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BY PHILIP WADE

usual, jumped into action to hail Social Security Minister Sir Keith Joseph's masterly. What they did not make clear, of course, is that the increase will, in any case, only take effect from April 4, 1972.

In other words, the soaring cost of living will have more than swamped any possible few pence to be added to FIS. With three days to Christmas the Tories have tried a

stunt which only such a reactionary crew of bankers, financiers and monopolists could try. Prices are rising at least 11p in the £ each year, 1 million are on the dole, millions of workers are

offered wage-cuts and thous-

starvation. Try asking for more and the Tories reply with the

of pensioners face

SIX ALLEGED members of

the underground Portuguese

Communist Party have been

sentenced by a state security

court in Lisbon to up to two

years' imprisonment and 15

rights. The six, including one

girl, were charged with being members of the party and

organizing conspiratorial meet-

ings. The trial has been going

shown to Oliver Twist. Yet what a charitable season the Tories and their Roval hangers-on have en-

joyed. One family not on FIS was awarded £1m.

As leader of Tory Symphony Orchestra, Edward Heath got another £6,000. For services to Europe another £37,000. Harold Wilson-a 104 per

cent wage increase.

MPs 37 per cent etc., etc.

What about their friends in business and the property world? A means test? Jim Slater, former partner of Peter Walker, now Environment Minister, buys company after company. His firm Slater Walker Securities

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# vvon't be broken'

-Christmas on the Bogside

HUNDREDS of workers in N Ireland will spend this Xmas interned. For them, as for thousands of unemployed workers and their families in Ulster, the festive season will be singularly

While the ruling class are pouring caviare, turkey, champagne and brandy down their throats, internees at Long Kesh internment camp will stage a hunger strike from midnight Xmas Eve to Xmas Night. They will spend Xmas in over-crowded, rat-infested compounds which many of their relatives think are responsible for recent outbreaks of scabies.

In the cities, families live in a state of semisiege. In the Bogside and Creggan areas of Derry there is very little movement after dark. Movement is limited as no buses run to the Lone Moor Road area and, after 6.30 p.m., buses to the Creggan area stop, when the last people lucky enough to have jobs return home after the day's work.

Xmas shopping is done under the hostile stare of British soldiers who stand on street corners and in doorways with loaded weapons. Just last week, a woman was shot in the hand as she shopped because someone had fired a shot at a soldier. In the centre of the city there are coloured bulbs and decorations, everywhere else there is almost total darkness. Many shops do business behind heavily boarded windows, only a sign 'Business as Usual' marks these shops still open after the months of fight-

#### **Fuel for bitterness**

In the Creggan estate, if anyone wants to go out they risk a hazardous walk down New Road, past an army post in the grounds of Essex International's light-engineering factory. If someone can afford 30p, they might think of hiring a taxi. But that is difficult since none of the public phones work.

In the Bogside and Creggan most of the street lights are broken and the city's 'Development Commission' obviously does not think they are worth repairing since renewed fighting would see them broken again.

The streets, in almost complete darkness. are hazardous. Pavements in many places have been torn up during heavy street fighting and broken stones and glass and rubble lie in heaps everywhere. On many corners, at the entrance to the areas, stand barricades of old, burnt-out cars, corrugated tin and cement blocks as a reminder of the fact that since internment began on August 9, the army have only been able to make short-lived forays but have been promptly beaten out again. The Bogside and Creggan are now controlled by street committees of local inhabitants and Provisional

Under these conditions, most people stay indoors at night. Television news provides a constant source of fuel for anger and bitterness as they watch and listen to biased reports of army activity. Everyone is extremely cynical of these reports. Arms 'finds', they say, which are reported to have increased since internment began, are one thing to be suspicious of. One woman said to me:

'Why is it that the army always seem to find exactly the same weapons every time? In my opinion these "finds" are just propaganda to keep up their own morale. And if they did find anything, they'd report it every day for a week, saying it was a new "find".'

#### Suffering under Tory rule

Then there are the conflicting reports from the army and local citizens every time someone is shot. The recent death of 16-year-old Lee Martin McShane at Coalisland is just one example. The army maintain he was armed and had taken aim at some passing soldiers. Everyone else says he and his friends were playing a game and he had a toy gun given to him by his grandmother years before.

No one goes to bed very early. There is always the danger that the army will try to mount a surprise attack. This, if it does come, is usually about 4 a.m. when the army expects everyone to be in bed. When the hooters go off warning of an attack, the cry 'All out, all out!' resounds through the streets.

From the internment camps, too, there are constant reports that the internees do not sleep well. Dogs are constantly provoked by the army throwing stones and bark all night. Batons are run along the sides of the huts keeping men awake. Men who have been subjected to heavy torture, relatives say, sometimes rave throughout the night and others have to stay up with them and try to calm them.

Most men tellatheirerelatives very little about their own sufferings because they are afraid they will cause too much worry and anxiety. Workers Press has interviewed relatives of internees from Derry and the Bogside who will spend this Xmas wondering how much longer their husbands, fathers and sons will have to suffer these conditions of Tory rule.

Persen

NORA CANNING is 19. She had been married for just over three months when her husband Cyril, 22, was interned on September 17 and taken to the now infamous Long Kesh internment camp.

Nora's father Sean Keenan had already been interned from the first swoop made by the army on the notorious night of August 9, 1971.

Her father was first of all taken to the 'Maidstone' prison in Belfast habour, then shifted to the capital's Crumlin Road jail and from there taken

'Internment has been affecting my life since I was very young,'

'When I was five years old my father was arrested. 'It was different then. For a start it was the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the B-Specials who arrested them.

'They didn't just give you two minutes to get out of bed and come. You at least had time to get some belongings together to

'He was interned for four-and-

'I have always been politically-minded', Nora told me.

'At the age of five you grow up very quickly when your father has been interned. You want to know why he has been arrested and what Republicanism is all

'My father is now 57 and this is the third time he has been interned. Yet they have never broken his spirit and I know now they never will.

Both my parents were also interned during the war. My mother had five children then. The youngest was a boy of three and the eldest was nine.

'I feel very bitter about what-

'My mother is dead now. When my father was arrested on August 9, everybody was waiting for another swoop. I had been married for two-and-a-half months when internment came this time and I am expecting my first baby

'My husband had not been well. He has a heart condition due to rheumatic fever.

'Cvril was arrested the first night he stayed at his mother's house. [Nora's mother-in-law lives in the Lone Moor Road area of Bogside.] Before that he had been in bed for three weeks because he was ill.

'For the first 48 hours the police and the army would not tell me where he was.

Then I heard that he had been taken to Ballykelly and kept there for one day. He was then moved to Palace Barracks in

#### Tortured

asked Nora if her husband had been tortured while he was in Palace Barracks.

'We hear so many reports, but I don't know. He is the sort of person who wouldn't tell me anyway in case I would worry too

'After he had been in Palace Barracks he was taken to Crumlin Road.

'In there he was locked up in basement and allowed to go to the toilet or anything.

Had Nora's husband been connected with the IRA?

'Well he sold papers and he was politically-minded, but he couldn't do very much because of

'The information they had was way out. They thought they had got one of the top men in the IRA when they arrested him, but he was never that.'

After Crumlin Road, Cyril was then moved to Long Kesh. 'He is in a compound which is supposed to hold 80 men. As far as I know there are now 96 men there.

