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AROUND THE WORLD

# Permanent US trade mission for Peking

## CARWORKERS IN A CONTINUAL CONFERENCE

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT NIXON is expected to announce in Peking this week that the United States will establish a permanent trade mission in China.

The mission will be the first formal tie between the two countries since the outbreak of the Korean war.

Until last June trade between the US and China was prohibited. But now a limited amount of 'non-strategic' trade has begun.

The Americans are anxious to enter the Chinese markets with heavy equipment and machinery like locomotives, construction equipment, internal combustion engines, rolling mills and industrial chemicals.

Nixon yesterday prepared for a second round of talks with Chinese leaders after urging them to join the US in 'bridging the gulf' between the two countries.

Within hours of his arrival in Peking on Monday, the President had held a one-hour discussion with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and talks with Premier Chou En-lai.

## FRANK TALKS

He conducted the 'serious and frank' talks with Mao while American forces in S Vietnam continued heavy air strikes and artillery fire against liberation forces. American army authorities yesterday claimed 53 N Vietnamese casualties in several hours of fighting.

Outwardly, the summit meeting has been noted for its austerity—no cheering crowds, no expensive cavalcades.

But away from the eyes of the Chinese people, the meeting is generously hospitable. And two nights ago the Nixons were guests at a sumptuous banquet. During the meal the Red Army Band played 'Home on the Range' and 'America the Beautiful'.

## QUOTATION

'People's Daily' the Chinese Communist Party newspaper, yesterday produced one of Mao's quotations, with particular application to the Nixon visit:

'We resolutely advocate the practice by all nations of the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

'These are mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality, and mutual benefit.'

One of the many pictures which appeared in the paper showed a beaming President Nixon and a warmly smiling Chairman Mao.

The first meeting with the leader of the world's biggest capitalist state took place at Mao's home in Peking.

The hospitality extended by the Chinese Stalinists to this leader of world capitalism is indeed special. Nixon is staying at an immaculate guest house, patrolled constantly by Chinese People's Liberation Army guards.

UNITED NATIONS Middle East peace envoy Dr Gunner Jarring will go to Israel on Friday for talks with Foreign Minister Abba Eban, it was officially announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Jarring talks broke off last February when Israel refused to give a positive reply to a memorandum concerning the occupied Palestinian territories.



AN ALFA-ROMEO PLANT WHERE A WORKERS' DISCUSSION IS CONTINUALLY IN PROGRESS

CARWORKERS at the prestige Italian sportscar firm, Alfa Romeo, are occupying their factory by holding a 'permanent meeting' on the shop floor.

When management refused to change the grading system seven months ago, workers started industrial action costing the firm about one tenth of the year's production. Wages range from 40p per hour for unskilled men to 53p for skilled.

In November groups of workers invaded the offices of the management, including that of the president, Giuseppe Luraghi, and general director, Adolfo Bardini, forcing them to take flight.

Two weeks ago, 20,000 workers in the Milan-Portello and Arese factories began to

occupy their factories. No one is allowed in or out without the permission of the voluntary workers' 'militia'.

When Franco Verga, a Christian Democratic delegate tried to present a 'solidarity cheque', he was greeted with 'an explosion of cries and whistles', according to one of the Italian newspapers.

One Alfa worker commented:

'He can stuff it down his throat—we don't want charity!'

Meanwhile the Minister of Employment, Donat Cattin, has told the company: 'If production is technically and economically unfeasible, then the firm must be closed down. The state cannot be expected to stop money going to schools, hospitals or housing just to prop up a car company.'

## Congo coup is foiled

AN ATTEMPTED military coup against President Marien Ngouabi in Congo-Brazzaville was foiled on Monday night, according to radio reports yesterday.

The radio did not say how the coup had been thwarted, nor did it explain the current situation in Brazzaville, capital of the former French territory in W Africa.

It said the coup leader, army chief of staff Maj Joachim Yhombi, was supported by 'right-wing tribalists'. The major had arrested some members of the ruling political party.

President Ngouabi, a former officer in the Congo-Brazzaville's Elite Paratroop Battalion, came to power in 1968 after a military revolt.

## Bukovsky sentence confirmed

THE RUSSIAN federal supreme court yesterday upheld a sentence of seven years' imprisonment and five years' exile passed on Soviet oppositionist Vladimir Bukovsky last month.

The court's decision, which was taken after two hours of re-examination of the case, was reported by friends of the 29-year-old Bukovsky.

He was charged with anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. His friends said yesterday that Academician Andrei Sakharov, a founder member of the unofficial Human Rights Committee in Moscow, was barred from the courtroom.

all members of the tiny state's armed forces and civil servants.

In a series of decrees, he also promised to modernize the administration.

This is the second major upheaval in the Gulf area in recent weeks. The ruler of Sharajah, another Gulf state, was killed during an attempted coup last month.

## Oil sheikh replaced

THE RULER of the oil-rich gulf state of Qatar was overthrown yesterday in an apparently bloodless coup while he was abroad on a hunting holiday.

Radio reports said Sheikh Ahmed Bin Ali Al-Thani had been replaced by his cousin and the deputy ruler.

The new ruler, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani immediately promised 20-per-cent pay rises for

# WHAT WE THINK

## THE GIANT AND THE PYGMIES

AT LAST the TUC has opened its mouth on the miners' strike. Its finances and general purposes committee has congratulated the NUM executive on recommending acceptance of the strike settlement and has 'expressed appreciation' to the unions which donated to the strike and whose members refused to cross the picket lines.

Yet, throughout the miners' struggle, the TUC never came to their aid. It did not once consider mobilizing its 10 million members behind them.

It stood by while Hugh Scanlon called off the engineers' national wages fight. It watched passively while Frank Chapple accepted 7½ per cent for the power workers.

The TUC was prepared to leave the miners isolated in 1972, as it had left the postmen isolated in 1971. The support for the miners throughout the ranks of organized labour was a basic class feeling, which over-rode the silence of the TUC leaders.

The miners were actively supported by thousands of Labour Party members. This found no reflection in the House of Commons, where Labour's spokesman on fuel and power, Harold Lever, joined Carr in expressing relief that a settlement seemed to have been reached.

And Communist Party members fought with the miners while the 'Morning Star' remained silent on the shipping of scab coal into N Ireland by the Polish Stalinist government.

Trotsky once described the British working class as a 'slumbering giant', tied down by pygmies. When the giant gained consciousness and began to move, the pygmies would be thrown aside. On the eve of 1926, Trotsky warned in advance of the role of the Labour and trade union leaders:

'The chief efforts of the official leadership of the Labour Party and of a considerable number of the official trade union leaders will not be directed towards paralysing the bourgeois state by means of the strike, but towards paralysing the General Strike with the aid of the bourgeois state.'

In 1972 the miners avenged 1926. In doing so, they struck terror into the hearts, not only of the Tories, but of the Labour and trade union bureaucrats as well.

These leaders stopped the movement short of bringing down the Tories altogether, but they could not prevent a substantial victory. Let the pygmies beware. The giant is stirring.

## TWO KINDS OF OPPOSITION

BY JACK GALE

YESTERDAY'S 'Times' carried a long letter from an anonymous Czechoslovak journalist describing the life of an oppositionist in Czechoslovakia.

The author describes accurately the Stalinist 'legal' system:

'First they invent the guilt, then they stage the crime and order evidence and testimony. The judge and prosecutors are instructed by the Party, and the Party secretariat fixes the length of the sentence and chooses the defendants who, anyway, were placed on prepared lists long ago.'

He highlights the total lack of popular support for the Stalinists: 'The leadership's only support is the bureaucracy... all the regime has got is the police, the officer corps, the managers and their deputies. They have to pay people even for joining parades and waving flags. Otherwise, the chief method is fear.'

'Here methods are being improved. People are shown how large is the scale of things they should be afraid of.'

All this is true, but it is not new. Direct police repression under Stalinism began with the murder of Kirov in 1934, arranged by Stalin himself. Intimidation of opponents, trumped-up expulsions and exile were the order of the day before that.

It has been opposed, consistently, and in a principled way, by Trotskyists from that day to this.

'The Times' correspondent admits that until 1968 he was, in the main, an orthodox Stalinist and that he then became a Dubcek supporter.

