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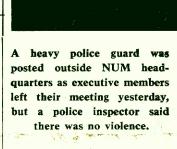
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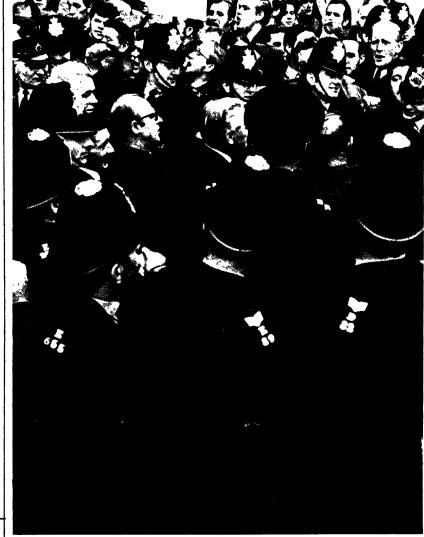
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The 1840s were a watershed in the development of the working-class movement in Britain.

Chartism, despite its political confusion, represented a break from earlier movements in which the working class had followed uncritically behind middle-class Radical leaders (e.g. in support of the 1832 Reform Bill).

Chartism was essentially a movement for social change; indeed, a movement for social revolution, as ruling-class fears and the writings of the advanced 'nhysical force' Chartists, such as Harney, demonstrated.

Though the middle-class Radicals attempted to keep a hold over workers by seeking their support for the Anti-Corn Law League and in some cases by sponsoring limited social reforms, the gap between the classes inexorably widened.

Owing to the lack of education the middle-class frequently rose to leading positions in the working-class movements, includ-

But it was becoming increasingly difficult for them to mainpolitically speaking.

#### Antagonism

This was true particularly of the manufacturing and mining areas of the Midlands, N England and S Scotland, where rapidly-increasing exploitation by middle class masters was daily forcing the clash of class interests to be transferred from the economic into the political

sphere. The development of workingclass antagonism to the middle class, the historical essence of Chartism, was reflected in the trade union movement of the 1840s, especially in the history of the Miners' Association.

This Association was described by the 'Northern Star' in 1849 as 'the most powerful labour union ever known in this country'.

Its history has often been overshadowed by the development of more enduring, less poli-'New Model' unions of skilled workers (such as the Amalgamated Society of

Engineers) in the 1850s. Yet it is a history of considerable importance, since it reflects all the tensions between the revolutionary and the merely radical, reformist wings which eventually split up the Chartist movement, and were to reappear in a different form with the redevelopment of unions of labourers, under social influence,

from the 1880s onwards. In the 1840s, the trade union had not yet come to be regarded as a purely defensive organization in the service of class com-

Most of the Miners' Associa-

#### 'Ignorant' ·

The employers often tried to use this fact as a weapon against the union, claiming that its officials were 'gulling ignorant pitmen'. But although only a small minority had any contact with socialist ideas, the determination with which 40,000 Northumberland and Durham miners maintained a 19-week strike against the owners in 1844 demonstrates that the union, and the strike tactic, were considered by many of the rank-and-file members as instruments social revolution, rather than of mere economic reform.

This crude and early form of syndicalism was expressed most clearly by the lawyer W. P. Roberts, who was a figure of immense influence amongst the union's membership, as a result of his successes in defending vic-

timized miners in the law courts. The trade union achievements of the Miners' Association were impressive. It was an advance on all previous unions, since it was both a national and a unitary

Earlier unions had mostly been centred on local areas and industries, while attempts at 'general' or 'national' unions, such as the Grand National Consolidated Tradé Union in 1834 had been short-lived, and had failed to impose any kind of central discipline.

The Miners' Association was eventually to founder on the same rocks of local independence, because of the variations in regional economic condi-

#### Annual 'bond'

There was not yet a national market for coal, nor was the structure of employment uniform. In the North East coalfield, the united strength of the employers enabled them to impose an annual 'bond' (legallybinding contract of employment) on their miners, making it essen tial for the miners to adopt an equally united form of strike action; while in Lancashire the competition of many small employers encouraged miners to

adopt 'guerrilla' strike tactics. After the 1844 strike had shattered the original union organization centred on Newcastle, leadership of what remained passed to Lancashire, where only minor skirmishes had taken place.

Meanwhile, the Scottish coalfields began to break free from the national leadership because of the success of their independently organized partial

By August 1847, the National Delegate Conference of the Miners' Association, at one time held every three months, consisted solely of Lancashire delegates.

The union's paper, 'The Miners' Advocate', at one time read by 11,000 miners, was gradually forced out of print by the parallel drop

occurred in central funds. By 1848, the history of the Miners' Association as a national union was at an end.

But Challinor and Ripley demonstrate that there was a thread of continuity running through the 1850s to the Leeds conference of 1863, at which a new attempt was made to con-struct a National Miners' Union, along lines of moderation rather

#### IS analysis

than militancy.

It is imposible to separate the history of the rise and decline of the Miners' Association from its political context.

Unfortunately the political perspective of Challinor and Ripley ('International Socialism' group) prevents them from undertaking detailed analysis of the relationship of the union to middleclass and working-class political currents of the period.

Their very inadequate chapter on 'Politics and the Union' concentrates almost exclusively on the parliamentary connections of the union: its attempts to get its officials elected to parliament, and the role of trade union pressure in securing legislation to improve conditions for miners.

Though they note that, at the outset, the union was virtually a trade union offshoot of the Chartist movement, they fail to trace the political influence of individuals who were already turning towards various forms of revolutionary socialism for example, William Beesley, one-time editor of 'The Miners' Advocate', is mentioned in passing as having been a founder member of the Fraternal Democrats (1845), an internationalist

REVIEW: JANE BROWN organization with which Marx the Radicals (not the Chartists)

were granted.

Even these authors cannot

claim that Lord Shaftesbury sup-

ported the Miners' Association.

but they do assert that the 1842

created the right mental climate

This slurs over the fact that

Shaftesbury was fanatically opposed to the workers' organi-

zing themselves as a class against

His humanitarianism was influ-

enced by his desire to champion

the power of the land-owning

aristocracy against the encroach

ments of Peel and the middle-

The working class had no

the 1840s. Its grievances

provided convenient

representatives in the parliament

ammunition for both sides in

the central conflict between the

manufacturing and the landed

academic commentators who admire the heroism of the work-

ing class, but are incapable of

The central lessons of the

Miners' Association are definitely

Moderation

The authors fail to analyse not

only the role of the middle-class

for the implacable hostility of

the coal-owners towards the

Indeed, they conclude by sug-

gesting that there has been a

softening in employers' attitudes

towards unions, and that 'the

road to moderation . . . exists for workers today', though it offered

They ignore the fact that

employers are 'prepared to accept the existence of the trade union'

only as long as the strength of

the working class drives them

into this and other concessions.

