

## What we think

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When ex-'Oz' editor Richard Neville took his place in the press seats at the Old Bailey during the trial of Jack Prescott and Ian Furey, the hordes of some of the regular reporters rose.

Neville was attending the trial with official accreditation from the London 'Evening Standard', for whom he was writing a feature. But this did not prevent two of the regulars complaining to the clerk of the court.

Their protest—based on Neville's recent conviction for sending a so-called obscene article through the post—was conveyed by the clerk to 'Standard' editor Charles Wintour.

And a protest letter from the Central Criminal Court Journalists' Association followed up with absurd bleats that these old hands were 'justly proud of their reputation of providing responsible day-to-day coverage of trials and felt their voices must be raised in these days of declining standards'.

This reactionary nonsense, reminiscent of Mrs Mary Whitehouse and the Festival of Light, was compounded with a lot of sickening crawl to Wintour about not wishing to 'interfere with an editor's discretion to employ the services of anyone he likes'.

Crowning the mixture was irrelevant drivel about how only last month the Lord Chancellor had described the Old Bailey as perhaps 'the premier court in the world'.

One can almost picture these ancient scribes touching their forelocks and gratefully carving 15 notches on their quill pens as Prescott was sent down.

Workers Press has had some experience of this sort of thing. When we sought admission to the Old Bailey press benches for the trial, we were told we needed Home Office vetting.

Our industrial correspondent, meanwhile, is still denied facilities made available to every other daily-news-paper journalist in his field because he is blocked from membership of the Labour and Industrial Correspondents' Group.

We are against situations where a small group of reporters can organize themselves quite outside their trade union in order to restrict the free coverage of news.

This is a deplorable, dangerous and anti-trade union practice which is in daily use against the working-class movement and should be unequivocally condemned by it.

So despite our many political disagreements with Richard Neville, we say that providing he is a member of the National Union of Journalists, he must have the same right of access to reporting facilities as other union members.

One phrase in the Old Bailey men's letter to Wintour claims their being associated with Neville by virtue of occupying the same bench is 'prima facie an offence against the journalists' code of conduct'.

It is not clear whether this is meant to be a reference to the NUJ code of conduct, which has the force of law in the union, or a careful study of this document reveals no clauses which might apply.

And a significant aspect of this whole sordid affair is that the offended reporters took their complaint not to their union branch—but first to the law and then to an employer.

With Tory lawyers and employers only too eager to intervene in the trade union movement with their Industrial Relations Act, this is a damning indictment.

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The more the capitalist powers discuss the economic crisis, the more obvious the basic antagonisms become. After five months of negotiations, their positions are even more intransigent than they were at the beginning.

The American decision this week to raise the dollar price of gold was hailed in the capitalist press as a basis for an 'interim settlement' of the crisis.

Yesterday's 'Guardian' claimed that this 'should assure a swift and smooth resolution of the international monetary crisis'.

It was claimed that dollar devaluation would allow other countries to revalue against the dollar and arrive at new levels of fixed parities for their currencies.

But even if such a 'settlement' were arrived at, it could not change the fundamental features of the crisis.



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But the US authorities, led by Treasury Secretary John Connally, refuse even to allow a higher interest return on dollars held by foreign central banks.

As the Dutch delegate to Washington pointed out, the overseas dollar holdings cannot now be converted into gold or used to buy American goods at competitive prices.

The Europeans, accordingly, are demanding that the Americans underwrite the massive dollar-holdings in their reserves.

They are calling for a complete dismantling of the EEC's farm price policy and a freeze on trade links with members of the European Free Trade Association (especially Austria and Sweden).

The EEC executive commission has mandated its representatives to reject the US package.

Such exchanges cannot be dignified by the name of 'negotiations'.

They are the mutually hostile declarations of capitalist powers which are moving rapidly towards all-out trade war as the world recession deepens.

### Abandoned

But last weekend it seemed possible that agreement might be reached between union officials and local management after lengthy talks in which the off-setting clause was abandoned.

On Tuesday, however, the Rolls directors intervened to demand that this clause was reinstated.

Ray Gardner told Workers Press yesterday he believed the government, which owns Rolls-Royce (1971) 'has definitely had some influence in this'.

'We've proved this week that local management has almost no power to negotiate at all'.

With yesterday's decision, Rolls' offer of four weeks' backdating is withdrawn.

## SIT-IN STUDENTS TO BE CHARGED

SWANSEA'S Labour council is backing moves to prosecute students who are occupying the city's college of education.

At their last meeting, the council decided to support a bid to evict the students whose sit-in against stigmatization is now in its fourth week.

They also agreed to confirm a resolution by the college governors, many of who are Labour councillors, to take legal action against the protesters.

Yesterday the National Union of Students dispatched an organizer to report on the situation. But at this stage the leadership appears to be paralysed in ineffectual protest over the Swansea battle.

The trouble started when Michael Pany, a Greek-Cypriot student and Communist Party member, was expelled on the grounds that his academic record was poor.

Students carried out their own investigation and found that at least 30 students had comparable or worse academic performances than Pany.

Pany failed in his key social studies exam because the lecturer responsible refused to mark some answers 'because of their political nature'.

## Eire legal moves against IRA

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

CONTROVERSY raged in the Republic of Ireland yesterday over a demand by the Minister of Justice to introduce an inquisitorial legal system to deal with the IRA.

This latest sign that the Lynch government is preparing to help the Tories smash resistance to British imperialism in Ulster came on Thursday when Justice Minister Desmond O'Malley called for sweeping changes in the legal system.

He wants an inquisitorial system under which a suspect could be held indefinitely without formal charge. This would allow a magistrate to interrogate the suspect who would have no access to a lawyer.

He could be held months by the magistrate before being charged.

