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leave too hastily.
'Britain must not abandon N Ireland as she did Cyprus, Aden and India, leaving behind a bloody mess. In the case of her oldest colony . . . she must underwrite the orderly unification of Ireland. This is the most blatant appeal vet from a southern politician for the Tories to ensure that out of the chaos capitalism rules on both sides of the border.

The only speaker to offer a solution to the working class -was mid-Ulster MP Bernadette Devlin.
She called for a programme

of socialist measures and a united Workers' Republic. See page four for the text which formed the basis of Miss Devlin's contribution last night.

### What we think

#### A phoney skirmish

sun will rise this morning, Britain will be still on this planet and soldiers in Ulster will be shooting down innocent civilians. But if you had been listening

to Home Secretary Reginald Maudling and other Tory politicians you might have been misled into thinking that last night's marathon television debate on Ireland was going to shake the foundations of civilization. Maudling has just written to Lord Hill, head of the BBC,

raising Cain about the programme. It could do 'seri-ous harm', Maudling re-buked the BBC. And amid a deluge of other threaten-ing and paranoiac language he declined to take part. Hill, a former Tory junior minister and colleague of Maudling, explained with magnificent elegance that there would be no risk

involved in showing the socalled debate.

In a letter to Maudling, Hill said: 'I fully understand your concern, but I honestly believe it will prove to be unjustified. If we shared your fears that such a programme would worsen the situation in Ulster, we would not dream of pro-

ceeding with it.'

As we previously pointed out, the programme was rigged and contrived. It did not threaten the Tory rule Britain, Ulster or Eire and, if anything, was a carefully-timed propaganda weapon to condone army murder, violence and tor-

t is a measure of the deeply reactionary nature of the man Maudling that he should be squealing about a programme which was so blatantly stacked with right, wingers

right-wingers.
As revealed at the Tory
Party's Brighton conference this year, Maudling is
in favour of hanging.
From his speeches in the From his speeches in the Compton debate in parliament, he also supports tor-

as the minister with key responsibility for Ulster, he is behind internment, the step-up in intimidation of working - class communities and the new regulations allowing soldiers to move onto free fire with automa tic weapons (see story this

page). None of these questions was raised in last night's debate thanks to Maudling's other key role—as Chief Censor of Irish Affairs.

#### Longbridge in, then out

TWO HOURS after work was resumed at the Austin-Morris factory, Longbridge, Birming-ham, yesterday, 200 workers in the engine inspection department walked out. They were angry at being laid-off during the previous strike by 200 machinists and were seeking revised lay-off arrangements. The walk-out immediately

made another 700 workers idle, including the machinists who had just returned to work under a new formula for settling their manning dispute. Another 1,000 workers production stopped.

It was not clear whether the night shift would work

Forward to a weekly 'Keep Left' in 1972!

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'Scientology is evil; its techniques evil; its practices a serious threat to the community, medically, morally and socially; and its adherents sadly deluded and often mentally ill. It is a fabric of falsehood, fraud and fantasy. The board has been unable to find any worthwhile redeeming feature in scientology.

> The Anderson report, Victoria, Australia, 1965.

'Scientology is being practised in S Australia with some very undesirable results. Scientology has been harmful to family life in this state and has caused financial hardship to some citizens. People who have severed connection with scientology have been subjected to unjust and unreasonable pressures.'

Select committe report, S Australia, 1968.

'The government are satisfied, having reviewed all the available evidence, that scientology is socially harmful. It alienates members of families from each other and attributes squalid and disgraceful motives to all who oppose it. Its methods can be a serious danger to the health of those who submit to them.'

Not least of his astonishing

adventures has been his trips

When asked what he made of

heaven, Ron replied: 'Like a bush

More recently Hubbard has

Over the years Hubbard's pub-

He is credited with mighty

intellectual powers although a check of his academic record

Setbacks

Although he claims that his

'philosopher-scientist seeking the laws of life energy', the records show that he attended the George Washington university and left without graduating.

He later rectified this omission

by acquiring the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the

little-known Sequoia university, southern California.

A commission of inquiry in Australia found that the Sequoia

institution was unaccredited and its degrees unrecognized.

later conferred on himself a

From his writings it appears

and offended by the setbacks to

'Pioneering a new thing can bring many incredible adventures, dark hours, many searchings of

the soul. The aim of scientology

is a new era of love instead of

hate and a reign of sanity instead

of chaos. How these hopes would upset anyone is a mystery, but

**Financing** 

'Possibly the fight is about money. It is true that scientology

is getting all the business. Men have said bitter things about me.

This is unquestionably true. Throughout the bitter legal wrangles on the four major con-

tinents of the world — Europe, Africa, Australia and N America

-Hubbard has stuck persistently

to his self-styled religion—and the details of the financing of

In his report on scientology in Britain just released, Sir John

Foster, Tory MP, criticizes the failure of a number of

scientology companies to file

accounts and annual returns

within the time prescribed by

In an internal memorandum on the financial structure Hubbard

said he suffered a hard time

under the 'tax crazy UK and

Commonwealth governments'. By

reshuffling his international group

of companies he established

single, neat corporate structure'. He went on: 'It's been a long

hard task to make a good corporate structure in the UK and

Still I did my job.'

his 'church'.

Doctorate of Scientology.

his good name.

reveals little evidence

brilliance.

where in the universe.

garden in Pasadena.'

through it after him.

Health Minister Kenneth Robinson, House of Commons,

'The Commission has concluded that there was clear proof of the activities, methods and practices of scientology in New Zealand contributing to estrangements in family relationships. The Commission was disturbed by evidence given of the auditing and processing of

> Commission of Inquiry, New Zealand, 1969.

comparatively young children.'

'Although the scientologists refer to their organization as a "church", the Committee views with scepticism the claims of scientology to be a "religion". Such claims seem to us somewhat disengenuous, concealing more than they reveal concerning the real nature and

beliefs of the organization.'

Ontario/government inquiry, Canada, 1971.



'Commodore' Lafayette Ron Hubbard, science fiction writer who founded the Church of Scientology, beside one of the ships of his fleet.

## What they believe

THIS is a sample of statements made by scientology to describe

- Scientology is the study of knowledge in the fullest
- Scientology brings you total
- Scientology applies modern scientific methodology to resolve problems posed phy, and has with the answers.
- Scientology as it applies to life is seen as a study of the interplay of no motion and all motion, or less motion and more motion.
- Scientology is the first and only Anglo-American development in the field of the human mind.
- Scientology is that informa-tion about life which in this period of Earth it is no longer least bit safe to try to get along without.
- Scientology is a practical everyday philosophy—a technology of the human spirit.
- Scientology brings ability, spiritual freedom and immortality.
- A scientologist is a personwho keeps making things go right.

