

[for the P.C.]

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NEW TROTSKYIST DAILY IN BRITAIN

The following statement was issued at a press conference in London on March 12:

Journalists who formerly worked for *Workers Press*, which ceased publication on February 14, 1976, have decided to launch a new national daily newspaper next month.

It is proposed that the new daily newspaper be a 16-page tabloid selling at an economic price. The name of the paper and the date of publication will be announced in due course.

The National Union of Journalists chapel has stayed together since the printers of *Workers Press*, Plough Press Ltd., ceased trading on February 13. The chapel has decided unanimously to pool their redundancy money (unemployment benefits) and make an appeal for a 10,000 pound launching fund to start the new daily. Readers of *Workers Press* and our supporters in the labor and trade union move-

ment have assured us of their support in this fund drive.

The new daily newspaper will differ in many important respects from *Workers Press*.

- It will be four pages larger.
- It will carry display and classified advertising.
- It will provide all the normal services offered by other national dailies — including sports, racing, and football.

The new daily will provide a comprehensive coverage of international, national, and local news. It will present the news in brief and analysis in depth.

The paper's editorial policy will be to support

the policies and perspectives of the Workers Revolutionary Party. It will not be published by the Workers Revolutionary Party, but by a separate publishing company.

Launching the campaign for the new daily newspaper, the chapel is especially conscious of the growing dangers to basic democratic rights. This fact was highlighted by the police raid on the Workers Revolutionary Party education center last September and yesterday's statement by Sir Robert Mark (Metropolitan Police Commissioner) that the British Army may be called in alongside the metropolitan police.

After six and one-half years of continuous daily production of *Workers Press*, the chapel remains profoundly convinced of the need for a paper of the type which we will launch towards the end of April.