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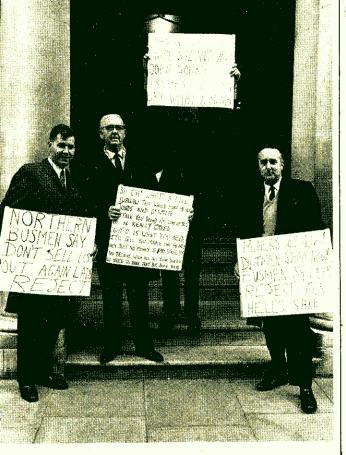
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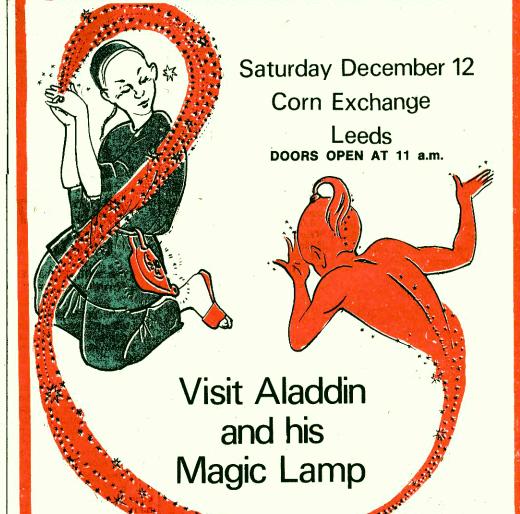
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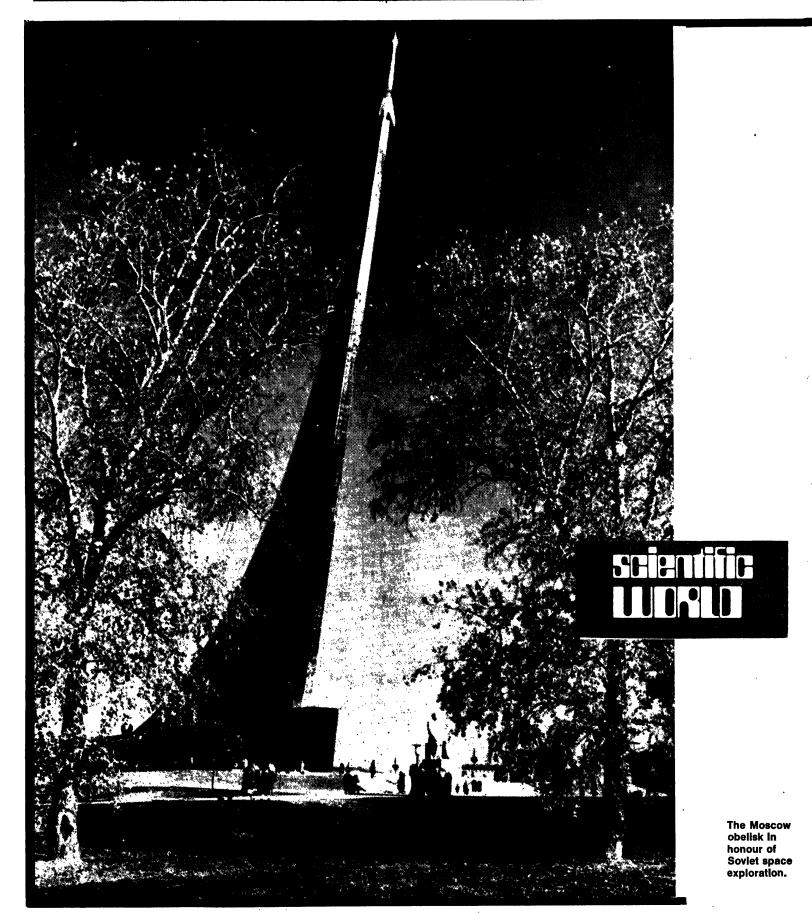
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centuries.

They set one against the other as part of their policy of divide-and-rule, and in 1947 tore what had been one country in two by creating Pakistan and India.

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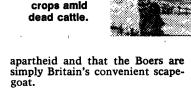
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century. It was a system the British created then made the Boers operate, blaming them for what British capital and the lumpen immigrants from the English working class had been responsible for.

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Searching for

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Semicolonialism

Not only financially but also organizationally, Pakistan's bureaucratic incapability in the face of the flood havoc is a direct result of semi-colonialism.

This denies industry, the basis of modern organization, to the country. Britain starves Pakistan of industry in order to maintain her own industrial monopolies and to concentrate Pakistan labour in the field of primary production, which is the productive basis of imperialism today.

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And Britain remains one of the biggest and most hypocritical mass murderers in the imperialist IN FIVE DAYS time, dawn will break over the Sea of Rains and the sun's rays will fall on this desolate sea of lunar rock for the first time in 14 days.

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If it does, it will be the first automatic lumar vehicle to do so. Lunokhod will open its solar panels to receive the sun's energy in order to recharge its bat-teries. With this achieved, it will be able to move again and to continue its programme of experiments which began soon after the robot rolled down the ramp of the unmanned Luna-17 spacecraft on November 17.

The Luna-17 flight has been acknowledged by scientists everywhere as a major step forward in space exploration. Should Lunokhod survive the lunar cold, it will be a massive argument against the American manned lunar exploration programme from almost every view-

Cost: Unmanned flights cost about 4 per cent of a manned space shot. Even if more elaborate robots are sent to the moon, it would still be possible to have a team of about a dozen machines, surveying the lunar crust for the cost of sending two astronauts and a mooncar (as planned for the Apollo-15

moonshot next year).

