package deal. For the same reason Mr

Heath would have no objection to the strike being made official. GKN workers must not be

lulled into any feeling of complacency merely because some of the union leaders give the strike their official blessing. This would signify a new stage of the dispute, requiring even greater firmness and sharpness on the part of GKN

militants, and not the end of the dispute as some workers might imagine. they couldn't remain out No significant advance will on principled issues.

This was a reference to be won in GKN if this vital experience of the dockers is

SOUTH AFRICA

GROMYKO

TO VISIT

BRITAIN

SOVIET Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will visit

Britain later this year at the

invitation of the Tory govern-

ment, it was announced yes-

terday by the Foreign Office.

victory on June 18, Moscow

correspondents praised Tory

foreign policy for its indepen-

dence from the United States.

in 1965, when he was a guest

of the Wilson government.

Brutal tortures

by legionnaires

Gromyko was last in Britain

Chad

BRUTAL TORTURE and cold-blooded murder used by elitist French legionnaires against the people of Chad—

In an interview published

last week W German brick-

layer Hans Faust, who fought in Chad with the Legion, re-vealed how captured guerrillas

are systematically tortured and how the French forces and their 'advisers' are waging

a war of terror against the

whole population in the bush and desert on behalf of the dictator of this ex-French colony, President Tombalbaye.

Capture

Faust describes an opera-

zine 'Stern'.

Following Heath's election

Pretoria 19

BUT STILL FACE RE-ARREST

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

NINETEEN out of the 20 Africans charged in Pretoria with 'terrorist activities' and plotting to overthrow the S African government were yesterday found not guilty and discharged.

Ceylon

defies

S. Africa

trade ban

MRS BANDARANAIKE'S

Ceylon government is to

continue exporting tea to

This was announced on

Sunday in defiance of the

'non-aligned' nations sum-mit meeting decision in Lusaka to ban all trade and

other ties with S Africa.
The Bandaranaike regime

is based on an electoral

alliance between her own SLFP party, the pro-Moscow Stalinists and the

LSSP, which broke from the

last vestiges of its Trotskyist

past when it entered the

first 'left' coalition under Bandaranaike in 1964.

This is not the first ccommodation of the

Just after its election vic-

tory, the government in-formed plantation workers

that there would be no nationalization of the foreign tea monopolies that

dominate the island's

accommodation of the 'United Left Front' govern-

ment with imperialism.

the Vorster regime.

S Africa.

The judge rejected his appeal, and announced that his trial would proceed at a later

the French puppet state in central Africa — have been exposed in the German magamonths ago also ended with a verdict of not guilty, but the 22 defendants — members of the banned African National Congress-were re-arrested as they left the courthouse.

A similar threat still hangs over the acquitted Pretoria 19.

CABINET

tion near Mangalmé in which

suspected supporters of FROLINA, the Chad liberation movement, were captured and brutally tortured.

Closer

Castro

ON THEIR way to the

'non-aligned nations' sum-

mit at Lusaka, the Cuban

and Peruvian Foreign

Madrid for talks with

officials of the Spanish

Peru's Adgardo Mercado Jarrin stated before leaving

for Zambia that Latin Ameri-

can government would soon

start discussions with the

Castro regime in Cuba on the

resumption of relations be-

tween Havana and the Organ-

Cuba has established very

close relations with the mili-

tary regime in Peru over the

last year, and it is through the Peruvian junta that the year, and it is through

approach to other Latin Ameri-

can regimes is being made. Cuba was expelled from the

US - dominated Organization

when it began to nationalize

imperialist concerns ten years

The Soviet government has

recently been urging Castro to

improve its economic and

political relations with Latin

than the 13s offer.

haven't got it.'

return, declared:

One worker shouted: 'We came out for 15s and we

One of several speakers from the floor opposing the

'We've had a long strike, but I don't feel licked.' He

But the fact that Carring-

ton was returning obviously

swayed the meeting. Workers

deplored the separate de-

Last Tuesday, a Com-munist Party meeting in Manchester decided that the

strike should be called off.

separate meeting at Car-

Following that came the

was loudly applauded.

America.

ization of American States.

Ministers stopped

government.

One was shoot in the leg, then, on the orders of the commanding lieutenant, hung upside down from a tree over fire and interrogated. Within minutes he had lost consciousness and his body was covered with blisters. He died a few hours after

he had been cut down. His more fortunate companions were simply shot

Faust describes the torture methods, refined by French forces in Algeria and Indo-China and now used in Chad.

Electrocution

These include forcing captives to drink up to 20 litres of water and the 'field telephone' - electric shocks administered to the tongue, ears

and genitals.

There is also widespread murder of peasants suspected of assisting the liberation fighters and napalm is used regularly against people,

houses and crops.

In the light of these revelations, the act of the Libyan government, closely allied with Nasser, in sealing their northern frontier with Chad to refugees and liberation forces, is an act of callous treachery.

Resistance The fight against the Tombalbaye dictatorship began in 1965 and Mangalmé was a

centre of resistance.
In 1968 the French government sent in three companies of elite troops to assist Tombalbaye's regime under the mutual defence treaty between France and all her ex-African colonies

The troops were followed by a team of advisers, led by ex-Chad governor Lamy. The French arms include armoured desert vehicles, helicopters with rapid-fire cannon and napalm.

