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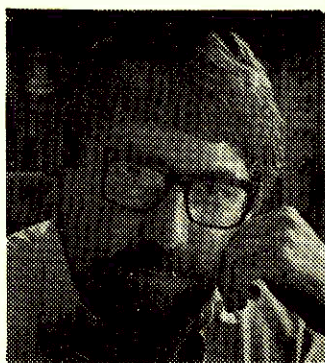
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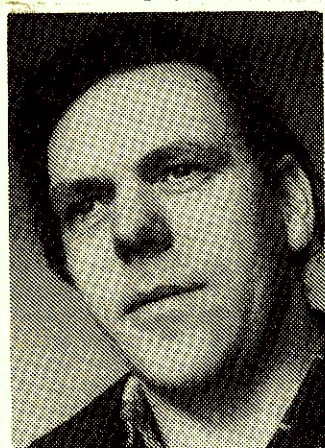
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## Teachers' action gathers strength

THE TEACHERS' campaign in support of their £135-a-year pay claim gathered further strength yesterday with the news that half-day strikes are planned in the following areas next week: Sheffield, Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Leeds, Cornwall, Cheshire, Merseyside, Salford, and Stockport.

London teachers are planning a one-day strike on November 20.

MISS Marjorie Wilson, the Prime Minister's sister, who is headmistress of a Cornwall infants' school, said this week that she would not obey a strike call from the National Union of Teachers.

'It doesn't matter what they think', she said, 'I would rather be regarded as a blackleg by people of that sort than lower my standards.'

by all teachers in Manchester's 351 schools will be announced on Tuesday. Demands that the executive call an indefinite strike until the claim is won have come in from many parts of the country.

Teachers are absolutely correct to rely on their own strength and not on so-called 'allies' in the Labour and union bureaucracy. NUT leaders seek to confine the fight to half-day strikes by

Police sources said those taken for questioning were believed to be members of left-wing groups banned after riots in spring 1968.

Among them was the wife of Alain Krivine, who was a left candidate in last June's presidential election.

There was no immediate explanation for the round-up, but observers pointed out that it came a day before planned street demonstrations against US policy in Vietnam, which have been banned by the government.

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Hop Pole Hotel Speakers: Two Yorkshire miners

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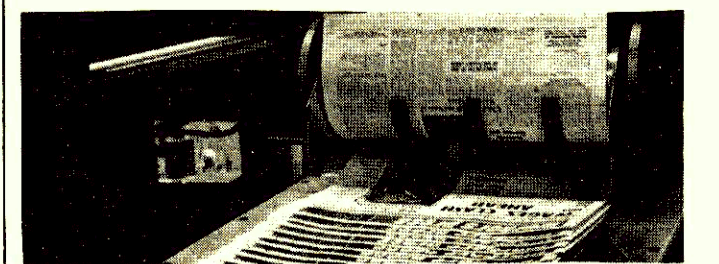
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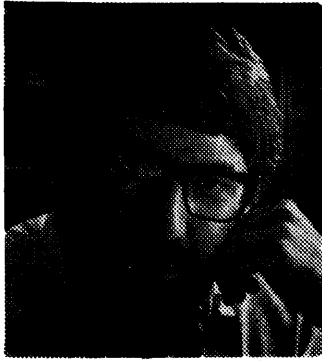
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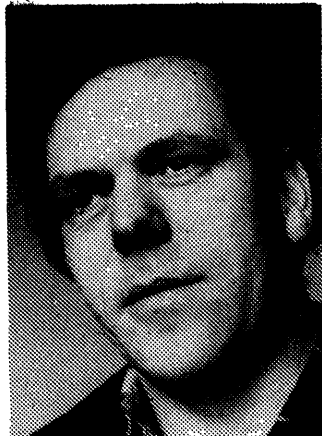
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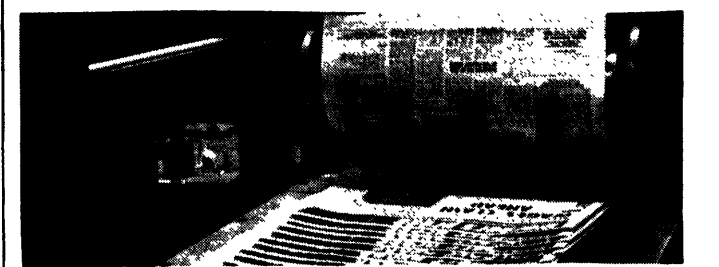
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Such a growth of militancy in the working class should create the best possible conditions for the building of revolutionary leadership and the development of Marxist theory.

