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hangs on whether three members of his own Fianna Fail Party who defected this week will vote for him on the confidence motion. Lynch himself has called

for support on the grounds of the urgency of putting through the legislation to enforce the recently decided wage-rise ceiling of 36s. It is precisely the doubts

about his ability to handle the working class in the South or the struggle arising out of the oppression in the North, which have brought him to the brink—and will do the same to the next Eire government.

Give police water cannon ---Nabarro

SIR GERALD NABARRO, Conservative MP for Worcestershire South, wants to see the police in London armed with water cannon for quelling civil disorder in the city. Nabarro asked_Ian Gilmour

the Commons yesterday: 'What is the constitutional difference between employing water cannon for the purpose of quelling civil disorder and disturbances in N Ireland but refusing to equip the metropolitan police in London with these admirable weapons for quelling civil disturbances by

Defence Under-Secretary in

disorderly persons in Gros-venor Square, for example?' The Under-Secretary replied that he didn't think there was any constitutional difference and that the employment of water cannon was a matter for the Home Secretary.

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means sit back. We are not quite there yet.

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Some London men return, but

Council strike escalates

COUNCIL WORKERS ended their strike in a large area of London's East End yesterday, but dustmen remained out to negotiate incentive payments before they start clearing the mountains of rubbish rotting

in the streets. Both TOWER HAMLETS and SOUTHWARK councils ratified their offer of 55s at

meetings on Wednesday night. At · Tower Hamlets the councillors were continually barracked by scores of workers in the gallery, including a large contingent from the borough's biggest depot at

In both boroughs the dustpayments which they say they will share amongst all the strikers.

'The dustmen usually go back last because they have to negotiate rates of pay for this extra work,' said Brian Connolly, spokesman for the three unions in Tower Hamlets.

'But I do hope that this secondary issue does not delay the return to work. I want

A DAY of solidarity with

council workers in London has been called by council white-collar and craft workers in coniunction with the London council workers' strike committee.

Addressed to all engineers. builders, white-collar workers, hospital workers and ambulance and fire brigade-men a leaflet issued by the strike committee calls workers to close the ranks, and face the challenge of the government-directed resistance to this meagre claim'. The meeting will be at Tower Hill, London, at 10.30 a.m. on Monday.

the lads to go back as a body, united, as they came out,' he

The strikers, he added, would continue to boycott Northumberland Wharf Raleana Road, Millwall, because black-leg labour has been used there to load rubbish into barges for dumping. While strikers went back in London elsewhere the dis-

pute escalated. Striking dustmen marched through CRAWLEY, Sussex, and presented a petition at the town hall. Workers here have refused a council offer

of 48s.
In SOUTHAMPTON strikers voted unanimously for a one-day stoppage next Monday when they will demonstrate through the city. The vote was carried against union advice. Ernie Allen, local official of the transport workers, said that there was the likelihood of a return on Monday on the basis of the recommendations of

Scamp report.

BRISTOL university's manual staff—porters, cleaners and kitchen workers yesterday voted unanimously at a mass meeting to strike and the university moved to-wards closing down.

The staff have a 55s claim

in, similar to the council workers' and submitted to the same negotiating council.

The Bristol students' union has expressed complete sup-

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Home complains

ONE OF THE things asked of the Stalinist bureaucracy by the British Conservatives during Mr Gromyko's visit was that the Soviet press and radio drop criticism of British government policy in N Ireland.

Sir Alec Douglas-Home said yesterday that he thought the Soviet Union 'did not always seem to understand British policy'. One Soviet official, asked by the press to comment, retorted with the classical

answer of the bureaucrat. British policy must have been unsuccessful, he said, or there would not be such a lot of trouble. 'Britain had had to use troops to put down the unrest, and people had been killed. This was newsworthy.'

When it was suggested to him that the British had not wanted to use troops, the official replied: 'But we never wanted to use our troops in Czechoslovakia,

been barnstorming the country in one of the largest and most elaborate political productions

By the beginning of the week only about a dozen states had not been visited by one of the duo.

Agnew has been on the trail for six weeks and Nixon for three, with the vice-president often speaking in ten states in as many days.

ASSUMPTION

It is only a superficial explanation of this pace to argue that Nixon had no choice because of his assumption that his presence might make a difference amongst uncommitted voters in perhaps 15 close races.

On Tuesday Americans will elect all 435 members of the House of Representatives and 35 members in the 100-member Senate, as well as 35 governorships and thousands of

THE DEEPENING cracks in

the morale of the US army in

Vietnam and the correspond-

ing growth of the troops' oppo-

sition to the war now almost

daily find pale reflections even

in the columns of the capi-

Last week members of the Concerned Officers' Movement again defied official intimidation

and spoke out against attempts

The dissenters said in inter-

views that the Pentagon had

retaliated in the three weeks fol-

lowing a September press confer-

ence at which their spokesmen

announced their intention to speak publicly against the war.

had their resignations demanded

and been transferred to less

officers had been discharged,

to muzzle their opposition.

talist press.

'sensitive' duty.



NIXON

Nixon desires very strongly to have a workable majority in Congress and to put an end to two years of frustrating wrangling with a Congress in which he does not have a majority.

At present the Democrats hold a 57-43 majority in the Senate, where Nixon has received the biggest setbacks to his proposals, and an approximate 243-187 majority in the House of Representa-

Nixon and Agnew have been running on a vicious 'law-andorder' ticket against-as one commentator put it-'pot, permissiveness, protest, pornography and dwindling patriot-

SOLDIERS

SPEAK

But this is not at all to say that Nixon is in a strong posi-

louder and more

strident the red-baiting demagogy, the more we can be sure the problems are building up underneath Nixon.

And he knows it.

Not only is unemployment steadily rising, but inflation continually spurs on the wages struggle of the working class.

ACCELERATION

Last month the Consumer Price Index growth rate showed an acceleration to a 6 per cent annual increase.

The pressure building up from the working class found an expression last week in the attack on White House policy by one of its most loyal camp followers, AFL-CIO president George Meany.

He urged workers to repudiate candidates who run on

looking candidates' favoured crime, rioting, arson, vandalism and big public spending for its own sake.

Meany accused 'conservative candidates' of trying to sweep such 'facts' as unemployment and inflation under the carpet.

This, it must be remembered comes from a man who had the cordial relations with the White House.

