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The National Front's latest recruit admits what they are at: 'Come back Hitler, all is forgiven'. What Robert Relf really wants—see page five.

## Smash racism now!

### DEMONSTRATE!

This Sunday, 11 July, in London. Join the march against racism supported by the Indian Workers Association (both national federations), the International Socialists and many other organisations. Assemble 12.30pm, Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London, for 2pm march to Downing Street. All IS branches to support.



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ABOVE: Some of the young Asians who dominated the 4000-strong demonstration through London last Sunday against racism. They chanted 'Enoch Powell is a murderer' and burnt pictures of him. FULL REPORT—page five WHY WE OPPOSE IMMIGRATION CONTROLS—pages 8-9.

## THE BROKEN WINDOW, THE RACIST, AND THE POLICEMAN WHO DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW...

MOHAMMED HANIF has lived in Britain for 19 years, working for 17 in a foundry. He now owns a corner shop in Beeston, a suburb of Leeds.

He displayed a Socialist Worker poster in the window of his shop. A racist threw a brick at it—but he was a bit slow. Mohammed grabbed him and locked him in his cellar until the police arrived.

It took the local constable an hour to turn up. When he did, he suggested no charges should be pressed—as it would damage community relations in the area! This though the youth admitted he was a racist and a member of the British National Party.

To cap it all, the policeman told Mohammed off for being so rude as to detain the fascist for the hour.



The shop window that was smashed by the National Party member

Picture: Richard Platt

## The fascists who smash themselves

by PETER FIELDING

THE James family here in Blackburn have been providing excellent stories for the racist Lancashire Evening Telegraph.

They claimed that Asians were attacking Mrs James, bombarding their house in Norwich Street, with bricks, and finally breaking in and destroying the furniture.

But the James' brief stardom is crashing all around them.

For early last Wednesday morning Mr James—who claims to be non-political and only interested in his right as an Englishman to sell his house to whites only—was

charged, with Mrs James, John Frankman, the local National Party councillor, and Robert Horman, another National Party sidekick, with causing a breach of the peace outside the James' house.

A neighbour told Socialist Worker that they were caught red-handed by the police. Horman was firing a .22 rifle at the front windows of the James' house, while James himself was hurling building bricks through the back-windows.

The case comes up in court on 30 July and we hear that charges of wasting police time and using a firearm in the street will also be brought. It will be most interesting to hear what the Telegraph has to say.

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## I called the factory inspector - Dunlops sacked my son

A letter from WILLIE BENNETT, Transport Union convener at Dunlop's India Tyre factory, Inchinnan, near Glasgow.

Dear Socialist Worker, Would you kindly do the workers of Dunlop a service and expose the terrible health and safety record of this company?

On 7 June this year Dunlops were taken to court at Paisley and fined £50 after an injury to one of our members in the factory.

On 9 June, I was forced to call in the factory inspector to rectify the dangerous working conditions in the Bag-O-Matics section of the plant.

Mr David Bainbridge, factory inspector, arrived at 3pm. Along with Mr James Marshall and myself, he went on a tour of the dangerous area.

At 4pm, I went with the factory inspector to the office of the plant general manager, Mr J Christie. There Mr Bainbridge advised the general manager of immediate steps they must take to alleviate the dangers—which must, he insisted, eventually be rectified at their source.

The next day, 10 June, my 16-year-old son, James Bennett, who was taken on by the company in May, was sacked.

Management informed me that he was sacked because his official school leaving date was 30 June—a month after he had been hired. They also refused to give James back his job after his official school-leaving date—on 1 July.

### Reasons

I asked management for a written statement giving the reasons for dismissal—as they are obliged to do under the Employment Protection Act. They refused.

Only after an approach by Joe Newbigging, the TGWU branch secretary, did the management agree to reinstate my son from 5 July.

Safety in this factory is a disgrace. We used to have 'talking shop' departmental safety meetings—ten management and two union representatives.

Now we have forced them to set up a new safety committee structure, where the unions are better represented. But will the company implement decisions? No.

At the first meeting we voted 12-7 to recommend to the company that they supply all manual workers with one free pair of safety footwear. The management has no intention of carrying out the

recommendation. I hope you can find some space in your paper to help us and any article of help will be photo-copied and posted on our union notice boards throughout the factory.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIE BENNETT  
TGWU convener,  
Dunlop (India Tyres),  
Inchinnan, Scotland.

# DES WARREN ACCUSES

STARTLING new details of Des Warren's continual prison struggle against victimisation and harassment were revealed on Sunday.

Since Des was jailed in 1973 at Shrewsbury under the 'no proof required' conspiracy laws for organising for safe working conditions in the building industry, he has been moved 17 times from prison to prison.

He has always maintained that this was part of a campaign to demoralise and intimidate him, to break Britain's

by LAURIE FLYNN

best-known political prisoner.

Des has now provided Blackpool Trades Council with detailed and startling evidence to back this claim. The evidence is in a four-hour set of tapes he has made and copyrighted in favour of Blackpool

Trades Council in the hope that they will publish them.

A summary of these vital tapes was given at a meeting on Sunday by Bernard Fawl, speaking on behalf of the Trades Council.

This showed that contrary to consistent government avowals that there are no political prisoners in Britain, the government secretly operates a political prisoner category. Des Warren has been placed in that category.

The details released by the Trades Council show that Des has information relating to a meeting of the Parole Board on 19 September which met to consider the cases of two political category prisoners.

The two were Des Warren and Ronald Milhench, who was jailed after being found guilty of forging Harold Wilson's signature in the course of various land deals involving Harold Wilson's political secretary.

### Political

Des has also been informed that the Parole Board dealt with the cases of eight political category prisoners in 1974. All this happened while the government maintains the public fiction that there are no political prisoners in Britain.

The Blackpool Trades Council statement disclosed other crucial pieces of information about the persecution of Des Warren in prison.

Perhaps the most scandalous single incident listed by Des Warren relates to his attempts to get something done about defective construction work that he had found inside Lincoln Prison. Des was jailed for organising pickets against unsafe and cheapjack building by 'lump' building workers—self-employed, non-union labour.

### Complaint

It is the great quality of the man that he has continued this campaign behind prison walls.

Des' complaint relates to a new workshop in the prison. This was, according to the Trades Council, to cost £250,000 and take one year to build. In fact it has taken five years and cost £1 million.

Yet all this money and time has been spent to obtain severely defective work. Steel reinforcements have apparently been 'missed out' yet again, a favourite trick of lumpers and other construction profiteers.

But his bid to get this scandal investigated led nowhere. Of the nine witnesses he had nominated for the inquiry, only the two most pliable were ever heard.

The Blackpool Trades Council statement also disclosed that there is one case where the Home Office consistently refuses to allow any investigation. This relates to Des' complaint against Senior Prison Officer Pendle of Lincoln Prison for incitement to intimidate, following a trumped-up accusation in the prison that Des had grassed on someone.

### Refused

The authorities, this time acting under the direct instructions of the Home Secretary, persistently refuse to allow this complaint to be investigated. Des believes that this is because his complaint is water-tight.

The Trades Council statement also contained remarkable disclosures about the prison offences being levelled against Des Warren—35 in all by May this year. The vast majority are petty offences designed to harass him and make an example of him to other militant workers.

### Bricks

Typical of these charges is one of defying an order from a prison officer. The order was 'to show the proper respect to a pile of bricks'.

The summary of Des' statement given by the Trades Council also makes it clear that Des is anxious to expose the central part played in the whole Shrewsbury Conspiracy by the Labour government and Home Secretary Roy Jenkins.

It was reported to the meeting on Sunday that Des wants an inquiry into the way the Home Office has prevented proper inquiries being made into the charges he has brought and all the circumstances behind his treatment. He has asked for support in his fight.

Shop stewards' committees, trade union branches and other working-class bodies should consider passing resolutions demanding that an inquiry be granted and not swept under the carpet when he is finally released.



## ISRAEL'S 'CIVILIZING MISSION'

THIS picture would not have been published by any of the papers praising the Israeli armed forces on Monday for attacking Entebbe Airport in Uganda and freeing hostages held there by Arab hijackers.

The Israelis killed the hijackers, three of the hostages and about 20 Ugandan troops. They could have freed all the hostages without any killings by one simple act—freeing Palestinians imprisoned in Israel for opposing Israeli occupation of their country.

For despite the present animosity between the Israelis and President Amin of Uganda, they have at least one thing in

common. Long before Amin operated a racist policy of driving the Asians out of Uganda, Israel operated a racist policy of driving most of the Palestinians out of Israel.

This picture shows what the 'gallant Israeli airforce' do now to Palestinian refugees living in miserable camps in Lebanon. When they bombed this one last year, they 'hijacked' five of the people living there without any cries of 'terrorism' from the press.

One further point. How did Amin come to rule Uganda in the first place?

He staged a coup with Israeli help against the previous government of Milton Obote, which was considered by Israel—and for that matter Britain—as a bit too left-wing.

# Healey threatens

# 400,000 jobs

THE government is going to take further measures deliberately to force up the level of unemployment. That was the message from Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey, in so many words, last weekend.

He said that faced with a choice between raising taxation and cutting public services next year, the government would make more cuts.

More cuts mean further destruction of jobs in education, the health service and housing, as well as a rundown in services.

The number of jobs that will go can be seen by looking at cuts already made. About a month ago the government ordered local authorities to cut their spending by £500 million. This will lead to the loss of about 100,000 jobs.

The cuts talked about for next year

are of the order of £2000 million. Hundreds of thousands of jobs are threatened.

Healey claims these cuts are necessary to 'release resources for industrial expansion'.

There are now 1¼ million unemployed and industry is working at less than four-fifths capacity—in other words one machine in five is idle. If unemployed workers were allowed to work the idle machines, overnight there could be a massive increase in production—and so in the wealth available to society.

You don't need cuts in hospitals, schools or housing to achieve this—or rather you wouldn't if the workers who

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create the wealth decided how it was to be produced, if there was socialist planning. But they don't.

Healey and his friends are committed to a system in which one per cent of the population own 80 per cent of industry and make the key decisions. Before they will increase jobs they want guaranteed profits. It is to do this, and keep that one per cent happy that Healey is smashing social services, forcing up rents, destroying jobs.

For the rest of us it means that services will continue to deteriorate and unemployment will remain at more than a million mark indefinitely, in boom or slump, unless we fight back now.

## The racists in parliament

TWO DAYS after Chancellor Healey had promised more cuts, the House of Commons debated immigration. The tone of the debate was summed up by Simon Hoggart in *The Guardian*.

'The unspoken attitude seemed to be that immigrants are some kind of pollution, like the coypu rats which infest Britain's rivers'.

Both Tory and Labour front benches made speeches that could almost have been written by the National Front. Willie Whitelaw, the 'moderate' Tory,

claimed: 'People want an end to immigration'. Roy Jenkins, the 'moderate' Labour minister, stressed the 'need for limitation', even if this meant 'occasional harsh decisions'.

The only thing that separated these 'moderates' from the out-and-out racists was one point—how many wives and children of black people they would allow into Britain before barring black people for all time.

Most of the leaders of the Labour Party are not racists. They hate the National Front and everything it stands for. But they are being driven to accept its policies. Why?

Growing sections of workers are bitter and frustrated. They face rising prices, frozen wages, massive unemployment, deteriorating hospitals and schools, they find it hard to get decent housing.

In their desperation, it is all too easy for sections of white workers to blame black people.

After the high vote for the fascists in a council by-election in Deptford Ward, Lewisham, South London last week local Labour councillors pointed out: 'Deptford Ward is one of the most deprived parts of the borough. The only answer to racialism is to provide homes, schools and amenities for such areas'.

But the government and the Labour councils cannot do this—because of their commitment to the cuts.

When the racists say that immigrants are to blame for bad conditions, not the cuts, the Labour leaders—and the trade union leaders who back them—cannot argue otherwise. Instead of fighting the racists, they end up adopting their demands.

The only people who can put up a serious fight against the racists are those who are also fighting against the cuts and for the right to work.

That is why we urge all those who really want to eradicate the cancer of racism to support the unemployed march from London on the TUC at Brighton called by the Right to Work Campaign for the beginning of September.



Albert Shaw

## Why I'm going on the march

BLACK WORKERS in Britain are being hit much more by unemployment even than white workers. A new Department of Employment report shows that the rate of unemployment among black people is about twice the national average.

Clearly, racist employers have been sacking black workers and discriminating against young blacks when taking on school-leavers. That is why many black workers will be in the front of September's march of unemployed from London on the TUC at Brighton.

Albert Shaw has been unemployed since last year, when he was laid off from his decorating job.

'I'm going on the march in September. Why? Because I'm black.'

'As a working class we are all fighting together. Separatism is no good. We have to work with the white man. If the whites are all against us what chance do we stand?'

'Unemployment hits the white man just like it hits me.'

'Jack Jones and those other trade union leaders—they just talk a load of bullshit and get nothing done. They just talk, talk, talk.'

'We've got to shake those bastards up.'

□ Leaflets about the march—1000 for £1 post free. Petitions supporting the march and for collecting money in workplaces, union meetings, pubs, youth clubs—200 for 50p post free.

To order leaflets or petitions or for further information, write to the National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4, or phone 01-802 0978.



## Bengali housing protest

by COLIN KNOWLES

EAST LONDON: 300 Bengalis picketed the Tower Hamlets Council housing committee last week. The Bengali Housing Action Group had written to the council 16 times asking, then demanding, the right to talk to the housing department. The letters were left unanswered, though the council has talked to white squatters.

The Action Group is organising Bengalis

who are living in overcrowded conditions, in appalling old buildings, either paying extortionate rents or squatting. It is trying to force the council to fulfil its legal obligations and fight racketeering in the housing market.

A racist who tried to drive his car through the picket was surrounded by Bengali men, banging the car. No arrests were made.

The council agreed to talk—some time in the future.

# MAGNIFICENT!

£1,731.33

That is the magnificent total sent in to this week's Socialist Worker fighting fund. Our readers, supporters and branches of the International Socialists have been answering our call for funds to fight racism, answering on a scale we would hardly have thought possible.

Two of the many letters we have received from readers explain why you should contribute if you haven't already.

'It is really a boost to see someone answering the NF in a language they understand—a sticker campaign', writes George Row from South London. 'I started spotting them about a week ago, at first just one or two, then the last few days virtual saturation.'

'Send me some of your stickers and I'll join in—in fact send everybody some and together we can nip in

the bud this attempt to divide ordinary people, set us against one another, make us blame each other.'

Chris Blackmore from Somerset writes: 'First, thank you for producing the only decent paper there is.'

'Second, I enclose a banker's order form. It's all I can afford. I'm in debt up to my neck, but I couldn't say no, could I?'

'Third, send me a whole thousand anti-racist stickers, though I doubt if it will be enough for this area. I fear we have Relf-friends even in darkest Somerset.'

A similar response from many, many other readers has ensured money been coming in.

Thanks to:

Caroline Ward £1, S Parker £1.25, Wogan £3.20, anon £5, T Ward £5, anon £1, A J Lawrenson £1 Central London Education Class £2.62, Mic Tew £1, Gill Brown £2, D Direktor (from sale of books) £10, D Eastcock 50p, Leeds Students £1.23, Bill and Jenny Faker £150, GLC SW supporters £4, Central London Printers £6, Susan Laffely £25.

