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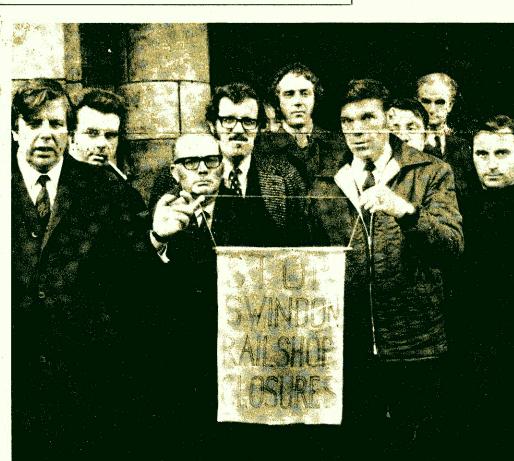
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He said: 'It could be unemployment is the norm and we shall have to live with it as our forefathers did. But Powell knows better than any other Tory that workers cannot learn to live without bread.

Living with unemployment can only herald attempts at mass repression of the working

• FRENCH Finance Minister Giscard D'Estaing said before flying to Washington for the Group of Ten meeting that the US 10 per cent import surcharge would be lifted when currency parities are re-aligned. He claimed that this was part of the agreement made with President Pompidou at the Azores meeting. The Minister is expected to fight to prevent any substantial revaluation of the franc. Of course, a big revaluation of other currencies against the dollar has the same effect as outright protection by tariffs.

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● BASQUES will be holding a demonstration outside the Spanish Embassy in London tonight to express solidarity with a group of workers in Eibar who are holding a hunger strike in a church. In Madrid police charged students on Wednesday and the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters was closed after clashes between opposing student groups, one of which was carrying the republican flag. At about the same time a delegation from Czechoslovakia was signing the new trade and technical agreement

with Spain.

■ FORMER Governor of Illinois and a Federal Judge Otto Kerner has been charged by a Federal Grand Jury with bribery, tax evasion, perjury and other Federal crimes.
While he was Governor the learned judge was apparently making a little on the side from race course rackets. Three former state officials conspired with him to obtain race course stock worth £145,000 for a mere £21,000. The difference represented a bribe to Kerner and his friends to influence decisions relating

● THIRTY Swindon railway workers who lobbied yesterday's closure talks in London between the unions and British Rail claimed there was little chance of the board changing its mind. 'We are not optimistic about stopping the closures,' Swindon coppersmith Mervin Hayward said. 'But we have come up here to see that our case is put forward.' British Rail has announced the closure of Swindon locomotive works with a loss of 1,100 jobs and two other workshops at Barassie, Scotland, and Ashford, Kent. Mervin Hayward said: the Board don't change their

put pressure on the government, including strike action.' ● SEE picture this page

mind we think the unions in

industry should combine to

TORY Housing Minister Julian Amery was called an 'arrogant pig' yesterday by Labour MP Dennis Skinner. He said Amery refused to meet tenants' delgations over the rice in rents. the rise in rents.

• FOUR convicted defendants in the Mangrove nine court case were given nine-to-15months' suspended jail sentences yesterday for assault and causing an affray. With five others in the two-month long trial they had been acquitted of causing a riot. Judge Edward Clarke implied that the sentences were mild and that the trial had shown that their was racial hatred on both sides. The charges were made by police after a demonstration in connection with the Mangrove restaurant incident. Police alleged 24 officers were injured when

'In the army, a man becomes an animal'



This picture appeared with the first-hand report of the village massacre in 'The People'.

what is to come ORGANIZING head-hunting was not the only bestial atrocity committed by the British Army

in its 12-year war against the Malayan workers and peasants. Investigations into the most infamous of these actions were quietly dropped by Director of Public Prosecutions Sir Norman Skelhorne just two weeks after the present Tory government

The investigations were into the cold-blooded massacre of 25 Chinese plantation workers butchered by the Scots Guards at Batang Kali, near Kuala Lumpur, on December 12, 1948.

The story of the killing really begins with the following enthu-

siastic despatch from the 'Daily Graphic' of December 13: Scots Guards gained an outstanding success against Malayan terrorists near North Selangor yesterday, killing 26

bandits out of 26 The terrorists who had been trailed to a large hut in the jungle, surrendered when they were surrounded. Later they attempted to break out and were

THREE CAPTURED In another area a Scots Guards patrol led by Lieut Lord Ogilvy, engaged a group of bandits, killed one, seriously wounded another—stated to be a leading Communist—and captured three.

It was followed on January 4, by a report in 'The Times' stating that the Malayan government had 'decided to take no action' after investigating the shootings.

The reader was left to make up his own mind as to why the government should have chosen.

Part three of JOHN SPENCER'S series exposing army brutality.

'The Times' put out the fol-

An official statement issued at Kuala Lumpur today says that the Guards section concerned was commanded by a sergeant under general orders that if any detained person tried to escape he was to be chased and recaptured, but in no circumstances was he to be allowed to escape.

The section patrolled an area which included rubber estates and jungle, and bandits were seen and fired on. The sergeant feared that these bandits would carry the news to others and decided to press on. He event-ually arrived at a clearing of kongsi (communal living) houses, huts, and shacks, in one of which ammunition was discovered. The statement continues:

'Information from interrogation was that armed bandits were in the habit of visiting the area and used it for obtaining supplies, which were brought in every morning by the lorry which brought food for the tappers and others who occupied the clearing. If attacked the clearing was a death-trap, and the sergeant therefore posted three groups to cover the entrances. These groups were out of sight of persons in the clearing and were posted on the afternoon of December 11.'

The interrogated men were placed in a kongsi house for the night under guard, and in the morning, seeing only the sergeant and two sentries, they made a break in three parties obviously a pre-arranged plan.