Trade unions are no more an

Whenever capitalism enters a

period of economic crisis, the capitalists viciously assail trade

union rights: this assault has formed the basis of all extremist

regimes of the 20th century and

it is also on the agenda of the

new Tory government in Britain.

integral part of capitalism today

than they were in the 1840s.

little hope in the 1840s.

analysing history in class terms.

Challinor and Ripley write as

Mines Regulation Act

for the union's birth'.

the employers.

class Radicals.

merely

interest. /

only a highly significant minority. But the revolutionary wing of Chartism — often syndicalist, as described above — certainly had strong roots in the areas where the Miners' Association was strongest, and cannot be overlooked merely because of the activity in the second half of the 19th century.

Naturally the socialists were

had friendly contact.

#### **Deficiency**

The authors' uncritical treat-ment of middle-class Radicals is also a sure indicator of their own political affiliations.

It is a deficiency typical of labour historians, who set out to study the working class in isolation, rather than to set it in the context of the whole of capitalist society at a certain stage in its development.

Challinor and Ripley acknowledge that 'The days of the middle-class maverick in the radical movement were numbered'-but fail to explain this comment.



**Chartist JULIAN HARNEY** 

In fact, it is quite inconsistent with their earlier treatment of the work of W. P. Roberts, the Radical MP Duncombe and even of the Tory humanitarian Lord Shaftesbury.

Roberts sunk his career into the working-class movement to an unusual extent, yet retained some of his middle-class political characteristics.

He had a tendency to strike out individualistically, rejecting the guidance of the Miners' Association leadership.

Duncombe, on the other hand, is eulogized for his 'political kinship' with the miners, and as a 'staunch Chartist', despite the fact that he never lost his position in ruling class society. For Challinor and Ripley, this

fact is merely an attractive peculiarity—'. . . he was completely at home amid the luxury and elegance of high society; he loved to hear witty conversation at literary soirées, he frequented the underworld haunts of London.

'A man for all seasons, he was still completely at ease with weavers, engineers, miners, discussing how they could jointly further the struggle to improve their lot . . .'

#### Middle-class

How well this description fits some of the middle-class radicals of today!

In fact, Duncombe was politically, as well as socially, middle class to the core. He belonged to the group of parliamentary Radicals who fought in the 1840s against the landlords, in the interests of the manufacturers, especially for free trade and against the Corn Laws.

In 1842, he had attempted to explain away the sections of the Chartist petition which hinted at the irreconcilability of ruling class and working-class interests and claimed that the workers would remain 'respectful' towards the rights of property for ever, if only the reforms demanded by

#### (US Round-up) Shoulder 'THE BLUE-COLLAR workworkers are more militant today ers, who sweated in the mines largely because their aspirations have been raised while their and factories, built the roads income remains static'. and drove the halftracks, according to the Labour Depart-

seemed to accept stoically ment, skilled workers' average earnings have increased 41 per their role of providers and cent. compared with the Department's estimate of a 61 per cent members of the silent majorrise in the financial needs of a family with growing children. ity. No longer. Today they are making themselves heard as they have not done since the turbulent 1930s. Their voices are loud, angry and

LAST WEEK'S 'Time' devoted a long feature to the working class which the magazine is concerned to have to admit is now the main opposition.

aggressive'—'Time' magazine.

A General Electric chairman complains of 'an unbalanced concentration of power in the hands of organized labour while another manager compared the building workers' 12 per cent wage increase this year to 'a kid in class with a case of measles. You've got to isolate it before they all catch it'.

#### Unbalanced

'Time' believes 'Blue-collar

Over the last ten years,

**ASSEMBLY LINE IN DETROIT** 

Time looks over it's

Job security and safety are also major worries. 14,000 workers were killed at work last year; 28 per cent have no medical coverage, 38 per cent no life insurance and 39 per cent no pension beyond meagre social

bridge against an onslaught of inflationary wage demands The union leaders are castigated for being unable to hold the rank and file to negotiated

> The San Francisco ironworkers last month had the audacity to win a 30 per cent increase in a one-year contract.

'Time' as Horatio holding the

contracts, which this year have been rejected at the record rate

A wave of strikes has swept

There has been the Teamsters'

national action, post workers, for

the first time ever, public

employees in San Francisco and

Atlanta, tugboat crews and grave

diggers in New York, and many

General Motors is cast by

the country in one year pushing

up the man-days lost through

stoppages by a third.

Their union spokesman quoted as saying:

#### Not satisfied

The younger leadership is not satisfied. I don't understand what they really want, what it would

In a revealing passage 'Time'

'Today, instead of seeking to change and improve the system, the union leadership has become part of it. . . . The isolation of labour leaders from many of their own members is a ticking time bomb.'

#### Other means

If union leaders can no longer be relied on to keep back the working class then the employers must find other means.

Better pension schemes are one suggestion.

'Other ideas must wait for the day that the budget squeeze is

'Time's' last card is a suggestion for 'participative management' and 'job enrichment'.

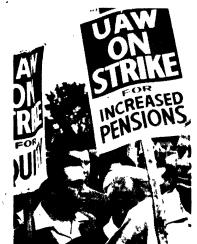
The idea is even considered for car factories and steel plants.

'The cost would be high, since the assembly line would have to be redesigned to give each worker at least some responsibility for assembling an entire component rather than tightening a single bolt.

'The time may come when it will be cheaper for the companies to enrich the workers' jobs than to pay ever higher wage increases as the price of continuing discontent.'

Nixon's law-and-order preparations for taking on the working class throws into sharp relief the nonsense of such flights of reformist fancy.

**UAW pickets in Detroit** 



# Threat to the unit

DRUG-TAKING has become so prevalent among US troops in Vietnam that squad leaders have been issued with a guide on spot-ting and dealing with addiction

Although official army figures put the number of soliders dying this year through drugs at 18, the true figure is certainly much higher. The same goes for the army's

estimate that out of a 1,000-Vietnam, 30 per cent regularly The guide has been sent to 'Marijuana and Drug Suppression Councils' within the II Corps Tactical Force and

Corps Tactical Force and includes a four-page 'narcotics identification chart'. The booklet vainly tries to play down the significance of the problem by claiming that the incidence of drug-taking is no higher than at home.

#### Understatement

But 'the dependence of all of us on each other in the combat problem take on a new dimen-

This cool understatement covers a gamut of incidents from the My Lai massacre to soldiers shooting their own side while under the influence of drugs.

'Heavy smokers have little patience, are easily provoked, and may react in a wild and disturbed fashion. Such men are a constant threat to the unit and should be encouraged to seek assistance through the amnesty programme.'

This amnesty has been forced on the Pentagon. As the booklet admits 'the task of finding illicit drugs (is) difficult and continuand the complexity and often the futility of prosecuting offenders has made the threat of punishment ineffective with many men'.

take to satisfy them.

ANGLIA: 10.58-2.55 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 'Woman of Mystery'. With Dermot Walsh and Hazel Court. A journalist sets out to find all the facts leading to a suicide. 12.35 Liv-ing word.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-2.31 London. 3.49 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 Baron. 8.25 London. 10.30 Champions. 11.30 Midland member. 11.45 Object in view, weather.