'They're sleeping in bunk beds with hardly any space at all between them.' How had these two intern-

ments affected her? 'When my father was arrested, I was more determined than ever that the fight should go on. But since Cyril was arrested I would just like to see him get out and would go away.

'My whole thoughts now are internment, internment, I was three months pregnant when Cyril was arrested. If it doesn't end soon I will have spent the whole of my first year of my marriage without my husband.

'At the moment I don't want to face up to the reality of having this baby on my own. 'Sometimes I get so disheart-

'If they do let them out soon there has to be some sort of political solution before it. Sometimes now I feel there is not going to be any end to it.

'Yet if internment was ended tomorrow, Hume and Fitt [Social Democratic Labour MPs] and the others would go back into Stormont [at the moment they are boycotting it] and I think: why should Stormont exist at all?

'Ireland is too small a country to be divided in the first

'I think every country has the right to freedom. Who is Eng-

Ireland or for India and Pak-

THE LONG BAR

'Internment definitely hasn't worked this time. 'In this campaign more British

soldiers have been killed here than in Aden. The Tory government dosen't care about soldiers getting killed. But I do think they would like to see the violence ending.

'They are losing all the time. 'How long can they afford to keep all these soldiers here? I can't see this campaign ending about a united Ireland.

'The government are trying to make this into a religious fight, but it's not.

'It's the Catholic people—because they aren't Unionist—that are feeling the injustices of

#### Support

'I think that this is the first IRA campaign since the 1920s when the people have been interested enough to give sup-

'Heath and Maudling seem to forget that it's not just the IRA that they have to beat but its the ordinary people and they can't do that. Internment has got the support of the people for the campaign.

'My father had a broken nose when he was in Crumlin. 'He said he got it playing football. I don't know. At his

age I don't think he plays foot-

'He also suffers from arthritis. 'Yet now he looks ten years younger. I know that might seem funny, but it's because he

thinks that because in this struggle the people are behind

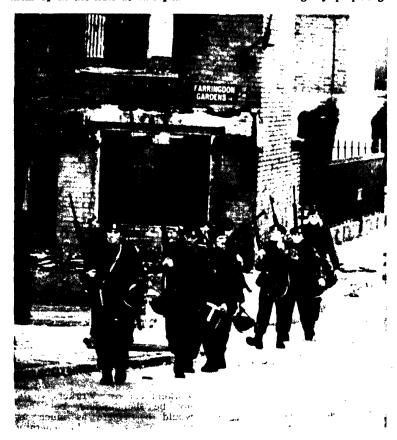
him internment itself will not break him. 'At Long Kesh they do every-

thing they omen's spirits. they can to break the

'During the snow a few weeks ago all the heating and lighting was turned off. They locked them up in the huts at 4.30 p.m. the train ticket.

'But it's no good going by train. You have to walk miles from the station to get to the

I asked Nora about recent reports that the Stormont gov-



in the afternoon and the men had to huddle together. 'Now they're opening up the "Maidstone" again', Nora went

"Maidstone" is so old

and is in terrible condition. They have little portholes as big as your face and when we came to visit the only thing you could see was their hands waving.

'The only facility for recreation was the deck and that is very

for two hours a day. The lighting was so bad in there that it used to hurt their eyes when they came out into the light. Most of the men who were in it now need glasses.

'We are only allowed to see them once a week for half-an-hour. It takes us more time being searched when we get there than we are allowed to see them for.

'Now as well they are cutting off the travel grants we used to get to go and see them.

'We used to get a train ticket to Lisburn or the equivalent of the cost of the ticket if we wanted to go in a car. Now they to cut off all benefits to internees' dependants. 'I heard about this, but I

haven't heard of them actually doing it to anyone yet. 'They're getting pretty desperate when they're talking about cutting off internees' dependants'

What about the future of the

'The internees themselves say it can't go on. Faulkner [the N Ireland premier] must be lookfor a way out. I just see Stormont lasting.

'At the moment there is no opposition; the opposition MPs withdrew after internment was brought in.

'As long as there was an opposition they had the appearance of democracy, even though the opposition themselves weren't

doing anything for the people. 'I think Maudling and Heath would like to see the opposition back. They would like to have the semblance of a government.

'They are going to have talks on a united Ireland, yet they won't recognize the people that are fighting for it.'

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fight against the Tories.

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to say that the emperor wore no clothes and continues to make so

(She is talking about the struggles of workers and peasants for their rights.) 'To the Queen Mum-because

smile, sparkling from head to foot like a Christmas tree, she gives me a cosy feeling. 'It is good to see someone en-

Personally I'd rather see the

TO GRASP the true flavour of the Tory mind reflected so fully the press each day, Anne Edwards, the woman's editor on the 'Sunday Express' is a must. Last week she was sending out her Christmas greetings.

'To Enoch Powell because he is the modern equivalent of the fairy-tale child who was the first

much sense on every subject that it's no wonder some people think he's a trifle mad.'

I wouldn't have missed her
Christmas intro for the worlds. 'In a mood of seasonal good will I propose to wish a happy Christmas to those people who have done most to take my mind off the depressing news from Belfast and Bangla Desh.'

whenever I see this little dump-ling figure with her dimpling

joying life as she does and I'd much rather some of my tax went to keeping her than to giving a rise in salary to a drear, dour down-with-the-rich MP like Willie

Queen Mum on the Christmas tree with all the other useless

OUEEN MUM-like a Christmas tree.

# Pulling on the blinkers //

Most people

labour Act

approve Carr

Ian Yeats looks at the Tory Press

about it.

Carr!

general.

IF YOU are one of those people who thought freedom of the press meant what it said, you've got a shock coming.

London's 'Evening News' said last week in reply to a letter that it was 'concerned that the views of its readers should be printed.

'But it would stop short of printing a letter which amounted almost to an incitement to riot.' Fancy that!

WHILE the 'News' was stripping the wool away, the 'Evening Standard' was busy pulling on On Wednesday they came out with a banner headline 'Most

people approve Carr labour Act'. Incredulous, I examined their poll carried out for them by Opinion Research Centre. Beneath its misleading head-

line there appeared a carefully-worded introduction. 'The campaigns by the TUC and many trade union leaders to oppose Mr Robert Carr's Industrial Relations Act is opposed by most people in Britain who have

any views on the subject.' The operative phrase is 'who have any views on the subject'. In reply to the first question: should trade unions register under the Tory Act? Forty per cent of all respondents said yes and 46 per cent of union mem-

But 60 per cent of respondents

and 54 per cent of union mem-

Fifty-nine per cent of all respondents and 50 per cent of union members were against working with the Commission on Industrial Relations. And on the critical question of should unions work with the Act, 54 per cent of all respondents were opposed and 47 per cent of trade union

was 72 per cent.

If the figures show anything at all, it is certainly not that 'Most people approve Carr's labour Act'. The 'Standard's' poll was a pretty blatant example of the Tory press at work.

THE 'Sunday Telegraph' provided another equally choice tit-

bers either hadn't made up their

minds or didn't know enough

Hardly a staggering yes for

It was the same with the ques-

tion inviting the public to say what they thought of the Act in

Forty-four per cent of all respondents approved and 43 per

But 56 per cent of all respondents and 57 per cent of union

members either hadn't made up

their minds or were outright

The figures for what people thought about the Code of Industrial Relations Practice were

even more staggering in their flat contradiction of the 'Standard's' bold headline.