The sentries and the sergeant called upon the men to stop, but could not use their arms because their hidden comrades were in the line of fire. These three groups heard shouting, but did not know what was happening until they saw Chinese running through the jungle past their posts. The soldiers called in the Malay language upon the fleeing men to halt, gave chase, and finally opened fire.

Meanwhile the 'Daily Worker' for the same day had gone to press with a very different story.

It carried an interview with the widow of one of the massacred victims saying the 26 men had been shot in cold blood.

Questions were asked in the House of Commons and Labour colonial secretary Creech Jones announced that the Malayan Attorney General 'was satisfied that had the security forces not opened fire the suspected Chinese would have made good an attempt at escape which was obviously prearranged'.

The Malayan government's reaction was similar to the Army's cover-up job over the horror photographs which emerged some three years later.
After the cursory 'investigation'—army witnesses have since admitted that they fabricated the 'shot while escaping' story to avoid repercussions—the Malayan government issued a back-dated order making it lawful for soldiers or policemen to shoot at prisoners attempting to escape or at people resisting arrest.

The order was promulgated in



One of the women of the village pictured weeping appeared with the articles in 'The People', February 1970.

the 'Government Gazette' on January 22, 1949, six weeks after the Batang Kali massacre.

At the time of the massacre the Malayan Emergency Regulations did not authorize the shooting of unarmed people for

any reason.
It was made retroactive to provide a pretence of legality for the butchery at Batang Kali.
There the matter rested for

But it preyed on the con-science of some of the men who had taken part in the Batang Kali killing and after George Brown's 'stop weeping and get on with the war' outburst over the American My Lai massacre, one of them approached 'The People' newspaper with his own story of what had really hap-

The testimony of William Cootes was backed by four other men who had taken part in the fatal patrol to the jungle village of Batang Kali.

They confirmed that the men of the village were separated from their womenfolk, and kept overnight under armed guard. Next morning the women and children were driven away from the village in lorries, and the Guardsmen were told the men were to be killed. 'None of us

protested, Mr Cootes said.
'... The Chinese were brought from their hut. Their ages were about 16 to 80 years. We took our seven down to the edge of the stream just outside the vil-We were looking at each other waiting to see who was going to shoot first.

remember an old man of about 80 staring at me constantly. Alan Tuppen [another solider] showed them some matches to indicate that we were going to burn down the village and motioned them to run away. 'A couple started to walk. . . .

We still hadn't fired and we were still looking at each other. Then we heard shooting from one of the other groups so, instinctively almost, we opened

All but one of the prisoners was killed in the massacre. He survived only by feigning death.

The revelations in 'The People' caused a considerable stir at the time. But they were rapidly

Five months after the report appeared, Scotland Yard had closed its file on the Batang Kali massacre, despite a wealth of evidence showing that the Scots Guards had committed a war

Atrocities like Batang Kali and My Lai are inseparable from imperialist war.

They represent the only means which the armies of the exploiters can hope to terrify their opponents into submission. The same brutal method was used at Amritsar in India and at Croke Park in Ireland.

Today as the Tory government steps up its torture and repression in N Ireland the history of the British Army provides a salutary warning of the brutalities that can be expected in the weeks and months to Cold-blooded systematic terror is the technique of the British Army and these are its

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(US Round-up)

Stalinists resurrect

By Philip Wade

AS THE massive American working class moves into action against Phase II of President Nixon's wage freeze, the wretched US Communist Party has consciously set out to divert the struggle away from the independent class action against the government.

The aim of the Stalinists is to take hold of the militant upsurge in the working class and channel it into subordination to 'progressive' sections of the US labour bureaucracy.

Through providing a section of the union leaders with a 'left' cover, the American CP is seeking to prevent a break with these At the same time the Stalinists are falling right in behind the

which has organized a so-called dump Nixon' campaign with progressive' capitalist politicians in the Democratic Party.
Like Stalinists anywhere, the perspective of peaceful co-existence and subordination to the Moscow bureaucracy requires, above all else, a strategy which will, they hope, prevent the working class from moving inde-

section of the labour bureaucracy

pendently into action and breaking the 'peace'. Writing in CP newspaper 'Daily World' recently, one Daniel Rubin made the perspec-

tive clear:
There had to be 'united action' of 'the left and and centre political tendencies among workers . . . with the aim of



campaigned for Roosevelt in the name of the 'popular front'.

becoming the dominant force in labour,' said Rubin.
'This means an alliance of an to see socialism as the answer, together with the "centre" on a

common programme, he con-cluded. (My emphasis.) What Rubin means is that rank-and-file workers influenced or led by the Communist Party must ally with those who are led or influenced by the labour bureaucracy.

As usual, the Stalinists had to throw in 'Marxist' phrases this time on the united front, to justify their policy. course, the tactic of the united front was developed by Lenin and Trotsky to facilitate a break by workers led by reformist parties in a situation

where a Communist Party was also a mass party. The Stalinists make a parody of Marxism and the fight for a revolutionary party when they turn the united-front tactic into

its opposite.
Instead of helping to expose and break from all agents of capitalism within the trade union and workers' movement, the united-front tactic becomes a principle, the use of which is made to justify an alliance with

'progressive' bureaucrats.

In an even more sinister article in the American CP's 'theoretical' journal, 'Political Affairs', an attempt is made to resurrect the wretched ultra-right policy of a popular front with sections of the bourgeoisie. No doubt the author found it necessary why a so-called Communist Party advocated an alliance with 'non-monopoly' capitalists on a capitalist programme

of 'curbing' the monopolies. The writer performs veritable contortions in trying to prove that former alliances with the sections of the bourgeoisie was not only the bulwark of resistance against fascism in the 1930s, but was also a development on a higher plane of the tactic of the united front!