ULSTER: 11.00-2.31 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 Cross-roads. 7.00 Ev. 7.30 Laredo. 8.30 Lon-don. 10.30 Deadline. 11.00 Film: "The Hellions'. Australian cowboys.

GRANADA: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.25 Put it in writing. 6.35 Film: 'HMS Defiant'. With Alec Guinness, Dirk Bogarde and Anthony Quayle. Action and mutiny when a British ship sails against Napoleon. 8.25 London. 10.30 Edgar Wallace. 11.35 Whiplash.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-2.31 London. 4.35 News. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Avengers. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 I spy. 9.00 London. 10.30 Movie: "The Young Savages". With Burt Lancaster and Dina Merrill. A blind Puerto Rican youth is killed in Harlem, apparently the victim of gang warfare. 12.20 News.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.51 London. 3.40 Dateline: Friday—early. 3.50 Tomorrow's horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Skippy. 5.20 Cartoon cavalcade. 5.50 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 Paterns of folk. 7.00 Feature. "The Honeymoon Machine'. With Steve McQueen, Brigid Bazlefl, Jim Hutton and Paula Prentiss. 8.25 London. 10.30 In camera. 11.05 McCue's music. 11.35 Late call.

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9.38-11.55 a.m. Schools. 12.55 p.m. Maes a mor. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.25 Schools. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Basil Brush. 5.25 Ask Aspel. 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 EUROPE THIS WEEK. 6.20 TOMORROW'S WORLD.

6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'The Reckoning'. 8.00 DAD'S ARMY. 'The Two and a Half Feathers'. 8.30 MARY HOPKIN IN THE LAND OF LEGEND.

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 NANA. 'Fall of an Empire'. 10.05 24 HOURS.

10.35 MARILYN MONROE. 'Bus Stop'. With Marilyn Monroe and Don Murray. A hard-boiled singer is eventually caught by a Montana cowboy. 12.05 a.m. Weather.

## REGIONAL BBC O lein i lein. 7.30-8.00 Bachelor father. 12.07 Weather. Scotland: 6.00-6.20 Reporting Scotland: 8.30-9.00 Current account. 12.07 News, weather. N Ireland: 6.00-6.20 Scene around six, weather. 10.35-12.05 Harry Cavan's world cup. 12.07 News, weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.20 Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 12.07 News, weather. All regions as above except:

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. 6.45 Heddiw. 7.05

**BBC 2** 11.00-11.20 a.m. Play school.

7.05 p.m. LIFE IN OUR SEA. 'On The Rocks'. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT. 8.30 EUROPA.

9.00 GEORGE IV. 'A King in the Country'. George Hamilton IV with guests Little Ginny and John D. Loudermilk. 9.20 REVIEW. 'Mac at 83'. A famous theatrical dresser remembers. 10.05 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. 'The Warmonger'. By Keith Waterhouse. A small boy's war games sometimes lead to victories

and sometimes to defeats. 10.35 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.40 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

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

6.03 TODAY. 6.30 PEYTON PLACE.

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'Reprisal'.
8.30 THE MATING MACHINE. 'As the Bishop Said to the Actress'. 9.00 THE ADVENTURES OF DON QUICK. 'The Higher the Fewer'. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

and Ron Moody. Agatha Christie mystery.

12.40 a.m. POEMS OF PRAISE. 'The Poetry of T. S. Ellot'.

10.30 POLICE FIVE. 10.40 TALES OF UNEASE. 'The Black Goddess'. 11.10 FRIDAY FILM. 'Murder Most Foul'. With Margaret Rutherford

REGIONAL ITV CHANNEL: 11.00-2.55 London. 3.30 Exhibition 70. 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Pinky and Perky. 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 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 Film: 'Dracula's Daughter'. With Otto Kruger. 11.40 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 11.45 Faith for life. 11.50 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Paulus. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.35 Out of town. 7.00 London. 7.30

Weekend. 7.35 Father dear father. 8.05 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Thriller: "The Wicked Lady'. With Margaret Lockwood, James Mason, Griffith Jones and Patricia Roc. A titled lady deserts her husband for a highwayman. 12.05 News. 12.15 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-2.35 London. 4.18 Women today. 4.40 London. 5.20 Is that a fact. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'The Canadians'. With Robert Ryan and John Dehner. Mounted Police try to keep the peace when Sioux Indians flood in from the USA. 8.30 London. 10.30 Fill this space. 11.00 This is . . . Tom Jones. 11.55 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18, 6.01-6.35 Report West.

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service: as above except: 5.20-5.50 Am y gorau. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd. 10.30-11.00 Welshscene.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 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 Edgar Wallace. 12.10 Weather.

BORDER: 1.38-2.45 London. 4.10 News. 4.12 Pursuers. 4.40 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Mating machine. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 London. 10.30 'City of the Dead'. With Dennis Lotus, Christopher Lee and Betta St John. A woman accused of being a witch is burned at the stake in Massachusetts. 12.15 News, weather.

11.35 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-2.31 London. 3.49 News. 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 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 Love, American style. 8.25 McCue's music. 9.00 London. 10.30 Tales of unease. 11.00 Man in a suitcase.

what was

## Luna-17 nears moon orbit

By a science correspondent

THE SOVIET UNION'S third lunar probe in little over two months is approaching moon orbit today with all signs indicating another automatic landing.

The Luna-17 capsule, blasted into earth orbit on Tuesday before heading for the moon, was officially reported to be testing new Soviet space equipment, but the details were kept secret.

In September, Luna-16 became the first unmanned craft to lift off from the lunar surface and return to earth, carrying Russia's first samples of moon dust.

With the Americans concentrating on their Apollo-14 manned mission — launch date January 31 next year. — which follows the near-disastrous Apollo-13 shot last April, the USSR maintained its 1970 mbon monopoly last month when Zond-8 made a photographic swing round earth's nearest

#### SAME WORDING

Tass news agency's official announcement of the Luna-17 launch said it would continue 'exploration of the moon and near-moon space' — the same wording used for its predecessor's mission.

If the latest moon shot follows the same pattern as Luna-16 it will go into lunar orbit over the weekend and finally descend to the moon's surface next Wednesday after a careful check of its final landing path.

Luna-16 spent little more than 26 hours on the moon after landing in the Sea of Fertility on September 20. It returned to earth with 3½ ounces of lunar material for analysis.

Western scientists are speculating whether 'new Soviet space equipment' may refer to a mobile robot moon vehicle.

This could be left on the lunar surface—possibly with a TV camera — to send back scientific information as it travels around and even to rendezvous

#### NO VEHICLE

In the heyday of the US space programme, it was planned to send a vehicle to the moon to convey two astronauts and their equipment over considerable dis-

The cutbacks in the programme now make it unlikely that this will be attempted.

While the Soviet exploration of the lunar surface is now proceeding at relatively low cost, the flight is mounting.

