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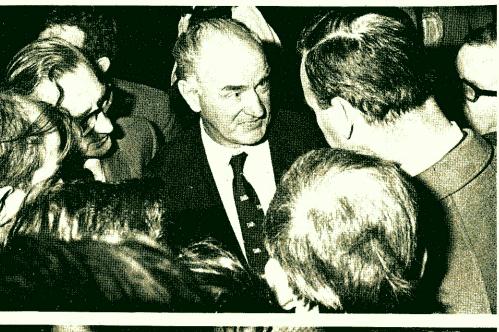
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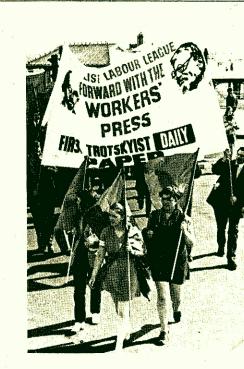
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But no detailed campaign of action was drawn up by the union leaders who talked to the

Andrew Barr, CSEU chairman, trotted out the now familiar digest of industrial statistics first used by Victor Feather, TUC general secretary in his speech at the 102nd Congress. Far more days were lost in industry through accidents, sick-

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Main speaker, Harry Urwin, assistant secretary of the Transport & General Workers' Union, praised the efforts of local trade union leaders.

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6.00 EUROPE THIS WEEK.

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7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

12.40 THE GLORY OF LOVE.

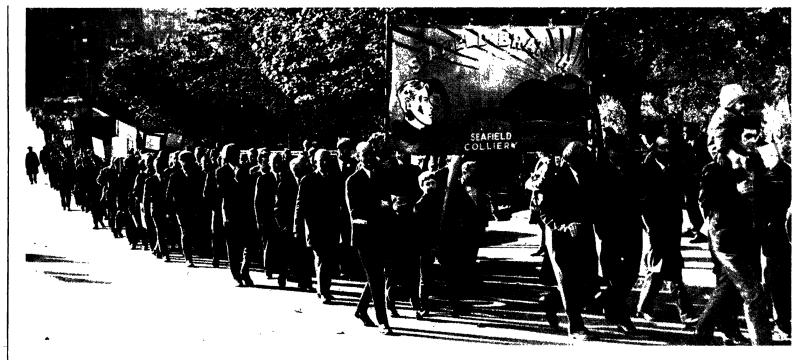
REGIONAL ITV

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WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun show. 6.60 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 11.50 Faith for life. 11.55 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.45 London. 4.05 Paulus, 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE.

7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'Time of the Jackais'.



Scottish miners marching through Edinburgh to a rally last Sunday.

## MINERS' PAY CLAIM

Three NUM branch secretaries talk to Workers Press

HARRY RILEY, secretary Brodsworth (Yorks) branch **National Union of Mineworkers:** 

THIS CLAIM is completely justified, as is acknowledged by all the people who know anything about working conditions in the industry.

The skill required, the arduousness of the work, the hazards to health which still continue, and the dangers to life; these things alone require that the rates of pay should be as high as in any other industry.

I, as Brodsworth branch secretary, feel that we should fight to

The miners are prepared to fight the government on this

Wealth divisions are too great in this country-one man can go to the Bahamas and another is lucky if he gets to Cleethorpes.

But the man who produces the wealth, the man who does the work, is the man at the bottom of the scale.

The Tory conference wanted to attack the unions because it represented those who have the wealth against those who do the work. It is the man who does a day's work who is important.

We will get support from the other unions. Low-paid workers

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land. 8.30-9.00 Current account. 12.07 News, weather. Vireland: 6.00-6.20 Scene around six, weather. 8,30-9.00 Music for a while. 12.07 News, weather. 8,30-9.00 Music for a while. 12.07 News, weather. W. South, West: 6.00-6.20 Points west. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 12.07 News, weather.

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with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.25 Schools. 4.20

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8.30 NOT ONLY . . . BUT ALSO. Peter Cook and Dudley Moore.
9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather.

10.35 MARILYN MONROE. 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes'. With Marilyn

9.00 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. 'Tribunal'. By Leo Knowles. Play

10.15 JOHN SEBASTIAN IN CONCERT. The ex-lead singer of the

11.00 a.m. Schools. 2.55 Racing from Newmarket. 4.10 People to

people. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Arthur! 5.20 Timeslip. 5.50 News.

set against the background of the 1968 Czech uprising.

9.30 REVIEW. 'Ten Sitting Rooms' and 'The Box in the Corner'.

Lovin' Spoonful' sings his own compositions.

8.30 THE MATING MACHINE, 'Flo and Monty and Henry'.

CONCEPTIONS OF MURDER. 'Conversation Piece'.

FRIDAY FILM. 'Children of the Damned'. With Ian Hendry,

6.35 Out of town. 7.00 Michael Miles quiz. 7.30 Weekend. 7.35 Life with Cooper. 8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 X film: "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner". With Michael Redgrave and Tom Courtenay. A boy is sent to Borstal at 18 for stealing. 12.10 News. 12.20 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-2.53 London. 2.53-4.15 Racing from Newmarket. 4.18 Good afternoon. 4.40 London. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20 Mad Movies. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Cattle King'. With Robert Taylor. 8.30 London. 10.30 Fill this space. . . 11.00 Man in a suitcase. 11.55 Weather.

Alan Badel and Barbara Ferris. Six super-intelligent children.

9.00 DIAMOND CRACK DIAMOND. 'Not For Sale'.

Monroe and Jane Russell. The first in a series of films with

Aspel, 5.44 The magic roundabout, 5.50 News and weather.

6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'A Welcoming Town'.

8.00 DAD'S ARMY. 'Sgt—Save My Boy!'

9.20 NANA by Emile Zola. 'The Actress'.

REGIONAL BBC

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.20 Midlands today. Look East, weather. 12.07 News, weather.

North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.20 Look North, weather. 12.07 News, weather.

Wales: 1.30-1.45 Ar lin mam. 6.00-6.20 Wales today, weather. 6.45

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather,

8.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

10.55 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

7.05 p.m. LIFE IN OUR SEA. 'Seascapes'.

everywhere get abysmal pay. The surface worker in the mining industry has to work twice what should be a normal working week in order to take home a decent wage for himself and his

Working conditions, for surface workers especially, are atrolocal level, but improvements are very, very slow in coming.

H. E. PARKINS, secretary of Chesterfield branch of the **National Union of Mineworkers:** 

THE TORIES' intention to smash the working class will strengthen the miners. Industrial action can be used to bring down the Tory government, but we are striking for a wages

I want to make it quite clear this is not a 'trick' to bring down the government though we do want the Tories out.