Both, of course, are preposter-ous lies and falsifications of the

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Workers demonstrating the wage freeze

It was the popular front developed by Stalin in 1934 that paved the way for fascism in Spain where the Stalinists subordinated the working class to the bourgeois Loyalist government, disarming the workers poli-

tically as they did so.
But the American CP has been this way before. In the United States the Stalinists campaigned for Roosevelt before the war in the name of the 'popular front', later denouncing Trotskyists as 'agents of Hitler'.

The Stalinists are now moving to set up a network of 'issue' committees which they plan to draw together through their trade union co-ordinating committee. Their hope is that these committees will put pressure on the 'centre' union leaders.

They, in turn, will apply 'pressure' on Nixon who will make concessions to the working class. August 15 might never have appeared on the calendar as far as these reformists in the American CP are concerned.

Nevertheless, a big struggle has opened up in the United States around the demands for a General Strike and the formation of an independent Labour Party for the working class.

It is this tidal wave the Stalinists fear; rightly so, for they

Crisis of surplus corn

THE US Department of Agriculture has had to move in to buy 600 million bushels of surplus corn on the open market following a crisis of overproduc-

US corn growers produced a record 5.5 billion bushels of corn this year, because the government urged them to expand production by 15 per cent to overcome a predicted repetition of last year's corn blight. The blight, needless to say,

never developed and prices have slipped below government support levels of \$1.05 a bushel.

The farms also produced surpluses of wheat, barley, and oats to compensate for the expected corn shortages.

Another factor in the decision to halt the decline in corn prices

was the threat of a fall in beef prices which would follow such a To placate angry farmers—a

key voting bloc in Nixon's re-election plans—the Administra-tion has been working frantically to bolster corn prices by getting surplus grain off the market. The decision to lift prices

was also helped by reports that Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslo-vakia and Poland would increase their grain imports from the US.

Only last month the US government concluded a deal to sell at least \$136m worth of surplus feed grains to the Soviet Union Farm subsidies will be raised by more than \$600m next year by paying farmers to retire land normally used for corn and other feed grain production. The 1972 situation should be interesting.

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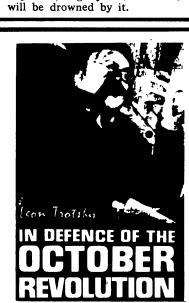
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Clutching

the cane

Tory opposition.

councillor:

THE INNER London Education Authority's recent decision to abolish caning in its primary schools brought forth the usual clutch of statements from the

We give you Lady Brabazon of ara, Kensington and Chelsea

'Those of us whose children attend public schools pay to have them caned and jolly good for them too. I was caned and it did me no harm [!?],' was the gist of her fundamental contribution to the cause of humanity, and children in particular

Other GLC members talked

frighteningly of six to ten-year-olds taking over in the class-rooms, telling teachers it was illegal to cane them.

For the last word, there is always Lady Plowden: 'Loving discipline was the answer,' she

THE IDEA seems to have been

Not even a

sell-out



Zionism and Herut:

Racialist ideology and THE EXTREME rightwing Israeli politician Menachem Beigin is

coming to London at the beginning of next

Beigin was the leader of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Zionist terrorists who, in April 1948, carried out the infamous massacre at Deir Yassin, in which 254 men, women and children of this Arab village were murdered.

On January 10, the Israeli reactionary leader will be the guest of honour at a dinner at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, arranged by London supporters of the Herut rightwing movement which he leads in Israel.

It is part of a concerted drive which Herut is making to gain influence and support in Jewish communities abroad

The Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish Prisoners, a London group which is understood to be under Herut influence, has begun a campaign of harassment against Soviet diplomats in Britain.

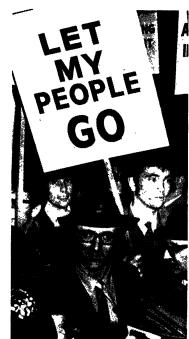
It is this Committee, headed by a Mrs Barbara Oberman, which was the host last month to another reactionary, Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defence League in America.

Kahane, who was convicted by a New York court earlier this year on charges concerning firearms, is a former organizer for Betar, the Herut party's youth section and there appears to be some overlap between support for Kahane and links with

Herut. During his visit to London in November, Kahane spoke to a meeting of some 500 people in the Central Halls, Westminster, arranged by the Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish

Prisoners.

He called for a more active and militant campaign on the issue of Soviet Jews.
On a previous visit to London, Kahane had said: 'The Soviet embassy in London should



Jewish Defence League pickets

feel 'as insecure as the one in Washington, which is constantly ringed by policemen.'

At his November meeting, he

repeated his call for militancy and appeared to be making a particular effort to get through to Jewish youth, evidently hoping to initiate activity on similar lines to the Jewish Defence League.

The campaign that has been launched this month by the Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish Prisoners has so far avoided outright violence of the sort carried out by Kahane's US supporters.

Instead, it is using harassment ractics—such as continual tele-phone calls to the homes of Soviet embassy staff.

About 60 Committee members also staged pickets on the homes

of two diplomats, Mr Ivan Ippolitov, Minister at the Soviet Embassy, and Mr Yuri Chel-

panov, a military attaché.

Rabbi Kahane's tactics have been condemned by a number of Jewish leaders, as doing more harm than good to the Jewish Prof Michael Zand, who recently left the Soviet Union,

actions

BY CHARLES PARKINS Part one of a two-part series on right-wing ZionIst leaders and organizations.



has said that such activities seriously damaged Soviet Jews, by alienating Russian intellec-tuals who were sympathetic.

But for reactionaries like Kahane and Beigin, the real interests of the Jewish people may be of little weight against the particular political interests they represent. At a time when issue of Soviet Jewry, the extreme right-wing hope that by making



Vorster: friendly ties with the

the loudest anti-Soviet noises and organizing militant activity they can win a position of leadership in the Zionist movement, and launch a general move towards reaction among Jewish people.

The first major success for the Herut movement has been notched up in S Africa, where their supporters have won 40

per cent of the votes in the Zionist Federation, thus becoming the leading Zionist party there.
This backing undoubtedly reflects two factors.