In his report to parliament two weeks ago Sir John Foster said: Put bluntly, what is often said against the scientology leadership is that they are quacks, dis-honestly 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.

'I have myself refrained from

drawing any conclusions.



The eight-point 'crucifix' along with the E-meter (a crude galvanometer) are the chief pieces of apparatus of scientology.

#### Hubbard is credited with large personal wealth, owns and operates a fleet of church ships (called the Sea Org), and has upward of 200,000 followers in this country.

Commonwealth so the assets could be transferred. Apparently we've done it.'

After this dispassionate intro-duction to Hubbard and his

'single, neat corporate structure',

you might well wonder how he's

managed to evangelize so success-

Whatever the reasons for the success of the 'church', it is clear from official sources that scien-

tology runs a £1m business in

fully among the middle classes.

His war experiences were Not bad for a man who appeared in the 'Daily Mail' five pretty unnerving. He died twice and was miraculously revived years ago in an article headlined: 'This man is bogus.' that almost goes without saying.
One of his followers once told a
hushed meeting in Edinburgh:
'When he [Hubbard] was dis-

#### Jargon

ANY ATTEMPT at understanding scientology is made difficult by the heavy use of

For example, what do you make of this directive from the prolific pen of L. Ron Hubbard: 'So when an org is low—Find out where its statistics are laid down and who is a PTS or an SP and act. That's the job of Ethics. Thus little by little we take off the breaks for a cleared Earth.'

Or perhaps you'd like to fathom this one: 'If you see a horizontal line as the Estate Statistic, you know the Dept of I & R is not on the job and Estate probably isn't either.'

What about this sharp rebuke from Ron: 'Auditors who add to the Auditing Comm Cycle never make Releases. So, that's Suppressive. Don't do it!'

In a memo to his Ethics Officer Hat, Hubbard said: 'The purpose of the Ethics Officer is to help Ron clear orgs and the public if need be of entheta and enturbulation so that scientology can be done. The sanity of the planet is all that is at stake.'

The purpose of this article is not to disentangle this mumbojumbo. What is necessary now, however, is some simply put explanation of how Hubbard's

The big breakthrough for Ron Dianetic: The modern science of mental health'.

Dianetics, the forerunner of scientology, is described by one follower as 'a science of the

'It takes care of the aches and pains and psychosomatic ills of

The book itself claims: 'The creation of dianetics is a milestone for Man comparable to his discovery of fire and superior to his inventions of the wheel and arch.'

Two years later Hubbard had improved even on this epoch-making contribution to learning and come up with scientology.

'Scientology brings ability, spiritual freedom and immortality,' one of the converted said. Ron must have reckoned he was on to a good thing. On September 10, 1952, the Hubbard Association of Scientologists was incorporated in Arizona with an authorized capital stock of \$200,000. Hubbard and his wife, Mary Sue, were the sole direc-

In scientology the mind consists of three parts. The first, the analytical mind, is likened to a computer. ('The analytical mind is not just a good computer, it is a perfect computer. It never makes a mistake.') Every perception is filed in a standard memory bank. The bank contains perceptions for every moment of an individual's existence — asleep, awake, or even before birth.

The second is the reactive mind, a 'rogue' bank containing perceptions experienced at moments of pain, painful emotion, or unconsciousness. These perceptions, filed under pain or stress, are called engrams.

There is thirdly the somatic mind which is often at the mercy

### A report by **Alex Mitchell** of 'the fastest growing religion in the world'

of the reaction mind and is responsible for most psychosomatic illnesses.

The somatic mind does not play a prominent role in scientology theory.

The basic problem with most of us is that our reactive minds are loaded with these tiny engrams. Ron's job is to winkle them out—for a fee, of course. Scientology courses are, in the

first instance, free. The promise is that the pupil will 'learn to achieve success' in his life. Another leaflet asks: Why be tired? Why be in pain? Why feel bad?'

If you happen to give your name and address after the free course, you stand a good chance of being bombarded with recruitment literature. One standard enrolling letter says:

'Honey, come to St Hill [the

scientologists' headquarters near E Grinstead, Sussex] real soon for your upper levels of Processing and Training and expand on your road to freedom! Write

Courses can cost anything from a few pounds to several h u n d r e d pounds. Dedicated scientologists who join Hubbard's Sea Org' are at present signing billion year contracts. The wording of the contract reads like

'I do hereby agree to enter into employment with the "Sea Org" and, being of sound mind, do fully realize and agree to abide by its purpose which is to get ethics in on this planet and the universe and, fully and without reservation, subscribe to the discipling mores and the condiscipline, mores and the conditions of this group and ledge to abide by them. Therefore I contract myself to the "Sea Org" for the next billion years (as per flag order 232).'

#### **Ouestions**

THE CHIEF piece of apparatus in acquiring the benefits of scientology—apart from a decent sized bank balance — is an E-meter.

A recent advertisement in the scientologists' newspaper declared: 'The Hubbard Mark V E-meter is a priceless aid for measuring the mental state and change of state of Homo Sapiens. Price £50.'

The mystical E-meter is nothing more than a crude galvanometer. Clients who hold

the two terminals - usually tir cans—are subjected to long periods of questioning called auditing. This is a selection of questions used in these interrogation sessions:

'Are you sitting in a chair? Are you on the moon? Is this earth? Am I an elephant? Are you a table? Have you ever blackmailed anybody? Have you ever had anything to do with pornography? Have you ever committed arson? Have you ever peddled dope? Have you ever raped anyone? Have you ever practised sodomy? Have you ever committed culpable homicide? Have you ever slept with a member of a race of another colour? Have you ever kidnapped anyone? Have you done any illicit diamond buying? Have you ever had anything to do with com-munism or been a communist? Have you ever had anything to do with a baby farm? How could you help mankind? Have you any unkind thoughts about LRH [Hubbard]? Do you have any overts on Mary Sue [Hubbard]? Have you ever bombed anything? Have you ever had intercourse with a member of your family? Have you ever hidden a body? Have you ever been a newspaper reporter? Do you know any communists personally? Have you ever sexually coerced a servant? Are my questions em-barrassing?'

After hours on the E-meter the auditor (the person asking the questions) strives to find the engrams and destroy them.

Once released of these unfortunate memories a person is called a 'clear' and well on the road to 'upper levels'. From there it's pretty plain sailing to The Incredible Wall of Fire.