Speaking during a debate in Eire's parliament, the Dail, O'Malley said he was frustrated because he did not have sufficient power to deal with illegal organizations operating S of the border.

He said that it was difficult to convict self-confessed members of illegal organizations because reports of their admissions in newspapers were not evidence in court.

He revealed that the Eire police force, the garda, had been instructed to take notes at meetings and they had been doing this for months. The evidence was now in his hands, said O'Malley.

One of the main troubles, he said, was that many leading IRA members had access to the best legal advice and that any incriminating documents were difficult to come by on the person of these people.

An inquisitorial legal system would help overcome these problems.

Leading Dublin solicitor Myles Shevlin immediately struck back at the Minister. He said it had been known that O'Malley had been toying for some time with the idea of introducing an inquisitorial legal system.

'It seems appalling that such radical and revolutionary upturnings of our legal system should be contemplated by a junior minister either of the behest of Mr Maulligh or Mr John Taylor [Minister for Home Affairs at Stormont]', he said.

Shevlin suggests, these reactionary demands by O'Malley are certainly in line with the Tory plans for Ulster.

They will need the full co-operation of Lynch's regime in the South if they are to preserve capitalism in Ulster.

Some form of repressive legal system in the Republic will be necessary to achieve this and the Green Tories of Dublin appear ready to deliver the goods.

The IRA is not the only problem the Eire government faces. Latest figures show that unemployment there exceeds 8 per cent—more than twice the UK average.

A total of 70,000 were out of work in December and only 34,000 of these are allowed, under law, to claim unemployment benefit.

This represents an increase

TROOPS of the Republic of Ireland patrol the border between the counties of Monaghan and Armagh. Eire Justice Minister Desmond O'Malley wants tougher legal powers to deal with units of the IRA. If he gets his way, it may be that these soldiers too will be turning their guns against Irish workers.

### FRANTIC SAVING EFFORT

Yahya's acceptance of a ceasefire is an admission of the utter defeat of his armies in the East and the impossibility of regaining his position there. He tried to crush Bangla Desh—and now Bangla Desh has crushed him. But the Pakistani soldiers have been allowed to keep their arms—on the excuse that they might otherwise be massacred by embittered Bengalis.

## December Fund rises to £675.70

ANOTHER great post of £72.63 makes our December Fund now £675.70. With Christmas only eight days away, we are relying on all your help to clear the remaining £592.30 before the holidays begin.

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## After cease fire What next for Bangla Desh?

BY MICHAEL BANDA

PRESIDENT Yahya Khan of Pakistan yesterday ordered a ceasefire on the western war front with India in response to a proposal from Indian premier Mrs Indira Gandhi.

## Plessey men in local talks

TALKS to end the 15-week occupation of the Plessey factory in Alexandria, Dumbar-tonshire continued yesterday without result.

Representatives of the Alexandria workers, who took over control of the gates on September 3 when the factory closed, met local management for discussions on a formula for ending the 'sit-in'.

This involves a joint company between Plessey and the Lyons property group to sell the Alexandria site to other industrialists.

But stewards are insisting on further safeguards before they lift their occupation.

## More engineers back 'Right to Work'

ENGINEERS at Vauxhall Motors, Luton, have supported the Young Socialists' Right-to-Work campaign and have called on their National Executive to demand that the TUC organize a General Strike to force the Tory government to resign.

And a meeting of 100 Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' shop stewards in the Portsmouth area has unanimously supported the campaign 'as a step in the direction of getting the Tories out of government'.

This resolution now goes forward to the engineering union's Portsmouth district committee to be discussed along with details of possible financial support.

The resolution of support for the campaign recently passed by the AUEW's Limbury, Luton, branch will also be forwarded to the union's Luton district committee.

'This branch supports the Young Socialists' "Right-to-Work" campaign. As the 1971 AEU National Conference resolution says, the right to work is "the most important aspect in the struggle against this Tory government".'

We must not allow the Tories to use unemployment and the Industrial Relations Act to smash free trade unions.

The Portsmouth shop stewards have urged trade unionists nationally to support the campaign.

Engineering shop stewards in Sheffield have also pledged their full support for the 'Right to Work' fight and for a campaign by the TUC to remove the Tory government from office.

The well-attended meeting also demanded all-out action on the engineers' pay claim.

## POVERTY

It is one of the world's most crowded, poverty-stricken, underdeveloped countries. More than 80 per cent of its 75 million people depend on agriculture which is extremely primitive and deprived of capital.

More over it is subject to a capricious sub-tropical weather which periodically devastates the Gangetic delta in the monsoon periods from November to January.

Mineral resources are extremely scarce, road communications poor and transport is heavily dependent on the rivers.

There is only one major road linking the eastern frontier to India in the W. Most of the produce in the country—sugar, rice, tea—goes by inland steamers plying the three main waterways, the Ganges, Brahmaputra and the Maghna rivers.

The main defect of Bangla Desh economy is the low level of industrial development and its lop-sided structure. There are no more than 1,000 industrial plants employing a total of 300,000 workers.

The main industry in Bangla Desh is the jute industry which supplies 80 per cent of the jute needs of the world.

In the past, the foreign exchange earned by these export industries went mostly to W Pakistan and little of it returned to the E in the form of investment and economic development.

But even if this exchange was now to remain in the E it would only marginally affect the level of economic activity and employment in the E.

The only way out of the economic impasse created

## Reflation no solution for jobless

COMMENT BY IAN YEATS

THURSDAY'S announced rise in hard core unemployment coincided with a sharp change of view among sections of the business community.

Chancellor Anthony Barber's long-awaited reflation is about to be consigned to the waste bin where it always belonged. All the talk is about unmitigated recession.