We have been calling for action since before June.

The miners are militant because they are not getting the wages they are entitled to.

I see this as both a political and economic strike and it is a demonstration to the Tories that this is a justified case.

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Your stars tomorrow, 3.52 Women today, 4.10 Peyton Place, 4.40 London, 4.55 Land of the giants, 5.50 London, 6.00 ATV today, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 From a bird's eye view, 7.30 Champions, 8.25 London, 10.30 Baron, 11.30 Midland member, 11.45 Object in view, weather.

ULSTER: 11.00 London. 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 5.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Laredo. 8.30 London. 10.30 Deadline. 1.00 Film: 'Caged'. With Eleanor Parker and Agnes Moorehead. A young girl spends time in a particularly horrifying women's prison.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00 London. 4.15
Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55
London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30
Beverly Hillbillies. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00
Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30
Edgar Wallace. 11.40 Cinema. 12.10
Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Six-o-one: newsday. 6.25 Put it in writing. 6.35 Man from Uncle. 7.30 This is. Tom Jones. 8.25 London. 10.30 Thriller: "The Yellow Canary". With Pat Boone, Barbara Eden, Steve Forest and Jack Klugman. Andy Paxton comes close to breaking point when his son is kidnapped and cannot be found.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-4.20 London, 4.35 NE news, 4.40 London, 4.55 Thunderbirds, 5.50 London, 6.00 Today at six, 6.30 Making whoopee, 7.00 Wheel of fortune, 7.30 Mating machine, 8.00 I spy, 9.00 London, 10.30 Movie: 'The Fugitive Kind', With Marlon Brando and Joanne Woodward. A guitarplaying nightclub entertainer decides to quit that life, 12.40 News.

BORDER: 1.38 London, 4.10 News, 4.12 Training the family dog, 4.30 Cartoon, 4.40 London, 4.55 Lost in space, 5.50 London, 6.00 News, Lookaround, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Wheel of fortune, 7.30 Mating machine, 8.00 Man in a suitcase, 9.00 London, 10.30 Thriller: "The Last Gangster". With Edward G. Robinson and James Stewart. An underworld big shot goes to prison for income tax evasion, 12.15 News, weather.

ployed to bring down wages. Lord Robens can't take independent action on pit closures even with the backing from the government. The 22,000 miners who would lose their jobs through this action is nothing

> become unemployed each year. Neither Lord Robens nor the government want to rely upon supply all the energy so therefore they will not close unprofitable

compared with the 30,000 who

An unprofitable pit is determined by the balance sheet at the NCB. The profits are being used to pay off interest payments which the government should have relieved from the industry, allowing the money to be used for the industry and moderniza-

Lord Robens says if coal prices increase, they will lose on the market and closures of pits will be inevitable. He claims the demand of steep wage increases will also cause this result.

The government must remove the crippling burdens. The unions are against the import of American coal during strikes, which is charged to the industry and not to the nation.

It should not be the miners' wages to suffer.

ness now. The miners are united as never before.

GEORGE WILKINSON, secretary Houghton Main

(Yorks) branch, National Union of Mineworkers and a

member of the Labour Party

I AM strongly in favour of a

strike on the issue of the £5.

There should be no settling

The miner has slipped from first in the wages table to 16th

and this has been because of

There must be no more weak-

On the Pilkington dispute, I

600,000 unemployed is too

would have supported the 250

victimized glass workers by call-

ing the men back out on strike.

many. The Tory government would have to expand their economy to reduce the figures. But

they will use this pool of unem-

for anything less.

weak leadership.

We will show Robens, the Coal Board, the Tory press and the Tory government.

We must take on this government. The Tories got back in because of the weakness of the Labour government, because Wilson and company attacked the working class for the benefit of the monopolists.

The Conservative Party conference showed that the parliamentary spokesmen of capitalism want to smash the working class.

But the seeds of this were sown by the Labour govern-ment. They started the prices

They started the anti-union laws. Now the Tories think the ground is prepared for them. They think we are vulnerable.

And they think the miners are the most yulnerable of the lot because of the way we have been treated since nationalization. But we are going to show them exactly where we stand.

The miners have got the support of the T&GWU and the AEF. The claim is legitimate. £20 is the minimum people require to live on.

The miners are prepared to stick it out even though it means taking on the Tory government.
I am confident Houghton Main will be solid for the strike.

He said the same evening that he intended to ask Chancellor Reginald Maudling to investigate what happened

are paid into general union

Nabarro, Gurden and their

Piecework ceilings, as ex-

plained in yesterday's Workers

Press, operate in car and engineering plants all over

Britain as a means of defend-

Worst enemy

Despite 'Daily Express' claims that Longbridge men

have 'protested at the penal-

ties imposed by their union

for earning too much', Inde-pendent Television News

could not find a single worker

leaving Wednesday's body-shop afternoon shift who was

opposed to it.

co-thinkers in Fleet St clearly

think they are onto a winner. In fact, it is unlikely to even

make the water-jump.

to 'fines' collected by shop stewards in the motor and other industries: Not winner 'I want to know whether shop stewards are taxed on these fines, or whether they

This, he told constituents at Peopleton on Wednesday night, would enable Westminster to prohibit 'tyrannical'



S Worcs Tory MP Nabarro.

His theory, if it can be dignified with such a title, is that 'any measure designed to limit production, prejudice productivity or inhibit output in industry in any way' should be punishable by the proposed Industrial Court.

Birmingham Selly Oak MP Gurden, who says he has

## Tory right-wingers FLEET STREET — with the assistance of Tory MPs Sir Gerald Nabarro and Harold Gurden—was in witchhunt

fought 50 cases of 'fined' workers in two years, is also in the field

### may turn out to be something less than a thoroughbred. New clause

full witch-hunting flight against the

car and engineering unions again

Bewhiskered S Worcestershire Tory MP

Nabarro—strangely silent since his abortive

road-tax scare earlier this year-appears

to have found a new hobby-horse.

Like his earlier mount, it

Horning in behind Fleet St's 'Daily Mail', 'Express' and 'Mirror' on the so-called Mirror' on the so-called "work hard and get fined" row' at British Leyland's Austin Longbridge factory at Bir-mingham, Sir Gerald wants to add a new clause to the 179 already set out in the government's Industrial Relations Bill consultative docu-

yesterday.

shop-floor practices like the



Birmingham and Midland Sheet Metalworkers' protective ceiling on piecework earnings in Longbridge's body

### Punishable

ing steward told Workers Press during yesterday's lobby of the TUC General Council, 'a rate-buster is his own worst

> 'Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying payment-by-results is God's gift to the working class—but this is one way of getting it under control.

