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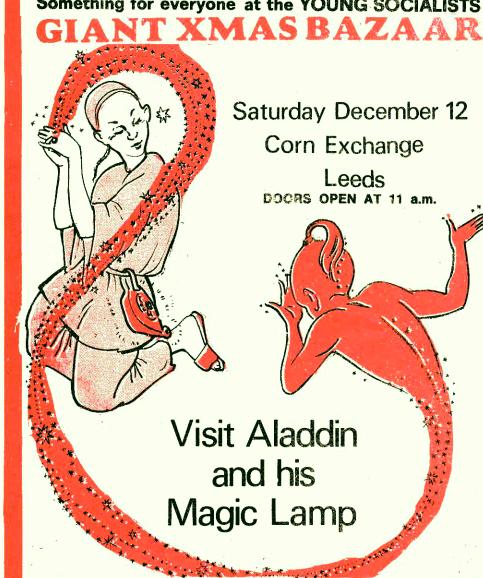
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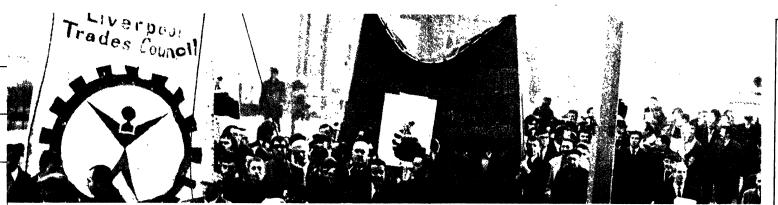
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#### GRADY No such realities intruded on the often very skilful representation of reality in the It was also true for the other episodes. other and so on.

OVER THE PAST three Tuesdays Yorkshire Television have transmitted at peak time a drama series called 'Grady'.

It's been a revealing and fascinating affair because it has expressed, albeit unconsciously in many ways, some of the contradictions which make up television in Britain today.

Grady is a strange although, at the same time, familiar figure and seems to be an amalgam of a number of myths and half-truths.

On the one hand he is a hard, self-sacrificing, working man who often loses his jobs because of his struggles and who frequently moves on -'50 jobs in a dozen industries'.

He is also given a rather poetic streak and his eloquent claim that the smell of the countryside coming to him in a train at night is sufficient to tell him where he is, clearly helps build a picture of a 'fine human being', as they say in the 'TV Times'.

And what are his struggles about? Clearly such a man, who sacrifices both wife and children, friends and comfort, must be deeply sustained by principles. So what are they?

#### Hero-figure

It turns out that this romantic hero-figure of a worker, this shop-floor militant who begins the series by returning from a prison sentence he got for trespassing and defending his right to look at the countryside, has the principles of the most backward, the most insular, the most individualist and most self-seeking worker.

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views GRADY: three

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He is made to say that he has 'no answers, just a few questions', but in each of the three parts of the series he was also made to fight for answers which he clearly held out as necessary to the wellbeing and progress of his fellow workers.

In the first part for example, he fought an all-out battle against a young militant who was clearly meant to represent the famous 'Trotskyist wrecker' of bourgeois and Communist Party literature.

This young man, Larson, was protrayed as a shadowy figure whose origins were unsure and, worse still, who appears to want to link local industrial struggles with world issues like the Vietnam war.

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former Archbishop of Canter-bury: "Who will rid us of this

Was the 'Star' contemplating

Ramsey being bumped off, per-

haps at the hands of the 1922

the editorial went on: 'Professing Christians like Mr Heath and Sir

Alec Douglas-Home claim to be

able to reconcile the supply of arms to Vorster's apartheid

principles.

'By doing so, they only dis-

credit Christianity among hundreds of millions of people, black

The implication seems clear.

To prevent further undermining of belief in the 39 Articles

-and, at the same time, to avert

the danger to Vorster's regime—Ramsey would have to ordain as Ministers of Her Majesty's

Church of England the leaders of

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the Communist Party.

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Without elaborating the point,

turbulent priest?"

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and white.'

the 'Star'

Workers Press notebook

THE CHURCH has always had a double role to play

in politics: first, persuade the oppressed and exploited

to turn the other cheek; second, advise the ruling

class on the best way to maintain their rule.

the writer is that such reorganization contains the key to the welfare of the men as well as to the continuance in production of the boss.

that such reorganization would inevitably imply a struggle for profitability, and a speed-up and an intensification of exploitation through productivity

#### Skilful

There is no hint of awarness

the conflict between a manual and a white-collar union and last night's with a redundant miner whose livelihood is threatened after retraining and moving areas because he can't get a ticket from his new

The second one dealt with

The attention was all on the union, never on the NCB. All three episodes were done with great skill in order to look real, to seem real, to appear real.

We are always meant to be convinced by such representation of the 'truth' of the situation and the characters. Indeed, that's the whole point of the exercise.

Actors struggle to express the character 'accurately' through both external physical features and through internal and subjective processes. They are often at pains to try to think like they think the character they are trying to

play would think.