US marshals seizing E-meters and literature from the scientology operation in Washington

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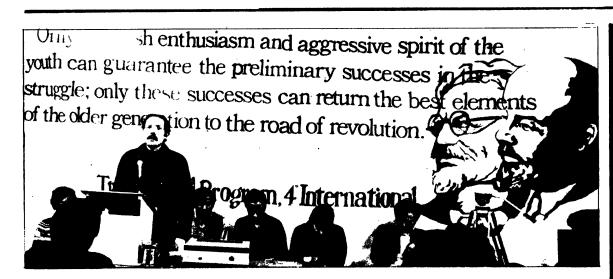
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# Young Socialists launched NIEWS In this in USA

#### BY A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A NEW revolutionary vouth movement was launched last month by the Workers League, American Trotskyist organization.

At a packed conference of over 300 young workers, unemployed youth, students and black and Puerto Rican youth decided to call the new movement the 'Young Socialists'.

The conference on December 18 was attended by youth from all over New York and Philadelphia, Boston, New Jersey, Baltimore and Connecticut. It marked an important step forward for the Workers League, which, in sympathy League, which, in sympathy with the International Committee of the Fourth International, struggled continuously against Stalinism and Pabloite revisionism, for Marxist principles.

The launching of Young-Socialists opens up the road to a development of Marxism a development of Marxism among young workers in the US.

Bringing fraternal greetings from the Socialist Labour League and the British Young Socialists, Dany Sylveire said it was symbolic that the first youth conference of the movement should the capitalist powers in Wash-

ington. 'As you know, this meeting was called to discuss the greatest economic crisis in the history of world capitalism and, contrary to the superficial liberal observer, no tangible solution can be reached.' can be reached.'

#### Timely

Dany Sylveire continued: 'Capitalism in its death agony is economically beyond repair. No power on earth can save it. All that it has to offer mankind is trade war, slumps and a world nuclear war.

'We must not treat this situation as if it was something that exists outside of us. This is the most timely period in history to launch the revolutionary youth movement in the US.

'For what is happening poses a question to which we revolu-tionary socialist Trotskyists, have the only answer.

'This answer cannot be given in an abstract way. Each of us has to examine the crisis and decide what we are going to do

It was not enough, said Com-rade Sylveire, to call a conference to launch a Young Socialist movement. Everything the movement did was vital to the future of youth and the working class in the US.

'This is a period of the sharpest class conflict the world has ever seen. It contains the greatest dangers for the future of all mankind, but dialectically it also contains the greatest opportuni-ties for the learning of Marxism and development of our perspec-

Tim Wohlforth, National Secretary of Workers League spoke of the consequences of Nixon's August 15 measures in the United States and internationally, and of their effect on youth in particular.

'Youth seek a revolutionary lution. They have been through the experience of the poverty programmes, the student the demonstrations

movement bringing together all the movements on the 'left' or does it have to be a revolutionary youth movement fighting for Marxist principles among the youth of the United States?

Youth at the conference, coming out of the experience of massive unemployment, of the bitter lessons of nationalist movements, posed the question how capitalism could be defeated and socialism established, what happened after the Russian Revolution and how they could move the adult working class into struggle uniting all sections of workers to force Nixon out of office and build a Labour Party in the United States.

In this period, large sections of youth have passed through explosive experiences, the groptowards Marxism, as a



Dany Sylveire gives greetings to the conference from **British Young Socialists.** 

which produce nothing. Youth seek more power to fight with. George Jackson before he was murdered took up a study of Marxism and said that Engels' 'Anti-Duhring' was the most important book he had ever

'Marxist theory must also be brought into the working class. You must go into a struggle of opposites against the workers' capitalist thinking and bourgeois ideology.

'We are not just proposing this programme as an idea, but we must take it live in the life of the party. We must be able to mobilize and move masses in struggle.

'The missing ingredient is not the desire of workers and youth to fight. The problem is to construct the revolutionary party. Youth have the major responsibility for the development of theory.'

The discussion which followed these two interventions involved all the layers of youth at the conference. It centred on what kind of youth movement has to be built in the struggle to prepare the working class for

Can it be a centrist youth

weapon to enable them to struggle and win, now opens the possibility of developing a mass revolutionary youth movement in the United States.

This will only take place out of a conflict, against the pre-dominant ideas among youth.

The conference was prepared by the drafting of a 'Programme for youth to fight back' which was taken out into all the areas and discussed, winning broad support from all sections of

youth.

The programme demands full employment, free higher education for all and an end to racial discrimination in jobs and unions.

It calls for immediate with-drawal of all US troops from Indo-China and demands the labour movement call a General Strike against the war.

'Free all political prisoners. The unions must take up the fight for all those victimized by the government,' it says. The Young Socialists call for

nationalization of industry and Churchill: planned press the construction of a Labour Party based on the trade unions censorship with Wintour's and a socialist programme, to participlate in the 1972 elecformer employer, Lord Beaverbrook.

# PRESENTING: THE SUN'S

There's one grain of truth stunt.

BY IAN YEATS

WRITING in 'The Guardian's'

down-your-way brash earthiness designed to entice primarily working-class readers between

But behind this persistent policy lurk the kind of ruthless

cut-throat politics which have made the 'Sun' and its proprietors

Now and again this hard truth

spills out onto the newsprint.

For instance the choice of Edward Heath as the 'Sun's' man of the year—a man who

stands for the political and class

forces despised by the majority

There was one grain of truth political editor Anthony

Shrimsley's eulogy and that

appeared in the last three para-

the covers.

graphs.



'There were no cheers from the unemployed, no cheers from the people hit by rising prices. 1971 was the year of the man without a job

But the man who made that year more than anyone else was Edward Heath.'

Unemployment, wrote Shrims-

'That too was Edward Heath's achievement. The achievement of man who decided that a new

Before those who had suffered this harsh reality nose-dived the circulation by abandoning the

'Sun' thought it had better say something to placate them.

We read that after deliberately creating a million unemployed, big-hearted Heath 'found he had been too harsh'.

'He began the year with policies which precipiated the collapse of Rolls-Royce and Upper Clyde Shipbuilders.

'Before he was over, he was trying to save the RB211 engine and subsidizing jobs by inflating the spending programmes of the

'Edward Heath was the man who showed he was capable of learning from his mistakes.'

Piffle, Edward Heath was the

man who ruthlessly pursued the Tories' callous anti-working class policies from the first minute he stepped into Downing St. If he moved to inflate anything it was

Yet still the 'Sun' can say that 1971 was the year that Heath turned his image from that of the 'born loser into that of Ted, the astonishing winner'.

