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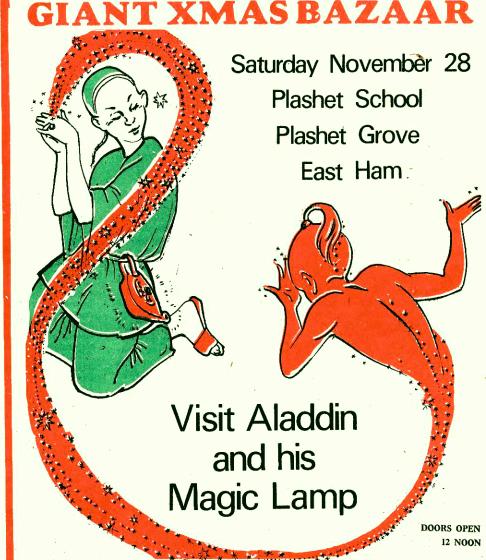
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According to Jack Anderson of the 'Washington Post', 'an estimated 30 other governors have similar phones that have been rigged for eaves-

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But how many have heard, seen or read anything of another 'hardhat' demonstration in America recently-not in support of Nixon's wars, but

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Farinas, a young worker at

sionist policies.

'Hardhats' were presented to

And naturally the British

So the casual observer of

against unemployment?

On November 16, more than 4,000 West Coast con-

construction workers.

York 'hardhats' is notorious for its racialism.

was held at Columbia University in support of Farinas and he stressed the point that this is not simply an attack on him personally, but is aimed at all mili-These attacks are aimed at dividing the working class through

racialism and using repression against all those who fight against the war and against the capitalist system, he said. He also emphasized the need

broaden the campaign into trade union movement, as well as among students, Spanishspeaking workers and youth. The meeting was covered by a

Columbia radio station. Farinas' trial begins on Decemer 10 and the campaign for funds is well under way.

The fight for sponsorship among trade unionists on the W Coast and in the Midwest has now begun in earnest and will strengthen the fight against this

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 HOLIDAY 71. 'Camber Sands Holiday Village' 9.45 24 HOURS. 10.15 MARILYN MONROE. 'The Seven Year Itch'. With Marilyn

6.00 EUROPE THIS WEEK. 6.20 TOMORROW'S WORLD.

8.00 DAD'S ARMY. 'The Test'.

5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

6.45 THE VIRGINIAN. 'The Lady From Wichita'.

8.30 MARY HOPKIN IN THE LAND OF BOOKS.

man on his own for the summer.

REGIONAL BBC Heddiw. 7.05 O lien i lein. 7.30-8.00 Bachelor father. 11.57 Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.20 Reporting Scotland: 6.00-9.00 Current account. 11.57 News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.20 Scene around six, weather. 10.15-11.45 Harry Cavan's world cup. 11.45 News, weather.
SW, South, West: 6.00-6.20 Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.57 News, weather. All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.20 Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.57 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.20 Look North, weather. 11.57 News, weather. Wales: 1.30-1.45 Ar lin mam. 6.00-6.20 Wales today, weather. 6.45

BBC 2

11.55 Weather.

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 6.30-7.00 p.m. TEST CRICKET FROM AUSTRALIA. Australia v

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 show. 5.25 Ask Aspel.

Monroe and Tom Ewell. Comedy about a middle aged married

7.05 LIFE IN OUR SEA. 'In the Dark'.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather. 8.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

8.30 EUROPA GOES SOUTH. South America. 9.00 GEORGE IV. 'A King in the Country'. George Hamilton IV

with The Hillsiders. Guests Slim Whitman and Jan Holly. 9.20 THIRTY-MINUTE THEATRE. 'The Editor Regrets'. With William Mervyn and Dinsdale Landen

9.50 REVIEW. 'Frankenheimer'. 'Salka Viertel'. 10.40 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.45 DISCO 2.

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

6.03 TODAY. 6.30 PEYTON PLACE.

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

7.30 GUNSMOKE. 'The Night Riders'. 8.30 ON THE BUSES. 'Nowhere To Go'.

THE ADVENTURES OF DON QUICK. 'The Quick and the

10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 POLICE FIVE.

TALES OF UNEASE. 'Superstitious ignorance'. THE FRIDAY FILM. 'Monkey On My Back'. With Cameron

Mitchell and Dianne Foster. The story of a boxer who has to

12.40 TWENTIETH CENTURY THINKERS. Marshall McLuhan.

REGIONAL ITV 9.38-11.55 a.m. Schools. 12.55 p.m. Ble carech chi fynd? 1.30

CHANNEL: 11.00-2.55 London. 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 and weather. 6.10 Cheaters. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Report at seven. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 10.30 Film: "Werewolf of London'. 11.45 News. weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.00-2.55 London. 3.58 News. 4.00 Gas Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 7.00 Miss Westward 71. 11.50 Faith for life. 11.55 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Paulus. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 London. 4.55 Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.35 Out of town. 7.00 London. 7.30 Department S. 8.25 London. 8.55 Hawaii five-o. 9.50 Week-end. 10.00 London. 10.30 Film: "White Cargo". With Walter Pidgeon, Hedy Lamarr, Frank Morgan and Richard Carlson. Trouble between a tough overseer at an African rubber station and his assistant. 12.05 News. 12.15 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-2.31 London. 4.18 Women only. 4.40 London. 4.55 Bugs Bunny. 5.20 Is that a fact. 5.50 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Fort Dobbs'. With Clint Walker and Virginia Mayo. Western. 8.30 London. 9.00 Hawaii five-o. 10.00 London. 10.30 Fill this space. 11.00 Tom Jones. 11.55 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-5.18, 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.