'We don't have fines, but you have to have some way of dealing with budding Stakhanovites prepared to kill themselves and work their mates out of a job.'

#### Record

Let us once again set the record straight.

Redundancies would inevitably follow in piecework plants if earnings went com-pletely unlimited; for the simple reason that only a given amount of money is available for a given schedule

If one man earns a disproportionate share of this amount it follows that there is managements will inevitably put workers outside the gate.

Fleet St and the Tory far right must either come out openly in favour of massive redundancies in the motor and engineering industries or shut up.

And, as a London engineer-

insurance—there is no National Health Service in the US—and

for retirement after 30 years' ser-

In an attempt to split the

older from the young workers,

UAW chiefs are playing up the

'30-and-out' pension issue while

soft-pedalling on the vital wages

sole demand raised on a recent demonstration organized with

UAW blessing outside the com-

pany's Detroit headquarters.
The 'Daily World' gave it ban-

ner treatment, but omitted to

Severe blow

Motors' wage fight would be a

severe blow to the US working

class, which is fighting back in a

very tenacious way against raging

price increases and growing

inspired by the tough struggles over the national Teamster con-

tract, where lorry drivers 'revolted' against the union bureaucrats and forced a renego-

tiation of the national package.

The same questions of leader-ship and the fight against bureau-

cracy which are posed before

carworkers in Britain now face

US auto workers in their fight

for better wages and conditions.

The carworkers have been

unemployment.

A sell-out in the General

mention the retreat on pay.

In fact, 30 and out was the

vice on a \$500 pension.

demands.

First press conference since war

## Hussein to operate antiguerrilla deal

KITTED out in the uniform of supreme armed forces commander, the Sandhurst-trained Hussein who rules what's left of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan gave a press conference in Amman on Wednesday.

> Top of his agenda, of course, agreement with guerrilla leader Yassir Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization — an agreement drafted in Cairo under Nasser's nose just before he died and finalized on Tuesday night. The agreement must be made

> to work, King Hussein told the assembled pressmen, and he hoped that it would usher in a new era of co-existence between the two parties.

### Welcomed

It came as no surprise that Hussein welcomed the agreement, because under its terms Arafat and his movement are committed to respect the sovereignty of Hussein's state and are effectively subordinated to the Jordanian

Commandos will no longer be able to carry arms or hold military displays or conduct military exercises in cities. And their bases are to be

situated outside cities and vil-

Since most of Jordan consists of arid barren desert, this means the commandos are being pushed out into the wilderness,

with effectively no rights.

And they will also be required to show due respect to the regular armed forces—the Bed-ouin troops who less than a month ago were looting, raping and slaughtering their way through the Palestinian refugee camps.

ously accorded recognition to the guerrillas, provided they adhere to Arafat's central committee.

In return, Hussein has graci-

The left wing of the guerrilla movement, which correctly regards the agreement as a sellout, has now been abandoned by Arafat and Hussein's troops are no doubt hunting them down. This rotten settlement is the fruit of systematic betrayal in

the Iordan war. First, the Soviet Union, under combined pressure and threats from the United States and Israel, left the guerrillas to their fate when Syria withdrew its tanks from Iordan.

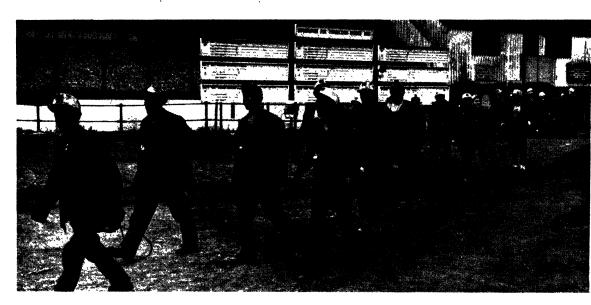
Then Arafat went to Cairo and signed the deal with Hussein.

### Turning point

This was the turning-point. The glaring fact that there can be no liberation of Palestine without relentless, uncompromising struggle against all imperialism's agents in the Middle East was forgotten in a welter of sentimental treachery.

Now the guerrillas are paying the price for the treachery of their leaders. This bitter experience is not yet over, but one thing is certain

-Hussein and his army, whatever the betrayals, will never be able to crush the resistance of the Palestinian people fighting



Kent miners coming off a shift at Betteshanger colliery.

tem has been run into General

Motor's headquarters in Detroit

so that top union and manage-ment officials can help break

bottlenecks that develop at local

sides are out in the field to

speed the process of local agree-

tories always centre around the negotiation of new contracts on

a national basis, company by

Work system that operates in the

plants, this is the only way the

workers can wield their strength

tions are simply a side-issue to

backing of the US Communist

Party and its newspaper 'Daily World'—think differently.

'Victories'

They are building up a series

of minor 'victories', claiming each

local struggle won as a major step forward. But the general

shape of the package being

worked out at Detroit is likely to appear in a very different

are demanding includes not only

the wage demands listed, but

The struggles over local ques-

But the union chiefs—with the

against the car barons.

this main fight.

light.

Because of the Measured-Day

'Troubleshooters from both

Wages struggles in US car fac-

### Localized battles weaken auto workers' claim OFFICIALS of the United been pressed in 157 plants from coast to coast and a hotline sys-

level.

ment.'

company.

Auto Workers' Union are preparing a major sell-out of the wages fight now opening up with the car giant General Motors in the United States. The auto workers' demand is

for \$1.25-an-hour pay rise in the first year of the new three-year contract, followed by \$1.65 over the rest of the contract's lifea total rise of \$2.90, more than £1 an hour.

But it seems more than likely that the UAW bureaucracy has simply got together behind the backs of the auto workers and worked out a strategy for

While negotiations proceed in Detroit over the national wage package for the company, a whole series of local struggles over sectional issues are being brought to the fore in order to divert attention from the main wages fight. Both the company and the

union have gone to elaborate lengths to boost these sectional The 'New York Times' reports that such sectional talks 'have

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## I would like information about

**TROTSKY** 

DESPITE its title, this volume does not contain all Lenin's telegrams and other dispatches of the period.

It has this in common with the far more crude forgeries and falsifications of earlier editions of Lenin's so-called 'Collected Works'.

First, let us take good note of the fact that unlike most of the previous volumes in this English edition of Lenin's works, No. 44 is translated from the fifth Russian edition of Lenin's works (from volumes 50 and 51.)