Yet your Party not only stagnates in this situation, it is openly in decline.

This apparent contradiction is acknowledged by your leaders. Writing in the 'Morning Star' of Saturday, November 1, Reuben Falber, Communist Party assistant secretary had this to say:

'The built-in right-wing majorities at the TUC and Labour Party conferences are being whittled down. The left has been transformed from a minority to a majority on many major issues. . . . There is more support for Communist policies than for many years past. The Communist Party has succeeded in breaking down many barriers and is working with wide sections of the people on a variety of questions. Marxist ideas are being studied more closely and argued, about more keenly especially among young people.

'Yet, since the last Congress, the membership of the Communist Party is nearly 2,000 less and the circulation of the 'Morning Star' is down.' (Our emphasis.)

What explanation do your leaders give for this extraordinary state of affairs?

'The executive committee in its draft resolution has given its analysis of the reasons for this. Its main point is that the very success of the left has led many workers outside the Party to believe that their present position is enough. Congress must answer this.' (Falber, 'Morning Star,' November 1, 1969.)

Your Congress cannot answer this question unless it faces up to the history of the British Communist Party and the political record of its present leaders.

All the basic questions of Party history, now posed more sharply than ever before by the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia, have to be answered by those seeking to give communist leadership to the British working class today.

**T**HE reason why more workers leave than join the Party is not, as your leadership claims, because the working class is content with non-political militancy and does not see the need to build communist leadership.

That is an evasion of the main question and an insult to the political level of the working class in Britain today.

Although it is not on the agenda, the number-one question before your Congress is the complicity of many of your leaders in the crimes and betrayals of Stalinism.

The real reason why your Party, despite its constant recruiting and sales drives, makes no headway in the working class and the youth today is because Gollan, Matthews and the rest conceal and refuse to face up to their political pasts.

Everyone struggling to become a communist makes mistakes, often great ones.

The making of such errors, together with the attempt to understand and correct them, is essential for the development of Marxist theory.

But when great, indeed truly historical errors are committed, and far from being understood and corrected are not even properly acknowledged, then here surely we have an attack on Marxism.

This is the position of your present general secretary, John Gollan.

Everybody now knows, especially since the 20th and 22nd Congresses of the Soviet Communist Party, that two-thirds of the members of Lenin's Central Committee murdered by Stalin were in fact completely innocent of all 'charges' brought against them.

At the time of the three Moscow Trials and the purge of the military leaders, your Party leaders Gollan included, wholeheartedly supported the murder of Lenin's closest comrades.

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**What to do with the TROTSKYISTS**

**FIRST** Remember that the Trotskyists are no longer part of the working-class movement.

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**THIRD** Fight against every Trotskyist who has got himself into a position of authority, either in your trade union, branch, local Labour Party or Co-op. Expose him, and see that he is turned out.

**WARNING**

Many workers, trade unionists and Labour Party members, mistakenly express views which sound Trotskyist. Don't confuse these honest but misled opinions with Trotskyism. The real Trotskyist is a bitter enemy of Stalin and the other traitor leaders of the Soviet Union. That's his fingerprint, whatever else he may say. And that's how you can spot him. As for the people who are genuinely confused, your job is to explain. Explain. Explain. Get them to read this booklet. If they haven't time, explain what it is all to them.

