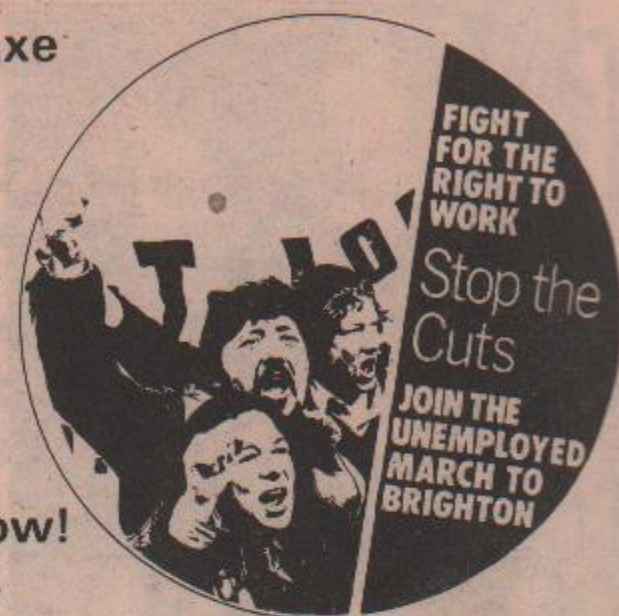


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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

It's time to stand and fight!

DAVE NUTTALL, former Clay Cross councillor, is one of thousands of working-class socialists who have given their lives to the Labour Party.

But over the years that deep loyalty has been wearing thin. Healey's latest savage assault on the living standards of working people have brought Dave to breaking point.

'I am appalled by what has happened', he told Socialist Worker this week. 'The whole of the official union and labour movement has sold out and the Len Murrays and the Michael Foots are not even being subtle about it anymore, it is quite blatant.

'They are not even trying to find a socialist solution to unemployment. These cuts are just going to create more unemployment.

'I've been in the Labour Party nearly all my life, but I'm seriously considering getting out. The whole Labour government, including Foot and Benn, are

BY JEAN GRAY

nothing but traitors to the working class'.

'There is no room for dissent within the party. A minority group can undermine the will of the majority with the blessing of Transport House. We have had three internal inquiries in four years in my local party at Clay Cross. There is no way you can fight from within.'

Despair of the dole

But there are ways to fight. There are ways to resist. Through rank and file action.

Dave Nuttall, as a Clay Cross councillor, defied the Tory orders to raise council house rents, insisted on paying decent wages to council workers, created extra council jobs to take men and women from the despair of the dole queues.

For this he and his fellow councillors were surcharged and bankrupted by the Tories, betrayed by the Labour government.

But still Dave believes there are ways to fight. That's why he is a supporter of the Right to Work Campaign.

'The Right to Work Campaign is the only group fighting the cuts and unemploy-

ment, and the only group who put the blame where it really lies—with the capitalist system', he told Socialist Worker.

If each and every Dave Nuttall in the country pools their anger and their ability to organise and move working people, then we can resist this attack.

We can put a stop to the obscenity of unemployment.

We can defend the poor and the sick and the weak.

And we can take a giant step down the road to the truly human and decent society that people like Dave Nuttall have always believed in.

Fight for the Right to Work

FIGHT THE CUTS! Join the mass lobby of the TUC

JOIN THE SEPTEMBER MARCH —full details page 5.



Dave Nuttall pouring tea for an exhausted member of the Manchester to London March for the Right to Work



Lynda Deighton: £14 a week—then a £3 cut



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! NOW IS THE

WHERE THE AXE WILL FALL...



JUST to underline the Labour government's contempt for the people who put them in office, Denis Healey included two choice measures in his package of spending cuts. He delayed the introduction of pensions to invalid housewives until November 1977. And his associate, the Minister for Health, announced that the government was going to phase out the invalid trike without a replacement.

Heartache of life on £11 a week

By Peter Clark
LYNDA Deighton is a victim of the cuts. She has been driven to despair by the collapsing social services. To support herself and her 15-month-old son Christopher, she gets £11 a week social security and £3 family allowance. The social security recently cut that by £3 a week. They said her television was a 'luxury'. To get a job, Lynda—whose husband is in jail—first needs to find a nursery for Christopher. But there are long waiting lists in Sheffield, where she lives. And the local authority have just cut back on plans for new nurseries.

PRICES UP

HEALEY'S new cuts have all but wiped out the remaining food subsidies. Dairy produce—central to working class diets in Britain now that meat, fish and bacon have become luxuries—will rise enormously, thanks to profiteering and the joys of the Common Market. The government has also cut off £25 million worth of funds to the smaller farmers and the fishing industry, all of which can only result in still higher prices. The exemptions to the farcical price increase code, which were previously confined to heavy industry, have now been extended, to the retailers.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP US BEAT INFLATION YOU MUST DO EXACTLY AS WE SAY.



SPECS UP

£20 MILLION of Healey's savings will be obtained by doubling the charges for dental treatment and making people pay still more for spectacles. Dental charges are to go up from £3.50 to around £7. The result will be an increase in tooth decay. These 'savings' follow the destruction of the health service begun in the last round of cuts. And predictably Healey's savings are once again being applied to those who can least afford them. The drug companies' massive £100 million a year profits from the Health Service are being left untouched.

GIVE YOUR PAY BACK TO YOUR EMPLOYER.



MEALS UP

IN THE LAST round of negotiations with the government over wage controls, the TUC won a concession. They persuaded the government to postpone a forthcoming 5p increase on school meals. Last Thursday, con-man Healey got his own back. With the Scanlons, Jones and Basnetts safely in the bag for the new pay policy, he just upped the price. Despite this and other humiliations the TUC leaders continue to grovel insisting that the alternative is a Tory government. They don't seem to realise that what we've got IS a Tory government.

ACCEPT CUTS IN YOUR SOCIAL SERVICES.



MORE HEALTH CUTS

THE ATTACKS on the health service don't stop there either. Research is being cut back still more, as a result of Healey's announcement. Still less work will be done to investigate the already neglected field of industrial disease, environmentally induced cancers and the like. Meanwhile privately funded investigations into the health 'problems' resulting from too many business lunches will go ahead unhampered. Healey has managed what no Labour

Chancellor has done for a good number of years. He's got blood out of a stone. He's followed through his already savage cuts on capital expenditure in the health service with £20 millions worth of 'rephased capital expenditure'. What does that mean? It means that still less money will be available to pay for the replacement of rotting asbestos lagging, unsafe and dirty equipment. Once again the needy are being sacrificed on the altar of the greedy.

MORE ON THE DOLE

SOME 60,000 construction workers will soon feel the benefit of Healey's glorious new round of cuts. They'll join 200,000 of their mates on the dole. Healey has taken £87 million off the road construction programme, hammered the housing programme again, and made it even less likely that any working class people will be able to get a council mortgage. The result is that the very people who are among the most useful members of society will have the highest unemployment rate of

any trade in the country. Instead of building houses, hospitals and schools, they, like another million socially useful human beings, will go on the scrapheap. All this is being done to ensure that bankers, speculators, stockholders and retired investment analysts can continue living in the circumstances to which they are accustomed.

WHERE THE AXE WON'T

So, last week, she asked for her son to be taken into care while she found a job. The idea first came from the social security. She applied to them for some money to buy Christopher a pair of shoes. Lynda described what happened. Someone came round from the social security. 'She came round with a face like thunder and said 'provide it out of your own money'. 'What money?' I said—a pair of shoes costs over £2. 'Then the SS said why didn't I put him into care and get a job?' Lynda has since changed her mind about that. She has heard that her husband will be released on parole in October. She summed up her position in Healey's new Britain: 'They say there's nobody beneath the poverty line. I'd like to see Shirley Williams get by on what I get. They might as well give me a beggar's tin.'

THE SOUND of merry laughter can be heard from Berkhamsted to Chalfont St Giles and back again. The 10.30 into Paddington is full of chortling commodity brokers in pin stripes. And the City of London is overcrowded with important people who specialise in weeping in public and laughing themselves silly in private. And no wonder. Denis has done it once again, the marvellous fellow. Denis of course is the man who gives you everything you ask for if you're wealthy. He will also do anything to avoid cuts in the police force, which is so essential if a mere seven per cent of the population are to carry on owning 84 per cent of the wealth. Indeed, Denis will even allow spending on such totally



THE POWER AND PRIVILEGE OF THE RICH: This is where a 'Labour' government could make cuts. But Healey's priorities are to strengthen the

wasteful pursuits to go up rapidly. This year spending on electronic toys for the police is going up by £209 million! This is enough to cover for the cuts in school meals, spectacles, the dental service, food subsidies and then some.

And our Denis could easily cut several hundred million more from the truly fantastic quantities of cash expended on Harrier jump jets, Polaris submarines and other pieces of deadly dangerous rubbish for the armed forces.

Most of all the so-called public expenditure crisis could be solved at a stroke. If the huge burden of debt to the speculators and the parasites who own banks and brokers was cancelled, there'd be plenty of resources not only

to maintain the social services Healey is destroying but to extend them. More than twice as much as the total round of new cuts could be obtained by forcing businessmen to pay the corporation taxes Healey has

himself exempted them from. Then there's £1000 million that could be brought in if personal tax evasion by rich businessmen was halted. This is to say nothing of the immense amounts of cash being handed over to some



TIME TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE CUTS

Could we afford NOT to cut public services?

DAY AFTER day, we are told by the newspapers and by 'experts' on the television that Britain is like a drunken wastrel, soaking up millions and millions of pounds worth of health, education and other social services which it can't afford.

The only way back to solvency, the argument goes, is by cutting spending.

It's true that we are producing less—less than last year, less even than during the three-day week in 1974 when Harold Wilson promised to 'get Britain back to work'.

But there's a simple explanation for that. About two million people who want to work are not able to.

These two million people—one and a half million registered as unemployed, the others, mainly women, unemployed but not registered—could be producing more goods and services. But they can't because they can't find an employer who'll give them a job.

If they could work, they would pay taxes and insurance contributions which would help pay for more hospitals, schools, buses and so on.

When they can't find work, they have to scrape a pittance from the dole—and that dole money has to be found from other workers, taxes and insurance contributions. So there's less around for hospitals, schools and buses.

Anthony Harris of the Financial Times has calculated that a drop of 500,000 in the un-



GO ON THE DOLE.



employed would bring an extra two and a half billion pounds to the Exchequer.

If unemployment was brought down to what it was in the 1950s and 1960s—an average of about 400,000 on the register—another 5 billion pounds would be collected in insurance and taxes.

We could 'afford' all the spending programmes which Healey is slashing just by going back to unemployment rates which we know are possible—because we had them for nearly 30 years!

But how have we got into this crisis?

THE GOVERNMENT say they don't really know. They pretend the crisis is some sort of natural catastrophe.

But that is nonsense. The affairs of men and women are arranged by men and women.

The causes of the recession are human causes. There are remedies, too—human remedies.

The central cause of the economic crisis is that production is organised for profit.

No one works out what should be produced according to what people need or want. No one is asked what

HAVE WE BEATEN INFLATION NOW?



they need or want, so that production can be planned accordingly.

Instead, wealthy men who are not elected by anyone decide what production renders them a profit, and organise production accordingly.

As a result, the things which are needed most are produced least. And things which are needed least are produced most.

The cuts are a gigantic offering to this primitive logic. In the first round of the cuts, Chancellor Denis Healey took £4000 million

out of health, education and social services.

And what for? So that the government could pay off the rapidly rising interest charges levied by those with so much money that their only 'work' is lending it.

For James Callaghan, Healey and the other partisans of parliamentary politics the demands of these 'needy' people must be met without question.

If you play the system, you can't afford to upset them.

On the contrary, you have to encourage them in the hope that next year they'll put a little less of their spoils into the vaults in Geneva or the offshore banks of the Cayman Islands and a little more into investment.

To encourage them to do that, you've got to prune here, cut there and savage somewhere else.

The needs of capital come before the needs of man.

And that involves vast increases in certain kinds of public expenditure. That's the meaning of the untold handouts made by Healey and Co to the captains of industry.

These handouts are so big that business will pay no tax at all this year.

NO! YOU MUST MAKE MORE SACRIFICES TO SAVE THE POUND!!!



What can we do about it?

PROBABLY NOT. This week, despite the latest cuts and still larger handouts to big business, CBI chiefs refused to send out the

letter they had drafted urging members to invest more.

In short, they have intensified their massive if little-known investment strike.

The last time they got largesse on this scale they didn't invest it at all.

In the great boom of 1973, the vast quantities of extra wealth creamed off were supposed to go into new plant and equipment.

But the system is such that instead it went into speculation, fringe banking and the property market, and from there to the Cayman Islands.

Will this happen again? The best economics journalist in the business, Peter Jay of The Times, firmly believes it will.

He has written: 'One wonders how Ministers will feel when they realise that all their labours have merely led to a gigantic redistribution of priorities in favour of the rentier owners of gilt edged securities.'

We've got to resist these policies and the primitive logic that enriches the greedy and robs the needy.

We've got to rouse the rank and file for battle.

There is no other way.

FALL...



rich at our expense

But this is nothing but camouflage for the latest bonanza they've got out of Healey.

And what a bonanza it is. According to Victor Keegan, editor of the Financial Guardian the last minute concessions on the price code obtained by the CBI will double profits in one year.

The profits the big corporations and banks are already beginning to record are pretty phenomenal anyway.

Both Lloyds and Midland Banks reported 70 per cent profit increases on Monday.

Industrial profits are reckoned to be rising much faster still. All this is the deliberate and direct result of the Labour government's policies.

They know no other way than to bleed the poor to meet the demands of the rich.

directors and shareholders in the shape of higher profits.

It is true that the Confederation of British Industry was busy moaning and groaning this week about the higher national insurance payments they'd have to meet.

£419.67 CAME IN to the Socialist Worker Fighting Fund this week, bringing July's total to £3930.67!

Special thanks to the London reader who sent £150. He wrote: 'Although for a variety of reasons I do not work actively for your organisation, the least I can do is to send you the sort of money that active support would already have involved.'

Thanks, too, to the North London reader who sent us his £7 tax rebate.

Finally, Chris Blackmore from Ilminster, Somerset, wrote: 'It turns out that a thousand anti-racist stickers is not as many as I thought it was. People keep asking me for stickers and I am not willing to refuse. Therefore, kindly send me another thousand stickers for which I enclose a cheque.'