The director will also bring his skills to help the performers and will try to weld

E EUROPEAN reactions to

the alleged attempt on the

Pope's life in the Philippines

Albanian Radio on November

'Pope Paul VI, the head of

obscurantism and world Catho-

licism, intends to make a tour of

some countries of Asia, particu-

larly of S Asia, where the peoples have risen against the imperial-

reactionary puppet regimes . . .

ists, the American aggressors and

'The Pope's visit . . . is a des-

perate attempt by the Catholic Church, which relies on feudal-

sm. to save its diminished

prestige and stem its rapid

decline as an exploitive and

'It has also been reported that

as soon as the Pope arrived at the Manila airport an attempt

was made on his life. Only the

quick intervention of the Car-dinals waiting for him saved him

'For protection the Pope is surrounded by an enormous

The Polish Press Agency took a rather different line.

that 'the President of the Council of State, Marshal of Poland Marian Spychalski, has sent a

telegram to Pope Paul VI, ex-

pressing his deep concern at the news of the criminal abortive attempt on the Pope's life.'

It reported on the same day

were varied.

28 put it this way:

tvrannical force.

from death.

police force.

the separate performances into a convincing whole. He'll try to control the pace properly, to offset the mood established in one scene with that in an-

He'll try to make sure it right'. Cameraman, 'looks sound recordist, make-up, costume and many others will contribute their talents too.

#### No vacuum

But, of course, i none of these very skilled people live in a social vacuum. The actress who played Grady's wife for example, Diana Coupland, did an excellent job of the suffering but loving woman. In the current issue of 'TV Times' she also

two pages showing off her taste in expensive clothes against a background of her expensive house. Anthony Bate too, as Grady, resorted to some very clever devices to give conviction to

appears in full colour over

speech, a terseness, a sharp way of saying romantic or moving lines; also a certain physical trimness and hardness and a careful walk. He was not a caricature and

it was precisely the weight that his playing added to the lines which made them effective, and which made their reactionary content so 'appealing'. In last week's episode

Wilfred Pickles played the wife's father, a retired worker but a bosses' man. In Grady's 'There's millions like him

. . . no bother. Got a gold watch and a few bob a week. He's settled for a small world. Again the combination of

the surface features of such a worker (no mention of the price such millions pay for their small world') with the features which a professional sentimentalizer of the ruling class like Pickles finds so easy. made for a convincing charac-

#### 'Reality?'

And that's the point; withinthe terms of reality laid down by radio and television, the bourgeois press and most films. the situations, acting and writing of 'Grady' will have seemed 'real'. But it depends for its effect precisely on its incompleteness, on turning certain selected and surface features into the whole.

The writer of the series. Edmund Ward, did the same thing in his other immensely successful series, 'The Plane Makers' and 'The Power Game'.

In those the late Patrick Wymark brought the same skills to his portrayal of the tycoon and Ward's scripts carried a similar conviction. He showed us how 'human' everybody was and that, after all, is a role of the artist.

Indeed it is. And the conviction that Ward's scripts carry for millions of people is only a measure of how much those millions seek to see the real world distilled and made comprehensible in their art. It's from that mass desire that the mass media profit.

Ward gets closer than most. but it's precisely where he refuses to go, where he refuses to look, what he dare not hear that the contradictory reality

#### Substitution

It's also relevant that such a series should come from Yorkshire Television, Its leading lights are Donald Baverstock and Alisdair Milne, two men who helped start 'Tonight' on BBC TV in the 1950s.

They continue to try to substitute a certain toughness for objectivity, as they did then, but like then their shift to this kind of output reflects big changes.

We see with class eyes and hear with class ears. A series like 'Grady' may do well with audiences precisely because it seems 'so true' and so con-

temporary. It seems 'tough' and 'sharp': it speaks with accurate not caricatured class accents and looks authentic. It's written and played with conviction.

But it's a lie for all that. It's how it seems to a middleclass writer and to artists quite separated from the actual realities of working-class and industrial life. It's how it seems on the surface.

Television companies are always looking for writers, directors and actors who can bring more 'reality' to the screens. The response from the audience is recognized. The companies pay well for such talent.

But there's also a point at which a drama can suddenly become too real!

#### Censored

Some of the original Wednesday Plays were censored or delayed for this reason. But at what point is this qualitative transformation

reached? And how can a thriving writer, etc. avo crossing the evil line? There's another side to this

quandary, too. Some documentaries have been censored because they were too 'imaginative' and not real enough. It's a hell of a problem

doing television these days and 'Grady' is exactly the answer the executives are seeking. But notice the change from

the hero as tycoon to worker, however backward. It's necessary for television to keep up.

## **Chelsea expects**

something THERE IS rotten in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

It is the mounting mass of old rubbish adorning the streets, as the Tory Council refuse to offer decent terms to the borough's dustmen for its clearance.

Living in the only area where the dustmen's strike has not been finally settled, residents have been writing angry letters to 'The Times'.

But they were nardly pacified by the comments of the Council leader, Sir Malby Crofton

Far from promising to do anything about the situation, he boasted that his Council was 'standing firm on a principle'.