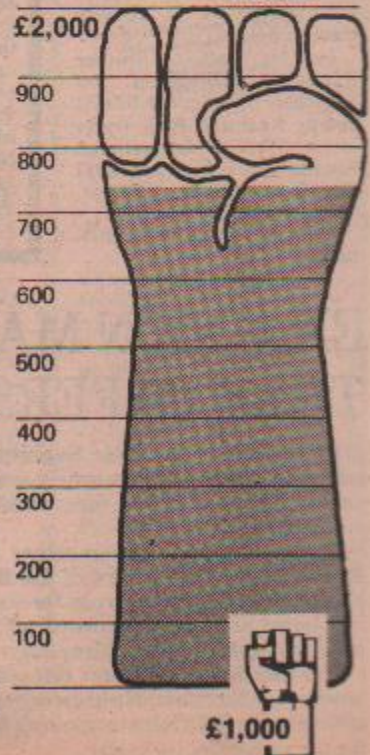
Most IS districts and branches are raising more than the £5 a head levy:

Central London Students £35, Ilford £35, Brighton £10, Durham £11, Stockport £30, Manchester Council Workers £13, Darlington £20, Southampton £37, Outer West London £10, Herts/Bees £10, Maidstone £5, Portsmouth £28.70, Outer West London £253, University of Essex £3.50, Cambridge £35, Sheffield £25, York £56.50, Glasgow £100, Central London £68.50, North London £75, Central London Workers £22, LSE £24.50, Pontefract £25, Grays £20, Halifax £1.65, Norwich £40.60, East Manchester £33, GLC £40, Ipswich £15, Hitchin £65, Chester £15, South West London £85.50

But we cannot rest on our laurels. The votes won by the racists in South London last week show there is still an immense job to be done. Keep the money rolling in so that we can help to do it.

□ Donations to Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

## Socialist Worker FIGHTING FUND



# NUPE: Gathering strength against the cuts

THE National Union of Public Employees announced last week a fantastic increase in membership. In six years, the total membership has doubled to more than 600,000.

In the past 15 months, 100,000 workers have joined the union. Today, they are joining at the rate of 8000 every month.

This is good news for the British working-class movement. The growth in NUPE membership, which is reflected in the growth of the government workers' white-collar union, NALGO, is in areas threatened by government cuts.

In the past two or three years, for instance, almost the entire school meals service has been recruited into NUPE. Most of these are part-time women workers threatened with sackings as a result of



cuts in local government spending.

The same goes for every area of the Health Service.

During the 1930s depression, union membership slumped. Now, as capitalist crisis deepens again, the instinctive reaction of workers is to join their trade union.

### Female

NUPE has moved in on this with an aggressive recruiting campaign, and a policy of 'positive discrimination' in favour of their vast female membership. More women are now getting on the NUPE executive, and on the union's

delegations to the TUC.

At the 16 June Special TUC Congress, the only life in the Central Hall came from the women on the NUPE delegation. When Tom Jackson, the post office workers' secretary, called for more cuts in social services, he was greeted with prolonged heckling from the NUPE women.

NUPE is strong, very strong. But its leaders still play down its strength.

All its officials are appointed or (in rare cases) elected for life. The conference is only once every two years. The executive supports the 4½ per cent pay deal, which will leave the bulk of its members on the breadline, if not below it.

Council workers and health workers will be in the front of the battle against the cuts. They need to use the full strength of their union—which means involving the rank and file at every level.



Colin Barnett, North West regional organiser for NUPE—speaking at a Right to Work Rally in February.



# THE ARMY'S WASTELAND

RECENTLY I visited a friend who lived out in the country. Just down the road was one of these Ministry of Defence areas. It was an old airfield and was being used as a firing range and small assault course.

Most of this area was not being used though, and was

simply fenced in. There must be a host of these empty places spread all over the country.

When society is organised by the mass of people for need, not profit, areas such as these would have incredible potential. The nearest community could turn these areas into really good amenities for those of every age. A community centre could be built, for example.

The vital point, however, is that they would be designed and planned from general discussion and ideas from all the people who would use them.

All our amenities, with a few minor exceptions, are not designed by us but for us. Mass entertainment is carried out most of the time by profit-hungry companies which are constantly seeking ways of cutting corners and pocketing our cash as quickly as possible.

### Confine

Everybody in the community could have a hand in designing and building their centre. The kids could design their own amenities, with help from adults where needed. They would not have to put up with facilities that confine and impede them such as is the case now.

The various ideas that would come up could be swapped and shared with people who were working on this kind of centre in other areas.

If people decided they wanted large shows such as today's rock concerts, they could plan them themselves and so stop the kind of scenes we see today, where greedy promoters cram as many people as possible into a small area with lousy catering and toilets.

There are today a lot of pursuits such as skiing and yachting that the working-class family simply cannot afford. But that would change.

Things that people had liked the look of, but could never afford before, could be organised by the very people who wanted them. And of course leisure and pleasure time, as well as opportunity would increase vastly under socialism.

I think this area of human activity, like everything else once the chains are broken, would unleash some incredible ideas and abilities that all working people could use and share to their common advantage.

CHRIS BARTROP

# Dear male chauvinist

THE letter calling for funds and support for the 400 women Engineering Union members on strike at Trico, West London, starts with the words:

'Dear Sir and Brother...

THE Foundry Worker, journal of the foundry section of the AUEW—which is reputedly left-wing—enters a new phase of official trade union journalism: anti-Irish jokes. Its May issue carries a 'joke' whose only point is that the Irish were stupid and ignorant.

The foundry section has a large Irish membership.

Why does its editor encourage jokes at his members' expense? Doesn't he realise that jokes like that are the staple diet of racists and fascists—and the means by which they gain acceptance on the shop floor?

Foundry section members should put the boot in.

THE district secretary of the West Cornwall district committee of the AUEW, W K Richardson, writes to correct the statement on this page three weeks ago.

We wrote that Jimmy Rule, who is standing for divisional organiser, is a shop steward at Holmans. He is not. Many apologies. Jimmy was an AUEW steward at Holmans for many years, as workers there know well.

In his letter, Brother Richardson refers to Engineers' Charter candidates Jimmy Rule and Alan Watts as 'members of the National Socialists'. International Socialists, brother, please. There is a difference.

And we can all make mistakes.

# Onward Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the Cross of Pilkingtons Going on before



THE June issue of Pilkington News, the journal of huge St Helens-based glass combine, carries an interesting item about John Boyd, general secretary of the Engineering Workers Union (AEW).

It seems Boyd found time at the end of May to travel to St Helens to deliver a 20-minute speech to what the journal called 'a combined meeting of the Workers' Christian Fellowship'.

For some reason, the local branch of the Workers' Christian Fellowship had arranged their meeting in a comfortable management suite at the Pilkingtons head office.

Even more remarkably, the Pilkingtons management, which is not known for its leniency towards requests for time off on the shop floor, generously allowed time off for groups of workers from Grove Street works and staff from head office to hear John Boyd.

Boyd, according to the



Len Murray chatting with the two insulation firm bosses.

report, 'related his own experiences to his attitude towards his work as a trade union leader'.

The same issue of Pilkington News puts in a plug for a visit by TUC general secretary Len Murray to a Health and Safety at Work Exhibition organised by Warrington Trades Council.

Murray, says the report, stopped for a chat with a director of Kitson's Insulations. Kitson's manned a

stand which featured Fibreglass Insulation.

It's easy to see why Pilkingtons should be so keen on a safety exhibition which plugs fibreglass, which is made by Pilkingtons. But has Len Murray read the report on fibreglass by the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science, which came out last month?

The report lists the dreadful hazards of fibreglass—from skin irritation to



John Boyd (right) with Salvation Army chiefs and others at the Pilkingtons HQ.

bronchitis to cancer of the lung. It notes 'an important change' in the types of glass fibre produced.

### Coarse

'Originally the glass fibres were made of coarse sizes too large to get deep into your lung (where most damage is done). Nowadays, they are much smaller and can get into the sensitive parts of your lung, especially when being used in fabrication'.

The report concludes: 'We do not know for sure about the full health hazards of mineral fibres such as glass fibre, rock wool, ceramic fibre. And, until we do, (possibly in five years time) all such materials should be treated with the same precautions as asbestos'.

It's bad enough that firms like Kitson's Insulation make money out of dangerous products—without the general secretary of the TUC chatting up their bosses.

# EX-UNION MAN JOINS THE LOAFERS

DURING the strike at the Sunblest bakery in Manchester last week, the management—Associated British Foods—called in their assistant director of personnel. He is John Addison.

Bakery workers will remember Addison. He used to be Bristol regional secretary of the Bakers' Union, and was beaten last year in the vote for union general secretary.

Almost at once, he scuttled off to a comfortable, well-paid job with the biggest exploiters in the bread business.

True to form, Addison refused to talk to the bakery workers at Sunblest. He insisted on speaking only to union officials. As the Chinese proverb has it: 'You can tell a rat by the company he keeps'.





# Cutting us to ribbons

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM  
Duncan Hallas

Think about it. There is massive unemployment, enormous resources are lying idle, living standards are falling and so less can be bought.

'WHAT the world wishes to see is Britain seriously facing up to the adaptations made necessary by the changed terms of trade. By that is really meant reducing living standards and reducing them more quickly.'

So says Peter Jenkins, Guardian columnist, and a strange picture it conjures up.

A tea-picker in Ceylon pauses from her labour for a moment to reflect on the need to cut living standards in Britain, a steel worker in Pittsburgh or perhaps in Magnitogorsk, gravely ponders the changed terms of trade over his sandwiches and concludes that

public expenditure in Britain must be cut and cut quickly, a Chilean miner forgets about Pinochet for a while to add his voice to the 'world's demand'. The fact that Jenkins, a 'social-democrat' by the way, can write such preposterous nonsense without a blush is a tribute to the efficiency of the brain-washing process.

## Numbered

The 'Labour government and its allies in the capitalist press, TV and radio subject us to such a torrent of misrepresentation and untruth each day that the critical faculties become numbed.

Even patent rubbish—'what the world wishes' indeed—passes without

its author being laughed out of Fleet Street.

The fact is, of course, that to Jenkins, as to Callaghan, Healey and the rest of that servile crew, 'the world' means a few thousand profiteers, speculators, bankers, capitalists, right-wing politicians and bureaucrats and their media jackals.

Ninety-nine point nine per cent of the world's population is not part of 'world opinion' and so does not count in their book.

As it happens, Jenkins writes for the 'quality' end of the market and his column, notwithstanding its Alice in Wonderland character, is what passes for serious comment in the 'quality' press.

He is taken seriously in establishment circles and so has access to off-the-record comment and information. Let us profit from his sources. He says: '... the need (is) for net expenditure cuts in the £1-2000 million range. There has been talk of even more severe adjustments—cuts of £3000 million or more... So the Treasury (although there are differences there within) is aiming to go about half the distance.'

The target will probably be in the region of £1000 million of net cuts. It is important to use net figures because any increased expenditure on job creation would have to be offset by additional cuts on present social programmes.

Think about it. There is massive unemployment, enormous resources are lying idle, living standards are falling and so less can be bought.

The solution? Huge public expenditure cuts which will, if they can get away with them, put many more workers on the street and cut the social wage still further. Why? Because 'the world'—that is, the profiteers and speculators, the British ones first and foremost—demand it.

And, of course, they must be given what they want!

This is the economics of the lunatic asylum.

## Vestiges

Unfortunately it is also the economics of capitalism, the economics of Denis Healey, the economics of the whole Labour government which has shed the last vestiges of its former 'left-wing' pretensions and is the willing tool of the profiteers and speculators.

And what about Labour's 'left' leaders? Just over three months ago Mr Benn, a member of the cabinet that is about to direct the most savage assault on welfare since 1931, said:

'I took the view... that it was possible and proper, under certain circumstances, to resign from a government on a matter of principle, but not to resign from government because you felt that you yourself had been in some way, affronted or humiliated or whatever.'

Tell us, Mr Benn, just what principle are you willing to sacrifice your cabinet minister's salary for?

What do your 'left-wing' convictions really amount to?

## THE JOKE THEY CALL THE RACE RELATIONS ACT ...

TWO YEARS AGO, Socialist Worker exposed a colour bar operated by an employment agency called the London Accountancy Bureau.

The Bureau did so in collusion with big-name customers such as Slater Walker, Taylor Woodrow, Metal Box and the Royal Opera House. A job vacancy card supplied by Slater Walker, for instance, stated

in block capitals NOT AFRICAN ETC.

Our information was supplied by Sue Bruley, who worked for the Bureau for three months and was sickened by what she found out.

### Matter

Since the article appeared, the Race Relations Board have been investigating the matter—and, after two years, have now concluded that in most cases unlawful

discrimination did not take place or that there was too little evidence to prosecute.

As Sue says: 'I only spent three months gathering it!'

One man who was taken to court, however, was the Bureau's boss, Maurice Pepper. The case came up at Westminster County Court on 23 June.

Pepper, who refused throughout to co-operate with the Race Relations Board, failed to turn up.

Instead he sent an

assurance to the court that in future he would abide by the Race Relations Act—but he did not let the court know that he was not going to defend the action.

Pepper was landed with £500 costs, a small price when you consider that he earns that much in commission with two successful job placements by his Bureau.

And so he will be able to continue business as usual. So much for the power of the Race Relations Act...



## Racism: step up the war of words

TWO WEEKS AGO, Fifth Column appealed to readers to start taking on the racials in the one area where they are well-organised—the letters pages of local papers and the local radio phone-in programmes.

Already we've had a good response. This is part of a letter which Robert Marmion of Bootle 15 had published in his local paper:

For as long as the press and employers succeed in getting white workers to blame blacks, they will be laughing all the way to the bank.

The working class will remain packed into tiny corners of this and other countries, stuck on the receiving end of every twist and turn of the blind economic forces that control this society.

That's excellent. And it's an example that needs to be taken up in every town and city if we are to use every means at our disposal to cut down the racials and to get across the arguments for the socialist alternative.

And remember: keep sending in reports of letter published or phone-in successes. There's a monthly prize of a new book for the best.

Below are the phone numbers of the local phone-in programmes. Get cracking, comrades!

- BIRMINGHAM: BRMB Radio: Mon-Fri 6.30pm-7.30pm. Phone 359 4011
- BRADFORD: Pennine Radio: Mon-Fri 7-8pm. Phone 392121
- EDINBURGH: Radio Forth: Mon-Fri, 9.30am-Noon. Phone 557 0194
- GLASGOW: Radio Clyde: Friday 6.30pm-7.30pm. Phone 204 0261
- IPSWICH: Radio Orwell: Mon-Fri 6.30pm-7.30pm. Phone 217000
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- LBC: Mon-Fri 9pm-1am. Phone 353 8111
- MANCHESTER: Piccadilly Radio: Mon-Fri 6.30pm-7.30pm. Phone 228 6262
- NOTTINGHAM: Radio Trent: Mon-Fri 6.30pm-8pm. Phone 581881
- Thurs. open line
- PLYMOUTH: Plymouth Sound: Mon-Fri 10am-Noon. Phone 27651
- READING: Thames Valley: Mon and Wed. Phone 413131
- NEWCASTLE: Metro Radio: Mon-Fri 2pm-3pm and Midnight-2am. 883188
- WOLVERHAMPTON: Beacon Radio: Phone 754123

## God go with you ... on the dole

STUDENT teachers looking in vain for jobs need worry no more: God is on your side.