In order to avoid any repetition of the Apollo-13 fiasco, in which an oxygen tank explosion almost killed the three astronauts, Apollo-14 has been fitted out with an extra tank and the astronauts, led by veteran Alan Shepard, have been supplied with a large volume of possible emergency procedures.

A failure for Apollo-14 would certainly put an end to the Apollo programme, which is planned to end in 1972 with

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## Short shrift to union pleas

# No aid for shipyard workers

FEW PORT or shipyard workers will be surprised at the short shrift given by the Tories to calls for financial aid to key sections of their two industries.

It has recently been made abundantly clear by both Ministers involved - Transport's John Peyton and Trade and Industry overlord John Davies — that driving what the latter describes as 'lame-duck' enterprises to the wall forms one of the chief props of government policy.

#### READ

**Dateline North-East** 

a further

**WORKERS PRESS** investigation into

unemployment

In Britain.

Any doubts that lingered in the minds of Mersey Docks and Harbour Board workers on this score should already have been dispelled by Peyton's fact-finding visit to Liverpool last month.

#### Two schemes

During this he repulsed all attempts to elicit an undertaking on aid and placed the ball for sackings and rationalization squarely in the port authority's

of visiting even W Europe.

BY DAVID MAUDE.

Yesterday's London meeting between Peyton and MD&HB chiefs Robert Edwards and Sir Joseph Cleary must therefore be seen as a council of war on how best to implement the two viability schemes—from a Min-istry-appointed firm of accountants and from the board itselfsubmitted to the government last

A call for government aid has also come this week from what some may consider a more surprising source.

Shipyards in development areas, announced boilermakers' leader Dan McGarvey, 'have got to be given some continued assistance when the 30s-a-head regional employment premium is phased out in line with Chancellor Anthony Barber's cuts.

#### 'Assistance'

Wearing the hat of chairman of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions' shipbuilding committee, McGarvey has asked for a meeting with Davies to discuss 'some continued assistance'.

The employers were with the union leaders on this, he added.

Redundancy, however, forms the lynchpin of Tory policy in both industries — and McGarvey should be well aware of this.

In the same week in September that MD&HB announced an estimated £3 million loss this year, 1,000 shipyard workers—

In combination with the very

high rate they must pay for

foreign currency, travel is now

prohibitively expensive for ordin-

The itinerant bureaucrats and

diplomats engaged in such use-

ful tasks as promoting 'cultural'

relations with fascist Spain will

They will continue to enjoy

free visas and travel, and duty-

free luxuries purchased with hard

'Tax'

measure is not simply a 'tax'.

Which makes it clear that this

Without wanting openly to for-

To have too many workers,

students and young people enter-

ing into contact and discussion

with the labour movement in W Europe would throw into ques-

tion the basis for 'peaceful co-

existence' pumped out every day

Travel abroad is therefore to

be reserved for those regarded as

in the Soviet media.

'trustworthy'.

bid overseas travel, the Stalinist

regime is determined to cut it to

ary Russians.

not be affected.

Travel blocked

by Soviet

government

A RECENT increase in visa prices for Soviet citizens

to travel abroad—they now cost 400 roubles—effec-

tively cuts off ordinary workers from the possibility

#### many of them members of McGarvey's own union — lost their jobs at Palmer's Tyne shiprepair yard at Hebburn

Iust over three weeks previously, McGarvey met Davies with a delegation of local trade unionists in London to protest against the planned closure of the yard, a Vickers subsidiary.

#### Tirade

Davies informed the delegation in no uncertain terms that no government aid would be forthcoming to save the men's jobs, and McGarvey the following week delivered himself of a bitter—and very apt—tirade at the Trades Union Congress against 'government by the CBI'.

(Davies is a former CBI director-general.)

Less than a month after the Palmer's closure, and in the same week as Peyton's Liverpool visit, workers at Merseyside's troubled Cammell-Laird shipyard were warned by directors that the £6 million given to Laird's by Labour Technology Minister Anthony Wedgewood Benn covered only the four ships under contract at the presentand were given a broad hint that the yard might still have to close unless productivity increased.



Bollermakers' leader Dan McGarvey on his September trip to see John Davies.

Yet only three weeks later McGarvey bobs up again with a further plea.

#### Defeat

Neither Merseyside portworkers—some of whose leaders are now fostering similar illusionsnor shipyard workers in Birken-head, Scotland or the North-East can expect anything from this policy of defeat.

It is nothing short of a political scandal that it should be advanced by a leader of the 3,000,000-strong CSEU.

British-Leyland stewards, who are now also threatened with closures, have shown the way with their demand: 'Fight sackings'. Any firm which cannot give security to its workers should be nationalized under workers' control in line with the policy of the CSEU'.

It is around this programme that port and shipyard workers

Inflation buffets the Swiss

# to be freed?

**Debray** 

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

of General Juan José Torres is expected to release jailed French writer Regis Debray around Christmas, sources close to the government have revealed.

Debray was captured on April 20, 1967, along with Argentine painter Ciro

Both were charged with being involved in the guerrilla organization led by the late Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, killed in October 1967.

At their trial, which started in September that year, Debray and Bustos were sentenced to 30 years' and 15 years' jail respectively.

The sources said the two prisoners were both likely to be released by an amnesty, but that Torres would have the final say.

## Under pressure

was under pressure from students and workers.

Torres, who came to power with popular support after the fall of president Ovando Candia, has come under increasing criticism from the guerrillas - organized in the Bolivian National Liberation Army — for his compromise reactionary forces, discredited under Candia's

## Soviet radio to drop criticism of India

SOVIET Radio broadcasts will no longer criticize any aspects of India's internal affairs, Foreign Minister Swaren Singh has told the upper house of the Indian parliament.

The Kremlin's decision follows complaints by Indian MPs about Soviet Radio criticism of the Indian Supreme Court's veto of the nationalization of 14 banks

She is currently facing a bar-

giving favours to her 21-year-old He was recently granted a

car—a much sought-after privilege among the Indian ruling

# THE BOLIVIAN government

Roberto Bustos.

## They added that the general

The Soviet decision could not have been more timely for Indian première Mrs Indira Gandhi.

rage of criticism for allegedly

licence to manufacture a small

Mrs Gandhi can at least be thankful that her alleged misdemeanours will pass unnoticed in the Soviet Union.

## issued against stores' sit-in strikers

BY DAVID BARNES

dancies face workers in the

small-scale cotton and textile industry, industrial workers

workers and small farmers in a

protest meeting of 1,500 at

Though called by union officials on a wholly inadequate poli-

tical perspective—the alteration

of the Sixth Plan to provide more

public works and employment in

the area—the unity of workers

in industry and on the land strikes an important blow at the

It is now clear that governments and capitalists have a

strategy throughout the Common Market of setting workers and

farmers against one another, par-ticularly on the question of food

hands with agricultural

Tory cuts: A disaster

gressive policy which should be

Appalling conditions

by the NUT are: end of oversize

classes, nursery education, equality of opportunity, compre-

hensive education, proper cater-

ing, the raising of the school leaving age, elimination of obso-

lete and insanitary buildings, more opportunities for higher and further education, fair deal

for youth (Youth Service), education at work (day release), education for leisure, participa-

tion in education decision mak-

ing and an increased proportion of the GNP to be devoted

The union says 40,000 more teachers are needed, 30,000 children of university ability still

leave school at 15, slum schools

in twilight areas remain largely untouched, three million children

are still in oversize classes and

conditions in many schools are

of the less obvious ways in which cuts affect education.