If the working class think of Heath as a winner I'll eat my

But for the real flavour of 1972

in Tory press circles, over to Anne Edwards of the Sunday Express'. 'Let us have no more whining

Irish voices saying how poor and downtrodden they are and how brutally the army treat them. 'Let's have a break from demos

shouting and snarling up traffic protesting about something in

far off lands [Bangla Desh?] which the British government is powerless [?] to do anything And a special message for our

'Let's see less of actors giving us their views on everything under the sun since all they are good for is portraying a character someone else has created.'

did Shakespeare sa about 'all the world's a stage'?



Not exactly the best week, you may think, for Wintour to go sounding off about 'threats to editorial freedom' and 'the dangers to a free press' from inside the industry.

Our man's main target is those who call for any kind of workers'

He hints darkly that the leaders of the movement are politically 'all far to the left', drawing precisely the sort of conclusion his paper's frightened middle-class readers love to shudder over:

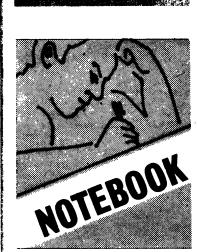
'They [the 'left'] are not in-terested in supporting freedom of expression as we have it today.

He goes on to make clear precisely what kind of freedom of expression he means.

In December 1970, journalists at the 'Standard' condemned printworkers there for trying to get a vicious Jak cartoonagainst the power men's work-to-rule—withdrawn.

Wintour recalls this inglorious incident to attack journalists at the 'Scottish Daily Express', some of whom, he alleges, abetted printers in a stoppage

So 'editorial freedom'. Beaverbrook-style, means freedom to print as much reactionary comment as your readers will buy without interference from the people you're attacking—the men and women who produce your



### Oh to be Willy Izzard

THE TROUBLESHOOTERS' ended its deathly run on BBC Television this week. Eight million working men and women fed up with watching the genius and integrity of British business-men sighed with relief!

course, much of the material for the scripts came direct from the big oil monopolies themselves.

When Sir Eric Drake was appointed chairman of British Petroleum (BP), he gave a private dinner party for oil company

Apparently Lady Drake swanned around the room asking the executives which of the characters in 'The Trouble-shooters' they most identified

Almost to a man they plumped for Mogul's Willy Izzard played by Phillip Latham.

Izzard, if you have watched the series, is the lean, elegant, toff who has never let his tender hands be blackened by the revolting oil which he makes £25,000 a year from.



Phillip Latham as Mogul's Willy izzard: they all identify with him.

### Got your Mao suit yet

THE BEST dressed blades in Manhattan are rushing to buy the very latest gear—Chairman

It's all part of the Mao-is-really-a-good-guy spirit which is sweeping America.

One large store in the exclusive end of New York has converted a whole department into catering for Chinese goods. The walls and ceiling have been done out in bamboo and piped Chinese music plays as the stockbrokers and bankers examine the wares.

There are some dangers in this flood of Chinese goodsmade possible by the lifting of the 20-year ban on Chinese imports in June.

For instance, customers who buy Mao suits are advised to rinse them in salt water to set the colours.

Apparently there have been one or two nasty instances in which the customer, after a hot day in the city, has arrived home. removed his suit and found he has turned a shade of green or

The other danger is that a number of the older, hardcore customers haven't adapted to the love affair with Mao quite so readily.

They are boycotting shops which freely advertise their Chinese goods.

This means that some Chinese gear requires discreet doctoring: the labels are changed from 'Made in China' to 'Made in Hong Kong'. Sometimes the labels are removed altogether.

A report from New York in this week's capitalist press also

'Américan cosmetics manufacturers are already propagating "the Chinese look" to go with the clothes—a lot of dark eyeliner against a pale make-up, to be worn with a "mysterious expression". expression".

The same 'mysterious expression' is also being worn by Maoist groups throughout the capitalist world who are watching the chairman prepare to meet Nixon in February in Peking.

The same Nixon, incidentally, s busy slaughtering hundreds of innocent people in massive night bombing raids in which more bombs are being dropped than has been recorded since Hiroshima.

BBC 2: The Shadow of the Tower: Crown in Jeopardy.

#### BBC 1

12.55 Tresarn. 1.30 The Herbs. 1.45 News. 4.15 Play School. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Blue Peter. 5.20 Dr Dolittle. 5.44 Magic Roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

- 6.00 NATIONWIDE. 6.50 TOM AND JERRY.
- 7.00 OWEN MD. 7.25 TOP OF THE POPS.
- 8.00 THE BRIGHTON BELLE. 'The One Day Off'.
- 8.30 HOLIDAY 72.
- **NEWS** and weat! PLAY: 'HOME'. By David Storey, John Gielgud, Ralph Richardson.
- 10.50 24 HOURS. 11.35 CONFLICT AT WORK.

#### BBC 2

11.00 Play School. 6.30 Sounds of Music, Professor Charles Taylor.

7.30 NEWSROOM.

8.00 EUROPA. 8.30 THE SHADOW OF THE TOWER. Crown in Jeopardy. James

TODAY'S

PROGRAMMES

Maxwell as Henry VII.

O'Herlihy, James Fernandez.

9.20 SHOW OF THE WEEK. Vera Lynn. 10.05 NEWS and weather. 10.10 FILM: 'THE ADVENTURES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE'. Dan

#### 11.35 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP. ITV

1.10 Some Great Painters. 1.40 Racing from Doncaster. 3.00 Houseparty. 3.10 Tea Break. 3.40 Yoga. 4.10 Mad Movies. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 Atom Ant. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News.

6.00 TODAY.

6.30 CROSSROADS. 6.55 FILM: 'NEVER SAY GOODBYE'. Rock Hudson, George Sanders. Dr Parkinson supposes that the wife he left

many years ago in Vienna is dead . . . . 8.45 AND MOTHER MAKES THREE. 9.15 WITCHES. 'New Fashion-Old Religion'.

10.00 NEWS. 10.30 CINEMA.

11.00 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING. 11.30 SCOTLAND YARD MYSTERIES. 'The Dark Stairway'. 12.00 THE FUTURE OF THE FAMILY.

## ley, was the worst since the 1930s. Britain could be born only through the pain of harsh reality.'

## 'Freedom of the Press' It's not for the workers

BY DAVID MAUDE

LEFT-WING journalists are 'a threat to be watched', thinks 'Evening Standard' editor Charles Wintour.

