

## How to fight the Tory anti-union laws

BY CLIFF SLAUGHTER

THE EXPLOSIONS at the home of Tory Employment Secretary Robert Carr have given the capitalist press and television, as well as to the government, an opportunity which they have seized with both hands.

They are doing their utmost to build up a picture associating the explosions with socialists and trade unionists who are fighting politically against the anti-union laws. Hoping to cover their own tracks, they create the atmosphere of sinister threats to the 'democratic way of life' of Britain.

There is, of course, no connection whatsoever between the planting of the bombs at Carr's house and the fight to mobilize the trade union movement to defeat the Tory Bill. The Tories and their spokesmen are well aware of the rapidly growing opposition to the Bill, and the growing rejection of the cowardly TUC leadership. All the propaganda suggesting that trade unionists who are fighting the Bill might be associated with the explosions is in order to divert and confuse this growing movement.

The Industrial Relations Bill itself will give the state sweeping powers against working-class political organizations and newspapers and the security checks now in progress are part of the same preparations.

The working-class movement in Britain will not be turned aside from the defence of its basic rights by crude provocations or unsubstantiated inventions in the press about conspiracies.

The fight against the anti-union laws is a fight that has been going on out in the open ever since Barbara Castle introduced 'In Place of Strife', and it has gathered new strength in the last few weeks, as more and more workers understand the need to fight to make the Tory government resign. The method of this fight is not bombs or acts of individual protest and bravado, but the method of mobilizing the whole organized trade union movement. This is what the Tories fear.

This is why, on the day the bombs exploded, there were present at the Albert Hall protest meeting, called by the TUC, 200 Special Branch officers (according to the 'Evening Standard').

The growing movement against the anti-union laws and to make the Tories to resign is a movement of the working class against the capitalist class and its government, not a campaign against the person of Carr. Everybody knows this is basic to Marxism and to socialist politics.

The great question to be decided in the working-class movement has two sides to it: how can the full strength of the organized labour movement be brought into action to bring down the Tories and how can we replace the present leadership of the working-class movement?

At the time of the December 8 one-day strike, many workers were responding to mere 'protest' politics of the Stalinist-led Liaison Committee. Still the supporters of this Committee are insisting that the Tories can be forced to change their minds.

Protest alone will not defeat the Bill. Thousands of workers understood this when they turned the January 12 stoppages and meetings into angry demonstrations against the Tory government. The call for a General Strike to be organized by the TUC, which until a few weeks ago was fought for only by the Trotskyists, has now become the demand of all class-conscious workers.

Barber's arrogant declaration that he will go on with the Bill whatever the opposition, and his insistence on pegging wages while prices go up more than ever before, only show that the Tories are desperately afraid of the strength of the working class, and are hoping that the hesitation and betrayal of the union and Labour leaders will allow them to get the Bill through before this strength is manifested.

The tasks now facing Marxists are, therefore, very decisive ones. We have been proved right in denouncing the politics of protest and in calling for a fight to make the TUC call a General Strike. We have been right in emphasizing the indispensable need to build an alternative leadership to the Labour and trade union bureaucracy and their Stalinist supporters. Now we must turn every ounce of political energy into the next stage of the fight.

The Alexandra Palace rally on February 14, to force the Tories to resign: this is the essential focus for all those who want to defeat the anti-union laws. This is a political struggle, a struggle to replace the Tories with a Labour government. Such a government would be brought to power by the strength of a mass movement demanding socialist policies. This, and not bomb attacks, is what the Tories fear.

What happened in Sheffield between December 8 and January 12 is typical of the depths of degeneration reached by Stalinism and opportunism, of all those who tried to confine the fight against the Industrial Relations Bill to a protest. Terry Devey, Bachelor's ex-convoener, who accepted a £3,000 pay-off, and George Caborn, AEF district secretary who negotiated this deal, both leading Communist Party members at the time, were the main speakers at the Liaison Committee's December 8 meeting in Sheffield. Naturally on January 12 they were silent!

Thus the protesters-in-chief became the first men to accept a settlement in accordance with the terms of the Tory Bill! Their conduct, backed by the contemptible silence of the Communist Party Executive on the matter, is the perfect accompaniment to the complete refusal of the TUC and Labour leaders to fight the Tories.

We can be absolutely confident that the working class now on the move will not be stopped by these more and more open betrayals, any more than they will by the crude diversions around the bomb explosion.

● Forward to the Alexandra Palace Rally on February 14, for a massive show of strength in the campaign to force the Tories to resign!

## Accept MDW or get out—B-Leyland

# Car ultimatum hotly contested

A CLIMAX was reached in the battle at British-Leyland's Oxford plants yesterday when car workers rejected a company ultimatum on Measured-Day Work.

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

At three mass meetings, men voted against the new payment system — despite Leyland's threat of transfers to the unattached labour pool if it was not accepted.

Yesterday's dramatic developments centred on about 400 assembly workers at the firm's redeveloped South Side assembly works at Cowley, Oxford.

They have been told by Leyland's that if they do not immediately accept Measured-Day Work on the new ADO 28 model—the key to its future profitability, Leyland says—they will be thrown into the pool and other workers from the company's North side plant will step into their jobs.

At a mass meeting of all the company's Morris Motors pieceworkers, officials described the company move as an attempt to destroy trade unionism at Cowley and to intimidate men individually into accepting Measured-Day Work.

The meeting voted against MDW. This stand was echoed by Leyland car body workers at the linked Pressed-Steel Fisher site at their mass meeting yesterday.

### No agreement

But later, isolated and under extreme pressure from management, the majority of the South side assembly workers agreed to work the new system as individuals in return for the management's offer of £1 an hour for operating it.

Stewards stress that this is completely outside any agreement with the unions.

The assembly works is, for Leyland's, the key area to the Cowley complex.

It is here that they hope to begin production on the ADO 28 and transfer thousands of workers from the North side to operate MDW.

As stewards warned yesterday, if MDW gets off the ground in the South side it will be a first important step to introducing speed-up and tight labour discipline throughout the Cowley complex.

Already management notices informing workers of their intention to introduce MDW forthwith have been posted in all the key Cowley plants.

Leyland's need this system so desperately that they told assembly workers yesterday that they would pay those who accepted it £1 for the time they spent at the mass meetings.