Burmah Oil men CONSTRUCTION workers at Burmah Oil, Ellesmere Port, have decided by a

narrow majority of 390 to 316, to return to work. Together with workers at the Shell site at Carrington, near Manchester, they have been on strike since July

The meeting on Sunday of Burmah Oil men was told that Carrington workers had already decided to return to work next week. There were shouts of 'We

could have had that nine weeks ago' as officials recommended a return on the basis of the management's offer of 13s an hour basic, plus 2s 10.2d an hour for 'co-operation' and 'normal Officials reported that the

stewards' committee had recommended that the men stay on strike, but out of four committee members who spoke to the meeting, only one opposed acceptance of the offer. The convenor declared the offer was not good, but

rington. After nine weeks' solid strike the Party's members have led a return the fight against 'blacklist-

acquitted

The other defendant, Benjamin Ramotse, claimed his trial was a violation of international law, as he had been arrested outside

Ramotse had been captured by Rhodesian troops inside independent Botswana.

He claimed he was taken to Rhodesia and then handed over to the Vorster regime.

RE-ARRESTED

Another Pretoria trial seven

CUTBACK

THE Tory Cabinet met yesterday to discuss their proposed big cuts in state spending.

Six Ministers not in the Cabinet were also present, in-cluding the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and those responsible for programmes which are to be cut back.

> Franco 'helps' in Moroccan

BY A FOREIGN REPORTER

LEFT-WING opponents of the Moroccan government are to be tried in Rabat within the next two weeks 'for crimes against state security'.

Two of the 100 who will be tried were handed over to King Hassan by Franco's police after their arrest last February in Madrid. They had also been active in their support for the Arab struggle against the Zionists.

Arms

One of the charges against them is that they 'conspired' with the Syrian Ba'athist party to buy arms and 'provoke disorder' in the Arab

All those left-wing political prisoners now held by the Hassan regime should be freed at once.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

LEICESTER: Tuesday, September 15, 8 p.m. Queen's Hotel, Rutland St. 'The wages offensive and the 15, 8 p.m. Queen's Hotel, Rutland St. 'The wages offensive and the Tories'. LEEDS: Wednesday, September 16, 7.30 p.m. Leeds Trades Hall, Upper Fountaine St. 'The busmen's wage

Busmen

FROM PAGE ONE

cut by half, but with hardly any loss of revenue.

At the Leeds meeting secretary of the transport union's 9/12 branch said that busmen were 79th in the wages table and worked more hours than any other

Moving the resolution for Friday stoppages he called on the Regional Trade Group to support this

action.

Delegates said that only a national strike could win A Middleton depot rep-

resentative held up his wage slip and told the meeting '85 hours paid and I take home £25.

'When Heath starts his value-added tax we'll be

back where we started. vote for a national strike.' But the platform would not accept a proposal that a strike committee be elected.

Steeled

Busmen face employers who are steeled in their resolve to make no concessions by the full backing of the Tory government.

In July the government intervened telling employers

not to pay anything as the last increase was less than 12 months away. Willingly following this

lead, the employers have refused to give any increases until the current agreements expire next spring.
The 'offer' of T&GWU national bus secretary Mr Alan Thompson to accept a £2-a-week interim rise has

Stiff resistance

been turned down.

This stiff resistance to the busmen's wage claim is directly in line with the Tories' singling out of workers in the public sector for an attack on their wages as part of Heath's plans for an onslaught on all workers.
As many of the busmen at the Leeds meetings were well aware only a national strike can defeat the Tory plans and win the national

Devlin stalemate

AS HULL dockers were due to begin operating the Devlin Phase Two scheme yesterday,

the modernization plan is still at stalemate in Liverpool.

The port's 10,000 dockers have rejected the employers' offer of £35 for a 32½-hour week tied to two-shift working, an end to the tonnage agreement, a free manning scale, full flexibility and

mobility of labour and tightened discipline.
Light duty men have been offered £25.

The dockers' decision, taken at Saturday's mass meeting in Liverpool Stadium, came after transport union representatives had told the men that the employers would give no guarantee of maintaining the labour force at its current strength.

Strike ends for talks on Morris **Motors** pay

CARWORKERS at British-Leyland's Morris Motors plant at Cowley, Oxford may be on strike again this morning if a meeting between the company, union officials and senior shop stewards is unsuccessful.

A mass meeting of the 1,200 strikers yesterday almost unanimously adopted the resolution to return to work in order to allow the meeting to go ahead.

The men are asking for a substantial increase in interim pay while the switch to the new ADO 28 model takes place. The management has put forward an offer of 16s 10d an hour which is £6 to £7 less than the 'shop average'.

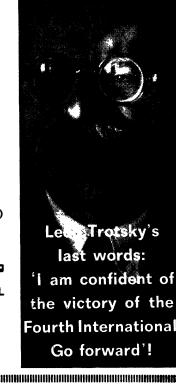
SOCIALIST

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October 4



(nr Merkland St underground)

Speaker: G. Healy (SLL national secretary) Sunday

back ing', an issue in the strike. He said the bonus scheme should be changed inside the gate, and the chairman of the stewards' committee came out definitely for a return to work, declaring the men would get no more