That, of course, does not disqualify him from speaking out now. But, as an intellectual with contacts in the W, some knowledge of the Trotskyists'

struggle against Stalinism for almost 50 years must be available to him.

He does not, however, show any interest in this. Instead he reveals great pessimism:

'Now I am sitting here staring out of the window and I realize that 30 years of my life have been wasted. I have used up my energy and my health in the cause of a great fraud.'

He lines himself up alongside the social democrats and even declares that: 'When people ask me now if I am still for socialism, I usually answer indirectly.'

He expresses disappointment that forces for change did not come from the Kremlin itself: 'With him (Khrushchev) the last human face disappeared from Russian politics.' The same Khrushchev who did not do anything about Stalin's '1930s' purges until 20 years after.

Above all, he is pessimistic about the working class: 'If there are any anti-communist sentiments in this country, they emanate in the first place from what official propaganda calls the working class.'

It would be wrong to dismiss the courage of such men as this who stand out against the bureaucracy. They are publicized and supported in the W, however, precisely because they are not a communist force.

Dubcek received sympathy and support in the capitalist mass media of a type and on a scale never extended to Trotsky nor to the victims of the Moscow Trials.

That is as it should be. The Stalinist bureaucracy will only be overthrown by a political revolution of the working class. Such a revolution requires the construction of revolutionary parties, sections of the Fourth International, in E Europe and the Soviet Union.

There will be no sympathy for that in 'The Times'.

**CO-OP  
BRINGS  
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FROM US**

THE CO-OPERATIVE Wholesale Society yesterday began bringing in coal supplies from Europe and the United States.

A 20,000-ton supply for domestic users is expected on board a German collier at Immingham, Lincolnshire. The Co-op hopes to bring in about 100,000 tons within the next three weeks.

**'ABSOLUTELY NORMAL'-AMERY  
Tories admit  
question-  
rigging**

BY A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WINSTON CHURCHILL, MP, has been accused of 'peddling' parliamentary questions to fellow MPs during an investigation of the notorious questions-rigging row.

During a select committee hearing into questions-rigging, George Cunningham (Labour Islington SW) said that Churchill, as parliamentary private secretary to the Housing Minister, went around handing out questions.

Churchill replied: 'One saw MPs going through the lobby who one knew would be interested in housing matters and asked if they would be prepared to put down these questions.'

'They would have no means of knowing what the source of these questions was.'

Churchill's minister, Julian Amery, an extreme right-winger, openly admitted his involvement in the questions-rigging.

Amery said he provided draft questions which were then 'planted' with Tory MPs. He said that he regarded what he had done as 'absolutely normal'.

Amery said: 'On March 10 some backbenchers expressed concern that the Opposition seemed to be mounting a major campaign and pre-empting the Order Paper on housing, particularly in London, perhaps with the approaching local elections in mind.'

'There were suggestions that questions should be put down to redress the balance and we agreed we might help.'



**Royal  
spreads  
into  
EEC**

THE ROYAL Insurance group has begun its drive into the Common Market by taking a £2.7m stake in a W German insurance firm.

Royal is issuing 647,300 of its own shares for a 10 per cent holding in Aachener und Munchener Versicherung AG, the seventh largest insurance company in W Germany.

The two groups have also agreed to give one another underwriting and servicing facilities in their respective countries.

Mr John Howard, a director and general manager of Royal, said yesterday: 'The proposals are designed to operate to mutual advantage.'

Mutual advantage, that is, to the insurance business.

The Royal link-up within the Common Market means that the enormously wealthy insurance houses are anxious to establish investment outlets in Europe.

**SPEED-UP THREAT  
TO LONDON  
AMBULANCE MEN**

A PRODUCTIVITY deal for the London Ambulance Service being proposed by the Tory-controlled Greater London Council will undermine further the state of the National Health Service and the conditions of those employed in it.

A £4 rise is being offered to the ambulance men, but in return they will have to work harder and under conditions which will be detrimental to the service they provide.

One driver told Workers Press the Tories seem to want to turn the ambulance service into a 'profitable business venture'.

The deal, which has so far been rejected by the Transport and General Workers' Union, envisages various cuts in the present service.

The number of staff would be cut from 1,922 to 1,881, 41 less, and the number of ambulances reduced by 62. To do this everyone would be required to work a 42-hour week, of which two hours would be paid as 'conditioned' overtime.

The number of overtime hours worked, it is calculated, would be reduced by 462,000, and the bill for overtime pay would be cut by £535,000. This would be done partly by limiting the lunch break to 20 minutes and not taking it at a set time.

At present ambulance men take their lunch between noon and 2 p.m., which is generally the only time that meals are served in hospitals. Thus it is proposed that many should miss meals while still doing a heavy, responsible, and sometimes dangerous job.

One driver commented: 'In many instances the service is stretched to the limit even now. The GLC must know this. Nevertheless the ruthless cutting of a vital service is proposed. I know

of a case where it took three quarters of an hour one night to get to an accident. As it happened, there was no serious result.

'Also people may sometimes be encouraged to call a taxi or minicab if their case is not an absolute emergency and the ambulance men are busy. This is a way of making poor people who are sick suffer most, and so it negates the whole aim of the health service.'

The Tories are proposing to save £1m at the expense of lives and health.

Another driver pointed out it was never proposed to cut the police and fire brigade. It is law and property that matters to the Tories. This deal is another step in the Tory attack on the health service. The next Labour government must be pledged to restore these cuts.

**Sacked  
strikers  
besiege  
union  
office**

REPRESENTATIVES of 600 men who have been on strike for 15 weeks have besieged their union office in Newcastle seeking that the dispute be made official.

The men are ladders—they insulate pipes—with Thermal Insulation, a big contracting firm. The men are demanding a 16½p an hour increase to bring them into line with rates in Scotland.

They were working on the Blythe power station when the dispute broke out. Last week the company sacked all of them as they entered the 15th week of their strike.

On Monday a group of workers stormed one office of their union, the General and Municipal Workers' Union.

They were barred by Ald Andrew Cunningham, the local union official, and he later saw a small deputation.

He promised to do 'everything in his power' to help the striking men.

**Hospital costs**

YOU CAN still pay for private residential treatment in Regional Health Board Hospitals under the Health Services and Public Health Act of 1968. But it's going to cost you more in the future.

From April 1, the charges for a single room each day will be:

- Class A: long stay hospitals—£7.90.
- Class B: psychiatric hospitals—£4.90.
- Class C: acute and other hospitals—£12.90.
- Class D: London Teaching hospitals—£18.80.
- Class E: Provincial teaching hospitals and university hospitals—£15.60.

**That'll  
teach 'em—  
Bloody  
Sunday  
soldier**

AN ITN sound recordist told the Widgey tribunal yesterday that a soldier said to him after the Bloody Sunday episode: 'That will teach them not to mess with the paras.'

Robert Hammond, who was a member of a news filming crew, said: 'I can only imagine that he was referring to shooting from the army.' He agreed that the soldier appeared to be justifying shooting.

Yesterday Lord Chief Justice Widgery heard the first witnesses to the shooting incident in which 13 civilians were shot down.

BBC cameraman Peter Beggin told the inquiry that army snatch squads were fired on as they raced across open ground in front of the Rossville Flats.

'They were rifle shots,' Beggin claimed. 'These were the first shots I heard.' He said the shots did not appear to be fired by the soldiers.

Under cross-examination, Beggin said he could not see all the paratroopers involved. He added: 'I have no evidence as to whom fired any shots.'

The inquiry continues today.

**NINE-MONTH PAY  
BATTLE BRINGS  
GEC LOCK-OUT**

UNION OFFICIALS are meeting GEC representatives in London today over a strike at A. E. Dean and Company—part of GEC Medical Equipment Ltd—in Croydon, Surrey.

Last Friday, over 300 electrical and engineering workers were locked out at Dean's two days after technical and supervisory staff struck work in support of a demand for a £5-a-week-across-the-board pay increase submitted in April 1971.

ASTMS GEC Medical Group Secretary, Neil Evans, on the picket line yesterday, told Workers Press the history of their nine-month-old dispute:

'Last year the shop floor workers were given a £6 a week loss-of-overtime compensation payment. The management, however, didn't consider it was necessary to give the staff any part in this.

'Since then we have been all through the procedure,' said Mr Evans, 'but it hasn't got us anywhere.