But stewards told the Workers Press that there would be no retreat on MDW.

### Minority

They stressed that the assembly workers are a minority and that the bulk of the Cowley men stand against the new system and insist on remaining on piecework rates.

Malcolm Young, Amalgamated Engineers and Foundryworkers' district secretary

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AMONG THE National Union of Students lobbyists who went to Westminster yesterday to protest against the Tory government's decision to expel Rudi Dutschke from Britain was NUS president Jack Straw (above centre).

Cambridge students are organizing a demonstration against the Maudling decision through London on Sunday.

MPs will debate the Dutschke case next Tuesday, Leader of the House William Whitelaw told the Commons yesterday.

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## Appeal for national glass 'black'

SACKED Pilkington glassworkers at St Helens yesterday made another appeal for support in their fight for reinstatement.

Leaders of the glassmen's Rank-and-File Committee were disturbed by the failure of London docks stewards to give immediate support to the 'black' on Pilkington products and stressed the need for this urgent action.

Hull dockers have refused to handle the glass company's goods until Pilkington reinstates more than 100 St Helens workers, sacked and blacklisted after last summer's strike.

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### Mersey dockers tell Jones

## Break silence on secret talks

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

MERSEY PORT stewards are to ask transport union secretary Jack Jones to explain reports of his secret talks with employers about ending the statutory guarantee of dock jobs.

Officers of the stewards' committee are to write to Jones calling on him to explain the report in last Saturday's Workers Press that discussions about abolition of the 1947 dock labour scheme have been going on behind the scenes for at least four months.

A meeting of the committee's executive has resolved to defend the National Dock Labour Board against any attempt to take it away.

Neither Mr Jones nor T&GWU national docks officer Timothy O'Leary, who, our investigation showed, was also a participant in the talks with the employers, were available to comment on the Liverpool men's call yesterday.

Our investigations have also brought to light further details about a dispute over recruitment of extra men in which the Liverpool dockers are engaged with their employers.

Control over this recruitment should be exercised 100 per cent by the unions, say port stewards and union officials.

Employers, while originally insisting on equal joint control, are believed to have made known that they are prepared to concede 60 per cent control to the unions if they will agree to joint control in principle.

### FORMULA

We now know that a compromise formula for joint control at individual firms was put forward by the employers during the secret talks last October.

Shipping circles were told after a meeting in Liverpool that both Jones and O'Leary thought this offered possibilities.

O'Leary was said to have agreed to follow it up with T&GWU district secretary Lew Lloyd when the latter returned from a holiday.

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CHINA is negotiating an £8.3m barter trading deal with the Greek military government, according to reliable reports from Athens.

The deal is said to involve exchange of 20,000 tons of Greek tobacco for Chinese mutton, but Athens officials have refused to elaborate or comment on the report.

In 1969, China exported £250,000-worth of mutton to Greece.

BAN on parades in Ulster imposed last July will be lifted on January 31, it was announced at Stormont yesterday.

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£1,250 January Fund now needs £940 12s 2d

THE FUND stands, at the moment, at £309 7s 10d. We have 17 days to raise the balance, together with an extra £1,000 needed for the rally at Alexandra Palace.

Our confidence in achieving these amounts lies in the enormous movement that is emerging against the Tory government. Post Office workers, car workers, trade unionists everywhere, are standing firm against the Heath gang. The Workers Press puts all its support behind these struggles. Our aim is to develop revolutionary leadership. We will not rest until this government is made to resign.

Join us in this fight. Raise an extra amount this month for our Appeal Fund. Post it as soon as possible to:

Workers Press Appeal Fund, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4.

### Fears for repertory

A NEW wage agreement for the acting profession has once again faced the actors' union—Equity—with the basic issue of theatrical finance.

The £500,000 deal—signed yesterday by the union, the Council of Repertory Theatres and the Theatrical Management Association covers about 1,000 artists in 60 theatres for one year from next April.

● Full union members, now on £10 10s a week, will get £20.

● Provisional members—with less than 40 weeks professional experience—have

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### Shipyard strike to release Burgos protesters

EIGHT HUNDRED workers at the Bilbao naval shipyard began a strike on Wednesday against the continued police detention of 12 fellow workers.

They demonstrated for an hour outside the offices of the company, demanding the release of the 12 men, who, police say, are being held for leading strikes against the recent Burgos trial of the 16 Basque nationalists.

The Bilbao strike shows that the Spanish working class, with international support, forced Franco to retreat over the death sentences.

It is now carrying on its fight to secure the release of all political prisoners—a struggle that must be given maximum backing by the British working class.

## NE Trades Council backs rally

BACKING for the anti-Tory rally called by the Young Socialists for February 14 has come from a Jarrow and Hebburn Trades Council public meeting.

Attended by over 100 local trade unionists, the meeting endorsed the resolution carried by 5,000 local engineering workers on January 12—full text reproduced in yesterday's Workers Press—and asked the council to organize a delegation to participate in the Alexandra Palace rally.

The meeting also urged 'all working-class organizations to support and participate in the anti-Tory rally'.

A demand that the Trades Union Congress organize a General Strike to force the Tories to resign has been forwarded to TUC headquarters in London.

### Mobilize

The resolution endorsed by the meeting also insisted that the TUC trade union executives and the Labour Party must mobilize the entire working-class movement to defend its six Basic Rights as outlined in the All Trades Unions Alliance's Charter.

With the NE showing the way forward to Alexandra Palace, Newcastle printworkers are calling on their union's executive to press the TUC for action aimed at replacing the Tories with a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

The following resolution has been carried by the Newcastle branch of SOGAS (Division 1 (NATSOPAS)): 'This branch calls upon the executive committee to instruct the members to oppose the Tories' Industrial Relations Bill to the fullest extent possible.'

Recognizing that this Bill represents an attempt to deprive unions of the power to defend their members at a time when sackings, redundancies and speed-up are on the employers' agenda, we call for a strike of one day or longer to bring about the complete withdrawal of the Bill.

Recognizing also that the success or failure of the Tory government in passing such legislation determines the length of life of that government, we call upon the TUC to bring about a stoppage throughout the trade union movement so as to bring to power a Labour government pledged to socialist policies.