I saw you on BBC2 news on Saturday night and was fascinated by the words 'what was said to be' Relf's sign. Does this mean they don't read your paper? Had I the money, I'd buy them a subscription! Anyone interested in a collection?

I may want to join IS. Kindly send more information. Yours with a dry tongue, Chris Blackmore.

Great! That's what the Fighting Fund is about—using the stickers,

Here's £150—it's the least I can do...

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Also from reader: I enclosed a cheque for £150 as a special contribution to the Fighting Fund. I will send more when I can. The less you are giving to the fight against fascism is insignificant. Yours faithfully David Armstrong

leaflets and pamphlets that Socialist Worker produces. Keep the money coming in.

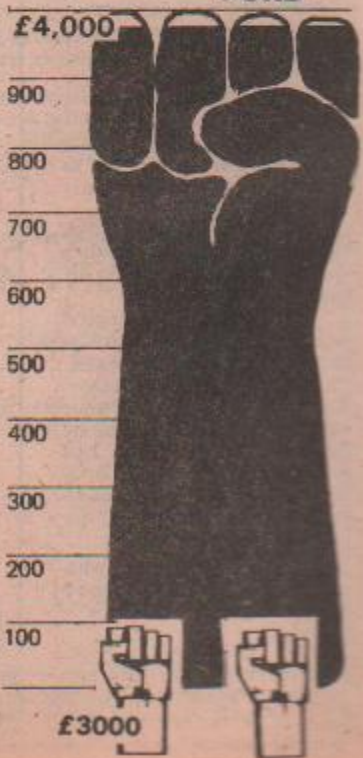
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£7, North Herts IS £7, Mid Herts IS £6, Teesside IS £20, City Poly member £2, North London members £9.40, East Manchester members £15.90, Stockport IS £27.

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Send donations and collections to Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

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THE CUTS:

WE'RE FIGHTING

2000 strike in bid to save hospital

'WHATEVER they had to spend to keep this hospital would be a drop in the ocean compared with the vast amounts wasted on things like defence. That's why we are all supporting the fight.'

Daniel Corper, whose wife, Deborah, has been a patient at London's Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital for Women for eight years, sums up the feelings of the workers, patients and members of the public fighting to keep the hospital open. It is one of 130 in London threatened with closure.

The 'Save EGA' Campaign received fantastic support from neighbouring hospitals on Wednesday when 500 people including a bus-load of patients, marched from the hospital in Euston Road to the House of Commons.

Angry

Workers at the University College Hospital, EGA maternity home, and St Pancras held a one-day strike. There was a half-day stoppage by workers at the new Royal Free Hospital. The action involved 2000 people.

Everyone in the campaign is angry at the government plans to close the hospital and attempts to 'preserve its facilities in an identifiable form' at Whittington General Hospital.

The government has made it plain that its motive is mainly property speculation. The EGA site, near Euston Station, is valuable.

Campaign organisers estimate that it would cost about £300,000 to carry out necessary repairs to the hospital—while the cost of alternatives needed to squeeze it into Whittington is about £250,000—almost as much.

The unions involved see the fight against closure as against the government's cuts. But many of the women want to preserve the EGA's unique service—the only hospital in London run for women by women.

Faith

Whittington Hospital has a policy of male nurses and in future possibly male midwives.

Mrs Deborah Corper, from Hackney, refused to be taken to any other hospital when she was suddenly taken ill.

'This is the best hospital there is and I have absolute faith in the staff here,' she said. 'It doesn't affect some women, I know, but there are some who prefer to be treated by women. Being ill is bad enough and I think it is acceptable for one woman to be treated by someone of her own sex.'

'If they get away with closing this place, I will refuse to go anywhere else. It's a scandal.'

Nora Reynolds, from St Albans, has been an out-patient at EGA for 12 years and plans to keep up her

regular check-ups even after she and her family move to Ireland.

'The facilities, the service you get, and the atmosphere here has taken years to build', she said. 'It is not a thing you can talk about in terms of money.'

Since the closure decision, the hospital has been run down. The campaign is demanding that the main lift be repaired and facilities restored. There is now a waiting list of over 300 for gynaecological treatment. Some have been waiting for operations since the beginning of the year.

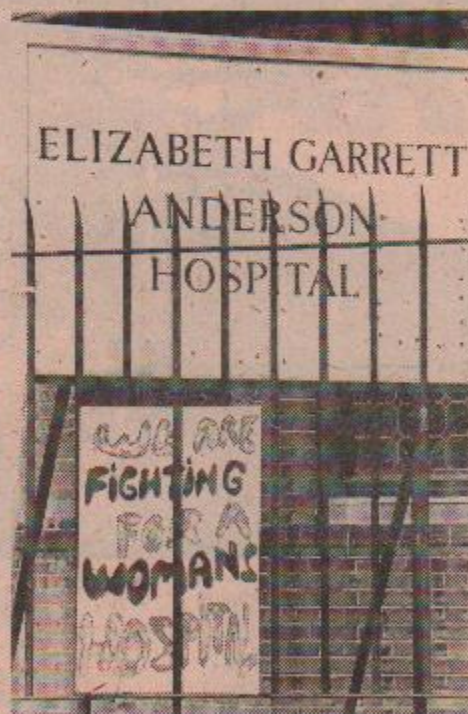
Minister David Ennals has refused to see union representatives because he says the decision is final.

The campaign also wants a guarantee that no jobs will be lost and a public inquiry into the financing of the hospital.

They realise it is going to take a fight to stop the government axing a hospital for the sake of playing the property market.

□ The campaign desperately needs money and support. Contact Pam Jones, NUPE steward, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, 144 Euston Road, London, NW1.

RIGHT and BELOW: The day of action for the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, which the government wants to sell in a property deal



Edmonton AUEW says: Support this campaign!

ALL 26 branches of the Engineering Union (AUEW) in the Enfield District are getting a letter from the Edmonton No 1 Branch urging them to support the Right to Work Campaign and the September march on the TUC in Brighton.

Members of the branch will be visiting other AUEW branches to argue for sponsorship for the march—and for support for the local march from North London to link up with it at the Embankment.

The North London march is one of four local marches from different parts of London that will leave on Friday 3 September and join the main march the next day.

Sponsorships by trade union organisations are now over the hundred mark.

Sponsorship costs just £1. It helps raise money to pay some of the march costs. It helps commit trade unionists in work to the struggle against the cuts and for the right to work.

Among trade union bodies sponsoring the September march are:

- Waltham Forest NALGO
- Three Bridges AUEW
- Charing Cross ASTMS
- Glasgow TGWU
- Ellington NUM
- Tyneside Action Committee against the Cuts
- C A Parsons Joint Office Committee
- Tyneside Health Service
- ASTMS
- Queensbury AUEW
- Aldridge Labour Party
- Lambeth Teachers Association
- South West Essex NUJ
- Lewisham NALGO
- Wear Valley District TUC
- Paddington NUR (1190)
- Edinburgh and District NUJ
- North Tyneside NALGO
- Westminster CPSA
- Bedford College Students Union
- Harlow 3 183 HE AUEW
- Stratford ASLEF
- Journalists Charter
- Hammersmith ASTMS
- Barnet Trades Council
- York NALGO
- Hatfield Poly Students
- NAM Students Union—Edinburgh University
- Hackney Teachers
- TGWU 5/275 Welfare Workers Leicester
- EETPU 13617 Swansea
- Edmonton AUEW
- Portsmouth Poly Students Union
- EMI Joint Shop Stewards Committee, West Drayton
- AUEW/TASS Coventry No 9
- UCATT BE 305, Wolverhampton
- Tollington Park School NUT
- East Northants NUJ
- Tower Hamlets NALGO 9/316 ACTSS, York
- Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Council
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- Croydon Trades Council
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SACKINGS? WE'RE READY TO FIGHT...

by JOHN GLEN and ALAN WILSON
EETPU shop stewards, Glasgow District Council Electrical Workshops

WHEN they talk about cuts in billions of pounds it means sackings.

Glasgow Council building department employs more than 5000 workers and no doubt the Labour-controlled council after much heart-searching, will do its bit to increase the 9 per cent unemployment figures in Glasgow.

Our main work is to maintain and build schools, nursery schools, houses and other projects for the community. Once the decision was made

not to build 27 proposed nursery schools in Glasgow this year, it was obvious that we are being set up for a 'Sorry, not enough work' argument.

We have started to move already. Our shop steward's committee has sponsored a fight back bulletin and several white-collar workplaces are supporting us.

□ John Glen is the Electrical Workshops' delegate to the National Council of the Right to Work Campaign.

NUS backs student marcher

by ANDY DURGAN
NUS Executive member

THE executive of the National Union of Students is sponsoring an unemployed member of the executive to go on the September Right to Work March.

At the last NUS Conference the executive was censured for failing to support the

Manchester to London march. This time the executive majority has compromised. They are sponsoring a marcher, but not sponsoring the march itself.

Many unemployed college leavers, particularly from colleges of education, are coming on the march in spite of the majority position of the executive.

Nothing stops the Right to Work!

by SAM STRUDWICK
THE police tried to stop us leafletting the dole in Brixton last Thursday for the Right to Work Campaign. The management sent for them and they told us that we couldn't leaflet inside the gates. We moved outside, and they told us that if we leafletted there we would be arrested. This Monday we came back in force. We had a loud hailer and handed out a leaflet against police harassment. The management gave in. We're now allowed to hand out leaflets.

It's called Dole Q!

by ROSIE SMALLWOOD
THE Edinburgh Right To Work Committee have been producing a little bulletin called The Edinburgh Dole Q, which we sell for one penny. In it are articles on the ten points of the Campaign and the way they relate to local struggles against the cuts and unemployment, and against the vicious press propaganda about 'scroungers' and blacks. The only problem is keeping up with demand. In one day last week we sold 500 copies. Following up these big sales, street meetings were held outside the dole offices. Now several people have signed up to be on the September Right to Work march. Students from Moray House College of Education, the first college to occupy against teacher unemployment, have been joining the street meetings and helping to sell the Dole Q. A social worker, now unemployed, spoke of how there was supposed to be no work for him. Yet the job creation scheme could dream up jobs... organising brass bands and flag waving for the Queen's Silver Jubilee next year! The Right to Work Campaign in nearby Livingston has now tried a Dole Q bulletin—and sold 170 in two hours!

BACK...NOW!



Maggie Simpson: 'The campaign gives you strength'



Paul Bream: Representing his NALGO branch on the march



John Newman: 'Knock overtime on the head and you create jobs'

THE Right to Work Campaign has now heard from more than 200 unemployed workers who are joining the September march on the TUC.

The 200 have all sent in forms from leaflets handed out on dole queues across the country. In many areas there are other marchers who have told the local Right to Work Committee they will be on the march, but have not yet told the national campaign.

Campaign secretary John Deason told Socialist Worker. 'The marchers are coming in from every area, every age group, every industry. It is going very well. The main task now is to get support for the lobby of the TUC when the march reaches Brighton on Tuesday 7 September.'

The next meeting of every trade union branch and shop stewards' committee should be asked by its members to send delegates to the lobby. Transport down to the special train from London should be booked now.'

What jobs

MAGGIE SIMPSON is 18, out of work, and will be on the Right to Work march in September. She left her Sheffield school in June with two A-levels.

'I've been looking for office jobs. I tried local government. But there's not a chance here in Sheffield with the cuts.'

'I went for one job as an office junior. They offered £15 a week. The man said: "You should be paying us for having you for the first six months. If you don't like it, get a job in the state industries spending my taxes." What jobs?'

'I read about the Right to Work march in the Socialist Worker. It's the only thing left, isn't it? If you don't fight, things are going to get worse.'

'On the dole you've got no dignity, and no money, no standard of living. The march makes you feel that something good is going on. On the dole you can get depressed about what will happen to you. You feel very fragile, you've nothing to lean on.'

'But the campaign gives you something. You can lean on it, you have it behind you, the support is there. And I feel we're creating something we'll remember and look back on with pride.'

PAUL BREAM, a librarian, a member of NALGO for eight years, has been editor

...and we're marching to prove it!

of the rank and file paper NALGO Action News and stood as a candidate for the union's National Executive. This September he will be joining the Right to Work march to the TUC as an official representative from the North Tyneside NALGO Branch.

'I think this is as important as anything I've done in the union since I joined. We're in a dispute with management over the proposed sacking of part-time library staff, and it's obvious that with the government demanding more public spending cuts all the time, and the union leaders doing bugger all to resist, things

are going to get worse. Unless we fight back.'

'That's why we're linking up with unemployed school-leavers, and with other workers whose jobs are under attack, to get signatures for the Right to Work petition, and to get the biggest possible Tyneside contingent on September's march.'

'And that's why, when the question of support for the march came up at our NALGO branch, the members felt that just sending off a quid wasn't enough, but they wanted to have somebody representing them right there on the march.'

YOUR OVERTIME IS SOMEONE ELSE'S JOB...

SIXTY THOUSAND building workers will lose their jobs because of the latest cuts.

But they don't have to. And this is how to fight back, says John Newman, a TGWU member on the GLC site at Half Moon Crescent, Islington, North London, and a delegate to the National Council of the Right to Work Campaign.

'We've got to knock overtime on the head. That will bring more jobs. That's what we have to convince everyone of.'

'It's also a statement of principle. No overtime while our brothers are on the dole. The union executives should be enforcing this.'

'For banning overtime also means fighting to get a decent rate for the job. You can't live on the rates negotiated nationally. It will mean a campaign for higher wages. There's no divorce of one from the other.'

'We decided that the official machinery within the industry wasn't working, so we involved the Right to Work Campaign. We held a picket at Wimpeys in Central London to stop the Saturday working.'

'Squads of police turned up, but the next week they stopped the Saturday working.'

'There's nothing better than unemployed outside the gates on a picket line. That makes the point—your overtime is someone else's job!'

'The other real problem in the industry is casual labour. We've got to force the Labour-controlled councils to use direct labour. The subsidies do overtime all hours of the day. We should also take over all the empty private housing in London. Labour promised to do it. The council direct labour departments would do the houses up.'

Expose

'I don't believe in paying any compensation either.'

'The ultimate responsibility is the TUC's. The maximum pressure must be put to expose what they're doing and to get them to do something about it. If they won't take action, we'll have to build a movement to

showing our solidarity with the fight for jobs and services.