Safety: Machines are dispensable, human beings aren't. Automatic mooncraft can land in areas of the moon where the terrain is too rugged to attempt manned landing at present. Manned spacecraft must always carry extra fuel for manoeuvring search of optimum

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sites and, of course, returning to

The fuel problem also excludes manned craft from exploring the moon's polar regions, which are considered scientifically extremely important.

This is because the moon's

axis of rotation is almost parallel to that of the earth and the best orbits fuel-wise of mooncraft are those parallel to the lunar equator. To change such an orbit to one which passes over the moon's poles requires a large expenditure of fuel. Unmanned one-way journey—can carry ade-quate reserves of fuel and Soviet scientists may well attempt a polar landing in the near future.

Another area out of bounds

for astronauts at present is the moon's rear, which we never see from earth. Here there is a communications problem. Whenever a spacecraft passes behind the out because radio waves cannot pass through the moon's body. Obviously, it will be impossible for man to spend extended periods behind the moon before a reliable satellite communications system is put in lunar orbit so as to ensure continuous contact with the expedition.

Such a communications system is certainly a must in the future and requires reliable sources of power for transmission. (In fact, Lunas 10, 11 and 12 are in lunar orbit, but are

Store data

Without such a system, the control of a Lunokhod behind the moon would also be impossible, but such a robot could carry out certain experiments by itself, store data and then travel into the area of 'radio visibility' to transmit its information.

Not being human, such an a machine.

automation need not put in an appearance for long periods of time and the worst anxiety would only be over the loss of The safety factor strictly limits present and therefore overlaps the final factor of scientific usefulness.

The techniques used for unmanned flights to the moon can be used to explore most of the planets in the solar system. Apart from the moon and Mars,

it is doubtful whether any other body will be reached by man himself in the foreseeable future. Indeed, I think it would be extremely risky to put a date on the first man on Mars', despite scientists. The cost has been estimated at greater than the whole Apollo programme (around \$30,000 million) and probably enough to finance hundreds of unmanned missions.

Manned bases on the moon and Mars for scientific investigaand Mars for scientific investigation will certainly be constructed in the future, and the
wealth of information accumulated by the Americans during
the Apollo missions will be
extremely useful.

However, such voyages will

However, such voyages will remain dangerous and few and far between until the safety

End the

BY MARTIN ZARROP

margin, together with possible time under power, is increased through some breakthrough in rocket technology and/or power sources.

The Soviet Union has never ruled out manned lunar landings from its long-term programme, but has insisted that such a project must be built on a firm foundation as part of a wider

programme. Commenting on Luna-17's success, one Soviet scientist wrote in Pravda:

There are still people in the world to whom it has never occurred that the conquest of space is not a fireworks display of stunning experiments, not a demonstration of record achieve-ments, but creative, planned

work.
'The designers of Soviet space apparatus, and our scientists, solve their task on the basis of With the Apollo-13 fiasco still

American moon programme no doubt found its mark. Despite the immense technological achievements of Apollo-11 and 12, it would be difficult to accuse the Russians of sour grapes. In terms of 'record achievements' or 'space firsts', Soviet scientists can list about 20 to date over the last 13 years from the first earth satellite in 1957 to the first lunar robot vehicle, from Sputnik to Lunok-

second Russian in space in 1961, said in 1968 about the Soviet programme and the so-called

'Soviet space explorers are moved by one aim: to gain maxi-mum scientific information about

attained. They concentrate on promoting a next stage in fathoming the universe by technical devices or by man himself.

space explorers precludes their participation in any space exploration race.'

'Space-race'

space.

The latter was smashed when it became clear that the Soviet Venus probes were finding their distant planets required elec-

this, not forgetting Lunokhod 1 itself.

America. As one of them put it: 'The US got the brains; the Russians

got the mechanics. Not only did the 'brains' fall to America, but five truckloads of documents covering the Ger-

Huzel, hid the valuable cache in a mountain cave and dynamited the entrance. Eventually 300 rocketmen and six shiploads of rocket equipment, including the entire contents of the cave were

Said Huzel: These contents were of inestimable value. Whoever inherited them would be able to start in rocketry at that point at which we had left off, with the benefits not only of our accomplishments, but of our mis-takes as well—the real ingredient

No doubt more myths will be forthcoming — anything rather than objective assessment of how, despite Stalinism, a workers' state has been able to reach for the stars.

The removal of the profit motive has given an inspiring glimpse of the possibilities held out by the planning of resources and production.

in January 1969, 'The Times'

others may choose to do Whence comes this 'ability?' There is no reply! However, the differences in the US and Soviet programmes must now become very marked.

'It could also mean that

scientists will have to rely on

9.38 a.m.-12 noon Schools. 12.30 p.m. Representing the union. 1.00-1.25 Swyn y glec. 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 Blue Peter. 5.20 Scooby-doo, where are you? 5.44 Magic roundabout.

5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

6.45 THE DOCTORS.

7.05 TOP OF THE POPS.

7.45 BACHELOR FATHER. 'Love Thy Neighbour'.

8.15 THE MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW.

5.15 THE MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW.

9.00 THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather.

9.20 PLAY FOR TODAY. 'Hearts and Flowers'. By Peter Nichols. With Anthony Hopkins, Donald Churchill, Priscilla Morgan and Constance Chapman.

10.35 24 HOURS.

11.20 IMPROVING YOUR PLAYGROUP.

11.45 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except: Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.47

News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.47 News, weather. Wales: 6.00-6.45 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.05

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I Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene

around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.47 News, weather. SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. South today, Spot-light SW, weather. 11.47 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL: 7.00 p.m. KNOW HOW. 7.30 NEWSROOM AND weather.

FIRST ELEVEN. 'The Laughing Cavalier'. By Frans Hals. THE MONEY PROGRAMME.

LOOK, STRANGER. 'The Chilterns'.
THE BLACK AND WHITE MINSTREL SHOW.