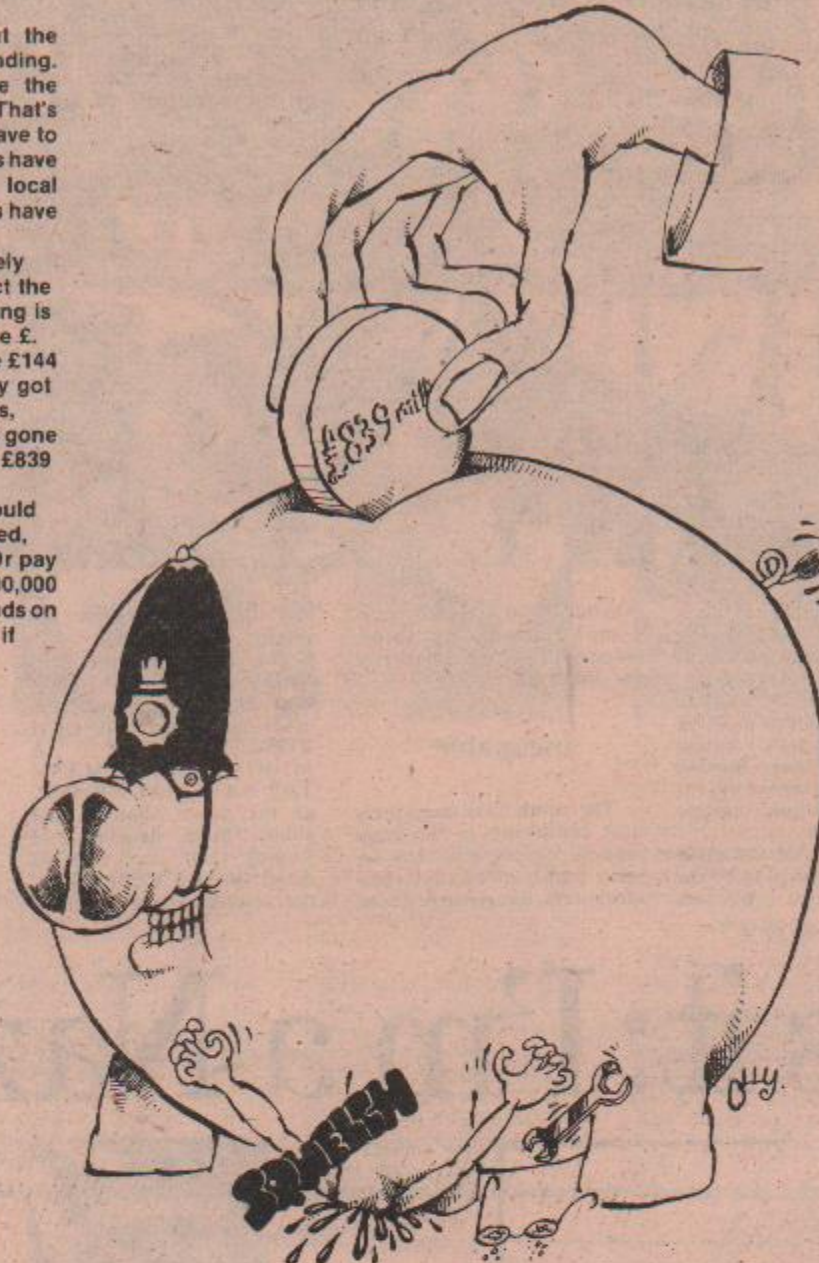
At least that's the message from G H W Westbrook, headmaster of Christ Church school in Ware, Hertfordshire.

A newly-qualified teacher at Bedford College of Education recently applied for a vacancy at Christ Church and received from Mr Westbrook the following immortal reply:

Thank you for your application... The position has now been filled... I regret the disappointment you may feel. As a Church school, we have prayed much over this matter and I hope that today's verse from my Scripture calendar will help you to go on waiting for God's guidance on your life. Isaiah chapter 48 verse 23 says 'They shall not be ashamed that wait for Thee'.

As Fifth Column's correspondent puts it: 'You can just see it, can't you: the newly-qualified young teacher, standing on the end of the dole queue, clutching that fountain of comfort to the breast, finding consistent assurance in the Bible's sacred words. Never mind poverty or unemployment when God is on your side.'

You've heard about the cuts in public spending. We just don't have the money, you know. That's why the hospitals have to close, school classes have to be over 40, local government workers have to be sacked. These cuts—strangely enough—don't affect the police. Their spending is going up—31p in the £. This is on top of the £144 million increase they got in 1975. In two years, police spending has gone up £353 million—to £839 million. This £353 million could buy six well-equipped, modern hospitals. Or pay the wages of over 100,000 teachers. It all depends on your priorities. And if you're the Labour government...



## YOU WERE SAYING, REGGIE?

MR REGINALD Maudling would be the first to challenge the Marxist thesis that ideas are related to material things.

He is Shadow Foreign Secretary. And last week he emerged from what seems to have been a prolonged siesta to launch a stinging attack on the sentences of the mercenaries in Angola. He

called them 'inhuman' and a 'travesty of justice'.

Last time Mr Maudling was in Angola, he was supervising the building of the huge new harbour at Mocamedes.

His company, Construction Promotions Ltd, had sold the building and architect's services.

The architect-in-chief was

John Poulson, now jailed for corruption.

Oh, and by the way. When Maudling was profiting from the building of the Mocamedes harbour, Angola was under Portuguese dictatorship.

Anyone caught fighting the Portuguese was imprisoned, hanged or shot without any trial at all.

QUOTE: The public at large much prefer peers of blue blood rather than the feeble pink of the new so-called peerage.

—Tory MP John Stokes attacking, on 29 June, a proposal to bar the sons of hereditary peers from being able to vote in the House of Lords. Mr Stokes considers himself a democrat.

## The real scroungers

HERE ARE some scroungers you won't have read about in the News of the World.

200 fat farmers have fiddled more than £143,000 from the government, according to the Public Accounts Committee.

One of the best fiddles was over money paid to fatten cattle. After they'd

been fattened up, instead of being sold and slaughtered, they were put back on the farms—to get another subsidy.

These scroungers aren't going to have to pay a penny back. The government has decided it wasn't their fault, but that of field officials of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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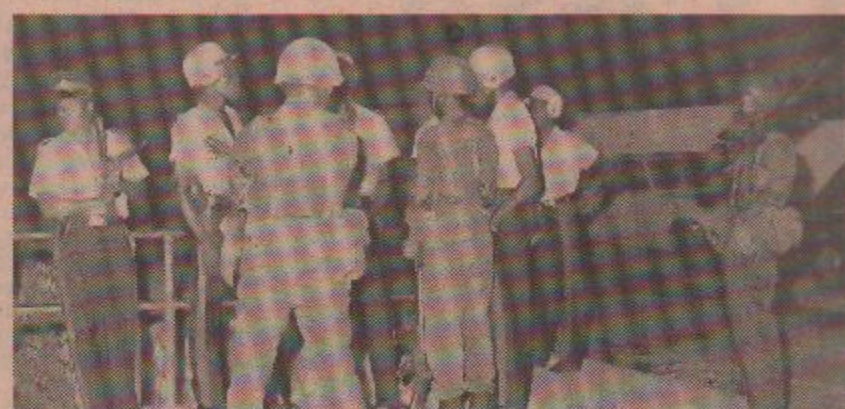
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# JAMAICA

# THE TRUTH ABOUT MANLEY'S STATE OF EMERGENCY



Army and police patrols on the streets of Kingston, Jamaica: this is what the emergency means . . .

**THE MAIN** losers from the effective partition of Cyprus in the last two years have been the working class, both Greek and Turkish.

The Turkish army controls the Northern two-fifths of the island. The right wing Turkish Cypriot leader Denktash has used the 40,000 Turkish mainland troops to enforce a rigid dictatorship.

There is repression against any kind of left winger, or anyone who might favour collaboration with the Greek Cypriots.

But there has been a wave of

## After the invasion... wage cuts and unemployment

strikes and demonstrations in the North, and in one demonstration alone, eight people were killed by Turkish troops.

In the Greek Cypriot South, unemployment has rocketed from one per cent to 30 per cent.

The 'patriotic' Cypriot bosses have been exporting

their capital.

The biggest and most important capitalist in Cyprus is the church. It owns cement factories, a chromium mine, a fertiliser mine, its own bank, hotels, a ship repair yard, even an asbestos mine.

The church has been investing in mainland Greece.

Shortly after the coup and

invasion, the Makarios government imposed compulsory wage cuts of up to 25 per cent.

This has meant that the profits of many companies have increased despite the collapse of the economy.

The government has shown little interest in the problems of the refugees, many of whom

are still living in tents.

All that the refugees have been offered is grants of £500 to build their own homes. This, of course, is only enough to build shacks.

But the Cypriot Communist Party, which gets 40 per cent of the vote, has declared itself to be against the class struggle 'in the present situation'.

### Strikes

In particular, it is opposed to strikes to restore pre-1974 wages and conditions.

The government's only 'solution' to the problems of unemployment and the collapse of the economy has been the large scale export of workers to Eastern Europe.

Some 10,000 workers have been to Eastern Europe out of a total workforce of 150,000. Workers have gone to construction sites in Bulgaria and are now also going to factories in Czechoslovakia.

There exists a proud tradition of militant united Greek and Turkish trade unionism from before the time when right-wing terrorism and the passivity of the Communist Party destroyed it.

### Bases

Through their struggles the Greek and Turkish working class of Cyprus can break the military cordon that separates them and fight for a socialist Cyprus free of all foreign troops, be they Greek, Turkish or British.

THREE WEEKS AGO, the Jamaican prime minister, Michael Manley, proclaimed a state of emergency throughout the island.

This was not, as the British press claims, a result of finding an arms cache. Police have been finding hoards of sub-machine guns, shotguns, Molotov cocktails, dynamite and ammunition for months in various parts of the island.

The state of emergency came after a leading organiser was expelled from the right-wing opposition party, the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP). He gave the police hard evidence of a plot between that party and the CIA to overthrow the government.

Immediately, eight leading JLP members were arrested and many more will follow.

### Runaway

The JLP has been collecting large sums of money from runaway Jamaican capitalists in the US and Canada. At one JLP meeting in the Canadia Hotel in Toronto, one million dollars were pledged to bring down the Manley government. The money was needed to get guns and explosives for hundreds of unemployed youths to fight for the JLP.

However, the confidence with which Manley moved against the JLP is evidence that the US government had already decided to take the pressure off him.

Partly the change in the US attitude is because they have at last realised that Manley himself is not a danger. Trading with Cuba, Hungary and Algeria does not make him a revolutionary.

Manley has always said this and it seems that the Americans are starting to believe him.

### Upsurge

They realise he is the only person in Jamaica who can control the current upsurge in working class militancy.

Seaga, the JLP leader, wouldn't be able to control the workers except by the methods of a dictator.

Another reason the US government have had to change their tactics is that the progressive forces in Jamaica have done their work well.

From every rum-bar, Bob Marley's voice blares out: 'Rastas don't work for no

By a Socialist Worker correspondent in Jamaica

CIA'. Dozens of walls over Jamaica proclaim 'Seaga, CIA Agent'.

Even the government showed the Granada TV film on the CIA in Chile at a recent press conference.

### Thugs

Manley has moved against the thugs of the JLP. But the police and army won't stop oppressing the workers and the poor.

In fact, they are likely to use the fact that they have locked up some of the right as an excuse to step up their actions against workers.

If what Mrs Gandhi is doing in India is anything to go by, we will soon be seeing left-wing workers locked up in the same prisons as right-wing politicians.

It is the duty of every worker in Britain to watch the Jamaican situation carefully and, when the time comes, to act in solidarity with Jamaica's workers.

# CYPRUS: Two years' agony

By Andreas Papageorgiou

**EIGHTEEN million refugees . . . 700,000 dead . . . two million living in tents. These would be the figures if the events of the last two years in Cyprus were repeated on the same scale in Britain.**

Two years ago, on 15 July a fascist coup stage-managed from Greece, then still under military rule, was followed by a Turkish invasion.

The Cypriots are still suffering from its effects. One in three families lost someone dead; either left-wingers killed during the fascist coup, or those killed during the invasion.

These violent and tragic events were not the result of a conflict between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, but of the intervention of outside forces.

Cyprus has the misfortune to lie in a strategically important position, close to the Middle East.

For this reason, the British ran the island as a colony from 1878 to 1960. They deliberately created tension between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, who had lived peacefully together.

Nevertheless, not until 1963 was there intercommunal fighting on any scale.

It is widely believed that the murders that started the intercommunal fighting were the work of CIA agents.

### Foreign

The partition of Cyprus has long been an aim of American foreign policy. They hope that, one way or another, it will bring the Cyprus bases into the NATO set-up.

The events of two years ago were designed to achieve this. The junta in Greece, a child of NATO and the CIA, staged a fascist coup in Cyprus, murdering hundreds of trade unionists and left wingers.

Five days later, the Turkish army, also part of NATO and equipped with the same American weapons as the Greek army, landed in the North of Cyprus.



ABOVE and BELOW: The refugee camps of Cyprus. Thousands of families are forced to live in these conditions.



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to the Trucial States, the East to work on the projects.

would have been impossible without them. Fifty million workers were slaughtered in World War Two, leaving an awful lot of jobs to be done and too few workers to do them. So people like Enoch Powell—yes, that's right—organised recruiting visits to Third World countries to get the necessary labour.

Now the boom has turned to bust they simply want to fling immigrant workers on the scrapheap, rather like they do with those who are injured at work, or grow old.

**You say immigration controls are racist—surely this isn't so?**

They're deliberately and blatantly racist. To try to hide this, the last Tory government even invented the terms 'patrial' and 'non-patrial' to avoid having to speak of 'white' and 'black'. They then made it even more difficult for 'non-patrials' to get into Britain.

White Rhodesians come through immigration by the hundred without so much

as a question. But in India, there is a vast bureaucracy at work to make it as difficult as possible for wives and husbands to get through the jungle of officialdom and join their families in Britain.

The rich have no problems whatsoever on this score. They can be Class A scroungers as 'tax exiles'. But they can nip in and out whenever they like.

What's more, when they want servants they can get them in without work permits because their 'au pairs' are not subject to the work permit legislation.

**So you're opposed to the work permit laws as well as other forms of immigration controls?**

Certainly. The work permits system is a disgraceful piece of exploitation: It makes workers vulnerable as contract labour without real rights, people who live in fear of deportation if they get out of line.

It is, in short, a free gift to the employers, so should be opposed by any trade unionist worth his or her salt.

We're opposed to all forms of migration controls. We believe in the free movement of people. We believe that people who want to leave Britain to work in Canada should be allowed to go, so we believe that those who want to come here should also be free to do so.

We're opposed to immigration controls for another reason. If you say immigration must be controlled you're really saying that immigrants are a problem. Socialist Worker totally rejects this absurd notion.

The problems that working people—black and white—face are the result of the mad and wasteful system of society around us.

In a socialist Britain no factory would stand idle while thousands of workers hunted for work. Socialism would make sure there was work for all—because only our work can create extra wealth for the whole of society. To that end we would welcome any worker from anywhere who wanted to help in that job.

I do not wish to bore your readers with the disgusting details of this inhumane system. I just want to say this about the behaviour of immigration officials.