Yesterday's 'Daily Express' unveiled the doubts everyone bar Enoch Powell has been studiously trying to cover up.

Said the 'Daily Express': 'What becomes clearer every month is that Britain's current tide of unemployment is proving harder to turn than the experts—inside and outside the government—expected.'

And all the signs are that it will go on getting a great deal harder.

Doubts about the reliability of the currency forms which are supposed to express commodity values are deepening and, as this week's balance-of-trade figures show, the downhill slide of world trade into recession continues apace.

Under these circumstances any upturn in investment—which is what the Tories mean by reflation and not merely pumping money into the economy via wage rises—will only make things worse.

Commenting on the relentless march toward a million jobs 'The Times' said yesterday: 'There are grounds for an uneasy feeling that this has been more than an ordinary shake-out.'

Of course. But big business has had no difficulty in reconciling itself to mass redundancies.

In conditions of declining trade and falling profit rates, jacking up productivity on the backs of a growing army of unemployed is their only road to survival.

More than anything else the jobless figures emphasize that the employers' survival has been aided by the unstinting collaboration of the entire trade union leadership.

How else have the dole queues swelled to the record post-war level of 901,000—twice any rate known since 1945?

The number of those temporarily stopped last month fell by 19,733, accounting for the overall drop in registered unemployment of 3,072.

Stood on its head, what this means is that there has been a dramatic de-escalation in the number of industrial disputes which are largely responsible for those temporarily stopped.

Only last week Tory Employment Secretary Robert Carr was crowing about the way they had reduced the number of strikes.

Their success is yet another pointer to the trade union leaders' wholesale retreat.

And the growing recognition in business circles that the recession is a lot more than an economic hiccup exposes the TUC's reactionary policy for what it always was—rubbish.

This policy, backed by the dusting off and bringing out of some of the old protest banners, is a treacherous and cowardly substitute for a fight against the bosses and the imperatives of capital.

Even the Tories realize such a fight would have to be waged if unemployment was to be brought down.

But worse is to come. The employers cannot just sack men and then sit back and watch the dole queues grow. Dole queues are unproductive and expensive and the Exchequer's income from tax is shrinking.

Yesterday's 'Times' pointed the way. Arguing the case for urgent retraining and re-employment 'The Times' said: 'The challenge is unavoidable. The choice is either the improbable development of Portuguese discipline or the

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Lawyer for Bukovsky

SOVIET lawyer V. Y. Shveisky, who defended oppositionist Andrei Emalrik last year, has been asked to conduct the case of Vladimir Bukovsky, a young dissident who has been held incommunicado since last March.

**Chile:**

# Economic crisis a threat to Allende

By Tom Kemp

AFTER 14 months in office, President Salvador Allende's government in Chile has set up a new Committee for Economic Leadership and Planning.

Headed by Allende himself, and including the ministers concerned with economic questions, it will have to deal with a rapidly-mounting crisis which threatens to wreck the Popular Unity regime.

After suspending operations for three days after the imposition of exchange controls, the central bank is back in business working no less than five different values for the dollar.

## Exchange

The old parity is maintained for food imports, that is 12.112 escudos, while tourists have to pay 28 for a dollar.

This system was brought into belated operation to meet the growing foreign exchange crisis. The price of copper, Chile's main export, has fallen heavily since Allende took over.

Reserves were heavily depleted by opponents of the regime moving capital out of the country.

Chile also has to pay off instalments and interests on its huge foreign debt.

The government claims some successes on the home front—'only' a 20 per cent inflation, against 35 the year before, and an increase in industrial production. It is claimed that Gross National Product is up by 8 per cent.

The rise in personal incomes undoubtedly aggravated the foreign exchange crisis and 1971 may well go down in Chilean

history as the year that the locust has eaten. What matters now is how well prepared the economy and the government are for the strains ahead.

Opposition from the right is becoming increasingly violent and well-organized.

## CIA ties

According to the Communist Party daily 'El Siglo' it is spear-headed by the 'Fatherland and Freedom' movement, which is financed by big landowners and has close ties with the Central Intelligence Agency.

If the recently-concluded Sixth National Congress of the Central Labour Federation (COT) is anything to go by, there is plenty of complacency around.

The Congress was attended by 2,374 delegates representing almost a million organized workers and peasants who support Allende. Main theme of the Congress was support for the Allende Popular Unity government; economic demands were relegated to the background.

## Warning

It supported the government programme of social ownership of large-scale industry and called for worker-participation in management, not workers' control.

Its only answer to the threat from reaction was to call for the mobilization of the working class to back up the government.

By ignoring the question of power, calling for the moderation of working-class demands and backing the reforms of the Allende government, the COT leaderships policy in fact disarms the working class and prepares the way for betrayals and defeats.

The example of Bolivia should be a warning.



The ever present Brazilian military police

# Hunger and starvation: Brazil's 'miracle'

By John Spencer

BRAZIL'S right-wing military regime is the linchpin of United States Latin American strategy. Dictator Emilio Garrastazu Medici recently visited the White House for talks with President Nixon, who spoke glowingly of 'Brazil's economic miracle'.

The Brazilian course, Nixon said, would decide the continent's policies—a remark which has annoyed some of Latin America's other heads of state who fear they may be next on the list for a CIA-inspired coup d'état.

Brazil's 'miracle' is worth examining in more detail, to see just what the US imperialists plan for the rest of Latin America.

The Brazilian government has just published its latest census figures, giving details of workers' earnings and living conditions.

## Census

The census, taken in 1970, confirms that the workers have highly unfavourable living conditions. The figures include only the permanently-employed population. The high percentage of unemployed and part-time workers suffer even worse conditions.

According to the census returns, one-third of the Brazilian workers receive wages of under \$20 a month, while another third are paid less than \$40 a month.