Seventy-five per cent of all respondents thought things would

get worse or hadn't made up

their minds or hadn't heard of it. The figure for trade unionists

cent of trade unionists.

bit in its reporting of events in the Yugoslav republic of Croatia. The headline was accurate enough-'Tito gets tough'. But then we learn that Tito has taken a 'big step backwards' which has 'demonstrated very clearly how limited political free-

dom still is in Yugoslavia.

'The leaders whom Tito has ousted are all good communists.' For the 'Sunday Telegraph' to describe any communists as 'good' is enough to excite doubt naïve, let alone those who know the men referred to are rightwing nationalists capable of turning the most blind of blind eyes on a creeping restoration of

CARTOONS have always been a potent vehicle for commenting on affairs of the day and Rigby of the 'Sun' has taken a consistent view of events in Ulster.

His latest offering last Monday shows two Mafia-like figures

baby fall dead from an over-turned pram while elsewhere the town burns and mobs rampage. One of the men is saving 'I hope someone is keeping a list so can remember all these glorious victories'.

standing in an alley watching a

Rigby's IRA gangsters stalk his cartoons as monotonously as poor innocent British soldiers. Why doesn't he comment on

the tortures and terror carried out by the British army?

Hamilton.' decorations.

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HOURS after the liberation of Dacca by Indian and Bengali troops, IAN YEATS obtained this interview with Dacca MP Subid Ali.

# Bangla Desh: 'under new

capitalist INDEPENDENT Bangla Desh will treat Pakistani businessmen the same as all other foreign nationals, Dacca MP Subid Ali told me only management' hours after Indian troops had liberated the city from the butchers of Bengal.

He said this would happen, 'if friendly relations between India and Pakistan grow and it is to the benefit of the people'.

Foreign aid and the labour of Bengal's 75 million population are to be the basis of the nation's economic 'recovery' after nine crippling war-ravaged months.

'Everything depends very much on how other states give us aid to build up our shattered economy,' Ali told me, commenting on the desirability of a prompt influx of foreign capital.

'If the people work with the same enthusiasm as they gave our fight for independence, there shouldn't be too many difficul-

#### Aims

India is naturally regarded as most likely to give the immediate aid the Bengalis hope for, but Ali appealed to Britain as to recognize his country and open trade relations.

'Britain and India will both be wanting jute, and in return we can get moving to repair our industries and for future industrial development.'

Ali admitted post-war reconstruction would be hard. Ten million refugees to feed, house and cloth besides the millions of others with dislocated incomes.

'Bangla Desh has attracted people for centuries because of its wealth. If this is not true, why did Pakistan want to keep

'If this wealth is utilized by our people for the benefit of the country, it will be a happy

An Awami League member Ali claimed the policy of the new government would be to try to ensure 'the rich don't grow richer while the poor grow

The Party has plans to nationalize the banks and heavy industries, most of which were previously owned by W Pakistanis.

Ali told me: 'Bangla Desh won't remain capitalist if by this you mean the bourgeoisie. There will definitely be no scope for them. We are aiming at socialism. We want a society where there will be no economic exploi-

'We shall go for nationalization of the big, heavy industries like steel, chemicals and elec-

BBC 1



Dacca MP, Mr Subid Ali.

ing full individual rights over it.

'Ninety per cent of our people are peasants and we have a very special plan for them because

'Ultimately we will distribute

the land so there are no land-less peasants. But immediately

anyone owning only up to four acres of land would have his debt to the state cancelled and

would in future be exempt from

paying revenues to the govern-

**Nationalizing** 

'Jute will be nationalized to

check the exploitation of the poor peasants who will be given

a reasonable price for their raw

jute by a jute marketing board.

'The profit made will be

'The government will also help

invested for the benefit of the

jute industry and the ordinary

the cottage industries.

they have suffered the worst.

tricity and we have a plan to nationalize the banks and insur-

#### Sentiment

But Ali denied there would be workers' control. 'Workers would not be shareholders, but they would participate as much as they could and would generally benefit from production' benefit from production.

Commenting on the possibility of compensating previous owners Ali said it would be done according to the sentiment of the people and the alterna-

And he added: 'We cannot nationalize everything at once because of the chaos and the training man-

Turning to agriculture he said organized on a co-operative basis with individual owners pooling their land while retaina welfare state for the minimum necessities of life—that is housing, health, unemployment pay

'We will ensure something like

'Workers will have substantial control of industry through the trade unions to whom we shall give all help and facilities.'

In the new secular state, Ali claimed, non-Bengalis would be treated the same as citizens of

'Men and women will have the vote and whatever we do will be done according to the wishes of the people.

'Naturally any political parties that oppose the people would not be allowed.'

Explaining what would happen to the guerrillas who have fought to make Bangla Desh a reality, 'They will voluntarily lay down their arms. They know they have done their job and that they are needed for national

'We won't need a vast army. Just a token army to maintain law and order in times of emergency.'

The Indians were helping them find their feet with army and civil officers, but Ali said these would leave as soon as Bengalis could take over.

#### Non-aligned

He said his country's foreign policy would be non-aligned and discussing relations with W Bengal he said:

SUBID ALI'S remarks will come

as no surprise to regular readers

They confirm in every detail, and with unremarkable disingen-

uousness, the Trotskyist thesis that the nationalist parties in

Bangla Desh — the Awami League, the National Awami

Party and their Stalinist hangers-on—are intent on retaining E

Bengal's status as a client state

They only wish to change

one form of bankrupt capitalism, under Yahya Khan, to another,

under the patronage of the Indian capitalists.

The message of the Awami League is strangely familiar. It is

the message of every ruling class which wishes to secure the

fruits of an heroic struggle con-ducted by the workers and peasants: 'The workers will work

"with enthusiasm" of course—and the capitalists will accumu-

As usual there is the 'left' demagogy about 'sacrifice', 'national interest', 'equality' and even the 'abolition of the bour-

Considering the fact that Chiang Kai-shek and other leaders of the Kuomintang were

prepared even to go to Moscow and shout 'Long live the world revolution' so that the working class could be more effectively repressed, the statement of this

Awamı League spokesman is very

much in the tradition of bour-

profits for the capitalists, land-

What are the main problems facing Bangla Desh workers and

Rural and urban unemploy-

• Primitive agriculture conducted on economic holdings by

an extremely poor, debt-ridden

The low productivity of agri-

culture means a small surplus produced at a relatively high

cost. This exploitation and unemployment of peasantry and

their indebtedness also helps to

depress the living standards of

workers in the towns and there-

by restricts the home market,

and oppressed peasantry.

geois nationalism.

lords and bankers.

They are:

of the Workers Press.

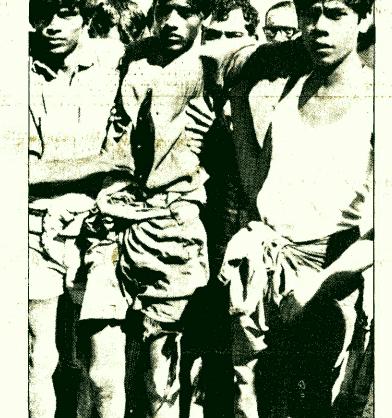
of world imperialism.

'We don't consider relations with W Bengal in particular. W Bengal is part and parcel of India and she will be benefited as a result of our trade relations with India'. tions with India.'

He said he saw no reason why the world shouldn't recognize Bangla Desh, including Pakistan, whom he stressed had no right to keep Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—the head of state of an ndependent country'.

If Pakistan releases Mujib, he said: 'This will do a great deal in normalizing relations with Pakistan and might help create friendly relations. friendly relations."