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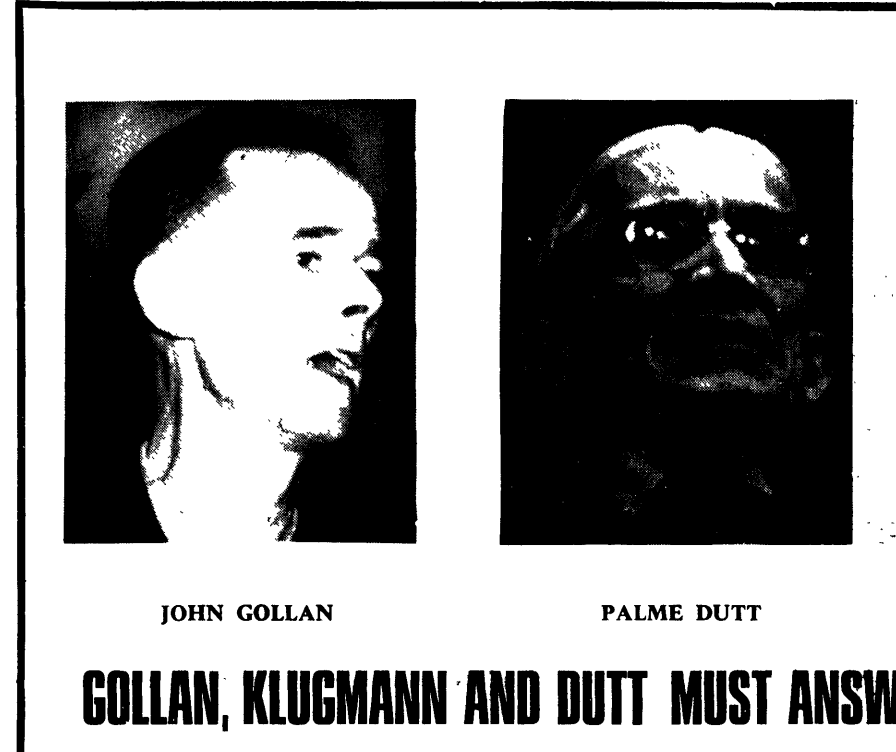
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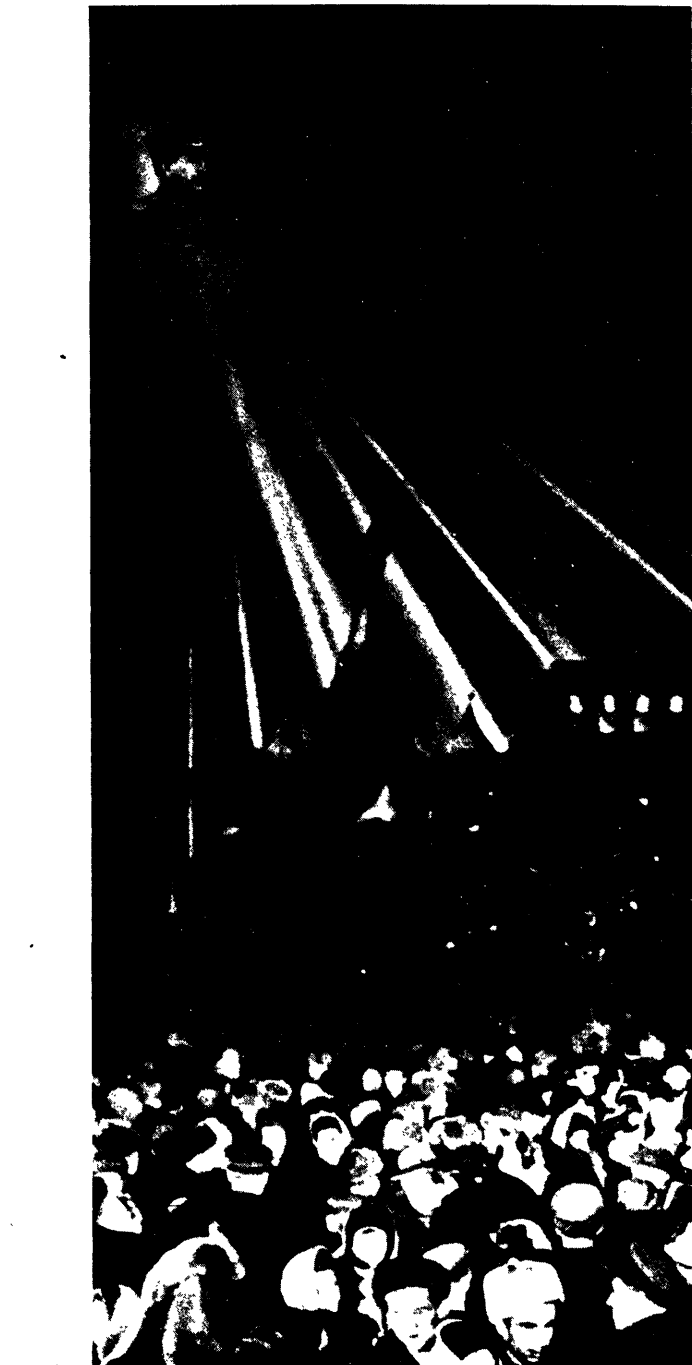
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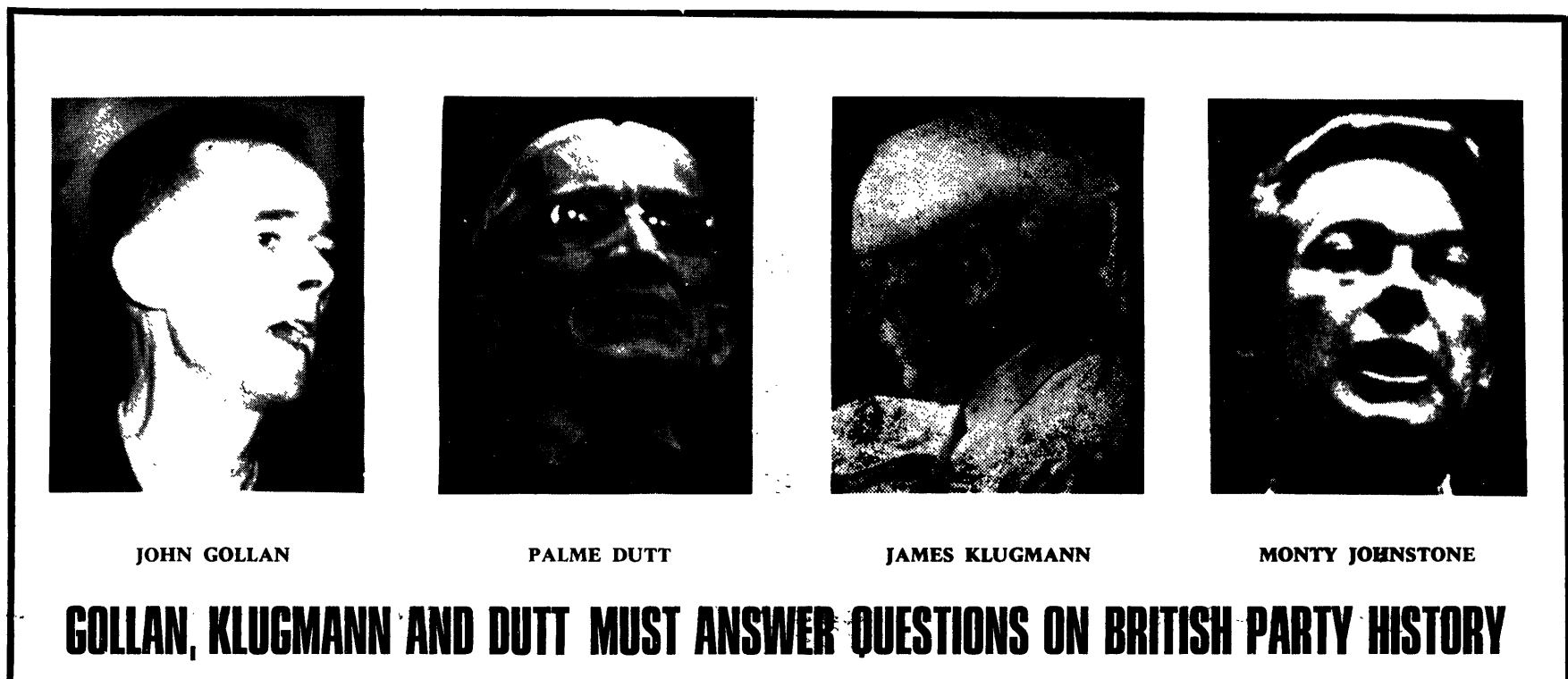
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Vile though these slanders were, they obviously did not satisfy Stalin. In 1951, Klugmann's book 'From Trotsky to Tito' was published by your Party. This work is packed from cover to cover with lies and slanders against all of Stalin's