Even in Rio de Janeiro, where the highest average wages are paid, only 69,000 people (out of a population of 3.5 million) get more than \$400 a month.

Eighty per cent of workers spend more than three-quarters of their pay on two basic necessities, housing and food.

Even right-wing Senator Carvalho Pinto, a former governor of Sao Paulo, admits that the poorest wage-earners are hardest hit by taxes.

As the newspaper 'Tribuna da Imprensa' pointed out, 25 per cent of the workers' income can hardly pay for 'transportation, schooling, medicine, clothing, the lottery and funerals'.

## Stricken

The newspaper 'Folha de Sao Paulo' gives the daily average consumption of milk per head in the city at just over one-eighth of a pint. In the even more poverty-stricken NE provinces, milk consumption runs at only about a third of the Sao Paulo figure.

Not surprisingly, the workers' health reflects these appalling living standards. Tuberculosis, the classical disease of poverty and under-nourishment is rampant, despite medical advances.

## Prescription

German Gerhardt Filmo, director of the National Tuberculosis Division, told a recent conference that two new cases are registered every minute.

Every 40 minutes a Brazilian dies from TB. The entire country is hit by the disease, including the Indian peoples who live in the jungles.

This 'economic miracle' is Nixon's prescription for the rest of Latin America.

# Letter from Peru

RECENT CONFLICT in the Peruvian copper mines has, more than any recent event, put the crucial issue of leadership clearly on the agenda.

After the repression of the teachers' strike and the attempted split in the teachers' union, the military government took a definitive step towards direct repression of workers.

The thousands of copper miners lost 25 leaders in a bloody, police-organized massacre during their recent strike. The men were machine-gunned down in the union headquarters near the Cobriza mines.

Their struggle had become a real death blow to the Bonapartist plans of Velasco's military regime. Their main demand was for the nationalization of all the copper industries.

Though they didn't pose the central question of workers' control, they nevertheless opened a formidable battle against the junta's pro-imperialist policies.

## Demands

But of even greater importance was the fact that the miners' demands included lowering the working hours from eight to six, without loss of pay and with a sliding wage scale.

This contrasts sharply with the same miners who only two years ago marched in support of the junta that today murders its leaders and imprisons them.

The 16 trade unions which went on strike are led mostly by Stalinists and revisionists.

The fight for the unity and extension of the strike, which was only possible by an uncompromising struggle against the Stalinist majority in the leadership, was weakened by the revisionists. The Vanguardia, MIR, Maoist and Castroite groups urged taking hostages and occupying the mines at the first signs of a Stalinist compromise.

There was no political leadership to explain the revolutionary character of the strike, a leadership that could have brought out the need to fight for workers' control and for an alternative leadership organized in strike committees to combat the Stalinists.

This allowed the Stalinists to weaken the strike, the petty-



A demonstration in Lima against the Peruvian military Junta

bourgeois to divert the desperate mood of the workers into adventurist policies and the military government to drown the strike in blood.

Now the revisionists have voted with the Stalinists to end the strike. Twenty-five leaders are dead. And 150 miners have been arrested. But not a single demand or protest has been made, and no freedom secured for the jailed men.

This is the regime so enthusiastically supported by Castro and endorsed so lovingly by all sorts of Pabloite revisionists.

Deported teachers' leaders are still in exile and so is peasants' leader Hugo Blanco. Recently Ricardo Napieri, gen-

eral secretary of the suppressed Parti do Obrero Marxista Revolucionario (POMR) has been arrested and there are threats that he too, will be deported.

The military junta is also using more subtle, but equally dangerous means for strengthening its police control over the whole country.

## Stifling

Recently the government has 'nationalized' all the TV and radio channels by expropriating 50 per cent of the shares.

This measure, hailed by Stalinists as a gigantesque 'progressive' step, means the destruction of even the most elementary forms

of bourgeois democracy, which are useful for the working class in its struggle against exploitation.

With the excuse of being 'anti-imperialist', the military government is making further steps against the working class.

Stified by their predominantly petty-bourgeois nationalist leadership, the workers' hands are temporarily tied behind their backs.

Only the construction of a revolutionary, Marxist party—a battle now waged within POMR—can provide the indispensable leadership for the Peruvian working class and avoid the pitfalls that the Bolivian labour movement suffered recently.

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  - 7.30 NEWS, SPORT and weather.
  - 7.40 RUGBY SPECIAL. Newport v Harlequins.
  - 8.20 CHRONICLE. 'King Bernadette'.
  - 9.05 WIVES AND DAUGHTERS.
  - 9.50 GILBERT O'SULLIVAN IN CONCERT.
  - 10.25 TALL STORIES. 'Sitting Pretty'. Michael Hordern, Richard Briers.
  - 10.45 FILM NIGHT.
  - 11.15 NEWS ON 2 and weather.
  - 11.20 FILM: 'THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN'. Jack Hawkins, Nigel Patrick, Roger Livesey, Richard Attenborough. A bank robbery is carried out by retired army officers.



ITV 6.30 p.m., Action-Adventure 'CIRCLE OF DANGER'

All regions as BBC-1 except:  
Wales 5.45-6.05 Ask the family.  
6.05-6.30 Disc dawn. 10.40-11.00 Match of the day. 11.37 Weather. 11.35-11.55 Sports final.  
Scotland: 5.00-5.05 and 10.00-10.45

Sportsreel. 10.45-11.30 Mainly Magnus. 11.30 News, weather.  
N Ireland: 5.00-5.05 Sports results, news. 11.35-11.55 Sports final.  
11.55 News, weather.  
Eire: 5.00-5.55 Regional sport. 11.37 Weather.