But war is war and Ali warned that the sentiment of the people was 'very strong' against collathat his government had promised they would be dealt with according to the law of the land.



Mukti Bahini guerrillas carry a wounded comrade.

retards industrialization and intensifies the dependence of Bangla Desh upon imperialist finance and industry.

Bangla Desh remains a client state of world imperialism.

Rhetoric for workers

Profit for bosses

Dependence on imperialist loans in turn leads to further exploitation of the peasantry, through increased direct and indirect taxation, greater rural and urban unemployment and an exacerbation of industrial underdevelopment.

(It has recently been estimated that, by 1978, capital flowing out of Asian countries in the form of payments on interest and principal on foreign loans will exceed

capital loans to Asian countries by 52 per cent.)

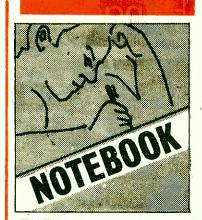
The only way out of the vicious cycle is the transfer of political power to the workers and peasants; the nationalization of land, industry, banks and a campaign to end unemployment and reliance on foreign 'aid' through the gradual collectivization of the peasantry and immediate idustrialization on a planned basis.

#### Utopian

The reforms envisaged by Ali are capitalist reforms aimed at a minimal redistribution of rural

They do not affect vitally the property relations which prevailed under the previous regime and in the time of the British

So long as these property relations exist, Bangla Desh will remain an underdeveloped country with mounting unemployment and foreign debt—Ali's Utopian



#### Not so much Lippe



IF YOU think TUC chief Vic Feather doesn't look too happy in the picture above, you'd prob-

You see the bespectacled, be-chinned and bow-tied bod standing next to him is Irwin Lippe, labour attaché at the US embassy in London. And friend Irwin has just dropped a bit of a brick.

The unhappy occasion was last month's London conference on industrial relations legislation sponsored by Leo Kramer International Ltd.

'Lippy' Lippe, as he must in-evitably be called, devoted several hundred words to eulogizing the American system of trade union law, on which the Tory Industrial Act Feather claims to oppose But he led into these remarks

with a lot of guff about how the average US worker 'is not an-tagonistic to the capitalistic system as such', prefers quick action for quick results to 'pie-in-the-sky' changes in the system, behas 'access to the powers and favours of govern-ment—in fact all the things the TUC is trying to tell workers in

And the heart of Feather, who privately believes that all left-wing groups are just 'barnacles on the boat' (the ship of state?), must have missed a beat when the American intoned:

. the American worker did not have to fall in with radical political groups in order to in-

It's a pity about Lippy . . .

#### The workers judge

WHAT KIND of men will be investigating trade unionists who Tories' Industrial Relations Act? One of them is Harold de Ville, a member of the Commission on Industrial Relations.

De Ville is executive director of British Insulated Callender's Cables (BICC), with special responsibility for personnel and

productivity.

Last year he played the leading role in preventing the BICC staff association merging with Clive Jenkins' Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

The staff association's central committee backed the merger and the issue was put to the vote of the 8,000 members. De Ville struck back at this attempt to build a union in his industrial empire by withdrawing all facilities from the associa-

He stopped them using noticeboards, which made it difficult to hold meetings and campaign for the merger. He encouraged members not to vote via a circu-

As a result, the proposal was narrowly defeated — since a narrowly defeated — since a majority of the total membership needed to vote in favour before the move could go ahead.

The association therefore remains in the best non-militant traditions of these kind of organizations.

Its two full-time officials are paid by the company and, of course, it has been accepted onto the provisional trade union register under the Act.
In order to get onto the full register, the Registrar has to be

satisfied that it is an independ-ent organization—'not under the

#### ITV

1.35 Valiant journey. 1.55 Great painters. 2.25 Katie Stewart cooks. 2.45 All our yesterdays. 3.10 Treasures of the British Museum. 3.40 Origami. 3.55 Yoga. 4.25 Tea break. 4.55 Sooty's Christmas show, 5.50 News.

12.55-1.25 Tresarn. 1.30 Pogles' wood. 1.45-1.53 News and weather.

4.15 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Blue Peter. 5.20 Dr Dolittle. 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

7.30 FILM: 'THE GREAT ST TRINIAN'S TRAIN ROBBERY'.

9.20 PLAY: 'THE HALLELUJAH HANDSHAKE'. Repeat of Colin

8.00 COLLECTOR'S WORLD. Christmas feast, stocking and cards.

8.30 THE VIEW FROM DANIEL PIKE. Roddy McMillan as Pike

9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Vera Lynn with the Young Generation.

10.10 FILM: 'Une Parisienne'. 1957 Brigitte Bardot in her second

major film. Also with Charles Boyer.

Ronald Searle's infamous young ladies move to a new

academy where train robbers have hidden their loot.

7.00 OWEN MD. Nigel Stock. 'The Kingfisher' part 2.

Frankie Howerd, Dora Bryan, George Cole.

10.35 HOLIDAY 72. Jamaica and The Shetlands.

11.25 CONFLICT AT WORK. Supervisor's role.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. Your region tonight.

6.50 TOM AND JERRY. Quiet please.

Welland's Play for Today.

9.00 NEWS and weather.

11.50 Weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play school.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

10.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

11.30 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

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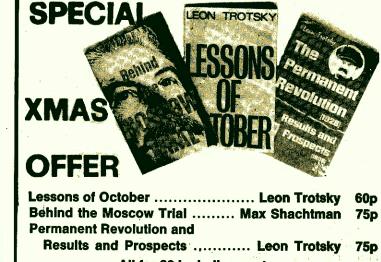
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HOURS after the liberation of Dacca by Indian and Bengali troops, IAN YEATS obtained this interview with Dacca MP Subid Ali.

# Bangla Desh: 'under new

# capitalist management'

hours after Indian troops had liberated the city from the butchers of Bengal. He said this would happen, 'if friendly relations between India and Pakistan grow and it is to the benefit of the

INDEPENDENT Bangla Desh will treat Pakistani businessmen the same as all other foreign nationals, Dacca MP Subid Ali told me only

Foreign aid and the labour of Bengal's 75 million population are to be the basis of the nation's economic 'recovery' after nine crippling war-ravaged months.

people'.

'Everything depends very much on how other states give us aid to build up our shattered econ-omy,' Ali told me, commenting on the desirability of a prompt influx of foreign capital.

'If the people work with the same enthusiasm as they gave our fight for independence, there shouldn't be too many difficul-

#### Aims

India is naturally regarded as most likely to give the immediate aid the Bengalis hope for, but Ali appealed to Britain as to recognize his country and open trade relations.

'Britain and India will both be wanting jute, and in return we can get moving to repair our industries and for future industrial development.

Ali admitted post-war reconstruction would be hard. Ten million refugees to feed, house and cloth besides the millions of others with dislocated incomes.

'Bangla Desh has attracted people for centuries because of its wealth. If this is not true, why did Pakistan want to keep

'If this wealth is utilized by our people for the benefit of the country, it will be a happy

An Awami League member Ali claimed the policy of the new government would be to try to ensure 'the rich don't grow richer while the poor grow

The Party has plans to nationalize the banks and heavy industries, most of which were previously owned by W Pakistanis. Ali told me: 'Bangla Desh

won't remain capitalist if by this you mean the bourgeoisie. There will definitely be no scope for them. We are aiming at socialism. We want a society where there will be no economic exploi-

'We shall go for nationalization of the big, heavy industries like steel, chemicals and elec-



Dacca MP, Mr Subid Ali.

tricity and we have a plan to nationalize the banks and insur-

#### Sentiment

But Ali denied there would be workers' control. 'Workers would not be shareholders, but they would participate as much as they could and would generally benefit from production.