He said so in a piece carried in Monday's 'UK Press Gazette', but written—so we're told in the first paragraph—on Boxing Day 'after the usual excess of gour-

mandizing'.

bed syndrome. And it is somehow appropriate that his article should appear the same day as press reports of the now-released War Cabinet papers.

ing from something when he penned it; this pillar of the

Beaverbrook press seems to have

a nasty attack of Reds-under-the-

For the papers prove that during the 1930-1945 'war to defend democracy', the Churchill gov-

Wintour was certainly suffer-

### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 1.30 Doncaster races. 4.05 Origami. 4.18 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.22 Nanny and the Professor. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.20 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 What's on where. 6.15 Farming news. 6.20 Sports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Peking Express'. 8.15 This is your life. 8.45 London. 10.30 Weather. 10.32 Cinema. 11.02 Treasures of the British Museum. 11.30 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.55 Gus Honeybun show. 4.18 News. 4.20 Nanny and the Professor. 6.00 Diary. 10.59 News. 11.30 Faith for life. 11.35 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 1.30 Doncaster races. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.40 Tea break. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Joe 90, 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.30 Junkin. 7.00 Film: 'Dentist on the Job' Bob Monkhouse. 8.45 London. 11.00 News. 11.10 British Museum. 11.40 Weather.

HARLECH: 2.00 Doncaster races. 3.50 Holidays abroad. 4.15 Tinkertainment. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Huckleberry Finn. 5.20 London. 6.01 Report West. 6.18 Report Wales, 6.35 Sky's, the limit. 7.10 Film: 'Never Put it in Writing'. 8.45 London. 10.30 John Morgan. 11.15 Marcus Welby MD. 12.15 Weather. Weather.

HTV West as above except: 6.18-6.35 Sport West.

HTV Wales and HTV Cymru/
Wales as above except: 5.20-5.50
Dibyn-Dobyn. 6.01-6.18 Y Dydd.

ANGLIA: 1.35 Racing. 3.40 News. 3.45 Women today. 4.10 Rupert. 4.25 Tea break. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.20 Magpie. 5.50 News. 6.00 About Anglia, 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Dick Van Dyke. 7.30 Film: "Counterspy". 8.45 Lon-

don. 11.30 Living and growing.

ATV MIDLANDS: 1.00 Racing.
3.35 Horoscope. 3.45 Women today. 4.10 Family affair. 4.40
Rupert. 4.55 Lift off. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today. 6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Film: 'Until They Sail'. 8.45
London, 11.00 Randall and Hopkirk.

YORKSHIRE: 1.30 Doncaster races. 3.35 News. 3.45 Women to-day. 4.15 Crossroads. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 Lone ranger. 5.20 Magpie. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Smith family. 7.00 Film: 'Whirlpool', 8.45 London. 10.30 Yorksport. 11.05 Cinema, 11.35 Drive-in. 12.00 Weather. weather.

GRANADA: 1,30 Doncaster races.
3,40 Another world. 4,05 News.
Here's Lucy. 4,35 Once upon a
time. 4,50 Arthur. 5,15 Magpie.
5,50 News. 6,00 Newsday. Police
file. 6,20 Peyton Place. 6,55 Film:
'The Spy With a Cold Nose'. 8,45
London. 11,00 Scotland Yard casebook. 11,30 Treasures of the
British Museum.

SCOTTISH: 1.00 Doncaster races. 3.00 Sign off. 3.30 Once upon a time. 3.45 Crossroads. 4.10 Dateline. 4.55 Bush boy. 5.15 Magpie. 5.50 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.15 A place of her own. 7.00 Film: 'She's Working Her Way Through College'. 8.45 London. 11.00 Late call. 11.05 Prisoner.

GRAMPIAN: 1.30 Doncaster races.
3.68 News. 3.40 Dick Van Dyke.
4.10 Yoga. 4.40 Origami. 4.55
Rainbow country. 5.20 London.
6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Win a
word. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film:
'No Time to Die'. 8.45 London.
11.00 Treasures of the British
Museum. 11.30 Golf with Sam
Snead. 12.00 Epilogue.



#### **Charles Wintour**

ernment considered imposing total press censorship. Lord Beaverbrook, Wintour's former employer, was up to his neck in this plan as Minister for Aircraft Production.

control of the media.

against a similarly anti-workingclass cartoon by Cummings.

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

THE 'ANDERSON Papers' on American policy in the Indo-Pakistan war are making as big a sensation as the Pentagon Papers leaked by David Ellsberg.

Léading columnist John Anderson has published excerpts from three highlysecret documents describing meetings of the National Security Council's Special Action Group.

At these meetings, Henry Kissinger, President Nixon' chief adviser on national security affairs, was present.

The papers show Kissinger pressed for a hard line to-wards India on instructions from the President. 'Whoever was putting out

ative to the current situation is provoking Presidential 'The President is under the

"illusion" that he is giving instructions; not that he is merely being kept appraised of affairs as they progress.' At another meeting, Kissin-

ger said that he was 'getting hell' from Nixon for not tough enough with The papers show that at all

costs Nixon wanted to support Pakistan. The question of military equipment from Jordan and Saudi Arabia was discussed. So was other forms of military aid.

The mission of the American carrier task force in the Bay of Bengal, as the papers show, was not to evacuate American civilians, but to divert Indian planes ships and thus help Pakistan.

Was Nixon's backing for Yahya Khan, whose forces had butchered hundreds of thousands of Bengalis, a deliberate attempt to line up with China against the Soviet

If so, it failed to have the desired result. The US has become exe-

crated throughout India and a correspondent who quizzed American residents and officials was not able to find a single one who supported Nixon's anti-Indian stand.

At the same time, the influence of the Soviet Union has been greatly strengthened.

Highly placed officials doctrine have obviously leaked the highly secret documents, so far been published by John

Meet Editorial Board

speakers. Discuss your

ideas for the expanded

paper

COVENTRY

Sunday January 9

7.30 p.m.

Angel Hotel, Folehili Rd

Speaker:

Alex Mitchel

**LEICESTER** 

Wednesday January 12

Queen's Hotel,

Speaker:

NEWCASTLE

Thursday January 13 7.30 p.m.

workers press

READERS' MEETINGS

### BERNADETTE DEVLIN'S STATEMENT TO BBC 'INQUIRY'

GENTLEMEN you have a problem. Do you really want an answer? The answer to any problem is dependent on four factors:

- 1. An understanding of the nature of the problem.
- 2. An understanding of the concepts applicable to the problem.
- 3. The ability to recognize and apply the relevant concepts.
- The acceptability of the solution to the poser of the

Throughout the many hundred years of our unhappy relationship, not once has a British ruling power satisfactorily fulfilled any of these prerequisites. One must examine how and why this is so in order to find the way forward.