'We haven't even got to the



NEIL EVANS

stage of speaking to the management yet. I understand that GEC has 14 companies on strike. Jack Scamp, their chief negotiator, has been reported as saying that this is what negotiations are all about.'

On the morning after the breakdown of national-level talks, the staff, with the backing of their union, struck work. Two days later management informed engineering and electrical unions that their members would be laid off until the dispute was settled.

Said Mr Evans: 'We are determined on a point of principle to stay out now and see this through.'

And a technician fellow-picket added: 'Our spirits are high and with every degree drop in temperature our determination hardens.'

**Pit arrests**

THE unprecedented scale on which the Tories used police to harass the miners during their six-week strike only became apparent this week.

During January and February police arrested 263 miners for offences arising out of picketing, the Minister of State, Home Office, told the Commons in a written reply.

**LATE-NIGHT  
PASS PROTEST  
BY STUDENTS**

THREE HUNDRED students at a London teachers' training college held a one-day strike yesterday in support of 64 suspended colleagues.

The students, from Trent Park College of Education, Cockfosters, marched to the college from the halls of residence.

College authorities claim the suspended students broke their late-pass rules. Yesterday they were still in one of the halls of residence.

The rules under which they have been suspended make it compulsory for students to apply for late passes 24 hours in advance.

They are allowed out all night Friday and Saturday, but must sign on and say where they are going.

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N LONDON: Thursday March 2, 8 p.m. Town Hall, Edmonton. 'Building the revolutionary party.'



**YOUNG SOCIALISTS**

# NATIONAL RIGHT-TO-WORK CAMPAIGN

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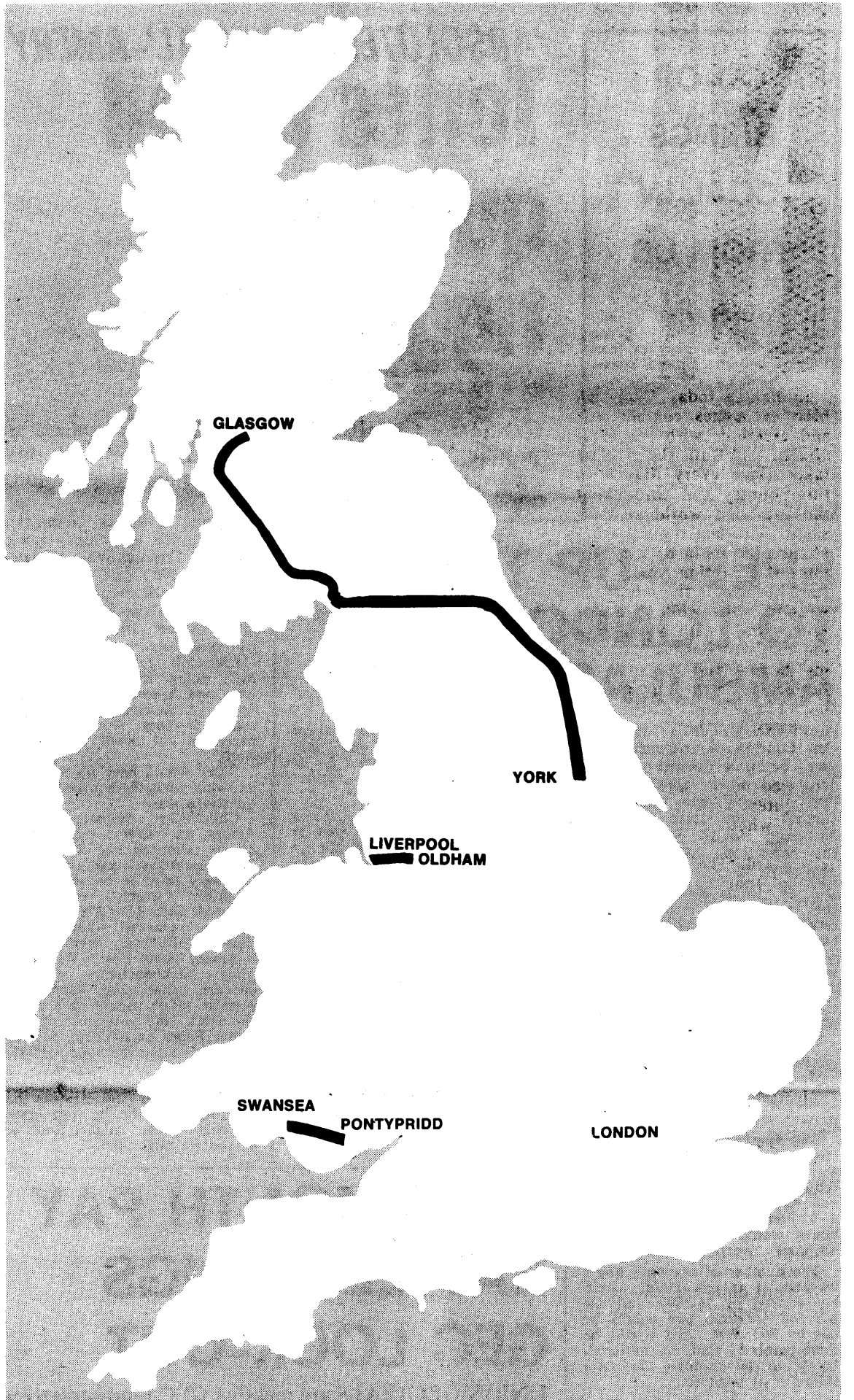
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# NIXON'S WAR UNCENSORED

In Peking today Chairman Mao exchanges compliments and greetings with President Nixon. And while the meeting takes place every Maoist in this country and throughout the capitalist world remains silent. The latest publication of the Maoists in Britain contains this caption: 'Mao Tse-tung thought is the invincible weapon!' Meanwhile, Nixon is proceeding with his own hideous weapons. He is raining bombs and napalm and herbicides on the Vietnamese, Laotian and Cambodian countryside; he is killing, maiming and burning men, women and children. He is engaged in the most colossal slaughter since the Somme. The whole country has become like some grisly graveyard. The photographer Philip Jones Griffiths spent three years in Vietnam to capture some of the reality of Nixon's war. Most of his material has not been published in the capitalist press; editors felt that his pictures were 'in bad taste'. Now his photographs are published in a book 'Vietnam Inc' (Collier-Macmillan Ltd, London). The selection of material shows the meticulous and unsentimental way the photographer went about his work. He attempted to get into every corner of the Vietnam war. If anything is missing it's a picture of the American torture units. He apparently spent a week with such a unit but didn't get the chance to surreptitiously use his camera. But what he has assembled is horrific. In taking these photographs he came in direct contact with the savagery of US imperialism. He once saw a woman prisoner of war lying on the ground in terrible pain with a bullet in her spine. When he asked a soldier if he couldn't expedite her treatment, the officer replied: 'What's the hurry? When the GVN (South Vietnamese army) have interrogated her, she'll only be raped and killed anyway.' He also couldn't be but moved by the heroism of the National Liberation Front fighters. On one occasion he was with American soldiers when they shot and killed one of the 'gooks'. The dead soldier had fought for three days with a cooking bowl strapped to his stomach to keep his guts from spilling out. Philip Jones Griffiths book won't alter the course of Nixon's war. But it's the sort of horrible gift one should give to Harold Wilson, George Brown and Denis Healey of the Labour Party and perhaps the odd Maoist like Reg Birch or Mike Cooley.

Right: Men of the 'Tropic Lightning', the 25th Infantry Division, leave their visiting cards — torn off shoulder patches depicting the division's emblem, a bolt of lightning — stuffed in the mouths of people they kill.