10.00 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP. NEWS ON 2 and weather. WORLD CINEMA TRIPLE BILL. 'The Lady from Shanghai'. With Orson Welles, Rita Hayworth and Everett Sloane.

11.00 a.m.-2.55 p.m. Schools. 3.50 Decimalization. 4.17 Origami. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News.

7.00 PEYTON PLACE.
7.00 QUEENIE'S CASTLE. 'Trial By Fury'.
7.30 THURSDAY FILM. 'Houseboat'. With Cary Grant and Sophia Loren. A widower falls for the Italian girl who looks

after his children. THIS WEEK.

NEWS AT TEN. CINEMA. 'The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes'. 11.00 THE AVENGERS. 'The Superlative Seven'.
11.55 PARTICULAR CHURCHES.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Origami. 4.25 Mona McCluskey. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 London. 6.00 News and weather. 6.10 Farming news. 6.15 Sports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Thunder Over the Plains'. With Randolph Scott and Lex Barker. 8.30 This is your life. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 All our yesterdays. 11.25 News, weather.

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

SOUTHERN: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Ivor the engine. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.35 Man from Uncle. 7.30 Film: 'The Second Greatest Sex'. With Jeanne Crain and George Nader. Women in the town of Osawkie, Kansas, are sick of the fighting and feuding and threaten to withhold their affections unless it stops. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 Aquarius. 11.55 Weather. Action 70.

HARLECH: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.18 Women today. 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20

London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18
Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Movie: 'Young Man of
Music'. With Kirk Douglas, Lauren Bacall and Doris Day, A dedicated trumpet player lives only for his music. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 10.30 'The Emergence of Anthony Purdy, Esq., Farmer's Labourer'. 11.15 Edgar Wallace. 12.15 Weather. HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18 Report West. 6.18-6.35 Sport West. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 5.20-5.50 Dibyn-dobyn. 6.01-6.18 Y dydd.

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today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Movie: 'One of our Aircraft is Missing'. With Godfrey Tearle, Eric Porter, Hugh Williams and Googie Withers. A Wellington bomber comes flying across the North Sea with nobody on board. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 Avengers, ULSTER: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Joe 90. 5.20 London. 6.00

ball XL5. 5.15 London. 6.00 ATV

UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Cartoon treat. 7.05 Branded. 7.35 Name of the game. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 What's it all about? 11.20 Aquarius.

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GRANADA: 11.00-2.55 London. 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.20 This is your right. 6.30 Man from Uncle. 7.30 Film:
'Man in the Saddle'. With Randolph Scott, Alexander Knox, Ellen Drew and Joan Leslie. A wealthy rancher intends to ruin the man in love with his wife. 9.00 London. 11.00 This is . . . Tom Jones.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-2.55 London 4.10 News. 4.15 Lone Ranger. 4.40 Hatty town. 4.55 Flipper. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Police call. 6.35 Film: 'The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes'. With Basil Rathbone. Professor. Moriarty, arch criminal, is acquitted of murder because of lack of evidence. 8.00 I spy 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 University challenge 11.30 News. 11.45 Epilogue.

BORDER: 1.38-2.55 London 4.10 News. 4.15 Sailor of fortune 4.40 Wind in the willows. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Mr and Mrs. 7.45 'Hot Enough For June'. With Dirk Bogarde, Sylvia Kos cina, Robert Morley and John Le Mesurier. Espionage comedy drama. 9.30 London. 11.00 Bracken's world. 11.55 News, SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.55 London

3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 High living 7.00 Film: 'Casanova's Big Night'.
With Bob Hope and Joan Fontaine. 8.30 Love, American style. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 Play better golf. 11.30 Late call. GRAMPIAN: 10.58-2.55 London. 3.49 News. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Cartoon. 4.20 Telephone

game. 4.50 Fantastic four. 5.15 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Win a word with Lesley Blair. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 On the buses. 7.30 Comedy: 'Bottoms Up!' With Jimmy Edwards. Chiselbury School is supposed to be for the sons of gentle folk. 9.00 Queenie's castle. 9.30 London. 11.00 'It's a Sort of Disease'

conditions of maximum efficiency and the least possible risk.' fresh in everyone's mind, this scarcely-veiled criticism of the

Here is what Gherman Titov.

space in general, and the planets of the solar system in particu-lar, with the least expenditure of effort and resources. That is why our space research is conducted in such a way that every new experiment helps to solve some essentially new problem.

'Soviet scientists try not to duplicate solutions already attained.

'This attitude of the Soviet

The myth of the 'space race' was a useful face-saver for US imperialism faced with a series

Other myths which faded away during the 1960s were that 'it was all due to captured German scientists' (compare comments on China's satellite launch) and that in any case Soviet electronics was useless.

mark from 1967 onwards. The soft-landings of instruments on tronic finesse. Many examples since reinforce

As for the German scientists, working on the V-2 at Peenemunde, the lion's share went to

man research into rocketry. One of the scientists, Dieter

shipped to America.

Following the Soyuz-4 flight

commented: 'But in the end Russia's greatest strength has been the ability to pursue her many-stranded programme systematically, undisturbed

After Luna-16's successful return to earth with its dust s a m p l e s, the 'Economist' remarked:

Moscow, for the next decade, for all their information about the moon. . . . It will be ironic if the answers in future will have to be sought in Moscow. The point seems to be getting



new GI salute-a clenched fist

AS THE Nixon Administration steps up its desperate attacks on N Vietnam and engineers 'prisoner rescue' missions which rescue no prisoners, they are confronted not only by the National Liberation Front, but by the growing demoralization of the US army itself.

The rapid deterioration of morale and discipline within the US Army both in Vietnam and in Europe is a subject of intense concern for the Pentagon, which has launched an 'investigation' of the situation in Germany where the Seventh Army is stationed.

