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AROUND THE WORLD

Brandt survives—but only by two votes

BY JOHN SPENCER

CHANCELLOR Willy Brandt yesterday survived a no-confidence vote that could have overthrown his W German coalition government.

The vote, on an opposition motion of no confidence in Brandt, was 247 for the motion and ten against. This was two short of the absolute majority of 249 votes needed if the opposition Christian Democrats were to succeed.

The result implies that only one coalition MP voted with the opposition. He is thought to be Baron Knut von Kuehlmann-Stumm a millionaire cattle-breeder who sits for the Free Democrats, Brandt's coalition partners. Most members of Brandt's own Social-Democratic Party abstained on the confidence vote.

The no-confidence motion was the climax of a right-wing campaign to oust Brandt and install Christian Democrat leader Rainer Barzel as chancellor in his place. But Brandt's troubles are not



BRANDT: Another crisis next week

over. Next week he faces another key vote, this time over ratification of treaties signed with Poland and the USSR in 1970. The Christian Democrats have been whipping up opposition to the treaties on an anti-

communist basis and winning some support among the Free Democrats.

Barzel has attacked the government's economic policy, saying the time has come to turn away from paths of illusion and promises and tread the course of stability. If Brandt remained in office, he said, Germany would be plunged into a long period of instability.

The anti-Brandt campaign is aimed at imposing a more vigorously anti-working-class government—a fact which is clearly understood by the German working class. On the eve of the decisive vote in the Bundestag, workers in different parts of the country staged protest stoppages against the CDU campaign.

There were strikes at steelworks in the Ruhr, engineering plants in the Rhineland and at a motor factory on the Dutch border. At the Duisburg, Ruhr,

steelworks, workers urged leaders of IG Metall, Germany's largest union, to call a General Strike in support of the Brandt government.

Union leaders in Dortmund, another steel town, warned in letters to parliamentary party leaders that 'calls for a General Strike are becoming loud'.

These actions proved an embarrassment to the social-democratic leaders. Brandt appealed on Monday for 'friends of the coalition' to 'avoid ill-considered actions'. However, the organized workers have shown in action they are prepared for a real fight against the party of big business.

This week's actions were the first major political strikes in W Germany since the Adenauer government began re-arming in the early 1950s. They are extremely important as an indication of the political resurgence of the W German working class.

Clause 4 ghost is raised by engineers for oil industry

FROM DAVID MAUDE IN EASTBOURNE

NATIONALIZATION of all major industries—and Britain's North Sea oil resources — was urged yesterday by engineers' leaders meeting in Eastbourne.

The engineers' section National Committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers reaffirmed its resolution passed last year pressing the Labour Party, when returned to office, to nationalize private industry and take back into state ownership any hived-off interests.

Middlesex delegate Arthur Gibbard drew attention to the urgency for Clause 4 of the Labour Party constitution to be implemented in a period of rising unemployment.

And Aberdeen delegate John McConnachie spoke of the need for public ownership of the North Sea oil industry to ensure the 'most efficacious use' of these important resources.

The committee accepted an addition to the nationalization resolution on these lines.

Delegates went on to approve a motion calling on the AUEW executive to 'press for and support action which improves women's social, economic and political status'. The motion also asked for greater emphasis on the recruitment of women workers into the union.

Lancashire delegate Len Brindle pointed out that the wage claim for which the union is now fighting at plant and district level provided an opportunity to involve women workers in action of this sort.

No hint of delegates' anger at the TUC General Council's retreat before the National Industrial Relations Court was expressed in the conference proceedings, however.

Uruguay steps up repression

PRESIDENT Bordaberry's Uruguayan government is intensifying its repression of trade unionists and Tupamaros under a state of emergency soon to be extended by Defence Minister General Enrique Maganai.

Already 1,000 oppositionists have been arrested by the 30,000 troops and police involved in house searches and raids on the headquarters of left-wing organizations in operations 'Hunt' and 'Surprise'.

Since the murder of seven Communist Party workers, at least eight Tupamaros guerrillas have been shot.

During the one-day strike, called by the trade unions on Wednesday, the Tupamaros kidnapped the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Hector Gutierrez Ruiz. He was released after agreeing to support the demand for an 'independent investigation' into the wave of murders put forward by the Democratic Broad Front.

This Broad Front, including urban guerrillas, Stalinists and Christian Democrats, turns away from mobilization of the working class in defence of its organizations and a standard of living, destroyed by monthly 6 per cent price increases.

Mid-East musical chairs

A NEW round of talks between countries concerned in the Middle East crisis comes significantly before US President Nixon's visit to Moscow.

President Sadat of Egypt has arrived in Moscow for his fourth visit. He is likely to ask for more offensive weapons in view of his reiterated pledge to liberate Jerusalem and the other Israeli-occupied territories.

Israeli Prime Minister Mrs Golda Meir, speaking about her forthcoming visit to Rumania, said: 'We are well aware that since the Six Days War [1967] Rumania has not ceased to seek a way to peace in the Middle East.' She was not optimistic about the prospect of peace through mediation.

The United Nations Middle East envoy, Dr Gunnar Jarring is to resume his efforts to bring about a settlement next week. UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is believed to attach considerable importance to the Meir visit.

Tougher Australian arbitration

THE Australian Liberal Party (Tory) government is planning tougher Arbitration Laws to widen the scope for court-controlled ballots of trade union members and increase the fines on workers who defy the courts.

Minister of Labour Philip Lynch told parliament on Wednesday the changes were the most significant in 25 years.

He said the two functions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission will be separated and it will be required to take into account the effect on the economy of any wage or holiday award when making a decision.

Lynch said court-controlled ballots must be held before unions could amalgamate. Conciliation and arbitration faced severe strains against a background of increasing industrial unrest and inflation which he attributed to wage increases.

The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission has operated in Australia for about 25 years. Lynch's statement means, however, that its powers now become more overtly responsible to the economic requirements of the Tory government in Canberra.

S Vietnamese driven back on three fronts

THE war in Vietnam reached a new pitch of intensity as the three-front drive by Hanoi's troops, assisted by tanks and artillery, pressed hard on S Vietnamese positions. The sweep on Kontum in the central highlands went on despite B52 bomber raids and the town has been largely evacuated.

Hanoi claimed big successes in the battle for the city which was being battered by artillery fire, some of it from captured American 105mm howitzers left behind by the fleeing S Vietnamese.

Hanoi claimed that the defence line to the N and NW had been destroyed and that dozens of strategic hamlets had been liberated. Many prisoners had been taken and the command staff of Saigon's 22nd Division had been wiped out.

On the northern front, Quang Tri was under heavy rocket and artillery attack as tanks moved on the city. A S Vietnamese battalion suffered heavy losses in an attempt to repulse an attack from the SW. S Vietnamese sources admitted that the situation was critical.

Hundreds of rockets have been fired into besieged An Loc and two Hercules transport aircraft trying to drop supplies have been shot down. A relief column of paratroops had been forced to dig in eight miles S of the town, when they came under heavy fire.

The Paris peace talks have resumed after President Nixon's announcement. He said that American troop withdrawals would go on, but threatened continued bombing of N Vietnam as long as the offensive continued.

Big increases in US naval and air forces in the Vietnam area have been ordered by the President in a frantic effort to prop up the Saigon regime. Nixon warned that there would be several more weeks of very hard fighting in which some battles would be lost and others would be won by the S Vietnamese.

It is likely that Hanoi Politbureau member Le Duc Tho will fly to Paris for secret talks on ending the war. The way for them may have been prepared by Dr Kissinger during his trip to Moscow last weekend.

JAPANESE ambassador Nobukiko Ushiba yesterday accused the United States of using Japan as a whipping boy for its own economic problems. He argued that Japan has already gone out of its way to aid American exporters, both by cutting tariff rates and by revaluing the yen. Japan's overall tariff rates compared favourably on average with the US and EEC, he said.

British Stalinists join lies about Overney



Part of the massive demonstration against the shooting of Rene-Pierre Overney

THE killing of former Renault worker Rene-Pierre Overney by an armed factory guard caused widespread indignation and big solidarity demonstrations in Paris.

To read the comment on the event in the May issue of the British Communist Party theoretical journal 'Marxism Today', which was unable to get Overney's name right, one would think that he deserved what he got. There is not a single word of condemnation of the practice of using armed factory guards. The only regret seems to be that more 'leftists' are not rough-handed.

Basing itself on a report in the French Communist Party's magazine, 'L'Humanité-Dimanche', the article gives an entirely false impression of the situation in the Renault factory.

It claims that the management favours the 'leftist' groups while in fact it is the communist-

led CGT trade union which works hand-in-glove with the management to control the workers.

It is not the CGT and the Communist Party officials that are menaced by the armed guards but any militants who oppose their domination of the factory.