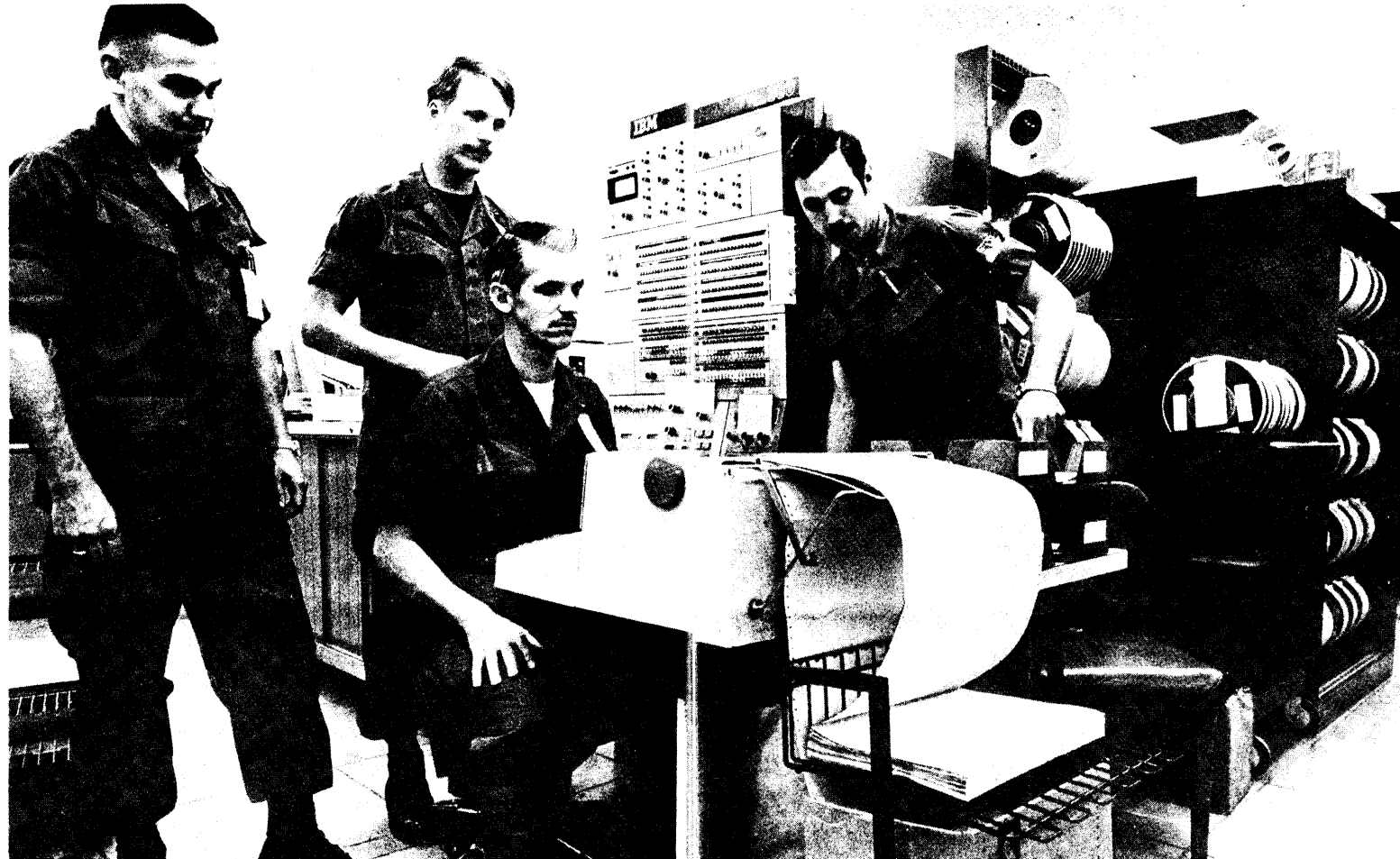






Top left: Ten-year-old ARVN (South Vietnamese regular) a 'little Tiger' feted for killing two 'Vietcong women cadre' the day before—his teacher and his mother—it was rumoured. Above left: wounded children, who like most civilian victims, had been hit by indiscriminately used US firepower. Right: GIs who reasoned according to the US Army handbook on Vietnam assumed that peasants who still chose to live in VC controlled areas and resisted being 'saved' must therefore be crazy and so deserved to die.

Above: Much research has gone into producing 'anti-personnel bombs' that will wound more often than kill Vietnamese. The wounded become an asset for they take others out of action to care for them. These people were classed as 'terminal' and sent home to die. Left: 1968—the battle for the cities. All it took to destroy District 8 of Saigon was a handful of Vietcong... and help from the US Army and Air Force. Untrained for and unfamiliar with street fighting, many Americans were killed.



The computer that 'proves' the war is being won. Data collected for the 'Hamlet Evaluation System' is analysed by it to 'see who loves us'. Optimistic results on the 'my-wife-is-not-trying-to - poison - me - therefore - she - loves - me' pattern are reliably produced each and every month. Right: The battle for Hue. During the Tet offensive, the fiercest fighting took place in the old imperial capital of Hue. The reason was twofold: Hue was the only town or city in Vietnam with existing fortifications — the 20-foot-high, 6-foot-wide walls of the citadel — which offered protection against air strikes; also, during much of the 24 day battle, bad weather prevented close air strikes. The Americans showed how they were prepared to destroy a national monument, revered by all Vietnamese, by the use of indiscriminate artillery and naval gunfire. When the weather improved, the standard 'close air support' tactic was employed. This involved dropping 750 pound bombs and napalm on the centre of the city. To the inhabitants of Hue, the US troops seemed to act like madmen who had an uncontrollable passion for killing communists, without a second thought for the civilians they killed.

Right: Marines run for cover while under fire from a VC pillbox which had somehow survived despite dozens of direct hits from bazooka shells.





# youth bulletin



RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN  
MINERS STRIKE  
BANGLADESH

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## Irish Young Socialists have launched a fortnightly, printed edition of their paper 'Youth Bulletin'.

The first four-page issue appeared at the beginning of February.

An editorial welcoming readers gives a brief history of the paper's development from a monthly 12-page foolscap-sized duplicate paper launched in June 1970, to the present fortnightly paper.

The commitment to launch a paper was taken following a decision at the first National Committee meeting of the IYS held in 1970.

Says the editorial: 'The history of "Youth Bulletin" has been one of achievements.

'In our second issue we printed our first photographs and increased the circulation to 500. [350 copies of the first edition were printed.] In the fourth issue we introduced three-colour printing, and pushed the circulation up to 1,000. The circulation was pushed up to 1,500 in the fifth issue and by the sixth issue in December 1970 it had risen again to 2,000.'

In January 1971 a new-sized six-page duplicated paper was launched together with a fund for £200 to launch the printed paper in 1972.

By May 1971 the size had increased to eight pages and the circulation to 2,500. Two stages of a second fund had raised over £500 to make the 'Youth Bulletin' a printed paper with an initial circulation of 3,000.

The statement goes on:

'Behind this impressive record of achievements lies the strength and support of thousands of youth who have contributed to our success in a variety of ways. . . . It is because we are confident of this continuing support that we can immediately begin to make plans for increasing the

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NEWS

# YOUTH PAPER FOR IRELAND

BY SARAH HANNIGAN

circulation and developing to eight pages.'

The publication of the printed paper, say the IYS, occurs at a very important time in the history of the Irish working class.

'Ireland, along with every other capitalist country in the world, has entered a period of sharp recession and economic crisis. For capitalism there is no solution to this crisis, unless the working class can be forced to foot the bill. In Ireland, in the final analysis, this means that an attempt will be made to make the working class, Protestant and Catholic, Northern and Southern, surrender the rights they have.'

The paper warns that entry into the Common Market is an open declaration, by the Tories at Westminster and in the Lynch government, of war on the working class.

'They want to create, over the whole of Britain and Ireland, unemployment on a scale not

even reached during the 1930s. This is the price the Irish and British working class must pay if capitalism is to continue as a system.'

'Youth Bulletin' points out that in Britain and Ireland the working class has shown its determination to fight Heath and the Tories and their puppets Lynch and Faulkner. 'It is possible', it says, 'to mobilize support amongst British workers for struggles of the Irish working class. And vice versa.'

'An important first step has been taken towards this in the involvement of the Irish Young Socialists in the Right-to-Work March being held in Britain from February 5 to March 12. The only friend of the Irish worker is the British worker. And the only friend of the Catholic worker is the Protestant worker. Only if this is recognized and acted on can the Irish working class be assured of success in its struggles.'

Throughout its history 'Youth Bulletin' has offered a principled leadership to all youth, particularly in its consistent opposition to the British troops in N Ireland right from the first.

The paper pledges to continue to provide this sort of leadership in the future.

Among other articles in the first issue is a detailed report of support from Irish workers for the Young Socialists Right-to-Work campaign.

The miners' struggle against the Tory government is also explained, as well as the struggle in Bangla Desh against Yahya Khan.