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 On the buses, 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Aquarius. 11.15 'A Place to Go'. With Rita Tushingham, Bernard Lee and Mike Sarne. An East Ender feels his only escape from his dreary life is through crime. 12.50 Living 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 Department S. 8.25 London. 9.00 Marcus
Welby MD. 10.00 London. 10.30 Don
Quick. 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 Crossroads. 7.00 Ev. 7.30 Laredo. 8.30 London. 10.30 Deadline. 11.00 Film: 'Ruby Gentry'. With Jennifer Jones and Charlton Heston. Drama about a Southern girl from the wrong side of the track.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 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 On the buses. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Yorksport. 11.00 Edger Wallace 12.10 Weather.

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: 'An American Guerilla in the Philippines'. With Tyrone Power and Micheline Presle. An American ensign's adventures in the East during Second World War. 8.25 London. 10.30 Edgar Wallace. 11.35 Whiplash.

News. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Avengers. 7.30 On the buses. 8.00 Hawaii five-0. 9.00 London. 10.30 Movie: 'Passionate Summer'. With Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers. A schoolmaster in Jamaica has many problems to battle with. 12.20 Tales of unease. 12.50 News.

News. 4.12 Pursuers. 4.40 London. 4.50 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 On the buses. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 London. 10.30 "Seven Women from Hell". With Patricia Owens, Denise Darcel and Cesar Romero. An American woman is captured by the Japanese in New Guinea in 1942. 12.05 News, Weather.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.55 London. 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.50 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 Feature: "Beau Brummel". With Stewart Granger, Eliabeth Taylor, Peter Ustinov and Robert Morley. 8.25 London. 10.30 In camera. 11.05 McCue's music. 11.35 Late call.

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ANDREI AMALRIK belongs to no oppositional group in the Soviet Union. He is an out-and-out individualist, concerned with the preservation of what he calls his 'inner freedom' against the brutal encroachments of the bureaucracy into the culture and intellectual

The main essay in this book makes a penetrating analysis of the contradictions within the middle - class opposition to Stalinist rule. On the one hand, it feels it

life of the Soviet Union.

has certain material privileges to defend, while on the other, its intellectual, cultural and scientific activities are frustrated by what it sees as a stupid and shortsighted ruling caste. Hence its attempts to 'reform'

the bureaucracy by gently applied pressure and strictly constitu-tional methods (which, as be converted by the whim of the secret police into 'anti-Soviet activity' punishable by law.

Impotence

So, explains Amalrik, 'that section of the "middle class" most clearly recognizes the need for democratic reforms is also the section that is most imbued with the defensive thought, "Well, there's nothing I can do anyway" or "You can't break down the wall by beating your head against it". In reaction to the power of the regime, it practices a cult of its own impotence'. (p. 17.)

Yet although Amalrik castigates the 'middle class' for its refusal to come out firmly against the regime—though it must be said that an increasing number of Soviet intellectuals are making a firm stand against its repressions—he, too, reflects their fears of any deep-going upheaval.

This became clear when he contrasts the attitude of the more privileged layers with that of the working class:

'Although at present workers represent a more conservative and passive group than scholars, I can easily imagine, some years from now, large-scale strikes in factories, but I cannot visualize a strike in any scientific research institute.' (p. 15.)

But does Amalrik welcome the entry of the Soviet working class the largest in the world—into the struggle against the bureau-

After discussing the various economic factors that would stir the workers into action (low wages, high prices, bad housing, etc.) he goes on: . discontent is now becom-

ing louder, and some people are beginning to wonder who is actually to blame . . . It is clear . . . that a sharp slowdown, a halt or even a reversal in the improvement of the standard of living would arouse such an explosion of anger, mixed with violence, as were never before thought possible.' (p. 31.) What Amalrik is writing about

ADVANCE

is the political revolution of the working class against the bureau-cracy, an overthrow of the caste that has for more than 40 years masqueraded, first under Stalin and then his various proteges, as the true inheritor of Lenin's

But we have already witnessed such an explosion—the Hun-garian revolution of 1956, with its workers' councils and programme of socialist democracy to defend the nationalizations carried through bureaucratically after the end of the war.

Amalrik_shudders at such a prospect. He writes fearfully of the destructive movement of the "lower classes", which will take the form of extremely damaging. violent and irresponsible action once its members realize their relative immunity from punishment. . . . ' (p. 39.)

So alienated from both movements, Amalrik has chosen the path of passive resistance to the regime, a policy which he defends most movingly in an 'Open Letter' to the Stalinist hack-writer Anatoly Kuznetsov, who recently defected to the capitalist fleshpots of the 'Sunday Telegraph'.

Amalrik indicts Kuznetsov for first collaborating with the KGB (the Soviet secret police) in the production of his books, and once safe in the West, hawking himself around as a leader of

AN INDIVIDUALIST



the Soviet Opposition.

Here, the now-jailed writer is arguing from a position of great strength, and he flays the anticommunist Kuznetsov unmerci-

But this cannot obscure his tremendous political confusion, which finds him in another letter preferring 'to be born in a small country fighting for its freedom with weapons in its hands, like Biafra or Israel'. (p. 116.)

Hounded

Nowhere does Amalrik declare his political views clearly (unlike Oppositionists Daniel, Sinyavsky and Solzhenitsvn for instance) but the warmth of the man comes through on every

Here is a writer and historian, hounded by the secret police because of his 'unorthodox' views, slandered in the West as a KGB agent (probably at the instiga-tion of the KGB itself) who asks only one thing of the Soviet regime—that it allow him the right to express his thoughts on art and life without fear of arrest, censorship and persecution.

He does not call for the restoration of capitalism in the Soviet Union.