CORDIAL

At the notorious Labour Day dinner at the White House for union leaders, Meany toasted Nixon for his dedication to 'the American way of

He has outspokenly backed Nixon's Indo-China war and recently aped Agnew's antiintellectualism with attacks on 'egg heads' and their sympa-

Now the AFL-CIO president has evidently felt the



MEANY

wind from the other direction and has accused the Administration of failing to honour its promises of five million new jobs and to curb inflation without 'forcing American workers to pay for it with their jobs'.

'But the workers are paying', he said. 'The burden of recession and inflation is falling on

If Meany is forced to side-

on a Marxist programme.

of the bourgeois state, in particular in Argentina!

In Peru, of course, the wise generals took the course of reform of the 'socio-economic structure'.

Not a word is said about the political objectives of the present government, nor about its anti-democratic and repressive policies.

on the 'marvellous achieve-FROM A ments' of the Peruvian military **CORRESPONDENT** regime without even a hint of

The rosy picture painted by the Peruvian Stalinists would be ruined if the article dared mention the imprisonment of revolutionary leaders and cadres such as Hugo Blanco and Hector Bejar, and the endless repression against 'stubborn' union cadres, militants,

Nor would the picture remain so rosy if Santisteban had the courage to mention the massacres of over 50 peasants, workers and students carried out by the present government.

The article does not mention the industrial reform code either, which was hailed by the Peruvian Communist Party as a step forward in the 'legal restriction and limitation of private property and of the exploitation of wage labour'.

The mode in which such 'legal restriction and limitation' of private property and exploitation takes place consists of linking wage increases to profit increases!

In expressing such open and unconditional support to the military Bonapartist regime in Peru, the Stalinists are doing nothing less than joining hands with far-sighted monopolies who also openly support the Peruvian regime.

The dangers facing the Peruvian working class are extremely serious.

Integration into the state machinery by means of a government - controlled union structure is certainly the most immediate and serious menace.

This integration would undoubtedly be a tactical defeat of the Peruvian working class. In the context of a rising

revolutionary situation in Bolivia, the opening of a permanent crisis situation in Chile with the inauguration of the Socialist - Communist-Christian Democrat government, and the worsening of the capitalist equilibrium in Argentina, this would be a particularly harsh blow that could delay the development of revolutionary struggle.

The Stalinists in Peru pretend no danger exists and, on the contrary, say that all sup-port should be given to the military and all independent banners should be lowered.

Predictably British Stalinist leaders are supporting them and publishing their misleading and false views. The task in Peru, as in Britain, is to destroy the poisonous influence of Stalinism and construct the Trotskyite, party.

step to attack his bosom friends today, this will be tactical preparation for new betrayals of the working class

This emphasizes again the urgent necessity of building an independent US Labour Party

DETERMINED

They said that they wished to avoid violating military regulations and hoped to complete their military obligations, but were determined to speak out. This intransigence is both

impressive and widespread. At the September news conference, five officers said that they were speaking for the 28 officers present and for about 250 members of the Concerned Officers' Movement at Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force bases in the United States and abroad.

One of the spokesmen, Major Albert Braverman said he had been summoned by his comthe news conference, threatened with court martial or transfer and finally offered 'a form to my commission'. He

This quiet militancy is, of course, complementary to the turbulent and noisy currents sweeping through the other

MILITANCY

The militancy with which soldiers are opposing the war is epitomized by Ronald Ridenhour, the former 'Americal' division soldier who first division brought the My Lai massacre to public notice. He has returned to Vietnam,

this time as a journalist, and last week had once again been driven to expose the genocidal activities of the division. Ridenhour revealed that troops

of the 'Americal' division have violated a Pentagon order by continuing to use a chemical defoliant known to cause terrible deformities in the children born to mothers who come into con-

The herbicide, 2,4, 5-T, has supposedly been banned since the April outcry over its use, but was in fact sprayed from US helicopters over Vietnam all sumthat soldiers undertook the action on their own or that the spraying

... it appeared highly unlikely

According to a 'New York

Times' despatch:

could have escaped the attention of responsible officers.' Another story to make page one in both this and last week's US newspapers was the unedifying history of one Brigadier-

General Eugene P. Forrester.
The General was awarded a Silver Star for valour on the basis of acts of heroism in Cambodia that were invented by enlisted men under orders.

The gaff was blown by six soldiers working in the Awards and Decorations Office at an army base camp at Bien Hoa. The six sent a letter to the head of a congressional committee and to the 'New York Times'

stating they had been required

to 'prepare a descriptive narra-tive of his supposed acts of

valour, a citation for these imaginary acts'. The six all insist that the acts were invented late at night under great pressure because they had no choice.

BIRTHDAY

The date of the General's alleged deeds of valour was picked because one soldier said

The citation described the General's aircraft coming under fire but the General remained coolly in position to call in and adjust artillery fire on the enemy. He was also graphically described as delivering ammunition to a ground unit and evacuating casualties.

'It is possible that General Forrester could have seen a lot of action, one private commented, but he certainly did not see this action.'
The army, faced with virtually

incontrovertible evidence, ducked out as best it could, but was believed to be withdrawing the award. Colonel George Newman, chief of staff of Forrester's division,

admitted that he had ordered the recommendation drafted in a hurry so it could be presented before Forrester left the division. Newman admitted that the citation was not ordered through knowledge of a particular act

of courage, but said he knew

that Forrester had flown a helicopter in Cambodia and had frequently heard how courageous the General was.
Although the matter was rushed through, the army cannot explain why no eyewitness

statements were collected, as is normal procedure. One statistic — that may be relevant—is that almost half of the army generals who served in Vietnam last year brought back medals for bravery in combat. Whereas no more than one in ten soldiers of other ranks

received similar awards.

THIS BOOKLET consists of 'Freedom and Socialism' and 'Freedom and Unity', which were introductions to a larger collection of speeches by Nverere in 1966.

In 'Freedom and Unity' ('Uhuru na Umoja') Nyerere gives a brief history of the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU) — the ruling party in Tanzania. TANUgrew out of a 'tribal' welfare organization in 1954. One of its first tasks was to use 'peaceful methods of struggle for independence' (p. 4).

The Tanganyika peasantry had a heroic record of armed struggle against Germany, including the Hehe and Maji rebellions and TANU had to convince the militants that 'we could win even without guns'.

Nyerere was one of the members of the small aspirant petty bourgeois class that led TANU. So poor was this middle class under the British policy of 'white' racialism and artificial retribalization that in the 1950s 'virtually no eligible member had an income approaching the income tax liability range' (p. 5).