In a survey of local education authority spending on school text books not one authority was

spending enough and 81 of the 160 authorities were spending 30

An example is given of one

The 12 education targets listed

for education

-SAYS NUT BOOKLET

BY IAN YATES

per cent below

At the annual conference of

local education authorities at

Scarborough last week the true

state of the education system

was whitewashed with phrases about the situation not being too

serious and about the cuts not

argued that, after all, the education building programme was

more or less intact and in any

case milk and meals were really

welfare and not part of educa-

that even at the present rate of

inflation it is going to be almost impossible to keep roofs over heads with the cash available.

Massive funds

pumped into education its stand-

ards and quality will suffer a

sharp and irreversible decline.

expansion will be out of the ques-

tion and educational opportuni-

the beginning of a major Tory

attack on the education system

and through it the working class.

whose children are by far the

majority of those using state facilities.

The truth is that the cuts mark

Unless massive funds are

But the NUT booklet shows

being as severe as expected. This mainly Tory assembly

required.

tion at all.

ties will fall.

SCARCELY PAUSING over the death of de Gaulle the Gaullist regime in France continues to press forward with its legal attack on the labour and trade union movement.

Court order

A Saint-Etienne Court has ordered the clearing of the administrative offices of the 'Nouvelles Galeries' department

ANY RESTRICTION of educa-tion spending would be disastrous says the National Union of

Teachers in a special booklet

published today.

Twelve educational targets are

listed in the booklet, 'The Cost of Cuts', and the NUT warns:

'Severe educational consequences for the children of Britain would follow if they were

On October 27 the Secretary

of State for Education and Science, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, attacked school milk, meals and

attacked school milk, meals and further education, thereby saving the Tory Exchequer £47 million in a full year.

And the total cash for education remained constant at £186 million with the prospect of a full the year after.

at least 8 per cent or £5,000 million of Britain's GNP will be

needed, 'simply to stand steady

and meet the statutory require-

ments of the education system'.

Utmost importance

charges 500,000 children will go

without school meals and 3,500,000 children will go with-

out milk-of the utmost import-

ance to the pupils' diet'.

It adds that the decision to

raise further education charges

will have a 'most damaging

affect on vocational and adult

students who draw least time

and money from the education

service and who individually

make the greatest financial con-

tribution to it. This is a retro-

**FRANCE** 

The booklet says that as a

of the increased meal

This compares with present £2,200 million.

postponed or delayed.'

They were occupied for over a week by relays of shop workers after management had refused even to meet them to discuss their pay and conditions claim.

The court order, to go into effect after 48 hours, specifically provided for the use of police to throw out the workers. Such laws will be brought

increasingly into play as workers are forced to undertake sit-in strikes and occupations by the employers' determination to allow no further reforms. Last Tuesday afternoon 25 Paris department stores, mainly

of the chains Prisunic, Mono-

prix and Uniprix, were shut by a strike of sales girls. They are demanding pay increases and an end to the erosion of differentials. About 500 of the strikers attended a mass that negotiations should start

#### Forcing talks

immediately.

Yesterday hospital and psychiatric staff throughout France were called by the Stalinist and

They hope to force a resumption of negotiations on claims which have been outstanding since June 1968, when one of the olive-branches proferred by de Gaulle to the general strike was basic reform of health ser-

Needless to say, nothing substantial has been done since then. Weather service workers

decided Monday to resume their action with a 24-hour total Though they have received

support from air traffic control-lers (themselves recently involved in a bitter struggle over hours of work) the airport authorities have sought to defeat them by allowing aircraft to take off without full weather reports, relying on information from other coun-

Postal delivery workers have given notice of their intention to call a national strike. This follows their five-day

stoppage at the end of October against the economy drive launched in the budget — still being debated before the National Assembly.

#### Unity meeting

Postal workers are compelled by law to give notice of strike

In the Vosges region of E France, where crushing redun-

## Czech-**Spanish** links extended

CZECH and Spanish governments soon expect to exchange final documents establishing consular and trade relations.

The Paris talks have been

in progress for six months, and a provisional agreement to establish official links was concluded in the same week that Franco's fascist police killed three Granada building

Sense of timing

With an equally adroit sense of timing, the Husak regime now boasts of its imminent deal with Franco as six Basque socialists face the possibility of the firing squad for their struggle to squad for their struggle to bring down the Spanish fascists.

Czechoslovakia is the fifth Stalinist regime to conclude such a deal with the Franco fascists. The others are Rumania, Poland, Hungary

and Bulgaria. All these agreements have the full Kremlin, which, while not maintaining diplomatic relations with Franco, has established links on many other

**Shipping interests** 

Delegations were recently exchanged to look after mutual shipping interests, Franco's mission having its headquarters in the Black Sea port of Odessa and the Kremlin's in Madrid and Tenerife.

The news agencies of the two regimes also exchanged facilities.

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#### THE SWISS economy is now seriously infected by the inflation raging in the other coun-CORRESPONDENT

On the eve of the talks between Common Market Officials and Swiss representatives in Brussels, Nello Celio, head of Switzerland's Federal Department of Finance, said in

'The situation is even more dangerous than in the last period of overheating, in the

As solutions he proposed 'a freezing of some wages and economy

profits' and measures 'designed to encourage saving'. Understand

What is needed, he said, is for 'the Swiss citizen to understand that he must not spend more than he earns, in order that we achieve a certain discipline in the population.

The Swiss employers how-

ever, face an immediate political dilemma. To hold wages back they wish to impose a degree of unemployment, but since the

government adapted to the extreme right wing by restrict-

ing the number of immigrant

workers, they are hampered by a very high demand for labour. In addition the high level of imports in the Swiss economy makes for rapid inflation whatever happens to domestic prices.

All cars used in the country, for example, have to imported.

**DEFEND** 

to spread his views amongst fellow Gls.

supporter of the Trotskylst organization Workers League, faces

frame-up charges of violation of the Selective Service Acts under which men are conscripted into the US army.