To try to add some credibility to a series of falsehoods and slanders, 'L'Humanité-Dimanche' trotted out the old story that the student revolt and General Strike of May, 1968, were the result of a police provocation in which 'anarchist and ultra-left groups' were manipulated to spark off violent incidents.

That the organs of the French Communist Party should stoop so low to conceal its counter-revolutionary role is not surprising. Nor, for that matter, is it any more surprising that 'Marxism Today' should spring to its defence.

Worker-boss relations now like army—lawyers

LAST WEEK'S decision of the National Industrial Relations Court on the railway dispute could put industrial workers in the same position as the armed forces, a lawyers' magazine said yesterday.

'In theory it could bring the normal master-servant relationship enjoyed in industry closer to that obtaining in the armed forces, in which a man's free time is dependent on the exigencies of the service, with the needs of the service being the sole arbiter of how, when and if, that free time is made available to him,' says the Law Society's Gazette.

The article deals with the court's acceptance of the government argument that workers have a contractual obligation to work overtime and that the railway workers were in breach of contract in not doing so.

Pro-EEC men still lurk in Shadow Cabinet

POMPOUS claims in the Tory press that pro-Marketeers have voluntarily 'purged' themselves from the Labour Party Shadow Cabinet do not bear close examination.

For instance the new deputy leader of the party, warmly welcomed by the Wilson shadow ministers, is Edward Short.

Short was one of the 69 Labour MPs who voted with the Tories to take Britain into the Market last October 28.

Another example is Roy Hattersley. When Wilson reshuffled his front bench spokesmen after the departure of Roy Jenkins, Hattersley was made shadow defence secretary. Yet last year Hattersley held an official position with one of the right-wing pro-Market organizations and campaigned for British entry.

The other big Marketeer still harbouring in the Shadow Cabinet is Mrs Shirley Williams, spokesman on Home Office matters.

During the Brighton Labour Party conference last year Mrs Williams was a prominent spokesman at a pro-European rally.

She openly called for the Labour Party to join the Tories in supporting entry.

Because Wilson and the Parliamentary Labour Party refuses to discipline the right-wing rebels, the Tories are enjoying bigger and bigger majorities during divisions in the Commons. Three nights ago the Tory majority was swelled to 41 because of the Labour defections.

Earliest date for Kirkby negotiations—June

Rent man won't wait, so engineers stage pay sit-in



The Kirkby occupiers in the firm's clock house.

WORKERS at a Liverpool engineering factory have begun the area's first sit-in in a fight for demands based on the AUEW national claim.

Within hours of taking action, the 100 workers at the fork-lift factory of Wingrove and Rogers, Kirkby, management attempted to serve them with a court order to leave the premises.

Despite police presence, stewards refused to accept the writ and as yet the company has taken no further action to remove them.

In an attempt to prevent production workers occupying the administration block, management is working its own round-the-clock shift system.

The engineers at Wingrove and Rogers produce specialist fork-lift trucks to customers' specifications. At the time of the sit-in they were working on a vehicle for the Australian atomic energy authority.

They have toured the surrounding factories on the Kirkby industrial estate and have been promised widespread financial and moral support.

On Wednesday, day two of the sit-in, I talked to convenor Jim Baxter in the clockhouse formerly occupied by the timekeepers. There was no security in evidence and entry into the plant was strictly controlled by the sit-in committee.

'By midday Tuesday we had registered failure to agree on our demand for a substantial increase in basic pay and better conditions. The earliest date they could offer us for negotiations was June.

'Well, we said the milkman, breadman and rentman wouldn't wait that long for promises. We called a meeting, a committee was formed and we decided to occupy.'

The wages, he explained were some of the lowest among Liverpool's 60,000 engineers. Skilled men were only on £26 a week, semi-skilled £20 and labourers were supposed to manage on £18 a week.

And part of the motivation behind the sit-in decision came from the knowledge of the poor working conditions endured by the men.

Jim Baxter took me on a tour of the factory, pointing out the 40-year-old machinery, the overhead belts, the 'canteen', which consisted of a raised platform overlooking the shop floor and the lack of an inside toilet.

'The engineering pay claim is going to come to a crunch sooner or later.

'If district action is not going to work the national leaders will have to turn round, and say all our members are coming out.

'I think we have to learn the lessons of Manchester somehow, where factories are being picked off one by one,' Jim told me.

Attack on Ford jobs

FORD workers at Dagenham are facing a massive drive against their jobs.

Shop stewards have been told by management that the body plant is 50 per cent overmanned. They want to slash the 2,000-strong labour force there by 700 men.

Last week Dagenham production was halted when management attempted to move door hangers off the body plant line.

This is now being treated as a test case and talks over the issue have been going on this week.

Management says it will attempt to move the men again next Tuesday if no agreement is reached.

It claims the 700 workers can be transferred to other areas in the Dagenham complex, particularly the foundry.

But the body plant workers are opposing this move because they say it will inevitably lead to redundancies. In addition work in the foundry is unpopular because of the extreme heat and bad conditions.

Stewards view the move as part of Ford's general strategy to run down the labour force at Dagenham and other British plants by transferring production to their factories in the Common Market countries.

One example of this is the production of metal stampings for the new Granada model at Cologne—work that would normally go to Dagenham.

Warning of more V&G disasters

THERE WILL be further disasters and scandals on the same scale as the Vehicle and General Insurance crash, an insurance expert has warned. Reginald Worswick, national chairman of the European Federation of Insurance Brokers, said the present safeguards operated by the Department of Trade and Industry were totally inadequate.

Motor policies underwritten by Lloyd's syndicates offered maximum security, but there was no such guarantee for companies outside Lloyd's.

'Legislative pressure must be brought to bear on the industry to guarantee solvency for the insurance of motor policies,' he said.

Worswick warned that unless there was some urgent and stringent precaution taken at departmental and parliamentary level, there would be further disasters and scandals this year on the same scale as the V&G crash.

'Are we to have a further series of collapses touching on the savings and investments of the public before the legislators and indeed the industry take steps to protect those who must need insurance?'

When V&G abruptly ceased to operate on February 27 last year, one in every ten of British motorists lost their motor insurance.

Work-to-rule brew

IF YOU can pardon the pun, trouble is still brewing at the Brickwoods Brewery, Ports-

mouth, where 200 employees are working to rule.

The men are fighting for a 20-per-cent wage increase while management has replied with an 8 per cent offer.

Since the pay fight began, the brewery workers have been locked out once and they have held a number of mass meetings.

Local Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' officials have supported the pay demand. But convenor Vic Powell told Workers Press he was disappointed with the assistance from his union, the Transport and General Workers'.

'Co-operation hasn't been forthcoming in the way we would like it,' he said.

TUC retreat deplored

BRENT Trades Council has carried a resolution condemning the TUC's retreat in the fight against the Tory anti-trade union laws and deploring the advice given to the Transport and General Workers' Union to pay the fine. The trades council also sent solidarity messages to the Liverpool dockers and to the railwaymen.



'GLORIOUS GLOSTERS' LAST STAND

BY STEPHEN JOHNS

The Gloucesters made their triumphant return from Ulster recently and swagged through the streets of Bristol in a victory march.

Freedom of the streets

The march was originally banned, but after an outcry from the right wing of this old slave-trade city the decision was reversed and the 1st Battalion had the freedom of the streets.

This was a gay public-relations affair with children and mothers out waving at the parade.

One wonders how many smiles would have frozen on the faces of the naive populace if they had learned of the farewell the regiment gave to the embattled

Catholic inhabitants of the Falls Rd, Belfast.

After a night of uproarious celebration the women and children of Divis Towers in the Lower Falls were left terrified standing guard in the corridors lest men of the regiment stuck by their promise to 'be back in an hour'.

A Union Jack was painted by the soldiers on a gable wall with the 'Glorious Gloucesters' battle honour around it.

The last post was sounded several times and shots were fired cowboy style into the air. Other soldiers visited public houses to insult and taunt men they had arrested—and later released—because they were innocent.

The 'invasion' of Divis Towers occurred when Saracens were driven into the courtyard and soldiers mobbed along the corridors.

Mrs Susan Carson described the intrusion:

'There was pandemonium here. I was hit on the arm with a rifle butt. The people were just



Above: wall with battle honour of Gloucesters. Right: Kitson, British military intelligence chief in Ulster.

in a state of terror. They were ringing bells and blowing bugles and the children were hysterical.'

Other women in the flats claimed they had been spat at, indecently assaulted and generally insulted. The Citizens' Defence Committee headquarters in the Falls Rd was inundated with complaints.

Provoking an incident

Residents say the fracas in Divis Towers was witnessed by an army major who just smiled

at the behaviour of 'his' boys.

In Raglan St soldiers stood in doorways with their rifles at the ready singing 'The Sash'—the battle song of extreme right-wing Orange order.

Another soldier climbed up on the roof of the Clonard Cinema and hoisted the Union Jack. John Watson, a Citizens' Defence Committee member, said that the area had been peaceful for some time and it appeared the army wanted to provoke an incident.