## REGIONAL ITV

- CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 6.30 Film: 'Flight of the Phoenix'. 8.59 Weather. 9.00 Benny Hill. 10.00 Bless this house. 10.30 London. 11.20 Marty Feldman. 12.15 Weather.
- WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.35 Gus Honeyburn. 11.50 Pippi longstocking. 12.15 Drive-in. 12.15 Faith for life. 12.20 Weather.
- SOUTHERN: 11.15 All our yesterdays. 11.45 Thunderbirds. 12.42 Weather. 12.45 London. 5.05 Randall and Hopkirk. 5.55 London. 6.00 Tommy Cooper. 6.30 Please sir. 7.00 Film: 'The Flight of the Phoenix'. James Stewart. 9.30 Fern St gang. 10.00 Tarback. 10.30 London. 11.25 News. 11.35 Marcus Welby. 12.30 Weather. It's all yours.
- HARLECH: 10.50 Mr Piper. 11.15 Country visit. 11.25 HR Puffstuf. 11.50 Seaspray. 12.15 Captain Scarlet. 12.45 London. 5.00 Randall and Hopkirk. 5.55 London. 6.30 Tommy Cooper. 7.00 Film: 'Friendly Persuasion' Gary Cooper. 9.30 Edgar Wallace. 10.30 London. 11.25 Cinema. 11.55 Weather.
- HTV Cymru/Wales as above except: 6.30-7.00 Sion a sian.
- ANGLIA: 12.15 All our yesterdays. 12.45 London. 5.55 London. 6.30 Flintstones. 5.55 London. 6.30 Sale. 7.00 Film: 'But I Don't Want to Get Married'. 8.30 Hawaii Ave-o. 9.25 Benny Hill. 10.30 London. 11.25 Marty Feldman.
- ATY MIDLANDS: 12.10 Horoscope. 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 London. 5.00 It takes a thief. 5.55 London. 6.00 Dick Van Dyke. 6.30 Please sir. 7.00 Film: 'Friendly Persuasion' Gary Cooper. 9.30 O'Hara United States Treasury. 10.30
- GRANADA: 11.55 Shooting. 12.20 Rocket Robin Hood. 12.45 London. 5.00 Man from Uncle. 5.55 London. 6.00 Sylvester. 6.10 Comedians. 6.40 Avengers. 7.35 Please sir. 8.10 Film: 'The Wicked Lady' Margaret Lockwood. 10.00 Shirley's world. 10.30 London. 11.25 Scotland Yard casebook.
- TYNE TEES: 11.05 All our yesterdays. 11.35 Forest rangers. 12.00 Cartoons. 12.15 Fireball XLS. 5.55 London. 6.00 Film: 'Second Chance' Robert Mitchum. 6.30 Jimmy Stewart. 8.00 Hawaii Ave-o. 9.00 Please sir. 9.30 Benny Hill. 10.30 London. 11.25 Marty Feldman. 12.25 Epilogue.
- SCOTTISH: 12.20 HR Puffstuf. 12.45 London. 5.00 Scotsport. 5.15 Cartoon. 5.25 Fireball XLS. 5.55 London. 6.00 Tommy Cooper. 6.30 Please sir. 7.00 Film: 'Friendly Persuasion' Gary Cooper. 9.30 Benny Hill. 10.30 London. 10.40 Scotsport. 11.10 Marcus Welby. 12.05 Late call.

# Offering services to international capital

WITH the establishment of the state of Israel, Beigin and other Irgun leaders set themselves up as the Herut Party, standing for capitalism, opposition to the labour movement, an 'activist'—that is to say, aggressive—foreign policy, and territorial expansion.

Their votes came from middle-class businessmen, from the lumpen proletariat—for whom the party posed as 'anti-establishment'—and from elements in the armed forces.

Their financial backing came from wealthy capitalists in Israel, the US, S Africa and elsewhere. In 1967, partly under pressure from similar interests, Beigin was brought out of opposition, into a 'national unity' government, shortly before the June war began.

By CHARLES PARKINS  
Part Two

Since the June 1967 war, Herut has been most vociferous in calls for retention and annexation of the Arab territories that have been occupied.

As chauvinists, the Herut supporters extend their hatred of Arabs also to those Jews who oppose Zionist aggression.

So in Paris, an organized squad of Betar youth beat up an Israeli socialist who was speaking at an anti-Zionist meeting.

In London, Herut supporters disrupted a meeting at the London School of Economics and attacked a Jewish student who had spoken out against Zionism.

## Nationalism

Another aspect of Herut nationalism was brought into prominence last month when Betar members were mobilized to disrupt a 'German Cultural Week' being held in Israel.

Their campaign followed the line that all Germans, as a nation, are guilty of the crimes of Nazism.

Betar youth held up a concert

in Tel Aviv's Mann auditorium by chanting anti-German slogans. In Jerusalem they threw rotten eggs at the stage during a performance of the Berlin Schiller Theatre, having also insulted and spat upon people entering the hall.

As the demonstrators rushed the stage, other Israelis, some of whom themselves had concentration camp numbers tattooed on their arms, intervened to stop them.

At the Hebrew University on November 9, Betar members shouted down the German author Gunter Grass—who is a social democrat and well-known opponent of Nazism.

The emotionalism of the protests—at the Mann Auditorium, demonstrators donned prayer shawls and mounted the rostrum to recite the prayer for the dead—was very loud; but the campaign was also blatant in its insincerity.

Otherwise, why choose a Culture Week as the occasion for demonstrations, when a more appropriate target might be the political, economic, and military

links between the Zionist state and W Germany?

The anti-German campaign may have been a propaganda exercise aimed at impressing some Jews abroad with its backward emotionalism and chauvinism. For the sake of foreign correspondents, the Betar youth carried placards and banners with slogans in English.