These are the only alternatives to the Tory attack on our living standards and organization.

**YOUNG SOCIALISTS**

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# Preparation for civil war

PENTAGON and Defence Department spies not only operate throughout SE Asia, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East in tens of thousands, but 1,200 intelligence agents are spying on civilians at home.

The Senate Sub-committee on Constitutional Rights has admitted that Army Intelligence agents spied on Illinois Senator Adlai Stevenson III and former Governor Otto Kerner, as well as hundreds of other state and local officials, politicians, newspaper reporters and lawyers.

Sub-committee head Senator Sam Ervin revealed that no-one was exempt from surveillance:

'It was enough that they opposed or did not actively support the government's policy in Vietnam or that they disagreed with domestic policies of the Administration or that they were in contact with or sympathetic to people with such views.'

Qualifications difficult for anyone except hermits to avoid.

While this comes as no surprise, the origins of the Army's activity are significant.

Three years ago rioting hit Detroit and cities across the country.

Spring 1968 saw the army sent in to put down resistance in the ghettos of Chicago, Washington and Baltimore.

At the same time the Army was told to make preparations to send as many as 10,000 troops to each of 25 different cities simultaneously.

For such a major operation the Army began to collect information which it hoped would show where troops might be called in and in what strengths they would be needed.

Military intelligence built up computerized data banks on suspected 'troublemakers', even eavesdropping on the telephone conversations of such liberals as Senator Eugene McCarthy at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Defence Secretary Melvin Laird admitted in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Army spies were active at both Democratic and Republican conventions in 1968.

The conviction of US Trotskyist Juan Farinas was in large part based on the lies of Army intelligence agents who investigated Farinas for his opposition to the Indo-China war and helped railroad his conviction.

As usual when a major scandal can no longer be kept from



GIs SMOKE POT FROM A GUN BARREL.

# 'Our morale it's so low you can't see it'

## US Round-up

public attention, the Army has tried to portray the affair as an 'accident'.

An Army spokesman said:

'I honestly believe we drifted into this area without quite realizing what we were getting into and because no-one else was around to do the job, I'm convinced no-one intended to spy on individuals or control civilian life in any way.'

No-one will believe this.

What emerges is a glimpse of an Administration preparing for civil war.

Sections of the ruling class see that they cannot attack the unions and like unemployment without preparing the ground for major and violent confrontations with the working class.

Spying on such wide sections, including leading Democratic politicians, indicates how far to the right the ruling class is prepared to draw the battle lines.

## Canine-ization

THE UNITED STATES has awarded more than two million medals for acts of bravery in Vietnam—almost one for every serviceman ever stationed there.

This total does not include Purple Hearts — awarded for wounds — nor mentions in dispatches.

On top of the sheer number of awards, two incidents late last year have helped to bring the system into disrepute.

The Army cancelled two medals awarded to a general for deeds of valour which never took place.

Two conscripts revealed to the Press that they had been ordered to invent suitable heroic deeds to complete the citation.

A month later the Army admitted that two dogs had been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in military operations against the enemy.

These two heroes — identified as Griffin M. Canine and Smokey M. Griffin — were included in a batch of 25th Division infantrymen recommended for the medal.

Army spokesmen denied that the awards were forewarning of a plan to bypass troops' anti-war feeling and reluctance to engage the enemy.

THE AMERICAN soldier belongs to one of the most deeply troubled undefeated armies in military history', a commentator said recently.

Take just one episode: during his Christmas show at the Long Binh Army base Bob Hope asked the four-star-General Weyand to take a bow.

The S Vietnam deputy US commander held both hands high with fingers outstretched in V peace signs.

22,000 GIs in the audience shouted their approval of this gesture coming from such a high-ranking officer.

If Generals behave like this, what hope is there for the lower ranks?

The lull in fighting for US troops recently has brought problems of restlessness and boredom.

In one 25th Infantry Division brigade 11 soldiers were killed in action over two months.

But other deaths were caused by accidents, often mishandling of weapons.

An officer bemoaned: 'Discipline in the field is deteriorating, and we keep shooting or blowing ourselves up with our own weapons.'

Nixon's promise of withdrawal and the Vietnamization programme has squashed any last remaining desire to fight among troops.

## US SOLDIERS REVOLT

One soldier put it this way: 'The first time I was here in 1968, we were more aggressive. Then people felt that if we really went at it, we could finish the war. Now we know that it will go on after we leave, so why get killed?' Or as a GI said more simply: 'Our morale, man, it's so low you can't see it.'

### 'GRUNT'

GIs, especially the front line 'grunts', are prepared to go to enormous lengths to beat the 'Green Machine' — the Army hierarchy.

'Search and evade' missions are commonplace and for some preferable to being under base discipline.

One 'grunt' commented: 'Sometimes I really kind of like the bush.'

'At the end of the day you drop your pack. You hack away

a little piece of the jungle and make a little space for yourself.

'You put on your cassette for a little sound, really low. Maybe you smoke a little dew (marijuana), just to relax.

'Man, that's not bad. Out in the bush you can have your own little castle.'

Drug-taking is increasing by leaps and bounds.

The Defence Department admits that two years ago only 30 per cent of troops took drugs or marijuana.

A year ago the rate was up to 40 per cent and now is at least up to the 60 per cent level.

### AMNESTY

According to Pentagon figures soldiers died from heroin overdoses at the rate of nearly one a day between August and October.

Last August the Army began an amnesty programme for addicts to turn themselves in for treatment. The scheme has had mixed results.

Private Dan Brooks in charge of the clinic 'Amnesty House' near Saigon explained: 'When it gets close to the end of their tour, addicts want to sort themselves out before they go home.'

'There are also a few guys here who have four to six months left in Vietnam, but I figure our chances of helping them aren't good.'

'They're going back to the kind of harassment they were trying to get away from...'

Tension in the Army reaches breaking point in relations between career soldiers — 'lifers' — and the reluctant draftees.

'Newsweek' reports a story showing the Army to be very close to cheering their own defeat.

'At one camp,' says entertainer Johnny Grant, who spent Christmas in Vietnam, 'we heard the "grunts" cheer enthusiastically when they learned that two of their own officers had just been killed in a Vietcong ambush.'



Amnesty House: For the 'cure'.