They had decided, he said. that we were not prepared to bribe our men to return to

'I deeply regret that other boroughs have seen fit to do so, particularly as we in Kensington contribute £1 million a year in "rate equalization" to other so-called poorer boroughs.

'We are proud of the stand which we have made in Kensington, and I believe we have reason to be. 'Unless those who have

managerial responsibility: in Britain today take a stand against unreasonable demands. at whatever personal inconvenience or hardship, then the future for this country will indeed be grim.'

So, as the scab contractors fail to deal with the decaying refuse of Kensington and Chelsea, ratepayers can console themselves with the knowledge that Sir Malby is proud

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## A 'unity' proposal fraud by THE 'STATE CAPITALIST' 'International Social-

ism' group has issued a leaflet in St Helens. Lancashire, suggesting what they call 'a measure of unity between revolutionary organizations to pose a credible alternative to Stalinism.

ferences between them and the Socialist Labour League are not big enough to divide the two organizations.

State Capitalists

State Capitalists They suggest that the dif-

In this leaflet they propose to 'work in unison with any group which agrees with the following four points:

- '1) Democratic workers' control of industry.
- '2) Opposition to all ruling-class policies, anti-union legisla-tion and productivity deals.
- '3) Opposition to all forms of racialism and immigration
- '4) Opposition to all imperialist wars and support for all liberation struggles.'

In this list, opposition to the anti-union laws is stated, but the question of how to fight them is deliberately ignored. And for a very good reason.

The 'International Socialism' group has supported the Stalinist line from the very beginning: the line of confining December 8 a protest, and leaving the trade union leaders off the hook.

The Socialist Labour League, on the contrary, has campaigned to make the union leaders fight to mobilize the unions for a General Strike to force the Tory

The IS group is not an 'alternative' to Stalinism, but a faithful collaborator with the Stalin-

government to resign.

How can they be accepted as a 'credible alternative to Stalinism'? Like the Stalinists, they do not raise the question of forcing the government to resign.

Workers' control of industry is mentioned in the leaflet, but without raising the question of nationalizing the banks and industry, without which workers' control becomes a phrase acceptable to every reformist.

The essential requirement for the workers to take over indus-try is that the working class takes state power. For that a revolutionary party is necessary

The 'left' 'International Socialism' group uses 'Workers' control' as words to obscure the need of the hour which is for

PUBLIC LECTURES

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Lectures by C. Slaughter (Central Committee member of the Socialist Labour League)

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#### By Cliff Slaughter

the working class to take power through building a revolutionary

The Socialist Labour League, on the other hand, has always concentrated the whole of its attention on building such a party on the basis of Marxist theory; training young workers in a revolutionary organization independent of reformism and Stalinism, building a daily news-paper, the Workers' Press, and turning into every struggle of the working class.

#### Reactionary idea

The 'state capitalists' have never built anything in the working-class movement

In 1968 they turned to the reactionary idea that the students would be the vanguard of the socialist revolution.

They did so because they had long since rejected the prospect of a capitalist crisis and revised Marxist theory. They found themselves opposed to any revolutionary preparation in the working class.

For the same reasons, because they have adapted to capitalism and its agents in the workers' movement, they have led no fight on productivity deals, even printing a 'shopping list' for workers involved in productivity

Once again, then, they worked

on the same line as the Stalinists, while the Socialist Labour League and the All Trades League Unions Alliance were alone in fighting on principle against every productivity deal.

The 'state capitalist' group has lways considered that the oviet Union is no longer a workers' state, but is now a capitalist state.

It says the working class should not be for the defence of the Soviet Union against the capitalist powers.

The Socialist Labour League, on the contrary, insists the property taken from the capi in Russia in 1917 represents, in its nationalized form, a historic gain for the working class we

This is obviously connected with the differences over Stalin-

The Socialist Labour League fights the Stalinist bureaucracy by building a revolutionary party which can internationally defend the Soviet Union against the dangers to which it is exposed by the policy of the Stalinist bureaucracy and the Communist

Thus the 'IS' group, while refusing to defend the gains

assist the Stalinists in their classcollaboration politics.

Ever since its foundation, the

There is, therefore, no case whatsoever for the unity proposed in the 'International posed in the Socialism' leaflet.

It is only a revolutionary party, built on the foundations laid by Lenin and Trotsky, a party which has always fought against Stalin and Stalinism, that can pose the alternative to Stalinism today.

That party is the Socialist

BUILDING is top of the

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castle upon Tyne was told last

Newcastle Polytechnic senior lecturer Walter Slater said drastic action was needed to

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made by the working class in the USSR, collaborates with the Stalinists in Britain on the antiunion laws. At every point they

Last, but not least, in their methods of aiding the Stalinists is their hostility to Trotskyism, to the Socialist Labour League.

IS group has attacked the Socialist Labour League for our strategy of building the revolutionary party and our determination to found a revolutionary

Labour League.

## IWC conference A Fabian

# answer to

revisionist 'Militant' group—turned up at the Beaver Hall last weekend to take part in the Institute for Workers' Control third London conference.