Commenting on the possibility of compensating previous owners Ali said it 'would be done according to the sentiment of the people and the alternatives available'.

And he added: 'We cannot nationalize everything at once because of the chaos and the of training man-

Turning to agriculture he said mechanized and organized on a co-operative basis with individual owners pooling their land while retain-

are peasants and we have a very special plan for them because they have suffered the worst. 'Ultimately we will distribute the land so there are no land-less peasants. But immediately anyone owning only up to four acres of land would have his debt to the state cancelled and would in future be exempt from paying revenues to the govern-

ing full individual rights over it.

'Ninety per cent of our people

#### **Nationalizing**

'Jute will be nationalized to check the exploitation of the poor peasants who will be given reasonable price for their raw jute by a jute marketing board.

'The profit made will be invested for the benefit of the jute industry and the ordinary

'The government will also help the cottage industries.

'We will ensure something like a welfare state for the minimum necessities of life—that is housing, health, unemployment pay and a minimum wage.

'Workers will have substantial control of industry through the trade unions to whom we shall give all help and facilities.'

In the new secular state, Ali claimed, non-Bengalis would be treated the same as citizens of Bangla Desh.

'Men and women will have the vote and whatever we do will be done according to the wishes of the people.

'Naturally any political parties that oppose the people would

Explaining what would happen to the guerrillas who have fought to make Bangla Desh a reality, Ali said: 'They will voluntarily lay down their arms. They know they have done their job and that they are needed for national

'We won't need a vast army. Just a token army to maintain law and order in times of emergency.'

The Indians were helping them find their feet with army and civil officers, but Ali said these would leave as soon as Bengalis could take over.

#### Non-aligned

He said his country's foreign policy would be non-aligned and discussing relations with W

'We don't consider relations with W Bengal in particular. W Bengal is part and parcel of India and she will be benefited as a result of our trade relations with India.'

He said he saw no reason why the world shouldn't recognize Bangla Desh, including Pakistan, whom he stressed 'had no Rahman-the head of state of an

If Pakistan releases Mujib, he said: 'This will do a great deal in normalizing relations with in normalizing relations with Pakistan and might help create friendly relations.'

But war is war and Ali warned that the sentiment of the people was 'very strong' against colla-borators, though he emphasized that his government had promthey would be dealt with according to the law of the land.



Bangla Desh remains a client state of world imperialism.

# Rhetoric for workers Profit for bosses

SUBID ALI'S remarks will come as no surprise to regular readers of the Workers Press.

They confirm in every detail, and with unremarkable disingenuousness, the Trotskyist thesis that the nationalist parties in Bangla Desh — the Awami Bangla Desh — the Awami League, the National Awami Party and their Stalinist hangerson—are intent on retaining E Bengal's status as a client state of world imperialism.

They only wish to change one form of bankrupt capitalism, under Yahya Khan, to another, under the patronage of Indian capitalists.

The message of the Awami League is strangely familiar. It is the message of every ruling class which wishes to secure the fruits of an heroic struggle conducted by the workers and peasants: 'The workers will work "with enthusiasm" of course and the capitalists will accumulate.

As usual there is the 'left' demagogy about 'sacrifice', 'national interest', 'equality' and even the 'abolition of the bour-

Considering the fact that Chiang Kai-shek and other leaders of the Kuomintang were prepared even-to go to Moscow and shout 'Long live the world revolution' so that the working class could be more effectively repressed, the statement of this Awamı League spokesman is very much in the tradition of bourgeois nationalism.

Rhetoric for the workers profits for the capitalists, landlords and bankers. What are the main problems

facing Bangla Desh workers and They are:

• Rural and urban unemploy-

Primitive agriculture conducted on economic holdings by an extremely poor, debt-ridden and oppressed peasantry.

The low productivity of agriculture means a small surplus produced at a relatively high This exploitation and unemployment of peasantry and their indebtedness also helps to depress the living standards of workers in the towns and thereby restricts the home market, retards industrialization and intensifies the dependence of Bangla Desh upon imperialist finance and industry.

Mukti Bahini guerrillas carry a wounded comrade.

Dependence on imperialist loans in turn leads to further exploitation of the peasantry, through increased direct and indirect taxation, greater rural and urban unemployment and an exacerbation of industrial underdevelopment.

(It has recently been estimated that, by 1978, capital flowing out of Asian countries in the form of payments on interest and principal on foreign loans will exceed

capital loans to Asian countries

by 52 per cent.)

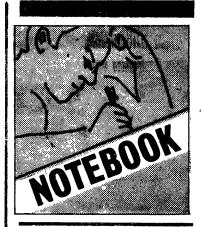
The only way out of the vicious cycle is the transfer of political power to the workers and peasants; the nationalization of land, industry, banks and a campaign to end unemployment and reliance on foreign 'aid' through the gradual collectivization of the peasantry and immediate idustrialization on a planned basis.

#### Utopian

The reforms envisaged by Ali are capitalist reforms aimed at a minimal redistribution of rural

They do not affect vitally the property relations which pre-vailed under the previous regime and in the time of the British

Raj.
So long as these property relations exist, Bangla Desh will remain an underdeveloped country with mounting unemployment and foreign debt—Ali's Utopian hopes notwithstanding.



# much Lippe



IF YOU think TUC chief Vic Feather doesn't look too happy in the picture above, you'd prob-

You see the bespectacled, be-chinned and bow-tied bod standing next to him is Irwin Lippe, labour attaché at the US embassi in London. And friend Irwin has just dropped a bit of a brick.

The unhappy occasion was last month's London conference on industrial relations legislation sponsored by Leo Kramer Inter-

'Lippy' Lippe, as he must in-evitably be called, devoted several hundred words to eulogizing the American system of trade union law, on which the Tory Industrial Act Feather claims to oppose is based.

But he led into these remarks with a lot of guff about how the average US worker 'is not antagonistic to the capitalistic system as such', prefers quick action for quick results to 'pie-in-thesky' changes in the system, believes he has 'access to the powers and favours of government'—in fact all the things the TUC is trying to tell workers in

And the heart of Feather, who privately believes that all leftwing groups are just 'barnacles on the boat' (the ship of state?), must have missed a beat when the American intoned:

'. . . the American worker did not have to fall in with radical political groups in order to influence government . . .

It's a pity about Lippy . . .

#### The workers' iudge

WHAT KIND of men will be investigating trade unionists who get on the wrong side of the Tories' Industrial Relations Act? One of them is Harold de Ville, a member of the Commission on Industrial Relations. De Ville is executive director of British Insulated Callender's Cables (BICC), with special responsibility for personnel and

productivity.

Last year he played the leading role in preventing the BICC

staff association merging with Clive Jenkins' Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs. The staff association's central

committee backed the merger and the issue was put to the vote of the 8,000 members. De Ville struck back at this attempt to build a union in his industrial empire by withdrawing all facilities from the associa-

He stopped them using noticeboards, which made it difficult to hold meetings and campaign for the merger. He encouraged members not to vote via a circular to all the staff.

As a result, the proposal was narrowly defeated — since a majority of the total membership needed to vote in favour before the move could go ahead.