How did the army describe the behaviour of the Gloucesters, who have also won their spurs in such ex-colonial outposts as Aden, Cyprus, India, Kenya and Palestine?

'It was more or less a prank carried out by soldiers who were leaving the district,' said a spokesman.



THE UCS CHEQUE

Criticism continues to mount against the way the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders' shop stewards' co-ordinating committee attacked the Young Socialists' Right-to-Work march after it set out from Glasgow on February 5 for its five-week trek to London.

The committee gave £100 to the campaign but then placed advertisements in the Communist Party's 'Morning Star' and 'Tribune' suggesting the money had been obtained by false pretences.

Following the massive Right-to-Work rally at Empire Pool, Wembley on March 12 the marchers unanimously decided to give the £100 back to the committee. Bob Dickie received the cheque and signed a receipt on behalf of the committee.

Pat Kelly, an ex-General and Municipal Workers' Union convenor at the Robb Caledon shipyard, Dundee, gave us his comments on the co-ordinating committee's conduct:

The 'Morning Star' advertisement, published after the UCS gave £100 to the Right-to-Work march was definitely a slander on the marchers. It was quite right to give the money back.

The Young Socialists and the Workers Press had been very critical of the policies of the co-ordinating committee in the 'work-in'. But the money was given because they saw the mass support the Right-to-Work campaign was winning in trades councils and factories—they saw that they had to give it. As to the advertisement repudiating the march, I'm sure there must have been outside pressure on the co-ordinating committee.



TORIES STIFFEN LAWS

Tory legal experts from Lord Chief Justice Parker downwards have for some time been considering changes in the law.

When some of these—such as scrapping the police caution officers are presently obliged to give suspects—were published 12 months ago they were met with considerable criticism in the 'liberal' press.

Despite the reservations of the 'liberal' press, the Tory Criminal Law Revisions Committee has formally proposed some of the reforms first shown the light of day by Parker a year ago.

The 3,000-strong British Legal Association expressed immediate alarm. At their annual conference Emanuel Garber told members:

'What is happening is a reversal of the rule that a man is innocent until proved guilty.'

'Now he is deemed in effect to be guilty at the outset from the moment the policeman touches him until he is proved innocent.'

He described the Criminal Law Revision Committee as a 'reactionary bunch'.

The Association's general secretary George Bates said: 'My alarm is not lessened when I see they have the support of some of the leading judges in the country.'

What are the proposals which have created alarm among a section of the legal profession?

They include axing the traditional caution and also the disclosure of an accused person's previous convictions before conviction and a requirement that he must go into the witness box.

All of these do clearly reduce the safeguards against there being miscarriages of justice and increase the prospect of excessive penalties being meted out in the courts.

SHELL WORKERS FACE LAYOFFS

With a decreasing demand for oil and chemicals, forecasts of gloom prevail in the oil barons' boardrooms these days.

Retiring chairman of the Shell Transport and Trading Combine Sir David Barran's recent address to shareholders made it clear that the oil industry throughout the world was not 'having it so good'.

There has been a 'disastrous decline' in world demand for chemicals and oil, he told them.

And he added: 'I do not expect an early return to the former high rate of economic growth and 1972, in particular, cannot but be very disappointing.'

This gloomy forecast came less than two weeks after a similar dismal statement from another oil baron, Sir Eric Drake, chairman of the British Petroleum complex.

Sir Eric's annual report said: 'At present, prospects for 1972 are extremely discouraging.'

In both the Shell and BP boardrooms the blame is put on the 'downturn' in business activity throughout the western world.

And Sir David Barran sees 'very few signs in any of our major markets of any upturn in business activity'.

As a result of the 'disastrous decline', Sir David also announced that the company would have to trim its payroll and curtail further expansion on capital expenditure programmes.

Therefore hundreds of the workers at the giant Shell Carington plant which employs 4,000 men—face redundancy in the next 12 months. Not only Shell process workers and engineers, but also sub-contract construction workers on the site will be hit.



AFRICANS REVOLT AGAINST LAND RESETTLEMENT

BY JOHN SPENCER

S Africa's racist policy of Bantustan 'homelands' is coming under attack from the stooge African 'leaders' who helped the apartheid regime set it up.

The policy, which involves segregating the black majority onto the worst land under conditions of semi-starvation, leaving the fertile areas for white farmers, is an integral part of the apartheid system.

It gives the African majority a semblance of phoney independence without a shadow of power. Their 'chiefs'—appointed by Pretoria—are supposedly responsible for such matters as roads, education, health and agriculture.

Hand-outs

But in practice, since they have no sources of funds to do anything about these pressing problems, the 'homeland' administrations are completely dependent on hand-outs from the

central government.

Among the government-appointed stooges is Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzime, chief minister of the oldest and largest Bantustan in the Transkei. He has proved himself in the past to be a willing pawn of the S African government.

Yet he has recently become critical of the government's policy in recent years. He began by claiming more land for the Transkei, including those white enclaves which still exist within it, plus land taken by the British at the end of the 19th century.

He told the annual congress of his ruling Transkei National Independence Party that political relations between the two sides had reached a 'stagnant point' because of the white government's refusal to return 'that portion of land which was taken from us without consultation'.

The S African government, he said, had been 'negative in the face of conclusive documentary evidence produced in support of our admissions'.

Just one day later, he told the

Transkei legislative assembly that a motion would be debated on the advisability of asking S Africa for full independence.

Soon afterwards the chief executive of the Ciskei legislative assembly, Chief Justice Mabandla, announced that he also wanted independence for his homeland soon. Ciskei, also populated by Xhosa people, adjoins the Transkei.

More land

The Minister of Bantu Administration and development, M. C. Botha, has promised that the question of more land for the Transkei, Ciskei and Tswana homelands would be taken up by the S African government.

One of the problems was how to divide land already earmarked for the homelands between the territories, he said, but added that plans for the 'consolidation' of Ciskei were expected to result in a considerable enlargement of that homeland.

The original aim of the home-

lands was said to be eventual independence. But whenever the topic has arisen in the S African parliament, government ministers have assured their supporters that full independence will never materialize.

The nationalist Government currently maintains complete control over the homelands' foreign affairs, defence and communications, and has shown great reluctance to lessen its grip.

Criticism of the whole foundation of the present system has come from professor H. W. Ntsanwisi, chief councillor of the legislative assembly for the Shangaan, whose homeland is split into four main groups in the NE part of S Africa.

Insecurity

He maintains that the government's policy has resulted in 'insecurity, uncertainty, and frustration' among black people.

'It is sad but true to say that the black man is considered a sojourner not only in urban

Above: People line up at a Bantu administration building to apply for security passes.

areas, but in the homelands as well', he said.

'The homelands still belong to the central government. They allocate the land and people at will without ever looking at the energy and money used by people to establish themselves', he added.

'In comparison with other homelands, we took over mighty little from the previous regime. This we feel gives us the right—like [Charles] Dickens' Oliver Twist—to ask for more.'

Other homeland leaders have joined in the protest, invariably linking independence with more land.

The S African government has not the slightest intention of giving independence. It values the Bantustans as sources of docile cheap labour and intends to keep them under rigid control. But its blatant land-grabbing policy now threatens to alienate even its stooges in the 'homeland' administrations.



HOW THEY BUILT EVERTON'S NEW SLUMS

BY PHILIP WADE

In Liverpool thousands of working-class families are faced with a crisis in housing, but none more so than those living in the Everton area.

There are two parts to this story. Tenants in council flats, like those all over the country, are threatened with a £1-a-week rent increase under the Tory 'fair rents' Bill.

In the new Everton housing estates they live in an environment which has been denuded of all the old facilities which went with the old tenement housing.

In place of the public houses and the shops, there are boarded-up properties or else there are vast areas of devastation, piled

with rubble awaiting development by the council. But tenants will have to wait some time because the council says there is little money to build the promised parks and recreation areas.

On the other side of the housing estate, however, there are people living in absolute despair, in the most wretched conditions. Five hundred people in the Starfield Rd and Priory Grove areas live in streets which, although nominally described as a clearance area, are more appropriately identified as disaster areas.

John and Shirley Bird have been on a rent and rates strike for three weeks now demanding one simple, justified thing: re-house us! You have to see their street to imagine what it's like

to live down there.

The roadside is strewn with bricks, houses are boarded up, walls falling down. It looks like it has been the scene of bitter street-to-street fighting.

Young Carol Smith has lived with her parents for over a year in the last house in a street where all the others are pulled down or boarded up. They still have had no offer of a flat in the area. She says someone has to be in the house all the time or vandals will break in. Yet the council has told the Smiths and hundreds of families like them the earliest time for rehousing is two years off.

Time after time the tenants have marched down into town to complain to the city council. It seems to have had no effect.

Meanwhile people are supposed to live in conditions which must seem the same as those of 100 years ago when the houses were first built, where even the toilets have been demolished by council workers.