They think that black immigrants to England are their slaves, that we are beggars, that we are not just second or third-class citizens but fourth or fifth-class, and that it is not our right to live together as husband and wife.

They feel that it is absolutely up to them to decide who gets into Britain.

My experience made me feel that these immigration officials are not human at all. I don't think any dictator from any country could be more revolting.

Anyway, after still more rounds of questioning they still would not let my wife come. They started asking me about accommodation in Britain. Then I was forced to return to Britain once more without my wife.

**Stupid**

Now, with my wife pregnant, they want to know when she became pregnant, was it during my visit—and all sorts of other questions loaded with racism and innuendo.

Now they're asking my landlord to take a day off his work and to answer some more of their stupid questions, questions which are designed to create obstacles rather than obtain answers.

People call this a civilised country. It's not civilised at all.

It is up to working people to fight to overthrow this monstrous bureaucratic nightmare, which goes under the name immigration control and which the racists want to make even more inhuman.

came back to Britain and sent my wife a sponsor's letter—as required by the regulations. It was seven months before she was granted an interview with British Embassy officials.

In the course of the interview they insisted that more inquiries were needed.

They would not believe that my wife was my wife. Further inquiries were to take six weeks.

By the end of November absolutely nothing had happened. So I wrote to them asking for information about what 'progress' had been made. I got no reply.

**Reply**

I wrote again in December saying that if they required me for interview in Pakistan I would gladly come. Again no reply.

By this time I was growing more and more anxious. I went back to Pakistan to visit my wife.

I went to Islamabad to see what was happening at the Embassy. They wouldn't even let me inside the gate without an appointment.

How you're supposed to get an appointment when they don't even reply to your letters I do not know.

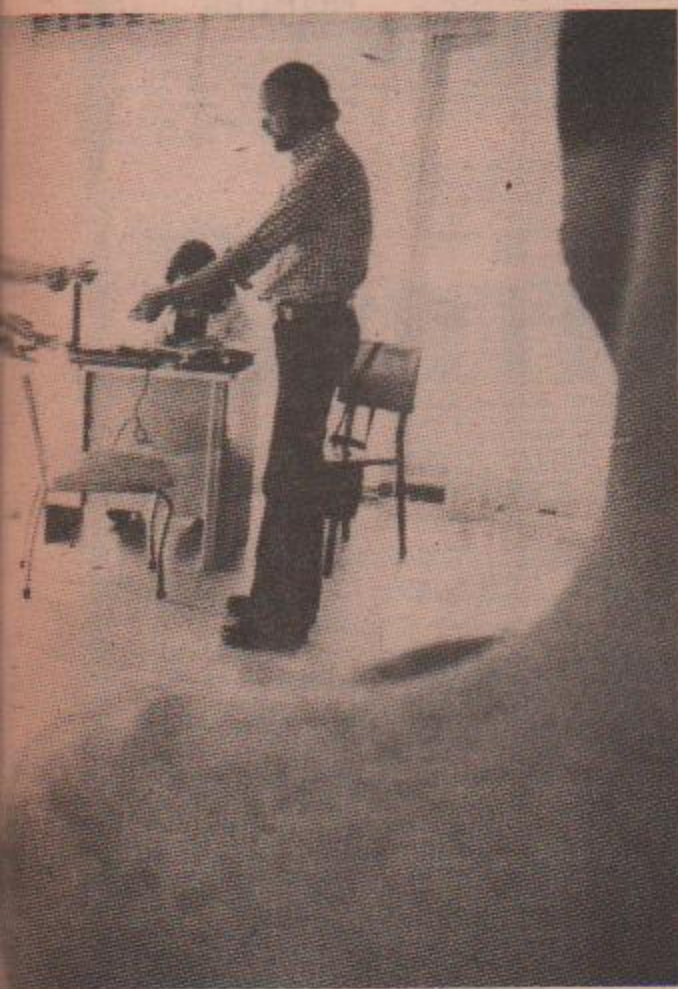
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# controls



They go all over Europe to work for firms like London Eating

immigrants are we are beggars ... our right to live and wife'

by NADIM MOHAMMED

I AM a London busman and a regular reader of Socialist Worker. I would like to congratulate the paper for the huge campaign it has waged against the lies of the fascists and racists and for the fight it has put up against the restrictions on black people who want to come to this country, restrictions which do not of course apply to whites.

I'd like to tell your readers what the racist immigration controls against me and people like me really mean.

I married in Pakistan in February 1975. In March I

# Who ordered the cover-up for army murder?

**CAPTAIN BURKE** of the Third Battalion of the Parachute Regiment supervised the murder of Brian Smith, a 26-year-old Catholic from the Ardoyne district of Belfast, on 17 April 1973.

Afterwards, with the help of high-ranking army officers, Burke conspired to cover up the murder and to have Edward McClafferty, an innocent man, jailed on an arms charge.

This emerged in a Belfast court last week when one of the four paratroopers involved in the killing, Christopher Hendley, admitted that he had lied at McClafferty's trial. McClafferty has now been released on bail for a retrial.

Hendley told the court that with Captain Burke and two other soldiers, he had set up a secret observation post in a disused house in Etna Drive, Ardoyne, around 3.45 on the morning of the killing. Around mid-morning they saw up to nine men, including Brian Smith and Edward McClafferty, gather at the junction of Etna Drive and Brompton Park.

**'Fire'**

'I didn't know what they were doing there, but Captain Burke said: "This is too good a chance to miss". He detailed each member of this group we were to shoot at... He said he would take McClafferty.

'He asked us if we were ready and we replied yes. Then he said "Fire." I fired.

'The men had not produced any weapons. I did not see any weapons.'

Hendley said that afterwards Burke took the three soldiers into a room and told them to say that McClafferty had pulled a pistol from his pocket and Brian Smith withdrew an

## TROOPS OUT



Armalite rifle from his trouser leg.

Minutes later we were informed that Brian Smith had been killed. Captain Burke said it was a pity we did not get more of them.

McClafferty was arrested a few days later and charged with possession of a pistol. Immediately the case caused uproar, because all civilian eye-witnesses were adamant that none of the men had been armed.

McClafferty was given bail by the magistrates court—then rearrested as he stepped from the court and taken to Long Kesh camp where he was held until the trial came up 13 months later. He says he recognised the soldier who rearrested him—Captain Burke.

**Truth**

At the trial the soldiers repeated their lying story. Inevitably, the judge—juries have been abolished in Northern Ireland—believed them. McClafferty got eight years.

The case, and the controversy surrounding it at the time, was exactly similar to many many others in the past five years, where civilians have been killed by soldiers—with the difference that this time some of the truth finally came out.

Enough emerged at last week's hearing to establish that Burke and the others are guilty of, for a start, murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to pervert the course of justice and perjury. The Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Army's Special Investigation Branch have begun inquiries. The outcome is awaited here with cynical interest.

**Armed**

Cynical because Captian Burke is now Major Burke. Cynical because a soldier has yet served a day in jail here for an offence against a civilian.

But the whole truth has yet to come out. The probability is that very high-ranking officers indeed were involved in the cover-up.

An hour after the fatal shooting the press desk and Army HQ in Lisburn put out the following statement: 'A security forces patrol observed

a group of men armed with weapons. They were about to open fire on the security forces, who engaged the gunmen. Fire was returned.

'No security forces casualties. Three hits reported. Hostile women prevented recovery of weapons.'

The point of interest is that this statement goes much farther than the perjured evidence of the four soldiers directly involved. It says that the civilians 'were about to open fire'—but at Edward McClafferty's trial Burke agreed that at no time did the men even take aim.

The press statement says 'Fire was returned'. None of the soldiers ever alleged this.

**Ranks**

If these two critical points, the most direct and damning of the allegations made, were not based on soldiers' statements—on what were they based? Who concocted this vital part of the criminal cover-up?

Certainly press statements on behalf of the British Army are not drawn up by lower ranks...

The man in charge of the Army press desk at Lisburn on 17 April 1973 was Lt Col Warren Sillitoe, now secretary of Surrey County Cricket Club, 'writer' and television expert on putting down subversion.

The willingness of senior officers to justify and cover up such killings is not to be doubted. A recent article in the Irish Times recalled that reports in newspapers the day after the incident quoted a 'security forces source' as saying that an 'unofficial briefing' that 'In a guerrilla situation as existed in the North the official instrument of law and order could not be expected to do its job properly while operating entirely within the law.'

In other words, that the army can and does ride roughshod over the law in its defence of the status quo.

The government of the day made no effort to identify and discipline the source of that admission.

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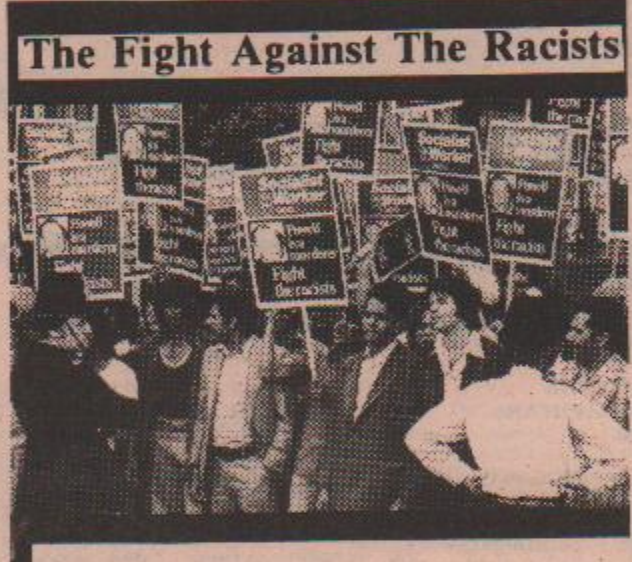
Indeed, no government, Tory or Labour, has been willing to stand up to the increasingly open political interventions of the Army top brass here—with the result that the self-confidence of politically-motivated, right-wing officers has steadily increased.

The implications of that, as the economic crisis deepens, are ominous for British as much as Irish workers—one reason why socialists should watch closely how deep the Labour government is willing to dig to unearth the conspiracy which killed Brian Smith and sent Edward McClafferty to a prison camp: whether, for example, Lt Col Warren Sillitoe (Retd) will be among those questioned.

In places like Ardoyne people think they know the answer already. Which is why so many of them support the IRA.

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by DAVID SNEDDON  
TGWU shop steward,  
Chrysler Linwood

I STARTED to sell Socialist Worker in my factory because it is important that workers get a chance to read a workers' paper.

When I started to read the paper myself, I noticed that when I had finished reading it and put it down, there was always someone would pick it up and become interested in it. This would lead to a discussion on certain points between a few of the lads.

I would point out the socialist argument on such things as the TUC and Labour Party sell-out on wages, when these bureaucrats themselves are getting from £150-a-week upwards.

How unemployment and inflation are not caused by immigrants or greedy workers, but by the nature of capitalism itself.

How public spending cuts affect us all by cutting back on the health service, the social services and on education.

The response has been great since I started to sell the paper in the factory. I sold six copies the first time, six weeks ago—and last week 17 workers bought the paper in my shop.

It's great value for 10p. More people are buying the paper each week, because they are sick of reading the lies and distortions in the Sun, Daily Express and Daily Record.

I decided to join IS two weeks ago.



Picture: Graham Black

Socialist Worker sellers outside Fords, Dagenham, where the local branch of the International Socialists sells an average of 50 papers a week. They cover the night shift on Thursday and the early shift on Friday. The IS Conference this year decided that sales outside factories should be greatly increased. Talk to your Socialist Worker organiser about setting up new sales.

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**\* A MEETING of the student union council at Goldsmiths College, South London, agreed to spend £6 from union funds on Socialist Worker's anti-racism stickers. These are to be distributed among students before they leave for the summer vacation so that they can take them back to their home towns.**

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We can supply black and white film at cost price for taking campaign pictures. If you have a 35mm camera or are thinking of buying one, for 25p we'll send you a roll of 20 exposure film.

We will return to everyone who sends us exposed film a contact proof sheet—so you can use the photos in your local campaign too—with short notes about possible improvement. We particularly want to hear from socialist photographers abroad.

Write to Socialist Worker Editorial (Photography), Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

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## WHAT'S ON

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### SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

**EAST LONDON Socialist Worker public meeting:** Black Workers in Struggle—Jamaica, South Africa, Britain. Speakers: Nod Reynolds (National Jamaica Workers Union) and Nigel Harris (Socialist Worker). Wednesday 14 July, 7.45pm, Princess May School, top end of Kingsland High Road, Hackney.

**EAST LONDON Socialist Worker meeting:** Stop the Racists, Fight the Bosses—not the blacks. Speakers: Azim Hajee (Birmingham International Socialists) and Nigel Harris (Socialist Worker). Thursday 15 July, 7.45pm, Manor Park Library, Romford Road, Manor Park (buses 25 and 86).

**HARLOW Socialist Worker public meeting:** Why International Socialists? Joanna Rollo (IS international organiser) leads discussion on the struggles of working people in other countries—and our links with them. Wednesday 14 July, 8pm, Tye Green CA, Harlow. All welcome.

**STAMFORD Socialist Worker public meeting:** How the Fat Cats steal all of the Cream. Speaker: David Bunch. Thursday 22 July, 7.30pm, London Inn, St John's Street, Stamford.

**SOUTH WEST LONDON Socialist Worker day school on economics:** Saturday 17 July, 10.30am-6.30pm, Ruskin House, Crowdon £1 fee including food. For details phone 01-673 6500.

**HIGH WYCOMBE Socialist Worker Discussion Meeting:** The Role of the Revolutionary Party. Thursday 22 July, 8pm, White Lion Pub, Crendon St, High Wycombe. Speaker: Duncan Hallas.

**MANCHESTER Socialist Worker public meeting:** Victory to the Black Resistance in South Africa! Fight Racism in Britain! Speakers include Martin, from Zimbabwe. Friday 16 July, 7.30pm, Town Hall basement, Mount Street, Manchester.

**CENTRAL LONDON Women's Voice public Meeting:** Equal Pay and How to get it. Thursday 8 July, 6.30pm, The Plough, Museum Street, WC1.

**LEEDS Socialist Worker public meeting:** Racism and the Cops. Speakers: Laurie Flynn and Kim Gordon. Wednesday 14 July, 8pm, The Concert Room, Trades Club, Saville Mount, Leeds 7. Admission free.

**SOUTHWARK TEACHERS SW Public Meetings:** 15 July The Struggle in Italy. At South Bank Poly, Students Union, Rotary St. Details from Gil Loewenstein (022 1090).

**HULL Socialist Worker discussion meetings:** Every second Sunday, 7pm, at Socialist Books, 238 Springbank, Hull. Sunday 18 July: The Labour Party, an obstacle to Socialism.

**HACKNEY SCHOOLS SW public meeting:** China—before & after Mao. Speaker: Nigel Harris. Monday 12 July, 8pm, The Talbot public house, Mortimer Rd, N1. ALL WELCOME.

**SOUTH EAST LONDON Socialist Worker public meeting:** Smash racism! Build the revolutionary socialist party. Speakers: Nigel Harris and Danny Evaristo. Chairman: Amhar Chakraverty. Tuesday 13 July, 8pm, Sikh Temple, Masors Hill, SE16.