MASS RALLY

Although the Pentagon and the bourgeois press try to play up the conflict within the army as simply racial conflict between black and white GIs, their own reports make clear that growing numbers of white and black soldiers see the problem as US

Farmers

urged to

MORE farmers on holdings

which barely pay their way

will be encouraged to sell out

and leave the land under

schemes announced by the

Minister of Agriculture, Mr

The schemes relax the con-

ditions under which a farmer

can qualify for a 'golden hand-

shake' - by introducing more

up-to-date assessments of

whether, a farm can provide

a living for a farmer and

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UK, about 150,000 cannot

meet this requirement and

Of the 420,000 farms in the

one man, working full time.

link up

Iames Prior.

policies of racialism and imperial-

A mass rally of black, Puerto Rican and white GIs was held recently in Kaiserslauten, Germany, against the war in Viet-nam and against racialism in the

Bootlace bracelets and the upraised clenched fist used by militant Negroes are now common symbols of black and white

The clenched fist has, in many cases, replaced the traditional salute and morale is so low that officers do not dare to courtmartial for failure to salute pro-

NEGOTIATE

The situation in Germany has, according to the 'New York Times', of November 23, 'Seriously affected morale and discipline and threatens, as senior officers and non-commissioned officers conceded in a month of interviews, to undermine the combat efficiency of the 165,000 man Seventh Army'.

After the invasion of Cam-

of soldiers refusing to cross the in Newsweek magazine of cases where officers must 'negotiate' with the troops to get them into

REFUSED COMBAT

Now in Vietnam the situation is much sharper. 'Seek-and-destroy' missions have been largely replaced by the 'seek-and-avoid' mission. As one GI explained to 'New York Times' reporter Fred Gardner:

'On patrol we were supposed to go a mile and engage Charlie, right? What we did was go a hundred yards, find us some heavy foliage, smoke, rap, and sack out.'

'The Times' report continues:

'In the past two years, hundreds of thousands of American soldiers have used this tactic. Refusal to take part in combat has grown so widespread that it need no longer be surreptitious.

'GIs leave their fire bases with impunity; commanders fear that courtmartialing them will undermine what remains of morale.

By a science correspondent

enlarged by more water.

'squirt gun', shooting water at nearly 2,500 mph. The impulse

from the high-pressure water will

The institute has already

developed two pumps, operating with a water pressure of 2,500

and 5,000 atmospheres, and is

now working on one with 10,000

atmospheres—nearly 70 tons per square inch!

breakage speed of over one yard a second is practical, but there

are still technical problems to

overcome, such as how to keep the jet in operation for a pro-longed period of time and how

'Cooked' rock

The microwave method of bor-

ing can 'cook' rock walls in the

same way as a microwave high-

This treatment creates intense

Using a power output of 20

kilowatts, the type of hard rock found along the Sanyo line was broken down after about five

heat which makes the rock swell

completed in a few years.

speed oven.

and crack.

Officials stated that a rock

ordering troops into the field are commonly "fragged"—hit by a grenade rolled under their tent flaps. Blatant racialists are dealt with similarly.

'GIs smoke marijuana freely, realizing that a roundup of pot-heads would deplete the infantry faster than you could say "Hat-field McGovern".'

The Pentagon recently released figures on the drug problem in the army, revealing that at least 16 GIs have died this year from overdoses of heroin.

Army reports indicate that 31 per cent of US servicemen take drugs regularly, while another 30 per cent have tried drugs while in Vietnam.

CONTRADICTIONS

The contradictions and decay of capitalist society cannot but be expressed within its army.

Far from thinking they are 'fighting for democracy', thou-sands upon thousands of reluctant draftees take drugs to escape the vicious imperialist character of the war in Indo-China.

> THE PAY rise won by workers in the US auto

industry after a ten-week

strike has dealt Nixon's anti-

inflation fight a severe blow.

So severe that on Tuesday the

White House condemned the award on the grounds that if similar settlements follow it

would push, 'costs and therefore

price levels even higher'.
Nixon took office 'in the

midst of the worst financial crisis

since 1931' with prices rising

faster than at any time for two

Last month alone the con-

sumer price index shot up at a rate equivalent to 6 per cent a

With the dollar's purchasing power falling rapidly, profits being eroded, mergers taking

place almost daily as a last resort

to stave off disaster and with

more and more firms actually

collapsing, Nixon is under heavy

pressure to take direct steps to

Alarm

Tuesday's alarm report from the White House in Washigton

'Since initial auto settlements

often serve as a pattern for most of the motor vehicle and equip-

ment industry and to some extent for the farm machinery

industry nearly one million workers may be directly affected

The report said the increase at

It goes on: 'It also raises costs

exceeds any estimate of gains in

further in an industry where pro-

ducers overseas are accounting for a substantial and growing

national productivity.

Motors substantially

by the level of the settlement.'

hold down wages and prices.

CP's bogus opposition to MDW revealed

EVIDENCE of the completely bogus and treacherous nature of Stalinist opposition to Measured Day Work and productivity dealing generally came in Tuesday's 'Morning Star'.

First the paper joined the chorus of Fleet St speculation about whether massive redundancies are to be announced at today's union-employer talks about 'manpower changes' in the British-Leyland combine in Lon-

Secondly, however, it moved in on a more subtle talk to foster quicksand illusions about how MDW can be fought.

While the announcement of pay-offs in the car giant's troubled Austin-Morris division troubled Austin-Morris division today is a distinct possibility, the main purpose of such a move — as Tuesday's Workers Press insisted — would be to frighten the union leaders into betraying the shop-floor opposition to MDW.