In fact he demarcates himself sharply from all Soviet defectors who have sold their often meagre

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Strike wins site safety body

A TWO-MONTH struggle by 5,000 building workers in S Wales this week finally won the setting-up of an official safety committee including representatives of the men.

British Petroleum petrochemicals plant construction site at Baglan Bay, near Port Talbotstruck work last week after three of their number were injured on the same day. They threatened further action if a committee was not set up by Wednesday.

the site management gave in on its previous refusal.

Site stewards claim that the three men injured last week had to wait 40 minutes for an ambu-lance before they could be taken to hospital for treatment.

Long wait

Other injuries have also occurred on the site in the last

Within one week in October, two men were killed as a result of falling on their heads while working on scaffolding — one while the other was being buried. Both were married with child-

Racialist attack on **Trotsky**

VIOLENT Prague Radio attack on a man accused of 'Trotskyism' openly resurrects the methods of political slander and racialist abuse employed in the Slansky trials.

After these trials in 1952, 11 Czechoslovak government officials charged with 'Trotskyism, Titoism and working for foreign intelligence' were hung and three others jailed.

Target of the latest attacks, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, was the journalist Stanislav Budin, who until 1969 was editor of the Union of Journalists' weekly

Repeatedly the commentator laid stress on Budin's Jewish origins—'Born Ben Sion Bath', on the fact that he 'left the Soviet Union illegally in 1922 with his parents Shloem and Rachel, and his fiancée Shannah, daughter of a Rumanian businessman'.

'US work'

He was accused of working in the USA for 'purely Zionist organizations' financed by the 'largest American Jewish capitalists, led by the notorious Bernard Baruch'.

But the political essence of this diatribe was the repeated assertion that Budin is an admirer of 'Lev Davidovich Bronstein, known throughout the world as Trotsky' and of other 'Trotskyist idols' such as Isaac Deutscher.

(Bronstein was Trotsky's original, Jewish, name used by Stalin to whip up feeling against him in the most backward sections of Soviet society; 'various writings of Isaac Deutscher, including ● PAGE FOUR COL. 1



Powell

Tories tool up for attack on immigrants

'A PERMANENT structure' of legislation to deal with immigrant workers, was promised by Tory Home Secretary Reginald Maudling in the Commons on Wednesday.

Speaking during the committee stage of the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, dealing, among other things, with immigration and aliens legislation, Maudling emphasized that the Bill would only have a limited life.

'It is really holding the position until our new comprehensive Bill comes forward which will be based on our proposals in our election manifesto,' he said.

Maudling stated that such a Bill would deal with penalties in the field of illegal immigration and those making a profit out of illegal traffic in immigration.

'We have also a fine tradition of liberality in the admission of aliens generally and not only of

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Commonwealth citizens,' he continued.

'But we must recognize our obligations to our own people... These obligations 'must be safeguarded and protected from the social tensions which are sadly (!) such a feature of modern life in many parts of the

POWELL DOMINATED

Dominating the debate, rightwing Tory Enoch Powell embroidered his usual demagogy with further 'statistics' on the immigrant 'flood'.

Working with figures previously given for Birmingham, he had arrived at the conclusion that eventually one-fifth of the population of the city would be

Powell said he had to confess that he was guilty of an error of judgment as 'a whole series of the most grotesque underestimates' had been built into his calculation.

'When we talk about a Birmingham half-coloured in the early part of the next century we are not being entirely realistic because before that proportion is anywhere reached there will be an outflux of the indigenous population which will push the pro-portion up even more still. (Our emphasis.)

'That is the future the people of Birmingham face. The prospect is correspondig for other towns and cities from inner London to the other towns and cities in the W Riding of York-

'The truth must be told. The government must tell the people the truth. They have the right to know. They must know.'

SHADOW-**BOXING**

Neither before or after this reactionary outburst — a thinly veiled plea for repatriation—did the Labour 'opposition' go further than mere shadow-boxing.

In opening the debate, Labour Home Office spokesman Merlyn Rees made it clear that some 'control' was necessary.

'What matters more and more is not the new arrivals, but the movement from, say, the W Midlands to Slough or vice versa. There is, for example, the search for marginally higher pay and what matters is the internal movement of those already here.'

In other words-not so much immigration control as control of immigrants!

Having accepted the Tories' basic arguments, the remainder of the debate became yet another public relations exercise for Powellism.

Said Shadow Home Secretary Jim Callaghan: 'Mr Powell is an honourable man. I do not wish to be personally offensive to him. I have every respect for his intellect and capacity to see these

HEART AND GUTS

It was clear that this was the opinion of many of the

Ilford N MP Tom Ironmonger said that Powell 'is speaking in this house for the feeling, heart and guts of the people in this country—right or wrong—in a way others are afraid to speak...

'I would like to see legislation such as would absolutely stop immigration permanently.

The course of the debate made crystal clear that there will be no opposition to the Tory government's immigration attacks from the opposition benches.

the nationalized industries will have their appetites raised even higher by an article in this month's 'Steel News'. For Liverpool University economist Richard Pryke shows how productivity and performance in the coal, air, electricity and rail industries has risen dramatically since nationalization, comparing favourably with other European

CITY MAGNATES eagerly

wetting their lips at the pros-

pect of juicy pickings when the Tories start breaking up

BEA-BOAC, for example, increased passenger-miles per man-year by an annual 9.8 per cent average—putting it fourth in the table of major world airlines, and comparing favourably with Pan Am (8.8 per cent), Air France (7.6) and Sabena (4.2).

Rises

Coal and electricity supply are also near the top of the international productivity league: with average 7.7 per cent producti-vity rises each year in electricity and 5.9 per cent annual rises in coal tonnage per man-

Only German coal mines achieved a higher sustained productivity rise over the period from 1958-1969.