'I reckon that if union branches up and down the country were to do that, so that the march could be seen to show the unity of employed and unemployed workers, that would really shake up TUC general secretary Len Murray and his comfortable cronies.'

JANIE LOWE is a member of the occupation committee of Southlands College, in South London, which was occupied last term as part of the fight against the cuts.

The occupation is still going on. Janie is going on the Right to Work-march.

'I trained three years to become a teacher. Now I can't get a job, I can't even fully join a union because I'm unemployed.'

'There will be 30,000 teachers out of work in September, and very few jobs.'

'That's why we decided to occupy our college. 290 of us have left the college this year. 200 still haven't got jobs. The march is continuing the struggle we began when we occupied.'

'We want to show we're not going to take this lying down. Cuts and unemployment aren't necessary.'

'Go into any London school and you immediately realise the need for more teachers. But present staff is being cut—let alone employing those of us already on the dole.'

fight. 'That's why the march and the mass lobby of the TUC in September is important. The TUC must take the responsibility. No Tory government would get away with what this Labour government is doing.'

□ Join the mass lobby of the Trades Union Congress in Brighton on 7 September, 11am.

A special train is leaving Victoria Station, London, to join the lobby. The train takes an hour and will leave in time for delegations from north of London to join it.

Get your trade union organisation to organise a mass delegation to the lobby of the Trades Union Congress.

Buses stop... fightback starts!

by TOMMY CLEARY

ALL Merseyside buses were off the road last Friday as the crews of all eight bus depots attended meetings to discuss the imminent confrontation with the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive (MPTE) plans to cut 160 buses.

Seven months ago only two garages, Garston and Speke, decided to fight the cuts. The other six depots in Liverpool decided to accept them. They wrongly thought they would give management the 60 bus cuts they wanted and they would go away.

But now they're back for more.

A liaison committee for all eight depots has now been set up. There's a work to rule and a 'no co-operation' ban, which includes all buses checked for defects before being taken out and any buses with defects held in the depots, all speed limits to be complied with, no extra duties.

October has been given for the next round of cuts. But the

busworkers' have started joint meetings with all unions now, including Engineering, Electricians and Government Officers Union members in the bus offices.

All have promised full backing for the fight. NALGO members have decided not to print or circulate any notices about the cuts.

Although Garston and Speke depots kicked off the fight with two strikes during the first round of cuts and even decided on the work-to-rule and no co-operation which all other six depots followed, the meeting that's planned for this week of 22 bus depots from all over Merseyside, including Crosville and Ribble bus companies, is the beginning of a rank and file grouping to fight the cuts.

This time there's no talk of giving the planned cuts an inch. Any busworker who has seen the internal memo sent out this week which mentions 'the executive's continuing process of adjusting schedule mileage' knows the fight will be a continuing one.



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The secret ballot

TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM
Duncan Hallas

It was a progressive and democratic demand. But exactly the opposite is the case with the demand for postal ballots in union elections.

'IN MY UNION' writes a reader in Wales, 'we suffer from an excess of "moderates", which is really another name for right-wingers.

'A couple of the arguments they seem to love concern ballots and majorities—"always go for secret ballots" they say "because extremists hate them".

'And, they add, "go for a two-thirds majority in matters of vital importance" (which in practice means everything) because "a simple majority favours the extremists"... Can we have some counter-arguments?'

In all such matters we have to start with a simple question: who benefits? There are no neutral electoral

systems or methods of voting in unions or anywhere else. This has to be made clear at the outset. Every system has its bias.

Consider, for example, the question of the proposals now being touted about for proportional representation in parliamentary elections.

Exclude

It sounds very 'fair', very 'democratic'. But its effect would be, given the present voting pattern, to enhance enormously the power of the Liberals (with about one-fifth of the vote) and, for practical purposes, exclude the possibility of a majority Labour government (Labour polling about two-fifths of the vote).

And that, of course, is what the

proposals are really about.

A minority capitalist party would normally be in a position to dictate whether there was a Tory-Liberal coalition or a Labour-Liberal coalition—exactly as happens in West Germany.

Now, of course, we know that Labour, too, is a pro-capitalist party and that parliament is not the centre of power anyway.

But, from the standpoint of formal 'democratic' procedure, this is an excellent illustration of how an apparently more 'democratic' method of election can result in a highly 'undemocratic' result.

And so with ballots. The secret ballot (for parliamentary elections) was one of the demands of the Chartists.

Why did they demand it? To destroy

the power of landlords and capitalists to intimidate their tenants and workers into voting for their nominees—under the old system the voter had to get up on a hustling and declare his vote.

It was a demand designed to reduce the power of the rich and enhance the power of working people. It was therefore a progressive and democratic demand.

Exactly the opposite is the case with the demand for postal ballots in union elections. This is a demand designed to enhance the power of the rich—through their control of the mass media—and reduce the power of the working class activists who actually maintain union organisation. It is therefore a reactionary and anti-democratic demand.

Naturally, it is favoured by the Tories—who vehemently opposed the introduction of the secret ballot when it was being fought for in the last century—as well as by Woodrow Wyatt, Trumid and similar elements.

We are for branch balloting for the election of union officers—so that those who vote at least have the possibility of hearing the arguments.

Of course we are well aware of the deficiencies of branch meetings, especially their frequent divorce from the workplace.

But that is an argument for reforming union structure, not an argument for giving the press and TV barons an even greater influence in union elections.

Democracy means, literally, 'rule of the people'.

A voting system that strengthens the influence of millionaires like Woodrow Wyatt is anti-democratic by definition.

Generally speaking, we do not favour ballots on questions of industrial action.

Leave aside the question of two-thirds majorities—that is transparently a device to paralyse any action.

Ideas

A ballot, like an opinion poll, is a snapshot of the state of opinion at a particular moment in time. No more than that.

But people change their ideas about what is possible and necessary in the course of struggle.

And they respond to a lead. If every struggle in the past had been preceded by a ballot then a great many successful and important struggles would never have been fought at all—the enemy would have gained the victory by default.

An obvious example is the prohibition of child labour.

Since, as the TV constantly reminds us, this is the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution we may usefully take that revolution as an example.

Virtually all historians concur in the view that the revolutionaries were a minority.

Struggle

One third revolutionary, one third Tory (and so, pro-British), one third waverers who would swing to the winning side; that is the assessment of practically all those who have studied the matter.

If, as late as 1776, a secret ballot—let alone a postal ballot—had decided the matter, George III and Lord North would certainly have won and Washington, Jefferson and Adams would have ended on a British gallows.

But they fought and won and their victory was a victory for democracy—in the real sense, the victory of the left of that day—even though they certainly did not have a 51 per cent majority at first, let alone a two-thirds majority.

The majority was won in struggle.

LONRHO: THE REAL SCANDAL

WHEN DES Warren and the other Shrewsbury pickets met to plan out their tactics for picketing unsafe building sites in Shrewsbury in July 1972, they had never heard of the laws of conspiracy.

They did not know that these laws could be used to hunt down trade unionists who had committed no offences but who the government and the building employers were anxious to put behind bars, without any serious evidence and without even the minimal safeguards of a normal trial.

When Duncan Sandys (since

elevated to Lord Duncan-Sandys) was, in the summer of 1972, involved in business activities and transactions which included sanctions busting in Rhodesia, he did know that these constituted a breach of the company conspiracy laws.

AGENTS

Nevertheless, Lord Duncan Sandys and his pals went right ahead and defied the law.

They did so because they calculated, correctly, that being rich important people with contacts, placemen and paid agents in

every corner of the establishment, no-one would ever launch a prosecution against them.

They knew from long practical experience that there was one law for the rich and quite another for the poor.

And like businessmen everywhere they intended to profit from that knowledge and secretly developed mines in Rhodesia.

Lord Duncan Sandys had in fact first been hired by Lonrho (at some vast salary payable in the Cayman Islands) precisely to offset the possibility of a criminal prosecution in South Africa.

Lonrho boss Tiny Rowland would have known that Sandys' magic

(and his contacts) would include top politicians and law-makers here in Britain as well as in South Africa.

So, from every possible point of view, it was worth buying the man.

The Right Honourable Angus Ogilvy also provided useful insurance. And, indeed, so did an unknown number of other important people also on Rowland's payroll whose identities are being kept secret.

But the precise details of Lonrho's cynical and premeditated conspiracy law breaking, born of the knowledge that the rich never get prosecuted, is truly breathtaking.

Tiny tip of the iceberg



Rowland: corrupt

SINCE the Lonrho report was published, Tiny Rowland has done a grand job of deflecting attention from his own, corrupt practices.

This has not been hard. All he had to do was to say that what Lonrho was doing everyone else is doing too.

Rowland has said it again and again. He's pointed to the activities of British Leyland and British Steel over Rhodesia, to the activities of Turner and Newall, the asbestos murderers, to British Airways, Shell, BP and a stack of others.

Regime

He's even disclosed that, immediately after the Rhodesian declaration of independence ten years ago, he approached Harold Wilson and the Labour government to suggest some effective sanctions.

But no effective sanctions were invoked. So the white racist regime carries on its business while business carries on breaking the law.

In Rhodesia, too, wealth and privilege are at stake. And the lovers of law and order wouldn't want to do anything to upset that.

After all, that's what law and order is all about



Guilt-edged security...

IN THE COURSE of the Lonrho investigation, the two inspectors nominated by the Department of Trade and Industry—Sir William Slimmings and Allan Heyman, QC—paid a visit to the offices of Keyser Ullman.

Keyser Ullman are merchant bankers to Lonrho and include on their board such well-known fans of law and order as Edward du Cann, MP.

Among the correspondence the inspectors chanced upon in the files was the advice Sandys, by then Lonrho chairman, had had from the firm's solicitors, Linklaters and Paines.

The advice, given to Sandys on 9 August 1972, included a straight statement

that the company's activities and proposed activities included undoubted breaches of the United Nations' sanctions legislation.

The lawyers' advice, however, includes the following fascinating statement on the tough legislation imposed against British business helping the Rhodesian regime:

... in the present situation there is no way the Rhodesian company could effectively be prosecuted in the United Kingdom.

But the advice continues: 'the offences we have advised have been committed consist of Lonrho itself conspiring with Commerce (the Rhodesian subsidiary) to commit the offences.'

The report on Lonrho also includes another even more

tellingly documented paragraph of 'advice' to Sandys and his fellow lovers of law and order:

'At our meeting on Friday we were however able to express the following conclusions: ... that the material set out in the Memorandum on Sanctions ... discloses on its face evidence which would support a charge against company officers and personnel in London of conspiring to contravene regulations.

Predicts

'Counsel (Queen's Counsel, a top lawyer) expressed the view, which we endorse, that there could be no defence to such a charge.'

There has been no such charge. What's more, Socialist Worker confident-

ly predicts there will be no charge, of this or any other kind relating to Lonrho and big business's systematic law breaking.

The law, after all, was made by rich men in their own interests for the poor to obey.

The contrast with Des Warren and, indeed, with every other working class prisoner rotting away in jails and borstals could not be more marked.

As if to underline the point, when the inspectors tried to interview the lawyers who gave Sandys this advice, the lawyers refused even to answer any significant question on the grounds of 'privilege'.

Wealth and privilege, of course, go hand in hand.

COP THIS AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT..

We find it extraordinary that sums of this magnitude could be paid by Mr Rowland to Mr Ball and Mr Ogilvy without any of them knowing precisely what the payments represented.

—from the Lonrho report

Where strike leaders face death



Bolivian tin miners: their leaders are being hunted down by the army

TIN MINERS FORCED TO HIDE IN PIT SHAFTS

3000 TIN MINERS in Bolivia are defying the fascist government and its army in a life or death struggle. The mines are Siglo XX and Catavi. Both towns have been occupied and billeted by several battalions of troops. The miners' leaders are down the mines—for fear of being shot. The mine shafts are guarded by troops—to ensure that no food or clothing reaches the men below. The troops have also cut off all supplies of food to the mining town.

But still—after three months—the strike goes on. The leaders are fed through old, secret shafts. And the illegal Bolivian trade union movement has organised a massive shift of food into the towns by secret routes.

Body

The strike was sparked off in May by the murder in Argentina of the former President of Bolivia, Torres. The government agreed to bring back his body for burial, but refused the demand of Torres' widow that the body should lie in state for one day at the State Mines Federation Offices.

A series of one-day strikes followed in the mines. Four universities were also closed by students' strikes.

Early in June, the troops moved into all the mining areas.

They arrested hundreds of miners' leaders and deported them to Chile, where they are sent to rot. The same happened in the universities.

Gradually, some of the smaller pits were forced back to work.

At Siglo XX and Catavi, the miners remained firm, demanding the return of their leaders forced into exile and higher wages.

Desperate

Tin miners, who produce most of the country's wealth, are paid 30 pesos a working day (about £7.75 a week).

They work to keep the 250,000 ladies and gentlemen who do no work at all on incomes at least six times greater.

Inflation has risen over the past five years by 350 per cent.

The miners' struggle is desperate. Their only hope of victory lies in international solidarity.

The British miners' union hailed the struggle at their recent conference.

They should back their words with large donations, which can keep the miners' communities alive.

Portugal: New plot unearthed

EVEN AS Socialist Party leader Mario Soares was sworn in as Prime Minister of Portugal last week, the storm clouds were beginning to gather.

One worker in five is unemployed. Inflation runs at 50 per cent a year. And there is a massive balance of payments gap. But the workers' movement still has considerable power—which the right-wing hope to use Soares to attack still further.

When the Socialist Party falters, or even more reactionary measures become necessary, the forces of darkness will soon dispense with Mario Soares and his associates.



Miguel: close ties with Spinola

In its report on the formation of the new government last week, The Guardian newspaper included a throwaway last paragraph which indicates what is really going on.

The new army leaders are known to have a contingency plan of intervention to install a nonpartisan government should inter-party problems aggravate Portugal's problems.

In reality, the 'contingency plans' go a good deal further than that.

Soares has found it virtually impossible to get any of the people he wanted to become ministers to take up office in his government.

They have voted with their feet, showing that even they do not believe the government can last.

Soares has, however, found some elements only too willing to enter his cabinet.