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The Ukrainians avoided meeting this fate only because there were too many of them and there was no place to which to deport them. Otherwise, he would have deported them also.

In the same report, Khrushchev dealt with the activities of Gollan's 'Comrade Beria', whom Khrushchev described as an 'abject provocateur and vile enemy. . . . who murdered thousands of Communists and loyal Soviet people. . . . It has now been established that this villain had climbed up the government ladder over an untold number of corpses.'

So much for Gollan's 'Comrade Beria'! Khrushchev also described in some detail what Gollan had called Stalin's 'friendly, conversational tone'—the 'Stalin personally called the investigative judge, gave him instructions, advised him on which investigative methods should be used; these methods were simple—beat, beat and, once again, beat.'

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Cartoon from the 'Daily Worker' on Friday, March 6, 1953.

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To make sure the point was taken, Pollitt repeated it in his report to the Congress:

' . . . under the leadership of the Communist Party of Great Britain, the British working class can conquer power, establish its dictatorship, and commence to build a free Soviet Britain.' (Emphasis added.)

Once again, you must address the same demand to your leaders: You were for a Soviet Britain in 1935, and against a Soviet Britain in 1951—yet at no time has there been any explanation of how this complete reversal of policy came about: please, Comrades Dutt, Klugmann, Gollan, Matthews, Wainwright, Reid and Johnstone, explain your own history!

Like all the other political skeletons in your Party's cup-

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Speaking at the Sixth Congress of the East German Socialist Unity Party in East Berlin on January 16, 1963, N. S. Khrushchev revealed the identity of the reformist clause dealing with the peaceful, parliamentary transition to socialism:

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YOUR party follows opportunist policies today because of its opportunist past, because of your leaders'

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Reformism today is in crisis everywhere and the British Communist Party is no exception.

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Your leaders seek 'left unity' with trade union leaders like McGarvey and 'left' MPs such as Heffer who both defend the British monarchy from the attacks of its critics.

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3.00-4.30 p.m. 'The Baby and the Battleship'. A Comedy Starring John Mills, Richard Attenborough. 7.00 News and Sport. Weather. 7.15 Gardeners' World. 7.30 Rugby Special. 8.15 Chronicle. 9.05 The Top Show. 9.50 'The First Churchill'. 10.35 Review.	12.25 p.m. All Our Yesterdays. 12.55 National News. 1.00 World of Sport. 1.05 On the Ball. 1.20 Racing. 3.10 Sports Special. 3.55 Half-Time Roundup. 4.00 Wrestling. 5.00 Results Round-Up. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.10 News. 6.15 Wheel of Fortune. 6.45 The Saturday Crowd. 7.30 Please Sir! 8.05 The Saturday Film: 'Strangers When We Meet' starring Kirk Douglas and Kim Novak. 10.00 National News. 10.10 Saturday Night Theatre. 11.10 Frost On Saturday. 11.55 Faith For Life. 12.48 a.m. Weather.
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(J. D. Bernal, 'Stalin as Scientist', 'Modern Quarterly' [CPGB theoretical journal], Summer 1953.)

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# Kellogg workers in shift payment fight

WORKERS at the US-owned breakfast cereal factory, Kellogg, at Trafford Park, Manchester, are in the ninth week of a dispute over shift changeover payment.

They are refusing to work the changeover and continuity of the production line has been severely disrupted.

Before the dispute, the payment was 7s. 6d.

The employers' offers of 12s. 6d., 17s. 6d. and £1 have all been rejected by the men, who are agreed on £2 10s.

The willingness of the women workers' section to accept £1 has not weakened the men's determination to get a fair settlement.

An offer by the employers to scrap the system whereby anyone working the changeover was liable for four hours overtime if the relief did not show up has been rejected.

The bosses want to substitute one where they can get other workers to do the job.

There is widespread resentment amongst the workers that their union has not made the dispute official.

# Productivity threat at airport Stewards speak out on Heathrow contract

NONE OF the real issues behind the contracts award dispute at London's Heathrow airport will be raised during Monday's talks at the Department of Employment and Productivity.