This is very important, because the fifth Russian edition is claimed by its editors to be real Lenin 'Collected Works'.

The reader will search this volume's 615 pages in vain for the document issued to Trotsky by Lenin in July 1919. It reads:

'Comrades, knowing the harsh character of comrade Trotsky's orders, I am so convinced, so absolutely convinced, of the correctness, expedience and necessity for the good of our cause, of orders issued by Comrade Trotsky, that I give them my full support.'

These lines, irrefutably confirming Lenin's absolute trust in the ability and devotion of Trotsky as a revolutionary leader, were written by Lenin at the bottom of a blank sheet of paper. The space had been left for Trotsky's orders.

#### **SUPPRESSED**

There 'are many other documents almost as deadly for the bureaucracy which have been suppressed.

Lenin dispatched four telegrams on August 22, 1918: One to the Penza Guburnia Committee of the Bolshevik Party, two to A. K. Paikes at Saratov—and another to Trotsky at Sviazhsk.

Here, at the strategic gateway to Moscow, the Soviet Republic was fighting for its life (the full details of this epic battle are to be found in the Workers Press Trotsky supplement).

Yet the so-called 'Collected Works' omits this vital telegram. It is easy to see why!

'August 22, 1918. Sviazhsk. To Trotsky. Treason on the Saratov front, though discovered in time, has nevertheless produced extremely dangerous vacillations. We consider your going there at once absolutely indispensable, for your appearance at the front has an effect on soldiers and the entire army.'

On April 10, 1919, Lenin wired Trotsky the following brief message:

'In view of the extremely grave situation on the Eastern Front I think it is most expedient for you to remain there. Lenin.' This telegram is also missing, as are the following:

'May 21, 1919. 'I would insist personally on your [i.e. Trotsky's] going to Bogachur once again, in order to complete the crushing of the uprising, otherwise there is no hope for victory. Lenin.' (emphasis added.)

'May 22, 1919. 'I insist again on you going without fail a second time to Bogachur and putting an end to the matter, because it is obvious that Sokolnikov cannot handle the situation Lenis'.

tion. Lenin.'

But even in the 'doctored' edition, published by the Moscow Stalinists, there is ample material to annihilate the anti-Trotsky slanders of the Civil War period. We take but one—the 1919 offensive waged against the white guards of Denikin to

the south of Moscow.



### STALIN

According to the Stalinist legend, Trotsky drew up a plan which involved the Red Army advancing through rich peasant areas hostile to the Soviet Regime. The advance was beaten back by Denikin and the whole southern front placed in great

Then, the fable runs, Stalin devised a new plan. The Red Army would advance through poor peasant and urban regions where the population could rally to the Bolsheviks. This version, which even been incorporated into Sholokov's novel 'Quietly Flows the Don', is still' to be found in the latest English language edition of the official history of the CPSU.

'But the counter offensive failed. It began much later than planned, owing to the inefficiency of the war department, which was headed by Trotsky. . ' (p 323)

### **EXACT REVERSE**

Earlier publications of the Stalin period had been even more categorical—i.e. the Lenin biography published during the war by

the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute:

'In the summer of 1919, Denikin's army, which had been well-equipped by the imperialists, began to press back the Red Army. The retreat of the Red Army was the result of the treacherous activities of Trotsky who had undermined the fighting efficiency of the Southern Front. . .



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# ELENIN'S LETTERS

## AND TELEGRAMS

### OCTOBER 1917 — NOVEMBER 1920

of ground and fighting in the streets.

**LENIN** 

The second plan - recom-

mended by Trotsky from the

beginning of the campaign, was finally, adopted in November 1919. Denikin was routed, and

the White Guard threat to-

Lastly another hoary old Stalinist myth — that Trotsky favoured the abandoning of

Petrograd (now Leningrad) to

the White Guards. Here, the editors fight a desperate rear-

On October 17, 1919, Lenin wired Trotsky his approval of the latter's plan for the defence

in the Council of Defence we

adopted a decision of the Council and sent it to you in code. . .

As you see, your plan has been

adopted [emphasis added]. But the withdrawal of the Petrograd

is not rejected. . .' (p 294)

workers to the south, of course,

Lenin's testimony present the

editors with a thorny problem.

His telegram suggests that the plan to defend Petrograd was

secured by Irotsky after oppos

ition on the highest bodies of

the party and the state. This impression must therefore be

'Lenin is referring to the deci-

sion of the Central Council of Defence dated October 16, 1919. It contained a directive to defend

Petrograd to the last drop of

blood, without yielding an inch

'Comrade Trotsky, Last night

Moscow eliminated.

of Petrograd:

'In his proposed plan of struggle against Yudenich's forces, Trotsky also spoke of the need to prepare for street fighting, but in issuing its main directive for holding Petrograd at all costs until the arrival of reinforcements, the Council of Defence allowed for street fighting only if the enemy succeeded in penetrating into the city, whereas Trotsky's argument was different.

He asserted that "for purely military considerations" it would be advantageous to allow the enemy to break into Petrograd which should be converted into "a big trap for the white-guard troops"." (p 520)

Differences of emphasis over military tactics—and Trotsky was on the spot to make the best assessment of the situation—are converted into a slur on Trotsky's political loyalty to the revolutionary cause.

### SLANDERS

How strange, if even one iota of these slanders had a grain of truth in them, that Lenin should have placed such political confidence in Trotsky, even to the extent, as we have seen, of underwriting in advance all his commands!

In 1924, the Soviet writer and close friend of Lenin, Maxim Gorky, wrote his book 'Vladimir Lenin'.

In versions of the book published under Stalin and Khrushchev, the following excerpt appears:

'I was very surprised to hear him speak so highly of Trotsky's organizational abilities. Vladimir Ilyich noticed my surprise. "Yes, I know there are rumours about our strained relations. But you must give credit where credit is due. He managed to organize the military specialists".

After a pause he added in an unhappy, softer voice: "But he isn't one of us all the same! He is ambitious. And there is something evil about him, something of Lassalle". (Russian 1956 ed., Part 1, p 390)

In the original version, written before Stalin's slander campaign against Trotsky had begun, we can read this passage as Gorky first intended it:

'Striking his fist on the table, he [Lenin] exclaimed: 'Show me another man who would be able in a year to organize almost a model army; yes, and win the esteem of the military specialists. We have such a man. We have everything, and you'll see miracles. Yes, yes, I know. They lie a lot about my relations with him. They lie a great deal, it seems, especially about Trotsky and me.' (1924 Russian edition, p 23)

'They' still lie a great deal about Lenin and Trotsky—but with diminishing effects.