As his interview makes crystal clear, the judicial attack on him is because of his principled opposition to the Vietnam war and imperialism and his willingness to enter the army and

A 'Juan Farinas Defence Committee' has been formed,

The Committee is campaigning for support in the labour

Farinas faces a possible five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine on each of the five counts with which he is

One notable feature of the case is the refusal of the

Their objection is to a passage in the Committee's state-

They will not defend Farinas 'other than on a civil libertles

This unprincipled political desertion by the SWP has not

I was ready to go in if ac-

This upset him very much. He told me that there were

young men who had the

wrong idea, who thought they could disrupt the centre

by leafleting and making a

lot of problems.
I said that I had no inten-

Then he said he would

do me a great favour by

telling me what could hap-

pen to those who disrupted

pulled out a book and read

something so fast that I only heard '\$10,000 fine and

three to five years in prison'.

He asked me again if I

wanted to refuse induction,

He then told me that if I

wanted to refuse, he would

help me, he would inform

I left this office and went

to the first room in the in-

duction process. There were

I began to give the leaflets

out. There was no incident,

until the sergeant stepped

to the front of the room and told me to stop giving

out the leaflets. He also told

the draftees that it was 'subversive literature' and

that they could 'throw it in

the garbage where it be-

I said they should not be intimidated, that no one could force them to throw

it away, and I began to ex-

plain what the leaflet said.

Only two of the leaflets

The sergeant returned

shortly with an officer and

asked me to go back to the

Confusionist

were thrown away.

about 20 guys there.

and I said no.

me of my rights.

Selective Service. He

tion of disrupting.

revisionist Socialist Workers Party to support the Defence

ment which reads: 'In the course of a fight back against these charges it will be both possible and necessary to take up the

light against the war and the entire racist and anti-working-class

basis'. In other words, the defence of class-war victims is

however, stopped the campaign gaining momentum and wide

policies of the Nixon-Agnew Administration'.

simply a question for liberal protest.

Q: What are the

A: I am being charged

with failure to cease and desist from distributing leaf-

lets, from speaking and from

unruly and boisterous be-haviour at the Armed Forces Centre, and also with

failure to report and sub-mit for induction and hin-

dering and interfering with

the Selective Service System.

The trial date is December

Q: What is the basis

A: On August 13, 1968,

I reported for induction at the Whitehall Centre here

I was ready to go into the army. There was a

demonstration outside the

centre on my behalf and I

prepared to distribute a

leaflet inside explaining what I thought of the war.

The leaflet explained that

it was a war against the interests of the workers in

Vietnam and in the United

States, and only for the

benefit of the millionaires who rule this country. I

also declared in the leaflet

that we had the right to

organize against the war not

only outside but inside the

When I entered the in-

duction centre, I was ap-

proached by a sergeant who

took me to an office on the

second floor. He asked me

if the demonstration was on

my behalf and I said yes.

Then he asked me if I

planned to refuse to step

forward. I answered no, that

army as well.

for these charges?

in New York.

charges against you?

including leading trade unionists, the Workers League and

movement and is holding a meeting to involve Puerto Rican and

other Spanish-speaking workers and youth in the defence case.

Juan Farinas!

## ACTON, LONDON

# Tele-control under fire at CAV

MACHINE-SETTERS at London's Acton CAV plant are fighting for six demands involving pay and conditions, despite a standstill introduced earlier this year.

existing agreement.

discuss similar claims.

Other groups of workers

are expected to meet soon to

The Acton wage freeze was

part of a site deal which in-

cluded installation of the notorious 'tele-control' pro-

Tory Chancellor Anthony

Barber's mini-Budget, how-

ever, sparked a series of

grievances among the site's 150 strongly-organized setters.

Staff parity

They are asking both for benefits staff enjoy—no clocking in or out, sick pay and

without the attendant staff status, and for increases in

bonus and long-service pay-

the end of the pay standstill next July should be backdated

to June 29 this year, they say.

'Tele-control', which

already coming under attack from several sections of

workers in the factory, may

become a primary target in the setters' struggle.

Dagenham

body-shop

sav all-out

on Dec 8

A MASS meeting of Ford workers from the 45-acre

Dagenham body-plant site has

called for an all-out stoppage

They demand that the Trades Union Congress call a

on December 8.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

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Support Pilkington glassworkers and their

riaht to strike!

Defeat the proposed Tory anti-union laws

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

Any increase due to them at

'privilege' days a year-

duction monitoring system.

MEMBERS of the joint shop stewards' committee executive at CAV Acton this week turned down an annual management invitation to meet the Tory mayors of Ealing and Hammersmith.

#### **Feather**

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to look to the TUC for leadership. The General Council readily accepts that duty. But carries with it a responsibility on the part of trade union executives to lend their strength to this united effort. In what will be interpreted as a call for the union executives backing December 8 to withdraw their support, he

'No one will want to contract out.'

This kind of unity is the diametrical opposite of the unity required to defeat the

Such moves require the immediate stepping-up of the campaign to force the union leaders irresistibly into mobilizing the united strength of the entire trade union movement to force a Tory resig-

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

'Victory to the Miners!' 'Force the Tories to resign!' ber 18, 8 p.m.: Mash Green School, New Road.

SOUTHALL: Tuesday, November 24, 8 p.m.: Community Centre, Bridge Road.

NORTH LONDON: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.

WILLESDEN: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Labour and Trades Hall, High Road, N.W.10.

WEST LONDON: Wednesday, November 25, 8 p.m.: Prince All Pub, Balfe Street, Kings Cross.

SE LONDON: Thursday, November 26, 8 p.m.: Artichoke Pub, Camberwell Church Street, Camberwell Green.

SW LONDON: Tuesday, December 1, 8 p.m.: Princes Head, Falcon Road, Clapham Junction. ACTON: Tuesday, December 1, 8 p.m. Rocket Pub, Birkbeck Road, W.3.

#### Shop stewards have endorsed the demands New stage and insist that they in no way infringe any

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not compulsory, not statutory.

'This applies to the whole field of collective bargaining and that means they must drop this Bill.

'If the government came to the trade union movement on that basis, then I am certain that it would get a positive

response.' (Our emphasis.)
The most treacherous role of all is played by the Stalinists of the British Communist Party and the 'lefts' in the trade union leadership.

They do not challenge Feather and the right wing. The Stalinist 'Morning Star' ignores reports of a new 'deal' between Feather and the Tories, and reports that the TUC has issued a 'forceful' document against the anti-

The Stalinists are carrying out a conscious betrayal.
Once again, they disarm the working class over the treachery of the trade union

This fits in precisely with the Tories' plans. As Carr said to the Institute of Directors: ... the unions have a duty, after a period of opposi-tion, to bow to public opinion and accept the laws, and . . no part of our society can do more than make a temporary gesture of refusing to co-

operate. This is precisely the road of co-existence and 'peaceful roads to socialism' to which the Stalinists are

committed. Providing the cover for Feather and the TUC General consciously restricts the struggle against the antiunion laws to mere protest, while the Tories rush ahead with their plans for the greatest onslaught on the

working class. From May 1968 onwards, the Socialist Labour League warned that the Wilson government's pro-capitalist poli-cies would lead to the return of a new type of Tory government, a 'Bonapartist' govern-

general strike before the end That is, one which balanced. of the year to force the Tories between the extreme right and Powell on the one hand, and to resign over the proposed anti-union legislation. on the treacherous trade union Shop stewards have passed leaders on the other. This is the situation we now face. the resolution to the Dagenham factory's all-stewards'

What must be done? The fighting strength of the working class has thrown the Tories into disarray.