But to do this the union

But to do this, the union leaders would require a big 'left'

So their behind-the-scenes discussions with Eeyland on labour relations, which Workers Press has exposed as going for some months, go unmentioned by the

But the paper does claim that backing for what it describes as the 'caution' of Leyland stewards over MDW 'came from a very unexpected quarter only last

The quarter involved turns out to be no less than National

worsens

production worsens, competition

for markets must become more

severe. The reference in the

White House report was to the

inroads made by small-car producers, particularly W Germany

and Japan, in the lucrative

Critical

an emergency board appointed to

look into disputes in the railway industry and which has recom-

mended wage increases totalling

more than 30 per cent over three

still negotiating over the Board's recommendations, but the unions

In an increasingly desperate bid to hold wage and price levels the Nixon Administration

has launched an investigation into the rise in crude oil prices

announced by the Gulf Oil Com-

pany last month. Oil companies' profits have been falling for some

average price of major brand regular petrol rose nearly 16 per

cent in mid-November at a time

when petrol stocks were at a level higher than normal for the

Inflation is hitting hard at the profits of the giant oil combines.

prices in accordance with text book rules of supply and

Their businesses are in crisis. Their profits reflect the crisis

of the world capitalist economy.

No matter how high the

stocks, inflation will force them

They are concerned with fixing

time of year.

The report complained that the

contend they are not enough.

Unions and management are

The report was also critical of

American car market.

Prices zoom up

as US inflation

By our industrial reporter

Farmers' Union director-general, former Rootes director and head of the Manpower and Productivity Service at the Department of Employment and Productivity,

George Cattell.

Speaking at the Industrial
Society conference, the 'Star'
claims, Cattell 'condemned MDW as "a modern form of slavery".'

This is a very dangerous half-

truth indeed.
As Workers Press reported at As workers riess reported as some length eight days ago, Cattell's conference speech outlined a well-developed corporate state philosophy.

After describing in what anyone—anyone but a self-blinded (State) are self-blinded.

'Star' reporter, that is—would recognize as extremely cynical terms his ruthless 18-month battle to force through MDW on Rootes Motors at Coventry, Cattell expressed a few doubts.

'Slavery'

'Not', to use his own words, 'that it had to happen, but at where do we go from here . . .?
'What has been created', he told the assembled industrialists, union chiefs and royalty, 'is a modern form of slavery; the slavery and monotony of the mid-20th century mass-produc-tion system; an imported system from America where slavery, certainly at Detroit, has still to be finally abolished.'

Cattell, who a few moments earlier had been gleefully describ-ing how a DEP team under his direction had defeated a communist convenor and pushed through a productivity scheme in a northern engineering plant, was not, of course, much worried by the humanitarian aspects of the

He went-on-to outline his realconcern. This was that while 'change of the kind we introduced is probably an inevitable stage in the process of applying modern

management techniques to systems in which management was essentially amateur, it is by no means the whole answer for the employers. Yet this, in full, is the message the 'Star' said 'appears to have speedily reached BLMC workers at Oxford who, at a mass

meeting on Sunday rejected MDW'. 'I confess', Cattell explained, 'that I have now come to the conclusion that systems in which large numbers of people work to pre-measured standards for a stabilized wage and are expected

measured task are not the longterm solution to the problems of high-volume production.' Of course, even the 'Star' knows that it will be a bit difficult for its readers to swallow the idea that such a man is condemn-

to have no interest beyond the

ing MDW.
So it included the qualification that 'it is the same Mr Cattell that the "Morning Star" exposed on June 13, 1967, for the publication, under his chairmanship, of an engineering employers' document entitled "Wage Drift, Work-Measurement and Systems of Payment". 'It was a bosses' bible.'

Now this is really interesting, because any exposing the 'Star' did in 1967 was strictly subordinate to its general policy not of opposition to MDW, but of 'safeguards'.

Writing in the September 2, 1967, issue of the Communist Party's weekly 'Comment', CP industrial organizer Bert Ramelson set up his own question: should industrial changes be ignored and changes in wages structure totally opposed?
'No', he answered, 'it doesn't

'Modified'

mean that at all . . .

loads and pace of work-all of inevitably destroyed by MDW This remains basic Stalinist

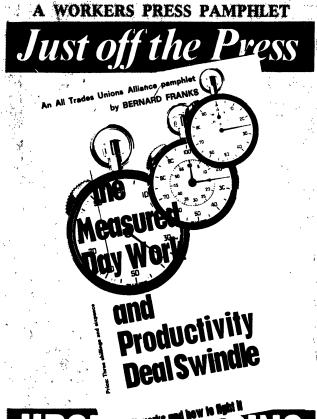
tion to the system.

Under cover of a 'clever' but, -propaganda point, the Communist Party is carefully and

Yemen charges RAF with raids

THE Defence Minister of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen has claimed that British planes have violated S Yemen airspace and had shelled a village near the border with Oman last Saturday, injuring villagers and damaging property.

He added that this was not the first time that British Royal Air Force planes had carried out such activities on the pretext of hunting guerrillas from neighbouring Dhofar.



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water jets to crack rocks.

speed excavation, under develop-ment at the railways' technical

cent of the 243-mile new Sanyo line, now under construction between Okayama in W Japan and Hakata on the main south-

Conventional methods of tunnelling with dynamite or the use of modern boring machines are not satisfactory in Japan because of irregular geological struc-tures, the officials said.

Not satisfactory

ernmost island, will pass through

'bullet'-train tunnels

research institute in Tokyo, are needed to build the lines for Japan's 'bullet trains' which must run as straight as possible and therefore cut through mountains.