**CHESTER Socialist Worker Discussion meetings:** Every Tuesday, 7.30pm, The Railway Inn, Brook Street, Chester (near rail and bus stations). 13 July: Northern Ireland. Speaker: Les Kay. 20 July: Women and Socialism. Speaker: Carol Douras. 27 July: Shrewsbury Conspiracy Trials—Why is Des Warren still in jail? Speaker: Ricky Tomlinson.

**ITALY—WHAT NEXT?** Socialist Worker day school on The Roots of the Crisis, The role of the Communist Party, The Revolutionary Left, The elections and future prospects. Saturday 10 July, 10am to 5pm, Polytechnic of North London Students Union, Holloway Road, London N7 (nearest tube Holloway Road). For accommodation phone 01-439 6541.

**Socialist Worker NORTH AMERICA** day school. Saturday 10 July, 10am-5pm, Bedford College, Regents Park London NW 1 (room 107, Tube Building). Sessions on: Prospects for American capitalism, The American Labour Movement, Industrial Struggle, The Black Movement, Links Between the International Socialists in the US and in Britain. For overnight accommodation and further details, phone 01-254 3952.

**SALFORD Socialist Worker readers** and members of the International Socialists meet Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Ye Olde Nelson, Chiepel Street, Salford.

### SOCIALIST WORKER NOTICES

**RACIALISM, Immigration Controls** and the fight against them: Speakers' notes now available for branch/public meetings. Send stamped, addressed envelope to Joanna Rollo, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

**SPECIAL OFFER—Isaac Deutscher's RUSSIA—THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION.** £1 including postage, from the Socialist and TU Bookcentre, 224 High Street, Digbeth, Birmingham B12. Open Monday to Saturday 10am-6pm.

**CARDIFF SW supporters' seaside outing:** Sunday 11 July. Phone Cardiff 499579 for details of transport etc. Bring the family. Keep this day free.

**ILFORD Disco** in aid of the Socialist Worker Fighting Fund: Friday 9 July, 8pm, The Plough, Ilford Lane, Ilford. Free food bar extension, raffle. Tickets 50p.

**INNER EAST LONDON Socialist Worker Fighting Fund Social:** Friday 16 July, 8pm to midnight, St Hilda's East Community Centre, Club Row, London E2. Admission: 65p, unemployed 35p.

### NOISS

**IMPERIALISM** Weekend school organised by the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies, 10-11 July, in London. Sessions on Imperialism Today (introduced by Nigel Harris) and workshops on various areas of the world. Overseas students especially welcome. Further details from NOISS, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 (phone 01-739 9772). NON-STUDENTS ALSO WELCOME.

**REVOLUTIONS OF THE 20TH CENTURY:** Weekend school timed to mark 40 years since the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, 17-18 July, in London. Sessions on Russia 1917, Germany 1923, Spain 1936, Hungary 1956 and Portugal 1974. Details from NOISS, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 (phone 01-739 9772). NON-STUDENTS WELCOME.

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

**SW Litho** are offering a **PRINTING APPRENTICESHIP**, to start as soon as possible. Applicants must be under 19 and have a mechanical aptitude. Applications in writing to: Training Officer, SW Litho, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

**SOUTH EAST ASIA:** National IS day school for members and supporters, covering the history, current situation and political organisations in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, and Asian workers and organisation here. Speaker: Nigel Harris. Sunday 18 July, 10.30am-5.30pm, Trade Union Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. There will be a pool fare, and we are trying to arrange transport from some areas. Phone Joanna Rollo—01-739 9772, for details.

**TASS:** National meeting for all IS members in TASS. Saturday 10 July, 11am, Trades Council Club, Leeds. Members are urged to bring supporters. Further details from Mick Tew (phone Coventry 455486).

**POLAND:** Speakers and speakers' notes available from IS East European Group, c/o International Department, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

**SOCIALIST WORKER DISTRIBUTORS** needs a London-based comrade to work unpaid 10 hours a week. Some evening work. Qualifications: Must be willing and able to work with other groups including Iberians Ring/visit Pete Fysh, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 (phone 01-739 2639).

**NALGO:** National meeting for all IS members in NALGO. Weekend 17-18 July, starts 10.30am Saturday, Students Union, Barnes Wallis Building, UMIST, Sackville Street, Manchester. Accommodation: phone Penny Parkes, 061-434 7255 (outside work hours).

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# WHERE WE STAND

### INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION:

The workers create all the wealth under capitalism. A new society can only be constructed when they collectively seize control of that wealth and plan its production and distribution.

### REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up, or reformed, as the established Labour and trade union leaders say. It has to be overthrown.

### THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling classes against the workers.

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state based

upon councils of workers' delegates and a workers' militia. At most, parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

### INTERNATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of a world-wide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers

in other countries. We oppose everything which turns workers from one country against those from other countries. We oppose racialism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation movements.

We are for real, social, economic and

political equality of women.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country.

Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist.

We support the struggles of workers in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling class.

### THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve socialism, the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party.

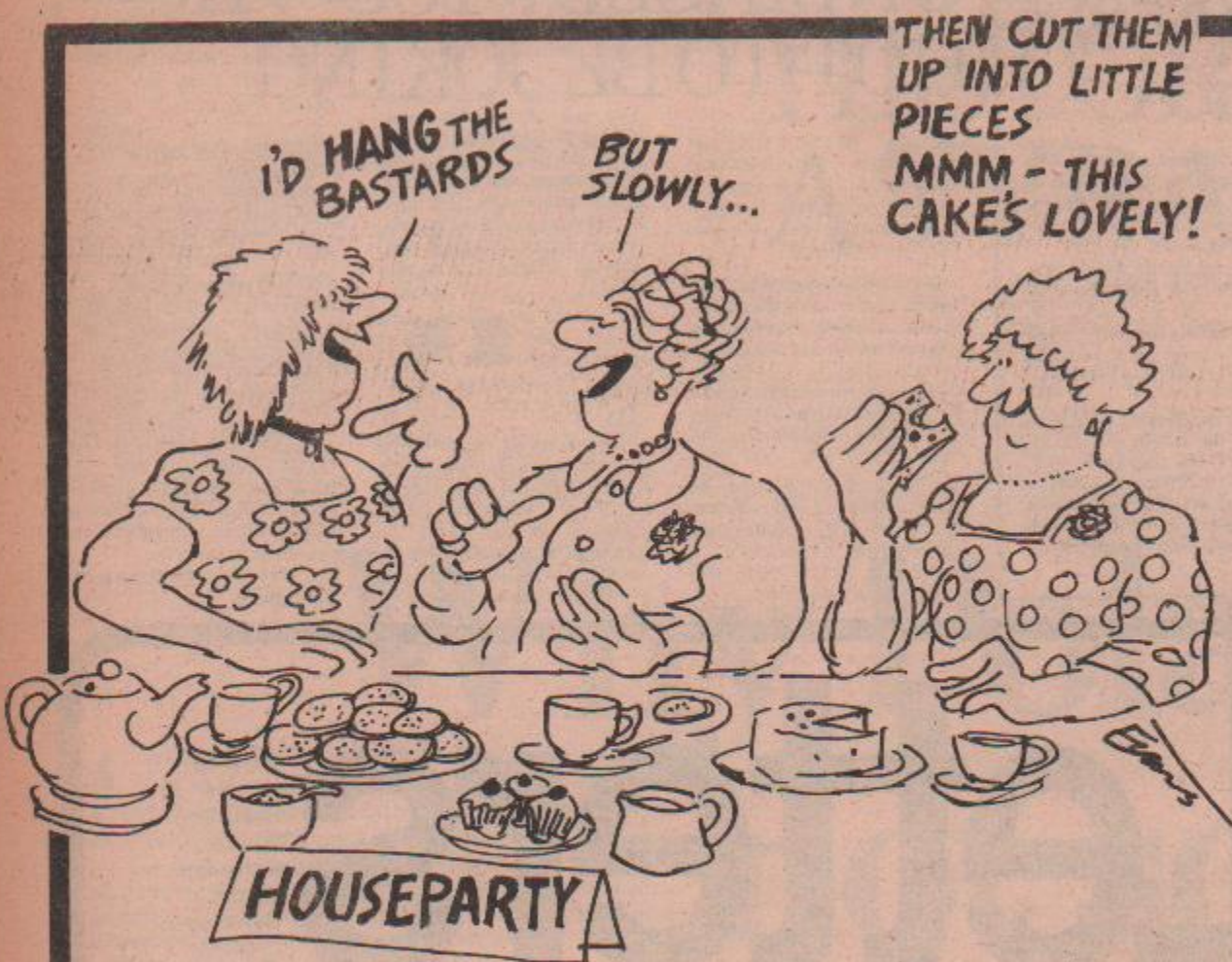
Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

We have to prove in practice to other workers that reformist leaders and reformist ideas are opposed to their own interests.

We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

We urge all those who agree with our policies to join with us in the struggle to build the revolutionary party.

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15.



## Women writers who had to hide behind men's names

THE oppression of women, which has meant that few ever write novels, plays or poetry, has resulted in a devastating human loss, in terms of insights unrecorded and experiences unshared.

Before the 19th century, women authors were rare. Since the 1860s they've formed less than a quarter of the writers in print at any one time.

This is not simply the result of a filthy capitalist plot by publishers to discriminate against women. A more important reason is the position women occupy in society, that deprives nearly all of the leisure and privacy that imaginative writing demands.

Engels defined that position: 'The modern individual family is founded on the open or concealed domestic slavery of the wife... Within the family he [the husband] is the bourgeois and the wife represents the proletariat.'

Women who have, in spite



When the poetess Elizabeth Barrett Browning died in 1861, Edward Fitzgerald, the translator of Omar Khayyam, wrote: 'Mrs Browning's death is rather a relief to me, I must say... She and her sex had better mind the kitchen and the children—and perhaps the poor.'

A humiliating and incalculably deforming way round this prejudice for several Victorian women was to deny their identity and hide behind male pen-names—Charlotte, Emily and Ann Bronte became Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell, and Elizabeth Gaskell became Cotton Mather Mills.

### Denial

Most grotesque of all, perhaps, Mary Ann Evans called herself George Eliot—George after George Lewes, whom she lived with, and Eliot to stand for To-L(ewes)-I-Owe-it—a denial not just of her own identity but even of her own talent.

Things have shifted a bit since, but not changed fundamentally. You don't have to pose as a man to get into print any more, but it does help if you conform to a certain sort of masculine definition of yourself.

So the publicity manager of Weidenfelds the publishers was recently quoted: 'It's better to have a woman author who is photogenic because you can get more coverage for her.'

Attitudes of that sort go deep. It's going to need a revolution rather than a Sex Discrimination Act to begin to dissolve them.

PAUL O'FLINN

# Brainwashing in the afternoon

OUR thoughtful and ever-considerate bosses are always on the look-out for new opportunities to educate us workers in any way that seems fit...

and unfit. A policeman's truncheon is often useful.

With the coming of afternoon telly they've been quick to seize the chance to indoctrinate, subtly and deviously, women who are forced to stay at home through unemployment, no nursery for the kids, or whatever.

It's bad enough being confined at home all day, but after slopping their guts out cleaning, washing, looking after the kids all morning, women need a rest before continuing grafting in the afternoon.

So what better than putting on the radio and having a cuppa? There's always the banality of The Archers, or even Women's Hour. Not impressed? Well, how about the telly?

Most afternoons, the ITV broadcasts a programme called Houseparty. In it a group of up to six women—that's funny, they're all middle-class—chat merrily about various subjects and generally 'enjoy' themselves.

But beware, this programme is not all it first appears.

It is set in the home: kitchen, dining room and lounge are all used. The camera



## TELEVISION DOES ITS BIT TO KEEP WOMEN IN THEIR PLACE

cuts into the middle of an informal conversation between two of the women having a cup of tea or maybe cooking. In the programme I saw, they were making marzipan wasps—what every worker expects to see on their plate after a hard day's grind.

Anyway, the intention is to put us at ease and in a relaxed state of mind.

Then the propaganda hits you.

### Dolls

They talk about doll's houses—isn't it a shame that girls don't play with dolls any more, why don't they play the games we played, mummies and daddies, nurses, etc.

The women talk about babies—how

they always need their mothers constantly with them.

All of this is to reinforce society's idea of the family, to keep women tied to the home, to make women feel the inferior sex.

They talk about pensioners—isn't it a shame that the state subsidises them, surely pensioners don't enjoy loafing about all day, they could do a little job, help the country.

After 45-50 years of exploitation, these bastards want us to suffer some more!

Can't stand any more of it? Well, put the radio on and listen to 'Diddy' David Hamilton hoping you're having a good time at work.

Seems like a touch of 'Heads they win,

tails we lose'.

Of course, in a workers' state all this rubbish will be wiped off the box and radio, but until then our weapon in the struggle against the bosses' propaganda is Socialist Worker.

Socialist Worker must be turned into a real workers' paper, and this means that we, its readers, must become its writers as well. Whether we work, are unemployed or tied to the home, our experiences are vital to our brothers and sisters in their everyday arguments with workmates.

So why not write for Socialist Worker and help us build the socialist alternative.

TOM HARRIS



## THE MEANING OF MARXISM



Duncan Hallas

This pamphlet is intended as an introduction to some of the leading ideas of Marxism

25p plus 7p postage from IS Books, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4

### Series of Socialist Worker meetings on THE MEANING OF MARXISM

**BIRMINGHAM:** Every second Thursday, 7.30pm, Socialist Bookcentre, 224 High Street, Digbeth, Birmingham (near National coach station).  
8 July: The Crisis—What causes inflation and unemployment? Speaker Joan Smith.  
22 July: Imperialism—The fight-back. Speaker Nigel Harris.  
5 August: The Law, the police and the army. Speaker Laurie Flynn.  
19 August: Is Russia Socialist?

**SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Every second Monday, 8pm Clapham Common Library, Clapham Common North Side.  
19 July: Russia 1917. Speaker Tony Cliff.  
2 August: Fascism and Counter-Revolution.

**LIVERPOOL:** Every Wednesday, 7.30pm, IS Books, Berry Street.  
14 July: The Communist Party. Speaker Andy Drummond.  
21 July: Rank and File Movements. Speaker Jack Robertson.  
28 July: How the System Works, an introduction to Marxist economics. Speaker Brian Jones.

## Going down with the party...

WHY did the Communist Party, once a potential force for revolutionary change to socialism in Britain, end up so committed to reformism?

The answer—short and to the point—is to be found in Hugo Dewar's **COMMUNIST POLITICS IN BRITAIN**, which traces the party from its origins to the Second World War.

The book is essential reading for all militant trade unionists and socialists, and will be particularly useful when you run into Communist Party members who are unsure of their party's history. The book of necessity—it's only 155 pages long—does not go deeply into the period, but does correctly locate the main reasons for the Communist Party's degeneration.

Hugo Dewar shows how from its formation, through the General Strike and up to World War Two, the party slavishly followed the twists and turns of Soviet and Comintern policy.

### Clinging

Nowhere was this clinging to Moscow's political apron-strings more apparent than the party's attitude to Germany and the Second World War. It seems unbelievable that men of the standing of Gallagher, Pollitt and Dutt could follow the left, right—right, left of Soviet policy without a protest—but then for them Mother Russia's safety was the supreme concern.

The book is relatively short and makes easy and informative reading. It has one

drawback. At £1.80 it may be more than many workers are prepared to pay for a paperback.

No matter, if you can't scrape the cash together yourself, share the cost with a mate and pass the book on. It's worth the effort.