If they expected their reformist ideas to be confirmed from the platform, these people were not dis-

appointed. Main speaker Walter Kendall, who opened the conference and replied to discussion after Saturday's debate, made a determined attempt to dress old Fabianism in radical clothes.

In so doing he fully confirmed the reactionary character of the IWC which carries on its letterhead a virtual roll-call of 'left' trade union chiefs.

#### REDRESS

For Kendall, the Tory Industrial Relations Bill is simply another in a long line of

He blamed low profits on

employers' ignorance of finan-cial matters, 'witch-doctor'

techniques by estimators and

fixed-price contracting which.

he said, should be abolished

during the present unsettled

economic situation.

#### By an industrial correspondent

redress the balance between the

'It is a reflex action of the ruling elite,' he said.

'The rules of the industrial game have been laid down and within these rules the workers have won more than ever and what the Tories are trying to do now is to tip the game in their

They've regularly changed the laws as they're trying to change them now,' he said, listing the 15th century Statute of Artificers, the Combination Acts, the Osborne Judgement and the 1927 Trades Disputes Act as examples.

Of course, he said, 'you can't enforce this kind of law in a free society, even one that's relatively free like ours. You can enforce it if you're trying to prepare some sort of fascist

#### REASSURED

But, he quickly reassured his

'I don't think that the ruling class are foolish enough to try that game. The odds are that they will be defeated if they

Very comforting for all concerned, but it fails to explain why, if the Tories are not contemplating taking away basic rights, they should go to all the trouble of introducing the Bill in the first place.

In any case, Kendall added, 'If [sic] we set out to defeat the proposed legislation, we can do so by [wait for it] convincing public opinion that it's wrong'.

And if this failed. 'We can change the parliaments that make the law'. And as a last desperate resort:

'If they drive us far enough who knows what the outcome may

#### **REFORMS**

In fact, as Kendall went on to tell his audience, the prospects for reforms were better than

'Don't let's say we can't get more, we can,' he said.

'It is possible to get changes inside capitalist society.'

Some of the changes Kendall looked forward to: a 100 per cent binding statement from the Labour Party that the next Labour government would repeal the Industrial Relations Bill lock stock and barrel; no trade unionist to sit on the Industrial Relations Boards; and the TUC to raise £1 million to pay fines for the smaller unions under the new

Altogether a full-blown attempt at revivifying Fabianism and fine indication of where the IWC stands in the fight against the Tory anti-union laws.

#### Senator tries to ban the **Concorde**

A LEADING American Senator has introduced a Bill aimed at preventing the Anglo-French oncorde and the Russian TU-144 supersonic airliners from flying to the United States and from being produced on a large

Democratic Senator Gaylord Nelson, of Wisconsin, who introduced the measure, said: 'If Congress approves the

plan to deny the use of our air-fields to any SST (supersonic airliner), then it is not economically feasible for other countries to build a fleet-since the US represents the world's most important flying market.'

Asked at a press conference is he thought passage of his Bill would mean Concorde would die, he replied 'I think so'.

ing President Nixon's project to continue subsidizing production of prototype Boeing supersonic airliners — possibly dealing a deathblow to the American SST programme.

## **Polishers'** grading strike in

POLISHERS from the Derby group of Rolls-Royce factories meet on Friday to consider the next steps in what one local union official calls 'a strike in defence of trade

The strike is now in its fifth week. It arose directly from the introduction of evaluation and Measured-Day Work on November 7 this

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering and Foundryworkers predominated in negotiations on the productivity deal which sparked the stoppage.

Polishers who have for many years enjoyed the status and pay of skilled men would under this agreement be down-graded to semi-skilled status.

#### Lose £8

he agreement permits a guaranteed payment to make up their wages for 21 months, after which they will revert to semi-skilled pay losing in some cases as much as £8 a

The polishers asked to be treated as 'dilutees', which means that after a probationary period they would be regraded as skilled men. Metal mechanics' district organ-

izer Harold Brown feels the strike is in defence of trade union principles. 'Rolls-Royce say in effect that the polishers have had it too

'I've never met a situation before where a union has negotiated a lower wage for its

good for too long and now they are stopping them.

#### Less money

'I've never met this problem before. I don't see how anyone can agree that after 21 months people should draw less than they do today and this is what has been done.

'I am beginning to wonder what kind of unions we have at Rolls-Royce,' he said.

## Greek regime makes largescale arrests

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

GREEK SECURITY authorities have made at least 70 arrests recently in an effort to stamp out opposition to the military regime.

The arrests follow a series of explosions and include two former members of the Greek parliament, Vassilios Intzes and Talboth Kefalinos, both members of the Union of the Centre Party under the late premier George Papadopoulos.

Several of those arrested are women and are being interrogated by military police investi-

#### Banishment

Sources in Athens said:

'After preliminary investigation the prosecuting authorities will decide whether to commit them to trial before a military court or to banish them to remote villages as dangerous to public security and order.'

security authorities believe that those arrested have been in close contact with many political prisoners and had helped them to smuggle letters and other statements out of jail.

'Security officials were also investigating reports that some of the arrested had been involved in a plan to help prisoners escape from prison', the source added.