Everything depends, so far as the Tories are concerned, on the collaboration of the trade union bureaucracy in holding back the workers while the decisive attack on the working class is prepared. It is now essential to fight in every single section of the trade union movement to force the trade union leaders to mobilize the entire working class in a movement that will stop the anti-union laws, support every section of workers. such as the miners, in battle the government, and

force the Tories to resign.

#### Bernadette Devlin said on Wednesday night that her Ulster supporters would, if necessary, use armed guerrilla warfare against

SPEAKING to a Paris meeting of

the French organization 'Red Aid',

'Guerrillas' in Ulster

the Unionist regime there. Miss Devlin, who on her release from jail declared her total opposition to what she called 'rioting', has now swung over in the space of a few weeks to the most

adventurist variety of dema-Reflecting the motley

assortment of Republicans,

revisionists and Maoists who

**Buckley victory stresses** 

dangers for US unions

## will not give to us.'

have gathered under the Devlin umbrella, she went

'We are not interested in liberal democracy. It is capitalism that employs violence against the workers.

Devlin's speech exemplifies the highly dangerous confusions rampant in radical sections of the middle

Devlin

She rails against 'liberal democracy'—and yet represents Mid-Ulster in the House of Commons!

#### **SUBSTITUTE**

In Ulster this means the development of political as Catholic workers, a task

It is in this fight around the basic questions of jobs, wages and the Tory attack on trade unions that Ulster working-class unity will be



office again. The sergeant was furious and tried to

He asked me if I would continue to speak against the war. I said yes, that neither he nor anyone else could stop me from saying what I thought.

He said 'Shut up, or I will kick your ass out of here'.

I told him that he could not shut me up, he could not take my rights away. Then they took me out of the office, brought me down to the first floor and tossed me out of the building, saying, 'Go to Hell'. The whole incident from beginning to end took about 15 minutes at the most.

#### Q: Would you comment on the charges themselves?

A: The charges are both false and unconstitutional. The Selective Service regulations are completely unconstitutional because they subject civilians to military orders which take away their right of free speech and free expression.

The distributing of a leaflet can in no way be considered disruption of the induction process.

But the government chooses to call this disruption in order to victimize opponents of the war. The charge of unruly and boisterous behaviour is completely untrue.

After they disrupted the process by interfering with my rights, they accused me of refusing to report and submit for induction and with disruption.
Three times they asked

me if I wanted to refuse. They wanted me to choose to go to jail rather than to fight within the army.

They wanted me to give up my rights and they tried to urge me to do this, and when I refused they attempted to harass me. This charge is the most serious charge and it is also completely false. It exposes

tical frame-up. Q: Can you tell us something about your background?

A: I was born in Cuba 23 years ago. I have been living in the US for the last ten years. I graduated from George Washington High

School in New York and I attended Bronx Community College and City College. I am now working as a janitor at Columbia Univer-

sity, and I am an active member of Local 241 of the Transport Workers' Union.

About five or six years ago I became interested in politics, especially in the fight against the war in Vietnam and the question

of independence for Puerto

At the time of the incident I was a supporter of the Progressive Labor Party. Later I became editor of 'Desafio', the Spanishlanguage newspaper of this

About eight months ago, my wife and I were expelled from PL for raising the whole question of Trotskyism and Stalinism within this party. That is how I came to be a supporter of the Workers League. I have been married for three years and I have a one-year-old daughter.

Q: Would you comment on what you consider the significance of these charges against you and what you think can be done about them?

A: The charges are a complete fraud. This is a political attack, an act of political repression.

It stems from the same causes as all the other attacks on the working class, the youth and minority workers and militants.

The capitalist system is in a tremendous crisis and can maintain itself only through more and more open attacks on all those who oppose it, from the workers fighting for higher wages, to the youth who are leading in the fight against the war, and the Black, Puerto Rican and Chicano militants who resist racism and oppression.

This is not an isolated attack. It is part and parcel of the Nixon-Agnew policy racism, anti-communist witch-hunting, and super-patriotic hysteria to divide and soften up the working class in preparation for bigger and bigger attacks.

Therefore I feel that we must answer this attack politically, by taking it to youth, to the entire working

#### French iron miners strike

IN RESPONSE to a call from the Catholic (CFDT) and Stalinist (CGT) unions, iron miners in E France strike today on their claim for improved wages and conditions.

Despite the fact that mines output has tripled in the last seven years, 'management is still refusing to grant a minimum £19-a-week wage, an end to night shifts and two consecutive days' rest in each week.

department store in Saint-Etienne, where workers occupying the administrative offices were faced with a court order earlier this week, all staff have struck with official

## Swedish workers claim 20 per cent

class relations in Sweden is drawing decisively to a close with the recent claims by the national trade union organization (LO).

These average over 20 per cent and especially large increases are demanded for lower-paid workers (those earning less than 19s an hour).
LO leader Gerier, putting forward the claims before official negotiations open on November 18, also outlined the demands for social services and a lower retiring age.

offer clearly presents no basis for discussion.

#### Union leaders, pushed forward by the past year's un-official strikes and by the need

government with the prospect of a political crisis. Palme's gimmick 'freeze' on food prices before the summer elections brought him little benefit and he must

now try and solve Swedish capitalism's economic crisis at the expense of a strong and

A balance of payments deficit of over £100 million for the first nine months of this year leaves him little room to manoeuvre.

### **Encouraged by** 'sanctions'

# Rhodesia extends segregation policy

RHODESIAN premier Ian Smith boasted in Salisbury of the progress his white supremacist regime has made despite sanctions and said he was not over-optimistic about chances of a settlement with Britain though the Tory government had a 'more realistic and honest approach'.

### **Sordid** move in Indian parliament

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Originally pro-Chinese, they have moved steadily to the right and since 1967 have favoured armed repression of the Naxalite Maoists who are leading a peasant revolt in W Bengal and other states.

With the full support of these so-called 'Marxists', the Gandhi government is relentlessly hunting down revolutionaries in W Bengal. A special police force has

been formed, ready to fire at will on suspects. Seven Naxalites were shot dead on Monday alone and hundreds have been wounded or arrested.

Officials have compiled a list of about 120 Naxalite leaders who are to be taken dead or alive.

#### Transport strike Transport services in

Maharashtra state have been crippled by a strike of 200,000 Hospitals and milk supplies have also been hit.

Bombay hospitals charged patients and admitted only emergency patients yes-terday and the Home Guard mobilized to man hospitals and telephone exchanges. The strike is over a demand

for increased pay and allowances to bring state employees in line with federal workers.

## WEATHER

S ENGLAND and S Wales will start dry, but will soon become cloudy with rain at times. Remaining areas of Britain will have sunny spells and showers. The showers will be most frequent in Scotland where they will be heavy at times and accompanied by thunder.