For the epoch of the 'Great Lie'—Stalin's as well as Hitler's—had as its subsoil the international defeats inflicted upon the working class and the colonial peoples between 1922 (the year of the fascist victory in Italy) and the Second World War.

Generations of workers have now matured, politically, who are free from the debilitating effect of these historic reverses.

It is this new generation of revolutionary youth, that in smashing the grip of Stalinism once and for all, will enable the Soviet working class to publish for the first time a complete and truthful edition of Lenin's—and Trotsky's—collected works. [This particular volume, useful though it is for the study of Lenin's activity during the civil war, remains a product of what Trotsky so aptly called 'the Stalinist school of falsification.'



## Scandal on Wall Street

ONE TRADITIONAL result of a severe down-turn on Wall St is the bringing to light of the financial skulduggery of the stock exchange sharks.

'He had drawn up a plan

according to which the main blow against Denikin was to be

delivered from Tsaritsyn with

the object of reaching Novoros-

sisk across the Don steppes, which were inhabited by

Cossacks hostile to the Soviet

Stalin rejected this plan and drew up his own, which was to strike the main blow along the

Kharkov-Donbas-Rostov line...

But if we check over the Lenin

In fact, Trotsky opposed the

first plan drawn up by the high

command, and fought against its

adoption by the Bolshevik Party Central Committee. Trotsky's

conflict with the Central Com-

mittee majority can be traced to a certain extent through

Lenin's telegrams of this period.

This first plan, which proved disastrous, had Stalin's full approval. This is conceded by

the end of the volume, comment:

struggle against Denikin drawn

up by the Commander-in-Chief,

S. S. Kamenev [no relation to the old Bolshevik leader L. B.

Kamenev, murdered by Stalin

... On July 27, 1919, Trotsky

sent a telegram to E. M. Sklyan-

sky, deputy chairman of the Revolutionary Military Council

in 19361.

editors, who in a note at

'This refers to the plan of

telegrams of this period (between July and October 1919) the

exact reverse emerges!

(pp 156-157)

The IOS saga could be shrugged off by some as nemesis catchig up with the 'wide boys'.

But now the stirrings of scandal are upsetting the respectable New York Stock Exchange itself.

The NYSE building is being picketed not by left-wing opponents of capital, but by investors who fear that the brokers with whom their money is entrusted are not the paragons of honesty they were once cracked up to be.

For the first time since the scandals of the 1930s a rush of lawsuits has rocked the NYSE.

These were triggered by the NYSE's refusal to protect with hard-cash the clients of three stockbrokers about to go into liquidation.

### 'Perpetual'

For NYSE president Robert W. Haack this refusal was just an extension of the 'perpetual crisis' of the past three years in which he has had to intervene into nearly 200 stock brokers on the verge of bankruptcy.

Eighty brokerage houses have already left the scene and more are to follow.

The NYSE's own fund for protecting clients of bankrupt brokers has been

exhausted many times over.

Investors are demanding that Congress give a similar fund of a \$1,000 million to shore up confidence.

During the boom vast speculative fortunes were built up through continuous borrowing on the assumption of steady profit growth.

of the Republic, in which he

reported that "Commander of the Southern Front Yegoriev

considers Kamenev's operational

plan for the south to be wrong,

and in carrying out does not expect success"...' (p 516)

But even the combined opposi-

tion of Trotsky and his deputy did not move the Central Com-

mittee, and the plan was put into

Trotsky's opposition continued

as was his right—while he

fought to implement the decision

of the party—which was his revolutionary duty. Then on Septem-

ber 6, 1919, Lenin wired to

after discussing the telegram from Trotsky, Serebryakov [a future Left Oppositionist, mur-

dered by Stalin after the second

Moscow Show Trial in 1937] and

Lashevich, endorsed the reply of the Commander-in-Chief and

expressed surprise at attempts

to revise the adopted basic strategic plan. (p 281)

Stalin, who opposed the wrongly conceived first offensive against

Denikin. The editors, comment

from Trotsky, Serebryakov and Lashevich of September 5, 1919,

which in effect proposed altering the previously adopted plan of

struggle against Denikin.' (p 518 emphasis added.)

'Written in reply to a telegram

on this telegram from Lenin:

WRONG PLAN

So it was Trotsk

'The Politbureau of the CC.

operation.

The decline in profit rates and the sharp rise in interest rates has brought many of these high flying bonanzas like Ling-Temco-Vought crashing

### Similar games

Brokers have been involved in similar games on their own account—in effect using their customers' money.

It has become common practice for firms to use customers' shares illegally as security for bank loans.

The NYSE is said not to have cracked down on this practice because shareholders might panic if they knew what was being done with their money and demand it back—setting off a disastrous chain reaction!

The capital forming the brokers' reserves is often highly speculative, yet appears in the accounts at 70 per cent of market value.

Many of the 'high flyers'

are now permanently grounded at small fractions of their onetime peak values.

In some cases brokers hit

by such falls have simply withdrawn their own money and left their firms to collapse. Main owner of a Philadelphia brokers, Robert Rob-

inson simply withdrew his own half million dollars and

let the bailiffs in a few weeks

As one commentator put it:

'The normal practice of using the customers' funds can leave the customers holding the bag if the firm goes under.'

## US Round-up



UNDER GREAT pressure from the Nixon Administration, S Vietnam's Vice-President Ky decided not to attend the US March for Victory rally in Washington earlier this month.

The whole affair was becoming more than embarrassing to Nixon—it threatened to expose further the rotten nature of the Indo-China war and of the puppet regimes that imperialism maintains. General Ky is the dirty linen that keeps tumbling out of the closet.

Remember, it was General Ky who remarked in 1965:

'People ask me who my heroes are. I have only one—Hitler. . . . We need four or five Hitlers in Vietnam.'

Just when it was hoped that everyone had forgotten these remarks, Ky went and accepted an invitation from the Reverend Carl McIntire to attend the October 3 rally. McIntire then announced that Ky will 'out-Agnew Agnew'.

### Hide

But Ky's and McIntire's connections with Agnew are not just a question of rhetoric and this is what Nixon and the capitalist class want to hide.

Ky's openly joining with McIntire 'to tell it like it is' threatened to expose further his corrupt regime.

In order to understand part of why Nixon and Agnew went through such histrionics over McIntire's invitation including dispatching Henry Kissinger to Paris to plead with Ky, we should just see who Carl McIntire is.