GEORGE KELLY

\* Pluto Press, £1.80.

### HUGO DEWAR'S Communist Politics in Britain

£1.80, plus 15p postage, from PLUTO PRESS, Unit 10, Spencer Court, 7 Chalcot Road, London NW1.

### FRIDAY

Sick to death of the sugary Bi-Centennial celebrations? **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA** (BBC2) looks like a refreshing change: it looks at America as it would like to be and analyses some of the problems the huge world power has created.

### MONDAY

Don't forget **BILL BRAND** (ITV 9pm).

### THURSDAY

**THE PHILPOTT FILE ON SOUTH AFRICA** (BBC2) looks at South Africa's setting up a television network—known not surprisingly as the White Channel even though it's in colour. Apparently the fact that it has to give equal time to English and Afrikaans languages causes considerable problems. One's heart bleeds.

# Postal Points

PLEASE EXPLAIN in SW where IS differs from the WRP, IMG and other left groups. I know the obvious things but seem to be one of the unfortunate few who always seem to bump into other groups when they sell papers. I'm fairly new to IS membership but want to learn and recruit other group members.

Ken, Leeds.  
 EDITOR: The information you need is contained in the IS Journals 76 and 77, March and April 1975. You can get copies from 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2, price 20p each.

WE WOULD like to congratulate Socialist Worker on the great coverage of racism. It is essential however to link the issue with unemployment and to make it an integral part of the Right to Work Campaign.

We want to see our paper setting aside a regular space devoted to struggles against unemployment past and present to teach us the lessons of history.

This type of coverage will make sure that every SW we sell on the picket lines and dole queues relates to the buyer.

Alan Gibbons (FTAT), John Rees and Ben Mellor, Stockport Right To Work Campaign; Mark Robertson (NUS).

WHY DOESN'T the Labour Party do something about the National Front and the increase in racism that has erupted in recent weeks? The answer is simple.

To admit that bad housing, unemployment etc have nothing to do with blacks necessitates an alternative explanation. The explanation that capitalism does not fulfil men's needs cannot be made by the reformist Labour Party. It is therefore not surprising that the Labour Party takes an equivocating stand on defending the immigrant community.

P. Dickinson, Cambridge.

## EXPOSED: The Russian myth

ROBERT BRIGGS (12 and 26 June) is a realist. He reckons that you can either have an unfair society with freedoms or a fair society with dictatorial rules. He's not alone.

Many Tories say the same thing: 'Socialism equals dictatorship'. Only Robert Briggs thinks this is OK.

The trouble is the myth British and Russia rulers uphold—equality in Russia—is unfounded in fact. My mate has just come back from Hungary and had his eyes opened by the sight of officials

I WAS surprised to read in your editorial of July 3 your support for the execution of the mercenaries in Angola.

Surely these murders are more of the victims of the society your party so ably opposes—a society which puts materialism and the acquisition of wealth and power above people's lives, especially if they are non-white?

Can these deranged thugs alone be punished if they grasped an opportunity, perhaps their first, to be successful in a world which treated them as born failures?

Destroy the system but not a few ignorant and immature pawns of it.  
 Noel Rice, Shepperton.

# Racism-workers pay the price

IN ADDITION to the number of lynchings carried out by the Ku Klux Klan, the ideological pressure of racials in the USA has succeeded in obtaining, among other things, the Immigration Code of 1924 which restricted the number of immigrants on a quota based on 'national origins'.

Hence, the number of 'inferior' Alpine and Mediterranean types were more heavily restricted than those of supposedly more pure Nordic stock.

By 1930, 24 states had passed laws calling for sterilization of the 'feeble-minded', criminals and paupers and 34 states had also passed miscegenation laws, prohibiting marriages between white and black.

By allowing the racism explicit in these examples to divide the American working-class, the labour movement was so sharply attacked during the 1920s that there were fewer union members in 1930 than in 1915. The weakness of the labour movement at the beginning of the 1930s was one of the major reasons why the depression brought such incredible suffering to thousands of working class families.  
 Jim Roper, Manchester



Wreckage after an explosion at Scunthorpe steelworks

# Letters

Write to Letters, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent London E2

## LET'S CAMPAIGN FOR SAFETY-NOW!

YOUR TONGUE-in-cheek article on the Health and Safety at Work Act in Fifth Column (19 June) is right to point out that punishment of law-breaking employers is a mockery, and that we can't rely on the courts to create safe conditions in our workplaces. But SW should really be saying a whole lot more.

The employers may not be plunged into near bankruptcy in the courts, but in the boardrooms they are worried about the potential impact and cost of organised stewards and militants who will fight

for safe working conditions, knowing that we have this law, if not 100 per cent, on our side.

Our union officials too have collaborated in the postponement of implementing parts of the Act.

### Hope

For example, they have accepted the date for legal recognition of safety representatives being put back indefinitely. This makes it so much more difficult to get the stewards behind a fight for a good safety policy.

'Leave it to the official' we too often hear and it handicaps the possibilities for investigation and prevention of hazards.

The employers demanded postponement because they want time to lobby and water down the Act still further. They also hope that if they hold out long enough, political events may force the Government to fall and Act with it.

They hope that maverick militants will be kept out in the cold. And militant shop stewards will be controlled by

their own communities upholding their safety and procedure agreements.

Ignorance of the act, of how it can benefit the unions, of how to strengthen it, of why the employers and union officials are sabotaging it—these are the arguments many trade unionists are battling to get across in their stewards committees and to their work mates.

We've already run into so much opposition. We believe a countrywide, concerted effort by every militant and socialist is needed to get their stewards and officials to force the immediate implementation of the recognition of safety representatives.

### News

As part of this campaign, Massey Ferguson (Coventry) joint shop stewards committee has asked all its stewards to raise the issue of delay through their union branches and trades councils.

We will need information, more news, on developments, on successes and lessons of defeat.

Socialist Worker should really have been more involved in this work in the past. Let's see that from now on it is:  
 Steve Evans and Tom McLaughlin TGWU stewards COV-RAD; Roger Kline, TGWU steward Massey Ferguson; Ian Ridley, AUEW steward, AUEW steward Chrysler Ryton; John Villiers, ACTSS steward Jaguar.

## Why I quit the Labour Party

AFTER several years in the Labour Party, I have decided to leave and join the International Socialists. The ideological control over the minds of the people exercised by capitalism and the economic power which capital can use to force any government into line make a mockery of the 'democratic system'.

It should be stressed that socialism can only be achieved from below when working people fight for it themselves. Socialism cannot be handed down from above, nor can it be imposed from above. Socialists should therefore agitate and educate at the grassroots level, putting across socialist ideas to their workmates and encouraging them to take control of their own lives.

Capitalist ideas among working people can only be defeated when the people become active.

Socialist Worker readers are who Labour Party members should ask themselves whether by remaining in the party they are adding false credibility to the illusion that socialism can be achieved via the Labour Party.  
 PHILIP WEBSTER, Blackburn

## IRELAND-STOP THE POLITICAL HANGINGS

WE ARE CONCERNED at the lack of coverage in the socialist press of the case of Noel and Marie Murray, at present under sentence of death in the Irish Republic, for their alleged part in a bank robbery last September. The Murrays were framed because of their involvement with the Prisoners Rights organisation.

The facts are these: that after the robbery, in which an off-duty policeman was shot and killed, the police announced that it was the anarchists who were responsible. They didn't know who did it but whoever they were, they were anarchists.

There then followed a general rounding up in the Dublin area, of anarchists, including the Murrays. These two were tortured for 30 hours until they signed confessions—which they later withdrew.

Two parallels came to mind: the first is with the Milan bombing of Autumn 1969, where the police also announced, before they began to investigate, that it was the anarchists who did it.

The other is with the case of Puig Antich, the Spanish anarchist who was garrotted for the alleged murder of a fascist agent provocateur.  
 If the Irish authorities get away with judicial murder

of the Murrays then they will not stop. If they get away with one frame-up, they are going to try more.

We call on all readers of Socialist Worker to bring the issue up at their trade union branch or shop stewards committees and to send letters of protest to the Irish Embassy or direct to the Ministry of Justice in Dublin, also letters to the Home Office requesting that a British hangman not be used.

Derek Pattison, M Rowe, Murray Defence Committee

## Rich law-no law

WHOEVER SAYS that there is one law for the poor and none for the rich is dead right.

I've just read an article concerning a Jersey company who have just been fined £1,600 for exporting military parts to South Africa illegally.

They labelled the goods as spare engine parts when in fact the parts were tank sights, range finders and other assorted weaponry.

To cap it all as the chief shareholder of the company left the court he refused to talk to the press and ripped out a lead from a television camera.

The fine was a pittance but just imagine a striker on a picket in court pulling out a camera lead. They would have felt the full wrath of the law and not just a slight telling off as this was.  
 C R Barltrop, Southampton.

Out now With articles on The Soweto Uprising/Portugal elections/Lebanon/Cilif's Lenin 28p inc postage from IS Journal 6 Cottons Gardens London E2 8DN or 20p from your Socialist Worker seller

# International Socialism

WORKERS' revolutions never took place in Poland and the other East European countries.

The fate of those countries was decided at a series of conferences between the rulers of the US, Britain and Russia in 1944 and 1945.

Stalin allowed the West to smash the communists in countries such as Greece; in return the West allowed Stalin's armies to dominate countries such as Poland.

**1 August 1944:**

The population of Warsaw, Poland's capital, rises in revolt against the

Nazi occupation.

For 63 days they fight. 240,000 people are killed. But Russian troops, only a few miles from the city, refuse to move in to aid the insurgents, or to drop them supplies from the air.

Then, when the mass movement is smashed by the Nazis, Russian troops move in to pick up the pieces.



Most of Poland's workers support the vaguely left-wing socialist party (the PPS), not the Communist Party. The CP has always been weak,

having been dissolved by Stalin for four years after 12 of its leaders were executed in Moscow in 1938.

In elections to workshop committees in 1945, the PPS gets 65 per cent of the vote, the CP only 21 per cent.

But when socialist

leaders emerge from underground, they are imprisoned by the Russian troops.

The leader of the trade unions, Kuryloicz, denounces 'injustices suffered by the workers... Elements alien to the working class act like bosses. A clique of self-

seeking politicians is being formed.

**1948:**

A compulsory merger of the Socialist Party with the CP takes place only three months after the Socialist Party congress rejected this call.

**1949:**

Thousands of people are

arrested as 'fascists' and 'traitors', including the former secretary of the Communist Party, Gomulka.

Tens of thousands are expelled from the Communist Party. By 1955 only 45 per cent of the party members are workers—proving false its claim to be a 'workers' party'.



**1950-55:**

A massive programme of industrialisation is undertaken. But this does not benefit the workers or peasants.

Workers' wages are cut

by at least ten per cent.

**1956:**

Workers at Poznan rise in revolt. The Polish leaders bring back Gomulka to ward off threat of revolution.

Russian tanks invade Poland, but withdraw after a last minute deal between Khrushchev and Gomulka.

Polish workers sympathise with the Hungarian revolution, but are persuaded not to give it physical support.

**1957-68**

Gomulka soon shows he is not basically different to his predecessors. In the summer of 1957, police are used to break a tram strike in Lodz.

Between 1960 and 1970 workers' wages stagnate, and then begin to fall.

**1968:**

Student demonstrations in Warsaw are smashed by the police, but not before tens of thousands of young workers have joined them.



Gomulka blames 'the Jews' (although Jewish people are only 0.01 per cent of the population).

Half the Jewish population is forced into exile. Revolutionary socialists are imprisoned.

**December 1970:**

Average food prices are raised by 20 per cent. Workers in Gdansk strike, arm themselves with chains and Molotov cocktails and burn down the party headquarters.

Workers in Szczecin demonstrate, singing the Internationale. They are attacked by the police, but obtain guns and occupy shipyards.



A general strike seems certain in Warsaw.

Gomulka resigns and is replaced by Gierk. After more strikes, Gierk cancels price increases and imposes a five year 'freeze'.

**June 1976:**

Gierk imposes price rises. Mass strikes force him to withdraw them.

# HISTORY OF A TYRANNY

# Why Poland is not socialist

ACCORDING TO THE official doctrine we live in a socialist country. This thesis is based on the identification of state ownership of the means of production with social ownership.

This reasoning is Marxist in appearance. In reality, an element fundamentally alien to Marxist theory has been introduced. State ownership can conceal various class meanings, depending on the class character of the state.

State ownership is exercised by those social groups to whom the state belongs.

To whom does the power belong in our state?

In our system, all decisions relating to state power are made by the party elite, the central political bureaucracy.

By exercising state power, the party elite has at its disposal the nationalised means of production. The decisions of the elite are free of any control on the part of the working class.

To whom does the worker in this country sell his labour? To those who have at their disposal the means of production, the central political bureaucracy.

On account of this, the central political bureaucracy is a ruling class.

**Zloty**

The bureaucracy will not willingly give the working class even one zloty. Any large scale strike action cannot but transform itself into political conflict with the bureaucracy.

At a time when the system is going through a general crisis, the interest of the working class lies in revolution—the overthrow of the bureaucracy and the present relations of production, the gaining control by the workers of their own labour and its product, the introduction of an economic, social and political system based on workers' democracy.

—Jacek Kuron and Karol Modzelewski, An Open Letter to the Party, Warsaw 1964. The authors of this document were subsequently imprisoned for three years for writing it, and for another three years for involvement in the demonstrations of 1968.

POLAND'S ruling bureaucrats used to have special shops of their own, where they could buy goods in short supply elsewhere.

These were closed some years ago. But they still have a huge advantage over workers.

They send their maids to queue for food when the shops open at 7am. Most of the best sorts of food will be gone after about 1½ hours—long before those people who don't have servants and who have to work for a living can get to the shops.



A student demonstration in Warsaw, 1968: such protests were smashed by the police—but not before they had been joined by thousands of young workers.

## Amid poverty...luxury

IN JANUARY 1971, Gierk rushed to Szczecin to try to persuade the workers to call off a strike. The workers told him:

DELEGATE K-4: Work in our division is harmful to one's health. At present every

second worker who works on the slips is blind, deaf, rheumatic, or afflicted with some form of lung disease, and all for so little money...