Let us consider first the nature of the problem. As we see it, the people of our country have for hundreds of years been dominated and exploited by that small minority of the British people . . the British ruling class.

In the pursuit of power, plunder, and patronage, you drove us from the land, destroyed our language, and divided our people against themselves. None of this posed any problem as far as you were con-cerned. But we had a problem. We lived as serfs in our own country. We tilled and farmed the land yet went hungry, worked the mills yet could scarcely clothe ourselves. We produced the wealth of the

landlord and factory owner and lived in poverty for our pains. From time to time, our discontent, our suffering, our thirst for the dignity of free men led us to challenge your right to impose your will on us, your right to live off our backs. Only in such times did you acknowledge the existence of a problem; and that problem in its

crudest form was how best to shut us up.
Today you continue to fatten yourselves on the profits of our labour, to divide our people against themselves, so that in fighting over the crumbs allotted to us, we will never secure the strength of unity in our fight against you for the whole loaf. Gentlemen, the loaf is ours. We produced it.

Today, once again, you see the problem as the reassertion of your law, your order. Within your law, owners may steal from workers. Within your concept of justice, men may die in factories—industrial accidents; children may die in damp slum conditions—the infant mortality rate in the working class; and families suffer in crowded conditions, with little money, or have

no roof over their heads. You explain it in terms of rights and freedoms. We have no rights, no freedoms. You have met every challenge, every threat to your power, with repression. Repression will not work. You have killed Davitt, Emmet, Tone and Connolly. That their ideas are still alive today is proof of your failure.

At present you, who talk of democracy, maintain your position, not by persuasion, but by force. The nature of the problem, simply stated, is that we want an end

Westgate Rd

Speaker:

Alex Mitchell

**LEEDS** 

Sunday January 16

3 p.m.

**Quarry Hill Flats** 

Speaker:

Stephen Johns

SHEFFIELD

Sunday January 16

7.30 p.m.

**YS Premises** 

Western Works.

Portobello

Speaker:

Stephen Johns

GLASGOW

Monday January 17

Room 1

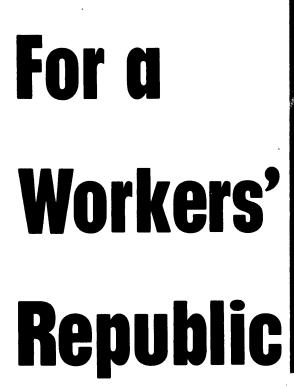
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Lesser Hall

(Nr Merkland St Tube Stn.)

Speaker:

Stephen Johns





**BERNADETTE DEVLIN** 

## in Ireland

to the system which allows so many to suffer, in order to maintain the power of the ruling minority. All other problems, sectarianism, discrimination, unemployment, homelessness, stem from the fact that you own, and intended to go on owning, the wealth and the power which is ours. We are the working

Even if you accept that to be the problem, will you solve it by giving back our property, our wealth, our power? No. Instead you resort to open violence to force the acceptance of your framework. But you do not believe even in the concepts which you impose on us. You talk of peace, yet hope to maintain it or achieve it by the use of 15,000 armed soldiers, 6,000 armed men of the Ulster Defence Regiment—a seemingly endless supply of CS gas, when hellets and harbed wire rubber bullets and barbed wire

You talk of justice which, in like manner, you maintain by a corrupt and biased judiciary, an armoury of emergency regulations and legislation, a police force in whose numbers rank those who have wantonly murdered and terrorized, yet remain strangely beyond the pale of your endless powers, the concenthe interrogator, the spy, the informer. What is it that requires such measures to safeguard your 'Democracy', your 'law' from the

You talk of progress, you who have produced an unemployment problem of one in every ten men being denied the right to work. You who pay, in return for our work wages of such a miserable stint, that we can barely afford to feed and clothe our families and pay the rent for the houses we have to live

You are prepared to have peace, progress and justice only inasmuch as they do not interfere with profit private enterprise and ownership. You make the rules, then change them each time we appear to be winning. If you really believe in justice, end internment now. Release the political prisoners.

If you really want the gun out of Irish politics, take your guns out—all 25,000 of them! Solve the problem that produces fear, distrust, violence and division—poverty, unemployment, homelessness.

Recognize the failure of private enterprise. We hear daily of the money that flows from Britain to Ireland. What of the money flowing from the labour of Irish people into the pockets of ICI, Courtauld's, Chemstrand, British Enkalon, the British and American mining companies? Ban the export of profits from N Ireland. Re-invest the profit in setting up public-owned industries.

Legislate a minimum working wage for a 40-hour week. Cancel the N Ireland housing debt to the central banks. Nationalize the building industry, expropriate the land necessary for building houses, so providing low-rent houses at a fast enough rate to end the slums prob-lem in the foreseeable future.

You will not consider one these solutions, because they attack your priorities, because you don't care about the real problem.

Since you will neither accept the nature of the problem nor attempt realistically to solve it, get out of the way and let us solve it ourselves. Take your army, your exploiters, your very presence out of our lives. As in the past, we will continue to organize towards this end.

Only the working-class understands, cares and is prepared to solve their problems. Only the solution posed by the workers owning and controlling the means of production, and the distribution the wealth they produce, can in the final analysis be acceptable to the working class.

In short, only the workers' Republic can produce the solution. Our problem is to achieve that Republic; your problem is to prevent us doing so. Gentlemen, 800 years condemn

## Left gains in Irish **T&GWU**

A SHIFT in the balance of power in Ireland's second largest union will mean greater opposition to internment and British imperialism in Ulster.

The union concerned is the Transport and General Workers' Union which has over 100,000 members on both sides of the border.

At Monday's Belfast meeting of the Irish regional committee, the right wing, which has blocked all discussion of key issues like the Special Powers Act and internment, was ousted from major positions.

In particular, Leslie Tag-

gart, representative from Belfast docks, lost his position as chairman of the full com-mittee and the chair of the key three-man political sub-In the past Taggart, with

right-wing support from N and S, has prevented the union taking a stand on the role of British imperialism in Ulster because the issue was 'political' and beyond the union's brief.

Now resolutions branches which condemn internment or raise the question of unemployment in a political way will be discussed and stand a good chance of being passed.

The changes are a result of the success gained by the left in the elections for the committee composition over the next two years.

Right-wing Republicans from the S and right wingers from the N lost their positions on the 23-man committee.

One leading committee member described the change this way:
'For the first time in 50 years we have got a break-through. We swept the board,

and the S supported us to a

One other new member told me that the committee would now back shop stewards who are fighting against victimization and speaking up in the factories of the N for their socialist beliefs.
'In N Ireland in the past

if you were a militant shop steward you were blacklisted and little was done about it. I want the regional committee to come clean on this issue now and this will strengthen all the shop stewards who are fighting in the N for a socialist perspective, he told me.