#### **Opposition**

The arrests indicate that opposition to the regime continues to grow despite the martial law and the ban on demonstrations which have been in force since the military coup in April 1967.

Recently about 2,000 youth clashed with police in Athens in the first street demonstration against the junta since the colonels came to power.

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His proposal follows the Senate's 52-41 vote last week reject-

### 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. Labour Party. 9.10 'VILE BODIES'. By Evelyn Waugh. With Richard O'Callaghan and Vivian Pickles. Story about a newspaper columnist and

10.45 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

2.50 p.m. Journey of a lifetime. 3.05 Lone Ranger. 3.15 European Formation Dance Championships, 4.17 Adventures of Rupert Bear. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Lift off. 5.20 Sexton Blake. 5.50 News.

- 6.30 NANNY AND THE PROFESSOR. 6.02 TODAY.
- 7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE.
- 7.30 CORONATION STREET. 8.00 THE CHAMPIONS. 'The Gun Runner'.

#### 9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. Labour Party. 9.10 A FAMILY AT WAR. 'The Forty-Eight Hour Pass'. 10.10 NEWS FROM ITN.

- 11.55 IDEAS IN PRINT. Michael Nelson talks to E. R. Chamberlain, about his recently published book, 'The Bad Popes'. REGIONAL ITV
- CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Robin Hood. 4.25 Open house. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 African patrol. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure hunt. 7.30 London. 11.35 Epilogue. News, WESTWARD: 2.58 European Latin American Dance Championships from Copenhagen. 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 4.10 Rupert Bear. 4.25 London. 6.00 Diary. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Treasure hunt. 7.30 London. 8.00 It takes a thief. 9.00 London. 11.40 Faith for life. 11.45 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 3.00 European Formation Dancing, 4.00 Houseparty, 4.15 Wind in the willows, 4.30 London, 6.00 Day by day, Crime desk, 6.30 My three sons, 7.00 London, 8.00 Saint, 9.00 London, 10.40 Man and woman of the South, 11.00 News, 11.10 London, 11.40 Weather, Action 70.

HARLECH: 3.15 London. 4.17 Mr Piper. 4.40 Anita in jumbleland. 4.55 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 Bold ones. 9.00 London.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.15-4.17 and 6.01-6.35 Report West.

ANGLIA: 3.15 London. 4.25 News, 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. 11.45

10.40 FATHER, DEAR FATHER. 'Unhappy Birthday'. 11.10 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. 11.40 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

YORKSHIRE: 3.00 Judo. 3.25 Fencing. 3.50 Archery. 4.15 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Hogan's heroes. 7.00 London. 8.00 Mannix. 9.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Paulus the wood game. 4.55 London. 6.01 Six-o-one. 6.25 Police file. 6.35 Get Smart. 7.00 London. 8.00 Marcus Welby MD. 9.00 Lon-don

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 Tales from Dickens. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. 11.42 News, weather.

Indications of a major crisis surrounded Monday's meeting between full-time union officials and Linwood management over the firm's £4 10s pay offer, which is coupled to intensification of the existing Measured-Day Work agreement.

overtime.

Their claim is for a £10-aweek increase, to bring pay rates more in line with Chrys-ler's Ryton, Coventry, plant and a reduction in the working week from 40 to 35 hours.

Chief Linwood executive Robert Irwin has made a desperate appeal over the heads company's offer.

other changes. Irwin's letter claims this is 'the highest increase the company has ever made to hourly-

firm's £10.9 million loss last year and adds that the pay offer is tied to 'extension' of the existing Productivity Agreement, 'plus additional reasonable mea-

After Simca production officials visited Linwood, pattern-

was to end. The number of patternmakers is likely to be slashed from 70 to ten, while 450 sackings are

makers there were told that pro-

## **Chryslers** desperate for Linwood pay deal

Building bottom of

profit league

MANAGEMENT at Chrysler's Linwood, Scotland. plant were probably tearing more hair than some other employers as their workers took part in yesterday's strike against the anti-union laws.

BBC 1 9.15-11.35 a.m. Schools. 12.25-12.50 p.m. Naya zindagi-naya jeevan 1.00-1.25 Disc a dawn. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.30-2.50 Schools. 3.45-4.15 Representing the union. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Little Monk. 5.15 Screen test. 5.44

6.45 THE DOCTORS. 7.10 TOM AND JERRY. 7.20 STAR TREK, 'Operation Annihilate'.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

The magic roundabout, 5.50 News, weather.

8.10 SOFTLY, SOFTLY-TASK FORCE. 'Sweet At the Uses of Adversity'. 9.00 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST. Labour Party. 9.10 THE MAIN NEWS and weather.

9.30 SPORTSNIGHT WITH COLEMAN. Soccer and boxing.

#### 10.45 24 HOURS. 11.20 Weather.

REGIONAL BBC All regions as above except: weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland.
Nationwide. 11.27 News, weather. Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.27 News, weather. N Ireland: 10.25-10.45 Ulster in focus. 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.27 News, weather. North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.27 News, weather.

SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.27 News, weather. Wales: 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide, 6.45-7.10 Heddiw. 7.20 **BBC 2** 11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 7.05 p.m. SQUARE TWO.

8.00 TIMES REMEMBERED. 8.10 MAN ALIVE. 'The Other Half'. The new rich and the new poor.

his fiancee in 1928. 10.40 NEWS ON 2 and weather. HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 and HTV (Cymru/Wales) black and white service as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y

Ask the family, 7.40-8.10 Ble carech chi fynd? 7.40-8.10 Late call,

ATV MIDLANDS: 3.49 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 London. 6.00 ATV today. Police five. 6.35 Cross-

roads. 7.00 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. ULSTER: 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 Bracken's world. 9.00 London. 10.40 An evening with Michael Macliammoir. 11.10 London.

TYNE TEES: 4.10 News. 4.15 Patterns of folk. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Wheel of fortune. 7.00 London. 8.00 UFO. 9.00 London. 11.40 News. 11.55 Epilography.

SCOTTISH: 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.30 Syd Lawrence band show. 7.00 London. 8.00 Bonanza. 9.00 London. 10.40 Silent force. 11.10 Scotsport. 11.40 Wrestling. 12.05 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 3.49 News. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Cartoon. 4.25 Freud on food. 4.55 London. 6.00 News. weather. 6.10 Grampian week. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 8.55 Police news. 9.00 London. 11.10 Scotsport. 11.35 Wrestling.

Stewards have turned down the offer and refused to take it back for discussion. Two weeks ago, they banned

of shop stewards in a letter sent to each employee's home appealing for acceptance of the This includes a £4 10s-a-week rise, 10s-a-week increase in shift allowance, women's pay at 85 per cent of male rates and

paid employees'.

These pleadings are unlikely to cut much ice with Linwood's 6,500 workers who experienced a massive erosion of their pay through inflation during the current three-year deal which expires at the end of the month. Irwin stresses in his letter the

sures to improve efficiency'. Fears that this will mean new stringent productivity strings attached to the £4 10s offer have been heightened by moves against Linwood patternmakers, one of the plant's most militant sec-

duction of dies for Simca tools rumoured for the toolroom.

## Photo-news

## Half Merseyside at standstill

ALMOST HALF of Merseyside's industry and commerce came to a total standstill yesterday as 100,000 workers came out on strike against the Tory government and its anti-union

20,000 of them protested in Liverpool's biggest political demonstration in living

memory.
Officials of the Liverpool Trades
Council estimated that their call to strike against the Industrial Relations Bill had shut down nearly 50 per cent of Merseyside.

Docks on both sides of the river were at a total standstill. The strike also halted production at Ford's, Halewood, and Vauxhall motors at Ellesmere Port involving 23,000 car

#### MILE-LONG

All construction sites were immobilized as a massive lobby of building workers joined men from scores of other factories in the area on the mile-long march.

All delegations echoed the president of the Liverpool Trades Council, Eddie Loyden, when he told the Workers Press:
'This is only the beginning. Now we must go forward to a General

Strike to bring this government The column of chanting workers took over half an hour to file into

the square by Liverpool's Pier Head. There, in an electric atmosphere, compared by older workers with the mass demonstrations of the 1920s, a resolution demanding the TUC organize a General Strike and link this to the campaign to bring the government down was unanimously.

Eddie Loyden gave this message to the Workers Press: This massive and inspiring display of class solidarity is an indictment

bring down this government and defeat the Bill. 'Now the Trades Council will go forward to extend the struggle—this is only the beginning,' he added.

#### CONFIDENT

Merseyside yesterday confirmed the views of all those in the labour movement who are confident of the ability of the working class to smash Tory reaction.

The Liverpool Trades Council deserve an accolade from all workers for this bold and courageous step in the defence of the historic rights of the working class.









THIRTY Sheffield factories shut down yesterday and 600 workers and students marched through the city centre.

to worship at the shrine of

supply and demand without

having the right to demand

and losing the basic requirement of life—the right

Tory government, brought

down by workers' action, is

a government that will carry out truly socialist

measures of nationalization

The working class has to

I agree that the answer

We fought for a sit-in in

to unemployment is the sit-

in and occupation of fac-

our factory. We lost the

vote among our members,

but the hig thing is to strive

understand more and more

the attack of capital on

labour, which threatens all

the rights they have won.

They have been held back

only by the lack of a leader-ship basing itself on the

CALLEY trial witness Thomas

Turner (24) told the Fort

Benning, Georgia, hearing that he saw Lt William Calley

spend over an hour massacring

ley's platoon at the time of the March 1968 My Lai

massacre, now a student at

Nebraska University, described

how Calley ordered small groups of villagers into a

drainage ditch and shot them.

CALCUTTA and surrounding

W Bengal were paralysed yes-

terday by a general strike

against police repression, in-

cluding manhunts by armed

police for members of the

Naxalite Maoist organization.

a halt as all police were put on duty and the army mobil-ized under the W Bengal

government's state of emer-

an attack on a police station

N Calcutta.