Railway officials said 53 per

The water method employs a

JAPANESE engineers are experimenting with revo-

These new techniques of high-

to prevent the water freezing under such pressure. However, a practical proto-type machine is expected to be

should be amalgamated with others to form bigger, more efficient farms, the Ministry

minutes irradiation at a distance share of the domestic market'. to raise prices if they are to hang As the world crisis of overof just over two inches. Work-study in local authorities welcomed you can honestly say that you schemes will pay for them-

THE CHILL WIND of Toryism is about to sweep through the corridors and offices of

'I want to leave you in no doubt that the government considers your work to be of vital importance', said the Minister for Local Government and Development, De-

Mr Graham Page. He was opening a seminar in London held by the Local Government Practitioners Group of the Institute of Work-Study Practitioners.

Page said: 'I want to emphasize the enormous tasks that lie ahead of you. You play a key role and will continue to He asked: 'How many of

are half way towards even a first study of all the jobs in your authority that should be susceptible to work study?'

The Minister said that the new techniques would lead not only to the most 'sensible and efficient' way of doing things, but also to the most 'economical and profitable' ways. He urged local authorities

to make more use of a free advisory service which the government would continue to support—the Local Authorities Management Services and Computer Committee. The work study is expected to lead to increased productivity and Page was in no doubt that, 'sound productivity selves and to spare'.

It was, of course, clear from his remarks that the

Tory government knows that such schemes need the fullest co-operation and collaboration local government, at the very least, the schemes will limit employment opportunities and at the most will create unemployment. Page said that trade unions

had a duty to their members and the public to negotiate schemes whereby there could be greater earnings from greater productivity. Local authorities had a duty to the ratepayers to ensure that they were getting the best possible

'Whether "measured day" or "time rates" are acceptable or not will be judged by militant workers as to whether it can be so modified as to ensure that these three basic gains are carried over into whatever new system is introduced.'

The three gains referred to were 'a stake in productivity by relating earnings to output', 'democratic trade union organization' and negotiation of workwhich. Ramelson well knew, are whatever initial sugar-coating may be conceded by employers to force them through.

policy.
That is why Tuesday's 'Star' used the word 'caution' to describe the Leyland stewards' attitude to MDW. But it must be aware that official policy of their national body is outright opposi-

British-Leyland workers, take

consciously preparing the ground to return quite openly to its 1967 policy of betrayal.

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Charter of **Basic Rights**

DAVID BELLIS is a storekeeper at the Acton electrical plant of Evershed and Vignoles Ltd. A militant member of the Engineers' and Foundryworkers' Union, he was for many years in the Communist Party, but now disagrees fundamentally with that organization's reformist policies.

Here, he talks to the Workers Press about the Charter of Basic Rights, the draft discussion document for the All Trades Unions Alliance conference in Birmingham on December 19.

I've read the Charter of Rights thoroughly and 1 can say I support it 100 per cent. I am particularly in favour of the section on Measured-Day Work. I'm definitely opposed to this speed-up system. They are trying to introduce it in our factory just now—and get-ting away with it!

On section one, I think, of course, that we have every right to a job and to the right to work. The Tories have no business taking away the right to strike, either. It's something that's ours anyway.

Carr isn't giving us anything when he tells us we will have the right to join a union — I'm already in a union and I don't need the Tories to give me the right

The Charter is absolutely right when it speaks of defending the gains that have already been made. I know what these gains mean when I contrast my own childhood in Lancashire with the life of young workers today.

These gains have been fought for very, very hard

A CALL for engineering union chiefs to back the

All Trades Unions Alliance's Charter of Basic Rights has gone out from the Thornton Heath AEF branch. The branch declares its support for the Charter as

drawn up by the ATUA. It stresses that 'the de-

fence and extension of the gains of the working class, won in struggle from the employers, is now the most urgent question before the whole trade union and labour movement: defence of jobs, the right to strike and organize, of welfare benefits, and the struggle for decent housing, pensions and fair prices tied to a sliding scale of wages.

'This branch therefore calls for the adoption of this Charter by the union executive and district committee'.

over countless years and we just can't afford to ignore the work that has been done and the gains that have been made al-

The section on prices and rents is also extremely, important. A lot of shoppers and housewives find things have shot up in price overnight - even doubled in some cases. The housewives just don't know what to do about it. It just seems that we've got to pay the rises and there just doesn't seem to be any argument about it.

This is a question on which the working class strength must be mobilized to defend living standards.

I feel very, very strongly about the plight of the old age pensioners. I think they are getting definitely the worst deal that they could possibly get and as far as I can see they're not in a position to challenge this in any organized form.

We have one old lady who came down to our union branch and made an appeal for support for the pensioners, but I don't see the unions doing much

about it.
Surely these old people



have the biggest right of anybody because they have done the lion's share of achieving what we have got and the rights we have won Mersey

• FROM PAGE ONE

rent free warehouses for

'On top of this, their charges for hired equipment

are ridiculously low, even

with the 50 per cent

His workmate, William

McNally, who has worked

the Liverpool waterfront for 30 years, said that he thought the government was

trying to blame the dockers for the crisis.

They want to come to us and say "the dock is bank-rupt and you will have to accept Devlin on the cheap",

but we will not fall for this

SACK THE LOT

'This crisis is the Board's

own making and everybody in the port of Liverpool

knows this. We should sack

the whole lot of them and open the books.'

in the East Hornby dock, an ex-dockers' steward said

that he thought there were political motives behind the government's move.

they are trying to do to the Post Office and to the air-

lines.' he said.
'What the government intervention will mean here

is that the Board workers

will be sacked. This means

unemployment for the gate

men and people who main-

tain the berths. For the

docker, they are trying to create a scare tactic so they

will accept Devlin Phase Two,' he said.

'I see it in line with what

At the North of the port

anger

increase.'

Another thing I feel strongly about is the property racket, which I can see going on in my own part of London. All sections of the working class should be mobilized against it.