The left which in the words The left, which in the words

of one committee member is 'broad-based', has still to be tested. But if it leads the union on a strong class stand army policy, against intern-ment and Republican activities that isolated the Protestant working class—the change could be decisive.

Hitherto the policy of the official trade union movement has been characterized by its reformist retreats.

United struggle

The shop floor in Ulster is still one of the places where Catholic and Protestant workers can unite in struggle despite the undoubted discrimination by employers against Catholics).

For example one member of the committee is a militant socialist with Republican leanings, yet he is elected by his predominantly Protestant factory as a steward because he is the 'best man for the job'.

These kind of men can challenge the Protestant ex-tremists who are now attempting to split the working class by forming 'levalist' workers' organizations in Belfast ship-

But more important they represent a threat to the officialdom of Irish Congress of Trade Unions (the Irish TUC) which is ambivalent on issues like internment. The

ICTU in Dublin and Belfast in fact, by its silence, has created the impression that it condones internment. This is despite the fact that leading shop stewards in the N have been interned. Among them is Pat McCusker

of Dungannon, a member of the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers' Union. He was arrested for his non-violent opposition to the Unionist regime in the N.

So far the ICTU has played a completely opportunist role. It is afraid to speak out for fear of infuriating 'loyalist' opinion in its ranks, and presumably because it does not want to embarrass Stormont which subsidizes it to the tune of £10,000 a year.

lengthy deliberations. But it was understood that the union men would

Board towards some form of productivity deal, mortgaging in advance increases in output per man shift. Yesterday morning the NUM received a letter from the Board warning that it

> to arbitration if no settlement could be agreed that

any increase in its £1.90

Pay fight

Lesson clear in S Wales

## is against **Tories**

From IAN YEATS in S Wales

S WALES miners fear their leaders will end the proposed strike before they get a chance to fight for their pay claim.

'After what he said on television I think Joe Gormley [miners' union president] is going to retreat,' said Ivor English, face captain at Maerdy colliery, Rhondda, where the 1,100 men voted 78 per cent for the strike due to begin on Sunday.

He told me: 'The gap between us and the National Coal Board is only narrowed if Gormley is prepared to go down to the Board's 7½-per-cent offer.'

The 37,000 miners are worried that even if the strike gets under way, the NUM executive will pull all the stops out to get a compromise deal and a quick return to

Mr England said:

'They're talking about a roductivity deal and extra nolidays, but they are trying to split us up.'

S Wales miners have gone it alone twice before in the fight for higher pay and have been forced back to the pits with minimal concessions.

If they are silent now, it is because they are anxious to say or do nothing to disturb the fragile unity which could produce the first national coal strike since 1926.

The two divisions of the S Wales coalfields are solid behind the strike, which is not only a continuation of the struggle for a living wage fought since 1969, but which has brought to the surface the fierce and deep-seated hatred for Toryism.

All the traditions of working-class solidarity are being thrown into this strike and even the coalfield's 11,000-power loaders, who, in any case, got a £2.70 parity pay rise on January I have thrown their weight behind the day-

As the NCB has axed one pit after another, the old fears that strikes mean be replaced with a feeling that there is everything to gain by industrial action. But they know that if the miners' unity is breached, they could be defeated.

Said Mr English: ductivity could split us down the middle. It's no good to us. We just couldn't get any more productivity here because of the geological position. But Yorkshire and the Midlands might accept it.'

Eighteen months of Toryism have brought a steep drop in living standards in the decaying SE valley towns, where long-term unemployment often tops 10 per cent.

Men have been forced to give up their cars and cut down on drinking and many a small shop has closed its doors for the last time as housewives cut back on food.

Above all, the Tories have created a feeling among the miners that it is not just them but the entire working class which is under attack as never before. But they are riding high with backing for the strike from ASLEF, the T&GWU

and the dockers. Said Cliff True, chairman of Fernhill and Tower Lodge:

important. It's moving them. And we've got that sewn up.

The NCB has said it is confident it can withstand a long strike because of coal stocks exceeding 30 million tons. In Cardiff yesterday the

NCB responded to the strike with the now familiar: 'In less than a month Fernhill and Oakdale could close and there are other border-line

But yesterday as the shift came up to the surface the question on everybody's lips was 'Is it on?' and all eyes were turned to London for a clear signal that the fight had

TOMORROW: Young Yorkshire miners comment.

of competition we had in war'.

sidies high-cost American

shipyards are going to be able to compete with the Japanese

But the heavy dose of nationalism was no doubt appreciated by many of the

hard-hats who heard him. In

any case California is a

critical state in the November

Presidential elections and his

remains to be seen.

Whether even with sub-

## Nixon adds ships

'Whenever a nation quits trying to be Number One it ceases to be a great nation', he cried in a speech packed with chauvinist sen-timents. 'We want America

He called on the US to overcome the lead in the maritime industries taken by W Germany, Japan and other

granted to enable the merchant fleet to be expanded

Firing this significant shot n the trade war, Nixon

government is being blamed for the high unemployment in the area.

**Right to Work Committees** 

**HUDDERSFIELD** Thursday, January 6 7.30 p.m. Zetiand Hotel

COVENTRY Meeting ☆ Social ☆ Films Friday January 2 12 noon The Shakespeare,

Spon St.

#### **MEETINGS**

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

CROYDON: Thursday January 6, Spm. Ruskin House, Coombe Rd, E Right-to-Work

DONCASTER: Sunday January 9, 7 p.m. Wood-lands Hotel, Great North Rd, Woodlands. The miners'

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

DAGENHAM: Wednesday January 12, 8 p.m. Room 11, East Ham Town Hall. The struggle for socialism in Bangla Desh.

### LATENEWS

**NEWS DESK** 01-720 2000

close down a big tool and die plant in Detroit later this year killing 1,000 jobs. The US auto giant is cutting costs to tool up to face intensified foreign competition.

TV PROGRAMMES not included on page 3: REGIONAL BBC: All regions as BBC 1 except:

Weather.
Scotland: 6.00-6.50 Reporting Scotland: 6.00-6.50 Reporting Scotland, weather, Nationwide. 12.02 News, weather.
N Ireland: 6.00-6.50 Scene around six, weather, Nationwide. 12.02 News, weather. TYNE TEES; 1.30 Doncaster races. 3.35 Newsroom. 3.45 Looking at jewellery. 4.15 Crossroads. 4.40 Origami. 4.55 Captain Scarlet. 5.20 London. 6.00 Today. 6.30 Tournament. 7.00 Film: "Son of Lassie". 8.45 London. 10.30 Sportstime. 11.00 Police call. 11.05 Cinema. 11.35 Drive in. 12.00 News. 12.15 Epilogue.