An assistant makes 1800 to 2000 zlotys [a month]. Let's look at his expenditures. In a family of five: for breakfast

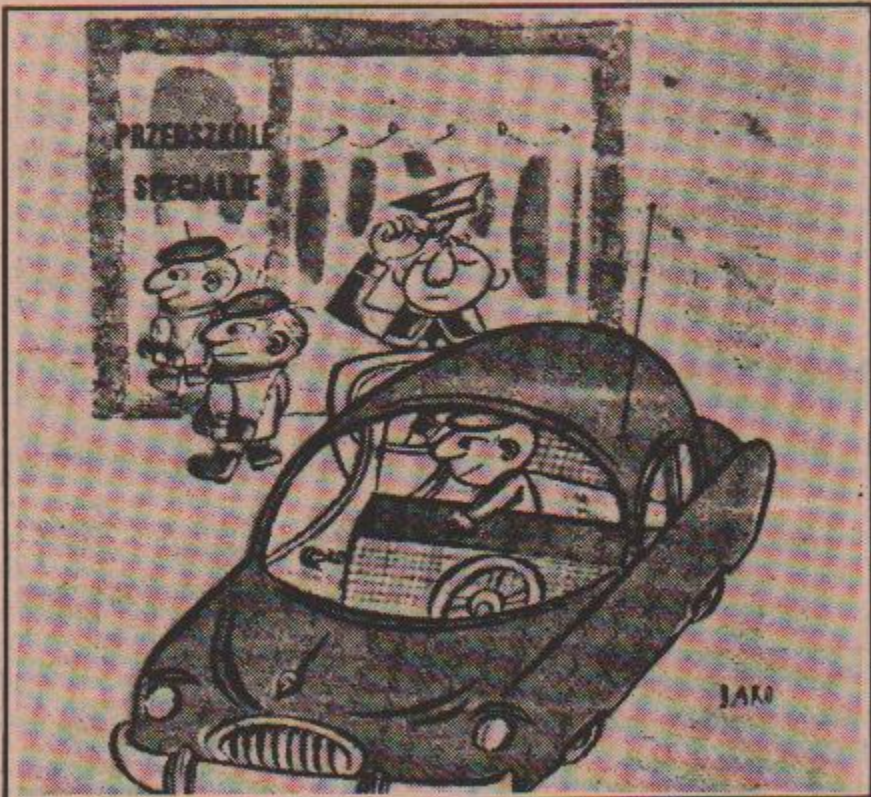
each has a roll with water, for supper the same, and the least expensive lunch is 12 zlotys per person. [This comes to an overall total of 64 zlotys a day. In a month this amounts to 1800-1900 zlotys—for mere subsistence...]

DELEGATE W-6: In our

division the average wage is 2000 zlotys... No family can survive on it. So, to make more money we work overtime...

I know many people who regularly do 150 or even 200 hours overtime a month. This means that they are virtually visitors in their own homes.

DELEGATE ZGW: there have emerged men who live off the efforts of manual workers, but who sit behind their desks and decide our wages. Is this democracy? (Pounding his fist on the table.) No! (Applause.)



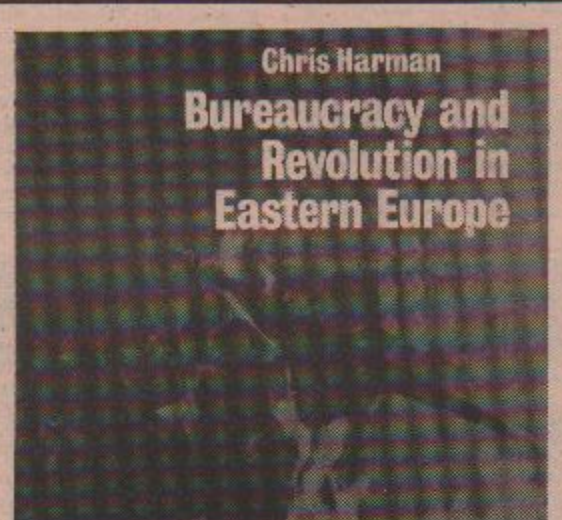
A 1956 cartoon attacking the Privileges of Poland's ruling class: the inscription on the door reads 'Special Kindergarten'.

IN 1955 AND 1966, Polish writers were able, briefly, to tell what conditions were really like.

For instance, Jerzy Urban wrote in the youth paper Po Prostu:

During the recruiting campaign for industry and mining there existed near Warsaw a centre in which young girls who worked in the nearby factory were billeted. Terrible things happened there: dirt, hunger, misery, disease, prostitution, lack of care, mass attacks of hysteria, attempts at suicide.

I later visited the State farms near Zielona Gora. The youngsters lived there not like people, but like cattle. Somewhere on a wooden bed a young girl was dying of disease and hunger. She was fired because she developed tuberculosis.



The recent strikes in Poland were not the first time the workers of Eastern Europe have risen up against the state capitalist regimes.

Bureaucracy and Revolution tells how these-called Communist states came into being after the Second World War. And it tells how the workers rose up against them in East Germany in 1953, in Poland and Hungary in 1956, in Czechoslovakia in 1968, and again in Poland in 1970.

It predicts that similar revolutionary events in Russia will not be far away... It's essential reading if you want to understand why Polish workers are angry.

£2.30 (including postage) from Pluto Press, Unit 10, Spencer Court, 7 Chalcot Road, London, NW1.

M K SHANDS, the pipe-coating firm, have been fined £3,000 at Invergordon in Ross-shire after being found guilty of failing to ensure the safety of a fitter, who was crushed to death.

Alexander Taylor was crushed by the ballast of a crane swinging a pipe in position. At the time, he was removing air tanks from the crane for inspection.

**Sites**

This is the heaviest fine imposed in Scotland since the introduction of the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act.

There have been three

**£3,000... THE PRICE OF A WORKER'S LIFE**

deaths on this site in as many years and this is Shand's fourth appearance in court during that time.

There have also been many serious non-fatal accidents and they have been fined for such offences as not having adequate slings on lorries carrying heavy steel pipes

round the site.

M K in the name stands for Morrison-Knudsen Company Incorporated of Reno, Nevada. The size of the fine on the company is laughable when we consider the size of the company.

M K's turnover was £515 million in 1975 and they have

major investments in 28 countries. They employ 28,000 people and last year made £25 million profit.

**Sting**

Their UK operations had a turnover of £21 million. They are typical of the type of cowboy oil boom multinational companies coming to this area.

They made 250 men redundant in March, have taken 150 back recently and there is now a possibility of 100 redundancies in the near future.

They have used methods like this to ensure lack of union organisation on the site. Even now, the site is only partly unionised.

WORKERS at five Schweppes plants in the North West have been on strike for a week.

They are demanding that Schweppes management should remove their North West Regional Distribution Manager Tony Elsom, who for months has provoked discontent and upset labour relations with members of the Transport and General Workers Union.

This strike has been provoked by Elsom, who on 25 June sacked Charlie Simpson, North West Senior Shop Steward of the TGWU.

He had been suspended in February on full pay awaiting a decision from the Arbitration Board, which has now

**Five plants out in Schweppes strike**

decided to uphold Schweppes' decision to sack him.

As Tony Bradshaw, Deputy Shop Steward at the Swinton Depot said: 'We will not return to work until Elsom is removed or our convenor is reinstated.'

Already Schweppes plants in other parts of the country have come out in support and office workers at Swinton have already taken a day off in support of their brothers.

As the heat wave goes on,

the demand for soft drinks will increase, pressurizing Schweppes and the Scottish and Newcastle Breweries whose products are distributed by Schweppes. This should increase the chances of an early settlement.

Letter of support and contributions to: Schweppes Strike Committee, c/o Transport House, Chapel Street, Salford, Manchester.

**Stewards campaign on jobs**

By Bill Brown

METHIL, Fife: Shop stewards at the Redpath, Dorman-Long oil-rig construction site have started a campaign against sackings.

Half of the 1200 workforce are threatened with the sack in November and there is a strong possibility that the yard may be closed.

Shop stewards, local and trades councillors have set up an Action Committee to fight the lay-offs.

A campaign conference and rally will take place this Saturday (10 July) in the Western Cinema, Methil at 10.30am. Invited speakers include Tony Benn and Jimmy Milne (STUC General Secretary) and efforts are being made to get as big a representation from local industry and schools as possible.

**Lack**

This activity is important but it will not, by itself, save the jobs. Neither governments nor employers have ever paid much attention to sensible argument from workers or to the possible social effects of their decisions.

The needs of multi-national oil companies and bankers are more important to them.

Pressure must be put on full-time officials, councillors, and MPs but they cannot be relied on in a final showdown. The rank and file workers must be kept informed and must organise the fight themselves if it is to be won.

Contact has already been made with other sites and this must be continued and strengthened. With at least eight sites idle, only one platform is to be ordered next year. Only co-ordinated action by all the workers involved has any hope of forcing the government to act.

**NALGO ACTION OVER CUTS**

By Paul Reeves, NALGO rep

BEDFORDSHIRE: NALGO members employed by the County Council have launched a campaign of action against cuts in public spending.

A mass meeting of council employees called on the council to ignore a government circular demanding cuts in services.

They have been picketing council meetings. The local NALGO executive, who ordered 85 copies of Paul Foot's pamphlet Stop The Cuts, are meeting every week to discuss developments in the campaign.

**IS BLACK CAUCUS**  
Meeting, Sunday 25 July. Noon-4.30pm. London. Details from Kim Gordon, 01-739 9772.

**MARCHER CLEARED: WAS IT A FRAME-UP?**

**RIGHT TO WORK** Marcher Billy Castley, who was arrested in Skelmersdale two weeks after returning home from the march, was cleared by a jury last week. They took 14 minutes to reach their verdict.

Billy had been charged with causing grievous bodily harm to a neighbour. In the cells, Special Branch officers interviewed him about the Right to Work March and about Campaign secretary John Deason and Paul Foot of Socialist Worker. Billy writes:

When I wrote in Socialist Worker before, I said very little, for obvious reasons, about the case itself.

I mentioned how I was questioned by the Special Branch—not about the charge I was arrested on, but about my part on the Right to Work March, about John Deason and Paul Foot, and anyone connected with the march.

The Special Branch said they wanted to come to some agreement with me.

**Verdict**

After three months' waiting and two nerve-racking appearances in the Magistrates Court, I finally appeared at Preston Crown Court charged with malicious wounding with intent.

It took three days for the hearing and the evidence, and just 14 minutes for the jury to retire, elect a foreman, and reach a unanimous verdict of not guilty.

The police seemed prepared to go to any lengths to get me convicted and sent to prison.

Their first lie came when one policeman claimed that Connor, the man I was accused of hitting, re-entered my home with the police when they arrived. Another copper said he definitely didn't.

The second lie came when PC 210 Marsden described in detail how I was allowed to use a telephone in the living room of my home. There has never been a telephone in my home.

The third lie came when PC Marsden claimed there was a large amount of broken glass on the floor of my kitchen. Police Sergeant Caine said



Billy Castley (centre, with cigarette) on the Right to Work March: the jury took just 14 minutes to find him innocent

there was only one broken bottle and that was how Connor had been attacked.

My trousers were sent to the forensic laboratory. At least two different kinds of glass were found in them. This proves my claim that several objects were broken during a fight.

This forensic evidence was 'misaid' by the police but my barrister managed to get a copy of the forensic report.

Lie number 4 emerged when Detective Constable 3720 Howarth said that ten hours after my arrest (bearing in mind I was still in custody) he

visited Connor and was handed by him a piece of concrete that he found in his home.

In his original statement Connor made no reference to it.

When questioned in court, he admitted he hadn't seen me with it. I had not entered his house at any time, and could not explain how it got into his house.

The concrete weighed about 12 pounds and I was supposed to have hit Connor on the head with it, causing black eyes and cuts needing stitches.

It, too, was sent to forensic for examination. They found

no trace of blood, hair, skin, or anything else to connect it with me or Connor in any way.

Connor admitted knocking down my baby-sitter (a girl of 16) but was not charged. He admitted forcing his way into my home, but was not charged.

He admitted fighting with me but was not charged. He is six foot one inch tall and can hardly be excused for any of these things.

The judge, in his summing up, told the jury that they must decide whether the police officers were lying or whether I was. Since it took the jury just 14 minutes to reach their unanimous verdict it is quite clear who they thought was lying.

**Fool**

Another man who ought to be charged but won't be is PC Marsden. He is definitely guilty of perjury.

The prosecution had copies of Socialist Worker with my last article in the court. Detective Constable Howarth tried to tell the court I was a known member of IS but the judge told him the Court was not interested.

This all goes to show our affable police force cannot fool all of the people all of the time.

No More Shrewsburys. Fight for Justice. Defend the 43 Right to Work marchers.

**PARENTS IN NURSERY PROTEST**

**BIRMINGHAM:** Angry parents will be marching on the city's education offices this week to demand that Rea Street nursery is kept open.

Their battle to stop the nursery school being closed is supported by Birmingham Right to Work Campaign.

Rea Street takes 100 children between two and five and has plenty of space for the children to play as well as room for masses of equipment.

The education committee decided to close the school four years ago. Recently they announced that next January staff, equipment and children will be moved to alternative accommodation in the City.

So far the education committee have made unfulfilled promises of jobs for the staff and have not revealed what will happen to the Rea Street building.

Parents are not satisfied with the alternative arrangements and have

started a campaign to fight the closure.

Slogans and posters have been put up around the building and a petition has been circulated in factories, around the estate and the shopping centre, signed by 1000 people.

**FIGHT THE RACIALISTS SMASH THE NATIONAL FRONT POWELL IS A MURDERER**

United Action Committee against Racism Demonstration: Saturday 10 July, 1.30pm, Roden Street, Ilford Inner and Outer East London IS Districts to support.

**Notices and meetings**

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**CYPRIOU WORKER in Greek**—June and July issue out now. Articles on Racism and How to Fight Back. The TUC Deal with Healey and the Fight for the Right to Work. Recent events in Greece and Lebanon. Cyprus—why the ruling class have called the election. Emigration of workers from Cyprus. Interview with a sacked Cypriot machinist. PRINTED IN GREEK. 5p a copy, plus 7p postage from Cypriot Worker, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N5.

**CHILEAN POETRY AND MUSIC:** Sheila Cassidy, Anna Carteret, Coco Rudolph, Richard Pasco, Dennis Quilley. Poems of Pablo Neruda. Music by Ivan St Martin and Teatro Popular Chileno. Thursday 8 July, 1pm, St Martins in the Fields, London. Admission free.

**THE CRISIS IN ITALY**—what next after the elections? A meeting organised by supporters of the revolutionary left alliance, Democrazia Proletaria. Speakers from the International Socialists and Italian revolutionary groups. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Friday 16 July, 7.30pm.

**BENEFIT FOR TRICO WOMEN WORKERS:** Thursday 15 July, 8pm, Greenford Hall, junction of Oldfield Lane and Rusling Road, Greenford, Middlesex. Support the Equal Pay dispute! 7th week of strike—funds vital. With Sandra Kerr, Broadside Mobile Workers Theatre and others. Admission £1. Organised by Hammersmith WWC.

**SALFORD AND MANCHESTER** Anti-racist committees joint public meeting for all those anxious to fight racism and fascism. Speakers: Dave Roberts, who infiltrated the National Front, and local black spokesmen. Friday 16 July, 8pm, AUEW Building, The Crescent, Salford.

**ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT RALLY.** Freedom for South Africa—Where does Britain stand? Speakers include Bishop Trevor Huddleston, Duma Nokwe (ANC of South Africa), Ken Gill (AUEW TASS), Charles Clarke (NUS), and Abdul Minty (AAMI). Monday 12 July, 7pm, Central Hall, Westminster, London SW1. Tickets 20p. More details from 01-580 5311.

Bicentennial exhibition—THE EVENTS OF '76: LIBERATION AND REVOLUTION IN AMERICA. Monday-Friday, 4pm-9pm. Saturday 2pm-8pm, ends Friday 18 July, 9pm. Marx Memorial Library, 374 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1.

**DAGENHAM** Trades Council public meeting on the Irish Struggle. Wednesday 7 July, 7.30pm, Godwin School, Finnymore Road, Dagenham. Speakers include a Troops Out member and Bert Edwards, son-in-law of James Connolly.

**LONDON:** Job for political economist in poly immediate inquiries to Box J, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

# 12,000 CALLED OUT IN BAKERY STRIKE

## Cumbernauld: We stay out, say dustmen

CUMBERNAULD: 80 dustmen on strike for eight weeks are staying out after attempts to get them to return to work.