Student boycott closes Madrid colleges

CLASSES at nearly all Madrid University Technical Schools are now closed, following a student boycott during the past fortnight to back demands for education reforms.

Some 20,000 students in eight schools are affected and it is not known when classes will

Students strongly oppose a plan to increase the present fiveyear engineering course to six years and are demanding a greater say in running the schools, which are under the control of the Polytechnic

Police arrested several, students on Wednesday when they broke up groups of technical students who tried to stage marches in the city.

Police charge

In Barcelona, a group of law and economics students trying to stop traffic were dispersed by a police charge.

At Madrid University, a weeklong boycott of classes in the law faculty by students demanding the dean's resignation entered its fifth day and few physics students are

'We want the right to assemble without the police using clubs to prevent us,' said a physics

Students also bovcotted classes in many other of the university's faculties.

Civil rights march to go ahead

CIVIL rights supporters in N Ireland have said that a march through Enniskillen planned for tomorrow will go ahead despite pleas of the military and former premier Lord Brookeborough.

Local Paisleyites have threatened to attack the march.

Social-Democratic and Labour Party, headed by Gerard Fitt, said yesterday it would boyagainst corruption and lack of democracy in local government.

Hara-kiri protest by Japanese author

ULTRA-RIGHT wing author Yukio Mishima ritually disembowelled himself in 'hara-kiri' fashion inside a Toyko army headquarters on Wednesday.

weakening of military influence in Japanese life and against poli-

tical corruption. previously led an attack on the headquarters by his swordwaving followers, taking its commander hostage and addressing more than 2,000 soldiers on the evils of left-wing student activities in Japan.

Then with a cry of 'Long live the Emperor', he slashed his stomach open with his sword.

Another of his group (the 'Association of Shields') followed suit before police could intervene and arrest the three remaining members of his 'kamikaze'

State firms' output juicy pickings for big business

Compared with the average British annual productivity rise of 4 per cent—well down at the bottom of the international table-these nationalized industries compare very favourably in capitalist terms with their overseas counterparts.

Pryke is at a loss to explain these productivity figures, though he tries a number of alternative

The rise, he says, is not due to especially favourable conditions, nor were the industries especially backward compared with their overseas equivalents.

He himself clearly favours nationalization and claims the figures show 'there is no inherent reason why nationalized industries should not make rapid pro-

This is certainly true: centralized planning and the elimination of private ownership have clearly played a major part in the advances these industries have

Success story

But there is little doubt that there are far more down-to-earth reasons for this capitalist success story which the Tories now want to hand back to private enterprise.

The first reason for the dramatic productivity rise is that, certainly on the railways, in the mines and in the power industry, the number of workers has been slashed to the bone in a series of pit closures and redundancies almost unparalleled in other

The second reason is the network of class-collaboration estab-lished with union leaders' connivance in these industries after nationalization.

This has allowed the nationalized industry boards a smooth run for many years in industries like mining, where wages fell back from near the top to near the bottom of the wages league, while manning levels were systematically slashed.

No wonder the Tories and their big-business friends are getting excited at the prospect of slicing up such a carefully-prepared cake.

Island sank during typhoon

the E Pakistan cyclone disaster continue to mount, it has been reported that all 125 of the inhabitants of the tiny Katakian Grande island, 80 miles from Manila, capital of the Philippines, were drowned last week when the island was submerged at the height of Typhoon Patsy.

The islet, a few miles off the eastern coast of the Philippines capital island of Luzon, is reported to be still under water.

The typhoon, with 125 mph winds at its centre, swung through Manila and outlying provinces causing extensive dam-

Reports state that the death toll in Manila and the surrounding district has reached 173, but no report has yet been received from Quezon province, which was also severely hit.

Satellites

Huge death tolls from storms of this nature remain the 'way of life' in many areas of the world, despite the fact that weather satellites have been in

orbit for some years.
In the E Pakistan disaster, it has been revealed that American satellite pictures showed the growth and course of the cyclone some days before it struck the coast.

Nevertheless, no action was taken to warn the population and to operate an emergency rescue system that had been set

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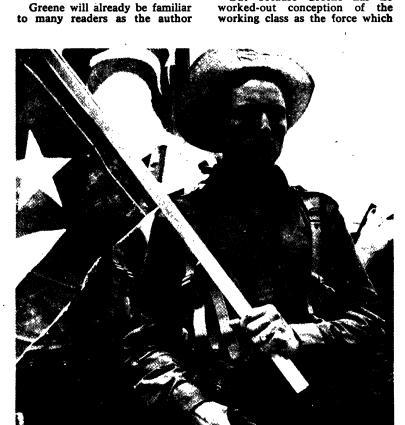
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With particular knowledge of SE Asia and Cuba (above), Greene

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He underscores the economic

roots of the Indo-China war and

Greene: His book is symptomatic of important changes taking place amongst intellectuals will destroy impertalism and

establish its own power, his book is gravely flawed. There can be no rounded-out study of imperialism without the closest examination of its effects on the workers' movement-in particular the crisis of working-class leadership caused by the betrayals of Stalinism and social-

At centre The struggle against bureaucracy and for the scientific theory principles of Marxism is right at the centre of the fight

against imperialism.

Stalinism and social-democracy are the chief barriers to the revolutionary development of the working class. It is not a matter of 'The Movement' in the sense of groups of people who 'reject' imperialism, as Greene con-

Greene expresses clearly the difficulties felt by those who have taken part in the protest movments of the past few years.

'Many have said to me; "I have marched. I have protested, I have taken part in teach-ins and be-ins and love-ins; I was among those who picketed the Pentagon; I have stood up to the police and the tear-gas; I have torn up my draft card. . . . I have been to jail—now what do I do? Tactically, I'm dried up".'