There can be no doubt that the prospects of these tenants being rehoused has been worsened by the introduction of the hated Tory Housing Finance Bill.

This is the measure which aims to double the council house rents of 5½ million tenants in England and Wales, subjecting every one to the despised means test of the 1930s.

It will, if passed, force thousands of tenants out of their homes and on to the private market which in cities like



Top left: piecemeal demolition of slum areas, means that many people live in isolated houses and boarded-up streets. Children have only glass-strewn streets to play in. Top right: Huge areas of waste ground, resulting from cut-back in money for Parks Department. Left: John and Shirley Bird who with nearly 500 others are demanding to be rehoused. Above: Mr. McGeary who is fighting for his rights and against rent increases.

Liverpool hardly exists at all. The rents will become so prohibitive that people wanting council-housing will be unable to afford to live in one. On this basis alone, councils will be reluctant to build new housing.

Add to that the withdrawal of subsidies to councils and the Tories avowed intention to destroy the basis of municipal housing in Britain and the position of the Starfield Rd and Priory Grove families looks even worse.

Secretary of the Cavour, Garibaldi and Mazzini tenants' association is Lucas worker David McGeary. I spoke to him in his two bed-roomed flat on the eighth floor of a high-rise block in the middle of Everton.

'Everyone is trying to keep the effects of this Bill under the carpet until it is too late to do anything about it. We can't get anyone, not even the Labour Party, to tell us what's going to happen.'

'This rent Bill is another speculators' measure. It will fill their coffers. As far as the working class is concerned it doesn't bear thinking of. 'We are tenants fighting for our rights. We must bring to the notice of others that things are happening underneath that no one knows about.'

'And why should we allow anyone to pry into our affairs? The words means test should be scrubbed out of the English dictionary as far as I'm concerned.'

For two bedrooms David pays a total rent of £3.89. Another £1 in October would make it very difficult for him to pay the rent, he told me.

'The working class is getting no lead from anyone on this question, least of all from the Labour Party. All our local councillors seem to be running away from it.'

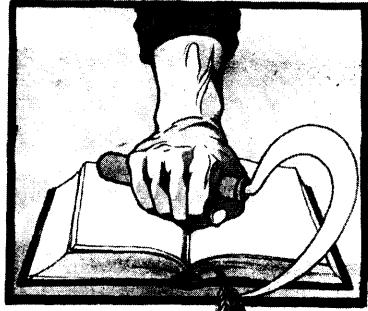
'I'd like to see a lead from the Labour Party, but they seem split wide open. Nothing constructive is coming forward from them and at the same time the Tories are having a tea party.'

'For the last year or two I've dreamt a General Strike would be the answer. But it's not beyond the Tory Party to bring another gunboat up the Mersey like they did in 1911.'

'Have we got a group of army officers in control, like in Greece, ruling under the guise of democracy?' asked David. 'The "fair rents" Bill is an extra notch in the belt, but you can't pull it in any further. It could come to the point where we will be pushed to using extreme measures to defend our rights.'

DEUTSCHER: HIS WORK REFLECTED DEFEATS

BOOK REVIEW



MARXISM IN OUR TIME by Isaac Deutscher. Jonathan Cape. £2.95.

'For over 30 years after I had studied "Das Kapital", I never went back to it, although all its volumes reposed on my shelves,' said Isaac Deutscher in 1967 in a talk on the centenary of Marx's great work.

The admission casts some light on the character of Deutscher's 'Marxism' which many in the past 20 years have taken for the real thing.

Like Kautsky and others, he seized on certain principles of historical materialism which enabled him to analyse historical events but offered no guide to action. In Deutscher the division between theory and practice was carried to its limits.

Equipped with 'Marxism' as he understood it, Deutscher mastered the prose style of the great English Whig historians, although he did not know the language until he was over 30. The reverence for linguistic form was a characteristic trait and helped to make his works successful with the reading public.

Combined with this was a continental width of interest and general culture which shone against the empirical superficiality and overspecialization cultivated in the Anglo-Saxon universities. These qualities made Deutscher an outstanding intellectual figure. But they did not qualify him to speak as a Marxist.

Deutscher's political record is eloquent in this respect. Breaking with Stalinism even before the German defeat, he was, nonetheless, unconvinced of the urgency of Trotsky's appeal for the foundation of the Fourth International. At the founding conference in 1938 his vote was cast against.

Becoming a successful journalist for the quality bourgeois press he reflected the moods of the time and did not avoid becoming a worshipper of the accomplished fact. Moving dangerously near to a conciliation with Stalinism, he became the prophet of the self-reform of the bureaucracy, which nourished the Pabloite revisionist trend in the Fourth International.

The abandonment of the political revolution as a necessity in the countries ruled by the bureaucracy and belief in some kind of liberalization process became the hall-mark of Deutscherism. Acclaimed by the New Left, he deliberately avoided calling for the formation of a revolutionary party. Often considered a 'Trotskyist', he was scornful of the task to which Trotsky dedicated the last years of his life—the building of the Fourth International.

Characteristically, Deutscher's main work was as a biographer, first of Stalin, then of Trotsky.

Painstaking and methodical research could here be combined with his prose style to produce as ostensibly Marxist study of the Russian Revolution and its consequences. But why the biographical form? Why not a study of the great social forces which were behind that revolution and its degeneration?

Deutscher's preference for heroes, demonic or tragic, was surely no accident. His view of history was that of someone aloof from the struggle. He offered counsel and advice, saying many true things, but leaving them strangely dead because his conception of Marxism was in practice completely divorced from the party and its practical tasks.

The essays in this book illustrate these several sides of Isaac Deutscher and reveal very plainly his major shortcomings. He lived on the interest from the 'Capital' which he had read many years before but did not enrich Marxism by testing it and applying it in the class struggle.

While Deutscher reveres Marxism as a body of theory, he actually underrates its importance. He even says, at one point: 'Marx created a body of theory far in excess of the narrow practical needs of the movement for which he intended his work to serve.'

In fact the task of preparing the working class for the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of a new and higher form of society requires the most advanced theory.

It is not sufficient to read 'Capital' once in 30 years to qualify as a Marxist, however learned and formally correct one's pronouncements may be. Deutscher was not unaware of the importance of winning the working class for Marxism; in fact he makes the point a number of times in these essays.

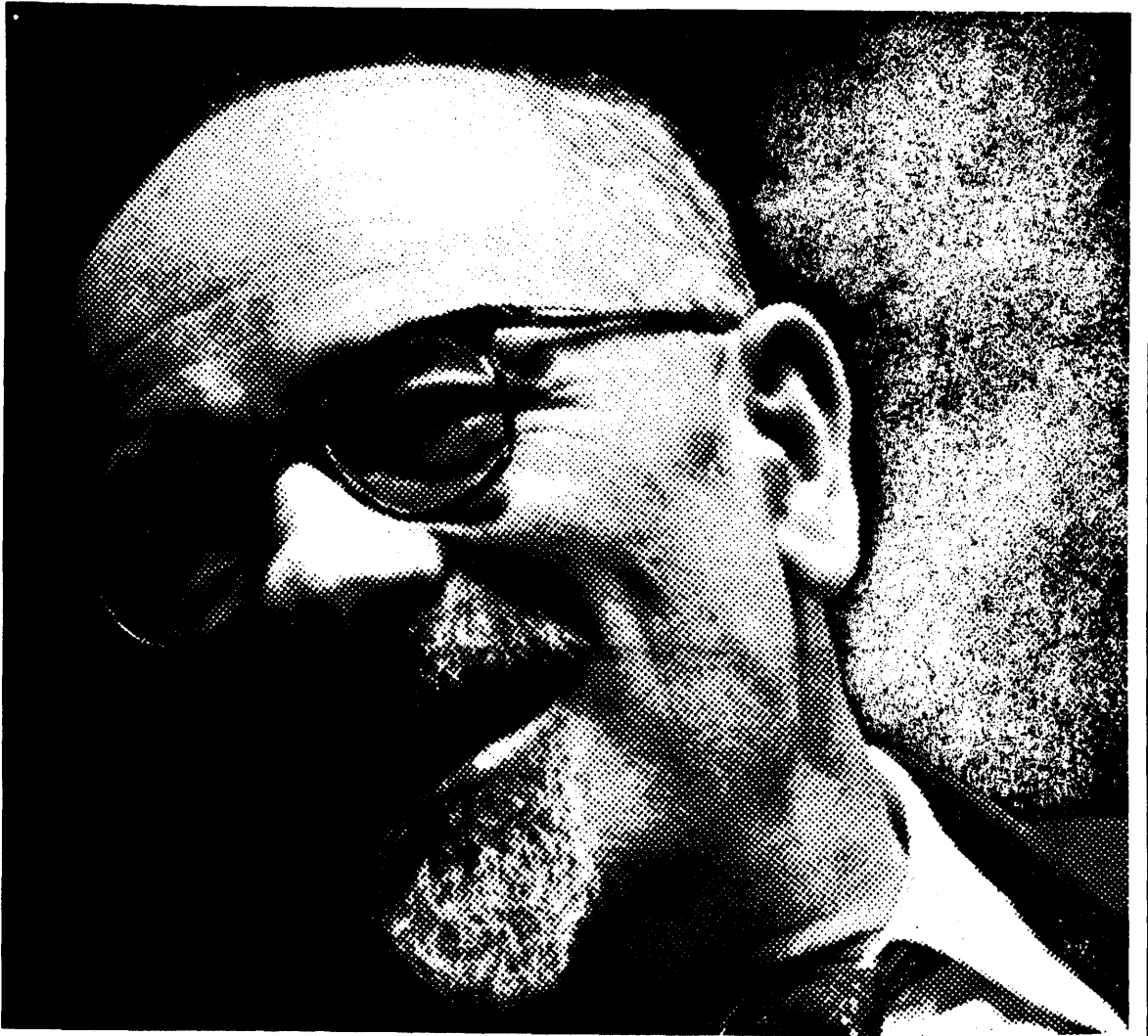
But he addresses himself principally to intellectuals and he accepted no personal responsibility for building a revolutionary party.