## Hotel homeless

A NEW YORK public official last week faced, at first sight, an unusual problem in a city famous for its affluence-shouting skyline.

Human Resources Administrator Jule Sugarman had his offices occupied for several days by 60 women and children who had nowhere to live.

They had been living under terrible and debilitating conditions in a 'hotel' provided by the city housing authorities.

'Hotel' is a grim misnomer. After press reports of the conditions health officials declared it 'uninhabitable and ordered it closed.'

Twenty mothers with their 40 children, confronted Mr Sugarman, but he could find nowhere for them to go.

So in his office they stayed... finding it a big improvement on the 'hotel'.

The children were said to be well enough behaved for staff to continue working.

### ESCALATING

The stay-in resulted from the 'welfare hotels' problem which has been festering for months.

After demolishing houses to make way for new flats the authorities have put homeless families 'temporarily' in hotels.

The problem has grown to monstrous proportions because demolished slums have not been replaced with low-cost housing.

In four years the number of hotel families has risen to over 1,000 and is escalating at the rate of 10 per cent a month.

Hotels willing to accept welfare families tend to be the decaying haunts of drug addicts, prostitutes and petty criminals.

One woman at the Hamilton Hotel on Manhattan's West Side spent nights last summer on the underground trains for fear of the hotel at night.

Sometimes addicts set premises on fire, hoping to loot rooms when their occupants are driven out by the alarm.

'Time' magazine described a flat lived in by a woman with her eight children for two years:

'The apartment is a horror. In the bathroom, peeling paint drips leaking water from the toilet in the bathroom above; a film of water containing faeces gleams dully on the floor.

'Roaches and other bugs swarm over the walls, the bathtub and the sink.'

The family has four beds for the nine of them and the same number of chairs, which means taking meals in two shifts.

The gas stove, which leaks, is kept burning all day because the central heating rarely works.

Hotel children's health suffers accordingly.

City officials look the other way when hotel owners pack apartments and rake in profits by charging for the number of occupants and not for each room.

Owners will receive more than \$7.5 million from the city this year.

Important reading

REVOLUTION BETRAYED TROTSKY

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An anti-war lieutenant decorates his gun with peace symbols.



HABERMAS is what you would get if you were presented with a do-it-yourself kit for constructing a post-war German sociologist-philosopher who had heard of Marxism via the 'Frankfurt school' of Adorno and Horkheimer.

The latter two gentlemen, like their colleague Herbert Marcuse, developed a historically unequalled moral and mental agility.

They managed to maintain the reputation of being some sort of Marxists while at various times performing functions for the military administrations of the 'democracies' as well as retaining the highest academic posts.

Habermas is somewhat younger. He is working on theories to show why the working class cannot be a revolutionary force, but students might be... except we don't really need revolutions any more.

The continuity with Adorno and company, and with longer academic German tradition, lies in his tendency to arrive at the most trivial conclusions only after the most verbally elaborate preparation.

Marx once commented that because of their poverty of economic and political development, the Germans put everything into philosophy. The German petty-bourgeois intelligentsia of the 20th century, impotent as ever, resorts to a pseudo-philosophical straining at abstract concepts.

Perhaps the main interest in these selected essays by Habermas lies in his support for the possibility that students are the potential force for social change.

This has become a theme of revisionists like Ernest Mandel and other ex-Trotskyists who try to give it a 'Marxist' flavour.

NEO-CAPITALISM Habermas draws his conclusion, however, from an extension of the ideas of the bourgeois sociologist Max Weber, one of the most conscious opponents of Marxist theory and of the revolutionary movement.

According to Habermas (like Marcuse and others) the working class is not a revolutionary force, because under 'state-regulated capitalism' (neo-capitalism) it has become possible to make the workers happy with their exploitation through relative abundance of material goods.

He has a very fancy sociological way of saying this, which apparently gets him places as a 'theoretician'.

'But with the deflection of dangers to the system in state-regulated capitalism, the political

system has incorporated an interest—which transcends latent class boundaries—in preserving the compensatory distribution façade.'

This might be called the sociology of everlasting boom.

It might be added that the defeats of the German working class in the 1920s and 1930s, the years of Nazism, and the division of the German proletariat at the hands of imperialism and the Stalinist bureaucracy—all these are taken for granted, and they form the real basis, the soil in which the German petty-bourgeois intellectuals spin their theories.

### 'TECHNOCRATIC'

Mandel and the revisionists feed like parasites on the outpourings of this middle-class speculation, returning to the Marxist movement to try and tie it ideologically to all those forces which capitulate to the Stalinist bureaucracy and the imperialists. Habermas has one basic theme:

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Toward a Rational Society; Student Protest, Science, and Politics. By Jurgen Habermas. Heinemann. 15s

# The sociology of everlasting boom

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the distinction between what he calls 'technology' (rational-purposive action directed at control over nature) and practice (behaviour directed at human interactions).

For him the modern world is bedevilled by the inappropriate extension of 'technocratic' scientific rules from the technical to the practical sphere.

### FALLACY

Then 'the development of the social system seems to be determined by the logic of scientific-technical progress'.

This process then rules out any meaningful debate and conflict about the meaning of human life. Apart from a few unsubstantiated statements about Marx's theory of surplus value being out of date because of the growth of science, Habermas develops his theme about the tendencies in modern capitalism purely in terms of supposed states of consciousness.

He continues the pathetic fallacy of the German intellec-

tuals, that history is made up of states of mind and 'climates of opinion'.

### LIBERAL

Consequently his political prescriptions are decided by asking the question: 'Who can break out of the existing dominant ideas?'

His conclusion (which German sociologists were talking about around the First World War) is that:

'Perhaps the process of petrification of our administered consciousness has progressed so far that insensitivity to what in more naive times philosophers called "the good life" can only be broken through today under the sociopsychologically exceptional conditions of university study.'

According to Habermas because students in protest movements tend to come from well-off backgrounds, they do not get dominated by the search for material rewards; nor do their interests and qualifications predispose them to accept a system

which gives out jobs and rewards according to the market; and finally:

'They have been brought up relatively frequently with more psychological understanding and according to more liberal educational principles than comparable inactive groups.'

All this means that they do not engage in rivalry for society's rewards—money and status—but reject the very category of reward.