But Britain found it expedient to use this poor, small and weak petty bourgeoisie as a new 'nontribal' vehicle of the ultimate form of 'indirect rule'—formal political independence itself.

Racial

The British system of racial classification and discrimination made TANU itself a 'racial organization' (p. 5), and it accepted and worked various racialistic ('multi-racial') constitutions before Britain was finally satisfied that Nyerere's men could be safely entrusted with 'independence', in December

Nyerere himself had developed an idea of 'African Socialism' based on the 'traditional African family'. It was not accidental that he should stress that 'every member of the family accepts the obligation to work'. He used the tribal custom of common labour to justify working for the colonial

Next to work. Nverere stressed the element of 'authority' in the tribal family, and used this concept to justify acceptance of the semi-colonial state by the extribal peasants (p. 11 et seq.).

Undermined

Nyerere explains how the colonialist system of Britain undermined the common property of the tribal 'family'.

He gets around the difficulty raised by his own operation of a semi-colonial economy by arguing (p. 13) that everyone had to work in order to help mitigate the violation of sharing raised by the invading capitalist society.

FRIDAY'S

BY N MAKANDA

Again and again Nyerere raises the question of work, just as Kenyatta raised the slogan of 'Harambee' (work together) in order to use tribal tradition to justify colonial enslavement.

Domination

Nyerere has a lot to say in both introductions about the struggle against 'white' domina-tion in S Africa, Rhodesia and Portuguese Africa.

But he says nothing of the fact that his own government is heavily dominated by British-S African capital, in the diamond mining industry half-owned by Harry Oppenheimer on behalf of the giant British-based monopolycapital company, Anglo-American Corporation.

The Tan-Zam railway line serves the giant British and S African capitalist interests in the copper mines of Zambia, whose almost total economic domination over Zambia has not been changed by the 50 per cent nationalization agreements early

When Nyerere and Kaunda saw Heath in October about arms for S Africa, Heath reminded Kuanda Zambia traded via Rhodesia with S Africa.

'African socialism' goes sour on 'NYERERE ON SOCIALISM'

AN ARTICLE by a 'Pro-

fessor' Santisteban, published

in the October 24 issue of

'Comment', gives us yet an-

other example of the counter-

revolutionary character of the

Communist Parties' policies

In this case, it is an article

We are fed, one after another, with the ever-more

astonishing feats of reformism

At the end of the article

we are told that this reformist

road was the one chosen by

the Peruvian generals rather

than the 'way of repressions'

followed by the Brazilian and

Argentinian generals 'which

will inevitably lead to an

Yes, an 'impasse'! Which is

challenging the very existence

impasse'. (Our emphasis.)

throughout the world.

criticism.

But Heath knew well enough that Zambia did no trade at all with S Africa, but that it was the British-owned S African gold, diamond, copper and other mining capitalists who did all the trading, using Zambia's state and name in order to do so.

Nyerere's introductions say next to nothing of the economic basis of apartheid — namely British capital, whose interests his 'African Socialism' has always

Nyerere repeatedly stresses the need for 'private investment organizations' (p. 19) despite the formal acceptance of common

Re-enslaved

But the 'private investment organizations' cannot come from the negligible capitalist class Nyerere, willy-nilly, represents.

It has to come from the imperialist powers and, through 'using' such capital, Nyerere ipso facto re-enslaves Tanzania to monopoly capital.

His acceptance of 'international capital' leads to his acceptance of the international agency of imperialism—UNO itself (p. 21).

The 1967 'Arusha Declaration' of TANU defined 'African Socialism' and absorbed the 'familyhood' (ujamaa) idea of Nyerere (p. 28). Once again the idea of work

was emphasized (p. 35). Nyerere uses the low national income per head of £20 per

annum to call for more work.

But he takes no trouble to explain that it is those who work most who get this £20 a year, while the British and S African capitalists in Tanzania who do not work at all get millions.

He evades the question of the uncompensated expropriation and nationalization of the foreign imperialist business interests, capital, investments, trade rights concessions and leases; in particular of British capitalist interests in Tanzania.

Myth

All his talk (pp. 40-46) about Marx and Lenin and of social progress in the USSR, N Korea and China are part of the fashionable myth that Tanzania is a 'transition country', and a mask-ing of the fact that it is a semicolony, mainly of Britain.

Nverere's attitude to Britain is not sufficiently explicit in the pamphlet, including his stand on the Commonwealth, that institution of 'white domination' and African servitude to which his government still subscribes. Despite this and many other

in of British troops to save his government in January 1964, after the Zanzibar rising), the booklet should be read by all real socialists.

omissions (including his calling

'African Socialism' is not socialism, because it is not anti-

Nor is it 'African'. It is European (Social Democratic—Catholic) in origin. As has been said more than once, 'African Socialism' remains an apology for 'European capitalism'.

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By Julius K. Nyerere

Oxford University Press. Dar-es-Salaam, 1969.

6.00 EUROPE THIS WEEK

BBC 1

6.20 TOMORROW'S WORLD. 6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'Lady of the House'.

8.00 DAD'S ARMY. 'Absent Friends'. 8.30 NOT ONLY . . . BUT ALSO. Peter Cook and Dudley

Moore.

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 NANA. 'The Victim'. Zola serialized.

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12.00 midnight Weather.

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11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

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7.05 LIFE IN OUR SEA. 'Gardens in the Sea'.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. 8.30 EUROPA. 'Mr Average Englishman Looks at Europe'. 9.00 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. 'Helen'. Comedy drama based on

Euripedes with Aspassia Papathanassiou as Helen and Paul

Daneman as the King of Egypt. 9.30 REVIEW. 'Elmyr—The True Picture?' Portrait of the world's greatest art forger.

10.20 BOBBIE GENTRY IN CONCERT. 10.50 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.55 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

ITV

11.00 a.m. Schools. 2.55 p.m. Racing from Newmarket. 4.10 People to people. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Bugs Bunny. 5.20 Timeslip. 5.50

6.03 TODAY. 6.30 PEYTON PLACE.

BBC 2

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE. 7.30 GUNSMOKE, 'Goldtown'

8.30 THE MATING MACHINE. 'All About Little Eve'. 9.00 ADVENTURES OF DON QUICK. 'The Benefits of Earth'. Science fiction satire. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 POLICE FIVE. 10.40 TALES OF UNEASE. 'Ride Ride'. With Susan George and

Myles Reithermann. 11.10 THE FRIDAY FILM. 'Separate Tables'. With Deborah Kerr, Rita Hayworth, David Niven, Wendy Hiller and Burt Lancaster. Things look calm at a hotel in Bournemouth, but drama

12.40 a.m. THE CORRIDORS OF POWER. Ivor Mills talks to Mrs Peggy Fenner, Conservative MP.