The 'Bulletin' editorial board has suggested that IYS branches set up Readers' Circles. New readers are invited to set up circles in their own areas to discuss and broaden the base of the paper.

The IYS are building a paper to be proud of!

# WORKERS NOTEBOOK

## SMUGGLERS

When it comes to Conservatism in this country it must be a close tie between Perthshire and Tory parts of the Midlands.

Take this incident during the miners' strike. A group of eight Midlands businessmen smuggled lubricating oil into a power station to enable the plant to operate at full capacity.

The group, which proudly boasted it was 'non-profit-making', included a solicitor and a computer consultant. Derek Nicholls (34), a business executive of Plumtree, Nottinghamshire (where else!) said 3,000 gallons had been secretly slipped through the picket lines.

'We went through in two trucks with the oil in tarpaulin-covered drums. The pickets did not suspect what was happening,' Nicholls said. The CEBG would make no comment.

## MASCOTS

According to the Tory press and to Westminster, the army is serving a 'peace-keeping' role in Ulster. Tory ministers have repeatedly denied that the army provokes anything.

Here are a couple of anecdotes to dispel this notion.

At the Newry demonstration a couple of weeks ago, I saw a British soldier—carrying a large automatic weapon, of course—stand in front of a wall and scrawl in capital letters: 'IRA kill women and children'. He wrote this in full view of thousands of people walking up to the housing estate for the start of the march.

When a young lad, aged about 16, went up to the wall and tried to rub the sign off, he was pushed and shoved out of the way—at gunpoint.

Now the 45 Royal Marine Commando Unit under the command of Lt-Col Sir Stuart Pringle has returned to Arbroath after a four-month tour of duty in Ulster.

They stepped ashore with two newly-recruited mascots—two pigs called Bernadette and Paisley.

## JESUS

Latest recruit to the Jesus bandwagon is country and western singer Johnny Cash.

'I read the Bible. And study it, you know, and the more I learn, the more excited I get. Some of those stories are as

wild as any H. G. Wells could drum up. And that Jesus! He really cuts me up! I worship Him, but He tickles me to death.'

Cash—who professes concern for prisoners and Indians—is coming to England. And he's preparing thoroughly:

'I got my books all ready to take to England—Winston S. Churchill's "History of the English Speaking Peoples", volumes one through four.'

Cash projects a simple, rugged image. How does his life-style measure up to that?

'We own a mansion,' he says, 'but that's home.'

## IMAGE

Ray Gunter, recently resigned from the Labour Party, has a number of interesting business pursuits, among them a directorship in Securicor and one in a private firm called Industrial Communications (Public Relations and Publication).

The firm, which was registered on January 23, 1970 (two years after Gunter resigned as Minister of Labour in the Wilson government), states, as its primary aims:

'To carry on the business of helping industry to introduce management techniques, particularly with a view to achieving higher productivity.'

Another of its aims is to 'assist in the formation of the Corporate Image'.

Chief among the six shareholders holding 2,500 £1 shares is a firm called Higher Productivity (Organization and Bargaining). Other shareholders are Sean Connery, of James Bond fame (1,000 £1 shares), Ray Gunter (1,000), William Arthur Hawkins (2,500), Samuel James Butler (1,000), and Harris Henry with 1,000 shares.

Of the directors, most interesting is Sir Iain Maxwell Stewart.

Sir Iain has numerous directorships. He is a director of Beaverbrook Newspapers Ltd, British European Airways, Design and Industrial Styling Consultants Ltd, Dorchester Hotel, Babcock and Wilcox, Eagle Star Insurance Company, Scottish Television Ltd, to name but a few.

He is also chairman of Higher Productivity and of Hall-Thermotank Ltd.

Gunter's support for the Tories' Industrial Relations Act is easily understandable! One wonders how he managed to stand the strain for so long in the Labour Party!

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# Right-to-Work

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## SUPPORT FROM ALL SECTIONS

SUPPORT for the Right-to-Work march continues to mount.

The 'Daily Express' NATSOPA clerical chapel committee has passed a resolution of support and donated £10.

Workers at the Mercantile dry dock, Jarrow, have given £13.80 for the Right-to-Work marchers—(£4.40 for food and

£9.40 for the marchers).

Two playwrights, Michael Hastings and Hugh Whitmore, have also agreed to give support. They were joint award winners for the documentary, 'In Search of the Nile'.

Elkan Allan, 'Sunday Times' television columnist, has also made a donation of £4 towards the cost of the march.

## WE GO THROUGH TEESSIDE AN AREA WITH A RECORD LEVEL OF JOBLESS

MIDDLESBROUGH is the heart of Teesside, once the boom area of the NE, but now struck by record levels of unemployment.

Normally the area, which includes the steel and chemical towns of Stockton, Billingham, Wilton and Redcar, has an unemployment rate mid-way between the national average and the regional level. The latest figures for January tell a different tale.

The national percentage is 4.3, the NE regional level is 6.9 and Teesside unemployment stands at a post-war record of 8.1. Male unemployment is a staggering 10.1 per cent.

The manager of the Middlesbrough employment exchange told me that this meant that the dole queues were growing faster than any other spot in the NE and as fast as anywhere in Britain.

In January 1970, 5,444 men were without work. This January 11,339 were on the dole. Youth unemployment, too, has doubled over the same period to almost 1,000.

The cause of this mass unemployment is revealing. Teesside depends on steel and chemicals. Both industries have experienced a rationalization drive. Old plant has closed and modern equipment installed at sites nearer the coast.

The new capacity, however, does not employ the same number of men who worked at the closed units. The new investment is capital intensive.

The British Steel Corporation for example has shut down three plants on the Teesside over the last year. But their new BOS plant at Lackenby has not absorbed the redundancies. Hence the biggest single crop of redundancies (1,838) in the last quarter of 1971, were in metal manufacturing.

It's the same case at Wilton and Billingham where ICI has two of the biggest chemical complexes in Europe. Old processes like the Anhydrite plant at Billingham have been closed and labour steadily shed as new capital intensive processes are introduced. The result is that the second highest batch of redundancies are in the chemical sector—667 were sacked in the last quarter of 1971 alone.

The reason for the shake-out is international competition. This is particularly true for ICI is facing cut-throat battle with its international rivals. Of course capitalization is no solution. It reduces the rate of profit and presses the capitalist class into even more drastic cut-backs.

This slump has had a dramatic effect on the working class of



A WELCOME MEAL BREAK AT IMMINGHAM FOR THE GLASGOW-LONDON MARCHERS

Teesside. For the first time since the war, people can't get jobs. Vacancies have decreased by one third over the year.

Dave Jones (20) is a new recruit to the march from Teesside: 'I will tell what I have done. My mate and I have made a list of every firm in the Stockton area where I live. We systematically went round and visited each one. Everywhere it was the same—come back next week or a straight refusal. It's impossible to get a job.'

'I have been out of work since July. The exchange don't even bother to try to get us jobs any more. At first they used to send us for jobs, but always when you got there someone else had taken the job.'

Worse is to come. ICI is building new plant at Seal Sands on land reclaimed from the sea. This is threatening 3,000 jobs at Billingham. The labour exchange man said things might get better in the spring—but he had no idea why or how.

In Middlesbrough we've had a good reception. Our particular thanks to the students of the

Polytechnic. They paid for a meal in the union cafeteria and arranged for the marchers to use the excellent showers.

Shop stewards at ICI Wilton have backed the march and will take a collection. Workers at malleable pipe works (BSC) are also taking a collection as are the men of Head-Wright's engineering—another place hit by big redundancies.

The trades council also voted support. The resolution went up to the executive committee and a donation of £40 was suggested. But this was blocked by Stewart Hill, local Communist Party secretary. He agreed with a donation, but opposed the suggestion of a specific sum.

We also had a brush with AUEW district secretary Harold Robson. The AUEW district committee voted to give 'every assistance'. But at first Robson denied us the use of the AUEW hall. This, he said, was a matter for the national executive committee to decide. He changed his mind, however, and contacted us at the Polytechnic and offered us accommodation. It was too late,

however. We're fixed up in a local church hall.

Tomorrow we strike out into the countryside again. A tough 27-mile hike to Thirsk in Yorkshire lies before us. This takes us one stop away from Leeds and the Yorkshire coalfield.