Here then, among the students, are the men and women who are perhaps going to save society from the evils of totalitarian technocracy.

### REFORMISM

Habermas is against any strategy of revolution, (which is certainly more consistent with his arbitrary exclusion of the working class than the ideas of some 'student power' advocates). He says:

'The only way I see to bring about conscious structural change in a social system organized in an authoritarian welfare state is radical reformism. What Marx called critical-revolutionary activity must take this way today.'

Here then is the full programme, such as it is. Leave the economic foundations of society untouched, because they have become the province of science and rationality.

Because of this the working class can be satisfied. 'The good life' will then be fought for among the academically bright. Habermas hopes that this 'sensibility' will encounter a 'problem the society cannot solve'.

He thinks that the great abundance of goods produced by modern industry may 'make it ever more difficult to link status assignment in an even subjectively convincing manner to the mechanism for the evaluation of individual achievement'.

In this way the students might 'permanently destroy this crumbling achievement—ideology, and thus bring down the already fragile legitimating basis of advanced capitalism, which rests only on depoliticization'.

As for 'permanently destroying' capitalism, and not just its ideology and 'legitimisations', that does not arise.

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# Smoking harms unborn child - US doctor

BY MARTIN ZARROP

ANOTHER warning of smoking hazards — this time aimed particularly at pregnant women — has been issued by the US Surgeon-General.

Speaking to a conference on the dangers of smoking, top surgeon Dr Jesse Steinfeld said on Monday that 'the habit' can harm and even kill the unborn child and that a new anti-smoking campaign should be directed at women.

Dr Steinfeld told his audience that there was substantial evidence that smoking during pregnancy caused harm by exerting a retarding influence on foetal growth.

In one survey, 20 per cent more women smokers lost their babies in pregnancy than non-smokers.

## Adverse effects

'The mother who smokes is subjecting the unborn child to the adverse effects of tobacco and as a result we are losing and possibly handicapping babies,' said Dr Steinfeld.

These comments support the recently-published report of the British Royal College of Physicians.

The RCP report — 'Smoking and Health Now' — warns that smoking gives rises to smaller babies, more abortions and higher mortality in the immediate post-natal period.

It also estimates that 3,500 women are at present dying every year through smoking.

However, Dr Steinfeld also claims that women find it more difficult than men to give up tobacco.

## More smoking

'Considerably fewer men are smoking now than they did 15 years ago, but the proportion of women smokers in every age group except the 18-24 group is higher today than it was in 1955,' he said.

'Most certainly some women keep up the smoking habit because of the fear of gaining weight which often accompanies cessation.'

He said that last year in America only 15 per cent of women were able to quit smoking, while more than 25 per cent of men gave it up.

# Bigger speed up drive in London docks as

# Old boss-union 'axis' revealed

BY DAVID MAUDE

### NO BONUS scheme will be considered in the port bosses' search for ways to speed up London's enclosed docks, says Ocean Trades Employers' chairman Cmr Dermod Jewitt.

Interviewed in the latest issue of the Port of London Authority-sponsored weekly 'The Port', he claims: 'If we agreed to this it would make the costs out of this world'.

The employers clearly hope to get some form of hire-and-fire discipline with which to whip the dockers into line.

Jewitt repeats in the interview a recent claim which has sparked widespread fears that the employers are now moving in earnest against the 1947 dock labour scheme.

thin end of a wedge ending in the sack for men said to be moving too slowly.

● SIDELIGHT from the archives of the growing ports row over the secret union-employer confabs about dock job guarantees.

At least two of the men who have been discussing abolition of the last four months are apparently no strangers to each other.

Announcing the succession of Mr George 'The Archdeacon' Tonge to their chair of the National Association of Port Employers some five years ago, 'The Financial Times' gossiped that 'those who know him best tend to be his warmest admirers'.

With an interesting, not to say unusual use of language, the paper's Men and Matters column described O'Leary as 'another quiet, determined progressive' — a tab which hardly squares with the T&GWU officials' own 'I'm the bloke who's more to the right than any other leader on the docks' outburst at the Pearson inquiry last year.

## Teamwork

But the FT's class instinct seems in the light of more recent events to have proved unerring.

Drawing attention to earlier teamwork around the Devlin scheme for the docks between retiring NAFE chairman Sir Andrew Crichton and the then T&GWU general secretary Frank Cousins, it speculated:

'There could be another powerful axis' between Tonge and O'Leary.

Too true!

## 'Quiet'

One such, apparently, was — and is, presumably — Transport and General Workers' docks officer Mr Timothy O'Leary.

## Held up

He says that productivity is being held up both by men working at a slower tempo since the introduction of Devlin 'modernization' Phase Two and by an acute shortage of fit labour.



O'Leary

Dockers fear that the demands of Jewitt and others for powers of compulsory severance on medical grounds will be the



Scared of a gathering of guerrilla forces strengthening the Huk movement, President Marcos has sent his puppet troops against villagers. Marieta Cagang is a 15-year-old Huk messenger picked up by the special forces.

# Philippines

# President Marcos fears Huk revival

AFTER A YEAR of student rioting and now faced with a new upsurge of guerrilla activity President Marcos of the Philippines wants to change the country's constitution to guarantee him a third term of office.

Delegates will meet at a national convention in June to revise the 35-year-old Philippine constitution and one of the main changes the president wants is the extension of the presidential term to allow him to run for the third time.

As a response to the Maoist-influenced riots during 1970 Marcos has also hinted that there may be provision in the new constitution for 'encouraging the people to ventilate their grievances'.

The government has already raised the level of minimum wages and made noises about placing less emphasis on their hitherto close relationship with US imperialism.

But these conciliatory gestures are unlikely to placate the students and the Huk national liberation movement which, during the last year, appears to have revived some of its 1950s spirit.

## Threat

Then it was a great threat to the corrupt Filipino government dominated by the US army and the CIA.

After its 1950s peak, however, the Huk movement deteriorated; many fighters retreated into the difficult terrain of Tarlac and others became involved in the racketeering of Angeles City next door to America's biggest air base in Asia, Clark Field.

The Angeles City movement eventually collapsed into inter-gang warfare and its leader, Faustino del Mundo, alias Commander Sumulong, became an opportunist and supported Marcos in the 1969 presidential elections.