McIntire is a radio preacher

in the tradition of Father Coughlin of the 1930s and 1940s. He operates from Collingswood, New Jersey, where he has his radio studios, his Bible Presbyterian Church, and the offices for his weekly newspaper.

# A friend for President Ky

McIntire now broadcasts his programme, the '20th Century Reformation Hour', over 600 different stations five days a week.

He has ample opportunity to spread across the United States his views, which are anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-black, anti-labour and anti-communist.

All of the Reverend McIn-

tire's ventures are tax exempt.

### Fortunes

His beginnings in the right go back to around 1936, although it was not until the 1950s that his fortunes grew. This was about the time when many big corporations and foundations started pouring large funds into ultraright groups.

McIntire has maintained his good relations with various ultra-right figures of the past few decades, such as Merwin K. Hart and Harvey Springer. Springer and he have exchanged pulpits.

As with General Ky,

As with General Ky, McIntire's associations are international. He has played host in the United States to extreme Protestant the Reverend Ian Paisley of N Ireland. McIntire is an enthusiastic promoter of the 'right-to-work'

laws proposed by fascists for smashing the trade unions. He once said:

'The closed-shop violates freedom of conscience and the Eighth Commandment "Thou shalt not steal"."
In 1949, McIntire's American Council of Christian Churches placed full page advertisements in many Ohio papers opposing the Fair Employment Practices Code

It is not surprising then to see what binds the blood-thirsty General Ky to the Reverend McIntire.

banning discrimination in

### No accident

It is no accident that McIntire comes forward with all the confidence to fly to Saigon to invite Ky to the US. It is precisely the Nixon Administration and Agnew who are openly encouraging the McIntires with their racialism, with the witch-hunts against the students and attacks on the working class.

Let there be no mistake! Behind Agnew stand the Wallaces and the McIntires and the Kys.

the Kys.

This is the real face of imperialism and the capitalist class. This is what is being exposed and would have been out in full display had Ky ventured to take his place on McIntire's podium.

That is why Agnew, who only a month ago went to Saigon to express his gratitude support and friendship to Ky for his services in Vietnam, now—for his own tactical reasons—calls his visit a 'mistake'.

### **TUC**

● FROM PAGE ONE

Asked whether one-day strikes would form part of the TUC's campaign, general secretary Victor Feather told a press conference yesterday afternoon that there had been no pressure for such action at

the meeting.
'I don't think General Council is likely to tread that field

It would concentrate in-stead on issuing pamphlets and leaflets, calling local and regional conferences and organizing demonstrations and mass meetings.

Even these would be unlikely to take place in work-

There's always Saturdays and Sundays,' commented

The TUC leaders were: INDIGNANT that the government's plans would 'foist on to British working people and employers the worst features of an American system that is alien to British practices and attitudes'.

ANGRY that legislation would weaken the TUC's ability to deal with inter-union disputes 'by giving groups of dissident workers an overriding legal right to establish breakaway

PLEADING for recognition of 'the progress already being made by unions, employers and the TUC towards agreed and therefore workable changes' in the voluntary industrial relations system.

But they have simply postponed any struggle at

And even the re-called Congress, which will probably be fixed by a further special council meeting in a fort-

night's time, may not take place until early next year.

There can be no compromise with this shameful retreat. We urge all trade unionists to demand of their executives now that they stop shilly-shallying and prepare for a one-day national stoppage on the scabs' charter.

### **Rover 1,400** recalled Monday

WORK WAS resumed yesterday at the Rover car com-pany's engine factory at Acocks Green, Birmingham. But a Rover spokesman said that there would be a recall on Monday for 1,400 workers laid off at the firm's Solihull, Warwickshire, fac-tory, where the Acocks Green strike had stopped production of the 2000 and 3500 saloons,

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## US takes step towards trade war

THE UNITED STATES Senate Finance Committee took an ominous step along the road of international trade war when it adopted the Foreign Trade Bill, already carried by the Congress, this week.

### Busmen boycott

BUSMEN on three London routes are refusing to take night buses into Woolwich because they have had enough of being 'threatened, abused

The men on routes 53, 177 and 192 are refusing to travel beyond New Cross garage after 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night. About 75 busmen are in-

volved in the boycott. They asked the New Cross garage branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union to back their action

This Bill makes a beginning with textiles and shoes, and opens the way to a full programme of tariffs and protectionism.

The purpose is to create privileged conditions for USproduced against imported

This move towards trade war is an inevitable part of the capitalist crisis, in which the big monopolies and their political representatives in each country go in for cut-throat competitions, making their 'own' working class pay for the consequences. Already the European Com-

Market powers have

### University row over cleaners

CLEANERS EMPLOYED at Lancaster University, who were given notice of dismissal in a row over weekend working, have now heard that

the dismissal notice has been withdrawn. The issue of weekend working still remains to be

> Both workers and students in the university have been incensed and angry over what they feel is an arrogant attitude taken by the university

The university claims that in order to cover duties, it is necessary that the men, em ployed on night-shift, must work six nights a week, with either Friday' or Sunday night

off.

The workers want a fivenight week, and for the Saturday night to be treated as voluntary overtime.

Questionnaire

On October 2, Mr J. Cansfield, the university engineer and maintenance officer, issued a questionnaire to the men. This document assumes that they will work six seven-hour shifts a week, and merely asks them whether they prefer to work 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. or 12 midnight to 7 a.m.

The cleaners refused to complete the questionnaire, and reiterated their opposition to a compulsory six-night

On October 9, the university replied by sending dismissal notices to all 40 night cleaners, to take effect in November.

Support

On Monday, students distributed leaflets in the university supporting the cleaners. university authorities decided on the same day to withdraw the dismissal

notices. The night cleaners are paid 6s 111d an hour, rising by 1d to 7s 0½d an hour after two years' service.

Women cleaners on day work receive 5s 2d an hour, and on nights 6s 10d an hour. The workers say that by attempting to impose a six night week, the university is depriving them of overtime earnings.

Earlier this year the Students' Federation voted overwhelmingly for a resolution calling on the university to pay higher wages to cleaners and refectory staff, and to recognize the Transport and General Workers' Union. Although the night cleaners belong to this union, it is still

Not 'liberal'

not officially recognized.

and members were engaged in distributing the leaflets sup-A member told Workers

'Lancaster University is supposed to be the "liberal", progressive university - that's the image they try to put over to the students.

a 43-hour week. employers, now the Tories are in they think they can get

tried to get US agreement to refrain from this course, but they are themselves doing the same thing, creating a market in Europe which threatens to exclude US competitors.