'We do not forget, we do not forgive!' said one of their slogans. But one presumes their movement would prefer that people forget some of its own past.

For instance, such endearing aspects as the case of the banker Georg Koreski—a leader of the Revisionist State Zionists (Herut's predecessors) in Germany before the war, who became a collaborator with the Nazis, being appointed by them to a government post responsible for Jewish affairs, where he stayed until 1937. Forgive and forget?

Anyway, for many Jews who experienced the Nazi's coming to power, the sight of uniformed Betar right-wing youth, breaking up concerts and attacking theatre-goers, must have been far more reminiscent of the ugly experience of Nazi methods, than any of the cultural events these reactionaries were attacking.

Anti-Germanism is emotionalism, confusion, ignorance and backwardness.

Organized anti-Germanism as a political weapon is deliberate confusion, and exploitation of emotions and ignorance, in order to foster a diversion and camouflage.

With the ignorant notion that 'all Germans are Nazis', people can be diverted from asking 'which particular Germans supported the Nazis?', 'which particular Germans are ruling W Germany today?' and 'which particular Germans are today prominent in NATO, and maintain business and political links with the rulers of the state of Israel?'

Demonstrating against cultural exchanges is a convenient and cheap way of maintaining this diversion.

With the concomitant notion—that 'only persons connected with Germany can be called fascists', people can be diverted from recognizing that fascism does not have to speak German, nor need it always come wearing the swastika, nor is the danger of fascism today necessarily to be expected from Germany in particular.

The 'fascists=Germans' equation is a handy camouflage for others forms of fascism.

# Zionism and Herut



Members of the Betar demonstrating during the 'German Cultural Week' in Jerusalem

It means, for example, that reactionary nationalists like Betar can heckle an anti-fascist—Gunter Grass—because he is German; while their own leader, Menachem Beigin, goes off to S Africa to shake hands with a former leader of the anti-Semitic 'Ossewa Brandwag', Vorster!

Anti-Germanism could also be a camouflage behind which Herut builds in Israel a movement that is not far from fascist itself.

Besides his links with S African racists, Beigin has connections with extreme right-wing politicians in other countries too. He was in contact with Jacques Soustelle in France. Although traditionally they are vicious anti-Semites, the extreme right-wingers in France have generally become enthusiastic supporters of Israel.

## Contacts

In Britain, Beigin's contacts so far are with the 'respectable' right.

His deputy, Haim Landau, was in London earlier this year to organize the setting up of a pro-Israel group among Tory MPs.

Beigin himself has been invited to address the Anglo-Israel Parliamentary Committee in the House of Commons during his visit.

As for Rabbi Meir Kahane, he has some not-so-'respectable' connections!

While in trouble with the law in America, Kahane made a pact in public with Joe Colombo, founder of the 'Italian-American Civil Rights League', who is reputed to be a prominent figure in the Mafia.

Then, in September, Kahane flew to Israel, stopping over in London on the way by arrangement with the Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewish Prisoners.

While in London, defending his links with the alleged Mafia chief, Kahane admitted:

'It was Colombo who put up the \$45,000 bail for me. But for him I would not be here and I could not go to Israel now.'

On arrival in Israel, Kahane announced that he would be attempting to organize his Jewish Defence League on an international basis.

The Beigin-Kahane, two-ring, travelling circus is essentially a crowd-puller to help the Herut

movement extend and develop its reactionary influence.

The more the movement gains ascendancy within Zionist organizations, the more funds it can channel to the Herut party in Israel.

That is bound to be a consideration. But it is not the only one.

The drive to win influence in Jewish communities abroad can, if successful, strengthen links between Herut and other reactionary political parties.

Because obviously, in offering its services to international capitalism and reaction, the more influence the movement has, the more it will have to offer.

Describing Rabbi Meir Kahane's visit to Britain in November, and his speech at the Central Halls, a correspondent in the 'Jewish Chronicle' (November 26) Gloria Tessler said:

'He ascends into his fury rather like a refined George Wallace, but with the intellectual equipment of an Enoch Powell, the exponent par excellence of Jewish nationalism. He is an opportunist who, says he, will use any ally—the Mafia or the Pope, even anti-Semites—to effect the release of Soviet Jewry.'

Well, to anyone who has studied the history of Zionism, this sort of 'opportunism' is entirely familiar.

It runs all the way through Zionist history, this talk of 'using' anyone.

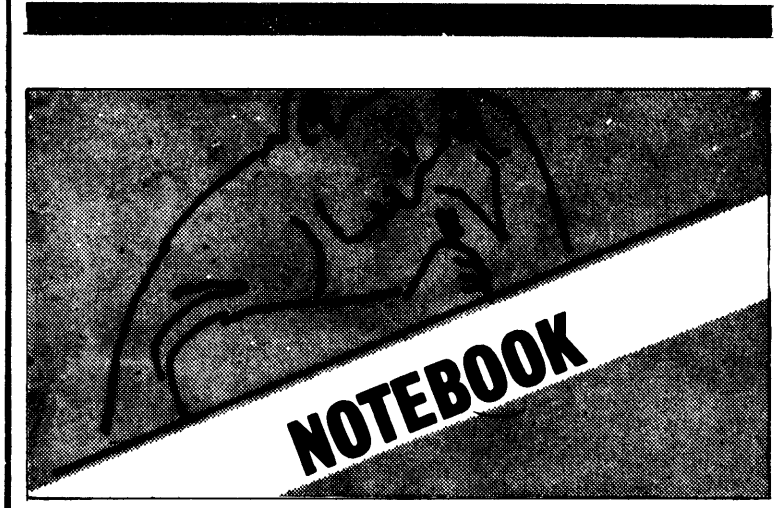
## Alignments

And in practice, it has always meant that the Zionist is prepared to be used by anyone—the anti-Semite Plevh, the Kaiser, British imperialism's Balfour, US imperialism, French colonialism, Adenauer, Eden, Johnson, Nixon...