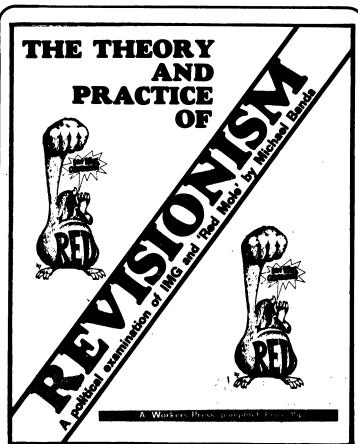
SUPPORTERS of the apartheid regime are easily attracted to the same sort of racialist ideology and actions, Herut represents, in Israel.

JEWISH capitalists who are doing well in S Africa recognize that Herut stands for closer links between Zionism and the Vorster regime.

In the Knesset (Israeli parliament), Menachem Beigin has opposed the Israeli government when, for foreign policy reasons, it supported the African states in the UN.

S African Nationalist Party leaders have frequently drawn parallels between white parallels between white supremacy there and Zionist experience in Palestine, and this been echoed by some S African Zionist leaders.

On a recent visit to S Africa, Beigin was photographed shaking hands with Vorster—who is a former 'general' in the pro-Nazi 'Ossewa Brandwag' organization. Not that friendly ties with extreme reactionaries and even fascists are anything new for Zionists, and certainly not for Herut. In its early years, as the Zionist Revisionist movement, the party was much influenced by Mussolini, and the youth section Betar, was styled on the Italian fascist youth movement. The movement was founded to fight for a Jewish state at all



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costs, and its extreme chauvinism was expressed in a demand that not only the whole of Palestine, but Transjordan too, should be included in this state. To this day, Herut has retained its image

The Irgun Zvai Leumi was founded as the military wing of this right-wing Zionist move-

Beigin, the Irgun turned to active terrorism against the British mandate, while enjoying financial backing from wealthy Zionists in the United States.

In the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, Irgun Zvai Leumi under Beigin's leadership perpetrated massacres of Palestinian Arab villagers at Deir Yassin and Ein el Zeitouh, and murder and looting of Arab citizens of Laffa

tinians from their homeland:

of loud-mouthed expansionism.

However, hatred of the Jewish working class is as much part of

its policy as hatred of the Arabs. In the 1930s, it engaged in organized strike-breaking against Jewish trade unionists; and members of the movement were also implicated in the murder on a Tel Aviv beach of Haim Arlosoroff, a 'Labour Zionist' leader who was suspected of being too conciliatory to the

ment, in order to carry out active terrorism against the Arab population.

Although it was an underground movement, Irgun decided

ground movement, Irgun decided at the outbreak of World War II to throw in its lot with British imperialism, and the first Irgun commander, David Raziel, was killed while serving as a captain in the British army, in action against Arab rebels in Iraq.

Under his successor Menachem Under his successor Menachem

citizens of Jaffa.

Beigin later boasted of the Irgun's part in driving the Pales-

"The Jewish forces were advancing on Haifa like a knife through butter. The Arabs were fleeing shouting "Deir Yassin!"."
CONTINUED TOMORROW

Book Review

Rehearsing the old EEC arguments

SUB-TITLED 'What the Common Market Means to Britain', this book presents papers by 11 economists given at a conference last May organized by a body called the Federal Trust. The claim that they provide 'new material' is hardly

The general tone of the papers is favourable to British entry and the level of the argument is fairly

technical. The word 'capitalism' does not form part of their vocabulary. Trade unions and the working

class are barely mentioned. There are two chapters on agriculture, but they give the impression that neither contributor has actually met a peasant or has put on boots and gone into a

In short, the authors speak as upholders of capitalism. When they consider the effect of Britain's entry, they really mean it will be good for business—a



The book pre-dates the Heath government's Common

Edited by John Pinder. Charles Knight. £3. view concealed behind the thesis

'THE ECONOMICS OF EUROPE'

that it will promote 'economic growth' As is the case with most pro-

fessional economists, these authors are loaded with ideology of which they are perhaps unaware.

They identify the interests of

business with the interests of Britain. It is from this point of view that they deploy their technical skills to weigh up the possible gains and losses. So, essentially, this volume merely rephrases the old arguments in a more sophisticated

They claim that entry will enable British industry to realize additional economies of scale and make greater use of advanced

Christopher Layton does this industry by industry. However, he comes up with an interesting

'A majority of companies expect to increase their investment,' he writes on page 40 their he writes on page 68, 'but—on the face of it surprisingly—the first reaction shows over twice as many planning initially to increase investment on the Continent as in Britain.' He says that this is to build up marketing and other facilities; in

fact it is much more than that. Realizing the economies of scale may require the closing of plant in Britain and investment in production facilities in betterplaced continental centres where labour is cheaper and external economies greater.
All the contributors tend to

overlook, too, what advantages British entry will hold for US and continental businesses. Why entry should improve the relative rate of growth of British

industry has not been established even on a technical level. In his contribution on capital flows, Stanislas Yassukovitch tries to show that entry will not result in 'a serious level of capital

outflow.

The chapter on invisible earnings suggests that the City of London will be well placed to draw funds from Europe and to extend its competition in banking

and insurance.

There is, however, a good deal to be said on the other side as far as these questions are con-

The trouble is that the contributors are, in to make a case for entry.



'The whole economic situation has been changed by Nixon's August 15 measures.'

Britain to a fast-growing market will increase its 'dynamism'—

Since it was written, not only has the Heath government made its decision, but the whole economic situation has been changed by US President Nixon's August

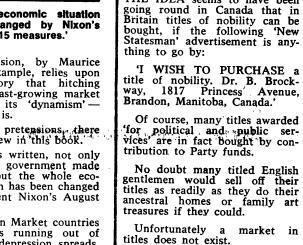
Such developments were not foreseen by the authors, who assume, wrongly, an indefinite expansion of capitalism.