Radio Teesside has done a long interview with some of the marchers. This is in contrast to Tyne Tees television who have carefully avoided the march. As one sympathetic Tyne Tees technician told me: 'They decided the whole thing was a little bit too naughty for them.'

Cliff Jackson, AUEW convenor at Lionweld, Middlesbrough, last night joined the attack on the bureaucrats in the Labour Party who did not support the march.

'I admire your spirit and I am right behind you. I think it's disgusting that the district committee of my union did not do more for you.'

Mr Jackson also paid tribute to the Workers Press: 'I am quite astonished by the quality and depth of articles in this paper,' he said.

## WHAT A RESPONSE IN NW!

BY PHILIP WADE  
 ON MERSEYSIDE

THE RESPONSE our march received in Skelmersdale today proved to all of us what an impact the Right-to-Work campaign is having in the Lancashire working class.

First of all, just outside the town we were met by some building workers from the Bison site. They had just finished a four-week reinstatement strike. But on the first day back, deputy steward Ray Hodson was sacked for defending another victimized worker.

'Our fight is like your fight—the right to work and the right to strike,' he told me as we marched into town. Just before the strike began, the men on the site collected over £33 for the Right-to-Work campaign.

Waiting on the balcony of the town hall to greet us was councillor Phil Bond, chairman of the Labour-controlled town council. With him was Charlie Denton, chairman of Skelmersdale trades council and a member of the Communist Party.

After the tea and sandwiches laid on by the council Phil Bond told me that the serious situation confronting the working class needed total unity of the class. We couldn't afford to argue about bans and proscriptions in the Labour Party.

'As far as I'm concerned the test of any organization must be its seriousness in fighting the Tory government. We are pleased to see youth like these in action and welcome them here. The Tories won't be brought down by speeches or resolutions in the House of Commons or anywhere else,' he said.

Councillor Bond also told me how they used to talk about Skelmersdale as the promised land, a new town in the heart of Lancashire which would bring jobs for all.

Workers were lured from Liverpool with the bait of a new house. But the dream turned sour on broken promises. Today there are over 1,000 workers unemployed.

During the reception at the town hall we were given two more boosts to our march. Workers from Air Industries U.K. Ltd walked in and handed over a collection of nearly £5 taken among 40 office and shop-floor workers.

And then I was told that workers on the nearby McAlpine building site had raised over £10 for us and would take weekly collections until the march reached London.

We got about five miles from Wigan after our Skelmersdale break and we once again met our friends from Bold colliery. About 15, led by Mick Connolly, joined the march and stayed with us into town.

The magnificent response we have had so far has really impressed the marchers. Norman Oswald, who at 15 is the youngest on the march, said:

'Everywhere we have asked for support we've got it. The miners said they would march all the way to London with us if they weren't going back to work.'

One of the Kirkby boys, Kenneth Joyce, who lost his apprenticeship some months back, also recognized the support. 'I've sold about 150 Workers Press in two days and I think it was good the way all those other workers joined in the march. Now we are going to fight to get to London. We'll beat the Tories, otherwise I'll never get a decent job.'

● SEE PICTURE P.12.

## MARCHES HAVE A POLITICAL TASK

BOTH playwright Jim Allen and playwright-actor Neville Smith—who marched with the Liverpool-London contingent for a time last weekend—feel the YS campaign has big political implications.

'The Young Socialists' demand for the Right to Work is part of the campaign to force the Tories to resign,' Neville told me. 'I'm in two unions, Equity and ACTT (film technicians)—both have 75 per cent of their members unemployed.'

'There is a growing realization, despite what the reformists would have us believe, that we mustn't wait five years to get the Tories out. Nails are being driven into the Tory coffin.'



NEVILLE SMITH (L.) AND JIM ALLEN

'The miners have shown the strength of the working class. But it's not enough to go forward on purely economic demands. Every day we must prepare, like this march is doing, a leadership capable of taking power.'

Jim Allen told me: 'I'm marching because the Right-to-Work march is a contribution to the push that is needed to get the Tories out.'

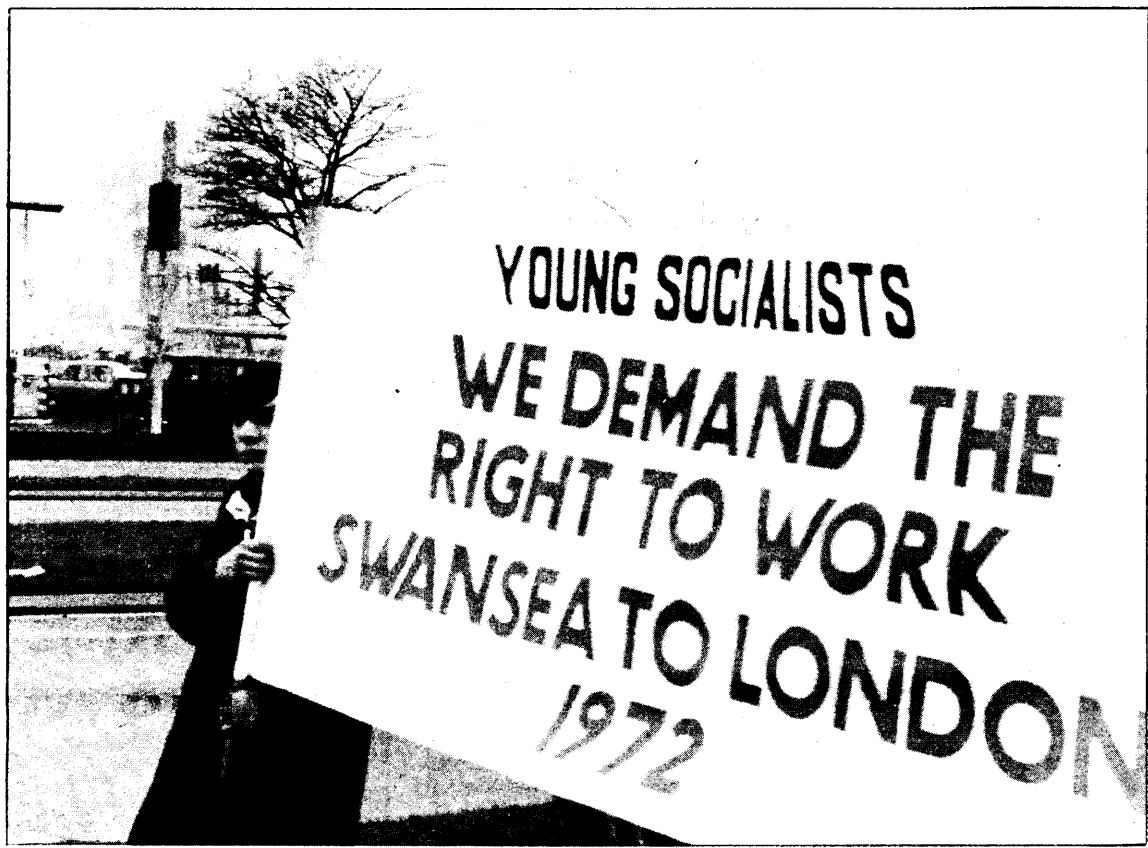
'The power of the working class has been shown by the miners. The Feathers and the

Campbell-Adamsons can get together and talk of the lessons and of negotiations.'

'But as the engineers in Birmingham showed, the working class is on the march regardless of the leadership's despair.'

'We've had our "Red Friday". We have to make sure it doesn't lead to "Black Friday". We've tested the gear and we're in business. What's lacking is the leadership. This march has the political determination to fulfil that need,' said Jim.





SWANSEA-LONDON MARCHERS PASS THE BAGLAN BAY BP SITE WHERE REDUNDANCIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

# Young and old in S Wales say: Get the Tories out

FROM DAVID MAUDE IN S WALES

**ALONG** the 20-mile march from Neath to Bridgend, the Right-to-Work marchers met workers who vividly expressed the past and present of the working class in S Wales.

Two workers in particular—one 19 the other 72—gave just a hint of the profound support in the area for our demand that the Tory job-destroyers are forced out of office.

Phil Okane is a young worker who lives near the British Steel Corporation's massive works at Margam, Port Talbot.

He and his brother Gerald have to virtually support their parents who have both been signed off work because of their health. But Gerald is a council worker earning just £17 a week and Phil is on the dole.