In September, however, Sumulong was 'captured' but in circumstances that suggest he did not actively seek escape. His removal has left the scene open to the ideologue Bernabe Buscayno, alias Commander Dante, who runs the Tarlac fighters and is strongly Maoist orientated.

Marcos' great fear is that Dante's men will move down from their strongholds and take over the remnants of the Huk movement of the Pangasinan plains centred on Angeles City. Already there has been an upsurge of guerrilla activity with a corresponding drive by Marcos' puppet troops against the Huk villagers in the plains not far from Manila, the Filipino capital.

Marcos may have a final ace up his sleeve. He has hinted that he may seek Soviet friendship and he could use this influence to head-off the developing revolution in his country.

# Polish students confront new leaders

BY ROBERT BLACK

### POLISH students are speaking out against the country's new Stalinist rulers.

In Szczecin, the Baltic port which saw the most bitter clashes between workers and police, they confronted Henryk Huber, the local Party secretary sacked by the new regime earlier this week.



Huber: Also responsible.

## CONDITIONAL

The Wing-Cdr might be forgiven for thinking that some of the amendments are designed chiefly to take a rise out of the Bill.

One, for instance, would make the government's Code of Industrial Relations Conduct conditional on election of the House of Lords!

In any case, says Mr Lewis, even if they are taken it won't interfere very much with the Bill's parliamentary progress.

The government can and almost certainly will use its majority to impose the parliamentary guillotine and force the Bill through according to its own timetable.

## NO POINT

So there is no point in relying on parliamentary amendments to stop the Bill becoming law.

And Mr Lewis' amendments remain nothing more than a despairing gesture while the Labour and trade union chiefs maintain their refusal to mobilize the force of the working class against this threat to workers' rights and basic organizations.

Instead, the TUC plans to press ahead with its absurd petition, addressed to the Honourable Commons and ending '... and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray etc'.

## 'WARNING'

Attached to copies of this remarkable document is a stern warning that unless signatories follow procedure precisely 'your efforts may be wasted!'

It seems to have escaped the notice of the wisecracks at Congress House that however they word their petition and however careful they are to fill it in according to strict protocol, the Tory government not only can, but will, treat it just as cavalierly as Mr Lewis' motions.

# Artist restricted

SPANISH painter Juan Miro has been forbidden by the Franco regime to leave his place of residence in Palma, Majorca. He has faced lengthy interrogation and his passport has been confiscated.

The moves follow his participation in a sit-in by 300 Spanish artists and intellectuals at the Abbey of Montserrat, near Barcelona, in December in protest against the Burgos trial.

# Industrial Relations Bill

# 'Your efforts might be wasted'

ONE MANIFESTATION of protest against the Tory anti-union laws at least deserves noting for sheer application, though its net effect is likely to be about as great as the TUC's 'monster' petition to parliament.

BY A POLITICAL REPORTER

It concerns the assiduous efforts of Arthur Lewis, MP for West Ham N, who has already tabled more than 300 amendments to the Industrial Relations Bill on the parliamentary order paper.

The amendments, he says, are designed to focus attention on the Bill's undemocratic character.

They reflect Mr Lewis' own preoccupation with the reform of the House of Lords, opposition to the Common Market, advocacy of 'workers' control' and hostility to the lawyers' 'closed shop'.

Whether any of his amendments will ever come up for discussion in the Commons is a moot point, however.

That depends on whether the deputy speaker, Wing-Cdr Sir R. G. Grant-Ferris, selects them.

'He has the final say as to

what amendments are taken, and if he decides they won't go forward, they won't,' Mr Lewis says.

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# 'Economic crimes' provide Kremlin a scapegoat

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE SUPREME COURT of the Soviet Asian Republic of Tadzhikistan has sentenced Vasili Badyagin to death by firing squad for 'economic crimes'.

Reports of the case published in Moscow earlier this week say that Badyagin provided building materials for a collective farm over a period of five years by bribing manufacturers.

He is also alleged to have hired labourers for building work, which is, of course, illegal in the Soviet Union. Badyagin's profit during the five years amounted to over 100,000 roubles (about £50,000). Commenting on the sentence, a top Soviet legal official said that such crimes were on the increase. He blamed loopholes in the official supply channels of materials to the farms.

## Notorious

If this is the case — and Soviet industry is notorious for its bureaucratic mis-management — then Badyagin is being used and punished as the scapegoat for the blunders of the top Party and state leadership.

Shooting small-fry functionaries — Stalin's classic method of covering over his own mistakes and false policies — will change nothing in the Soviet economy.

For similar cases have been reported from other parts of the Soviet Union.

Mikhail Malyarov, First Deputy Procurator of the Soviet Union, described this week how three Georgians had undertaken to build asphalt driveways for collective farms in Belorussia (White Russia).

'Such a thing could only happen,' said Malyarov 'because the corresponding industrial organizations, construction enterprises and asphalt plants could not or did not want to provide assistance to their neighbours...'

## Menacing

And he concluded in a menacing tone:

'I want to emphasize that the very fact this type of crime has recently become more frequent should set us all on our guard.'

Such is the stagnation and bureaucratic top-heaviness of the Soviet economy, that collective farms — themselves breeding grounds for small-scale 'private enterprise' — are turning to illegal means, such as the use of privately hired labour for their construction work.

Here again we have the bureaucracy, although resting on the nationalized property relations established by the 1917 revolution, creating the conditions which breed restorationist tendencies in the economy.

And because it fears the independent initiative of the working class as much as the threat of capitalist restoration — both of which would challenge its social and political privileges — the Kremlin fights back in an administrative way.

The root of the problem, the parasitic nature of the bureaucracy and the lack of democratic workers' control over every stage of planning and production, remains.

# Japan to have A-bomb

JAPAN is preparing to produce over 350 atomic bombs in the course of the next ten years, according to a report in the Tokyo weekly Shuukan Gendai ('Modern Times').

Japan, it says, can already produce bombs, of the type that destroyed Hiroshima, at the rate of ten a year.

The Mitsubishi company is expected to take the lead in the programme for which purpose it recently formed a joint holding company with the US Westinghouse Corporation.