GENERAL MOTORS is to E ENGLAND and SE Scot-All other areas will

locally, freezing at first. Temperatures will generally be slightly below the seasonal normal but it will be rather

Outlook for Friday and Saturday: Generally cloudy with a little rain at times. Temper atures rising to normal in the S and W but continuing

land will be rather cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle. mostly dry with variable amounts of cloud. There will be more mist and fog patches

cold in the E.

ather cold in the N and E.

#### a confidential memorandum containing a series of instructions for the suppression of serious industrial strikes. official

THE FASCIST regime in Spain has circulated

paper of the Ministry of Labour, the document has been sent to the staterun union organization, the Sindicatos, and other

official labour bodies. The document is headed 'Criteria for a possible situation of conflict' and is stamped 'secret and confidential'.

A copy of the document has got into the hands of an illegal workers' organization and been brought to London via Paris.

The timing and language of the document clearly indicates that the Franco dictatorship is becoming more alarmed about the possibility of widespread industrial urest leading to a General Strike.

It is circularized among the police and army at the peak of a period of strikes the building workers, doctors in Madrid, the carworkers at Barcelona Asturians coalfield.

The document openly declares: 'Periods of great social tension can be foreseen in the coming months seriousness will

> laid down: • 'Accurate information on illegal activities, meetings etc., and the

> • 'The prevention of all distribution of illegal propaganda.'

at factory gates is basic to the reduction of con-The document goes on:

northern ports. Yet when Dolores

happening. 'Its instruments must be the labour offices and the union organization (sindicatos), as well as the organs

'In no way must the governor hesitate at the beginning on the pretext that there has been no disruption of public order because in a labour conflict order has already been disrupted and constitutes

The ministry always has plans for further strangling

Everyday we are seeing that news of labour disputes is the only news that

brethren in Poland.

As Workers Press has previously highlighted, it was the Polish Stalinists who helped to break last year's Asturian miners' strike by sending coal to Spain. And the 'black gold' still pours in via Spain's

Ibarruri (La Pasionaria), veteran Spanish Stalinist, attended the Sixth Congress of the Unified Workers' Party of Poland, she dwelt lovingly on the ties between the two parties.

## She specifically praised the miners of the Asturias with their 'great revolutionary traditions', but did not

She claimed to bring from the miners greetings of 'proletarian internation-alism.'

Pasionaria before Roman Catholic church.

priests and bishops the church publicly asked for forgiveness from the people its attitude of support

'This change in the Spanto all political and social advances on the road to socialism.' (Our emphasis.)

## Miners

union secretary Lawrence Daly on Tuesday. 'They felt they should be

tion of the Board is,' Gormlev said. Coal Board chairman
Derek Ezra arrived 'full of hope' at Euston.

Gormley earlier had re-fused to be drawn on whether any specific pro-posal would be made by the executive following the

## attempt to persuade the

told what the latest posiwould take the dispute over the union's £5 to £9 claim

# to trade war tactics

PRESIDENT Nixon is out more difficult than the kind to make the United States the world's leading maritime power. In a speech in San Diego announcing a contract for three new oil tankers to be built by the National Steel and Shipbuilding Company he said:

to be Number One'.

World War II enemies had built ships that were driving the country into a second-class position, said Nixon. Federal subsidies would be

and modernized.

warned that 'peacetime com-petition is going to be even

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE

OXFORD. (Joint meeting Make the Tory government resign!

Croydon.

strike and the Tory govern-

with Young Socialists): Sunday January 9, 7.30 p.m.
'Cape of Good Hope', The Plain. 'Right-to-Work' campaign. WILLESDEN: Monday January 10, 8pm. Trades and Labour Hall, High Rd. January 11, 7.30 p.m. 'Red Lion', High St. Discuss ATUA Manifesto.

BEXLEYHEATH: Tuesday

Tuesday

Tuesday

#### **CIRCULATION** 01-622 7029

Wales: 6.00 Wales Today, weather, Nationwide. 6.50 Heddiw. 7.15-7.25 Tom and Jerry. 8.00-8.30 Week in Week Out. 12.02

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England: 6.00-6.50 Look North, Midlands Today, Look East, Points West, South Today, Spot-light South West, weather, 12.02

ULSTER: 1.30 Doncaster races. 4.00 Yoga. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Forest rangers. 5.20 London. 6.00 Reports. 6.15 Tommy. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Dr Simon Locke. 7.30 Film: 'The Big Search'. 8.45 London. 11.00 What's It All About? 11.20 Treasures of the British Museum.

WEATHER

#### Both are instructed to 'suspend immediately all discussions on collective agreements as soon as the miners of the workers create situations described in the document

police to prevent 'massive meetings, factory meetings or meetings'. As far as government activity is concerned, the following requirements are

The unions are told to collaborate directly with

the civil governor and the

depend on how these situa-

Explaining the tide of

militancy, the document says: 'The increase in the

cost of basic necessities has

created strong pressures of a pyschological nature

demands for very large wage increases . . . before

the expiry of a great number of collective agreements.'

The state-controlled Sin-

dicatos is told to remain in 'constant touch' with the

labour offices.

as using 'force'.

is translated into

tions are confronted.'

preventive arrest of the organizers of these whenever possible.

• 'The stopping of the organization of pickets

'A labour conflict is always a political problem and a problem of public order even when it just looks like a work problem. The government authorities do everything pos-

# Franco fears

## General Strike: Secret circular on repression

sible to stop this from

of public order.

in itself a potentially violent situation.

of press freedom: 'In the directions given to the communications media, place of preference must be given in the coming months to the silencing or the maximum reduction of the greater part of news or informa-tion on labour disputes.

the press never tires of . . . Against this detailed offensive of the fascists, the most sickening spectacle is the role of the Spanish Communist Party and its

mention that their struggle was critically undermined the coal imports from by the Poland.

This obscene statement can only be matched by prostration of

In the same speech, she 'In a recent assembly of

for the Francoist uprising

against the republic. ish church is a revolution-ary change which we prize in all its transcendency because it opens up new possibilities for the collabo-ration of Catholics and non-Catholics in the joint patriotic task of creating a democratic Spain, open

• FROM PAGE ONE

'I am prepared to discuss anything they want to put to us,' he said.

day.

There was no indication yesterday afternoon that the Board intended to make