Greene comes to the conclusion that 'the initial battleground is in myself. . . . It will be my political task—in how-ever simple and tentative way it may begin—to start exploring the real nature of our society and the extent to which it has distorted our thoughts and feelings. . . . The political climate of a

national will only become a revolutionary climate when there exists a myriad of such small and dedicated groups which individually may appear insig-

Honest Greene's book does not provide a programme for overturn-ing the highly centralized rule of

imperialism he describes in it. But it represents an honest attempt to grapple with the political problems posed by the break-up of protest politics under the impact of imperial-

'The Enemy' is symptomatic of important changes not only in Greene's own thinking, but among a number of intellectuals who have tried various forms of radical protest politics, but have begun to recognize their inade-

Only a few weeks ago, from his Bolivian prison cell, Regis Debray reacted strongly when he heard Palestinian guerrillas were using his books as revolutionary manuals.

He now recognizes, he told a

visiting journalist, that his pre-

vious writings were inadequate.

Greene, too, is clearly dis-illusioned with the conceptions of New Left radicalism.

Imperialism itself, as it enters into convulsive economic and

social crisis, is opening many

There are abundant grounds for confidence that the principles of Marxist philosophy can answer the questions which 'The Enemy' leaves in the air, and which are the key questions in the fight

His suicide was intended as a nationalist protest against the

The 45-year-old writer had

Racialist Charter of Basic Rights attack on **Trotsky**

I am proud to have fought with the men of Kensington and Chelsea. We

learned what are the

rights of the working class in struggle and I will tell you

no Tory government is going

The only criticism that I have of the Charter is that it

has taken these kind of acts

from a Tory government be-

We have some of the national press who like to

pride themselves on being

papers of the people, but they never publish anything

like this. These clauses in the

Charter are not demands, they

are rights, rights won by the

great men of our movement

in the past, rights won by

workers in the last century and by the labour movement

in this century.

Words like "brother" and

'fraternal" to me are not just

empty terms, they are part of

the spirit of our movement

and that spirit the Tories want

to destroy. It is a spirit that goes right back to the Tol-

puddle martyrs — men who went into exile for their

and ask for pay or better conditions I don't say, "I demand this or that," I say, "These

are our rights and we are go-ing to have them." That is

above all what I like about

the Charter-it's a document

The working class now have

of basic rights.

• FROM PAGE ONE

preparing to take on the miners and electricity supply

If the sacking of Lord

Hall now makes even clearer the Tories' whole

sinister political strategy

then the postmen's militant

response makes absolute nonsense of the elaborately

contrived, face-saving cam-paign of the TUC and its

opposition to industrial

Now where does this leave

The Stalinist leaders remain

Nowhere in the 'Morning

Star' is there even a single

veiled reference to the postmen's demand for sack-ing the Tories!

The 'Star' has time enough

to inform its readers of the reformist activities of the

of UPW, but not a word about

the postmen's real political

This omission is rendered

even more scandalous by the fact that the Tory 'Evening

Standard' reported it the day

The 'Star' editorial cravenly

refuses to raise a single poli-

tical demand against the

Tories and instead makes a

This is, of course, completely in line with the Mos-

falsely separating employers from the Tory government in

order to ensure the continua-

the 'Star' change its masthead motto to 'the paper that apologises for the Tories'.

that as the anti-Tory move-

ment grows in scope the

Stalinists will move further to

the right in order to restrict

and canalize it as they did in

They are greivously afraid that December 8 will snow-

ball into a massive anti-

Tory movement and that

CORRECTION

THE article 'Maximum jail for

Geismar' in yesterday's

Workers Press wrongly stated

that the Proletarian Left

organization was banned to-gether with the Organization

Communiste Internationaliste.

In fact, the OCI was banned

in June 1968 and the ban has

since been lifted. The ban on the Proletarian Left was im-

posed last May and is still in

We seriously suggest that

It is quite clear from this

bureaucracy's policy of

mealy-mouthed protest.

tion of Toryism.

the miners' strike.

exactly where they were: with the trade union bureaucrats

and against political action.

the CP and Liaison Com-

action in any form.

mittee?

before.

When I go to management

fore someone produced it.

to take them off us.

● FROM PAGE THREE

some on Trotsky, were pub-Czechoslovakia 1968 before the

This outburst, which tears the veil from the rumours promoted by the 'liberal' press in W Europe that Husak has successfully muzzled the ultra-Stalinists, brings dramatic evidence that the bureaucracy in Czechoslovakia and their masters in the Kremlin are worried at growing interest in writings by and about Trotsky.

In July and August 1968, with the lifting of censorship, there was widespread discussion on the subject, and only the invasion prevented the publication of Trotsky's 'The Revolution Betrayed'.

It is in a vain attempt to stamp out such discussion and cow into silence those who are struggling towards a class understanding of the history and nature of Stalinism, that the bureaucracy now digs up the foulest forms of anti-Semitism and slander.

London rents up **by 30s**

A MASSIVE 30s-a-week increase in rents proposed yesterday by the Greater London Council's housing committee is expected to spark off a new storm by London's 250,000 council tenants.

The increase will be spread over three years until October 1973. The committee wants rents to go up by 2s 6d in October next year, 10s in October 1972 and 10s in 1973 -a total average increase of

32 per cent.
In addition to this the third stage of an earlier proposed increase would be implemented in March next year meaning an additional 7s 6d.

After the last rent review there was a rent rebellion by thousands of London tenants who refused to pay the increase. Recently tenants' associations have called for a freezing of GLC rents.

WEATHER

MOST of SE Scotland, E Wales, the Midlands, E England and central S England will have extensive fog, clear ing temporarily in many places in the afternoon to give some

SW and central Scotland, W Wales, W England, N Ireland will be mainly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle patches of hill and coastal fog, and also fog patches inland over N Ireland at first.