# White and blue-collar pay protest

OVER 20,000 central and local government employees are due to strike on Monday following the breakdown of talks on the renewal of their national labour contract. 7,000 Swedish electrical workers struck last Monday in protest against the limit to wage increases imposed by the employers and accepted by the union leaders.

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In private and state firms Steel tube jobs hit

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

STEEL WORKERS face a three-month rundown of 400 jobs with the decision by Howell's to close their Sheffield tube works.

Announcing the plan on Wednesday, the company — part of the Tube Investments combine — said operations were no longer profitable.

First sackings start on April 2 and will be completed by June 30, a factory mass meeting was told.

An engineering union worker commented: 'We have to fight the closure all the way and campaign for the nationalization of the industry under workers' control. It's the only way.'

Not sheltered Howell's Wednesday announcement follows hard on the heels of the Silverware closure.

The one-time sheltered and privileged position of the Sheffield steel workers is slowly being undermined as smaller plants are driven to the wall.

Also the British Steel Corporation is planning to make over 1,000 workers redundant through a major cut-back in tube pipemaking activities.

Cuts announced so far amount to 4 per cent of the total steel tube manufactured and the biggest single body of workers affected will be at British Tube Works, Lanarkshire.

Short time At the corporation's Lakenby rolling mills on the Teesside, 600 men will start working short time.

The company has said that the first redundancies will not occur before April.

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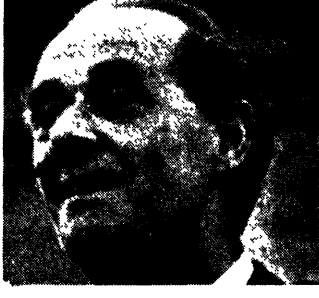
MOST areas will start the day dull and foggy. Parts of England, mostly the Midlands, E and SE, will have freezing fog at first and much of the day. In other areas of England and Wales, the fog will thin out slowly and clear mostly dry with some bright spells.

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BRIEFLY

CHILE is to nationalize the Bethlehem-Chile Iron Mines Company, a subsidiary of the massive US Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Negotiations for compensation are under way. The company has operated a concession at El Tofo and Romeral in N Chile since 1951. Available statistics show it exported 7.7 million tons of iron ore in the third quarter of last year alone.



Chauvinist opposition by Gollan

CPs split on the EEC

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

THREE DAYS' discussion between 15 W European Communist Parties in London this week revealed a Stalinist split over the Common Market.

The conference's statement on multi-national firms in Europe is, to say the least, a curious one.

Despite its reference to the so-called 'identity of views' of the different CPs, a brief perusal of the proceedings shows that the divisions within European Stalinism are growing deeper as the crisis of monopoly capital intensifies.

This conflict was clearly revealed on the most important issue which overshadowed every discussion on monopoly: the Common Market.

Positions

The Italian and Belgian parties were unequivocally in favour of the Market; the French, Dutch, Swiss, Spanish and W Germans were equivocal; while the British, Finnish and Norwegian parties were opposed.

Italian delegate Amendola made an unashamed defence of the EEC.

He spoke of the necessity to participate in the Strasbourg parliament — a talking shop set up by the European monopolists to hoodwink the workers — of the great value of trade unions being represented at the Brussels headquarters of the Six, and of the necessity not to overthrow the Treaty of Rome, but to amend it.

His theme of 'participation' was taken up by the Belgians who plainly stated that the task of the left was not to overthrow the Six, but to 'democratize' them.

The Dutch delegation declined to associate themselves with even the watered-down conference declaration, which made no mention of the Common Market, socialism or even workers' control.

Opposition to the Market, led by British CP secretary

John Gollan, was just as unprincipled as the Italian support for it. It was a continuation of the reformist line of protest and pressure which we have seen recently on the anti-union laws.

Influence

'Powerful mass movements,' said Gollan, 'can exert considerable influence in the state and compel the government [the Tory government] to pursue economic and political policies which will be in conflict with the interests and policies of sections of the ruling class, even that of the most powerful international firms.'

What Mr Gollan implies in this argument is nothing less than the defence of the capitalist national state and the reactionary idea that sufficient pressure can make one half of monopoly capital act against the other.

Gollan here rejects the most important thesis of

Lenin that monopoly cannot be reformed and exists so long as imperialism and centralization and concentration of capital will grow and transcend national frontiers.

The only answer to the growth of multi-national jobs and trade union rights of workers is the struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe and the expropriation of monopoly capital by the working class.

Obstacle

The Stalinist conference proves once again that in E and W Europe Stalinism is a most reactionary obstacle to the socialist unification of Europe and the liberation of the working class.



Appeal

FROM PAGE ONE big blow in defence of the glassworkers' rights and has opened since last August.

However, the Hull dockers are now under pressure from the Transport and General Workers' Union to call off the ban and 13 dockers have been suspended for five days from January 25 for operating it.

The Pilkington Committee feels that there is growing support for their case among the Liverpool rank and file, and say that — given a lead from their stewards — London dockers would move solidly into action behind their Hull brothers.

Leyland

FROM PAGE ONE tary, said that if management took action against the assembly workers, the unions would have to consider taking steps to involve other workers in Cowley.

But he refused to say whether this would involve sympathetic strike action. Stewards yesterday criticized union officials, who, whilst calling for a rejection of MDW, did not propose any specific action at the mass meetings to support the Cowley men.

Showdown

Clearly this is the point of showdown for all car workers at Cowley. Following last Friday's failure to agree on MDW at the York meeting between management and unions at national level, Leyland's have 'put the boot in' — to quote one union official.

If the scheme does go through, Cowley workers will share the fate of workers at Ford and Vauxhall who, having accepted MDW, are now the lowest paid in the industry.

Men at Cowley must not bend under this offensive. If they do, the whole basis of trade unionism and shop-floor organization in the car plants will be undermined. And workers will be driven to the point of exhaustion on the ADO 28 lines, which have already been nicknamed 'Stalag 28' by men in the assembly plants.

Overcrowding at Brent

BRENT Education Authority yesterday agreed to meet the National Union of Teachers to discuss suspension of Mrs Phyllis Clarkson, headmistress of Park Lane primary school, Brent.