REGIONAL ITY

lies beneath the surface.

CHANNEL: 11.00-12 noon London. 1.25 Pinky and Perky. 1.40 London. 3.40 Swimming. 4.25 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 Film: 'Ghost of Frankenstein'. With Lon Chaney. 11.35 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.00 London. 3.40 Swimming. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 11.40 Faith for life. 11.45 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.40 London. 4.05 Paulus. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20 Timeslip. 5.50 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.35 Out of town. 7.00 London. 7.35 Father, dear father. 8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 X film: "The Yellow Balloon". With Andrew Ray, Kenneth More, Kathleen Ryan and William Sylvester. Crime thriller. 11.55 News. 12.05 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-4.10 London. 4.18 Women only. 4.40 London. 4.55 Bugs

in a suitcase. 11.55 Weather.

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ANGLIA: 10.58-4.15 London. 4.25 News. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Music match. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Aquarius. 11.15 'The Child and the Killer'. With Patrica Driscoll and Robert Arden. A private who kills a sergeant becomes a young boy's play-mate. 12.10 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00 London. 3.35 Decimalization. 3.49 Tomorrow's horoscope. 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 All kinds of music. 11.30 Midland member. 11.45 Object in view, weather.

ULSTER: 11.00 London, 4.15 Enchanted house, 4.30 Romper room, 4.50 News, 4.55 Lost in space, 5.50 London, 6.00 UTV reports, 6.35 Crossroads, 7.00 Kenny Everett, 7.30 Laredo, 8.30 London, 10.30 Deadline, 11.00 Film: 'Good Day for a Hanging', With Fred MacMurray and Robert Vaughan, Western about the relationship between a law officer and an ex-convict.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00 London. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Wendy and me. 7.00 London. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Yorksport. 11.00 All kinds of music. 12 midnight Weather.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-4.15 London. 4.35 News. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Ev. 7.00 London. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 I spy. 9.00 London. 10.30 All kinds of music. 11.30 Movie: 'The Lonelliness of the Long Distance Runner'. With Michael Redgrave and Tom Courtenay. Story of a Midlands boy in borstal. 1.15 News.

GRANADA: 11.00 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.25 Put in in writing. 6.35 Film: 'Ivanhoe'. With Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Fontaine, George Sanders and Emlyn Williams. A Saxon knight sets about restoring the throne of England to its rightful owner. 8.25 London. 10.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 11.35 Whiplash.

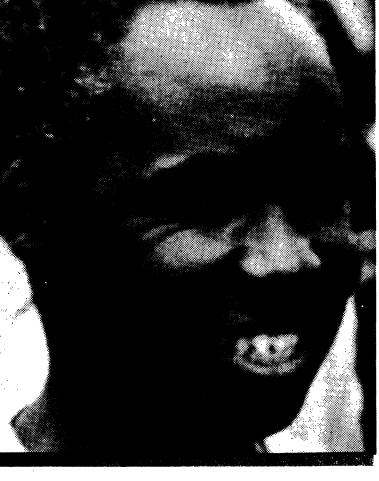
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SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.53 London. 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Skippy. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.50 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 Patterns of folk. 7.00 Hogan's heroes. 7.30 Benny Hill show. 8.25 London. 10.30 In camera. 11.00 All kinds of music. 12 midnight Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-3.40 London. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Rumblie jumblie. 4.50 Cowboy in Africa. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Ask George Kidd. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Benny Hill show. 8.25 McCue's music. 9.00 London. 11.00 All kinds of music.

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NUM general secretary Lawrence Daly speaking in Edinburgh at a pre-strike ballot rally

One of the people who thinks they will vote 'for' is their general secretary Lawrence Daly. When we talked to him at

NUM headquarters in London less than 24 hours after the talks he told us that the miner usually went for the 'bird in the hand rather than the one in the The wives, he thought would play a key role. 'With Christmas coming on

they won't want their husbands on strike. They will be telling them to get a bit of money in. In many ways I think this is a pity because it will mean they will vote for the offer.' (See wives' comments this page.)

On Tuesday a key vote on a Scottish resolution asking the national executive to back strike action if areas asked for it only attracted six votes. Mr Daly as general secretary, has no vote, but he made it clear to committee that he supported this

'I think if we had passed this vote we could have forced more out of Robens-the result of the ballot proves this. Previous to this Robens was saying that the £1 17s 6d and £2 10s was definitely his final offer. But the $55\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in favour of strike

Bang! It's gone

The same day the miners were offered this money Anthony Barber the new Tory Chancellor announced measures to take it back off them.

One visit to the doctor or the dentist and bang goes the increase.

Not only this, the effect of Barber's decision to abolish investment grants and regional employment premius will mean increased unemployment in areas like Wales, Durham, Cumberland and Scotland—in the long run miners will lose.

A point that Mr Daly did not

'We know that the miners, like all workers, face a hard winter, but I believe that the concession we have won from the Coal Board will only encourage them to fight harder in the future.

'There are other claims in the pipe-line, one proposing an increase in holidays and the other to get rid of the bonus shift and get everyone on the day-wage system so that the lads can have more overtime—though I don't think overtime is any substitute for a better basic.

'A better basic is, of course, the answer and the rate the miners are on now, even given the increase, is still far from adequate. This is why I would hope and expect new resolutions on pay coming forward for the annual conference next year demanding an increase in the

One of the issues that will clearly concern miners is any productivity undertakings made by the union.

Robens said after the talks that he thought the union recognized that there was a need for increased productivity and lower

But Mr Daly insists that no guarantees on these matters have been given.

'At first the 10s offer was on condition that next year we maintain the global level of output achieved in the first six months of this year and that we attempt to reduce absenteeism. But we completely rejected these suggestions.

'Eventually the union offered its co-operation in these matters, but gave no guarantees. How can we guarantee increase after increase in productivity when manpower is continually being reduced and in some cases geological conditions are getting worse? In fact what we undertook on Tuesday was no more nor less than our position in the past.'

The future is still unclear. There could be immediate trouble or the flash point may come when and if Robens insists delaying pay-parity of all under the National Power Loading Agreement.