Among them is Brigadier Firmino Miguel, the new Minister of Defence. Miguel and the other top



Callaghan: 'keep out the Communists'

ANOTHER example of big business's love for democracy was disclosed last week when Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor of West Germany, unwittingly let slip details of the German, British and US governments' policies over Italy. At recent meetings, Schmidt,

TWO MEN WHO LOVE 'DEMOCRACY'



Kissinger: he agreed

Henry Kissinger and James Callaghan agreed that no loans would be forthcoming if the Italian government were to include any representatives of the second biggest party, the Communists. P.S.: James Callaghan is a democrat.

army officer in the Cabinet, Lt-Colonel Costa Braz, Minister of the Interior, are both intimates of General Eanes, Portugal's military president who has the power to dismiss the Soares government when it suits him. Miguel is a close associate

Support

of General Spinola, the man who has long cast himself in the role of butcher of the Portuguese working class.

Miguel was at one stage expected to become prime minister under Spinola. Now he has been brought into Soares Cabinet, just as Salvador Allende brought General Pinochet into his.

Spinola is still hard at work in Europe and America, making preparations for the day of

reckoning in Portugal.

According to the latest issue of Counterspy, the American publication exposing the activities of the intelligence community in the United States, Spinola and his organisations are getting more and more money and support.

Spinola's organisations are the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Portugal (MDLP) and the armed terror group, the ELP.

ELP has carried out a number of bombings of left-wing offices in and around Lisbon, the latest of which took place on Sunday.

Counterspy's research on MDLP/ELP operations have established some important links between Spinola and the big business establishments.

Spinola has been secretly introduced to a senior

representative of the huge Swiss-based multinational Brown Boveri.

Subsequently, he travelled to Geneva to meet the former director of the CIA, John McCone, who is now boss of ITT's international operations.

Soon after the meeting, which took place in the Brown Boveri offices, ITT announced that all funds for Portugal were to be cut off.

But Counterspy has found evidence to show that ITT have done rather more than indulge in economic sabotage.

Master

They have provided a right-wing commando unit with electronic listening devices capable of monitoring all telecommunications from abroad as well as inside Portugal.

Other big business support for Spinola's MDLP/ELP operation has, Counterspy reports, been forthcoming from

Joseph Abs, Hitler's banker and still an enormously wealthy man

Jorge Jardim, the multi-millionaire who owned half of Mozambique

Mariano Felici, an Italian arms merchant and

Antonio Champalimaud, the stupendously wealthy exploiter who is, in fact, the real master of Spinola.

The total funding is believed to be in the region of £125 million.

Counterspy has also identified links between Spinola and the Franco family in Spain.

The magazine notes that the Franco family company SERD, the Spanish Society for Radio Diffusion has purchased two radio stations for the ELP gangsters.

Funding and assistance also comes from companies in Spain owned by Mariano Sabchez Covisa, the head of the right-wing murder organisation, the Guerrillas of Christ the King.

This is to say nothing of support from the Brazilian, Israeli, Spanish and French secret services.

'NAZIS' MOVE IN FOR KILL

THE FASCIST Phalangists, armed to the teeth and backed by Israel and Syria appear to be poised for the kill in the Lebanon's bloody civil war.

For four weeks, they have concerted much of their firepower on the symbolic Palestinian refugee camp of Tal Zaatar in South East Beirut.

The Palestinians have held out against almost unbelievable odds.

Kill

The response of the Maronite fascists has been to bombard a bomb shelter containing up to 400 old, wounded and sick Palestinian refugees.

They refuse to back off even for a moment so as to enable some sort of rescue to take place. They are clearly determined to move in for the kill.

Their bloody operations in Beirut are being followed up with strikes in the Metn mountains and in Kowa which



Devastated Beirut—courtesy of Russian arms

port it needed to move in for the kill against the Lebanese National Movement and the Palestinian refugees came from neighbouring Syria.

This regime is one that many socialists have kidded themselves is in some way progressive. It is also heavily armed and funded by the Soviet Union.

In recent weeks the Syrians have provided the Maronites with vast quantities of arms and equipment, much of it Soviet in origin.

They have organised a land and sea blockade against the Lebanese National Movement.

They have staged a direct military intervention to boost the chances of the far right still further.

And they have kept away from Jounieh, allowing the Maronites to get still more arms and petrol supplies from

have led to the isolation of Tripoli.

The Phalange organisation is closely modelled on the fascism of Mussolini and Hitler.

Until recently, it was a tiny organisation without real influence. So how did it get to the stage where it could launch

the 15-month-old bloody civil war?

Quite simply, the Phalangists enjoy the support of the forces of reaction throughout the world. The CIA, for example, has provided large quantities of money guns and personnel.

But the truly decisive sup-

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Council attacks building workers with 'lump'

By PAUL FOOT

TEN Haringey councillors, who called a press conference three weeks ago to parade their socialist consciences on the government's cuts, have launched another attack on trade unionists in the council departments.

Last week Socialist Worker reported the moving of militant steward Arthur Johnson from his depot in the council's direct labour department.



Tony Morley: The council set spies on his home
Picture: John Sturrock (Report)

At the same time, the council were victimising another militant steward—Tony Morley, who represents building workers on Unit One of PELAW—the Partnership Experiment in Local Authority Work.

PELAW, set up in 1972, was the brainchild of left-wing councillor Eric Smith, chairman of the personnel and employment committee. Its aim was to provide a small unit outside direct labour which would tender separately for conversion work.

Management was appointed by the council. The workers had no control over management, no access to the books. Soon they found the 'flexibility' which they had been promised was leading to a complete breakdown of training, of trade unionism and of safety.

There were at least two serious accidents.

The management refused to hire union labour, and at one stage one whole unit of

PELAW was non-union. As Tony Morley put it: We realised that PELAW was no more than a legalised lump squad, so that when the cuts come everyone will be doing everyone else's job.'

The workers in Unit One resisted. They insisted on proper safety precautions, and on hiring union labour.

The management replied by running down the job.

The management replied by running down the job. Three weeks ago, the Unit One workers passed a vote of no confidence in the management.

Spying

Management replied with a series of slanders. With the help of the council, they had been spying on Tony Morley's private life. His wife's house was watched, and, when Morley did not appear one night, the council and the management accused him of overcharging too steeply on his travel allowance—to the princely sum of £30!

The Tuesday before last Tony Morley was sacked for this 'overcharging'—which he denies. The union intervened, and he has now been suspended on full pay, pending an inquiry.

Councillor Eric Smith, continues in his determination to break the PELAW militants, whom he describes as 'a Trotskyist cell'.

And Tony Morley says 'If they do break us here, the idea will take on in other councils. They have tried the same thing in Camden—and in Sunderland.'

'As a way of staving off the cuts they could pour all their direct labour departments into lump outfits like PELAW. That's why the lads here need the support of all building workers, especially direct labour building workers.'

BBC victimises radio militant

By AIDAN WHITE

THE BBC are putting on a special show this week—a victimisation spectacular. The corporation has sacked one of the leading union militants in broadcasting.

Journalists on Radio London are on strike over the management's victimisation of Denis MacShane, an executive member of the National Union of Journalists. MacShane's fellow workers quickly realised he was being singled out for special treatment and are demanding that he is fully reinstated.

MacShane was sacked for a loose remark he made during a phone-in. The programme, dealing with electoral reform, was flagging and the producer asked MacShane to disguise his voice and make a call to revive the debate. During his call he referred to Reginald Maudling as 'a crook'.

Maudling was the Tory Home Secretary forced to resign because of his close association and friendship with the architect jailed for corruption, John Poulson.

MacShane's remark was a slip of the tongue, but the BBC bosses were jubilant. They used this as an excuse to sack him.

Elected

MacShane has worked for the BBC for seven years and has an unblemished work record. But his problems began two years ago while working for a local radio station in Birmingham. He was elected on to the NUJ executive at a time when a new trade union spirit was spreading through the organisation.

After the election the corporation said he could not return to his old job as a sports reporter. Two other BBC men who had stood in the election, one as a Tory, the other a Liberal were allowed their old jobs back.

For 18 months MacShane worked with the BBC but

without any job at all. They clearly wanted him to go, especially as he was a vocal militant who had been involved in bitter negotiations over a new pay deal in 1974.

But MacShane stayed and eventually found a place as a news reporter with Radio London.

It is only a few weeks since an article by MacShane on racial reporting was suppressed by the BBC hierarchy, who stopped its publication in The Listener.

Parts of it were printed in Socialist Worker on 3 July.

MacShane was a leading organiser of the first-ever strike throughout the BBC in December last year over an anti-social hours allowance. In recent weeks he has criticised the corporation over its failure to employ more coloured workers.

Prelude

The corporation are clearly worried about the new militant mood at the BBC.

Union fears of redundancies to come are confirmed by the BBC attitude over MacShane. The victimisation is being seen as a prelude to a more concentrated attack on jobs. Another broadcasting militant under attack is Peter Dodson, chairman of the NUJ's Broadcasting Industrial Council, who is being threatened with a libel suit by the radio station manager at BBC Radio Cleveland, in the North East.

Dodson is being threatened for a comment he made at a union meeting which was recorded in the minutes.

He and MacShane are clearly marked men being hunted down by the BBC. Their defence is crucial to the survival of union organisation within the corporation. All journalists and media workers must rally to the support of the Radio London strikers.

Messages and donations to: Diana Rice, Radio London FoC, c/o NUJ, 314 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1.

Picture: Phil McCowan



The racist sign—which the Race Relations Act couldn't remove—is set on fire in Southall last Saturday.

The Fight Against The Racists



Picture: Chris Davies (Report)

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Baraj Singh of the Southall Youth Movement speaks to the demonstrators

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WE MARCH Southall on Saturday. As we march more people join

Many did not know racist Relf's sign. But a march against the National Front, Powell. That was sufficient march with us.

The original sign was march as we came to Gurdip Chagger was guarded by 25 people to make sure the National Front get their hands on it.

But there was no sign Front. They did not

The police who made arrests if the racist seethed on the sidelines dare make a move.

The sign went up in high as the poison 'For family only' was burnt. Posters with Enoch Powell went up in smoke too.

It was a signal of victory.

Jimmy McCallum, of Socialists, told the International Socialists out on the streets to show are not prepared to accept have kicked the Front should not underest happened.

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International Socialists that have taken that sign. It comes from our politics.

'This is the first significant step in the campaign—where black and white workers are fighting to defend themselves. This is not just a campaign against racism. It is a fight against unemployment and against the cuts. This will be the basis of a serious organisation that links them.'

Balraj Singh, of the Southall Youth Movement, said: 'Everybody knows this is a victory march against the National Front.'

'This will make sure that all of those people who have been sitting on their arses will come out on the streets. That is where it matters—on the streets.'

'We have achieved a victory over the National Front. First, by destroying their plans to have a march in London. And second, by taking the sign and burning it.'

'Brilliant'

Mark Nunkoosing is a glass grinder from Tottenham, North London. 'This is the first time I have come out on a march. It's brilliant', he told Socialist Worker.

'I have been worried about the way the National Front are getting votes. You can't just dismiss them, like the Germans did with the Nazi Party. You can't just take it lying down'.

Michael Dolan, aged 9, was shopping with his parents in Southall when the march went by. He ran to join in. 'It's Enoch Powell who keeps starting all the trouble', he said.

Michael Idua is a civil servant in Central London. 'It was really nice when that sign went up in flames. I half-wish it was Relf himself. It makes you feel it is possible to wipe out the Front from the streets—to defeat them.'

'The organisation that you have done today—it really shows that you are serious about fighting racism. I am seriously considering joining the International Socialists'.



A victory over racism! Demonstrators in Southall



Picture: Phil McCowan



The substitute sign: Put up after the original sign was removed by International Socialists, it was burned last Wednesday in Leamington near Relf's home



The burning sign after being smashed to the ground and broken up



Anti-racist demonstrators in Birmingham on Saturday

Week of Action stops Nazis

WE STOPPED the Nazis from marching on Saturday.

A week of campaigning by the International Socialists, the Southall Youth Movement, the Leamington Indian Workers Association and other organisations smashed a major propaganda exercise by the National Front and other Nazi organisations.

The Front planned to run Robert Relf's racist sign, 'For sale to an English family' to London. A series of runners, organised Olympic-style, were to carry the sign down from Leamington. Every fascist organisation in Britain was planning to assemble in London to greet the sign.

By Saturday the fascist plans were in ruins.

The first sign was taken from outside Relf's house last Sunday by members of the International Socialists.

Route

Relf put up another sign. This was also taken down and burnt outside the local Sikh temple by a demonstration in Leamington on Wednesday.

All over the country the racist campaign was being turned back. Along the route they had planned to run, National Front posters were going up—and being torn down or obscured by organised anti-racist groups.

In Hackney on Thursday National Front members, including Hackney's number one Nazi, Derek Day, tried to get into a meeting of Hackney Community Relations Council and break it up. Their efforts were in vain.

Stewards on the door stopped most of them from getting in. One National Front member who had got through started a speech by saying: 'I am British and proud of it'—and got no further. He was quickly escorted from the meeting.

And on Saturday, the Nazis were nowhere to be seen.

Racist driver barred at airport

WORKERS at London Airport's Cargo Centre took immediate action against a delivery driver who used crude racist abuse to black workers. They barred him from the centre.

After the incident both unions on the site, the Society of Civil and Public Servants and the CPSA, told the management that they would not tolerate racism. A meeting of the SCPS Data Processing Service branch has called on its 1,300 members to take the same stand.

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 TONIGHT COME TO THIS MEETING

A three-language leaflet for the meeting

BUT THE VICAR LEFT!

'You can't get rid of the rats unless you smash the sewerage system!' That was the theme Tony Cliff hammered home at a meeting in a Peterborough church hall last week. 'Smash the Nazional Front? Yes! Fight for the Right to Work? Yes! But bring down the system that breeds racism and unemployment!' The 60-strong meeting lapped it up—apart from a local vicar who left after five minutes! Using the church collection plate, the IS branch raised over £20 at the end of the meeting!



Tony Cliff speaking at Peterborough

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COME and help spread the struggle for socialism! Socialist Worker is sold every Saturday in the following places—come and help us!