### Retaliation

The EEC Commissioner for External Trade, ex-Professor Dahrendorf, is now in Washington to hand out a warning that if the Finance Bill finally goes through it will inevitably lead to European retaliation.

His visit will have little effect. The US imperialists have decided to act on the most fundamental aspect of the world crisis: they intend to survive and to take advantage of every bankruptcy on the part of their competitors.

There is no doubt that the changed attitude of the US

imperialists towards the Common Market is due to the seriousness of the economic

For many years the American government undoubtedly encouraged the 'European movement', but now the fears grow that it will become a re-striction on US dominance in world trade and in investment

in Europe.

Behind all this looms the possibility that, with the weakening of the dollar, closer integration of European econ-omy, including British entry, lays a basis for challenging the international dominance of the

### Pressure

Even though capitalist advisers warn that protectionist measures endanger the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), accepted since the Second World, and could create an overall instability damaging to US interests, the pressure for these measures will grow as more and more capitalist interests demand policies in conformity with their profit requirements in face of the crisis.

This process is an important part of the break-up of the conditions of relative stability and during the subsequent

### **Indonesian** army flexes its muscles again

THE INDONESIAN armed forces have just celebrated their silver jubilee amidst sharp criticism. A crisis erupted in parlia-

ment earlier this month when politicians challenged their dual status which officers to play key roles in business and politics. They demanded special

officers holding civilian jobs, while civilians should have reciprocal rights. Indonesia has been under

power by a military coup in 1963. The army consolidated its rule by murdering almost a million communists.

domination brought a sharp rap from President Suharto, should press for an end to the army's role because this might provoke the armed forces into undemocratic acts.

next day police cadets killed an engineering student in Bandung and wounded six others. mass \ demonstration, and marched 7,000-strong through

Bandung's streets. They booed and jeered at the police and shouted 'You

Suharto professes to be shocked at the Bandung shootings, but the killers are still at large.

## ON AGAIN

BY THE weekend 3,000 tinplate workers are expected to be laid off in three W Wales factories as the result of an unofficial strike by 450 maintenance workers over a pay

MRS JANET JAGAN, American - born wife of Guyana's opposition leader Dr Cheddi Jagan, has lost her US citizenship for the second time and been banned from entering America.

Mrs Jagan said she made the discovery this week when she was arranging to visit her ailing mother in California.

She was told that not only was she no longer an American ing entry had been reimposed She was also told she had

the right to appeal to the US Supreme Court. Mrs Jagan, who last visited the US six years ago as a government minister to address the United Nations, first

lost her US citizenship in 1947 by voting in the Guyana (then British Guiana) elections. In June 1967 she was told her citizenship had been her citizenship had been restored.

### **VEATHER**

General situation: A large anticyclone centred over Denmark is
moving slowly south and will continue to affect much of N Europe
and most of the British Isles.
It will be dry almost everywhere
and most of England, Wales,
northern Ireland, central and
eastern Scotland will have sunny
periods after a few early fog
patches.

perious after a few carry 105 patches.

Northern and W Scotland will be mainly cloudy with a little rain or drizzle in places.

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Little change.

NO CROYDON MARCH

Some of the Croydon council workers who had congregated

for a march yesterday.

Draughtsmen

consider

DRAUGHTSMEN at Coventry, Bristol, and Leavesden

Rolls-Royce plants were meeting yesterday to decide

their attitude to the company's latest offer of between

a 7 and 16 per cent pay rise.

At Coventry—where 1,000 men from the Parkside and

Ansty plants were locked out

for 13 weeks for refusing to

accept a 7 per cent offer—

the firm is proposing to give the men £4 5s—a 16 per cent increase to draughtsmen of 21

and a 13 per cent increase to

draughtsmen of 30 and over. In Scotland the offered in-

crease is £4 with a reducing

scale to £2 5s at 29 and over. Men at Bristol face a £2 10s

all-round increase (9 per cent)

and Leavesden draughtsmen

must decide whether to accept

already accepted 7 per cent.

claim that Rolls-Royce have

strings that were previously

There is only vague mention

improve productivity', a clause

included in three previous pay

The firm is insisting that

any further national increase

won by draughtsmen should

unless it was larger than the

respective offered increases. Then the Rolls-Royce men

would only receive the sur-

plus.
Rolls-Royce made it clear to

union officials when they met

them for talks earlier this

week that a refusal to accept

the offer would lead to a total

throughout the combine.

not be paid to their employees

a £2 12s 6d increase.

tied to the offer.

déals.

## Mrs Jagan banned from US Agnew draws reactionaries together

SPIRO T. AGNEW, Nixon's deputy and selfappointed high priest of the right-wing American backlash, is barnstorming round the United States in a converted executive jet.

At his meetings, he attacks student protest, calls for 'law and order' and makes red-baiting attacks on his more liberal political opponents.

Nixon used it when he was Eisenhower's vice-president but it is proving a very dangerous weapon in Nixon's battle with the working class.

The technique is not new-

Agnew is drawing together all the forces of US reaction behind a programme of repressive laws and tighter police control.

### Break-up

He appeals to the middle class and backward sections of white workers who feel themselves threatened by crime, student protest, drugs and pornography.

But Agnew's success is not at all a sign of strength.

BY JOHN SPENCER Above all it is symptomatic of the break-up of the twoparty system in the United States and the crisis of leadership in the working class.

If he is able to win support from working-class sections like the privileged 'hard-hats' it is because there is no independent working-class party in the United States, and the labour leaders carry out a chauvinistic policy of appealing for the states. appealing for tariff walls whilst banging the patriotic

He is also aided by the adventurist policies of the 'confrontationists' in the student movement who are entirely without a perspective to fight Nixon.

The Stalinists and the revisionist Socialist Workers' Party, by their uncritical support for the confrontationists and their refusal to raise the issue of a third party based on the trade unions only create more confusion inside the working class.

### Attack

Agnew has been quick to latch on to the weakness, prostration and opportunism of the trade union leaders at the same time as big fissures appear in the Republican

In the New York Senate election campaign, he has violently attacked the Repubnominee, Senator Goodell, as a 'radic-lib' and supported the ultra-conservative Republican Buckley while openly canvassing the votes of backward white workers on anti-labour racialist lines.