N Scotland will be dry with sunny periods. Temperatures mostly above normal except in E districts where fog persists Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Generally dry, with fog and local frost at night. Temperatures near normal.

Public Meeting THURSDAY, **DECEMBER 3** 7.30 p.m.

The fight for workers'

rights The Town Hall St Helens, Lancs. Speaker: G. HEALY (National Secretary of SLL)

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

MEETINGS Discuss the proposed draft of the Charter of Basic Rights LUTON: Friday, November 27, 8 p.m. AEU House, 396/8 Dunstable Rd.

BIRMINGHAM: Sunday, November 29, 8 p.m. New Inn, Broms-ACTON: Monday, November 30, 8 p.m. Acton Co-op Hall, Acton SW LONDON: Tuesday, December 1, 8 p.m. Princes Head, Falcon Rd, Clapham Junction.

ABERDEEN: Tuesday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Music Hall.

STUC MOVES IN ON BREAD VAN STRIKE

week-old pay stoppage yester-

day.
Scottish TUC leaders inter-

vened to call a meeting with

the employers 'in the hope of settling the dispute'.

APPEAL REFUSED

Paul Hoch was yesterday

refused leave to appeal against conviction and sentence of

the academic world'.

Former LSE lecturer Dr

A threat that Glasgow

visit W Germany, 'the place LATE NEWS where people actually experi-

enced inflation under the Weimar Republic', the Prime Minister said: 'It is quite unworthy to associate the present chanbakeries would be closed by a strike of 500 delivery drivers cellor of the German Federal sent trade union leaders Republic with Weimar Repub-

Mr Heath added that there were no firm plans for such a

Mr Barnett protested to the Speaker that Mr Heath had implied that he had suggested something about the chan-cellor of W Germany which had not been implied.

Lord Parker, the Lord Chief Justice, said Hoch was 'a menace to law and order in Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.
Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4. NO 'WEIMAR' VISIT Challenged by Mr Joel Barnett (Lab. Heywood and Royston) in the Commons to

THE DETERMINED and tenacious strike of the council workers set an example to the whole of the working

They fought for and won a substantial pay increase, opened a breach in the Tory wages policy and endangered the Heath government.

The guiding hand behind their strike in the London area was the rank-andfile council workers' liaison committee chaired by Kensington and Chelsea dustman Tony Sweeney.

In his own borough Tony and a group

to move into battle and fight the government with every-thing they have got. This means one thing; the strike weapon—or to be more precise the General Strike weapon.

When I say General Strike I don't mean a one-day protest mean coming out for as long as possible until we win.

I agree with you blokesdon't just make the Tories sit up in surprise, but force them to resign. I would say that the resignation of this government should not be the ultimate aim of the fight against the anti-union laws—it should be the first and foremost aim,

That is why they suppress any mention of the postmen's

Follow

The Workers Press cate-

against the working class.

condemns Stalinist

We urge all workers to

follow the example of the

postmen by making their union leaders fight to imple-ment the demand: A General

Strike called by the TUC to

force the Tories to resign!

skyists as 'sectarians'.

gorically

reformist

about workers' control. Every worker has the ability to run his factory or work-place. You might laugh, but in my depot there is a sweeper who goes into the library when he has an hour and reads Plato. Only the most ignorant people the demand for a General think workers have no capa-

Strike to force the Tories to resign will acquire The right of a worker to go tremendous popularity.

struggle is about.

with this policy.

We council workers showed the way and I don't mean to

boastful when I say that

If we can do it, so can all

the workers. I was proud to struggle alongside the men in

London—they fought, fought, fought until they had won.

On the various points of the Charter I like the bit

and settle where he likes it should be what the whole whatever his colour, is also This means all the unions important. There is no racial feeling among the council workers and I'll tell you why. must band together in one fighting force — no splits. I think you could get a tremen-

of militant council workers lead a bitter

unceasing struggle against the Tory

authority who employed fleets of scab

drivers to clear refuse and break the

Weeks after the council workers have

returned nationally the Kensington men

are still in dispute — working to rule

because the council refuses to make the

necessary bonus payments for clearing

Charter of Basic Rights to be presented

to the December 19 All Trades Unions

We talked to Tony about the Draft

the back-log of rubbish.

Alliance conference.

strike.

The coloured lads were out on the picket lines every day dous response from every worker if we went forward during the strike and not once did I see a coloured scab—though there were plenty of white ones around. we won a major victory in the face of outright Tory

Finally, the right of a sliding scale of wages and especially pensions is very important. I have never seen this in any other programme and I support it to the hilt. There are men and womer

who fought their lives through for the working class for nothing - no money rewards only the pride of saying you are an upright worker who never gave in. Now these people have to

live on pensions because they never earned anything. They should never be forgotten by us and I will never

forget them. And there is one way to reme to remember them these rights.

Rumania is key in China's links with West

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

CHINA announced yesterday that it will provide Rumania with a long-term interest-free loan.

FROM PAGE ONE

turn until two men work-

A mass meeting of West End post office engineers the passed tion demanding the reinstatement of Lord Hall and Chataway's resignation. Van drivers who carry mail from London stations also joined in the stoppage. A Post Office spokesman said that the three London central garages — Camden Town, Old Kent Rd and

Strikes which began on Monday night continued in many provincial centres BIRMINGHAM received only one mail delivery after

Belgrove-were all affected.

PIB go-ahead for fares increase

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

THE Prices and Incomes Board launches an attack on the tube and bus workers' fight for higher wages, and recommends further cuts in staffing in its report on 'London Transport Fares' published yesterday.