- HACKNEY:** Ridley Road market, 11am-1pm.
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- ROTTERHAM:** 11am-1pm, outside markets entrance.
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- ALLOA:** Clackmannanshire Shopping centre, 11.30am-2pm.
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- INNER WEST LONDON:** North End Road, outside Woolworths, 10.15am-noon.
- BRIXTON:** Outside Brixton tube, Saturday 11am-1pm. Outside Brixton and Stockwell tubes, Friday 5pm-6pm.
- READING:** Junction of Broad Street and Union Street, 10am-3pm.
- SOUTH EAST LONDON:** Lewisham, Clock Tower, 11am-12.30pm. Woolwich, Powis Street, 11am-12 noon. Dartford, outside the new shopping centre, 11am-12.30pm. Gravesend, outside the market entrance, 10.30am-12 noon.
- SOUTH WEST LONDON:** Clapham Junction outside Woolworths, St Johns Road, Saturday 10.30am-1.30pm. Tooting High Street, Saturday, 11am-12.30pm. Brixton outside Tube, Saturday 11am-1pm and Friday, 5pm-6pm. Stockwell outside Tube, Friday 5pm-6pm. Peckham Rye Saturday 11am-12.30pm.
- STRATFORD, East London:** Stratford shopping Precinct, 11am-1pm.

- ABERYSTWYTH:** Outside Post Office, Friday 12.15pm-1.45pm. Saturday 10.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-3.30pm.
- BOLTON:** Precinct, 11am-4pm.
- BURY:** Precinct, 11am-1pm.
- WIGAN:** Makinsons Arcade, 11am-3pm.
- WEST BROMWICH:** King Square, 12 noon-2pm.
- EDINBURGH:** Princes Street (east end) 11am to 4pm. Thursdays: Entrance to Westin Hailes shopping centre, 4.30pm to 5.30pm.
- BATH:** Outside Littlewoods, Saturday, 11.30am-12.30pm.
- SHEFFIELD:** Fargate, Friday 4.30pm-5.30pm and Saturday, 10am-5pm.
- EXETER:** High St, outside Boots, 11am and 2pm-3pm.
- COVENTRY:** City Precinct, 11am-1pm. Foleshill, The General Wolfe, 11am-1pm.

- PETERBOROUGH:** 2-4pm, Cathedral Square.
- STAMFORD:** 10am-12 noon. The precinct.
- HULL:** Monument Square, 11.30am-2pm.
- SOUTHEND:** Shopping Precinct (next to Guy Norris) 11am-1pm.
- DUNDEE:** City Square, 11am-4pm. Thursday and Friday evenings 4-5.30pm.
- CHELtenham:** 10.30am to 1.30pm, outside Boots on the Promenade.
- MANCHESTER:** MOSS SIDE shopping precinct: 10.30am-2pm. SALFORD shopping precinct: 11am-1pm. CHEETHAM HILL shopping precinct: 11am-1pm. LONGSIGHT MARKET: 11am-3pm. STOCKPORT Merseyside shopping precinct: 10am-4pm.
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- SOUTHAMPTON:** Precinct, 10am-1pm. Kingsland Market, 11am-1pm.
- ABERDEEN:** Edward Statue, Union Street, 11am-12 noon and 2pm-3pm.



Send us your reports of your meetings and activities. We want to know what you're doing to build your and district. Send to: SW page, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

Against racism in Tottenham

THE North London International Socialists held a street meeting against racialism in Tottenham on Saturday morning. A big crowd built up. Local people see—and fight against—racism every day. From boycotting Charlee Brown's disco, which refused to allow in blacks, to watching the police snatch schoolboys, using security vans with dogs and a helicopter costing £1250 a week. After the meeting, 60 people boarded the coach Socialist Worker had organised to join the victory march and burning of Robert Relf's racist sign in Southall.

SCOTTISH FOUR-DAY SCHOOL ON REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM

For supporters of Socialist Worker and members of the International Socialists. **Friday-Monday 6-9 August, in Dundee** **FRIDAY:** starts 10am: Labour government, Labour Party and the future. How to improve your speaking. Oil and Scottish Nationalism. **SATURDAY:** Incomes policy—the experience. Shop floor and trade union work. **SUNDAY:** The Rank and File Movement—theory and practice. **MONDAY:** How the International Socialists work—branches, districts and intervention. Lenin, Trotsky and the revolutionary socialist party. Accommodation arranged on request. All comrades will be required to register in advance as places will be limited. Further information from Send to Susan Cross, 4 Roseangle, Dundee.

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SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

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

PETERBOROUGH: Socialist Worker discussion groups meet weekly. Phone Peterborough 61685 or 68541.

NORWICH: Socialist Worker supporters meeting on South Africa. Thursday 5 August, 8pm, The Black Boys pub, Colegate, Norwich. Speaker Ian Goddard.

HULME & MOSS SIDE SW: readers and members of the International Socialists meet on Thursdays at 8pm at Russell Club, Royce Road, Hulme, Manchester.

CENTRAL LONDON SW: public meeting: Fight the bosses, not the blacks. Speaker: Tony Cliff, Monday 2 August, 7.30pm, Exhibition Hall, Camden Studios, Camden Street, NW1.

CRUMPSALL: International Socialists (Manchester) meet every Monday at 8pm in the Robin Hood Hotel, Queens Road (just off Rochdale Road).

BRADFORD: Socialist Worker Outing: Sunday 29 August, Bradford to Robin Hood's Bay. Adults £2, kids free. Everyone welcome, phone Terry Farrar 0274-55913.

CORNWALL: Socialist Worker Social at the Folkloft, Bullers Arms, Redruth, Cornwall. Saturday 7 August, 7pm, T Cliff, C Rosenberg, L Flynn, J Condon. Folk singers, disco, raffle, food, drink, all welcome.

Blackburn Socialist Worker meeting: Russia—why it isn't socialist. Thursday 5 August, 7.45pm. The Veteran Hotel, Foundry Hill, Blackburn. All welcome.

YORK: Socialist Worker public meeting: Stop the Racists—while you've still got the chance. Local speakers. Thursday 5 August, 8pm. The Lowther Hotel, Kings Staith, by the river.

HARLOW: Socialist Worker discussion meeting: Whatever happened to Russia? Speaker Ian Birchall. Wednesday 4 August, 8pm, Tye Green CA. All welcome.

MANCHESTER: Socialist Worker public meeting: The Struggle for Socialism. Speaker: Paul Foot. Thursday 26 August, 8pm, Town Hall Basement Theatre, Town Hall Extension, Manchester.

SOUTH WEST LONDON Women's Voice: public meeting: Film: Blow for Blow plus discussion on how women can fight back. Tea and biscuits—made by the men. Wednesday 4 August, 7.30pm, Lambeth Town Hall.

FLAME West Indies Group: public meeting: Jamaica, State of Emergency. What Now? Saturday 7 August, 11am, Lambeth Unemployed Workers Centre, 21 Mayall Road, Brixton.

FLAME Editorial Board Meeting: Saturday 31 July, 11am-2pm, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. All members and Flame supporters welcome.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS Women's committee. Next meeting Saturday 14 August, 11am, on the Right to Work and the campaign after 7 September. All districts, branches and fractions to send someone. Pooled fare.

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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 overturned.

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 racism 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.

Where it's illegal to have a family



JANE NDHLOVU is living with her husband illegally. She could live with him legally—but first she'd have to work ten years for one employer to 'qualify'.

For Jane Ndhlovu's husband works in Cape Town, in South Africa, and this entitles him only to 'bachelor's quarters'. Until his wife has done her ten-year slavery, she qualifies for nothing.

So they live with their five children in a 'pondokkie', a corrugated iron shack they have built in a town of thousands of others ten miles from Cape Town, continually under threat from government bulldozers. Wholesale destruction of the shanty towns is common.

As The Guardian reported earlier this month: 'On one occasion officials destroyed a pondokkie while the husband was at work and put the mother and two of her three children on the train to the Transkei 750 miles away. The third child, aged five, had run in terror into the bush, but the mother was not allowed to look for him.'

Such 'horror stories' about South Africa are common—but few show so clearly how exploitation is the root of apartheid.

LEFT: Children on the streets of a township in South Africa. By the 'separate development' policy they have no right to be there—bulldozers (right) have already forcibly ejected eight million to the 'homelands'.



a family

With the growing mass protest in South Africa, socialists who want the facts about apartheid—and particularly the 'homelands' fraud—should read DIVIDE AND RULE, by Barbara Rogers, from which many of the facts in this article are taken. 60p plus 10p postage from International Defence and Aid, 104 Newgate Street, London, EC1.

White South Africa wants workers for its factories, shops, servants' quarters—and recognises their existence only as workers, not as human beings with the right to human relationships.

What's more, white South Africa wants only docile workers—remember Jane Ndhlovu would qualify to live in Cape Town only after working ten years for one employer.

This is the other side of the coin to the vicious sham the white South Africans call 'separate

development'. Their line is that in the homelands, the bantustans, they are giving the blacks their own land, their own government, their own independent states.

Their own land? The ten homelands put together make only one eighth of the land area of South Africa. It is the driest land, with the poorest soil.

Botha, the minister responsible for the homelands policy, said in 1974: 'We as the givers must determine what land should be given and it is not for those who receive to point out what land they should have.'

The separate political system is a joke. The opening of the Bophutha Tswana Legislative Assembly in 1972 was described as follows in a press report.

'It has all the trappings of a real parliament, including robes, procession and mace. The huge majority of the Chief Minister's party sit crammed in one side—many fidgeting, some sleeping. Eight opposition members on the other side. Rather a comic-opera effect.'

'Speakers look from time to time towards the six white secretaries—heads of the departments which administer the bantustans' responsibilities—in mute appeal for instructions. The secretaries, themselves, with expressions of slightly bemused anxiety on their faces, remind one of parents whose children are performing in a school play. You can almost read their thoughts—'I hope he doesn't fluff it.'

Ragged

'Sometimes one of the secretaries scrawls a note to be carried to the rostrum or to a speaker. The two messengers—in blue uniforms with silver buttons—run themselves ragged.'

Behind the scenes, it is these civil servants seconded from the South African government who run the few administrative responsibilities which have been formally handed over to the bantustans, such as education, health and pensions. The bantustan assemblies have no power.

And what independence is possible when the vast majority living in the homelands depend on wages sent from fathers and brothers working in the mines and factories of the white areas?

The land is barren. There is almost no industry. The Xhosa Development Corporation—which is supposed to set up new industry in the Xhosa homeland—is called the 'Xhosa Destruction Corporation' because of the appalling wages.

The resulting poverty is horrible. Four out of every five children examined at hospitals in the Transkei are found to be suffering from malnutrition.

Defend

The camps contain, in the words of a Bantu Affairs Commissioner, 'redundant people, old and infirm people, unmarried mothers'. They live on starvation rations.

And that's the only place Jane Ndhlovu and her five children have a 'right' to live.

The story of Jane Ndhlovu also reveals the link between apartheid—which most people in Britain condemn with horror—and Britain's own immigration controls, which too many of those same people defend.

For what South Africa is trying to do with its 'homeland' policy is reclassify all its black workers as 'immigrants', as Britain does.

And what have the British press been crying for so loudly recently if not for limits on the rights of 'dependents' to live with husbands and fathers in Britain? Just as Jane Ndhlovu and her children cannot legally live with husband and father in Cape Town.

PRE-VIEW

SATURDAY
Nigel Fountain would never forgive us if we didn't recommend THE WILD BUNCH (ITV 9pm), a bloody western which undoubtedly changed the traditional cowboy film image.

SUNDAY
The scourge of bureaucracy, the hammer of the uprighteous, the passionate defender of individual freedoms. You may not recognise journalist Bernard Levin from interviewer Brian Connell's description of him, but you may get some clarification of Levin's complex philosophy from THE BRIAN CONNELL INTERVIEWS (Anglia 5.05pm).

MONDAY
BBC2 rivals ITV's Summer Festival (another excuse for repeats) with Festival 40, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of BBC television. But there are some programmes that bear repeating and Tony Hancock's THE BLOOD DONOR is one of them.

TUESDAY
In 1971 prisoners at Attica in the US took over the jail and invited political journalist Tom Wicker to be an observer of the events that followed. Four days later state troopers shot their way in, killing 34 prisoners and nine hostages in six minutes.
In ATTICA: A PERSONAL ASSESSMENT, (BBC2) Wicker gives his view of what happened.

REMEMBER THE MODERATES?

MODERATES. You must remember moderates. Last year moderates were everywhere. There was, as the BBC in its impartial way might have put it, the vast moderate majority on the one hand and a tiny minority of extremist left-wing militants seeking to destroy society as we know it on the other.

So it was that the term 'right-wing' disappeared from official political debate and was replaced by the more acceptable 'moderates'.

I was wondering the other day if in its turn the term 'moderate' wasn't beginning to fall into disrepute. It's the sort of thing that could happen to a word that's been closely associated with Reg Prnetice for too long.

The new word—or rather an old word back in fashion again—is 'apolitical'. If you want to palm off some appallingly reactionary rubbish, the thing to do is to announce that what you're pushing is just common sense that has nothing to do with politics.

Sanity

Thus someone wrote to my local paper the other week demanding a total ban on immigration. This, the writer insisted, was a plea for simple sanity rather than the politics which tended to dominate government attitudes.

Then there are the gentry who drive round with carstickers proclaiming

TAKE IT AS RED

'Patients before Politics'. Vulgarly translated, this means patients with enormous amounts of money before all you oiks standing around watching from the pavements.

The suggestion is that to support private medicine is to be reasonable and sensible and that to oppose it is to bring politics in, cause trouble and jeopardise the welfare of patients.

Boring

So the term 'politics' comes to be used to mean 'left-wing politics'. To oppose 'politics' is to be normal. To be 'political' is to be left wing.

Frank Chapple accuses the International Socialists of bringing politics into union elections, as if they weren't there already. People who were against the recent attempted tour by a Rhodesian cricket team were accused of bringing politics into sport.

The underlying message is clear. Politics is boring and probably left-wing. Even being moderate is involving yourself with politics and anyway moderation is last

year's thing so it's not trendy anymore. This year the in thing is to apolitical, which stands for minding your own business and voting Conservative.

Yet the word 'apolitical' is an old fraud under which all sorts of ideas that are ashamed to show their true faces have sheltered in the past.

Otto Rene Castillo, the revolutionary who was murdered by the Guatemalan authorities nine years ago, once wrote a poem that exposed the fraud. It's called 'Apolitical Intellectuals' and it

reads in part: One day the apolitical intellectuals of my country will be interrogated by the simplest of our people . . .