Buckley's family is notor iously pro big business and anti-labour and anti-civil rights. Buckley's brother edits the 'National Review' which has consistently campaigned for the legal abolition of the closed shop. This however does not pre-

vent Agnew from soliciting and receiving—the support of reactionary union leaders like Brennan of the New York Trades Councils - and leader of the notorious 'hard-hat construction workers. In the army, Nixon and Agnew really have prob-

colonial bloodbath for US imperialism. And Nixon knows That is why he is withdrawing troops from SE Asia, while protecting his back with his 'peace' proposals, his 'Vietnamization' policy and

lems. Young workers are no

longer prepared to die in a

'Vietnamization' policy and appeals to world Stalinism for support.
All these developments are forerunners of big class struggles in the United States, which will pose before the working class the urgent need to create a Labour Party with a revolutionary programme.

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

MERSEYSIDE: Sunday, October 18.
Swan Hotel, London Road, 7.30
p.m. 'Support the council workers.
Stop the anti-union laws. Bring
down the Tory government'. Stop the anti-union laws. Bring down the Tory government'.

OLLERTON: Saturday October 24, 12 moon. 'The Plough', Ollerton. 'Miners and the ATUA.' Speaker: Mike Banda, Editor Workers Press. WILLESDEN: Thursday, October 22, 8 p.m. Labour and Trades Hall, Willesden High Road.

SOUTHALL: Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Southall community Centre. Bridge Road. 8 p.m. Southall Community Centre. Bridge Road.
SW LONDON: Tuesday, October
27, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon
Road, Clapham Junction.
W LONDON: Wednesday, October
28, 8 p.m. Prince Albert Pub, Balfe
Street. Kings Cross.
N LONDON: Wednesday, October
28, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven
Sisters Road.

## Cabinet crisis in the Argentine

BY A FOREIGN REPORTER

ONLY FOUR months old, the Argentine Cabinet has entered a severe crisis already involving the resignation of two

Ministers within 24 hours. Minister of the Interior Eduardo McLoughlin resigned because of obstruction within the new government to the preparation of elections.

It is evident from the sub-sequent resignation of the Minister of the Economy, Carlos Moyano Llerena, said to favour economic 'growth', that the economic problems facing the Argentine demand from the capitalists an attack on the working class.

Already the chief of the armed forces has consulted with the President, no doubt

more repressive urging a Certain Argentinian bour-geois elements hope for an

economic expansion, to be embarked on alongside nationalist trade union leaders. There has even been talk of inviting Peron back to the

Argentine. The military and the right wing understand that this, together with talk of future parliamentary elections, would encourage a new upsurge of the masses and favour a

Greek solution.

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### **Elements of** Marxism

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Thursday October 29

Thursday November 5

Oxford

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BETTER GOVERNMENT BY FEWER PEOPLE

Prime Minister Heath's reorganization of government machinery, announced yesterday, claims to provide and better government by

fewer people'.

While the reshaping in itself contained few surprises, the changes are certainly part of gearing up the Ministries to implement Tory policy in particular, unprecedented social service cuts and a return to a vicious 'laissez faire' in

Yesterday's White Paper romises 'less government, promises because its activities will be related to a long-term strategy aimed at liberating private initiative and placing more responsibility on the individual and less on the state'.

ANSTY ACCEPTS ROLLS OFFER

plants in Coventry voted yes-ferday to accept the £4 5s offer by management. They also agreed to black work from any plant where draughtsmen may have voted against the offer.

RESTIVE FARM WORKERS be in Whitehall on Tuesday to lobby the meeting of the agricultural wages board. The meeting is a crucial one

for their claim for an £18.

40-hour, five-day week-a rise

of 37 per cent over their present minimum of £13 3s for

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Over 1,000 draughtsmen
om Parkside and Ansty

TO LOBBY WAGE TALKS Militant farmworkers will

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The university Socialist Society supports the workers, porting them.

'But we can see their real attitude in the way the workers are treated. 'The university is like other

regulations to cover army

virtual military dictatorship since the army under Colonel (now President) Suharto seized

Civilian concern at army warned that nobody

Draughtsmen at Derby, Hatfield, Chesterfield, Bar-The forces were quick to take the hint, and the very noldswick and Hucknall have The union, the Draughts-men's and Allied Technicians', The students organized a dropped all the productivity

in the offer of, 'future talks to

## TIN STRIKE

#### Sydney: October 7 — While the British Tories are engaged in moves to shackle the trade unions, some of their Australian counterparts in industry are fighting to revitalize Australia's arbitration system, which, in the words of one newspaper is: '. . . a battered, beheaded and belittled shell of its former self . . .'.

Australian capitalists will now be watching the turn of events in Britain with interest. If Heath and his fellow Tories can get the shackles on the unions in Britain, it will give greater impetus for those who want to wrap them round Australian ankles once

The Metal Trades Industry Association of Australia has long been vociferous in its demands that the battle the working class should be stepped up.

This week it has been at it National president Mr I. B. Clarkson claimed, rather un-

called upon to carry out their obligations.
In words familiar to workers Southampton or Sydney, Ballarat or Birmingham, he said that the present level of strikes (in Australia) restrict economic growth and reduce

the capacity to improve living

happily, that the unions were

currently being permitted to exercise rights without being

## Australian

standards — although whose living standards he did not make clear. Mr Clarkson was speaking

as head of an industry which has shown its determination to organize its members, for this year's annual gathering, which he addressed, represents for the first time metal trade employers' organizations in all Australian states.

Although the Australian arbitration system has been weakened over recent years by union militancy, it is certainly not 'battered and beheaded'.

Working-class action has weakened the structure, but there are many battles ahead before it and all that it represents is destroyed. Twenty-five thousand members of the New South Wales

Union stopped work for a 24-hour strike this week in demand for a \$10 (£4 13s) a week increase. The men are also demand-

Building Workers' Industrial

ing full pay when off work because of accidents and a long-service leave scheme. Like their British counterparts, the Australian building

workers have a high degree of insecurity, losing many fringe benefits obtained by workers in other industries, and being among the first hit during

ADELAIDE: OCT 14-Port Adelaide tug crews placed a black ban on the guided missile destroyer, HMAS 'Hobart', when she arrived at Port Adelaide today, but the vessel berthed easily The tug seamen have voted not to tow any warship that had been actively involved in supporting 'the aggressive policies

against the people of Vietnam by the governments of Australia and the United States of America'. This means that some of the very large American warships which visit Australia will not be able to berth in the harbour.





Metal tradesmen employed by the Railways Departmentamong the lowest-paid of skilled men in the countryalso struck this week demanding \$75 a week (£35), an increase of \$10 (£4 13s).

Seamen are also threatening strike action — possibly on a national level. The union is claiming a \$10-a-week increase and improvement in condi-

An indication of the seamen's mood has been shown by recent stoppages of work around the Australian coast. some ports vessels were held up for a week.