The association therefore remains in the best non-militant traditions of these kind of organizations.

Its two full-time officials are paid by the company and, of course, it has been accepted onto the provisional trade union

In order to get onto the full register, the Registrar has to be satisfied that it is an independent organization—'not under the control of an employer'.

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- 6.00 NATIONWIDE. Your region tonight.
- 6.50 TOM AND JERRY. Quiet please.
- 7.00 OWEN MD. Nigel Stock. 'The Kingfisher' part 2. 7.30 FILM: 'THE GREAT ST TRINIAN'S TRAIN ROBBERY'. Ronald Searle's infamous young ladies move to a new academy where train robbers have hidden their loot. Frankie Howerd, Dora Bryan, George Cole.
- 9.00 NEWS and weather.
- 9.20 PLAY: 'THE HALLELUJAH HANDSHAKE'. Repeat of Colin Welland's Play for Today.
- 10.35 HOLIDAY 72. Jamaica and The Shetlands. 11.00 24 HOURS.
- 11.25 CONFLICT AT WORK. Supervisor's role. 11.50 Weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play school.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 COLLECTOR'S WORLD. Christmas feast, stocking and cards. 8.30 THE VIEW FROM DANIEL PIKE. Roddy McMillan as Pike in 'A Tale of Two Cities'.

9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Vera Lynn with the Young Generation.

10.05 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.10 FILM: 'Une Parisienne'. 1957 Brigitte Bardot in her second major film. Also with Charles Boyer.

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WORKERS at Kraft Foods, Kirkby, near Liverpool, are in the sixth week of a bitter strike over the sacking of a fitter.

Each day pickets watch the production workers at the plant file through the gates and work with supervisors who are doing the work of the 150 craftsmen on strike. But one of their leaders, Eric Staniford, explained that

he did not blame the mainly female labour force. 'Some time ago management announced that they were 180 workers surplus to requirements. The girls have this redundancy threat hang-ing over them all the time.

If they refuse to work with the scabs they are afraid they might be sacked,' he said. The men believed that the sacking of the fitter is part of a management drive to weed

out unwanted labour. In Kirkby this is no joke -an estimated 20 per cent of the labour force is already on the dole.

The pickets explain that the action was against estab-lished discipline procedure which a man cannot be fired if he had a clean slate like the sacked fitter.

They are angry because the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers has refused to make the struggle

The AUEW district committee did endorse it, but the national executive refused.

The last meeting of the AUEW shop stewards' quarterly demanded that AUEW divisional organizer Arthur Hearsey give a full report of talks they claim he was having with Kraft's personnel director at York.

#### **<b>✓** Cambridge chapel rejects deal

CAMBRIDGE journalists have rejected the proposed pay agreements between the National Union of Journalists and the Newspaper Society. Ray Swingler, father of the Cambridge 'Evening News' NUJ chapel, said the members voted overwhelmingly not to accept the new two-

tier wage offer.

He said the formula worked out in negotiations on Monday night 'inhibited local chapel bargaining on pay, hours, holidays and conditions of work'. The members decided to call on other chapels to take similar decisions,

# No fizz

FROM PAGE ONE

made £1½m in buying and selling Hay's Wharf shares. leave you with two items which indicate what Christmas means to the Tories.

On the day the £1 'in-increase' was hailed, William Stern announced his resigna-tion from Freshwater Group, London's biggest private land-

Was he going on the dole? No. He was setting up his own company with over £35m

worth of property.

Finally, you will be pleased to know that Christie's, the art auctioneers, are not starv-On Tuesday they said there

was no truth in rumours that prices for impressionist paintings were sliding.

A Picasso was recently sold for £280,000. Christie's turnover for the autumn sales was

LONDON Transport yesterday rejected 15 per cent pay claim for 23,000 busmen and made no counter offer.

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STRONG backing for Bristol's

6,800 Rolls-Royce strikers has

been expressed by workers in the Midlands and SW, Bob

Underwood, the strikers' sec-

retary, said yesterday. He told Workers Press after

a meeting of the Patchway,

Bristol, factory's stewards yes-

terday that next week their

campaign for support will spread into the N and Scot-

**LATENEWS** 

# 'Work-on' or 'work-in' -it traps workers



River Don workers protest outside The No 2 plant.

#### WHILE upper Clyde shop Sheffield steel stewards were meeting Industry Secretary John Davies in Glasgow yesterday, Sheffield steelworjobs in kers' representatives were closeted with one of the deadly danger city's top private-enterprise managements in talks affecting 4,500 jobs. THE STEELMEN were

staff and 150 manual workers over the next two

3 THOSE machine shops that remain open will have all the modern machinery shipped into them and the workers, at present on a two-shift system, will be expected to work three shifts which will mean cuts in their wages.

Only if these conditionsplus a thoroughgoing speed-up—are accepted will BSC ahead and invest the

So after six months of protest, directed by the Communist Party engineers' union leadership in Sheffield towards proving the economic viability of River Don, the steelworkers face exactly the same trap as the

UCS shipbuilders.
'The future depends or collaboration and effort by a lot of people,' Finniston told reporters on Tuesday. The BSC plan would be implemented in a spirit of 'commercial aggressiveness'.

THE FORMER editor of

the Soviet literary journal,

'Novy Mir', popular poet

and novelist Alexander

Tvardovsky, was buried in

Prominent at the graveside

was Nobel prize winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn, greatest

contemporary Russian novel-

ist, whose works are banned

Tvardovsky had published

the famous story of life in the

prison camps called 'A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich' which made Solzhenitsyn's

Moscow on Tuesday.

in the Soviet Union.

The 'work-on' has not stopped sale of the drop and medium forges to Firth Brown, throwing 800 workers on the untender mercies of this privately-owned

#### **DEMANDS**

Militants at River Don are fighting back against the speed-up and rationalization threats. They are demanding that the stewards hold fast to their original statement that they would fight all redundancies.

At the Parkgate and Tinsley Park plants of BSC, the management are going ahead with their plans to sack. kers at River Don from a united fight of all Sheffield and Rotherham area BSC workers against redundancies and closures.

 UNION officials at the BSC's Clydesdale tube works, near Glasgow, have welcomed a £9m development scheme which save 2,500 jobs.

Funeral reveals tense

# Lift ban on cult says MP

SIR JOHN FOSTER, Tory MP for Northwich, has recommended in a White Paper that government bans on the cult of scientology be lifted.

Foster has just completed two-year inquiry into the cult, which was started by American science fiction writer Lafayette Ron Hubbard.

In scientology literature Hubbard is elevated to almost god-like status.

It is said that he has already died on at least one occasion and returned to life.

His followers also claim he has visited other planets.

In his report Foster says: 'Put bluntly, what is often said against the scientology leadership is that they are quacks, dishonestly exploiting for their own financial gain the hopes of betterment or cure which they hold out to the anxious, the lonely, the inadequate, the credulous and the deluded, but in which they do not themselves believe.'

Foster said he had not come to any conclusion on the sub-stance of these charges. They were, in any case, notoriously difficult to prove, he said.

He calls for sanctions against a number of scientology com-panies to file accounts and annual returns within the pre-

He concluded that measures against scientology imposed by the Labour government were not justified. He said the ban on foreign scientologists enter-ing Britain should be removed.

When Labour introduced the ban, Health Minister Kenneth Robinson said scientology was 'socially harmful'.

'It alienates members of families from each other and attributes squalid and disgraceful motives to all who oppose it.'