Karl Kautsky

Whether Deutscher was really as satisfied with the position which he held as appears from his writings is difficult to say. His thought was a product of defeats and of some disillusionment. At the same time he was always looking for a break in the clouds, for an easy way or a short cut to the realization of socialism.

A number of the pieces in this book are autobiographical in character and among the most interesting is that on the Polish Communist Party where Deutscher was able to draw upon his own experience. Mrs Deutscher, who edits the volume, omits to mention that it had already appeared in an English version published by the Socialist Labour League not long after its appearance in French.



Top: Deutscher, as the text says, was a product of defeat and disillusionment. Above: Deutscher in a field with sheep.



TAKING LIBERTIES

TV REVIEW BY ANNA TATE

Last week's 'Radio Times' blazed with a declaration of intent — 'ALL ABOUT WOMEN' the cover promised 'Marvellous Maggie Smith on the hard slog of being a top actress'; 'My husband is going to the Moon' by Dotty Duke—Dotty being her name and not a reference to her sanity; 'How Good is Princess Anne?—The Expert's Verdict'. A fair question; 'The Rolls-Royce wives, Eleanor Bron, Megs Jenkins and Mary Whitehouse... plus lots more all about women and all by women'.

It seems the BBC took a big breath, stretched itself to the full heights of tolerance and dragged itself protesting into the stormy 1970s. The winds of change have apparently contrived to steal beneath the glass doors of the Television Centre and blow gently down the corridors of power. Not real change, that is, but a grand gesture of recognition, extended with all the polite magnanimity of the massaging medium.

This column was to receive the first body-blow from the Corporation-Women's Lib amalgamation.

Last week's review had had the temerity to suggest that the Marx Brothers are great fun. According to Margaret Hinxman, however, Groucho, Chico, and Harpo, (Zeppo didn't get a mention—not, I would say out of admiration, but mistaken omission) are the arch 'male chauvinist pigs' of them all. The fact that they themselves constitute their own principal object of ridicule seems to offer no redemption for the quartet, alas!

To this particular Women's Lib attitude I offer the Groucho sado-psychotherapy: 'You're heading for a nervous breakdown, why don't you pull yourself to pieces.'

After all, the female 'liberationists' have really asked for this act of generous contempt which has been bestowed upon them by the BBC.

Juliet Mitchell, one of their more intelligent spokeswomen, claimed in her book 'Women's Estate', that women constitute 'an international class'. This nonsensical, anti-Marxist analysis

was bound to be adopted with ardent enthusiasm by a ruling class which can only benefit from a blurring of class lines, i.e. that Princess Anne and the wives of the Rolls-Royce workers have common class interests!

So no female was excluded from the all-embracing united front of the 'Radio Times'—Mary Whitehouse figuring large under the banner 'Mrs Whitehouse: Member of the new Avant-Garde'. Had that heading been written prior to the Reformation one might have understood it.

All comedy programmes of the week (with the exception, I insist, of the Marx Brothers) were easily surpassed by the comments voiced by or descriptions of these women.

Pamela MacGregor-Morris, Equestrian Correspondent of 'The Times' was quoted thus on Princess Anne: 'The Princess has innate ability. She's got natural balance, looks almost part of the horse. She's also got the rare gifts of hands.'

Jimmy Tarbuck in his comedy show on Saturday was hard put to it to cap that one, although he did his 'best'. He jumped on the Women's Lib bandwagon with a take-off of Helen Gurley Brown, editor of 'Cosmopolitan', the magazine backlash to the emancipation of women.

Then take Irma Kurtz, who in this edition of 'Radio Times' to beat all editions of 'Radio Times', actually produced this prime turkey in her piece on Maggie Smith: 'Maggie Smith at home (all the best actresses have real ones) is Mrs Robert Stephens.' Well, there you have it, all the best actresses have real ones. What Groucho would call a wise quack.

Seriously though, I suppose one could have detected the odd tinge of 'male chauvinist piggery' in Groucho from last Friday's 'Horse Feathers'. Perhaps this rude appeal: 'Are you Miss Bailey? Come on, come on, one of us is Miss Bailey and it's not me.' Or this cosy remark (also to Miss Bailey): 'I love sitting on your lap. I could sit here all day if you didn't stand up.'

There is, of course, inherent in all comedy, an act of aggression against some hapless character. But then Independent Television's 'Love Thy Neighbour', a racial situation comedy, is undoubtedly a better example of pleasantry erected on prejudice, of belly-laughs based on bias.

You laugh in spite of yourself and spite is the operative word, as all the eternal clichés of black and white co-existence are chortled out. The white man is the supposedly archetypal, suburban, Labour-voting, beer-drinking, home-loving idiot. His black neighbour the typical, uptight Spade, blowing blasts of Black Power and brooding rhythm all over the local pub.

The whole thing can only stand on the assumption that the average English working man is as thick as a post and twice as backward. And to really ensure the liberal niceties, the producer has contrived to present the English couple as a trifle plain, going gradually to seed, while the Caribbean pair are young, vibrant and powerful.

Black is Beautiful. The whole thing is a sort of Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte versus Alf Garnett sparring match, with Tarzan on the sidelines providing cultural transference.

A more formidable black and white confrontation was provided by the programme 'Something to Say' on Thursday night, when a platitudinous Peregrine Worsthorne faced a bellicose James Baldwin.

Cold, white, upper-middle class, personalistic, constipated consternation from Worsthorne was met by blazing, black, diarrhetic, articulate outrage from Baldwin. Both men live by the word—in Baldwin's case volcanic artistry, in Worsthorne's a petulant insistence (as always with the bourgeois in a corner) on precision—the purity of the New Oxford Dictionary providing the sole defence mechanism against the accumulated black anger of centuries of exploitation.

The word 'ghetto' which James Baldwin uses with explosive frequency caused Peregrine Worsthorne dire vocabularic discomfort. 'Ghetto', he protested, was not the appropriate word to describe Harlem—'slum' would do, but 'ghetto' was, and the dictionary confirms it, for Jews.

I have since checked the word 'Peregrine' in Chambers. As an adjective it means foreign or migratory, as a noun, an immigrant or a kind of falcon. Hard cheese for one of the pillars of English ultra-chauvinism.

The Marx Brothers will appear for your pleasure tonight in 'Duck Soup'.

WORKERS NOTEBOOK

Into print

Lord Wigg, along with almost every other Minister in the Labour government, has rushed into print with his version of events.

From the first excerpt, which appeared in last week's 'Sunday Times', we would like to take some quotations for the record.



On the same leadership struggle, Wigg says: 'I attached only one condition of my offer to help Wilson, and I mention it only because of suggestions that R. H. S. Crossman played the role of "kingmaker". Crossman, I insisted, must be excluded from any knowledge of our plans because he could not be relied upon to keep his mouth shut.'

On Callaghan again: 'Callaghan was appointed (Chancellor of the Exchequer) as a result of Wilson's fatal tendency to appease rivals and because he was impressed by Callaghan's ability as an articulate extrovert to deliver, with nice roundness of phrase, well-sounding speeches generally devoid of content.'



Callaghan, Wilson, top right: Crossman

'I remember Callaghan describing to me, way back in the 1940s, his own recipe for political success: wait till the trade unions decide their line and follow them.'

Before the Labour leadership struggle in 1963, Wilson asked Wigg to do the political organizing.

Wigg says: 'At the start there was an amusing incident in Wilson's room at the House. I found him completely immersed in preparing a speech for a Boy Scouts' meeting or, perhaps, writing an article for a Scout magazine.'

'It invoked my comment: "You want to make up your mind whether you want to become leader of the Labour Party and Prime Minister or Chief Scout".'