Another big struggle could come, on the other hand, after the annual conference next July when the new resolution on pay, closures and productivity will be

There might also be the possibility of a special conference to discuss the lessons of the ballot and especially the two-thirds majority rule. There are moves to revise it in favour of a simple

One thing is certain the turmoil in the ranks of the miners can only increase.

The government cuts and the general Tory policy is bound to provoke a reaction from this newly-aroused but traditional group of fighters.

'It was true to say that if we had struck we would have been involved in a big political battle. But then on the question of fighting on political grounds there are great difficulties.

'There is great anti-Tory hostility amongst miners, but then there are the men at all levels in the union who will accuse you of using them and the union to fight your own political batleeven if you say, as I did around the coalfields before the ballot, that the strike would involve political issues. Therefore you must keep the wages question at

Fight! **Politically**

'I think you have to fight politically, but it is a question of exactly how you do this. Here I suppose your paper and I differ. 'And we do now have a

broader struggle opening up before us, that is against the Tory government and its anti-'The TUC is going too slow in their campaign of opposition. I said that they should have called

an immediate congress to discuss the question of industrial action. 'As far as my union is concerned, we have at present been asked to send our observation in to government.

'But then when the issue comes up again, let me sav that would hope the national executive would pass a resolution call-ing on the TUC to organize industrial action against these laws. I shall be urging this point of view.

I entirely agree with you; it is up to the leadership of the movement to go out and mobilize their members against these

What the miners' wives think

Workers Press spoke to several miners' wives before Tuesday's pay offer. Their comments are still relevant to their MRS LINDA KING, husbands' wage claim

Ollerton (Notts):

I AGREE with the miners having more money, they work for it don't they? My friend's husband is a pit top man. He had a heart attack 18 months ago. Now he is having to work a seven-day week. That isn't right.

It is the wives who suffer if they go on strike. But they work hard for their money and I don't think it's anything.

I have to go out to cause miners don't bring enough

This strike frightens me. We'll suffer. But I think I will stand firm for it because they are only fighting for what's right. Even if they get the £5, about £2 will go in tax.

I read the statements from miners in the Workers Press and I thought they were good, especially the one from Ecky Barker who asked if Robens would take a cut in his pay rise.

MRS LEE BURKILL, Castleford, Yorkshire:

THE MINERS' wages, in my opinion, are disgusting. Every woman knows how the cost of living is continually rising and the miners' wages have stood still.

Every woman should support her husband and not be put off by Robens' talk of pit closures. Pits have been closing for years anyway.

The way I see it, the miners and the whole working class are struggling against the employers who are backed up by the Tory government, which is now think ing of bringing in anti-union

And the NUM leaders, what about them? Are they preparing to fight a Tory government? Are they preparing to stick out till the demands are won?

The miners have the strength and other sections of workers— the dockers, transport workers and power station workers-have already offered their support. So it is important that we as miners' wives give our support too.

way, will have all workers back to the days of the dole and de-AS A miner's wife I think that the wages of a miner, with the continuous rising of prices, are

MRS VALERIE PARSONS, Ferry Fryston, York-

really much too low. It is the miner's wife who has to make these pathetic wages last from one Friday to the next. The wages claim is an absolute necessity for any miner to at least keep his family's head above

shire :

In fact, I think the increase they are putting in for is not enough anyway. The miner has a filthy job to do and to ask him to work all week for the present wages or even a little extra is just not on.

Robens sent every miner's family a letter telling them it was impossible for the economy of the country to pay the £5 increase. Well I say it's more impossible to expect a miner to work all week for a mere exist-

They have gone right down the wages table. It is also very clear to me that the miners need an alternative revolutionary leadership in the

I heard Jock Kane, one of the leading Communist Party members in the Yorkshire coalfield, say that he would not insist on the leadership standing out for the £5 and I also heard Sammy Taylor, another CP member, saying he would be willing to negotiate with Robens about phasing the increase over two years.

The miners are fighting not only Robens but the Tory government who, if they have their

MRS PARR, Ollerton (Notts):

THEY should give them the money without causing a strike. I've been a miner's wife for 25 years. I've always supported the

The attitude of the government is terrible. If there's a strike I'll help them with it. I'm all for it. I think the strike is justified.

My hubsand has been a miner 32 years. He's been a face-worker all his life. His wages have dropped immensely.

I am all in favour of my husband and his fellow workers doing

The only way to show you

They must stay out on strike

would beg, borrow, or even

until they get what they want-

a decent wage. No family would

steal for my family provided that my husband and his fellow

workers are prepared to fight for

what they believe in—a decent

mean business is to strike, but they must at all costs stick

what has to be done.

together and stand firm.

MRS MAUREEN BALDERSON, mother of five children aged nine years to four weeks, from Castleford, Yorkshire:

I THINK the present wages in the mining industry are an insult to the miner and his family and

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To fight them the workers need to break their reformist leadership.

I think the trade union leaders. as well as the Tories, are hoping the wives will pressurize their husbands to get them back to

We wives must show them that we support our husbands 100 per cent because the miners' fight to survive is the same as that of every other worker. If the government beats the miners they have beaten every worker in the country.

Suppressed strike story leads to

'Steel News' loses

three journalists

THREE JOURNALISTS have resigned from the British Steel Corporation's fortnightly 'Steel News' over what they described as suppression of a strike

resignations

An eight-paragraph story about an unofficial strike of chauffeurs and messengers at BSC's Grosvenor Place headquarters was cut to three

lines because, according to managing director for administration Ron. Peddie, 'it included a number of statements which were dangerous.

'We had national negotiations going on for the whole of the Corporation and we did not want to see anything which might have rocked the boat with these bigger negotiations.

'I said the article must be cut because of this.'

DECISION

A later decision not to publish even the abridged version was, Peddie says, taken editorially.

In fact this decision was made by the BSC's director of information services Will Camp — a Wilson aide during the June election campaign. Assistant editors Derek Dewey-Leader, who wrote the article, and Ron Knowlesboth members of the National Union of Journalists—promptly handed in their resignations in

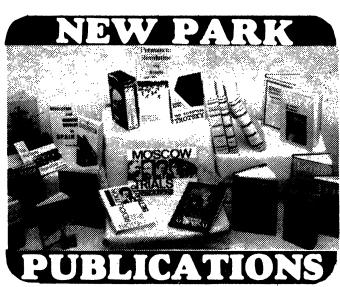
'It seemed to us that some-thing was dreadfully wrong when a journalist could sit in an office collecting £50 a week for not publishing a story about men who have a basic take-home pay less than a third of that amount', says

Knowles pointed out to Workers Press that reticence about strikes is rarely practised in 'Steel News' when it comes to discussing their effect on pro-

RESISTED

Both have resisted attempts to persuade them to withdraw their resignations.