They will fall as snow over all high ground and also on low ground in N Scotland. Temperatures will be near normal in the S, but it will be cold in the N. Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Rather cold and changeable with rain at times but snow locally in the N. Frost in places at night.

Smith was speaking on the fifth anniversary of his unilateral declaration of independence, marked by a military show of strength and an air force fly-past.

Smith is in no hurry to come to an agreement with the Tories, despite the conciliatory attitude of Heath and Foreign Minister Douglas-

He is determined to make no concessions, even verbal ones, to the idea of majority Inside the country, moves

to tighten racial segregation are well under way. A typical example is the brutal eviction of the Tang-

wena tribe from the rich Gaeresi ranch area on the border with Mozambique. have been forced to go into hiding after their homes were bulldozed to clear the way for

white farmers.

The tribal lands were designated a 'European' area 🙀 1930 under the Land Apportionment Act. The tribe was not informed

and continued to live there.
In 1965 the management of the Gaeresi ranch syndicate served them with notices to Last month, 11 men were

given until November 23 to destroy their homes and move to a so-called 'tribal trust

Bulldozers moved in and demolished many of the

#### **DIVIDED**

They have been warned that every person found living on Gaeresi ranch will be treated in the same manner as the

The tribe is now divided into two factions. Some want reach of the law. The others believe their best hope is to return to their homes and defy police to move them out. This is the racialist, land-

grabbing regime the Tories want agreement with.

Smith is simply biding his time until the Tories drop the

last vestiges of their 'majority rule' policy and back up his back up the S African racialist dictatorship.

## Wages fight stepped up again in Italy

WITH THE Mafia question and the government's proposed budgetary measures threatening the life of the Rome coalition, Italian employers face determined working-class resistance to attempts to erode wages and conditions of work. In Milan engineering factories over 100,000 metal-

workers are in struggle to enforce the full provisions of the national labour contract, signed almost a year ago, which gave hefty wage increases under the impact of the Autumn 1969 national strike waves. The clear collusion between

some of the Common Market's major companies — including Borletti, Alfa Romeo, Sit-Seimens, Falck and Autobianci—has forced a united response; there are stop-pages daily against management provocations.

#### **Undertakings**

On Tuesday over 10,000 Falck group workers struck for half a day and demonstrated in the city centre, demanding a series of undertakings, including an end to work with dangerous materials, recognition of shop stewards and an end to management control over move-

other city factories — at the centre of them lie management attempts to weaken shop-floor organization which provided the impetus in the national contract fight.

school teachers ended a two-day strike against a government refusal to satisfy their demands on courses and teaching loads. Lebanese

impact on many workers in

Yesterday a majority of taly's 260,000 secondary

the public sector.

## peasants occupy land

A POLICEMAN was wounded earlier this week when landless peasants in the Akkar province, N Lebanon, attacked a police station at Abboudieh. The clash follows previous fighting in nearby Tell-Houmiera, where police reinforcements were called into action by the big landowners to drive off peasants who

were cultivating land that had remained idle for years. Many of them are Alouites, originally from Syria, who now face starvation with neither land nor jobs.

Those who do get work are held in virtual serfdom by the bailiffs of the absentee landlords who own vast stretches of the soil.

So far the Beirut government has made no comment on the clashes, which have

gone on for several months.

## LATE NEWS

#### 'BLUE' PLANS ONE-DAY STOPPAGES

'Blue' union dockers in London's enclosed docks yesterday decided to strike one day each month against the employers' decision not to allow alteration of shift times to allow the men to hold

union branch meetings on the customary weekday evening.
Starting next Wednesday
the dockers will stay away for the day and thereafter on the second Wednesday of each month until the employers give way.

#### \* ARGENTINE ONE-DAY STRIKE

Workers throughout Argentine walked out yesterday for a third anti-government strike in just over a month, defying stringent measures against

short of their demands.

#### ARAFAT WARNS AGAIN

Palestine guerrilla leader Yassir Arafat told a Tripoli conference of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Council yesterday that the US was still airlifting supplies to Jordan. 'The Jordanian military are mobilizing their forces to prepare for a second round against the commandos,' he said.

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The CGT has said that a 30 per cent rise in minimum wages and the lifting of a three-year-old ban on wage bargaining, announced by Roberto Levingston's military dictatorship last week, well

GENERAL MOTORS and the United Auto Workers' Union reached provisional agreement on terms to end the three-month strike of more than 300,000 workers in the United States and Canada.

The union's general council has still to meet to approve the terms, which are reliably reported to be 51 cents an hour rise in the first year of the new contracts, an unlimited cost-of-living allowance tied to government statistics and new retirement provisions approaching the '30 and out' clause demanded by

Earl Bramblett, one of the motor giant's vice-presidents, acknowledged that the agreement was 'inflationary', but said it was only in line with the general wage trend in the

The settlement, if reports are correct, is well below the

#### BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT \$1.5 an hour demanded by

many union members. But despite the big wage rises being won in struggle by US workers, there are acute dangers in front. The victory in New York's senate election of extreme right-wing candidate James Buckley vividly underlines these dangers.

reactionary union-bashing employers and campaigned on a programme of anti-union laws. Buckley won his senate seat as a result of back-stage horse-trading in which union leaders played a key part.

The New York AFL-CIO

Buckley represents the most

(US trade union federation) backed Republican candidate Nelson Rockefeller. But Rockefeller himself had made a deal with Buckley, were running in a virtual bloc. The AFL-CIO thus swung trade unionists' votes behind the Rockefeller-Buckley bloc. Endorsed The leaders of the building

workers in New York endorsed the Nixon-Agnew 'lawand-order' campaign, aimed at strengthening the law against the working class. And AFL-CIO president George Meany waited until one day before the election to

issue a statement attacking Buckley. Meany himself is deeply tied up in support for Nixon's war effort.

Buckley's ability to win support from sections of workers is a direct outcome of the refusal by the union bureaucrats, the Stalinists and the revisionists of the Socialist Workers' Party (Pabloite) to fight for an independent workers' party in the US.

## justice and liberty that capitalism gives us. We need power and that capitalism

#### class, and consciously played on by the revisionists.

And just when capitalism steps up its offensive against rights won in struggle against (and not 'given' by) the ruling class, Devlin turns her back on the conquests of the working

Wild talk of 'guerrilla war' and 'armed struggle' serve in Devlin's political vocabulary as substitutes for Marxist theory, revolution-ary strategy and the role of the working class as the only force capable of defeating imperialism.

work inside the trade unions amongst Protestant as well Devlin and her supporters are clearly running away

# speech by Miss At the 'Nouvelles-Galeries'

# union backing. See French strikes story on page three.

THE ERA of 'harmonious'

The employers' 7 per cent

for wage increases to keep up with rising prices, face Olaf Palme's social democratic

confident working class.

Such problems are typical of

The government's public spending squeeze is having its