No one will ask about their higher financial learning they won't be questioned on Greek mythology or regarding their self-disgust

On that day the simple men will come those who had no place in the books and poems of the apolitical intellectuals

but daily delivered their bread and milk . . . who cared for their dogs and gardens who worked for them and they'll ask

'What did you do when the poor suffered, when tenderness and life burned out in them?' . . . And you will be mute in your shame.

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International Socialism

Postal Points

CONGRATULATIONS Socialist Worker on the front page story highlighting the way in which the vermin in Westminster are ruthlessly screwing the weaker members of our class—the old, the very young, the sick and the crippled. This is just the kind of headline we need in the fight against apathy and dumb acceptance of the status quo among many of the workers of this country.

□ Chris Davies, Coventry.

I'M PLEASED to see you have decided to print the best anti-racist letters that have been published in the 'ordinary' press. There is a mass of ordinary people who see and hear nothing else but the reactionary ideas presented in the media. We have got to reach them. This can be initially organised by committed socialists encouraging others to write on a regular basis. Obviously some letters will not be published but the ones that are will have made it worthwhile.

□ John Robins, Sheffield.

I HAVE just read Tony Cliff's first volume on Lenin. The only biography on Lenin I enjoyed before this was Leon Trotsky's. Cliff's book is not soaked in Stalinist lies as previous Soviet books have been. I would recommend this book to all Marxists who want a true picture of Lenin.

□ G B Sawyer, Willenhall.

A NEW contact took the first 'Relf' issue of Socialist Worker to work and passed it around. He and other anti-racists argued with a Relf supporter and after some discussion he agreed to take a Free Relf sticker off his machine. The paper does give you the arguments and shows the other point of view.

□ J Clifford, Wolverhampton.

RECENTLY the chairman of Telefonos Ltd died. The board of directors have decreed that all employers be invited to subscribe to a memorial fund, the proceeds to be donated to the Royal Naval Lifeboat Institution. It certainly took the wind out of my sails.

□ J M Sharpe, Moston, Manchester.

THE MERCENARIES: CAN WE AFFORD TO LET THEM LIVE?

CAPITAL punishment for socialists is not a matter of principle but practicality. We have always stood against hanging in Britain not on the basis of the moral rights and wrongs but because it was one more weapon in the ruling class's arsenal of oppressive powers. In a workers' state, particularly immediately following a revolution, the execution of prominent revolutionaries might become essential, to prevent a counter-revolutionary movement. Angola's treatment of the mercenaries was correct. Not only is the country still threatened by right wing terrorists, but their action is likely to discourage the recruitment of similar thugs to attack South Africa. Violence must be considered in class terms. We must oppose the violence of the police, the racists and the whole capitalist system which maims in pursuit of profit. Only under international socialism can violence be abolished.

□ SW Supporter, Stepney.

WE MUST make it absolutely clear that socialists are not violent thugs, hell-bent on revenge, but rational people who use only that violence as is necessary for victory in a struggle. The execution of the mercenaries was not necessary to ensure victory for the liberation movement in Angola and as such should be opposed. The reasons given by Margaret Renn (17 July) for supporting the executions are no different from those given by the law and order brigade in Britain. The fact that every right wing mouth in the country is calling for clemency is irrelevant. On that basis we should have supported entry to the Common Market because the National Front opposed it.

□ Bernie Wilcox, Parlington.

Since when has this been Socialism?

ON THE WHOLE Socialist Worker and I don't disagree on many issues. But when I read the story headlined 'On the executions in Angola' (17 July) I was horrified. Like Jenny Wistreich in the letters page of the same issue, I ask: 'Since when have socialists supported capital punishment?' The usual arguments, of course, still apply. Capital punishment shows an utter lack of humanity and compassion in the executors, it is defeatist because it admits that a person, no matter how much wrong they have committed, is

beyond help and in the end, I believe, it solves absolutely nothing. In the case of the Angolan mercenaries there is, though, a particular and very important argument. The real enemies of Angola, as Socialist Worker should know, are not a bunch of ignorant, hired butchers but their paymasters—the CIA and big business. To start attacking the mercenaries by saying their deaths were 'necessary' is to divert the arguments, which is exactly what the enemies of socialism want.

□ Dick Bower, NUJ, Kettering.

Letters

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Hidden from history the women who fought fascism



SPAIN 1936: Women at a munitions factory give the clenched fist salute.

THE FEATURE on the Spanish Civil War (17 July) was really good. But I was disappointed to find no mention of women. They were there—and not just to make the earth spin for Ernest Hemingway, either. A reporter, Pierre Van Paasen, described the bravery of the men—and women—who fought to the finish to defend Irun. 'They fought to the last cartridge. When they had no more ammunition, they hurled packets of dynamite. When dynamite was gone, they rushed forward barehanded and tackled each their man, while the sixty times stronger enemy butchered them with bayonets. A girl held two armoured cars at bay for half an hour by hurling glycerine bombs.

Then the Moroccans stormed the barricade of which she was the last living defender and tore her to pieces. The men of Fort Martial held 300 foreign legionnaires at a distance for half a day by rolling rocks down the hill on which the old fort is perched. The ammunition they needed to win was held up just over the frontier by the French Prime Minister, Leon Blum, Stalin's friend. It rolled across the bridge into Irun after the fascists had won. Socialists have got to make that extra effort required to dig out the details of the women who fought shoulder to shoulder with the men. Women are hidden from history in capitalist books. They shouldn't be in Socialist Worker.

□ Jane Forest, East London.

Revenge is not Marxist

I CANNOT agree that the execution of the Angolan mercenaries was absolutely necessary. That is not to detract from your expose of the sickening hypocrisy of Ford, Callaghan and the rest. But Marx was consistently opposed to capital punishment. His argument was that crime is not caused by an innate wickedness but by material causes—particularly poverty and the alienation of workers under capitalism. These were the arguments used by the defence lawyers in Angola. To follow Marx's argument would seem to contradict the theory that the executions will be a deterrent. For as long as we allow a capitalist society in Britain, there will always be mercenaries to act as cannon fodder in capitalism's wars overseas.

□ Dave Brown, Exeter.

Make them work for Socialism

I UNDERSTAND and agree with the arguments that the Angolan mercenaries were nothing more than hired gangsters in the service of neo-colonialism. I also support the aid lent by Cuba, but I am against the executions and the 30 year prison sentences. Surely it would have been better to make them work in a prison or restricted area for the Angolan state and educate them in socialist ideology? I'm against these sentences in Angola for the same reasons I am against them here. Don't forget that some of the allied prisoners of war from Korea stayed on and lived in China when they could have come back here, due to re-education.

□ Tom Crow, Hillingdon.

A special law for the Right?

THE HYPOCRISY of certain leading establishment figures, who have not in the past been accustomed to appealing for clemency for those under sentence of death, seems to have sidetracked you into your own brand of hypocrisy. Only a few months ago you labelled someone as a barbarian for calling for a return of capital punishment in Britain. So what is your attitude now? Would you bring back the rope for, say, the murder of immigrants by right-wing vigilante groups? Would you like a special category of capital offences—with specifically right-wing crimes only punishable by death?

□ Patrick Clark, East Molesey.

How did Britain ever become great?

I AM NOT a member of the Communist Party, the International Socialists, or any similar party, nor do I share their political views, but I bought a copy of the 17 July issue of Socialist Worker from a friend. Reading it, I agreed strongly

ly with the huge space given to anti-racism, a view which I do share. The fascists tell us that they will make Britain great again by kicking out the blacks. But how did Britain become great? By sucking the blood of Asian, Caribbean and African slaves,

stealing their land, food and resources, to make our bellies a little fatter.

In return for our profits we force-fed them with our religion, destroyed their culture and taught them the words 'white master'.

The Incas and the Sioux are two of many cultures wiped out by our Christian benevolence.

The National Front are not Nazis but patriots. Proud to be British, proud to have fought to save Britain's freedom in 1939—freedom from fascists. Puzzling, isn't it?

I am British, fair-haired and blue-eyed and unemployed and I do not appreciate their concern. I do not blame the blacks.

Should Andrea Lynch or Sonia Lanneman win in the Olympics will the National Front joyfully say another Gold for Britain?

If the blacks kill the whole population of Britain I doubt if they will have avenged the white man a fraction for his crimes to their ancestors.

□ Marcus A Bowers, Southampton.

The longterm aims of fascism

IT IS important to remember that the long-term aim of the fascists is to crush the labour movement. They hope to manipulate the white workers into racial hostility, then turn to big business for aid in order to crush and demoralise a divided labour movement.

This isn't just something in the future. Last month 20 or 30 National Front supporters disrupted a meeting of Harrow Trades Council where MP Neil Kinnock was speaking on unemployment.

I wonder how many other examples of attacks on trades councils or similar meetings have passed unnoticed.

We must use such incidents to show workers that fascism is their poisonous enemy. Furthermore MPs like Kinnock must speak out, not try to sweep such incidents under the carpet.

We must unite all elements in the labour movement together with immigrant groups against fascism.

□ J Craig, Harrow.

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By
**LAURIE
FLYNN**

Out of slavery came riches-and racialism

VIC VANNI had a way of cutting through the myths and lies that we come to accept as unchallengeable truth.

Vanni, one of several first-class socialist street speakers in Glasgow, liked nothing more than to attack the notions of the Great British Empire, the ideas of racialism, born of commerce and capitalism.

He used a daring and imaginative method to help you see that your own mind was stuffed with rotten, lying ideas.

'Come on', he'd say. 'Tell me who discovered America'. Anticipating hesitation and nervousness, Vanni followed through immediately.

Waiting?

'Come on now. Everybody knows that. Which one of you's going to give me the answer?'

And, sure enough, some bright spark would get up the courage to state the obvious: 'Christopher Columbus, of course. Everybody knows that.'

Vanni tried to keep a straight face as he got ready to deliver the knockout blow.

'So Christopher Columbus discovered America, did he? What about the Incas and the Amazonians, the Red Indians and the Eskimos who'd been there for centuries? They didn't discover America, I suppose. They just lived there, waiting to be discovered.'

I can still remember the first time I heard that story. And, ever since, it has been of great assistance.

It made me more sceptical about another figure who, in my schoolbooks, had appeared as a hero—and a true Briton.

Plantation

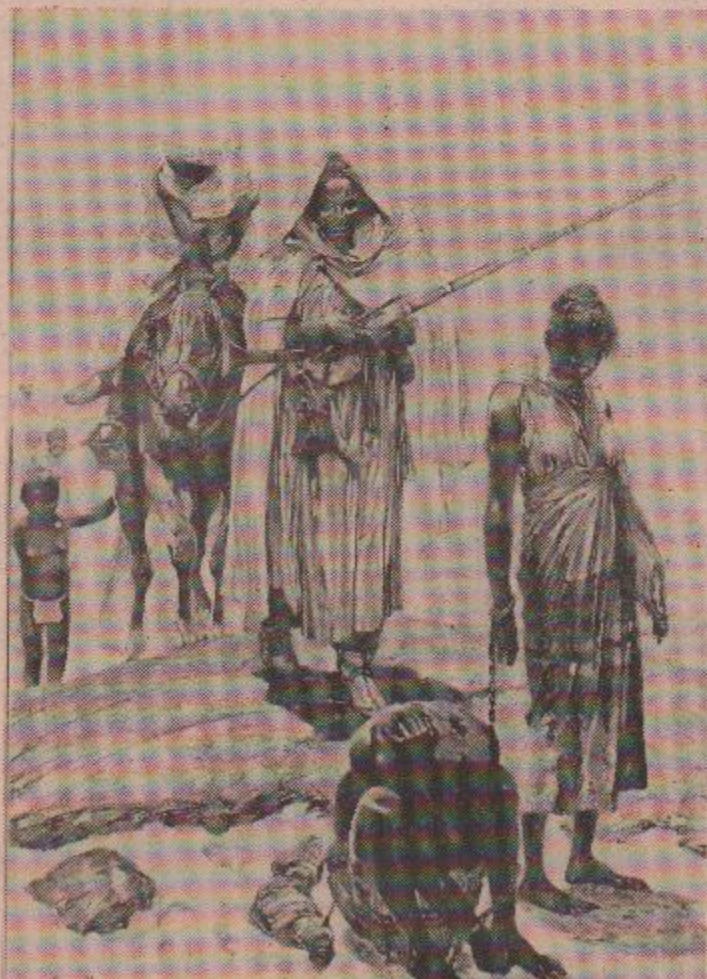
This great man was Lord Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice and, we were led to believe, one of the finest men who ever laced on football boots.

Fine, because in 1772 he refused to comply with the wishes of some filthy slave-owner and order his 'property' back to the plantation in Jamaica.