Since the two assistant editors have confirmed their resignations a third member of the paper's staff — graduate-trainee Robert Bailey—has resigned in



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Officials

spread

confusion

THE STRIKE in the Lor-

raine coalfield was much

STRIKE

Crisis behind Congressional elections campaign

Nixon's 'nice-guy'



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which no doubt played a

decisive role in bringing about the unofficial strike

of Yorkshire miners who

now see their wage demands

undermined by Barber's

budget — makes such a

Doncaster miners lobbied

There is only one thing

that prevents such a policy:

the right-wing bureaucracy of

the trade unions who stead-fastly cling to the coat tails

of the ruling class in every

Symbols

defeats and the demoraliza-tion of the working class. They are the living symbols of 1921, 1926 and 1931.

Their collaboration with

monopoly capitalism is based

entirely on the reformist idea

that the working class can

never win power from the

Not only can the Tories be defeated by the organized struggle of the working class,

but right-wing union bureau-

cracy must be thrown out by

When Walton, Liverpool

The General

MP Mr Eric Heffer writes in

Council of the TUC had made

1970), he confuses the work-

ing class about the right-

Yesterday's 'Morning Star'

does the same when it informs

us that the General Council's

wing's nature and intentions.

good start' (October 23,

that

the trade unionists.

ruling class.

Tribune'

They incarnate the previous

the Area Council wage talks with banners saying, 'Strike

now against the Tories!'

policy entirely possible.

mask

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT NIXON'S campaign tour for the Congressional elections took him yesterday to Dallasthe first visit there by a US President since the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

In calling upon electors to put aside party loyalties and vote to give Nixon himself a strong position, the President is expressing the need of the US ruling class to move towards more Bonapartist forms of rule in order to deal with the growing capitalist crisis.

Nixon suggests that a number of issues are 'above party': the Vietnam war, halting inflation, curbing crime and violence, and 'preserving the environment'.

The last point is thrown in for the liberals, who will allow themselves to be per-suaded that a strong President can preserve the environment from capitalism.

Government economic statisics published in the last week indicate very clearly what lies behind the energetic cam-paigning and the growing emphasis on 'strong govern-

Maturing

These statistics foresee a major inflationary crisis maturing by 1972.

Since the President was elected in January 1969, purchasing power of wageearners in America has declined by 2 per cent.

Unemployment is now per cent or over in all five major industrial areas. Overtime is being cut back every-

Despite this rapid worsening of conditions, businessmen are loudly protesting that the main problem still to be solved is to stop wages from out-pacing productivity.

Thus the present solid strike of General Motors' workers is obviously only the first sign of a necessary headon clash between capital and

Behind the tough talk of Nixon and Agnew is their concern in strengthening the political positions of the ruling class for this struggle against the labour movement.

Concerned

Agnew seems concerned about being misunderstood, saying on Wednesday: 'Its time to take the gloves off. No more of this Mr Nice Guy. Starting tomorrow I will try to switch off my low-key approach and start calling a

spade a spade.'

See US round-up page 2.

ITV mergers

urged

THREE WAYS in which ndependent television could halt falling profits were sug-gested by the Prices and Incomes Board in a report published yesterday.

Main proposal is a reducthe number of companies through merger. The second - an extension of broadcasting hours - would affect the BBC, by increasing its costs.

is a second commercial channel. The third method proposed

Canada: Denial LAWYERS IN Montreal yesterday protested

AN ARMY sergeant involved in the My Lai massacre filed criminal charges

against General Creighton Abrams, commander of US forces in Vietnam.

Attorney Charles Weltner

Esequiel Torre, accused the General of dereliction of

his client, Sergeant

strongly against the Canadian government's refusal to allow people imprisoned under the emergency laws to see their legal representlegal rights

WEATHER

S ENGLAND will be mainly dry and warm with sunny spells. Wales and England, except the extreme N, will be cloudy with occasional rain and temperatures a little above normal.

The rest of England, Scotland and N Ireland will have sunny spells and showers. The showers will be more frequent in the W. Temperatures here will be near normal. Winds will be strong in the NW. Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Mainly dry and warm in the S. Unsettled in the N with some rain at times and near normal temperatures.

These prisoners are held without any charges being preferred and are subject to whatever questioning the police decide.

My Lai defendant

action after witnessing a

Earlier this month secre-

tary of the army Stanley

Resor dismissed dereliction

felony.

charges General

Any person may be arrested and held without trial or charges.

The political atmosphere, ong dominated by the killing of M. Laporte and the holding as hostage by the Quebec Liberation Front of the British civil servant

Cross, is now changing.

There is growing resentment and protest against the government's use of wartime powers.

Rumours

On Tuesday and Wednesday rumours were being spread in Montreal that 'certain influential persons' had been plotting to overthrow the Quebec provincial government.

M. Lévèque, chairman of the Parti Québeçois, de-clared that the rumours came '. . . from people in power wanting to discredit prominent persons and trade unions who are in opposition to the war measures'.

Union spokesmen and student leaders have reflected the growing awareness that Trudeau's special measures are directed against all trade union and socialist organizations. In the last few days the olice, having arrested every FLQ suspect they could lay their hands on, have set about arresting the members of all left groups, many of them unconnected with the separatist movement.

Proof

Canada offers the clearest proof of what the 'ruling classes in the capitalist countries understand by Heath's remarks at the United Nations about 'civil

Behind the smokescreen of combating terrorism, they build up the machinery for suppressing the left and

them face possible death penalties. The demonstrations, in Madrid and others at the same time in Barcelona, were attacked within a space of minutes by the police, who made dozens of

CAV Acton Panthers banned

WHEN Black Panther leaders Martin Kenner and Donald Cox, together with Jennifer Dohrn (sister of student leader Bernardine Dohrn, who is on the FBI's 'Ten Most Wanted List') and Dr Timothy Leary, 'hippie' leader, were bundled on a plane out of Beirut last Tuesday, they were feeling the effects of increased US imperialist influence in the Arab countries.

passport on the grounds that he is an escapee from Chino Prison, California, where he was serving a sentence on drug charges.

There is no extradition treaty between Lebanon and the US, but clearly the Lebanese government did not

the Middle East to voice their support for the Palestine liberation struggle against

stay and arrangements were made to return them to Algiers. Since the four Americans'

capital of Damascus, there is little doubt that the Syrian government had taken the Egypt and Lebanon.