Right burial

The Vietnam war has brought a surge of new business for astrologers and sooth-sayers who advise on the right time to bury the dead.

Rows and rows of dull brown coffins, draped with S Vietnamese flags, lie under awnings at a military cemetery just N of Saigon.

Adorned with candles and burning incense sticks, they are waiting for the most auspicious moment to be lowered into the ground.

Without guidance on this point, the relatives of the dead soldiers fear violence and death will result for themselves if their kin are not buried at the right time.

The coffins have been piling up at the rate of about 50 a day since the N Vietnamese launched their massive spring offensive.

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Offered nothing but our cards—engineers

WORKERS at another century-old Birmingham factory have joined the wage fight in engineering.

On March 15, 350 AUEW members at the 136-year-old Birmingham Battery and Metal Co. came out for every point of the original national engineering claim.

The have now been joined by 90 members of the same union at Charles Taylor (Birm.) Ltd, in Digbeth. It is the first official strike there for 110 years.

The company is affiliated to the Engineering Employers' Federation, but shop steward George Lancaster says the men are not pursuing the national claim. They are demanding a straight £4 wage rise and at this stage are not asking for any concessions over hours or holidays.

'This claim goes back to July 1971', said Mr Lancaster, 'and we have completely exhausted

Another family firm brought to a standstill in engineers



Above: Birmingham Battery pickets with convenor Len Tisdell (extreme left). Right the latest Birmingham strike at Charles Taylor (Birm.) Ltd.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

the York procedure. Norman Cartwright [district secretary Birmingham E] has been down and assured us of his official backing.'

Mr Lancaster claims that fully-skilled men are earning around 70p an hour and labourers around 35p. Because of the recession in the machine-tool industry the men have been on four days a week for the past six months and the workforce has been cut from 150 to 90.

As with Birmingham Battery, the men are fighting a family firm, although they acknowledge

that management in the past have been 'reasonable'. But they say a new younger generation of Taylors is now at the helm.

'They have offered us nothing except our cards', said one man.

The men are due to meet today to review the position. A number of the pickets earlier this week expressed the opinion that the AUEW leaders had let them down by leaving them to fight on a plant-by-plant basis.

They feel that the strength of the bigger car plants should be used in concert against the EEF.

The management has claimed any concession on wages will force them into insolvency. A measure of the state of the machine-tool trade is that at the BSA factory, two miles up the road, tools are being auctioned at knock-down prices.

would not like to come before the courts.'

As part of their 'publicity drive' against the company, the pickets have put up signs at the gates pointing out wage and accident rate figures.

The strike committee seems united in its strategy of fighting it out eyeball-to-eyeball with the management. A number say they do not feel that wider district action would have much effect.

'If what we've done up to now hasn't moved them, nothing will,' says Kieran Quinn.

Alf Fellows does not feel district action is a factor to be taken into account.

'I have no general complaint

at the support the [Birmingham W] district committee is providing,' he said. 'I feel some of the officials have even exceeded their responsibilities in trying to help us.

'It is now known throughout the greater Birmingham area that this place is one black spot in many, and our action will do a lot to improve things all round. Support has been slow in coming, but it will come. Our members will carry on until the firm says: "Here is so much."'

Committee member Ernest Bliss sums up the Battery battle when he says, 'Our fight is for a decent living wage and our rights.'

The days ahead will be decisive in this battle.

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'SEVEN weeks on' at Birmingham Battery and neither side is showing any sign of budging.

Three hundred and fifty AUEW members have been out for nearly two months; their main demands are for a £6 rise, a 35-hour week and improved holidays. The management's offer of an extra day's leave and a 'promise' on wages if work is resumed, was contemptuously knocked back last week at a mass meeting.

How do the strike committee members feel about the progress of the dispute?

Alf Fellows, president of the local AUEW branch, feels the mass meeting last week had a particular significance.

'Because of how long the strike had gone on and how unproductive have been our claims for Social Security, everybody was destitute by last Wednesday. When the company offer was put, the interim payment was only a promise. There was really no offer of any figure to entice these men back to work.

'We had a solid vote to stay out. It really surprised me because the men must have been at their lowest ebb. This determination shows how justified the strike is.'

The strike committee members did not believe that the traumatic events of last week—the £50,000 fine on the Transport and General Workers' Union and the use of the Industrial Relations Act against the railwaymen—had any real effect on the strikers.

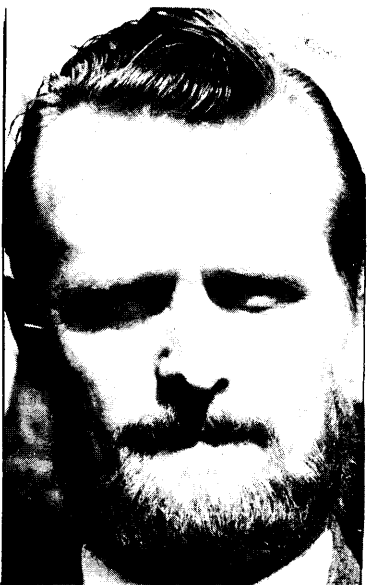
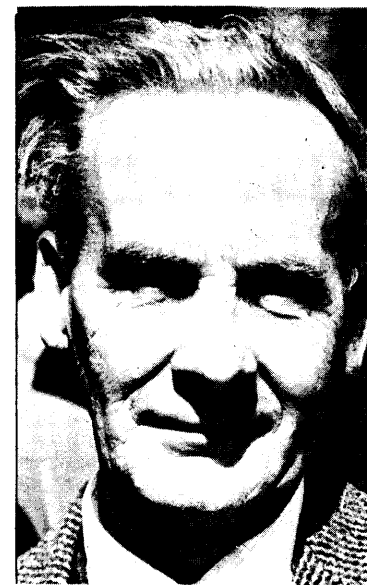
'The men were just considering their own position,' said one committee member. 'The management made a mere promise of a rise, and our men cannot go back on the basis of promises from this management.'

They do not feel that there is much likelihood of the Battery itself resorting to law.

'There's not much chance,' says treasurer Eric Curtis. 'This firm doesn't like publicity. They



Above: Local AUEW branch president Alf Fellows: 'Solid vote for mass meeting'. Below left: Treasurer Eric Curtis and (right) committee member Ernest Bliss.



pay fight in Birmingham



BSA still losing

BIRMINGHAM Small Arms, the ailing motorcycle and engineering firm, is still in the red—to the tune of £1.6m. This is revealed in interim figures for the six months to the end of January. In the previous six month period the loss was £2.8m.

No interim dividend for shareholders has been declared and there is unlikely to be a final one later this year. Although Barclays Bank is continuing to underwrite the BSA operation, this source of support is balanced on the wages fight in the engineering industry.

Brighton school revolt against overcrowding

ALMOST HALF the children at two Brighton schools stayed away yesterday in protest against conditions.

More than half the children at Moulsecombe primary school and 40 per cent of children at the junior school were absent.

Allan Rosthorn of Moulsecombe Parents' Committee, who

organized the boycott, said: 'We are delighted with the response. Now we hope Brighton council will do something to improve conditions.'

The two schools were built to accommodate 600 pupils, but there are now more than 1,000. Temporary classrooms have been built, but parents say they are inadequate and that toilet facilities are deplorable.

Last night parents demonstrated outside the town hall when Brighton council discussed overcrowding at the schools.

Clerks will lead occupation fight

ATTEMPTS to close any GEC factory will be met by factory occupation, with clerical workers in the lead.

English Electric Liverpool clerks, in the sixth week of their pay strike, hammered out this message to Arnold Weinstock at a mass meeting yesterday.

The 450 strikers were joined by a delegation of 40 clerks from Leyland Motors, Leyland and

Chorley, BAC Preston and GEC Traction Preston.

Cheques totalling £135 were presented to the English Electric Strike committee by the delegation before they joined strikers in a mass picket of the factory.

Plans are now being made for a national levy of all APEX (ex-CAWU) members in support of English Electric clerks.

'Our message to employers is clear—all mass redundancies and site closures will invite the occupation of factories by workers employed there', APEX area organizer Keith Standing told the meeting.

'And APEX will continue to play a leading role on factory occupations in defence of the right to work . . . and we will not be deterred by threats.'

Their demand for a £6-a-week rise has been met by a derisory offer of between £1.15 and £1.75 and dismissal notices by management.

Lancaster's new boycott

LANCASTER University students yesterday renewed their boycott of lectures. The new boycott was led by students of the English department. Other departments were meeting yesterday afternoon to decide whether they would join the protest over the dismissal proceedings against English lecturer Dr David Craig, who allegedly incited students to disrupt the University last term.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

CASTLEFORD, Friday, April 28, 6.30 p.m. 'The Magnet', Alredale. The Industrial Relations Act.

DUNDEE: Sunday April 30, 7.30 p.m. AUBTW Hall, Bain St (off Wellgate). Hands off the unions.