The conclusion, by Maurice Peston, for example, relies upon the old theory that hitching

Despite its pretensions, there is not much new in this book.

The Common Market countries are themselves running out of steam as the depression spreads.



It would be unkind to suggest that it would be any good addressing his request to Lord Brockway, The House of Lords, Westminster, England, for even life peerages cannot be bought and sold.

Perhaps he should simply assume a title, like many have done before him, and perhaps in time he will be invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party.

A dog's life

PRINCE William of Gloucester, at 30, is a brave man. He has 'resigned himself' to being Royal.

Behind him stretches a long history of suffering and misery beginning at Eton and passing through Cambridge to the diplomatic pastures of Africa and

For the Prince it's a dog's life. Yet one suspects it's one he hasn't found too painful or difficult to accept.

'It's easy as a child to believe you're something special, especi-ally when nanny keeps telling you

Well. We all know what he means don't we. Of course we realize those other little indispensables, like thousands of pounds a year and property in the family, just slipped his mind.

And naturally we can see that being Royal is just a long experience of drawbacks. 'If there's any advantage it is the "handle" to your name,' he told 'The Times'. Quite. Quite. No more. No less.

Plus, of course, what goes with But even he allows himself to admit there may be one or two very slight advantages—like

being able to cash cheques freely, for example. With it all Prince William is

exceptionally modest. Looking back I think being Royal probably helped me get a place in school, he said. I'll bet.

Now the poor fellow—like so many other ordinary folk — is struggling to live.

'I must have a profitable business so that I can live' he moaned. Not perhaps the first thought

you or I would have had, but there we are. Some of us don't have to go to the dole.

In spite of everything and with all those terrible handicaps, look-ing back the Prince can say I think I've led a pretty normal

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7.05 Dyfal donc. 7.30-8.00 It's
awfully bad for your eyes darling. 8.30-9.00 Cwaain.

Scotland: 8.30-9.00 Current account.
10.00-10.40 Bonn Comhraidh.

12.07 News, weather.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.20 Scene around six. 8.30-9.00 Behind the headlines. 12.07 News, weather.
England: 6.00-6.20 Look North, Midlands today, Look East, Points West, South today, Spotlight SW, weather.



ITV 9.00 p.m. 'Justice'.

REGIONAL ITY

CHANNEL: 2.45 Art for all. 3.05 Farmhouse kitchen, 3.30-3.55 Yoga. 4.05 Pinky and Perky, 4.20 Puffin, 4.25 Smith family, 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 10.30 Weather. 10.32 Name of the game. 11.50 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.55 Gus Honeybun. 4.20 News. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sports desk. 10.30 Report. 10.58 News. 12.20 Faith for life, 12.20 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 1.40 Sara and Hoppity. 1.55 Malta. 2.25 History of motor racing. 3.00 S Africa. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.40 Women. 4.10 Houseparty. 4.23 Emperor's nightingale. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Richard the Lionheart. 5.20 Freewheelers. 5.50 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 6.40 Out of town. 7.00 London, 8.30 Dick Van Dyke. 9.00 London, 10.30 Weekend. 10.35 Name of the game. 12.00 News. 12.10 Mad movies. 12.35 Weather. It's all yours.

HARLECH: 2.50 Sesame street.
3.50 Women. 4.15 Tinkertainment. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Cowboy in Africa. 5.55 London. 6.01
Report West. 6.35 Bonanza. 7.30
London. 10.30 John Morgan. 11.15
Department S. 12.15 Weather. HTV West as above except: 6.01-6.35 Report West. 10.30 Press call. 11.00 Department S. 12.00 HTV Wales and HTV Cymru/Wales as above except: 6.01-6.18 Y dydd.

ANGLIA: 3.55 Survival. 4.25 News, 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 Bottom of the sea. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Desire Under the

ATV MIDLANDS: 1.40 Paulus. 1.55 Survival. 2.20 UFO. 3.10 Yoga. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.40 Women. 4.10 Julia. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.15 Freewheelers. 5.50 London. 6.00 Today. 6.35 Cross-roads. 7.00 Jesse James. 7.30 Lon-don. 8.30 Jimmy Stewart. 9.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'The Skull' Peter Cushing.

ULSTER: 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Theatre. 8.20 Cartoon. 8.30 London. 10.30 Food of love. 11.00 Film: "Bad For Each Other' Charlton Heston.

YORKSHIRE: 2.35 History of motor racing. 3.15 Pied pipers. 3.20 Katie Stewart. 3.45 Yoga. 4.05 News. 4.10 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Bottom of the sea. 5.20 Flintstones. 5.50 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 McQueen. 7.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Victim Five'. 12.10 Scales of justice. 12.40 Weather. GRANADA: 3.45 All our yester-days. 4.10 News, Peyton Place. 4.45 Thunderbirds. 5.30 Rupert Bear. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.20 Tweety pie. 6.35 Jimmy Stewart. 7.00 London. 7.30 Mod squad. 8.30 London. 10.30 Film: 'Turn the Key Softly' Yvonne Mitchell, Terence Morgan.

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GRAMPIAN: 3.31 News. 3.34 Cartoon. 3.45 Pinky and Perky. 3.55 Yoga. 4.25 London. 4.55 Woobinda. 5.20 Freewheelers. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Lesley Blair. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 8.30 McCue's music. 9.00 London. 10.30 Hogan's heroes. 11.00 Film: 'Phantom of the Rue Morgue' Karl Malden. 12.30 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 3.30 Kiri, 3.45 Cross-roads, 4.10 Dateline, 4.55 Skippy, 5.20 Cartoon cavalcade, 5.50 London, 6.00 Dateline, 6.20 Mr Magoo, 6.30 Smith family, 7.00 London, 10.30 In camera, 11.00 Late call, 11.05 Film: "The Gorgon' Peter Cushing,

Toolroom decision condemnedby Coventry engineers

TWO COVENTRY engineering union branches have condemned the way local union leaders called off the recent toolroom strike in the city.