BY DAVID MAUDE

## Teachers

FROM PAGE ONE

holding a time-consuming referendum of the whole membership on two-week strikes in selected areas.

The Labour bureaucracy's hostility to the teachers' struggle was brought into the open on Thursday when Labour MP and NUT member Mr Kenneth Marks lined up with the Tories in attacking teachers.

Marks said that many MPs 'strongly disapproved' of union encouragement of strikes because they were harmful to the teachers' case.

To his attack, Mrs Thatcher, Tory shadow education secretary, could only add a condemnation of the teachers' action as jeopardizing the children's safety.

As these talks were being announced from St James' Square on Wednesday, the Workers Press spoke to shop stewards at the airport about what they thought these issues were.

We asked whether the British Airport Authority's decision to issue solicitor's letters alleging the 'black' on General Aircraft Services was illegal had come as a shock.

'We weren't really surprised by the letters,' commented one steward. 'Something like this had been in the wind for about two weeks before they were actually sent out.'

'There's no question of us withdrawing the "black".'

'It's difficult to say where all this started; there's so much involved. But if they want a fight on this, we'll give it to them.'

'We hope this attitude is also being taken by the union.'

## Dustmen strike over sackings

LONDON dustmen from Hackney's Millfields Road depot have been threatened with loss of their jobs after striking in support of four of their number sacked on Wednesday.

By our industrial reporter

Mr Charles Hegarty, leader of Hackney council, said on Thursday that if the strike continued contractors would be called in to clear the rubbish.

The men would then be made redundant.

The 109 Millfields Road men—some of the most militant during the recent strike—took immediate action on Wednesday night when allegations from the manager of a local leather firm led to the four sackings.

### Allegation

The leather firm's manager is claimed to have identified four Millfields Road dustmen who, he alleged, asked for £12 'back perks' at the rate of £2 for each of the weeks they had been out on strike.

His allegations have been completely denied by the four men, who are appealing against dismissal.

One of the sacked men is believed to have been away all the day the alleged request is said to have been made.

## Exclusion protest

FROM PAGE ONE

I condemn the ban by the Communist Party on the Workers Press reporting their conference.

This is a further attempt by the Communist Party to cover up their counter-revolutionary role in the working class. Deep conflict is now developing in the Party over their support for the fake-left trade union leaders.

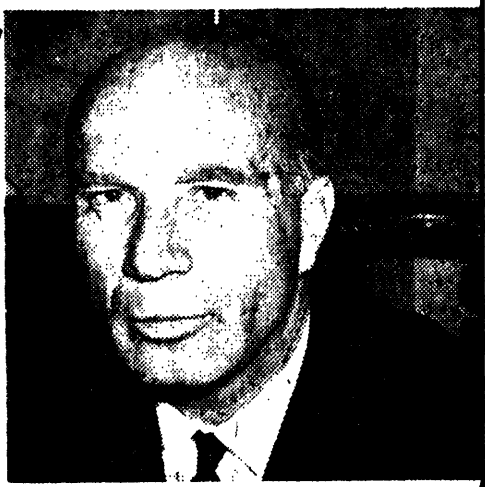
Their lack of fight on Measured-Day Work and productivity deals in factories is also causing concern amongst their militants.

This is why they can allow the capitalist press to cover their conference but not the Workers Press.

To bring out the real issues facing the working class would further deepen their crisis.

It would raise the possibility

## ITALIAN BANK GOVERNOR SLAMS WAGE INCREASES



GUIDO CARLI, Governor of the Bank of Italy, warned on Wednesday of the dangers of granting the wage demands of the Italian workers. He claimed that union demands for wage increases and improvements in the social services simply could not be granted without undermining the entire balance of the Italian economy and the value of the lire. Carli's statement helps to explain the stubbornness of the employers in resisting the wages offensive of the Italian working class over recent months.

the least, deplorable. It would appear that comment on the Congress is least welcome from Marxist sources.

I think, therefore, it would be right to conclude that the self-criticism of which we heard so much at the time of Khrushchev's exposures of Stalin has gone by the board, as have the rest of the tenets on which the Party was supposed to base its policies.