What Kahane's opportunism, and his talk of putting 'the release of Soviet Jewry' above all else as the sole consideration for political alignments, really mean, is that reactionary Zionists like him and Beigin will try to use the ostensible issue of Soviet Jewry to justify every rotten and reactionary alliance they can think of, even with known anti-Semites.

Behind the spokesperson of anti-Soviet hysteria, these men aim to harness the Jewish people as firmly as they can to imperialism and reaction.

CONCLUDED



## Finding the right hat

MORE in the 'Which hat is he wearing?' saga—a source of much ribald amusement and not a little confusion to regular observers of the trade union bureaucracy.

The game reached absurd proportions on Monday when Bill Hogarth, taciturn Scots leader of the National Union of Seamen, attended a meeting of the TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee with nobody saying a dicky-bird to him about his plan to register under the Industrial Relations Act.

Yet Hogarth arrived at the meeting, which voted to write to unions defying TUC deregistration policy asking them to reconsider, fresh from drafting rule changes enabling the NUS to remain registered at a week-end executive meeting.

A bit odd, that? murmured our gullible reporter.

Not at all replied TUC secretary Victor Feather tetchily. Mr Hogarth was here as an individual member of the F&GPC and not as NUS general secretary.

So a letter will solemnly be sent out from Congress House,



## Xmas laugh

FOR THE best laugh of the Christmas season I suggest readers get hold of the latest publication from Robert Carr Co Ltd.

We refer to the latest brochure from the Department of Employment and Productivity. It's about those places where ten men are chasing every job. The Tories tastefully call them 'development' areas.

This neat little read has a laugh-a-line and is especially recommended to families on the dole.

Page four states that places like Scotland 'have reserves of labour [they nearly said 'a labour reserve'] and large areas that are under-used'.

But the Department goes on to describe the dialectical miracle that has occurred under the Tory rule:

'But the disadvantages of yesterday have become today's assets. In those parts of the country where industry has tended to concentrate in recent years there is a shortage of space and labour can often be difficult to recruit...'

Well, in search of the truth 'Workers Press team investigated those areas where 'labour can often be difficult to recruit'.

There is the W Midlands, for example. Labour is very short here. For a start there are only 82,206 workers on the dole. The employers compete desperately to attract this tiny pool of labour and fill their 9,000 vacancies.

Of course the astounding labour shortage is most severe in the SE. Here employers are having a really hard time: with only 171,210 unemployed they 'have an enormous total of 54,000 jobs to fill.'

Perhaps the most hilarious section is the one dealing with N Ireland.

What a nice time employers would have if they shifted to the six counties. We quote again: 'N Ireland is a popular place for holidays and a centre for sporting activities... Golf courses abound... and many are situated near the coast. Sailing on the many lakes and around the coast becomes more popular every year...'

Yes, it's fine in Ulster. Especially if you manage to avoid the troops, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Ulster Defence Regiment, internment, army torture and 20 per cent unemployment.

But these are secondary matters. The golf is, after all, more important to the modern captain in industry.

## Aid from Asia

THERE once was a time when the Christians and do-gooders in America could get their kicks from playing the benevolent grandmother to the 'unfortunate' poor workers and peasants of Asia.

They would send the odd food parcel or roll of bandage to soften the misery of life under US imperialism. Well now the flow of 'good will' has reversed. The people of Kobe in Japan have launched a drive to collect noodles to feed the starving in... Seattle, I mean Seattle, USA.

Once the boom town of the aero-space industry Seattle is now the unemployment black-spot of the W since the massive redundancies announced by Boeing.

Unemployment in the town now stands at 13 per cent and a 'Neighbours in Need' group has opened 36 'free food' banks to feed about 15,000 people a week.

Kobe has chipped in. During December it sent 1,000lb of canned food and rice noodles through the offices of the local YMCA.

In addition £320 in cash has been collected for the Seattle unemployed. A big drive for more supplies will be launched over Christmas.

It's such a good life in free, capitalist America...



An anti-Soviet protest in Jerusalem.

## TV SUNDAY PROGRAMMES

### BBC 1

9.00-9.30 Nai zindagi naya jeevan. 11.00-11.30 Seeing and believing. 1.25-1.50 Farming. 1.55 Made in Britain. 2.04 News. 2.05 Here's Lucy. 2.30 Laurel and Hardy. 2.50 Film: 'David Copperfield' Freddie Bartholomew. W. C. Fields. Lionel Barrymore. Edna May Oliver. Elizabeth Allan. Basil Rathbone. Maureen O'Sullivan. 4.55 Carols for Christmas. 5.25 Walt Disney.

6.05 NEWS and weather. 6.15 NO PLACE ON EARTH. 6.45 SONGS OF PRAISE. 7.25 MORECAMBE AND WISE SHOW. 8.10 PLAY OF THE MONTH: 'THE CHERRY ORCHARD'. By Anton Chekhov. Edward Woodward, Celia Johnson. 10.15 NEWS and weather. 10.25 OMNIBUS. 'Somewhere a Voice Is Calling'. 11.15 PARKINSON. 12.05 Weather.

### BBC 2

7.00 NEWS REVIEW and weather. 7.25 MUSIC ON 2. 'The Christmas Story'. By Heinrich Schutz. 8.10 THE WORLD ABOUT US. 'The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau'. 9.00 WIVES AND DAUGHTERS. 9.45 PICK OF THE WEEKS. From 'One Man's Week'. 10.10 TELEVISION DOCTOR. 'Accidents and Emergencies'. 10.25 COMEDY TONIGHT. From 'The Talk of the Town'. 11.10 NEWS SUMMARY and weather.