E LONDON: Tuesday May 2, 8 p.m. (Note change of venue): 'Three Wheatsheaves', Upper St, N1 (nr Angel tube), N Ireland.

W LONDON: Tuesday May 2, 8 p.m. Shaw Theatre and Library, Euston Rd, WC1. Force the Tories to resign.

SLOUGH: Thursday May 11, 8 p.m. Slough Community Centre, Farnam Rd. Speakers, Frank Tomany, ex-convenor Omes Faulkner, Brian Bailey, AUEW (in a personal capacity). The Industrial Relations Act.

Recall the TUC

Expel the traitors

Make the Tories resign

CROYDON: Thursday May 4, 8 p.m. Ruskin Hall, Coombe Rd.

SW LONDON: Tuesday May 9, 8 p.m. Clapham Manor Baths, Clapham Manor St, SW4.

N KENT: Tuesday May 9, 8 p.m. SOGAT House, Essex Rd, Dartford.

DAGENHAM: Tuesday May 9, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Fanshawe Ave, Barking.

LUTON: Thursday May 11, 8 p.m. St John's Ambulance Hall, Lea Rd.

N LONDON: Thursday May 11, 8 p.m. Bricklayers Arms, Tottenham High Rd (nr White Hart Lane).

SE LONDON: Thursday May 11, 8 p.m. Deptford Engineers' Club, New Cross Rd (opp New Cross station).

BBC 1

9.20 Andy Pandy. 9.38 Schools. 12.55 Canu'r Bobol. 1.30 Mary, Mungo and Midge. 1.45 News, weather. 2.05 Schools. 4.15 Play School. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Screen Test. 5.20 Hope and Keen's Crazy Bus. 5.44 Hector's House. 5.50 News, weather.

6.00 LONDON THIS WEEK.

6.20 GEORGE BEST.

6.30 THE VIRGINIAN. You Can Lead a Horse to Water.

7.40 THE LIVER BIRDS.

8.10 THE BROTHERS. 8: Crisis.

9.00 NEWS, Weather.

9.40 COME DANCING FINAL. North of England v Wales.

10.00 24 HOURS.

10.35 THE MARX BROTHERS. 'DUCK SOUP'.

11.40 Weather.

TV

1.00 This Week. 1.30 Racing from Newmarket. 2.30 Good afternoon. 3.00 Racing. 3.45 Drive-in. 4.15 Clapperboard. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Land of the Giants. 5.50 News.

6.00 TODAY.

6.30 F TROOP.

7.00 THE SKY'S THE LIMIT.

7.30 HIS AND HERS.

8.00 THE FBI. The Enemies.

9.00 BUDGIE. And the Lord Taketh Away.

10.00 NEWS.

10.30 FILM: 'THE MARK'. Rod Steiger, Stuart Whitman, Maria Schell. Released prisoner has secret which would, if known, segregate him from society.

12.25 THE BISHOPS.

REGIONAL TV

CHANNEL: 1.30 Racing. 4.05 Zingalong. 4.18 Puffin. 4.22 Dick Van Dyke. 4.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 I spy. 8.30 His and hers. 9.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Konga'. 12.05 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.55 Gus Honeybun. 4.18 News. 6.00 Diary. 6.25 Sport. 10.28 News, weather. 12.05 Faith for life.

SOUTHERN: 2.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Paulus. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Voyage. 5.50 News. 6.00 Day by day. 6.40 Out of town. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 Jason King. 8.30 His and hers. 9.00 London. 10.30 Weekend. 10.35 Film: 'The Mummy'. 12.00 News, weather. Epilogue.

HTV: 12.25 Arthur. 12.40 Seaspray. 1.05 Captain Scarlet. 1.30 Racing. 3.35 Enchanted house. 3.50 Women. 4.15 Tinkertainment. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Voyage. 5.50 News. 6.01 Report. 6.18 Report. 6.35 Bonanza. 7.30 Film: 'Sword of Sherwood Forest'. 9.00 Jason King. 10.00 News. 10.30 Cinema. 11.00 His and hers. 11.30 Budgie. 12.25 Weather.

HTV Wales and HTV Cymru/Wales as above except: 4.15 Cantamil. 6.01 Y Dydd. 10.30 Outlook.

HTV West as above except: 6.18-6.35 Report.

ANGLIA: 1.30 Racing. 2.30 Good afternoon. 3.00 Racing. 3.45 Yoga. 4.10 News. 4.15 Cartoons. 4.25 Romper room. 4.50 Bottom of the sea. 5.50 News. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 His and Hers. 9.00 London. 10.30 Probe. Film: 'Bitter Harvest'.

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. 6.05 Open University. 6.35 Crime and the Criminal. 7.05 Open University. 7.30 NEWSROOM, Weather. 8.00 MONEY PROGRAMME. 9.00 GARDENERS' WORLD. 9.20 REVIEW. Walker Art Gallery. John Moore's Exhibi-

ATV MIDLANDS: 1.30 Racing. 3.35 Horoscope. 3.45 Women. 4.10 Julia. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 News. 6.00 Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 His and Hers. 7.30 Jason King. 8.30 Shirley's world. 9.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Two on a Guillotine'.

ULSTER: 1.30 Racing. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 News. 6.00 Reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 Jason King. 8.30 His and hers. 9.00 London. 10.30 Spectrum. 11.00 Film: 'The Monk'.

YORKSHIRE: 1.00 Woobinda. 1.25 Pied Piper. 1.30 London. 3.40 Jimmy Stewart. 4.10 News. 4.15 Crossroads. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Flaxton boys. 5.20 Flintstones. 5.50 News. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Partners. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 His and hers. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Lord Jim'. 1.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 1.30 Racing. 3.25 Yoga. 3.55 Camera in action. 4.05 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 6.00 News. 6.20 Guns of Will Sonnett. 6.50 Kick off. 7.00 Dr Simon Locke. 7.25 His and hers. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 Lon-

tion. Vladimir Nabokov. The Soldier's Tale by Stravinsky.

10.15 NEWS, Weather.

10.20 BEYOND A JOKE. Eleanor Bron, John Bird, Barrie Ingham.

10.50 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

don. 10.35 Film: 'Desire Under the Elms'.

TYNE TEES: 12.25 Pied Piper. 12.30 Forest rangers. 1.00 Time to remember. 1.30 Racing. 2.30 Yoga. 3.00 Racing. 3.40 Jimmy Stewart. 4.10 News. 4.15 Crossroads. 4.40 Make a wish. 4.55 Flaxton boys. 5.20 Flintstones. 5.50 News. 6.00 Today. 6.30 Partners. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 His and hers. 8.00 Dr Gannon. 9.00 London. 10.30 Film: 'Harlow'. 12.45 News. 1.00 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 1.30 Racing. 3.30 Kiri. 3.45 Crossroads. 4.10 Dateline. 4.55 Skippy. 5.20 Cartoon. 5.50 News. 6.00 Dateline. 6.20 Cartoon. 6.30 His and hers. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.30 Andy. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 London. 10.30 In camera. 11.00 Late call. 11.05 Film: 'No Room at the Inn'.

GRAMPIAN: 1.30 Racing. 3.38 News. 3.45 Women. 4.10 Smith family. 4.40 Zingalong. 4.55 Rainbow country. 5.20 Ivanhoe. 5.50 News. 6.00 News, weather. 6.05 Mr and Mrs. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Sky's the limit. 7.35 It takes a thief. 8.25 Melody inn. 9.00 London. 10.30 Hogan's heroes. 11.00 Film: 'Son of Frankenstein'. Report. 12.25 Epilogue.

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Solid AUEW vote demands TUC re-call Congress

FIRST BLOW in the fight back against the TUC retreat before the National Industrial Relations Court was struck yesterday by representatives of 1.2 million engineering workers.

Yesterday afternoon, the engineers' section conference of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers unanimously condemned the TUC General Council's actions in opening up a form of co-operation with the Industrial Relations Act.

It called for the immediate recall of Congress to discuss the new turn of events.

All 52 delegates to the section's policy making national committee supported the move. Hugh Scanlon, the union's President, pledged that the executive would not be prevented from

FROM DAVID MAUDE IN EASTBOURNE

fighting for recall by the defeat inflicted on the proposal at last Monday's TUC Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Moving the resolution Arthur Gibbard, delegate from Middlesex, said that the events of the last few days had given cause for alarm at what must be regarded as a very grave situation. 'Our basic trade union rights are at stake', he said.

The form of co-operation between unions and government discussed by the general council with Tory premier Edward Heath was contrary to TUC policy. The unions were now coming under attack—the AUEW at C. A. Parsons Ltd and the T&GWU on the docks.

'This could mean', he said, 'that within a very short space of time our movement could

become fragmented.'

This was exactly what the Tories had intended in passing their anti-union legislation.

Sid Harraway, delegate from S Essex, said in seconding the motion that next Monday could be a very important day for the trade union movement.