Give managers IRB training — Adamson

MANAGERS must be thoroughly trained in the Industrial Relations Bill, Confederation of British Industry director W. O. Campbell Adamson (seen above, left) told an Industrial Society 'New Action Lunch' yesterday.

A hundred businessmen and two trade union officials, lunching in the wine-laden atmosphere of Quagino's restaurant in St James's, heard Adamson comment: 'The Industrial Relations Bill has concentrated the mind wonderfully.'

In the chair was Rita Stephen, assistant secretary of the Clerical and Administrative Workers' Union (above, right), who praised Adamson for 'not wasting a moment' in his speech.

Also in attendance was Mr T. Bell of the National Union of Mineworkers.

The Industrial Society is working hard to prepare for the implementation of the Bill, director John Garnett made clear at a press conference before yesterday's intriguingly-titled feast.

He was concerned that unions may enter big legal battles rather than apply Employment Minister Robert Carr's promised Code of Practice on the shop floors.

Next month, the Society's 'Progress Conference' will be addressed by the Minister of State responsible for the Bill, Paul Bryan, and Mark Young of the Electrical Trades Union.

Muskie — roving envoy

LEADING contender for the Democratic Party Presidential candidature Senator Edmund Muskie continued his world tour when he arrived yesterday in Moscow.

Turkey premier and ultra-right plan student oppression

TURKEY'S Justice Party Prime Minister, Suleiman Demirel, is busy preparing for next Wednesday's national 'Security Council' meeting — where the government regularly meets with the military chiefs to discuss policy.

As he confers with other party leaders — and with the representatives of the ultra-right group of about 30 MPs who recently split from the Justice Party — press and government spokesmen are busy whipping up a witch-hunt against left-wing organizations following last Monday's raid on an Ankara bank in which 125,000 Turkish pounds (over £4,000) was removed.

The robbery had been blamed on left-wing nationalist students, who are demanding that foreign military bases should be withdrawn from both Turkey and Cyprus.

This week, for the first time, academic authorities of the Middle East, Ankara, gave the police permission to enter the campus to 'pursue their investigations'.

Zealous They are expected to be more zealous than in their pursuit of the murderers of the 18 left-wing students who have died at the hands of right-wing terrorists in recent years.

But the real question facing capitalist politicians and top army officers is how to deal with the movement of workers and peasants.

The attempt to impose anti-labour laws last autumn provoked widespread demonstrations and forced Demirel to declare a state of emergency.

And now, under a new 'law on employees' he is attempting to deprive whole sections of workers of the right to strike and many social services by re-classifying them as 'staff'. Technical workers in the public sector and medical workers have already struck against the law. Police methods that are being sharpened against the students are certainly intended for use against the working class.

Guerrilla 'leaders' and Jordan government sign

Another worthless agreement

PALESTINIAN commando leaders signed yet another agreement with the Jordan government yesterday morning in an effort to halt the renewed outbreak of civil war which has raged there for the last few days.

The new agreement simply draws the noose tighter round the commandos, whose leaders have made steady concessions since the fighting began in earnest last September.

Slowly but inexorably, the guerrillas are being forced back, as leaders like Yassir Arafat sign away their rights to King Hussein's butcher regime.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

ment involves formation of a joint committee which will pin-point commando bases to which the guerrillas will immediately withdraw.

NO SAFEGUARD

This, of course, will take them outside their strongholds in the cities and cut them off from the urban workers and small proprietors who sympathize with the Palestinian cause.

The agreement's next stipu-

lation — that there should be no attacks on commando bases or on army camps 'whatever the cause' — is no safeguard for the isolated commando forces.

Similar guarantees in previous agreements have been honoured in the breach. Similarly worthless are the guarantees of 'freedom of movement' for the commandos and the statement that 'no commando may be arrested unless caught red-handed'.

DISARMAMENT

The agreement also provides for partial disarmament of the guerrillas.

Their arms are to be collected and stored at central depots to be released only on the authority of the PLO leaders. Hussein's shadowy popular militia is also to be disbanded — even things out, though the army itself — the commando's main opponents — will carry on intact.

This sinister deal takes place against a background of diplomatic preparations for a peace treaty between Israel and the Arab states.

Soviet president Nikolai Podgorny is at present in Cairo discussing these plans with Egyptian leaders.

A precondition for the success of such talks is Arab renunciation of any support for the Palestinians' claims to Israeli-occupied territory, and the Israelis are certain to insist that the guerrilla movement be suppressed before concluding any deal.

'No Saudi troops used'

SAUDI Arabia yesterday issued an official denial of persistent rumours that Saudi troops fought alongside Jordanian army forces against the Palestinian guerrillas.

At least two Lebanese papers carried the reports earlier this week, but a Saudi spokesman said such 'baseless reports can only serve the Israeli enemy and his schemes against the Arab nation'.

Saigon fears NLF advance in Cambodia

S VIETNAM is budgeting for a 20,000-strong force in Cambodia and has a case for asking for American aid to support such a force, Economics Minister Pham Kim Ngoc said in Saigon yesterday.

It is clear from this statement that the S Vietnam government fears a dramatic deterioration of the military situation in Cambodia, where National Liberation Front guerrillas are besieging the capital, Phnom Penh.

The number of S Vietnamese troops in Cambodia has been well below 20,000 since the US withdrew its invasion force seven months ago.

Last Monday, 5,300 additional troops were sent over to try and clear the road between Phnom Penh and the country's main port Kompong Som.

Total This brings the current total of S Vietnamese troops in Cambodia to 14,300.

But the Economics Minister regards even 20,000 men as a conservative estimate of future requirements.

'The security of Cambodia and S Vietnam are indivisible,' he told correspondents.

'We will need to maintain an expeditionary force of at least 20,000 men.'

Cost He said such a force would cost \$11m 'out of our own pocket' — meaning without the cost of petrol, ammunition and equipment which America provides 'free for S Vietnamese troops.'

The question had been raised with US Defence Secretary Melvin Laird during his visit and would be discussed in more detail, he added.

French to launch 4 satellites

FURTHER joint projects with both the US and USSR highlight France's 1971 space programme.

The French space centre (CNES) has revealed details of four satellites due to be launched this year.

One will be launched from the Soviet Baikonur cosmodrome to test new solar cells and another will be launched near Cape Kennedy to study air circulation.

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