All the indications are he will stay there for some time; according to the Department of Employment there are only 166 young people under 18 on the dole in the town, but local youth leaders laughed bitterly and described this and the D of E's latest 1,358 figure as 'ridiculous' underestimates.

Phil thought that when this month's figures are announced tomorrow they will show a big rise—and not just because of the power-cut shutdowns.

He also pointed out that building work on the sprawling Baglan Bay construction site the marchers passed on their way into the town ends next month.

When the BP oil-refinery site there is completed it will provide livelihoods for only a few hundred workers compared to the 3,000 who work there now.

'There'll be a lot of boys around my age made redundant when that happens,' Phil told me. 'You can already see what the situation is. I applied to get into Borg-Warner, the components firm, but there was already a waiting list of 1,000.'

'The Tories are to blame. It's only since the Conservative government got into office that the unemployment situation has really shot up in this town.'

'My parents voted Labour. They feel the same way as everyone else in Port Talbot. We are all for the miners here. They deserve what they've fought for—in fact they deserve more.'

'But when Labour get back again, their policies must be more under control by the working class.'

In the four years since he left school, Phil has had no less than six jobs, ranging from provisions manager at a supermarket to labourer on a building site.

He warned that many Port Talbot employers were taking advantage of the Tory drive against jobs to use youth simply as cheap labour between 15 and 18 and then sack them.

Before he was made redundant, Phil once worked a 91-hour week, building an extension to a bank. He received just £90 in return.

Wales is a country of sharp contrasts.

On the road from Port Talbot to Bridgend, we walked for a long stretch alongside the estate of brewery owner Evan Bevan, which reminded our four Ulster marchers of the property owned by the Orange Tories of their country.

But in the Port Talbot travel-to-work area—taking in Bridgend, Cymmer, Maesteg and Porthcawl—unemployment in January was 5.3 per cent compared with 3.9 per cent at the same time last year.

The current figure is 1 per cent above the national average.

Three young jobless workers from Port Talbot are planning

to join the march as a result of our short stay there.

In Bridgend, we ran into opposition from the right-wing hierarchy of the Labour Party who banned us from staying the night in the Ogmere Labour Club on the grounds we were a proscribed organization.

Labour Party rank and filers rallied to our support, however, and a collection round the club yielded £2.50 for the campaign. Old age pensioners at Evergreen hall welfare kindly provided us with somewhere to sleep.

Seventy-two-year-old former miner Ted Laidlaw met us there with a cautionary tale of the 1926 General Strike and the July 1925 'Red Friday' settlement the Tories used to prepare for it.

'When we went back, in 1926,' he told me, 'it was worse than when we came out. Men were forced into blackleg conditions.'

'And the Tories of today are the sons of the fathers we fought then—the brass hat men.'

'Where do they get their money from for these long trips and cruises abroad? From us. Get them out. I hope your campaign is a success.'

'I am sure it can be.'

'After all the miners beat them. That was the decisive test.'

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# TV

## BBC 1

9.15 Schools. 10.45 Boomph with Becker. 11.05 Schools. 12.25 Nai zindagi-naya jeevan. 12.55 Disc a dawn. 1.30 Chigley. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.50 Schools. 4.15 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Snow white. 5.20 Unsolved mysteries. 5.44 Sir Prancelot. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 **NATIONWIDE.** Your region tonight.

6.50 **TOM AND JERRY.**

7.00 **OWEN MD.** 'Ancient Enemy'.

7.25 **STAR TREK.** 'The Man Trap'.

8.10 **SOFTLY, SOFTLY: TASK FORCE.** 'The Row on the Stairs'.

9.00 **NINE O'CLOCK NEWS** and weather.

9.25 **SPORTSNIGHT WITH COLEMAN.** Jockey's showjumping championship of Britain.

10.20 **TALKBACK.** Michael Barratt.

10.50 **24 HOURS.**

11.25 **Weather.**

## BBC 2

11.00-11.25 Play school. 5.35-7.00 Open University.

7.05 **MAN IN HIS PLACE.** 'City of Cycles and Slums'.

7.30 **NEWSROOM** and weather.

8.00 **TIMES REMEMBERED.**

8.10 **MAN ALIVE.** 'The New Divorcees'.

9.05 **LOOK, STRANGER.** 'The Investigator'.

9.25 **'THE GANG'S ALL HERE.'** Alice Faye, Carmen Miranda, James Ellison. Romance between a show girl and a soldier.

11.05 **NEWS ON 2** and weather.

11.10 **LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.**

## ITV

10.20 Schools. 2.32 Living writers. 3.00 Houseparty. 3.10 Tea break. 3.40 Edgar Wallace. 4.40 Paulus. 4.55 Get this! 5.20 Tight-rope. 5.50 News.

6.00 **TODAY.** Bill Grundy.

6.35 **CROSSROADS.**

7.00 **THIS IS YOUR LIFE.** Eamonn Andrews.

7.30 **CORONATION STREET.**

8.00 **THE BENNY HILL SHOW.**

9.00 **NEWS.**

9.15 **THE BRITISH SCREEN AWARDS.**

11.15 **PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.**

11.45 **WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.** Paul Johnson.

12.00 **THE TEACHERS.**

All regions as BBC-1 except:

Wales: 4.55-5.15 Cadi ha. 5.15-6.20 Parsley. 6.00-6.50 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.50-7.10 Heddiw. 7.10-7.40 Tresarn. 7.40-8.10 Sound of laughter. 11.27-11.52 Late call.

Scotland: 10.25-10.45 Around Scotland. 2.30-2.50 Modern studies.

6.50 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 11.27 News, weather.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.50 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.27 News, weather.

England: 6.00-6.50 Nationwide. Look North, Midlands today, Look East, Points West. South today, Spotlight SW, weather. 11.27 News, weather.

## REGIONAL ITV

**CHANNEL:** 10.20-2.32 London. 4.05 Paulus. 4.20 Puffin. 4.25 Tea break. 4.55 London. 6.00 News and weather. 6.10 Link up. 6.35 London. 7.00 Treasure hunt. 7.30 London. 11.40 Epilogue. News and weather in French. Weather.

**WESTWARD.** As Channel except: 3.55 Gus Honeybun. 4.20 News. 6.00 Diary. 11.40 News. 11.43 Faith for life. 11.48 Weather.

**SOUTHERN:** 10.20-2.32 London. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.40 Tea break. 4.10 Houseparty. 4.23 Cartoon. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 London. 6.00 Day by day. 6.30 University challenge. 7.00 London. 11.45 News. 11.55 Weather.

**HARLECH:** 10.20-2.32 London. 3.50 Hamdden. 4.15 Tinkertainment. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 London. 6.01 Y dydd. 6.15 Report Wales. 6.30 Smith family. 7.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

**HTV Channel 10 and HTV West** as above except: 3.50-4.15 Katie Stewart cooks. 6.01-6.15 Report West.

**ANGLIA:** 10.20-2.33 London. 2.55 News. 4.00 Tea break. 4.30 Romper room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 London.

**ATV MIDLANDS:** 10.20-2.33 Lon-

don. 3.10 Yoga. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.45 Women today. 4.10 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 London. 6.00 ATV today. 6.35 London.

**YORKSHIRE:** 10.20 London. 2.33 European journey. 3.00 Pied piper. 3.05 Jobs in the house and garden. 3.55 Calendar news. 3.45 Women. 4.15 Crossroads. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 University challenge. 7.00 London. 11.45 Weather.

**TYNE TEES:** 10.20 London. 2.32 European journey. 3.05 Pied piper. 3.10 Jobs in the house and garden. 3.45 Women today. 4.15 Crossroads. 4.40 Paulus. 4.55 London. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 University challenge. 7.44 London. 11.45 News. 12.00 Epilogue.

**SCOTTISH:** 10.20-2.20 London. 3.30 Winter of enchantment. 3.45 Crossroads. 4.10 Dateline. 4.55 London. 6.00 Dateline. 6.20 Pop-eye. 6.30 University challenge. 7.00 London. 11.15 Sportspost. 11.40 Late call. 11.45 Wrestling.

**GRAMPIAN:** 11.00-2.55 London. 3.38 News. 3.40 Smith family. 4.10 Yoga. 4.40 Enchanted house. 4.55 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Grampian. 6.35 London. 11.45 A kind of living. 12.00 Prayers.