Police opened fire during

Transport services came to

Turner, a corporal in Cal-

Vietnamese civilians.

true nature of the

class struggle.

Workers are coming to

for consciousness.

under workers' control.

The alternative to the

price for our labour,

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that they will not help the Mersey Docks and Harbour

The Trades Union Congress should be compelled by union members and working men and women as a whole to call a General Strike against anti-union

The AEF executive council, as a first step, should have endorsed its members' action on December 8 instead of running away.

There has been a resolution for a month on our notice-board, carried by the shop stewards' committee. calling on our leaders to organize a general stoppage.

The Tories, of course, are not going to withdraw this Bill after just a one-day token. I supported this action on the 8th as a means to demand the TUC calls a General Strike. Our rights won't be defended just by protests or gimmicks.

Further, the Bill will not be defeated unless the Tory government is driven out.

We must ensure that we

PRESIDENT NIXON is still

trying to stave off a national

rail strike planned for tomor-

He has asked Congress to

extend for another 45 days the period during which rail-way unions are forbidden to

strike. The strike was first called for January 1, 1970.

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan

flew into Washington from New York yesterday for talks

prospects for resuming peace

talks with the Israelis. Israeli

Defence Minister Davan will

be in Washington for similar

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Under discussion were the

with President Nixon.

talks on Friday.

BRIEFLY

Ten coaches also travelled to London to lobby MPs on the anti-union Bill. are not shackled and made

Workers from the British Steel Corporation's River Don works, English Steel, Shard-low's and other factories followed the engineering union's banner through the busy Sheffield streets and responded with shouts of 'Tories out!' to the comments of Sheffield housewives on price rises.

The massive anti-Tory feeling of the demonstrators was expressed by English Steel engineering worker Alan Wil-

make certain that the next 'There are 3,000 out at the Labour government comes to power with mass action River Don plant', he told Workers Press. that will protect our rights taking place around all these demands.

'There has been a lot of discussion about December 8 and it was a unanimous decision to strike. But the prospects of further one-day strikes will not get us any where.

'At first, older workers would not support the strike, because it was only for one day. We had to explain that this was only the beginning, leading up to a general strike to throw out the Tories.' At the mass meeting fol-lowing the march, AEF dis-

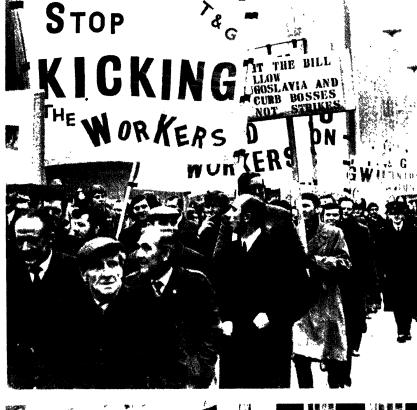
trict secretary, George Caborn, leading Sheffield Communist Party member, expressed his 'hopes' that the TUC leaders would fight.

PAKISTAN'S parliamentary election results—the first in the country's history—have shown Sheik Mujibar's separatist Awami League leading in E Pakistan. In the western section of the country the leftwing People's Party of Mr Bhutto went ahead with 50

out of 122 seats declared. Military ruler President Yahya Khan has warned that if the new parliament fails to adopt a constitution maintaining the political unity of E W Pakistan, the country will revert to military rule.

LONDON teachers yesterday responded to the Inner Lon-Teachers' Association's strike call despite the teachers' union executive branding the stoppage unofficial.

By lunchtime 12,000 pupils had been sent home and more were to follow as 31 schools were completely closed and 140 partially shut.



Left and below: Other sections of the

Paperworkers, constructional engineers, tenants, electricians and printers joined a 200strong anti-Bill march through Gravesend, Kent, yesterday. Organized by the Gravesend Trades Council, it was joined by a delegation of the 3.000 Kingsnorth power-station workers who transformed their work-to-rule into a strike for the day. Also on the march were engineering workers from factories in the Erith, Kent,

Some 2,500 printing workers were estimated to be on strike in the Gravesend, Northfleet and Southfleet



A including those from Fore-

mans, the biggest print shop

two-hour meeting in the town

centre, but tried unsuccess-

fully to prévent All Trades

SOGAT Division A members

from Robinsons, Mardon &

Hall and other firms made up

the hard core of an estimated

8,000 strikers in BRISTOL

ted Chapel banner 'No to Tory dictators', 500 trade unionists and students from

the University and Polytechnic

Rolls-Royce toolroom was

About 1,500 workers and

students demonstrated through BIRMINGHAM yesterday

Leading the march was the local NUVB banner, and there

were small contingents from

most car factories in the area.

Many of the immigrant workers from Birmid-Qualcast

and Midland Motor Cylinder

by the strike—intended to stay

out for two days.

Smethwick—closed down

In S WALES building, car

and steel workers were to the fore amongst 10,000 taking

part there in yesterday's stop-

afternoon against the Bill.

one of the leading sections

taking part in the stoppage.

marched through the city.

Behind the Purnell's Federa-

Alliance members

The Trades Council held a

in Nottingham.

from speaking.

yesterday.