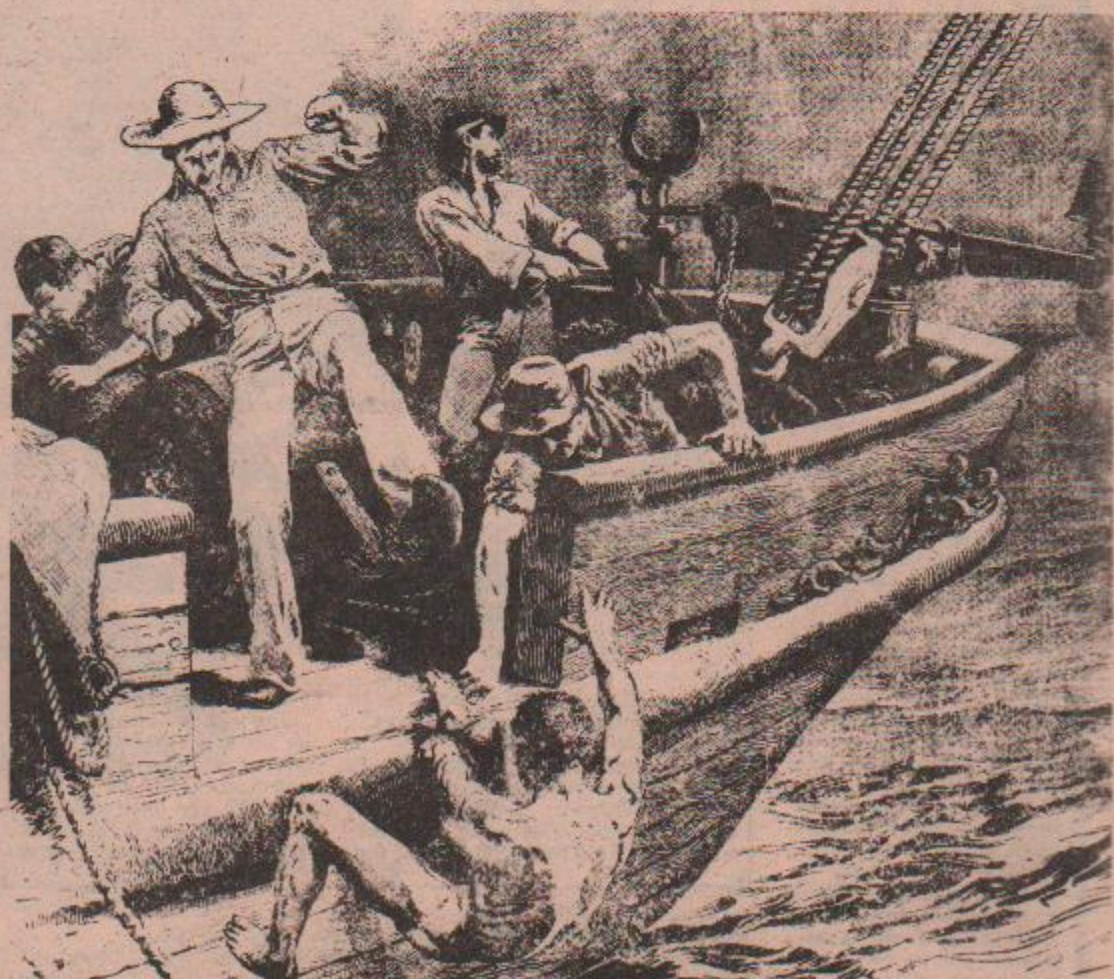
It was only many years later that I realised that this same heroic figure Lord Mansfield figured in another historic case concerning slaves and slavemasters.

In 1783, Mansfield handed down a decision concerning the case of the slave ship *Zong*.

Short of water, the captain threw 132 slaves overboard to their certain deaths. Their owners brought an action for insurance, alleging that the loss of slaves fell within the clause of the policy which insured against 'perils of the sea.'



The barbarity of the slave trade: hundreds of thousands of men, women and children were dragged into bondage while (above right) those who fell sick on voyage were quickly 'disposed of'.



In Mansfield's view, 'the case of slaves was the same as if horses had been thrown overboard'. Accordingly he awarded damages of £30 for each slave.

There was no question of any prosecution for mass murder. Like coal-miners and factory hands, slaves were factors of production, pieces of property who had no rights.

They were fodder for the great British empire, for the slave ships that brought prosperity to the ports of Glasgow, Liverpool and Bristol.

Mass Murder

They were the indispensable precondition for the development of the West Indies and King Sugar, which brought so much wealth to the plantation owners and traders who trafficked in the mass murder, piracy and shame essential to the cultivation of the cane and the flowering of

British capitalist 'civilisation'.

Conventional historians are so busy congratulating themselves on being British that the only thing they record of the foul history of slavery is abolition. Abolition is portrayed as a great act of humanity when it was nothing of the kind.

Like the institution of slavery in the West Indies abolition was calculated to reap the maximum economic advantage for British capitalism. By the 19th century, free trade and free enterprise was the cry. The West Indian monopoly had served its purpose and was sacrificed for greater gain elsewhere.

Even after abolition, British capital was up to its neck in slaving for the development of the great plantations of Brazil.

And after the fabulous profits of the West Indies came the plunder of India. So the ideas the profiteers had thrown up to justify enslavement for the plantations were only slightly modified.

And what preposterous ideas they were. It was said to be of positive benefit to the African to be hunted down, shipped across the sea in indescribable conditions and enslaved on the plantation.

It brought him nearer to Christ, argued the bought-and-paid-for missionaries of the British establishment.

Aspirations

Among the other preposterous variations of this theme was the climate theory. Equally loaded with racialism, this 'theory' contends that only blacks could stand the conditions and climate of the plantation.

There is, of course, not a shadow of truth in this. The development of Australia, for example, could not have taken place if it were. But even more importantly, this theory covers

up the history and antecedents of black slavery in the West Indies.

As Eric Williams shows in his magnificent book *Capitalism and Slavery*, the antecedents of black slavery were white slavery. Before the development of the slave trade to the West Indies, the agricultural enterprises there were staffed by white servants.

While they were brutally exploited toilers, the servants were not quite slaves.

But they were treated in the most disgraceful manner. What's more, the 'servants' were often tricked or kidnapped into servitude by rich gangsters in Bristol, London or Liverpool.

But black slavery had certain advantages over white servitude for the men with a civilising mission.

There were no restraints on kidnapping in Africa. You could steal and enslave by the thousand

there. And, to unlock the fruits of King Sugar, thousands were needed.

What's more, any system of labour short of total slavery brought other problems. 'Free' labourers simply would not accept their situation in lands where whole territories still remained to be opened up.

They simply moved on and tried to become masters themselves. This of course subverted massive plantation-style cultivation.

'Property'

It was also feared that white labourers in the colonies would tend to create rivalry with the 'Mother Country'. As Eric Williams puts it: 'Better black slaves on plantations than white servants in industry which would encourage aspirations to independence.'

There was one other decisive factor. Black slaves could be obtained much more cheaply.

There was nothing natural about black slavery, Eric Williams writes: 'Here then is the origin of negro slavery. The reason was economic not racial. It had to do not with the colour of the labourer but the cheapness of the labour.'

Equally there is nothing 'natural' about the racist ideas which grew out of slavery and empire. They emerged to justify that pillage of half the world which went under the title of the British Empire.

'Mother Country'

Having enslaved and shipped black labour to the West Indies more than two centuries ago, the 'Mother Country' called on their great grandchildren to move once again in the 1950s. There were jobs in Britain, lousy jobs that no-one else would do.

But capitalism is a wonderful system. This time black workers had to pay their own passage to the land of opportunity and exposure to the racist ideas that had been used two centuries before to justify the rape of Africa and the terrible traffic in human beings which turned the seas red with blood.

Ideas which helped give the rising British business class enough capital to carry through the industrial revolution.

And they call us 'violent'



Punishment for an unwilling slave

DAILY they sound off about the violence of 'the left'.

Is it possible that all those high ranking churchmen and police chiefs, those publicists and politicians—to a man, to a woman, upholders of what they are pleased to call law and order—is it possible that they are so utterly ignorant as they make themselves appear?

In this country, two world wars, a host of lesser wars. Not scores, not hundreds, not thousands, but millions of men, women, and children slaughtered. Entire cities razed to the ground. Whole countryside laid waste. Terrorism on a scale never witnessed in the history of mankind.

No, it is not the organised, governmental, institutionalised violence of capitalist society against which the upholders of law and order thunder.

It is those who, sick and tired of broken promises and broken faith, march in the van of the struggle against unemployment, against racism, against war, against all the social evils inseparable from this unjust, chaotic, violent social order.

The 'violent' ones are those who seek to rouse the wrath of the masses, to organise the mass force of the working people in the war to end, once and for all, the misery and want that capitalism engenders. And what are the weapons that these revolutionary socialists dispose of? Guns? rifles? machine-

guns, tanks, armoured cars, bombs, fighter planes, napalm, flamethrowers, nuclear missiles . . . ?

Not so much as one of those half-bricks once planted by policeman Challoner (remember?).

These violent revolutionary socialists march bareheaded, in their hands the weapons fashioned by the Word—leaflets, pamphlets, news-sheets. They march bare-headed against the enemies of progress armoured head to foot. And with so much power ranged against them, how can they fail to win?

HUGO DEWAR



Punishment for a 'subversive' slave

UNION PAID FOR CHEAP LABOUR



Guilty - of standing up to police violence

EVER HEARD of a trade union getting a third of its income from the employers?

The National Union of Seamen does. It has 40,000 members and a 100-wing general secretary, Jim Slater, who is a member of the TUC General Council. In 1975, the NUS received £1,331,257 in total income. £650,581 came from members' subscriptions, £34,000 came in entrance fees. And an amazing £285,449 was paid in by the General Council of British Shipping, the main employers

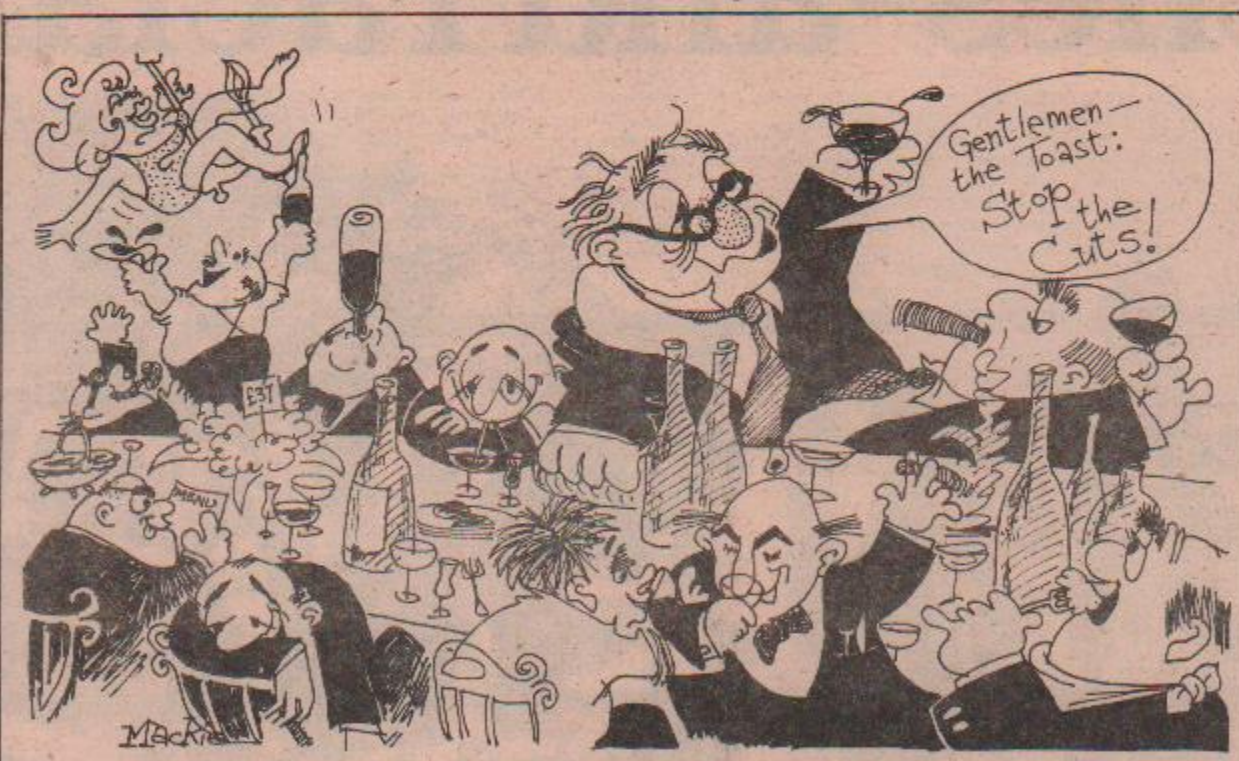
Under the UK Manning Agreement, the employers are allowed to employ on merchant ships seamen from abroad—from India, Bangladesh and Pakistan—at a quarter of the pay negotiated for NUS members.

For each sailor employed under this agreement, the employers pay £15 into the union funds. In exchange, the union agrees not to cause 'any trouble' about the employment of cheap labour from abroad.

Jim Slater, once the champion of rank and file seamen, supports this racist, cheap labour policy.

His main justification for it is that the Indian and Pakistani governments have incomes policies which limit the incomes of their seamen by law!

The union got a 'certificate of independence' last April from the Government's



THE ANNUAL dinner of the local government workers' union, NALGO, was an interesting affair. It was held in the Churchill Hotel, the luxury establishment owned by Harold Wilson's friend, property speculator Eric Miller—and it cost the union £38.91 a head for each of the

162 people present. The total bill for cocktails was £236 for wines £605, for liqueurs £285, for after-dinner drinks £161, for cigars and cigarettes £183, for floral decoration £37, and for a toast master £27. Artistes cost £75 while guests' fares and subsistence amounted to

£3429. Next time you hear Geoffrey Drain or any other member of the NALGO hierarchy complaining about cuts, try asking how it is that the union managed to fork out £183 for cigars and cigarettes in a single beano. And why do they have the beano, anyway?

Certificate Officer, John Edwards. Mr Edwards told Socialist Worker: 'We did not have the figures about the UK Manning Agreement when we gave the NUS their cer-

tificate. We only had the returns for 1974—the year before the agreement came into effect. 'Now we know about this money—and we are in touch with the union about it.

'We are not allowed to grant a certificate of independence to any union which is under the domination of an employer or which is liable to an interference from an employer. 'This is obviously a unique situation with one of the main TUC unions. 'But I don't want to say any more about it at this stage'.

MYSTERY OF THE 70,000 VOTES THAT WENT 'MISSING'

WHAT happened to the 70,000 votes of the print union NATSOPA at the 16 June special TUC congress? The union's policy was to support the TUC's eagerness for cutting wages. And yet the NATSOPA votes were not cast. The union abstained. It seems assistant secretary Arthur Davies left the hall before the vote with NATSOPA's card in his pocket.

Some delegates were rude enough to suggest that he might have hopped out for a drink before lunch, without anticipating that the vote would be called before the lunch break. Not so, apparently. Arthur wrote a contrite letter to Owen O'Brien, NATSOPA's general secretary, explaining that he suffered 'a fall' on the day of the Congress, and had to go for medical treatment.

By Debbie Gold 'JUSTICE' has reached an all-time low in Manchester.

After two gruelling days in the juvenile courts, Joyce Ricketts, 16, was found guilty last Friday on two serious counts: assault on the police and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

All for daring to question the rough treatment the cops gave to a group of black teenagers making their way home from a youth club.

Joyce was said to have hit a policeman hard enough to make blood flow from his mouth.

As usual, the muggers in blue drew prosecution witnesses from their own ranks.