There can be no question of leaving the Tories in office to run their full term. We have the right, as the Charter correctly points out, to force them out.

And we must do this. The question of nationalization is very important, but it must be put across in its true concept: not the Labour concept that we did get after the war, whereby the owners were better off under the so-called nationalization due to the compensation payments they re-ceived than they were before the industries were national-

In other words, I want to see Keir Hardie's words applied in practice — workers should take over the means of production for the benefit of the workers and not the

This Charter should definitely become the basis for a campaign—we should go ahead with it at once. I support it with-out reservation.

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UN TEAM ACCUSES PORTUGAL

The United Nations' investigation team which visited Guinea has returned to New York with direct evidence linking the Portuguese army to the recent invasion of

concluded the expedition was organized equipped it could only have been supported by a major foreign power.

A Bill to dissolve the Land

W German consul still held

Strikes as Basque trial opens

BASQUE nationalists are holding the W German consul in San Sebastian as hostage for their 16 comrades who go on trial before a military court in Burgos today.

BY A WORKERS PRESS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Overtime ban hangs

over power talks

British CP must speak OVERWHELMING evidence has now been produced that the Soviet government is supplying military aid to the pro-US regime in Cambodia to fight the liberation movement.

Kremlin

SAN FRANCISCO police attacked youths demonstrating outside Fairmont Hotel against Saigon dictator Vice-President Ky on Tuesday night injuring two and arresting another 28. Inside the hotel, Ky was interrupted by an anti-war demonstrator while addressing a meeting of the California Commonwealth Club.

A statement just issued by Norodom Sihanouk's exile Cabinet, bases its accusation on a report in the Japanese paper 'Sankei Shimbun' on November 1.

The journal carried a statement by Lon Nol regime Minister Mau Say on the Soviet bureaucracy's dealings with the pro-US regime in Phnom Penh:

The aid in various fields which has been given to Cambodia by the Soviet Union has scarcely been affected by the end of the Sihanouk era, and it continues normally.

MAINTAINED

'Military assistance, promised before the coup d'etat [of March 18, 1970] consists mainly of army lorries, of which delivery has been maintained since

the coup d'etat.

'The delivery has not yet been concluded, the remainder will be delivered shortly.'

Here we have the clearest possible illustration of the counter-revolutionary role of world Stalinism.

Even as the guerrillas press forward with their new offensive against the Nol regime, driving back its demoralized forces to the outskirts of Phnom Penh itself, the Kremlin continues to send military aid to this communist, killing dictatorship.

British Communist Party leaders cannot evade this issue any longer. Where do they stand on Soviet military backing for the Lon Nol regime, creature

of US imperialism?
Will they publicly denounce the Kremlin's position or maintain their usual cowardly silence? Communist Party rankand-file members should force them to make such a declaration.

Hussein may

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

join new

Arab bloc

Civilians shot to boost body counts - Vietnam veterans

SIX VIETNAM army veterans stated in Washington on Tuesday that civilians were killed in Vietnam to step up the number of victims claimed by the US army.

This charge was made before a three-day National Veterans' inquiry into Vietnam war crimes.

They argued that Lt William Calley and others on trial for their role in the My Lai massacre of March 1968 were being made scapegoats for what had become general policy in S Vietnam.

One of the six, Larry Rottman, said that soldiers were given bonuses for the number of Vietnamese killed-leave in Hong Kong, Australia or Honolulu.

Fights

'I even saw fights between soldiers each claiming they had killed more than the other,' he said.

After the 1968 'Tet offen-sive' General Westmoreland had demanded more emphasis on 'body counts': 'In my presence, he told our

commanding general . . . "I want more bodies".' Military Command in Saigon

would call up, went on Rott-mann, and 'ask that we dig up more bodies. And that is precisely what we would do—dig up bodies from graves.'

Opened fire

Another witness, former Lance Corporal Kenneth Campbell, told the inquiry that in August 1968 his battery opened fire on two populated villages just North of the demilitarized zone.

Medical orderly Samuel Rankin related how his platoon destroyed a village one night in July 1969: 'All I or anyone else found was destroyed—huts, broken and burned household goods. dead pigs and 23 dead civilians, including young women,

National organizer of the inquiry Tod Ensign explained the purpose of the hearings:

children, old men and a few

Finger

'So far the focus has been on Lt Calley and the others who have been made scape-

goats. 'Our objective is to have a full-scale public inquiry that policy-makers, civilians and military, and not individual who are obeying orders.'

By staging the Calley trial, Nixon and the High Command hoped to silence opponents of the Vietnam war.

Instead, veterans moved by the most contradictory motives are now coming forward all over the United States to testify against Nixon's oppressive war on the Vietnamese people.

The new revelations confirm

what many Americans had already guessed—that the My Lai massacre was no accident, but part of deliberate im-perialist policy.

Another call for tough stand on wages

Some of the powerworkers lobbying yesterday's talks.

POWER WORKERS' shop stewards meet tonight to

consider the results of yesterday's lengthy pay talks.

An overtime ban and work-to-rule come into force

on Monday if the electricity boards refuse to raise

their 10 per cent reply to the unions' demand for a

further price rises if the offer is raised, but the over-

time ban and work-to-rule will undoubtedly bring

power cuts before Christmas if it goes into operation.

Under the 19th-century Public Utilities Act, they

The Electricity Council has threatened to impose

125,000 workers are involved in the pay deal.

£5 16s increase in average basic rates.

have no right to strike.