#### Half million out

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ing Union; Shell, Carrington; Kellogg Inter-Hawker - Siddeley, Ferranti; national: Woodford; British Steel; Shell Chemicals; International Combustion: Metal Box Company. Altrincham; DATA workers, some from AEI; Manchester dry dock.

A very short open-air meeting passed a motion that: 'This meeting calls on the General Council of the TUC to mobilize the working class against the Bill on a scale never seen since 1926.'

HULL dockers joined en-

gineers, boilermakers, seamen, building workers and students in the Trades Council's 600strong march to the city hall. The demonstrators passed a resolution calling on the TUC to take steps to stop the Industrial Relations Bill's passage through parliament and to make January 12 a national

STOCKPORT yesterday saw 20,000 workers out, affecting 30 factories including Hawker Siddelev. Bowater-Stevenson, Bredbury steel works, Mirlee's, Pickup's and Fairey engineering.

In NOTTINGHAM a big response came from Raleigh's where a majority of the 200 toolroom men walked out and were joined by garage mechanics. Sections of the Society of

Lithographic Artists and De-

By a two-thirds majority the 5,000 men on the British Petroleum Baglan Bay construction site voted to strike. The Cwmbran steel works came out. signers (SLADE) joined print colleagues in SOGAT Division

At Ford's Swansea plant 1,800 were out while some sections struck at the Llanelli British-Leyland factory.

Three colleges struck in the Cardiff area: the University, College of Art and Newport Art College. Though a S Wales division

miners' union banner was carried on the demonstration, marchers commented that leading Stalinists in the pits had not pulled out one colliery. About 15,000 workers were on strike in the NORTH

Some 2,000 boilermakers, shipwrights and students marched through SOUTH-AMPTON yesterday after-

In N IRELAND, shipyards and light engineering fac-tories were hit by the strike. A complete stoppage shut Sirocco engineering near Belfast and Short Brothers and Harland's Castlereagh works.

Half the workers at International Computers struck, alongside 95 per cent from Standard Telephone and Cables.

In GLASGOW, more than 20,000 stopped work.

Car, shipyard and engineering workers formed the main bulk of those on strike. Chief contingents on an 800of the National Union Vehicle Builders and the National Union university.

A resolution carried at the meeting which followed demanded early recall of the TUC to fight against the Bill. Marches also took place in Paisley—centre of one of the strongest responses to the strike call in engineering—and Motherwell.

Behind a huge banner which read 'Throw out Carr's Bill! TUC call a General Strike!' 1,000 students from LEEDS university and the city's polytechnic marched together with workers.

Leeds construction engineers' branch secretary E. G. Moody told Workers Press: 'We are very disappointed in the TUC—in fact, we are disgusted with them.

'After today there should be an all-out, complete strike. The TUC and the unions

should make it official. There would be definite support among our members.'

#### WEATHER

THERE will be mist or freezing fog patches at first, with sunny periods in most areas later. E England and E Anglia will be rather cloudy. However, bright spells are expected from time to time.

There will be frost in many places at first, but during the day temperatures will rise somewhat, although for much of Britain it will be a rather cold day. Further fog patches are likely again tomorrow evening.

#### Lories

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Stalinist betraval of the miners who, despite their strong anti-Tory feelings, did not come out on December 8.
This also explains why, in many areas like the Midlands and Crawley, Stalinist stewards dropped the campaign for

The Stalinist leadership has no intention of allowing December 8 to transcend its 'protest' limits and is consciously evading a major struggle on the anti-union laws even the employers'

December 8 when they met

right-wing opposition.

rationalization plans. They are afraid of any attempt to extend the struggle within the unions and exploit the massive revolutionary potential which still lies dormant within

them. They have no desire to upset the native bureaucracy

in Britain or to embarrass the Moscow leadership which has once again praised the Heath government and given it political confidence. We therefore urge all

militant workers to transform this protest movement into a revolutionary avalanche by waging a vigorous campaign within the unions to make their leaders fight for a policy of General Strike to force the

Tories to resign. Every leader in the trade union movement must be made to stand up and be counted. Bombard your ECs with resolutions. Lobby your discommittees and demand that they call on the TUC to make January 12 a national General Strike. Demand that the 'left'

Labour MPs support such action publicly.

We urge all readers and supporters to fight to get the Charter of Basic Rights adopted in as many union branches, trades councils and

shop stewards' committees as possible. Finally, we appeal to all workers to send the largest possible delegations to the All Trades Unions Alliance conference on December 19 and in that way lay a secure foundation for revolutionary

eadership and policy in the Stop the retreat!Make the union leaders

• Force the Tories to re-

sign!

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Clark was meeting employers' representatives and the N Ireland TUC committee at Stormont while the emergency committee of top civil servants was also meeting.

#### WARNING

The swift reaction by the Ulster government is a warning that similar preparations are being made here. A side-effect of yesterday's December 8 strike was Fleet Street's inability to add any fuel to such attacks or get under way with its customary

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Little change. Widespread frost at night and local fog patches, perhaps dense in places. Rather cold. strong demonstration through the city centre were from the workshops, branches