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# TEA WITH SKELMERSDALE'S MAYOR TREMENDOUS ESCORT TO WIGAN



SKELMERSDALE gave a tremendous welcome to the Liverpool - London Young Socialists' Right-to-Work marchers on Monday. Mayor of the Labour-controlled council, Phil Bond, and the local Trades Council chairman, Charlie Denton, who is also a Communist Party member, greeted the marchers from the town hall balcony.

Inside the marchers were given tea and sandwiches and there was a short meeting.

As the marchers left, they were accompanied by the Trades Council banner and, most significantly, the banner of the Skelmersdale Communist Party and four Party members, including James Buxton, secretary of the Southport branch, and Leonard Toole, secretary of the Skelmersdale branch.

'The Young Socialists' cam-

paign against unemployment is part of the fight to bring down the Tory government and we support it for that reason,' said Leonard Toole.

The Communist Party members said they intended writing a letter to the 'Morning Star' expressing their support for the march. They also plan to attend the March 12 rally at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

● See also story on p. 10 and full details of rally on p. 4.



MAYOR PHIL BOND



TRADES COUNCIL CHAIRMAN CHARLIE DENTON

## Prison sit-down

TWO LIFE prisoners staged a five-hour sit-down demonstration on the roof of Wormwood Scrubs prison yesterday. They hurled slates at warders who tried to approach them. They climbed down after reassurances about being transferred to another prison.

# HI-JACKING AIMED AGAINST ISRAELI OCCUPATION

ARAB HI-JACKERS who seized a W German Boeing 747 jumbo jet with 187 people

aboard, forced the plane to land yesterday at Aden.

All women and children passengers were allowed to disembark. But the rest of the crew, including the eldest son of the late Senator Robert Kennedy, were still being held while the jet apparently prepared to fly to another destination.

In radio contact the hijackers insisted on being addressed as 'Victorious Jeddah', a reference to the town in Saudi Arabia.

The Iraqi news agency quoted another statement by the hijackers, giving the organization's name as 'The victims of Zionist occupation organization'.

The statement said Palestinian commandos throughout the world rejected any form of surrender or defeatism and would deal blows to Israel in other parts of the world.

'The new fascist, nazi state will not deter us whatever its attempts at suppression, displacement and starvation,' the statement added.

'We pledge to continue to deal successive and escalating blows in our occupied Arab territory—in Gaza, Hebron, Jaffa, Haifa, Nablus and Jerusalem.

'We shall stop only when the enemy occupation of our land has ended.'

# SELL-OUT FEAR AT UCS

BY AN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE GOVERNMENT is understood to have agreed to make about £25m available for the so far non-operational Govan Shipbuilders. This company is made up of the Govan, Scotstoun and Linthouse yards.

So far, no buyer has been found for the Clydebank division.

Meanwhile, Mr Robert Smith, UCS liquidator, is still holding in abeyance orders for 12 ships and only a few of these are now likely to become available for the Clyde.

This was admitted by Mr Andrew Gilchrist, managing director of Govan shipbuilders. Mr Gilchrist said he was 'very happy' about the way negotiations were going with officials of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and with leaders of the Clyde shop stewards.

Workers in the yards are less happy, however.

They say that the former full report-back meetings on all discussions have now ceased. They do not know what is going on and fear that a sell-out agreement is under way.

The 'Glasgow Herald' reported that union officials and shop stewards' leaders had 'reached agreement in broad general terms with management.'

This is significant because the current set of negotiations is the first of its kind involving shop stewards' leaders since the UCS collapse. They had previously refused to enter any such talks unless all four divisions of UCS were covered. Now the Stalinists have dropped this condition.

No wonder Gilchrist could say: 'We are now confident that it will be possible to sign an agreement between the Confederation and Govan Shipbuilders covering all the basic points required for working practices.'

A drafting committee is preparing the agreement which is expected to be ready in about a week's time.

# SCHOOLS SYSTEM BREEDS RIOTS

THIRTY Birmingham children were suspended from school this week because they were 'too disruptive', according to councillor Neil Scrimshaw, chairman of the Birmingham schools sub-committee.

Many were violent, either to themselves, their classmates or their teachers, councillor Scrimshaw said.

Mr Ron Cocking, a Birmingham headmaster and president of the National Association of Schoolmasters, said his association was campaigning to reduce violence in classrooms. He called for more Outward Bound courses.

On February 11 there was a disturbance at William Penn school, S London, when pupils were alleged to have broken one teacher's glasses and kicked another in the groin, in reaction to what they considered unfair treatment of one pupil.

Earlier in the year, a group of boys from a school in Leeds invaded another school and a schoolmaster had to have 27 stitches in his neck.

These are indications that in some parts of the big cities, the secondary schools are heading along the same path as some New York schools, which are regularly patrolled by policemen and defence guards.

Capitalism offers no future for the youth in these schools, having already written them off and relegated them to the dole and the punitive institutions.

And teachers—ill-prepared and under-paid—are shoved into these schools, expected to enforce norms of 'respectable' behaviour, and—in some cases—exposed to serious physical danger.

Yet, some of these so-called 'uncontrollable' youth are now marching, in the most responsible and disciplined way, on the Young Socialists' Right-to-Work march.

This is the only answer for such youth. To turn their anger and frustrations into a planned, conscious struggle against the system that would destroy them.

# Mess explosion retaliation says IRA

A BOMB yesterday wrecked the officers' mess of the Parachute Regiment at Aldershot, Hampshire, killing seven people and injuring 17.

Five of the dead were women civilians, one was a male civilian and the other was an army officer. An army spokesman said the mess was unoccupied by the regiment.

The blast occurred at 2 p.m. The Official wing of the IRA in Dublin claimed responsibility for the explosion.

A statement issued by them said: 'A unit of the IRA carried out a successful retaliatory operation at the headquarters of the 16th Parachute Brigade at Aldershot. The operation took place at the officers' quarters of the Brigade.'

'This operation, which resulted in the deaths of several officers of the brigade was carried out as a reprisal for the murderous killings by troops under the control of this brigade when they fired without provocation on unarmed civilians in Derry.'

'Late reports suggest that civilians were also injured. Our intelligence reports were that no civilians frequent this part of the barracks.'

'Any civilian casualties would be very much regretted as our target was the officers responsible for the Derry outrages.' (Signed J. J. McGarrity.)

The Officials' statement contradicts one which Press Association claims to have received. At 2.30 p.m. yesterday a man from the 'Kilburn battalion of the Provisionals' is supposed to have telephoned Press Association and said: 'We did the job at Aldershot and there is a lot more to come. This is retaliation for the Derry massacre.'

# FUND NEEDS £384.02 IN 7 DAYS

THIS is the last week to clear our target of £1,250 for February's Fund. Our total stands at £865.98. Let's press on with a big effort and make sure we complete the total in good time.

As the Right-to-Work marches get nearer to London, more and more support is growing along the route. Trade unionists everywhere are turning out to pledge warmest support and financial aid.

More than ever, Workers Press must be used to mobilize this support to force this government to resign. Put all your support therefore behind our paper. Make this month a record for raising collections for our fund. Add something extra yourself, if you can. Post every donation immediately to:

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## LATE NEWS WEATHER

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Britain's 350,000 nurses will get an 8 per cent pay rise from April 1, keeping within the government's unofficial norm.

Agreement was reached at joint talks in London last night to give qualified staff increases of between £70 and £321 a year. Their new salary scale will range from £952 for an enrolled nurse on her lowest rate to £4,338 for a Chief Nursing Officer on top salary.

A top staff nurse will receive £102, making her salary £1,383, while a matron on the highest scale gets another £246 giving her £3,333 a year. Some lower-paid staff will get a little over 8 per cent, the better-paid just below.

The increases are a real rise in answer to the nurses' demand for an interim cost-of-living increase. Their lodging charges will not be increased to coincide with their pay rise.

N and W Scotland, N Ireland, NW England and Wales will be mostly dry with bright or sunny periods. A few isolated showers may occur in N Scotland.

E Scotland, E and S England and the Midlands will be cloudy with occasional drizzle in places and hill fog patches.

Temperatures will be near normal in the N and NW parts of the British Isles but elsewhere it will be rather cold.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Dry in many places. Some rain or sleet at times in the E and S. Rather cold.

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