Leaving aside the question of the dead-end, middle-class political methods of these emissaries, an important conclusion must be drawn from this sequence of events. All the manoeuvres and

Stalinist bureaucracy, with arms supplies only to preserve bargaining positions, have actually ended in reinforcement of the positions of US imperialism in the Middle

Sack notices are withdrawn after

action yesterday forced withdrawal of redundancy notices

members-employed by Balfour Beatty on construction of a new refuse transfer station at Battersea's Cringle dock had the threat of the sack held over them on Wednesday when they stopped work to demand an increased

Management later offered to withdraw the notices if five conditions were agreed. But these conditions, which included acceptance of the existing bonus scheme and ecognition that any further unofficial action would lead to immediate discharge, were unanimously rejected at a canteen meeting of the 30

told Workers Press.

of duty charges against the Chief of Staff, General William Westmoreland, who preceded General Abrams as Vietnam commander.

Mr Weltner said the Abrams charges were sent to Mr Resor.

'If they treated this (the weakened vesterday by an Abrams charges) the way they've treated the My Lai cases of privates and corporals,' said Mr Weltner, 'then they would have an appeal for a return to work issued by the Communist (CGT) and Socialist (FO) unions. investigation and it would lead to a court martial.

'It will be up to him [Resor] to explain how a four-star general is immune to such a charge when the privates and corporals aren't. It should be more difficult for him to sweep this under the rug than it was in the Westmoreland case,' Mr Weltner added. Mr Resor ruled that General Westmoreland was not guilty of My Lai atro-cities because they occurred

without his knowledge. In the Abrams case, however, Sergeant Torres has cited a press report that General Abrams actually witnessed the mistreatment of Vietnamese civilians at the village of Chanh Luu in August, 1968.

Sergeant Torres is one of ten soldiers charged in connection with the deaths of Vietnamese civilians at My Lai on March 16, 1968.

Council

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port for the claim and has told students not to scab or use any facilities kept open by blackleg labour. The union council joined in calling a demonstration with

strikers tomorrow. Mr Derek Gladwin, of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, put the union's case to the three-man inquiry into the strike, headed by Sir

Jack Scamp.
Mr Leslie Freeman, chairman of Greater London
Council's Establishment Committee, said he was not prepared to recommend to the council a suggestion that direct negotiations should be started with the unions to end the strike.
In NOTTINGHAM, NUPE

members claimed white-collar volunteers who have been manning the Stoke Bardolph sewage works for five weeks were ready to quit—but this was denied by the city engineer's department.

At a joint meeting of St Helen's amenities, public works and education committees it was decided not to pay the council's manual workers the full 55s increase, but wait for the results of the national settlement.

Left-wing councillors will challenge this ruling at next meeting when the decision will be discussed. Hackney manual workers-

believed to number about 2,000—walked out over a pay dispute. A union official said the men had done it 'off their own backs'. Their strike was not part of the national Southwark council

spokesman said the striking dustmen would be back at work today.

Pensioners lobby MPs

MORE THAN 100 pensioners gathered at the House of Commons yesterday to lobby MPs for increased pensions, and for fare concessions for They also hoped to present

petition with 35,000 signatures to the Prime Minister.

strike

against building workers on a Greater London Council site in SW London. Labourers — all Transport and General Workers' Union

bonus rate.

labourers yesterday morning.

50 Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers' members, who, with the labourers, make up the bulk of the work-force on the site, would come out as well if the conditions were

a key issue on the site since it was unionized, stewards The basic rate is 7s 7½d an hour for labourers, and the bonus scheme is linked to

the concrete gang—with only a 2s fall-back rate. Many of the labourers had recently taken home as little

as £20 for a five-and-a-halfday week and, with the onset of winter, could see a situation where their earnings would be even less. After yesterday's climbdown by the management, official T&GWU advice was

that they should return to work today so that negotia-tions on their bonus claim could take place on Monday. If no satisfaction is achieved in these talks the union has pledged to call a full site meeting to discuss

possible action.

UNIONS ALLIANCE **MEETINGS**

'No anti-union laws' 'Force the Tories to resign'

Previously, local union officials had spread confusion in the pits by their refusal to give a lead to the fight, which centres on the demand for minimum pay of 55 francs (about £4 5s) a shift. At Merlebach, where the action began, a small majority voted at a pit-head meeting on Wednesday to continue the strike, although union officials refused to make a recom-

No meetings

mendation one way or an-

No meetings were held in the other pits. At Petite-Rosselle the unions had made their position clear by withdrawing officials who had addressed meetings at the gates during the previous ten

According to a manage-ment claim on Wednesday, only a third of the miners were still out in the coalfield

Steel strike still on

THE STRIKE in three Lorraine steel mills continued yesterday against the lock-out threat by the Thomas d'Usinor company at Thionville.

The threat was in reply to a claim for an increase of less than Is an hour and a fivehour reduction in the working week, presently fixed at 47

Ultra-modern

One of the mills shut by the strike is the ultra-modern semi - automatic SACILOR plant, part of the WENDEL group administered by Francois Ceyrac, deputy head of the French National Employers' Federation.

In a televised debate with CGT chief Seguy on Tuesday Ceyrac demanded the lifting of pickets at SACILOR and to work' in the course of all

Attack on the right to strike

A GAULLIST deputy in the French National Assembly, M. Bouchacourt, has set down a proposed law to impose compulsory five-day notice for all strikes, to 'allow further negotiations'.

In addition, the draft law allows the Prime Minister, without reference to parliament, to extend the period to up to a month.

It also provides for permanent arrangements under which public service employees are compelled by law to provide a skeleton service during all strikes. Such a service would go

far beyond the emergency services provided, for example, by hospital workers under the instructions of their trade unions during strikes.

Workers FROM PAGE ONE

Prices will rocket. Dole queues will lengthen.

And over everything hangs the imminent threat to the right to strike, the right to the closed shop, the right to fight for wages.
The class enemy is going to

war. It will not be swayed by protest, as the Stalinists of the 'Morning Star' think. Nor will simple militancy be sufficient to drive back the

carefully-calculated plans. The trade union chiefs and the Labour leaders are flat on their backs, without any programme or policy to meet the Tory onslaught. Only the mobilization of the

entire working class, through its enormously powerful mass organizations, can drive back the Tory Party and their hired

propaganda machine.