The report recommends that 'in future when fare increases are inevitable because of wage and salary awards which exceed increases in productivity, the two should be announced together.

'In the past the connection between staff costs and fares has not always been obvious to the general public,' the

It also states that there is 'every reason for having services operated by fewer but better - paid employees, not only on financial grounds, but as a means of dealing with persistent staff shortages'.

The Board sees 'no escape for the unpalatable alternatives of further successive fare increases, either general or selective, the cutting down or elimination of the less remunerative services or an increase in financial support for the LTE from rates or taxes'.

The latest unpopular rises: the 1s basic tube fare and the 3d increase in Red fied, the Board concludes.

some city postal workers stopped work in the early hours of the morning. 'I very much doubt if we have seen the last of this.'

WALK-OUT Later 400 telephonists out for an hour and

master commented:

stopped all calls to the city's main exchange. In NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE telephone engineers staged a two-hour token stoppage and in Lancashire 100 PRESTON telephonists walked out for 90 minutes and 2,000 MANCHESTER telecommunications and postal engineers stopped

work to hold a meeting. In GLASGOW workers were dealing with a backlog of mail caused by a walkout on Monday night and in CARDIFF about 150 postmen, sorters and de-livery men staged a one-and-a-half-hour strike during the morning.

ABERDEEN about In ABERDEEN about 600 stopped work for two hours and the city's second mail delivery was suspended.

The longest stoppage occurred in the Midlands at LICHFIELD where counter staff struck for 24 hours and closed the post office. The council on which all five postal unions are represented is to meet the Minis-

ter on December 2.
Yesterday a Ministry statement claimed that there had been no major policy disagreement between Chataway and Lord Hall.

It added that his decision to fire Hall was totally unrelated to policy questions affecting telecommunica-tions, Giro, the UPW pay claim or the superannua-

Peking yesterday by viceprime ministers Li Hsien-Nien and Gheorghe Radulescu was designed to 'further strengthen the friendship between the people of China and Rumania and develop relations of mutual economic help and co-operation'.

The agreement, signed in

Since 1964, the Rumanian bureaucracy has Stalinist declined to take sides openly the China-Soviet Union conflict.

The regime has maintained excellent economic and diplomatic links with Peking, especially since the Kremlin invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968.

HOST

It was also the first E European state to play host to an American President. Nixon flew there in the summer of 1969.

Rumania was well to the fore in establishing Stalinist diplomatic links with the Franco regime in Spain. The new agreement there

fore consolidates still further the Chinese bureaucracy's link with this extreme right-wing Stalinist regime.

IN LINE

It is in line with Peking's current policy of developing improved diplomatic, political and economic ties with the imperialist world—a turn that has gone hand in hand with the liquidation of the 'Cultural Revolution' and restoration of several party bureaucrats removed since 1966 by the Red Guard movement. Despite its verbal attacks

on Soviet policies of collaboration with imperialism, the Chinese bureaucracy also seeks to make a relationship with the major capitalist powers. The Rumanian regime has a key part to play in this

Tony Sweeney **Enemies**

trying to smash us -Tito

PRESIDENT TITO of Yugoslavia has warned party workers that certain (un-named) were trying to 'smash' Yugoslavia by inciting 'internal quarrels'.

In his speech yesterday, foreign enemies, although it is not yet quite clear to us who all these are.

Yugoslavia, he added, was in 'a very delicate situation, with every devil from outside trying to harm us in some way, because of the respect we have achieved'.

Tito's barbed remarks are generally assumed to have been directed against his neighbours to the East, and not only against imperialism.

DEVALUATION

Tito also confirmed recent reports that the Dinar would have to be devalued some time in the future, but that this would have to be preceded by a series of other measures to 'calm down the current economic situation'.

Pressure from the workng class has forced some trade union leaders to demand higher wages for their members to keep up with the rising cost of living, while government planning bodies have called for a policy of 'stabiliza-tion' underpinned by severe restrictions on earnings.

NATIONALISTS

Recent speeches by Tito and other leaders have also sharply attacked nationalist tendencies inside the party and government bodies of Yugoslavia's six provinces.

Two weeks ago, a group of Croatian nationalists, led by a Catholic priest, were anti-Serbian leaflets and having links with the exiled clerical fascist group, the 'Ustashi', who fought on the side of the Nazis during the last war.

There have been equally sharp condemnations of claims by the Bulgarian government to certain parts of Yugoslavian Macedonia, populated by a national Macedonia, minority that overlaps from Yugoslavia into both Greece and Bulgaria.

All these problems are now coming to a head, and Tito will no doubt use the threat of 'external pressures' to strengthen his authority to deal with the internal questions.

Jets bomb Malaysian guerrillas

MALAYSIAN air force jets rained 8,000 lb of bombs and 16,000 machine gun rounds in a series of raids yesterday on suspected Sara-wak guerrilla hideouts.

E Malaysian Deputy Air Commander Lawrence Phong said this was the first time the air force had been used in anti-guerrilla operations. There has recently been a

sharp increase in guerrilla activity in Sarawak, a province of Malaysia on the mainly

Driving the Tories along the road

ULTRA-RIGHT Tory MP Enoch Powell's demagogic attack on immigrant wor kers in Wednesday night's Commons debate provides the reactionary foil for Home Secretary Maudling's proposals to introduce work vouchers—a major step to-wards direction of immigrant labour to be announced over the next few

weeks. Powell's wild outburst throws into relief the Bonapartist character of the government. Frontbench Tories are able to plan their attacks on the working class using Powell as a front-runner for antiimmigrant sentiment.