T. Clark, formerly Southey Hall CP branch, Sheffield.

I will try and find out more about the ban on the Workers Press, but I am opposed to the exclusion of the representatives of any left-wing organs on the grounds of political views.

John Airlie, CP member, AEF organizer, UCS, Fairfields Division, Scotland.

I do not know the facts, but I cannot believe that political discrimination was involved. All the national dailies will want to be at the Congress since they hope to see a split. I cannot believe that there is a political discrimination against the left.

James Reid, former Scottish area CP organizer, now working at Fairfields.

These things are handled nationally, but I cannot believe that there would be any political discrimination involved in barring the Workers Press from the conference.

George Murray, New Scottish area CP organizer.

The refusal to grant the Workers Press reporting facilities at the CP Congress whilst granting the same to the capitalist organs is, to say

## Vietnam Moratorium

# 40,000 troops and police in Washington

By a foreign correspondent

WITH AT least 250,000 anti-war demonstrators expected in the US capital this weekend, 40,000 federal troops and police were alerted in the Washington area.

The peak of the rally will come today when thousands will march down Pennsylvania Avenue—which leads to the White House—to the Washington Monument grounds, where a giant meeting will be held.

According to the latest reports, the Defence Department began flying troops into Washington from surrounding bases as the tension mounted.

If there is any violence during the rallies, it will have been provoked by Nixon's show of force.

## Silent candle-lit march

AMERICA'S week-end demonstrations against the Vietnam war began on Friday night with a silent march through Washington.

Each of the 40,000 marchers carried a lighted candle symbolising the US troops killed in the war and the Vietnamese villages and communities destroyed by imperialist aggression.

## Provocation

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## Brezhnev and Podgorny to visit Sudan

IT WAS announced in Moscow on Thursday that the Soviet government has accepted a Sudanese government offer to send a delegation to their country.

Communist Party secretary Leonid Brezhnev and President Nikolai Podgorny will be among those Soviet leaders making the trip.

The visit could well be related to internal developments in the Sudan, where the Communist Party, at present represented in the cabinet, is coming under attack from army and religious leaders.

## READY FOR TALKS

WILLI STOPH, East German Prime Minister, said in Rostock on Wednesday that nothing less than normal relations under international law would satisfy his government.

Even so, he went on, the East German government was ready to begin talks with Bonn on the establishment of relations between the two countries.

Stoph's speech comes after several offers by the West German Chancellor Willy Brandt of 'normalization' of relations between the two German states.



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## David Brown draughtsmen demand parity

A HUNDRED draughtsmen are still on strike at David Brown Tractors, Meltham, near Huddersfield. 39 Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' Association (DATA) members are suspended at David Brown Industries, Sunderland, and 140 are suspended at David Brown Industries, Park Works, Huddersfield.

They are demanding parity with the rest of the tractor industry.

They claim that DATA members at David Brown's receive about £7 a week less than at Ford and Massey Ferguson.

(Since a recent increase at Ford that difference is now around £10 a week for technical staff aged 30 and above.)

On Friday November 7, DATA representatives met spokesmen from the three firms and from the Employers' Federation at the Westminister headquarters of the Engineering and Shipbuilding Employers' Federation.

The employers offered increases of 45s. to 55s., to include £1 offset against any national award.

(A national claim for £3 a week increase lifting the minimum rates at age 30 from £24 10s. to £27 10s. is due to be answered on November 14.)

### Rejected

This offer was rejected by the men.

The draughtsmen have also rejected a bonus scheme based on the number of tractors produced divided by the number of staff—though this has been accepted by other white-collar workers, including members of the CAWU and ASTMS.

The men's claim was originally submitted in September 1968 and procedure was completed by April 1969.

On June 16 DATA called out a key section of 36 workers at Meltham. This spread to the planning engineers.

Other draughtsmen left in work applied sanctions and were suspended by the management in July.

14 weeks after the original strike call, the Sunderland men were suspended and two weeks later the Park Works men were suspended.

### Unrest

The draughtsmen also claim that apart from this wages dispute there has been unrest for some time among the technical staff at David Brown Tractors.