It was then that the T&GWU would decide their attitude to the TUC's advice that they pay the £55,000 fines. Parsons' action against the AUEW technicians' section was due to be heard by the NIRC the same day.

'We are making a call to the broad trade union movement,' he said.

'What we are saying is that unions themselves should have the opportunity of reappraisal of the trends that are now appearing.'

Dockers to meet on port 'black'

A MASS meeting of Liverpool dockers will be held at the Liverpool Stadium on Sunday week to discuss the blacking of three container firms.

The decision was taken yesterday by the shop stewards' executive committee, which also decided to call a full meeting of the port's 120 stewards sometime next week. Meanwhile the blacking of the firms goes on.

'Guardian' apology over Miss World

THE GUARDIAN yesterday apologized in the High Court to Eric Morley and Mecca Limited, organizers of the Miss World contest and agreed to pay 'substantial damages'.

The plaintiffs claimed that the newspaper suggested the 1970 competition had been rigged.

Mr Robert Alexander, for Morley and Mecca, told Mr Justice Bean:

'The Miss World contest has always been an open competition, independently judged with the winner selected impartially on merit. Both defendants (The Guardian and the Manchester Evening News) now recognize that suggestions to the contrary were without foundation.'

The 1970 Miss World was Miss Jennifer Hosten of Grenada. She was chosen by a panel of judges who included the Prime Minister of Grenada, Eric Gairy, singer Glen Campbell, Peter Dimmock, film-maker Nat Cohen, singer Nina, actress Joan Collins, the Maharajah of Baroda, the Malawi High Commissioner and the Indonesian Ambassador.

IN ANOTHER libel action yesterday Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Stretford, received substantial libel damages against 'Private Eye'. His counsel, Robert Alexander, said the magazine had suggested that Churchill had personal motives for introducing a Bill before parliament.

He had sued the magazine's editor, Richard Ingrams, and its printer, publisher and distributor, Pressdram Limited, Leo Thorpe Limited and Moore Harness Limited.

Mr Peter Bowsher, for the defendants, said they now realized that the statements should never have been published and were sorry for any distress that may have been caused.

CRIS of 'Shame' were heard in the Commons yesterday when the Leader of the House, Robert Carr, announced that the government would guillotine further debate on the Common Market legislation.

Leyland deal outside terms of national claim

MEN at British-Leyland's truck plant near Preston called off a threatened strike yesterday after accepting a management pay offer.

At a mass meeting about 5,000 workers agreed to a deal which gives an across the board pay rise of £2.50, better holiday pay and improved pay for women.

The deal, however, is a break from the official policy of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which insists new agreements in the engineering industry should include provision for a shorter working week.

AUEW district secretary Bob Crook admitted this yesterday, but said the question of hours had to be negotiated at combine level in a big company like British-Leyland.

The meeting took the advice of shop stewards and accepted the deal with a large majority, though there was some criticism of the size of the rise on the grounds that it would be rapidly eroded by rent and price increases.

Shop stewards say they are happy with the terms, which are not legally binding, because they contain no provision for Measured-Day Work. This was one demand that the management negotiating team, led by British-Leyland's personnel chief Pat Lowry, were pressing.

The meeting also called for £1-a-head combine levy to support the British Aircraft Corporation workers from three N Lancashire plants now in their 12th week of strike over a demand for a cost-of-living rise.

UPPER CLYDE shop stewards will fly to London today to meet Wayne Harbin, the head of Marathon Manufacturing Corporation of Texas which is bidding for Clydebank yard.

After negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry on Wednesday, Harbin said the two sides were 'only around £1m apart'.

THREE HUNDRED transport drivers employed at the Lucas factory at Formans Rd, Birmingham, walked out yesterday in support of a wage demand.

Transport and General Workers' Union shop steward K. Jackson said the men were claiming £2 to £2.50 to give them parity with skilled men. The men deliver electrical components to all the major car factories.

APRIL FUND RISES TO £1,012.81: THREE DAYS TO GO

A GREAT post yesterday of £188.67 pulled our fund up to £1,012.81 leaving £737.19 to raise by Sunday. We knew you would do everything possible to raise this money. But we are not there yet. We must not sit back for a moment.

The shameful capitulation of the TUC to the Tories' Industrial Relations Act opens the door to grave dangers for the working class. The government, and employers everywhere, will only be strengthened by this cowardly decision.

We urge you all therefore—use Workers Press to build the revolutionary alternative. Keep up this magnificent struggle for our April Fund. Make sure in the next three days we raise our target of £1,750. Rush all last minute donations to:

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N AND central Scotland will be cloudy with occasional rain although some bright intervals may occur in the NE. S Scotland and N Ireland will be bright at first but it will become cloudy with some rain later. Elsewhere it will be mostly dry with variable amounts of cloud. Temperatures will be near the seasonal average.

Outlook for the weekend: Rain and strong winds spreading to all areas followed in the S and W by brighter showery weather. Temperatures near normal at first, becoming rather cold.

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Public meetings MONDAY MAY 1

**Mobilize against the Tories
Hands off the trade unions
Defend the right to work
Force the Tory government to resign**

LONDON: Poplar Civil Hall, Bow Rd, 7.30 p.m.

G. Healy (SLL National Secretary); Sarah Hannigan (YS, London regional secretary).

LIVERPOOL: Royal Institute, Colquitt St, 7.30 p.m.

Mike Banda (SLL Central Committee); Christine Smith (YS).

LEEDS: Art Gallery, Headrow, Leeds 1, 7.30 p.m.

Jack Gale (SLL); Ken Pearce (OTO in personal capacity); Joan Burrows (YS National Committee).

SHEFFIELD: Montgomery Hall, Survey St, opp. Town Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Cliff Slaughter (SLL Central Committee); Frank McCabe (NUM in personal capacity); Ray Jaxson (YSNC).

BIRMINGHAM: Lecture Room 1, Digbeth Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Mair Davies (SLL Central Committee); Alex Mitchell (Workers Press); William Aitken (YSNC).

NOTTINGHAM: Co-op Education Hall, Heathcote St, 7.30 p.m.

John Spencer (Workers Press); Harry Finch (SLL); Steve Martin (YSNC).

SWANSON: Locomotive Hotel, Fleet St, 7.30 p.m.

Ray Howells (AUEW personal capacity); Clive Norris (YSNC).

READING: Trades and Labour Hall, Minster St, 7.30 p.m.

Dany Sylveire (SLL); Tony Richardson (T&GWU in personal capacity).

SOUTHAMPTON: Langley Hall, next to St Peter's Church, Commercial Rd, 7.30 p.m.

Frank Willis (AUEW in personal capacity); P. O'Regan (SLL).

GLASGOW: Partick Burgh Hall, Glasgow, 7.30 p.m.

Stephen Johns (Workers Press); John Barrie (YSNC).

EDINBURGH: Trades Council Club, Albany St, 7.30 p.m.

Jim Dormer (EPTU in personal capacity); Dave Barclay (YS).

MANCHESTER: Wheatsheaf, High St, 7.30 p.m.

Alan Stanley (Vauxhall shop steward in personal capacity); John Simmance (YS national secretary).

AYLESHAM: The Legion, Burgess Rd, Aylesham, 7 p.m.

Brian Lavery (NUM in personal capacity); Roger Smith (ACTT in personal capacity).

NEWCASTLE: Hotspur Hotel, Haymarket, 7.30 p.m.

Dave Temple (SLL); Hugh Nicol (AUEW in a personal capacity); Ian Yeats (Workers Press); Keith Radford (YSNC).

BRISTOL: Central Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Alan Wilkins (AUEW in a personal capacity).

ABERDEEN: Trades Hall, 24 Adelphi, 8 p.m. T. Brotherstone (SLL).

OXFORD: Cape of Good Hope, The Plain, Oxford, 8 p.m.

Alan Thornett (deputy senior steward, Morris Motors. In a personal capacity).

SWANSEA: Lecture Hall, Bishop Gore School, Bishop Gore Sketty, 7.30 p.m. Roy Battersby (ACTT in a personal capacity).

Gary Jenner (YSNC).

Socialist Labour League and Young Socialists

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION

Sunday May 7

We demand the Right to Work!

No retreat from the fight against the Industrial Relations Act!

Hands off the trade unions! Defend democratic rights!

Withdraw troops from Ulster! Release all internees!

Victory to the Vietnamese workers and peasants

For the military defeat of US imperialism!

MAKE THE TORY GOVERNMENT RESIGN!

ASSEMBLE: 1.30 p.m. The Embankment, Charing Cross

MARCH: via Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly, Regent Street, Oxford Street, Tottenham Court Road, Euston Road

MEETING: 4 p.m. St Pancras Town Hall.

G. Healy (Socialist Labour League National Secretary)

J. Simmance (Young Socialists National Secretary)

M. Banda (Socialist Labour League Central Committee)

In a personal capacity:

Frank McCabe (NUM)

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