The Workers Press wages a constant campaign to force the Labour and trade union leaders to fight the Tories. This is the only road forward for the working class.

We appeal to all readers to campaign boldly and audaciously to raise the alarm throughout the labour movement and use the Workers Press as never before to lead the fight

they trooped dutifully off to plead with their Tory MPs. **Boycott on London mail**

NW LONDON postmen yesing a boycott on London mail, against union instructions and at the risk of suspension.

The men are refusing to collect letters from London and to despatch any there because of a 'borderline' dis-

terday morning were operat- received by London sorting

They are expecting support

are demanding the extra £2 from other 'outside London' offices and have become im-

Another businessman appointed

A TOP Royal Dutch Shell oil company official, Lord Rothschild, 60, has been appointed by the Prime Minister to head the 'think tank' central review staff in the Cabinet Office.

secret diplomacy of

Warned Stewards warned that the

not withdrawn. Bonus earnings have been

ALL TRADES

ACTON: Monday November 2, 8 p.m. Acton Co-op Hall, Acton High St. E LONDON: Wednesday, November 11, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Kerbey St (near Chrisp St Market), E14.

against Tory reaction.

SCHOOL FEES Scottish education authori-

LATE NEWS

ties would regain the power to charge fees in a limited number of their schools, under a bill published yesterday.
The Education (Scotland) Bill, also makes provision for the charging of fees to pupils

area both in fee-paying and non fee-paying schools. Fees were abolished by the Labour government earlier this TORY PRESSURE—CLAIM

from outside an authority's

Swindon's Labour MP David Stoddart yesterday accused the government of pressurizing councils not to give in to their striking

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paign for December 8 with the struggle to make the make the TUC lead a oneday general strike against

ists that the General Council

might give a more militant lead in the fight against the

Bill if the Tories remain

Faith

Stalinist coin we have episodic protest actions, on the other

This is why the 'Morning

Star' editorial avoids any call

for a real campaign within the unions to make the union

leaders fight and to force the TUC to call a one-day national stoppage on the condition that, if the TUC fails, then a

general strike of the working

to force the Tories to resign.

efforts for higher wages'.

undefeated.

It also avoids any struggle

Instead it calls for trade

This mixture of political

go unchallenged nor

unionists 'to step up their

cynicism and adventurism will

The Stalinists' 'constitu-tional and parliamentary' road

to socialism is being exposed

revolutionary plans.

the most concrete fashion

Whilst supporting the December 8 strike — as a

first step but not as a sub-

stitute for a generalized campaign within the unions

to reject the reformist-

protest line advanced by the

Star' and combine the cam-

-we urge all CP members

the Tories' counter-

cracy—and capitalism.

class must be called.

The alternative to this policy is defeat and Tory vague reference to 'further among left-wing trade uniondictatorship.

CONFERENCES

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

Support Pilkington glassworkers and their

Defeat the proposed Tory anti-union laws

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 COVENTRY: Keith's Club, Cox Street, 3.30 p.m. NEWCASTLE: Royal Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street, 3 p.m.

SHEFFIELD: Crooksmoor Vestry Hall, Crooksmoor Road,

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15 GLASGOW: Partick Burgh Lesser Hall, near Merkland Street

LONDON: Woodlands Hall, Crown Street, Acton, 7.00 p.m.

Speakers will be from the Pilkington Rank and File Committee

Speaking in the Commons, oddart sald that he has

received a letter from the Prime Minister 'which stated that local authority grants may be affected by a settle-

ment made . . 'As the recipient of that letter, let me make it quite clear that the Prime Minister categorically that the level of grants to local authorities must be a concern of government and would be con-

din from the Tory benches he added: 'It is absolutely true that the government has been putting pressure on employers.

The NW London postmen

Futile union law lobby

A CAMPAIGN of lobbies and petitions from workers' wives majorities', Labour Party chairman Ian Mikardo told lobbyists at the House of Commons on Wednesday

Ford, Dagenham, and Victor Engineering, Rainham, attended the lobby, organized defence of the unions. But all they got from the three Labour MPs who attended the committee-room

more lobbies and meetings. Relations Bill a solicitors' Utopia and a charter for non-

things.

But they at least had looked miserable while they were

If this is the Tory attitude doubt it—there is no point in begging the class enemy to abandon its plans.

AGAINST TRIAL OF BASQUES IN A RARE picture out of Spain young people are seen in a recent Madrid demonstration against the trial of 16 Basque socialists before a secret military tribunal in Burgos. Six of

Eighty people, many of them Communist Party members, including stewards from by the S Essex campaign for

meeting were platonic expressions of support and sugges-tions that they should hold Ford convenor Sid Harraway, who opened the meeting, called the proposed Industrial

unionists, and proposed that before leaving the House_they should have a go at Essex Tory MPs'.

Mikardo told the meeting that 'what the Tories are doing is naked class war'. The Labour government had restored prescription charges

Miserable

The Tories, on the other hand were exultant. 'In all my 20 years in the House, I never saw class war so blatant as during the mini-budget speech, he said.

-and there is no reason to Lobbying Tories is quite futile and Mikardo's proposal is simply an evasion of his responsibilities.

The Communist Party

At the end of the meeting

representatives on the lobby thought differently, however.

demand

SPANISH YOUTH MARCH

for cost of living rise WORKERS at CAV Acton

are demanding a pay rise because of increases in the cost of living caused by the government's Tory government's 'mini-budget'.

If the increases are won it will be the first major Breach in the package deal conceded in July when Acton workers agreed to a 12-month site pay freeze and tele-control monitoring of production. Management hinted to the Acton shop stewards' executive committee that extra pay might be offered if certain 'sacred cows' on the factory floor were eliminated, mean-

periods in an attempt to step up productivity. Critical

ing, presumably, the abolition

of tea breaks and other rest

The demands come at a The setters working in the Acton plant's 55 and 66 departments will soon be involved in the tele-control pilot scheme which will be the forerunner of its total introduction in the factory. The setters themselves are

expected to demand wage increases.

If this claim is linked to these, Acton management's plans to get the scheme through and speed-up work

patient with the union's delay in pursuing the claim.

by Arab governments

The Lebanese government had been asked by the US Embassy in Beirut to lift

want to clash with the Americans. The four Americans are in

Arrangements for their visit were apparently agreed be-tween Al Fatah and Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther leader. Their flight from Beirut went to Cairo, where they were refused permission to

original plans were to go from Beirut to the Syrian

targets set for workers on