Branch 59 of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers says it disagrees 'entirely' with the AUEW district committee's decision to abandon the fight for the 30-year-

old toolroom agreement (TRA).
To safeguard toolroom-rated workers in the future, the branch says the district committée must be prepared to launch total strike action if any Coventry engineering firm attempts to depress toolroom wages below the highest level in the district.

The Coventry 25 branch has passed a similar resolution. The settlement reached by local union leaders and employers extended the TRA until February, but then the union agreed to enter into negotiations at plant level over the pay rates for 6,000 toolroom-rated workers.

The 2,000 toolroom workers proper will be governed by a national agreement from February under which their rates are tied to the earnings of the highest paid production pieceworkers in each factory. Under the TRA the 8,000 men automatically received wages equal to the highest-

paid pieceworkers in the whole Coventry district. Militants pointed out at the time of the settlement that the agreement would expose the toolroom-rated men to plant productivity deals in-volving Measured-Day Work, which Coventry employers are eager to impose as part of their bid to get rid of all piecework payment.

A small number of toolroom workers who did not join in the recent strike are being 'severely reprimanded' by their union. But there will be no fines or expulsions.

Order sought against T&G

AN ORDER will be sought in ing the Transport and General Workers' Union from implementing manning instructions given to members at Hull docks.

Two port employers allege the instruction had the effect of extending the cargo-handling duties of dock workers to jobs which were not dock work.

This was in breach of the 1947 Dock Labour Scheme, employers actually

following month-long negotia-tions with the T&GWU. But Mr Justice Brightman put the action back until today because the union had not had a chance to reply to the move against them.

Goods train collision: 2 die

TWO MEN were killed and two others rescued from the wreckage after a parcels train and 32-wagon goods train crashed on the main Nottingham-Derby line early yesterday. One of the men rescued alive had been trapped for well over three hours. He had been given blood transfusions. The collision, at Lenton South Junction near Nottingham, blocked the line and London trains were diverted.

WEATHER

W ENGLAND, Wales, Scotland, N Ireland will be rather cloudy with some rain at times chiefly over the hills. Eastern districts will be mostly dry with variable amounts of cloud and some

bright intervals.

There may be fog patches at first in SE England. It will generally be mild or very

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Some rain or showers at times but mainly dry in the S. Temperatures near or

Co-op accepts anti-union

DESPITE its unanimous conference decision at Weston-Super-Mare to oppose the Industrial Relations Act the Co-op said vesterday it would not defy the

'The Co-operative movement naturally recognizes the Act must be implemented,' a spokesman told me.

This position was revealed at Tuesday's meeting of the TUC General Council where union chiefs reported the Co-op called for the adop-

tion of agency shops.

The TUC specifically opposes the substitution of agency shops for closed shops under the terms of the Tory Act which, they claim, would seriously weaken the trade union

The closed shop means that every man must belong to a union. The agency shop allows a union to negotiate for all employees at a

But it also allows those workers who don't wish to belong to a union to opt

The Co-op decision to accept the agency shop flies directly in the face of official TUC policy.

And the spokesman made

it clear yesterday that though the Co-operative movement dislikes the Act, would not put its members' funds at risk by disobeying any part of the new

law.

The Co-op stand rams home the absurdity of the TUC's policy of non-co-operation under circumstances where the trade union movement is divided and led by bureaucrats to whom the whole idea of challenging the government

is poison.
It throws into relief the near certain response of all trade union leaders the first moment they are seriously threatened by the Act.

Pay strike

While the Co-op chiefs moved to implement the Tories' infamous anti-union law, today they are faced with the first of a series of strikes in their insurance

Fourteen ASTMS members of the input-output sec-tion of the Co-op accounts department in London begin an indefinite strike in sup-port of a 15-per-cent pay

If there is a no change in ASTMS plans to call out

more members. Thus we have the spectacle of the Co-op leaders not only ready to put the Tory Act into practice, but operating the Tories' pay policy as well.

The spirit of Lanark and Rochdale has turned into its opposite, leaving the Co-op leaders standing shoulder to shoulder with the Tories and the bosses gainst the working class.

He is calling for an in-

quiry into espionage by

S African diplomats in

London and the activities

of a business consultant.

John Ferrers Smith, a for-

mer S African policeman

alleged to be an agent for

BOSS, the S African

Bureau of State Security.

allegations through a solici-

tor yesterday.

Ferrers Smith denied the

law

BY IAN YEATS



Steward John O'Shea (centre) with pickets outside the site

All back or nothing, say chippies

CARPENTERS on strike at the Hilton International hotel site in Shepherd's Bush, London, are standing against management attempts to re-employ only one fifth of the strikers.

The chippies have now forced the main contractors, Cubitts, to pay wages owed to them by a sub-contractor who ran out of cash two weeks ago.
But Cubitts are saying

they only have jobs for five of the 26 carpenters on

'It's all back or none,' said steward John O'Shea.

Vivas up

PRICES of all Vauxhall cars will be increased by $3\frac{1}{3}$ per cent from January 1, the company announced yesterday This means that the price of a Viva de luxe will go up by about £28, from £883.13 to by about £28, from £883.13 to £911.88, including purchase tax, and a Viscount by about £67, from £2,065.63 to £2,133.13. The last overall increase was in May.

Probe S African

spies in Britain

LABOUR MP for Erith and Crayford, James Wellbeloved, has brought

forward 'solid evidence' of a S African spy ring operating in Britain.

Ovambos go home

ABOUT 1,000 of the 6,000 against the contract labour system in SW Africa left Windhoek for their homeland

yesterday.
The strikers, who stopped work on Monday, are all demanding to be sent back home in the N.