### ITV

11.00 Service. 12.25 On reflection. 12.55 Out of town. 1.15 Captain Scarlet. 1.45 University challenge. 2.15 Big match. 3.15 Film: 'Follow That Man' Sydney Chaplin, Dawn Addams. 4.45 Golden shot. 5.35 Survival.

6.05 NEWS FROM ITN. 6.15 FREEDOM ROADSHOW. 7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY. 7.25 ON THE BUSES. 'A Thin Time'. Reg Varney. 7.55 FILM: 'THE WRONG BOX'. Michael Caine, Nanette Newman, Peter Cook, Dudley Moore, Tony Hancock, Peter Sellers, John Mills, Ralph Richardson, Cicely Courtneidge. 9.50 POLICE 5. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.15 PLAY: 'SECOND TIME AROUND'. 11.15 THE KEE INTERVIEW. Robert Kee talks to Peter Simple. 11.45 ONE POINT OF VIEW.

### REGIONAL BBC

All regions as BBC-1 except: Wales: 1.50 News. 1.51 Thomas Owen. 2.40 Sports special. 3.40 Can't bobol. 4.10-4.55 Star trek. 6.15-6.45 Film: 'The Wild and the Willing'. 10.25-11.15 O'neudd gyngredd. 12.07 Weather. Scotland: 6.15-6.45 One man's view. 11.15-11.50 Braden's week. 11.50 News weather. N Ireland: 2.05-2.30 Belief and living. 6.45-7.25 Goodwill to men. 12.07 News weather. English regions: 12.07 Weather.




ITV 7.55 p.m. Michael Caine and Nanette Newman in 'THE WRONG BOX'.

### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.59 Weather. 2.00 Big match. 3.00 Film: 'Edward My Son'. 4.35 Danton. 4.45 London. 5.35 Lone Ranger. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Moving Target' Paul Newman. 10.00 London. 11.15 Odd couple. 11.40 Epilogue. Weather. 4.40 London. 5.35 Flaxton boys. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'Four for Texas' Frank Sinatra. 10.00 London. 11.15 Danger man. Weather. ULSTER: 1.45 London. 3.15 Film: 'Cash on Demand' Peter Cushing. Andre Morell. 4.45 London. 7.55 Sport results. 7.55 Film: 'Dr Strangelove' Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Robert Ryan, Jimmy Stewart. 10.00 London. 11.15 Marcus Welby. YORKSHIRE: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.25 Farming outlook. 1.55 Calendar. 2.20 Soccer. 3.15 Film: 'Bachelor of Hearts' Hardy Kruger. Sylvia Syms. 4.45 London. 5.35 Charlie Brown. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Rebel' Tony Hancock. 10.00 London. 11.15 British Museum. 11.45 Danger man. 12.55 Weather. GRANADA: 11.00-12.00 London. 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Football. 2.55 Film: 'The Spanish Gardener' Dirk Bogarde. 4.40 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Wrong Box' Michael Caine, Peter Sellers, 9.50 Bugs Bunny. 10.00 London. 11.15 Marty Feldman. TYNE TEES: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.25 Farming outlook. 1.55 Country calendar. 2.10 Country visit. 2.20 Where the jobs are. 2.25 Shoot. 3.20 Film: 'Nurse for a Lady' Dennis Price. 4.45 London. 5.35 Charlie Brown. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'Babette Goes to War' Brigitte Bardot. 9.50 M. Magoo. 10.00 London. 11.15 Challenge. 12.05 Alfred Hitchcock presents. 12.35 Poems by Mary Wilson. SCOTTISH: 1.25 All our yesterdays. 1.55 Pinky and Perky. 2.10 Pioneers of modern painting. 2.50 Film: 'Bye Bye Birdan' Janet Leigh, Dick Van Dyke. 4.40 London. 7.55 Film: 'Modesty Blaise' Monica Vitti, Dirk Bogarde, Terence Stamp. 10.00 London. 11.15 The brass are coming. 12.05 Late call. WESTWARD: As Channel except: 1.20 Master chefs. 1.35 Farm and country news. 11.40 Faith for life. 11.45 Weather. SOUTHERN: 11.00 London. 12.00 Weather. 12.03 Farm progress. 12.30 The bitter and the sweet. 1.00 Space and the atom. 1.30 Stingray. 2.00 Big match. 3.00 Film: 'A Boy, a Girl and a Bike' John McCallum. Honor Blackman. 4.35 News. 4.40 London. 5.35 From a bird's eye view. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'Bitter Victory' Richard Burton. 9.30 Odd couple. 10.00 London. 11.15 British Museum. 11.45 Weather. It's all yours. HARLECH: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.45 London. 3.15 Film: 'House of Darkness' Laurence Harvey. 4.45 London. 5.35 Flintstones. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Wild and the Willing' Virginia Maskell, Paul Rogers. 10.00 London. 11.15 Marty Feldman. 12.10 Weather. HTV Wales as above except: 12.05 Dan sylw. 12.40 Cenwch yr ior. HTV Cymru/Wales as HTV Wales plus: 5.35-6.05 Cenwch yr ior. ANGLIA: 11.00-12.05 London. 1.10 Bands. 1.40 Weather. 1.45 Farming. 2.15 University challenge. 2.45 Film: 'Crossroads to Crime'. 3.55 Match of the week. 4.40 London. 5.35 Arthur. 6.05 London. 7.55 10.00 London. 11.15 Marcus Welby. Film: 'Westward the Women'. ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-12.10 London. 12.50 Seaway. 1.35 Horoscope. 1.45 London. 3.15 Film: 'The Leather Saint' John Derek.

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