**12,000 BAKERY** workers in factories across the country have been called out on official strike in solidarity with the workers at Sunblest Bakery in Bredbury, near Stockport.

The Bakers' Union Executive met on Monday and decided to call out all their members in Associated British Food, which includes Sunblest and Scotts Bakery in Liverpool.

65 ABF plants throughout the country will be at a halt from Friday onwards.

The dispute at Sunblest began when management ratted on a shift deal, and paid out reduced wages.

### Thanks

The Bakers' Union executive told Socialist Worker that negotiations with ABF had been no more than confrontations with the management.

A mass meeting of 250 strikers voted their thanks to the Stockport Right to Work Committee for their help during the dispute.

The secretary of the National Right to Work Campaign, John Deason, has called on all local Right to Work Committees to assist strikers at ABF bakeries in their areas.

'We want a strong presence on every picket line to bring this cowboy management to their knees,' he said.

□ **The strikers need your support. Send all donations and messages of support to Sunblest Strike Committee, c/o J Wheeler, 1 Kedleston Walk, Denton near Stockport.**

## Jerram's forced to back down

STEPNEY: Workers at Jerram's site have successfully fought management's attempts to discriminate against UCATT members in introducing a new clocking system.

In the past both employed men and sub-contractors have signed in a book in the mornings. But the management tried to make directly employed workers clock in and out - including at lunchtimes.

The men rejected the proposal, and refused to use the clock.

Management immediately dropped the lunchtime clocking and agreed that sub-contractors' men should also use the clock in the mornings and evenings.

UCATT members on the site are also angry that Jerrams are breaking an overtime ban agreement on other sites which are not unionised.

**ON THE picket line** at Trico in Brentford. A team of cowboy lorries and vans burst through, carrying supplies. 400 women members of the Engineering Union are in the eighth week of their equal pay strike. A well-planned police operation made sure that the scab drivers got through. A Transport Union official who tried to follow them was kept back by police for an hour while the lorries and vans made their getaway. The strikers accepted the advice of the engineering union not to go to an Industrial Tribunal.

Morale on the picket line is high, but financial support is desperately needed. Send donations and messages of support to Southall AUEW District, 1 Woodlands Road, Southall.



## Fitters keep up the fight

MANCHESTER: 50 fitters at International Computers' factory in West Gorton have entered their eighth week on strike.

They are fighting an attempt by management to smash trade union organisation.

Management are trying to force a wedge between the EETPU and the AUEW members. They are helped by the EETPU convenor, Sam Davis, MBE.

Since the strike started, five EETPU fitters have been out on strike while the rest (700 of them) under the orders of Sam Davis, have been doing the work of the AUEW and their brother union members.

Management, with the support of Davis, have introduced 100 per cent flexibility which they say was agreed in 1970. This is untrue.

The fitters had hoped to contain the dispute to the final assembly department but because of the EETPU scabbing found that the management were taking no notice.

So they started picketing the gates. All AUEW Engineering Section members have now been called out.

Following the decision of a ASTMS/TASS joint committee to call for blacking of all goods brought in by non-union labour, both Davis and the management have retaliated by making threats to ASTMS.

□ **Messages of support and donations to the ICL Strike Committee, c/o AUEW Offices, The Crescent, Salford.**

## The price of safety...

KENT: Babcock and Wilcox, the massively profitable engineering combine, continued this week to refuse to provide free overalls for workers on its £20 million bonanza of a contract at the Isle of Grain.

1000 men are on strike in support of workers sacked for insisting they would not work without free protective clothing.

The firm's refusal to provide free overalls for workers employed on or near the skin irritating and hazardous fibreglass is in marked contrast to its largesse with its directors.

They are showered with company cars and many other little extras.

Babcock and Wilcox does

not want to set a precedent for the site and for the heavy construction industry.

Socialist Worker understands that its policy reflects that of the Engineering Employers Federation to retain the so-called 'right to manage'. That is, the right to put life and limb at risk in the pursuit of profit.

### Tough

In the Midlands, the powerful local Engineering Employers Federation has hammered out a tough policy on how to counter growing shop-floor concern over the safety of asbestos and fibreglass.

EEF members merely concede that blue asbestos is dangerous, a statement that of course bears little relation to

the real story about asbestos, blue or white.

Socialist Worker believes that Babcock's stand at the Isle of Grain is part of a similar concerted policy over fibreglass.

Babcock's is a powerful force within the EEF. Managing director T Carlile was its president in 1972 when it paid member firms in the Manchester area massive quantities of 'strike pay' to help smash the Engineering Union's district claim.

Apart from refusing to supply free overalls at the Isle of Grain, the company deny that fibreglass is a health hazard, a statement that flies in the face of the growing body of independent research.

The Hygiene Unit of the Health and Safety Executive came to the Grain site to test

dust levels and found them hazardous. They recommended provision of overalls, but declined to recommend they be provided free of charge.

The EEF exercises a lot of influence in the upper echelons of the Health and Safety Executive. The deputy chairman of this body is Martin Jukes, until last year EEF director general.

The Health and Safety Executive's refusal to recommend free overalls meant that the employers once again made their offer to provide overalls if the workers paid for them. This offer has already been rejected by the unions.

If the workers take their cause to workers on other heavy construction projects and get solidarity, they could compel Babcock's and the EEF to capitulate at once.

They voted by a narrow majority on Friday to accept a deal from the Scottish National Party council who have cut services in the town and reduced the bonus by £5.

Over the weekend the Transport Workers' Union at last voted to make the strike official and on Monday morning the men voted to stay out.

They are now fighting for official backing from the other unions involved, the General and Municipal.

### Wages

The dispute began when the Council cut out all bonus payments. In some cases this cuts wages by as much as £25. The Council were demanding an agreed reduction of £6.

The Provost, that is the mayor, SNP member Gordon Murray, has accused the strikers of vandalism and violence on the picket line. His allegations were complete lies.

He has tried unsuccessfully to bring in scab labour and to break the strike.

The strike has shown the SNP in their true colours. Far from trying to defend workers' living standards, they have tried to destroy them.

The dustmen have shown remarkable courage in staying on strike; now, more than ever, they need support.

Send donations and telegrams urgently to: John Currie, 21 Hillside, Croy, Dumbartonshire.

## Tannoy picket

SOUTH LONDON: Shop stewards at Tannoy have called for a one-hour stoppage on Friday so that workers can picket a meeting between management and Engineering Union district officials over 300 redundancies threatened by the company.

Tannoy employs 400 people in South London and is claiming the closure is necessary because the local council has put restrictions on the company's growth.

Redundancy notices are phased from the end of August to Christmas to wear down the resistance bit by bit and to fit in with different sections of production coming on stream in Scotland.

## Expelled

A NUMBER of militant students at Sheffield Polytechnic have been expelled, allegedly for failing their exams.

Normally students who fail their exams are allowed to resit them. This has been refused.

Those being expelled include one of the student union's full-time officers and a number of members of IS.

The Board of Governors has chosen this time to refuse to recognise the student union constitution. The Governors are opposing the subscription rate and the use of mass meetings to decide policy.

Students are now organising to fight back.

## STUDENTS SUSPENDED

FOUR STUDENTS have been suspended at North East London Poly after the Governors tried to discuss changes in the constitution of the student union.

Student representatives made it clear to a special committee meeting that only the students could change the constitution.

This so enraged a Labour councillor called Chubb that he threatened to move that

union funds be frozen.

We decided to invite more students in to hear this bloke raving, so they could see what was being done to our constitution. The governors objected and decided to close the meeting.

The students present carried on with the meeting. They occupied and refused to let the governors out. We wanted an agreement from the governors that they wouldn't try to reconvene the meeting to discuss our constitution.

Somebody called the police but they wouldn't let them in. After the governors agreed not to try and reconvene the meeting that day or to reconvene it without notifying us in the future, we let them go.

Since then four students have been suspended. The charge is that they used or threatened physical force against the governors. This is a completely trumped-up charge. As they have failed to interfere with the constitution, they decided to victimise students active in the union.

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Send to: National Secretary, International Socialists, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2 8DN.

Support!

## MINERS GIVE A WARNING OF REVOLT

WARNINGS of a rank and file revolt in the pits this winter were made by Scottish and Welsh delegates at the annual conference of the National Union of Mineworkers here on Monday.

NUM president, Joe Gormley ruled that there could not even be any discussion of wages resolutions because of the NUM decision to support the 4½ per cent pay deal.

Gordon Butler, from Arkwright colliery in Derbyshire, pointed out that it was

Bill Message reports from Douglas, Isle of Man

hypocrisy to ban the wages resolutions but not the many resolutions on financial fringe benefits. Joe Gormley, in a remarkable reply, claimed that fringe benefits were long term aims, not immediate demands.

In the light of this reply, several delegates were asking themselves, why, in that case,

was a conference necessary at all.

A move by delegates from Yorkshire, Scotland, South Wales, Kent and North Derbyshire to get Gormley's ruling thrown out was defeated by 145 votes to 128.

On Tuesday morning, Arthur Scargill (Yorkshire) was refused permission by Gormley to speak about the wages section of the executive's report. As he left the rostrum, Scargill said bitterly: 'Any resemblance between the film of the President's Men, which is showing down the road, and this conference, is purely coincidental.'

## A Socialist Worker advertisement

# Some sensible questions you asked about Asbestos and health. And some honest answers.

**1** Just what is the Asbestos Information Committee, the organisation that's been putting all the adverts in the papers?

Good question. They sound very nice, fair and impartial. But they're not. They are an employers' organisation.

All their bills are paid by the big asbestos companies like Cape Asbestos and Turner and Newall. They have only just moved their offices out of Cape Asbestos's premises in London. They are, in fact, a bought-and-paid-for front organisation for the asbestos employers.

They specialise in safeguarding these companies' profits by putting out mis-information on asbestos and health, misinformation crudely calculated to disguise just how serious a health hazard any kind of asbestos is in any quantity, however small.

**2** What kind of lies do they tell?

They say that the risks from asbestos are almost always confined to those who work directly with the material. This is completely untrue.

More and more cases of people contracting asbestos-related diseases who have never worked with the stuff are coming to light. They include cases of women who washed their husband's overalls, people who lived near asbestos factories, of a girl whose only

contact is believed to have been from living in an asbestos cement prefab.

They give the impression that there has got to be substantial amounts in the air for there to be any risk. In fact the smallest amounts, the tiny fibres you cannot even see, are the most dangerous.

They say that asbestos doesn't cause skin cancer. But they don't say that it does cause asbestos warts and corns, and that it causes terrible diseases for which there is no cure.

They say there's nothing wrong in swallowing it. But in fact there is growing concern about swallowing it, concern which has led to a ban on smoking *and eating* in Automotive Products plants in Britain, where asbestos is processed.

**3** They say that you should only go to your doctor if you have breathing difficulties and were heavily exposed to asbestos dust more than fifteen years ago. Is this true?

This is scandalous. You should go to your doctor if you have any breathing difficulties at all.

What's more this Asbestos Information Committee statement is a direct attempt to encourage people not to report their fears that they have asbestos-related diseases.

It is therefore a direct attempt to cook the figures, to pretend that the asbestos health hazard is minimal and avoid paying out even minimal financial compensation to those whose lives are devastated by the asbestos companies' production for profit.

It's not true that the asbestos companies became wonderful people 15 years ago. Long after this, the mass murder of Hebden Bridge and Central Asbestos was still going on. And it's still going on.

**4** Would you say that every statement Asbestos Mis-Information uses is calculated to create a misleading impression and boost sales of a highly profitable material?

Absolutely right. Their 'facts' aren't facts at all. And their advice is usually dangerous.

Like telling you that it's easy to replace a worn asbestos door seal in the oven or an asbestos pad in a toaster. This is untrue. It's dangerous and difficult.

Damping down dust also releases fibres into the air, contrary to their claims. And putting waste into a bag for disposal is also hazardous, not least because in the dustman's compactor the bag will surely burst and release more of the deadly fibres.

At every point the Asbestos Information Committee are deliberately misleading people. They have of course been doing this for years. They say that the only risk to health comes from 'careless working'.

But if this were true why is it that as long ago as 1910 the International Labour Organisation insisted that the asbestos industry should not be allowed to develop unless there were massive safeguards? Their ruling was of course ignored in the scramble for profit.

The whole purpose of the present £500,000 advertising campaign is to keep those profits rolling in. That's why they claim that asbestos is indispensable when it's not. That's why they claim the risk is small and worth taking, when it's not.

**5** So how big is the health hazard from asbestos?

The hazard posed by asbestos is monumental. Thousands of workers in Britain have already died from

asbestos-related diseases, with whole union branches being decimated.

The foremost American researcher Professor Selikoff is talking about an asbestos-related 'cancer plague' in America and parts of Britain. So no wonder the profiteers at Turner and Newall and Cape Industries want to kid us that their property is hazard-free and indispensable.

In truth, the whole Asbestos Information campaign is no different at all to Distillers Company Limited re-advertising Thalidomide in 1976 and claiming that it's wonderful stuff despite a few minor problems you can safely ignore.

As the noted writer on industrial health and safety, Patrick Kinnerly, put it this week: 'The truth about asbestos is that it's not worth a candle. There are substitutes for it in each and every one of its uses and those substitutes should be used. To promote asbestos at this stage of the game, well it's just obscene.'

**6** So what can you put in its place?

The asbestos companies always like to pretend that asbestos is everywhere used to protect people.

But the vast majority of asbestos goes into asbestos cement, where it has nothing at all to do with safety. It's used as a 'cheap' (for the employers) and highly profitable method of getting tensile strength.

And if it could be substituted right away, reducing this momentous health hazard by an enormous amount AT A STROKE.

What's more, in those places where the Asbestos Information Committee claim that asbestos is indispensable for safety, substitutes can be found. In car or machine brakes you would put in ceramic or wooden brake linings.

There are plenty of substitutes for asbestos used as acoustic or heat insulation.

And then there are other much more important steps that need to be taken to safeguard household safety, steps that using asbestos detracts from.

These include better-designed houses, safer furniture materials that don't combust and kill so easily like those at present marketed for profit by the chemical companies, proper heating systems and not the paraffin death traps thrust on the old and poor.

Asbestos is not essential for your safety. On the contrary it is extremely dangerous to your health.

If you want honest information about asbestos and the many other profitable poisons used to destroy workers' lives, you should under no circumstances write to the Asbestos Mis-Information Service. Far better to subscribe to Socialist Worker, the paper that has consistently fought the asbestos monopolies and the corrupt system they uphold.

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### The Asbestos Safety Code

Avoid asbestos. Don't get near it in the first place. Don't work with it. Don't live with it and at all costs support the campaign against the asbestos murderers who cynically kill for profit.

#### AT WORK

- 1 Compel your employer to find a substitute.
- 2 If you fail in this you must at all costs compel the boss to provide a truly safe working environment where dust cannot get into your environment or anyone else's.
- 3 To this end read The Hazards of Work or the Rank and File Asbestos Factsheet and fight for health and safety at work.

#### AT HOME

- 4 Get rid of the asbestos on your ironing board, get rid of that asbestos cement sheeting crumbling away on the roof of your shed. Ask the local council for assistance in disposing safely of this poison. Insist on safety and follow it through.
- 5 There are substitutes for every possible use of asbestos. Make sure you use them. Encourage others to do the same. Help spread the growing movement to ban the stuff.