POLITICAL COMMENTARY By John Spencer

The third leg is supplied by Labour shadow minister James Callaghan — himself an advocate of immigration control-who claims to be standing up for the rights of foreigners in this coun-

try'.
Callaghan's own government before the election laid the legislative framework for Powell's present attacks with its Immigration Acts and its refusal to admit Asian holders of British

passports from E Africa. Callaghan certainly has every justification for accus-ing Powell of creating an atmosphere 'which could lead to excesses like the disasters we saw in Nazi Germany before the war'.

gets is the role of his own government in creating these anti-working-class possibilities for Powell. Powellite demagogy, with absurd predictions of cities being swamped by coloured people, is aimed at driving the Tories further

along the road to dictator-

What he conveniently for-

• See debate report page 3.

50,000 paralyse Milan

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

A MASS march of 50,000 strikers from 120 factories in and around Milan paralysed the city yesterday.

The strikers were mainly metalworkers demanding the application at factory level of national labour contract signed a year ago. They were joined by tyre workers who are demanding a

new national labour contract. Meanwhile Italy's major port, Genoa, was brought to total standstill by a general strike called to demand a solution to problems caused by floods on October 8, and for a new local economic

In Rome the secretaries of the national firemen's unions confirmed a strike call for November 27 and 28.

policy.

Nixon axes Cabinet man

PRESIDENT NIXON removed from office his Secretary of the Interior, Walter Hickel, last Wednesday night.

Hickel, former Governor of Alaska, was one of the original team taken into the White House by Nixon in January

Only 24 hours before his dismissal, Hickel appeared on television and announced that he would not resign in face of hints that Nixon wanted

him to leave. It was Hickel who earlier this year sent a letter to the President in which he said that US policy on Cambodia and Vietnam, and the ignor-ing of student protest, was leading to a breach of confidence between the administration and the youth of the

This letter was 'leaked' at the time, causing considerable discomfort on the part of the

'Pravda'

warns

scientists

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

PREPARING the ground for the forthcoming

24th Congress of the Communist Party of the

Soviet Union, Monday's edition of 'Pravda' de-

livered a well-weighed warning against 'bourgeois

ideology' and its 'left and right revisionism'.

The Congress is intended to

be the platform for a stern warning to any who may be

tempted to give support or sympathy to the oppositionists jailed and persecuted by the

Taking his cue from a recent CPSU central com-

mittee resolution the 'Pravda'

writer specifically referred to the world-famous 'Lebedev'

One of the leading scientists there is Andrei Sacharov,

who earlier this month estab-

lished a 'Committee for the

With him is his close asso-

ciate Igor Tamm, winner of a Nobel prize and widely recog-nized as the 'father' of Soviet atomic physics.

'Intransigence'

In 'Pravda's' warning there

is no suggestion that anyone

opposed to the Stalinists, but

it calls for 'greater intransi-

gence towards the ideological

conceptions of anti

communism and revisionism'.

There should be 'not a

shadow of liberalism when the

clarity of ideological positions

'Certainly, in a developed

'The dangers cannot be

And for those who may irreverently be wondering

why not, the writer continues because the ideological ser-

vants of capital resort to the

falsification to poison the minds of the workers, helped

in this by the left and right

Mystical

a comfortable life, choose to

take positions in defence of

EEC nuclear

workers strike

NEARLY 3,000 Common

They were protesting against

planned staff cuts, which may

reach up to one third of the

the oppositionists.

Market

Germany.

present work force.

ceals a real threat.

refined methods

base for the diffusion of such ideas', but on the other hand:

Reassuringly it adds:

is at stake'.

taken lightly.

Defence of Human Rights'.

Stalinist bureaucracy.

Institute of Physics.

linked with Guinea group FOR the first time since the

Invaders

seaborne invasion attempt began on Sunday, Guinea's Radio Conakry yesterday failed to report any fighting in or around the capital. But broadcasts did advise

the population to remain vigilant, warning that the enemy was at work not only outside Guinea, but also 'in the very heart of the revolu-

This is the clearest admission so far by the Sekou Touré regime that Portuguesebacked invaders are linked to a group inside the country.

Casualty

Radio Conakry also gave casualty figures for foreigners during the fighting — three were killed and another eight

Despite Lisbon officials' predictable denials, everything points towards Portugal's involvement in the invasion. The Touré regime has given considerable military backing to liberation fighters in neighbouring Portuguese Guinea, and its overthrow by imset-back for the guerrillas.

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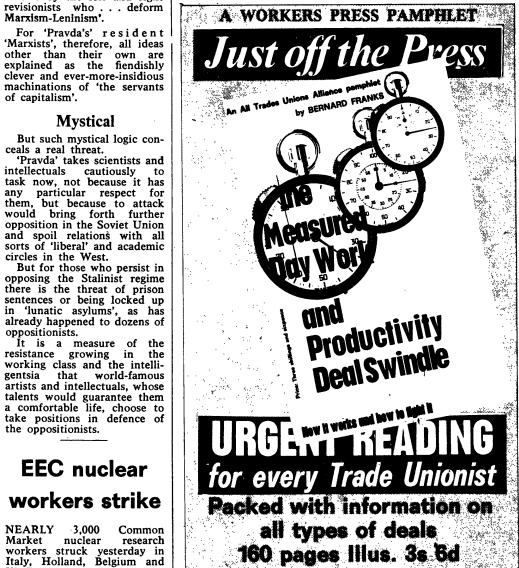
THE CHARTER OF **BASIC RIGHTS**

The right to a job, to strike and organize, to retain gains made, to fair prices, to welfare benefits and to decent housing.

Defend and maintain these rights in a fight to force the Tories to resign.

BIRMINGHAM Sat. December 19 Digbeth Civic Hall, Digbeth 10.30. am

For delegates' or visitors' credentials send 5s to Alan Wilkins, ATUA secretary, 53 The Hiron, Styvechale, Coventry.



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