The DBT joint office committee claims attempts have been made to persuade staff unions at David Brown factories to accept retrograde conditions of employment

### MARCONI WALK-OUT

NEARLY 4,000 hourly-paid workers at the Marconi Electronic works at Chelmsford (Essex) were planning a mass walk-out for an hour yesterday as a protest against the company refusing to give them an extra day's paid holiday at Christmas.

## P.I.B. link

Did the BAA's award of a ground handling contract to GAS, a Canadian agency, have other implications?

I wouldn't be at all surprised if this was linked with

## Jumbo pay talks adjourned

TALKS between the British Airline Pilots' Association and BOAC over the pilots claim for more pay for flying the giant 360-seat jumbo jets were adjourned on Thursday until November 21.

Pilots are refusing to fly the jumbo jets until pay and conditions have been agreed.

They have rejected the Prices and Incomes Board's suggestion that pilots should accept the same salary however large or difficult the aircraft they fly.

Eight others were sentenced to 15 years hard labour, six were jailed for five years and four were acquitted.

This is another treacherous stab in the back for the Palestinian Liberation movement.

Even though huge areas of Jordan are now under the brutal occupation of the Israeli Zionists, Hussein and his feudalists' supporters direct all their fire against those fighting for the liberation of the occupied territories.

These fighters for Arab liberation must be released at once and allowed to return to the struggle against imperialism.

Like the regime in Lebanon, the Jordanian government openly ranges itself on the

## Devlin

FROM PAGE ONE

signed to facilitate much greater use of containers, bulk carriers and roll-on, roll-off vessels.

It is expected that Sealand and ACL, two of the biggest container consortia, will attempt to open new transatlantic services within the next month.

Dockers also feel, as previously reported in the Workers Press, that the completion of such arrangements in Liverpool could strengthen employers' attempts at similar services in London.

Postal ballot papers on Devlin Phase Two are now in the hands of London dockers. Employers hope the count can begin towards the end of next week.

In both ports, this is a crucial and dangerous stage for dockers.

Many portworkers feel the last few months have seen a wedge driven between the two ports.

They stress the urgent need to re-establish unity of action.

In both ports, there is a growing feeling that mass meetings must be fought for to hammer out a common policy of opposition to the threats posed by the Devlin scheme.

## Jordan death sentences for guerrillas

NINE Palestinian Liberation fighters were sentenced to death by a Jordan state security court on Wednesday for allegedly fomenting rebellion against King Hussein's regime.

By a Middle East correspondent

There can be no lasting victories against Zionism and its imperialist backers until regimes such as Hussein's are overthrown.

## Bentley miners fight wage-cut threat

FROM JACK GALE

TODAY miners at Bentley colliery, near Doncaster, will reject—for the sixth time—management proposals to use outside contractors to do development work in the pit.

The Coal Board is seeking more and more to give profitable work in the mining industry to private outside contractors.

These firms employ men who take over work normally done by miners, but for much higher pay.

Already several pits in the Doncaster area have outside contractors in, driving new roads, constructing new gates, building ventilation shafts, etc.

The NCB claims that the work gets done quicker with these firms and the Bentley management is saying that the pit may have to close if outside contractors are not allowed in.

Miners who are on development work are saying that if outside contractors come in, they will be given the best-paid jobs while the miners will become 'dogsbody' pushed into what is left over.

With the introduction of the new third day-wage structure this could mean many

men being dropped from Grade A (89s. 2d. a shift) to Grade B (76s. a shift).

Including bonus shift, and the 20 per cent on each shift, this means a £4-a-week wage cut.

### Special meeting

The Bentley management first proposed the introduction of outside contractors at a special meeting of men likely to be affected—development workers, contract workers and back rippers.

It was overwhelmingly rejected.

It was then rejected at an ordinary National Union of Mineworkers' (NUM) branch meeting and then at a mass meeting.

Subsequently, Mr Bill Kellher, NUM, Doncaster area agent, appealed unsuccessfully to the Bentley branch to change its decision.

A branch meeting on November 9 rejected the proposals yet again and now Mr Kellher and NCB representatives are speaking to a mass meeting today.

Many miners are saying that the management's closure threat should be met by a determination to stop the pit if outside contractors are introduced.