From our industrial correspondent

BEECHAM group chairman Sir Ronald Edwards added his voice yesterday to the call for tougher methods against the trade unions.

the view of both the Tory government and the Con-federation of British Industry was that firms should stand up to 'unjustified' raise the demand that the TUC call a general strike,

> are out of hand and we face serious cost-inflation,' he

no one should under-rate for even the large

Such measures — which would lead to large-scale unemployment - were obviously the best way of dealing with unions and stewards who, according to Sir Ronald, 'are increasingly adept at taking on one firm

Big - business spokesmen are making it clear that a massive dose of unemploy-

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan, on the second stage of his 20-day world tour, yesterday met Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Cairo for talks on military and political questions. This marks a sharp improvement in relations between the two regimes. They were under severe strain during the recent

Jordan civil war. The Egyptian Ambassador to Amman was in fact recalled to Cairo following the appointment of the extreme rightwing Wasfi es Tell as Jordan's Prime Minister.

Now he is to return.

Federation Some observers in Cairo

think that following Syria's decision to join the new Arab Federation of Egypt, Libya and Sudan, Hussein may also be considering membership.
On Monday, President Sadat said he would not accept any

further extension of the truce

with Israel without a time-table specifying its withdrawal from the occupied territories. This decision, which marks a slight hardening of the Egyptian attitude to peace talks, will be under dis-cussion between the two leaders.

Opinions

Hussein will then convey Sadat's opinions on the Middle East situation to government leaders in Paris, Bonn, London and Washington when he continues his tour.

MANAGEMENT has threat

ened to close Aberdeen's Hall Russell shipyard in a bid to end the four-week-old strike of 200 finishing trades workers. The threat was accompanied by a statement that 'it will be necessary to lay off all employees on a temporary basis as from Wednesday January 6 if there is no resumption of work by the outfit trades by

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LATE NEWS

The team is expected to present its report to the Security Council this weekend.

The mission is said to have

TORY LAND-GRAB STARTS Commission and abolish the • betterment levy introduced by Secretary Environment Peter Walker, was given formal first reading in the Commons last night.

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The consul, 59-yearold Herr Eugen Beihl, was seized by a group of young men as he was putting his car into his garage late on Tuesday evening.

The Basque separatist move-ment ETA yesterday warned that Beilh's safety would depend on the outcome of the trial — in which six alleged ETA members face possible death sentences for the killing of San Sebastian police chief Meliton Manzanas in August

The Basque country was put under martial law after the killing-a measure extended to the whole of Spain in January 1969 and lifted after three months.

Indignation

Today's trial, conducted be-fore a panel of outright fascists, has aroused a storm of indignation inside and outside

In Bilbao, heart, of the Basque country, both the Nautical and Engineering Schools are on indefinite strike and there have been big demonstrations against the trial. In Oviedo the Faculty of

Philosophy and Letters has suspended all classes until Monday following an attack on a right-wing professor.

police clampdown. Support for the trial has come from the extreme right-

the Roman Catholic bishops of San Sebastian and Bilbao.

Today Cuckney will make his first visit to Liverpool and report back to his team that will preside over the closure of the South end of the dock by 1972 and rationalization elsewhere. But the Board's viability

is only one issue behind the sackings. Shipowners have made it clear that their main problem is the cost of loading and unloading and not dock

Dockers and Board workers seem to be on a collision course with the Tory government's desire to rationalize, modernize and cut back the labour

So far, union leaders say they will not accept any redundancies, but they have given no indication how they will fight the inevitable

> **Public Meeting** THURSDAY,

The fight for workers' rights The Town Hall

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

MEETINGS Discuss the proposed draft of the Charter of Basic Rights NOTTINGHAM: Thursday December; 3, 7,30 p.m. Roebuck pub. Mansfield Rd.

SHEFFIELD: Thursday, December 3, 7.30 p.m. Young Socialists' premises, Portobello (near Jessop's Hospital). 'The Sheffield employers' offensive and the anti-union laws'. BRISTOL: Friday, December 4, 8 p.m. Old England pub, off Cheltenham Rd.

Barcelona and Madrid have also been the scene of 1 demonstrations despite a rigid

wing organization 'Guerrillas of Christ the King'. These gorillas have filed complaints against appeals for

Paris demo

In Paris on Tuesday night, police attacked demonstrators protesting against the trial. More than 2,000 young people

were on the Paris march.

WEATHER CENTRAL and N Scotland will remain rather cold, with occasional wintry showers and snow over the mountains.

S Scotland, N Ireland and N England will be rather cloudy, but with bright periods and mainly dry, although rain may affect N Ireland and N England later. Wales, the Midlands and SW England will be mostly

cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, but becoming dry for a time inland during the

East Anglia and SE England will be mostly cloudy but dry. **DECEMBER 3** Little change in temperature. Outlook: continuing un-7.30 p.m.

Bill out St Helens, Lancs. ● FROM PAGE ONE Speaker: G. HEALY (National Secretary of SLL) given the word, to fight to a finish to defend its basic organizations.

> If one million workers come out against the wishes of the TUC and the union chiefs, what will ten million do if the leaders issue the This is the point at which the Communist Party's obstinate refusal to expose the

> manoeuvres now assumes the proportions of full-blown treachery. Because of their position, the union chiefs are the only people who can swing the majority of the working class into action at this stage against

> > That is why a constant

campaign must be waged to

force these leaders to fight.

their opportunist twists and The Stalinists refuse to

though they have lately been forced to report this demand from a number of important union sections. They avoid demand that the Tories must forced to resign and instead foster the illusion that

Carr and Heath can influenced by protest actions. The Stalinist cover-up for union leaders extreme dangers for December 8-which they want to convert into a blind-alley protest without any perspective for mobilizing all those workers who have been unmoved by

the campaign so far.

The demand for the TUC to call a general strike to force the Tories to resign must be raised loud and clear in all the demonstrations and resolu-

Speaking to the Royal Society of Arts, he said that

claims. 'Current wage increases

Strong deflationary measures may prove to be essential, he predicted, but the problem and the heavy

at a time through a key activity . .