Under the contract system, the Ovambos are brought down to work in major industrial centres. But they are not allowed to bring their families or change their jobs.

Africans jailed

SIX Africans have been jailed in Bloemfontein for periods of four or five years under the Suppression of Com-munism Act. It is claimed that they were members of the banned Pan-African Congress.

ITALIAN Communist Party has offered to support a compromise candidate acceptable Christian Democrats following the failure to elect a new President at the 13th attempt. Intense inter-party activity is going on in prepara-tion for today's vote. It is possible that the 80-year-old Pietro Nenni, a former leader of the Socialist Party, will be asked to stand.

Yugoslavia still in

A MILITARY court in Fort found guilty of the murder

how Col Oran Henderson,

commanding officer of the

11th Brigade of the Ameri-

cal division, covered up for

the My Lai massacre carried

He is accused of failing to

The prosecution claims that

report the incident or to

he knew all about the mass-

acre of 168 Vietnamese civilians but was afraid that if information leaked out he

He faces a sentence of three years and three months,

Lt William Calley, a platoon

commander, has already been

would lose his command.

carry out an investigation.

out by one of its units.

to life imprisonment.

The Division's commander

has been demoted and stripped of his Distinguished Service Medal.

CAMBODIAN troops have

suffered heavy losses in an attempt to relieve the be-

leaguered Prakham garrison

communist gunners.
Soldiers in Prakham have

been pinned down by heavy

rocket fire and have been unable to move to relieve the

garrison a few miles to the

N at Taing Kauk which is now completely cut off. The ill-fated drive North

which began last August has become a catastrophic defeat.

which is pinned down

THE FORCED resignation of the Croatian Communist Party leadership last weekend has thrown the Yugoslav republic into a ferment of nationalist demonstrations, with authorities arresting scores of demonstrators and handing out jail sentences.

Zagreb, the Croat capital, witnessed its third night of leadership.

The new Croat leadership sharply denounced nationalist tendencies in a 20-point self-criticism published on Wed-

It declared its full solidarity with President Tito and described increased activity by 'anti - self - management a n d nationalist-chauvinist forces' as 'organized counter-revolutionary activity by the class

conduct, the statement said. This was a reference to the

sities. These strikes, demanding that Croatia be allowed to keep all its foreign exchange earnings, marked the beginning of the nationalist resur-

Several student leaders have

Teachers to investigate nurseries

their own national working party to investigate ways to improve nursery provisions for

the under-fives. On average, says Britain's largest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, only one child in ten in England and Wales has the oppor

One of the chief factor vealed by a survey on nursery education in Wales, published A mere 5 per cent of the

places in state nursery schools and classes in Wales, compared to the average 10 per cent in England and Wales The survey, based

questionnaire sent to local education authorities, says schools, catering for 1,350 full-time and 1,500 part-time pupils out of a total of 185,000 children in the two-to-four age group.

built in Wales between 1945 the march. and 1967 — and that was a

been put under arrest for their part in organizing the stoppages.

The most sinister aspect of the nationalist movement in Croatia is the revival of pro-Ustachi sentiment.

The Ustachi, right-wing extremists who collaborated during the war with the Nazis against the partisans, appear once more to be emerging from under their stones.

STRENGTHENED

Their agitation is aided by the reactionary policies of the Stalinist bureaucracy, which is pursuing a right-wing policy both at home and abroad.

Ever since June 1968, when the left-wing movement among the Belgrade students was repressed, the right-wing and restorationist tendencies have been strengthened.

Not surprisingly, the nationalist manifestations have found support in the churches. At the recent session of the

executive session of the Socialist Alliance in Nis, speakers produced evidence to show that the Adventist, Catholic and Orthodox churches were engaging in political propaganda and criticized the lack of organized resistance to this develop-

INTOLERANT

Religious communities were especially intolerant in settle-ments where there was no activity by the Socialist Alliance and among workers with very low incomes, speakers said.

Once again this exposes the bureaucracy's inability to mobilize the working against the right-wing tendencies which are now threatening workers' conquests in Yugoslavia.

her exports.

purpose.
The Nixon Administration

and Japanese rivals.

tradictions of capitalism that such a struggle cannot be averted. Furthermore, the ruling

Nixon loses no opportunity of pointing out to other capi

Powers

under the notorious Hartley anti-union law.

the transport industry and would cover the dockers' strikes, which have been temporarily halted under this

and Japanese exporters at a disadvantage compared It will also curtail exports

WIDESPREAD support for the Young Socialists' 'Right to Work' campaign has. come from

Kirkby shop stewards' lia is on committee has backed the Right-to-Work march from their area to London on February 19.

paign and raise money for Kirkby is a town outside

Colonel covered up GoT back to business for My Lai

US looking for economic 'package deal'

AS THE Group of Ten ministers gather in Washington for yet another meeting today, the stark fact of growing depression throughout the capitalist world conditions all their discussions.

Since President Nixon's August 15 measures and German industry in smashed the international monetary arrangements which have existed since the 1944 Bretton Woods agreement, a series of talks has produced absolutely

Washington statements in preparation for the latest talks, show the dollar devaluation made after the Pompidou-Nixon meeting involved no modification of US demands.

The same tough line upheld by Treasury officials John Connally and William Eberle will be maintained.

They insisted that any dollar devaluation must be accompanied by trade and defence-sharing agreements. 'It depends,' a Treasury spokesman said, 'on trade and burden-sharing-it is still very

much a package.' Eberle spelt out the basic demands on Europe in Brussels last week. He left Common Market officials gasping.

They require abandonment of the Market's preferential trade policies with other coun-tries and a freeze on agri-

Bases

It is also evident that Nixon wants the NATO coun-tries and Japan to pay a larger part of the costs of maintaining US bases abroad in order to help the balance of payments

of payments.