FORMER New York state senator Seymour Thaler has been charged with criminal receiving \$800,000 in stolen Treasury bills. It is alleged that the bills were lifted from

# Trade war battle lines

Unity government.

wing National Party.

The role of marriage broker

s played by a reactionary off-shoot of the Radical Party. So-called 'Civic Fronts' have been set up in many

places to re-group right-wing forces. The pro-government press alleges that these com-

mittees have the active sup-port of the many CIA agents

in the country.

Meanwhile right-wing vio-

lence continues in Santiago university. Police claim to have unearthed a fascist plot

**PLOTTING** 

anti-government coup — the

Allende regime's passivity is

a betrayal of the working

verbal polemics and to plain-

tive protests against its opponents' bad faith'.

titude was a recent TV broad-

cast by Economics Minister Pedro Vuskovic. He charged

the opposition parties with acting irresponsibly in opposing the government's econo-

mic policy and fomenting a climate of unrest.

the big land-owners, the wealthy bourgeoisie and their

American backers but hos-

tility to every reform?

At a mass Santiago rally

last Monday Allende conten-

ted himself with denouncing

right-wing attacks on Vus-kovic and Minister of the

The main speaker was a

woman senator who claimed that the elimination of the

exploiters was definitive and

that Chile was on the road to

stitute for action and only lulls the working class into

RESTLESS

coalition supporters (a popular front government with elements of the bourgeoisie

and 'left' Christian Demo-

crats) are becoming restless.

Peasant Movement (MCR) while reiterating its support

for the government, has stressed the weaknesses in its agrarian policy which it

called 'legalistic'.

It accused Allende of fail-

ing to mobilize the farm

workers to oppose the offen-

sive launched by the estate and factory owners and their

political tools in the Christian Democrat and National Par-

It was treating the enemy

too softly and made too many

concessions to the rural

themselves by pointing to divisions in the Christian Democrat ranks, especially

among its worker and peasant supporters who are alarmed

Allende's reformist policy leaves the road open for the fascist offensive and is unable

to exploit the divisions in the

rival camp to break up and

confuse the opposition.

by the shift to the right.

Government papers console

the Revolutionary

Many of the Popular Unity

But such rhetoric is no sub-

Interior Iose Toha.

socialism.

And

bourgeoisie.

complacency.

What did he expect from

Typical of this supine at-

It confines itself mainly to

class.

PRESIDENT NIXON'S special trade envoy William Eberle has condemned as unsatisfactory the minor concessions offered by Common Market negotiators in Brussels.

Eberle wants immediate concessions for American grain, tobacco and citrus fruit exports to Europe. He is also asking for fundamental changes in the Common Market's agricultural policies and the dis-

mantling of the EEC's

protective trade deals with

other European countries. Earlier this month the Common Market commission mandated its negotiators to resist the main US demands. Eberle hopes to have a deal sewn up by January 18, to be put to Congress as part of a dollar devaluation package.

He made clear when the talks opened on Tuesday that while the discussions were on the basis of 'reci-procal good faith', there would be no reciprocal concessions from the US to balance what they are demanding from Europe.

It is clear from the Brussels talks that the recent Washington agreement on currency realignment has only opened up a new stage of trade war between the major capitalist nations.

This was also shown by the Heath-Nixon summit in Bermuda, which ended yes-

#### Antagonism

The platitudes of the joint communiqué which marked the end of the talks did nothing to hide the antagonism between British and American capitalism.
With the Tory decision to enter the Common Mar-

ket, the two countries' socalled 'special relationship' is a thing of the past.

Britain and the United States are now aligned on opposite sides of the trade war battle-lines.

#### to carry out attacks which would then be blamed on the left. At the same time a rightwing newspaper came out with a scare story that the left was planning an attack on the city's wealthy suburbs. 20,000 face cancer risk In the face of so much which is leading up to an

ABOUT 20,000 workers i The disease appears to have been caused by the use of beta napthylamine for rubber who were employed in Britain's rubber industry curing between 1927 and may run the risk of developing cancer of the bladder. Dr Parkes says that every-Dr Guy Parkes, medical director of the British Rubber Manufacturers' Association one who worked in the in-dustry should be tested three

times a year. He also revealed that the chemical became suspect before the war, but the danger was ignored until the hazard was detected in the chemical

Dr Parkes added: 'This condition is a killer. To the best of our knowledge, there is no comparable situation in the industry today.

'I would never say with cancer of this type that it is curable. Nothing can undo the exposure. The risk of recurrence must always be regarded as high. What we are attempting to do is to try to control it.'

Dr Parkes said that on average the disease took 23 years to show itself.

He was speaking at a Stokeon-Trent inquest where a verdict of death from industrial disease was passed on an ex-employee of Michelin Tyre Company.
Within this company alone

up to 3,000 workers may have been involved with the killer chemical. Only 10 per cent have been

contacted. Goodyear and Dunlop's say they are trying to contact their ex-employees.

### Wage-cutting:Leeds workers claim

posing 15 per cent wage cuts on piece-rate work.

Werkers also claim that managment is putting as many time-hands as possible on piece-work. Management originally wished to impose a 25per-cent wage cut, but reduced this to 15 per cent after protests, say the workers.

Negotiations are in progress for Raylands Fashions to be

shop but claims to have the highest-paid workers in Leeds. Managing director, Mr Ray-

'We have had cases of over booking on piece rates.' He refused to say whether the wage cutting was true, but said it had no connection with the deal with March the

workers were not in the union

### recession' bosses' chief admits THE ITALIAN eonomy is in 'evident recession', according

to Renato Lombardi, president of the Employers' Confederation of Industry. Industrial production, busi-

Italy 'in

ness investment and private consumption are falling and only unemployment is rising.

Answering claims that the recession is 'bottoming out', Lombardi said he could see no signs of a halt in the developing slump.

Industrial production, on latest statistics, was 3.2 per cent less than last year and at about the same level as in the first months of 1969.

Prospects for Italian exports had distinctly worsened and no significant growth in gross national income could be expected this year.

Lombardi said the Washington currency realignment had posed a question mark over the situation. He questioned whether the 7.5 per cent up-valuation of the lira against the dollar accurately reflected Italy's situation in view of its present economic

In fact, Italy escaped relatively lightly at Washington, as the lira was devalued by 1 per cent against the pre-August 15 dollar parity.

But the slight edge this will allow to Italian goods within the Common Market is more than counter-balanced by the increase in export prices to the US, which takes a major slice of Italian export production.

The political crisis is underlined by the inability of the parliament to find a successor to President Giuseppe Saragat.

Amintore Fanfani, a staunch right-wing Catholic who held an important post as professor of economic history under Mussolini's fascist regime, has now been dropped as candi-date by the Christian Demo-

Nineteen ballots have so far failed to produce a majority for any single candidate. The new Christian Democrat nominee is Giovanni Leone, a lawyer from Naples.

#### Productivity call by FIDEL CASTRO has been **Castro** taking advice from the Soviet

bureaucracy on how to improve the Cuban economy. He has called on workers to keep a stricter watch on costs and on quality control in order to increase productivity. Speaking to the closing

said that cost analysis was an 'indispensable element of the socialist economy'. What has been described

some time.