Morever, whatever the extent of dollar devaluation, Nixon will require considerable revaluation of other cur-

rencies—as much as 20 per cent for the Japanese yen and 13 per cent for the German

ment of currencies, which her trade rivals have been seeking since August 15, the US wants freer access to the markets of other countries for

The Treasury spokesman made it clear that bilateral talks would be held for this

is as determined as ever to push the burden of the depression onto its European

The struggle for markets is intense and mutually destructive, as was shown in the 1930s. But such are the con-

class in every capitalist country is bound to go to war on its own working class as the crisis intensifies.

talist governments the signifi-cance of the price-wage freeze.

In addition, he has just appealed to Congress to approve legislation against the trade unions to supplement the powers he already has

The new powers are required to deal with strikes in

The kind of currency re-alignment which is under discussion will place European with their American rivals. direct to the US market which are the lifeline for Japanese

Engineers' quarterly and stewards back jobs march

workers.

closures.
The Liverpool Amalgamated Union of Engineering workers' shop stewards quarterly have also agreed to support the campaign and raise cash. They say they will cam-

and raise cash.

The marchers will converge on London from England, Wales, Scotland and N Ireland for a mass rally at the Wembley Pool on March 12.

ment is reputed to be the

highest in Europe after a series of disastrous factory

jumpiness of the foreign exchange markets and specula-It is the yen and the mark which will be revalued the tion against the dollar creates the conditions for a new gold

Pompidou is making a big mistake if he thinks that be-cause French direct exports to the US are less important In the end gold is the only store of value which can be counted upon. And a general flight from paper money could force up its price to three than those of Germany, Japan and Britain he can make a deal and shield the French times the present official gold value. economy from the slump. the world's money markets and create a situation similar

Further, and this is no doubt what the Americans are counting on, discord among the European countries is to that after 1931 when banks

failed all over Europe and the American banking system collapsed. Any semblance of agree-ment at the Group of Ten talks will rapidly dissolve under the impact of the world economic crisis.

It is this crisis, bearing down implacably on every capitalist country, which is the basic factor in the situation.

Nationalize Ceylon banks? Sorry, we

can't afford it CEYLON would like to nationalize foreign banks but can't afford to, Finance Minister Dr N. M. Perera said in Colombo yesterday.

The Minister, a renegade Trotskyist who led his Lanka Sama Samaja Party into coalition with premier Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike and the Communist Party in 1964 and 1970, said he would like to go ahead with his election promise made in June last year to nationalize the banks. But at the moment the gov-ernment owed them over

exchange and was not in a position to pay it, he said. There are eight foreign banks in Ceylon—four British, three Indian and one Pakistani.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

dollar

Make the Tory government resign!

Nixon: No modification

bound to grow as the question

of fixing new rates or making bilateral deals with the US

comes up.
The Common Market coun-

tries are already torn apart on these issues. The question of foreign markets is crucial

country, so no government wants to revalue too much

Selling

The dollar itself has been

under heavy pressure in every foreign exchange market since

ment. In Tokyo there was frantic selling of dollars and

Growing uncertainty,

Frankfurt

reached a record low.

against the dollar.

every advanced capitalist

Return a Labour government pledged to restore full employment and repeal all laws against the unions!

NUNEATON: Monday December 20, 7.30 p.m. 'The Ball and Plough', Corporation Street. Discuss ATÛA manifesto.

CASTLEFORD: Saturday December 18, 6.30 p.m. 'The Ship', Aire St. Miners and the Tory government. MANSFIELD: Sunday, December 19, 7.30 p.m. 'Horse and Groom', Stockwell Gate. The miners' struggle against the Tory

LEAMINGTON: Monday December 20, 7.30 p.m.
'The Golden Lion', Regent
St. Discuss ATUA manifesto.

SW LONDON: Tuesday December 21, 8 p.m. Small Hall, Clapham Manor Baths, Clapham Manor St, SW4. 'Elect a Labour government pledged to socialist policies'. BIRMINGHAM: Wednesday December 22, 3 p.m. Christ-mas social: Mount Pleasant Community Centre. All un-employed workers and youth welcome.

COVENTRY: Thursday December 23, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Right to Work Committee Christmas Social. Buffet— Disco—Comedy films. 'The Bear', High Street. All un-employed workers and youth

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· POWER TALKS ELECTRICITY power talks ended in deadlock yesterday after management upped their offer by a quarter of a per cent. Unions will meet in January to consider further

file.

Demand by MP

Another Labour MP, Stanley Clinton Davies, is tabling a question in the Commons on allegations that two British policemen attended the trial in Johannesburg of the very Rev Gonville ffrench-

BOSS agents are known to operate in Britain, where they shadow opponents of apartheid and infiltrate leftwing movements.

> closely with Special Branch detectives of Scotland Yard and enjoy a remarkable degree of immunity from prosecution. Reports and statements from people interviewed by

Wellbeloved are being for-

They are believed to work

warded to the Home Office. He said that people under BOSS surveillance feared that they cannot go to the British police 'because they believe the police are cooperating with the security services of the S African government'.

He added: 'It is alleged

that the police know of

these activities and have

done nothing to discourage

them. Many of the activities

I am complaining about are not a breach of law. 'What is required is to ascertain whether the practice of keeping people under observation and infiltrating organizations is desirable.

'I want the Home Secretary to make the necessary recommendations and to examine the activities of S African diplomats whom I can show are involved in

ferment BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

nationalist demonstrations on Wednesday as marchers protested against the removal of the old Party

VIOLENT Organized groups of stu-dents acting from alien ideological positions were trying to impose their will by un-democratic and often violent

recent ten-day student strikes in Zagreb and Split univer-

TEACHERS are to set up

tunity of nursery education. prompting the setting-up of the 22-man working party is the 'deplorable situation' re-

three-to-five age group have combined.

Only one nursery school was