Much of the equipment bought in the years 1967-1970

been apparent in Cuba for

Castro said that Cubans should use the equipment they have and not dream of 'applying the criteria of millionaires in a poor country'.
In other words Castro wants more hard work and better use of the often old-

This trend has probably been insisted upon by the Soviet Union as a condition for more aid. President Dorticos is at present in Moscow to discuss further aid for the shaky Cuban

fashioned equipment already

the Brazilian military dictatorship is strengthening its re-

pressive forces.

Army Chief-of-Staff Gen
Alfredo Souto Malan has
boasted that they had been re-equipped and re-organized as 'our first line of defence against the attacks of the

centrate on the exercise of a

profession which nobody can substitute for: that of a soldier.' In other words the regime

wants to build up fascist bands to deal with the working class while it concentrates on fighting guerrilla forces in Brazil and perhaps in other Latin American countries as well. Some of the openly fascist members of his regime are

causing some embarrassment to President Emilio Garrastazu, who wants to keep on good terms with the US, which has been promoting the so-called 'economic miracle' in Brazil.

#### **MEETINGS**

Make the Tory government

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

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

READING: Monday January

3, 8 p.m. Trades and Labour Hall, Minster St. Discuss ATUA Manifesto.

Lion', High St. Discuss ATUA Manifesto.

January 11, 8 p.m. 'The Upton', Crook Log. Trade unions and basic rights.

Socialist Labour League **Special Course of lectures** 

following ATUA National Conference decision to prepare for the building of the Party

Historical Materialism today

#### A Bristol meeting of Rolls combine stewards to discuss the pay dispute, now in its eighth week, has been put

back to January 3 so that Scottish and Irish delegates can attend. The stewards are planning a big press conference next week to publicize their fight against the government-appointed board of Rolsl-Royce (1971) Ltd.

IRON and steel production came to a halt yesterday at the Spencer Steel works at Llanwern, near Newport, Monmouthshire following an un-official strike by 411 blast-

stewards from the British

Steel Corporation's troubled River Don Works.

THE MANAGERS were

those of Firth Brown Ltd. AND the subject of the

alks: What will happen to

the jobs and wages of 800 workers the BSC plans to

hive off' to the company?

Hiving off was first mooted by Davies, the Tor-ies' chief hatchet-man

against jobs, last June.
The plan was to sell off
River Don's useful drop-

forge operation to Firth Brown — 'reorganizing' the

rest of the works to kill

most of its 4,500 jobs.

But two weeks ago, the
BSC unveiled a plan to save

most of the jobs and invest

Local union leaders began

telling workers that their

campaign against redundan-

cies—involving a UCS-style action called a 'work-on'—

And on Tuesday the River

Don shop stewards met BSC chief executive Dr Monty

Finniston and social-policy

director Ron Smith, the former Post Office workers'

The atmosphere is said to

have been friendly. But the

BSC's message was a clear ultimatum: either accept our

What are the facts sur-

ALREADY over 800 men

have lost jobs at the

plant since the original

redundancies were an-

THE investment plan is

subject to certain condi-

tions of rationalization:

closure of the Ickles machine shop by 1972; closure of the West

machine shop by 1973; possible closure of Hawke

St planing shop by 1975.

These closures mean the sacking of 256 technical

nounced in the summer.

rounding this challenge, and

the claims of victory?

£5m in the works.

had been successful.

ULTIMATUM

plan or we close.

furnace men. They stopped work at 6 a.m. over what the British Steel Corporation described as a dispute about holiday working

arrangements. It is understood the men were questioning a management plan to stop production of the two blastfurnaces for 24 hours on Christmas Day.

STRIKES in the first 11 months of this year showed a decrease of 45 per cent compared with the same period last year, Mr Paul Bryan, Minister of State, Employment, said in a Commons

written reply yesterday. He told Mr Barney Hayhoe Heston and Isleworth) that the provisional total of stoppages so far this year was 2,075 as against 3,786 in the first 11 months of 1970.

#### WEATHER

ENGLAND will be cloudy with some rain at first. It will

become dry later.
E England and Scotland will be dry with sunny periods. Extreme NE Scotland will. however, have some wintry

NE Scotland will have some showers at first with sunny intervals, but cloud and more general rain will spread E

SW Scotland, N Ireland. Wales and W England will have sunny periods with rain Temperatures will be mainly

near normal, but in SE England it will be mild. Outlook for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: Some rain or showers at times in all districts. Temperatures near or rather above normal in most places.

Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office. Published by Workers Press, 186a Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4.
Printed by Plough Press Ltd. (TU), 180b Clapham High Street, London, S.W.4

Although Tvardovsky had been a loyal Stalinist (he three times received a Stalin prize) and was member of the Communist Party from 1940, he later recognized the damage which Stalin had caused to literature.

Soviet situation

He then began a principled campaign against bureaucratic interference in literary matters opposed all forms of mediocrity in art.

Within the limits imposed by the bureaucracy in the Khrushchev period, he made Novy Mir' a stronghold of literary liberalism. The maga-zine published the work of other dissidents besides Solzhenitsyn and made Tvardovsky

many enemies. He was subjected to many pressures and came under constant attack from the confirmed Stalinists in the Union of Soviet Writers.

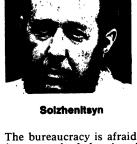
These pressures, intensified after the invasion of Czechoslovakia in August 1968, were opposed by many Soviet intellectuals. In February 1970 he was forced to resign from Novy Mir'.

Police made sure that only small number of people attended the funeral, which the bureaucracy obviously feared might be used by oppositionists to stage a public demonstration. It had to permit Tvardov-

skys' body to lie in state in

the building of the Union of Soviet Writers and to accord him the customary pributes. The situation in Soviet society is clearly very tense. A growing number of intellectuals are opposed to the bureaucratic regime and re-spect men like Tvardovsky Solzhenitsyn, however

many differences they may



health unit in Birmingham is

giving the men—who worked in the rubber industry up to

1950—tests three times a

The bureaucracy is afraid of losing control of the situation and is caught between the for greater repression and the fear of the open break with the intellectuals and many Party members which would result.

WORKERS at Raylands (Fashions) Ltd, Leeds, claim that the management is im-

taken over by March, the tailors' credit outfitters.

Raylands is a non-union

tailors. He added that Raylands

The coming by-elections may very well lead to a defeat because 'the National Union which would strengthen the of Tailors and Garment Worright and give it the backing it needs to break through the kers is not particularly strong in Leeds'. (This particular limits of 'legality' which the union has the highest member-Popular Unity leadership sets ship of any union in Leeds.)

#### BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT CHILE'S right wing is losing no opportunity to mobilize its forces and probe out the weaknesses of President Salvador Allende's Popular In preparation for the election of a Senator and a Deputy in the country's southern region on January 16, an alliance has been made between the Christian Democrats and the right-

drawn

BY JOHN SPENCER

Chilean

by-elections

could show

right's strength

to the disasters of 1970. session of a conference on the building industry, Castro

as a return to realism has

has been under-employed. It is claimed that this year plans are being fulfilled, in contrast

### Army build-up in Brazil

ASSURED of full US support,

international communist move-

Headded: 'We can see the moment when the existence of sufficiently large, diversified and well-trained civilian groups will allow the military to con-

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

LUTON: Thursday December 30, 8 p.m. Recreation Centre, Old Bedford Rd. The fight against Stalinism in the trade unions.

BRACKNELL: Tuesday January 11, 7.30 p.m. 'Red

**BEXLEYHEATH:** Tuesday

**SUNDAY JANUARY 2** 

**BEAVER HALL, GARLICK HILL** (Nr Mansion House tube) 7 p.m.

given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)