Picket

Joyce was backed up by several witnesses including youth workers, members of the club and a key witness who had never seen her before the incident.

A strong picket patrolled outside the court building.

But the magistrates found it too hard to challenge the police, preferring to accept their garbled tales to the truth.

Eight police dragged Joyce out of the precinct after two of them had been attacking her. No one could do anything in that situation, let alone a 16-year-old girl.

But then Joyce is black and Manchester's police and courts are racist.

As if losing her job was not enough, Joyce is now on suspended sentence for both charges and convicted of crimes she never committed.

Notices and meetings

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CHILE—Don't forget National Demonstration: Sunday 12 September, Assemble 1pm, Clerkenwell Green, London EC1. Organised by Chile Solidarity Campaign.

MANCHESTER Engineers Charter Meeting: The Way Forward. Speakers: Harry McShane (AUEW), Jimmy McCallum (TASS), Clive Hartley (AUEW convenor, Foundry Works, Sheffield). Wednesday 25 August, 8pm, Town Hall Basement Theatre. Town Hall Extension, Manchester.

Electricians and Plumbers MID-SUMMER DRAW in support of new rank and file paper: Rank and File Contact Result: 1st (£25)—B Jones, Tame Road, Birmingham 6. No 4998. 2nd (£10)—M Bayliss, Pionair Club, London Airport, No 2990. 3rd (£5)—Stainash Crescent, Haines. No 2916.

LOST On Anti-racist demo on Sunday 11 July. One pair of black shoes, size 7. Cuts in NHS pamphlets and book on Terence McSweeney. Please return to Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Manchester Right to Work Disco: Saturday 28 August, 8pm. Victor Brox Blues Band. Poly Union, Cavendish House, All Saints, Manchester. Extension applied for. Admission 75p, 35p for unemployed.

IRISH SOCIAL to raise money for delegates to Ireland. Saturday 31 July, 8pm till late, City Poly, Whitechapel High Street, (Aldgate East tube), London E1. Food and drink. Donations plus Tom Presho and disco. Price 75p (donations 30p). Organised by East London TOM.

I wake up with a mouthful of phlegm—all black. It frightens you.

KEN JULIAN, station manager at London's Baker Street Tube, has an office with a ventilation hole measuring just a square foot. There is dust everywhere.

He says: 'I wake up in the night with a mouthful of phlegm—all black. It frightens you. It aggravates the chest so much.

'I take a tissue with me to save getting up. It's not very nice for the wife.

'I have never been the same since I started working here in April. It's especially bad after the evening shift—5.30pm to 1 am.

'We have to stay down here for eight hours solid. We can't go up to get a breath of fresh air.

One of the other station managers is off sick for eight weeks with a chest complaint.

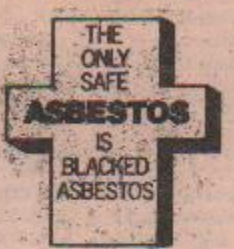
All the station managers here have signed a complaint about the dust and the dirty conditions. We sent it off months ago and haven't even had a reply. Nothing.

Samples of the dust are being analysed by the Rank and File Organising Committee's Health and Safety Committee.

London Transport does tests of the air, but will not show the findings to the staff. So they will get their own evidence—and then take action.

NOW FOR ACTION OVER KILLER DUST

70 PEOPLE attended a meeting on Asbestos in Swansea last week. Among them were local ladders, hospital workers, Post Office engineers, engineering workers and civil servants, all of whom have been involved in recent struggles over the killer dust.



The ladders—members of the General and Municipal Workers Union—reported on the use of untrained cowboy contractors to strip blue asbestos, the deadliest of all the deadly varieties of asbestos.

HOUSING CHIEFS ARE FORCED TO THINK AGAIN

TRADE unionists in York have forced the local council's housing committee to discuss the use of asbestos in council housing.

Transport Union branch secretary Pete Holly told a meeting of the committee that all asbestolux was banned at his workplace, Portakabin.

The full-time organiser of the building workers' union, UCATT, George Westerman, said that the biggest factory in York, and the biggest chocolate factory in the world, Rowntree Mackintosh, had been forced by workers to abandon the use of asbestos for lagging and insulation.

Maintenance staff are now demanding the removal of all asbestos products.

ACTIONS

Whatever the council decide, no joiner on the site will touch asbestolux or related products.

Actions like these are forcing the asbestos companies to spend a small fortune trying to pretend that asbestos is safe if used 'properly'.

It isn't. The only safe asbestos is blacked asbestos.

they got any response from the Area Health Authority.

Last week's meeting, organised by the Swansea Right to Work Committee, brought out example after example of the employers' new tricks on the asbestos front.

TACTICS

Apart from the usual reluctance to do anything that costs money or might interrupt profitable production, the newer tactics include claims that because blue asbestos is even more dangerous than white asbestos, white asbestos is therefore somehow safe.

The meeting is to be followed through with an attempt to unite the various struggles over asbestos in the Swansea area.

This Thursday's meeting of the local Right to Work Committee will discuss the mechanics of a campaign.

Man who works with death...

As Mr Newman said: 'This will shake with the trains going in and out. It will soon start to crack.

'I have put these tiles down the stairs. All the ceiling there is the same.'

And all of it is a potential danger to people who use the station.



Leonard Newman at work: the ceiling tiles are made of asbestos

We've had enough lousy wages!

Picture: Jenny Jackson



On the picket line at the Daily Jang; the owner has dismissed the strikers

'WE HAVE nothing else to sell but our labour,' F Syed told Socialist Worker. 'That's why we are on strike'. He is father of the chapel (shop steward) at the Daily Jang, the Urdu language daily paper in Hoxton, London.

'We are 100 per cent trade union members and 100 per cent out on strike. The journalists, printers, plate makers—everybody.

'This is an official SOGAT strike. We want to bring our basic up to the national level.

'We joined SOGAT on 1 April. Since then we have been negotiating. Our wages are so bad—£40 for a six day week. We don't get double time on Sunday or anything.

'The owner said he has dismissed us from today, but he can't produce the paper without us'.

□ Messages of support to: F Syed, Daily Jang, 52 Hoxton Square, London N1.

ACCEPT THE SACK, UNION URGES

By John Appleyard
LEEDS: Eight of us at Clover Warehouse who were made redundant without warning last week have been left to fight our own battle without union support.

We picketed the warehouse on Monday and had good support from people going in. But when our USDAW area official Charlie Fieldhouse came to negotiate with management, I was excluded from the meeting.

He came out and said that we would have to accept the sackings.

With the help of Leeds Right To Work Committee we held another series of pickets but people within were reluctant to support us because we don't have official backing.

AUTOMAT BOSSES SPY ON STRIKERS

SWINTON: Strikers at Automat have discovered electronic bugs on a tree near the picket line.

They have been able to pick up one picket, talking 20 yards away, on their transistor radios.

Meanwhile, management have also enlisted Winston Churchill, the local Tory MP. He has written twice to the local paper, denouncing the amount of strike pay the Automat workers are getting from the Engineering Union.

Churchill claimed the strikers, who have been out for more than six months, were getting £61 a week. The real figure circulated through the AUEW District is £32.

The strikers are collecting £300 a week to send to the picket line at ICL, West Gorton.

Churchill has also had lunch with the industrial editor of the News of the World.

The result was an article describing angry pickets jeering at sleepy-eyed workers.

The Daily Mail has also joined the battle with a whole page denouncing AUEW

Now ICL demand sackings

WEST GORTON: The 50 Engineering Union fitters and their six electrician union colleagues at ICL this week enter the 11th week of their official strike over an ultimatum that they accept flexibility without further pay.

They have been joined by another 100 AUEW members.

The EEUPTU wiremen in the factory's final assembly department, led by the convenor Sam Davis, MBE, have stepped up their scabbing and are working on units brought in during the dead of night by cowboy outfit.

The Confed are discussing the position of the Davis. The scabs are not being supervised and these units have been declared black by ASTMS officials. ASTMS foreman are refusing to supervise blackleg labour.

In one form or another, the management have been in talks with the strikers for the last seven weeks. Last Friday's paltry offer was rejected.

It is obvious that this dispute has been provoked and prolonged to weaken the workforce. Early last week,

management sacked two workers at the Winsford plant and caused a strike.

Then, following the annual budget review, senior management announced 1400 redundancies—what they call 'releasing excess energy'.

In an attempt to reduce the workforce in manufacturing divisions by 15 per cent, they are demanding 688 redundancies in Winsford, 243 at West Gorton, 99 at Dukinfield near Manchester,

and 172 at Letchworth, Herts.

Divisions on the shop floor have ensured that there will be no unity in action among the unions at West Gorton.

ASTMS had a national meeting last Friday and recommendations for a total ban on overtime and sub contract work are being put to meetings on all sites.

John Crawford, AUEW convenor from West Gorton, told Socialist Worker: 'I will lend myself to any co-ordinated trade union activity within and without to oppose the redundancies.'

strikers was the perilous state of his business. This nonsense was accepted by the industrial tribunal.

Since he sacked the AUEW members, the workforce has

divisional organiser, John Tocher, as 'Red John', for his efforts to help the strike.

Socialist Worker has had differences over the years with John Tocher. We defend him

unconditionally against the Daily Mail and the whole of the witch-hunting Tory press.

The original excuse used by the firm's owner, Chamberlain, to sack the

been doubled from 90 to 180, and he's advertising for more labour.

But he's having problems. Most of the students who took holiday jobs there have now walked out after the National Union of Students intervened.

A meeting of shop stewards and convenors in Stockport has pledged support for a weekly mass picket. More than 150 trade unionists turned up last Thursday at 5am.

A meeting of all Confed shop stewards in the district is being called to discuss the situation.

ing 23-year-old Patrick McElhone on his father's farm in County Tyrone in August 1974.

Such deaths are the small change of politics here in Ireland, never disruptive of diplomatic nicety or worth more than a down-page paragraph in a national newspaper.

And the lives of people like Norney and McElhone are likely to be worth even less in the future.

The largest of the Loyalist para-military organisations, the Ulster Defence Association, held a special meeting in Belfast on Monday, to decide whether to publish its 'death list'—the names, addresses, descriptions, workplaces and 'personal haunts' of 140 Catholics scheduled for assassination.

It decided against it—after 'representations', the UDA supreme commander Andy Tyrrie explained from the RUC Special Branch!

That is to say, the UDA

freely admits having compiled a list of people it plans to murder and the police, far from intervening to thwart the plan and arrest the conspirators, makes 'representations' about the advisability of making the plan public.

Indeed the UDA, like its rival the Ulster Volunteer Force, boasts that its death list is drawn up from police intelligence files.

The self-confidence of the UDA will no doubt be boosted even further by this latest indication of the high regard it is held in by the forces of law and order.

Ewart-Biggs was one more casualty of the Irish War. Killing him has, of course, solved nothing.

But while the government he represented maintains the Northern State by force of arms, and in doing so drifts into ever closer collaboration with the ultra-right, the killing will most assuredly continue.

That is the heart of the matter.

Why Ewart-Biggs died

WHILE the government here prepares to step up repression in the wake of the assassination of the British Ambassador, further dramatic evidence of collaboration between the British authorities and Loyalist murder gangs in the North passes almost without notice.

In the South, the introduction of internment, the arming of the Garda (police) and the banning of pro-Republican newspapers is being openly discussed.

The Opposition spokesman on justice has called for the execution of convicted 'terrorists' on both sides of the Irish Sea.

The Ambassador, Christopher Ewart-Biggs, has been presented as man of peace, cruelly struck down by mindless assassins.

But Ewart-Biggs was the representative here of one of the belligerents in the con-

From Eamonn McCann in Dublin

tinuing war.

He was an obvious target. Moreover, the forces of his government frequently—and with perfect impunity—put a dirt-cheap evaluation on the lives of people much less involved in the conflict than himself. And invariably they get away with it.

Scot-free

For example, on 5 July the Department of Public Prosecutions ruled that no crime had been committed when a soldier shot 17-year-old Leo Norley dead as he got out of a taxi near home in Turf Lodge, Belfast last September.

Two days later, the House of Lords decided that Lance Corporal Roy Alan Jones should go scot-free after kill-

FIREMEN FIRE CUTS

GLOUCESTER: The first Gloucester firemen heard of cuts was when the Cheltenham Echo printed an article announcing the axe for 14 jobs.

Since then there has been no consultation with the firemen. They have decided to handle emergency calls only as a last resort to obtain a meeting with the Fire Chief and the County Council to discuss the cuts.

The proposed cuts will mean 14 out of a total of 200 in the county all first year firemen.

Gloucester fire station answers over 10 calls a day and is manned by nine men covering a city of 100,000.

They intend to step up action if there is no response in the very near future.

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THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE AUEW Manchester Engineers Charter public meeting Wednesday 25 August, 8pm, Town Hall Basement Theatre. Speakers: Harry McShane, President, Govan branch, AUEW; Clive Hartley, convenor, Balfour Darwin, Sheffield; Jimmy McCallum, ex-TASS Convenor, John Brown's, Glasgow; Dougie Daniels, Craft Convenor, Chlorides, Manchester and Broad Left candidate for District Secretary in Manchester.

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SO WHO RUNS THE COUNTRY?

'We do,' judges tell Tameside parents and Yorks miners

WHO runs the country?

According to the events of the past few days, it's the judges, elected by no one, sackable by no one, responsible to no one.

Three top judges, Denning, Scarman, Lane, decided this week that the education policy of the Labour government can be overturned by the newly-elected Tory

council at Tameside, Manchester.

As a result several thousand children who were due to go to comprehensive schools this autumn, must now face 'selection'. They must be divided into sheep and goats, on the basis of academic tests.

The sheep will go into good schools where they will be trained to behave like decent Tameside Tories. The rest will be herded into slum schools and forgotten.

100 defend closed shop

ONE HUNDRED office workers in the white-collar section of the Engineering Union, TASS, are out on strike to enforce a closed shop at Seddons, Atkinson in Oldham.

Trouble began in the firm when they were taken over by International Harvesters. Two workers were found to be on a 40-hour week while everyone else was on a 37.

The strike started two weeks ago when the two refused to work the same hours as everyone else. The two are among nine workers who have been trying to leave TASS and break the closed shop.

Now the other hundred workers are out to enforce the closed shop and get it recognised. They are demanding equal pay for the women office workers as well.

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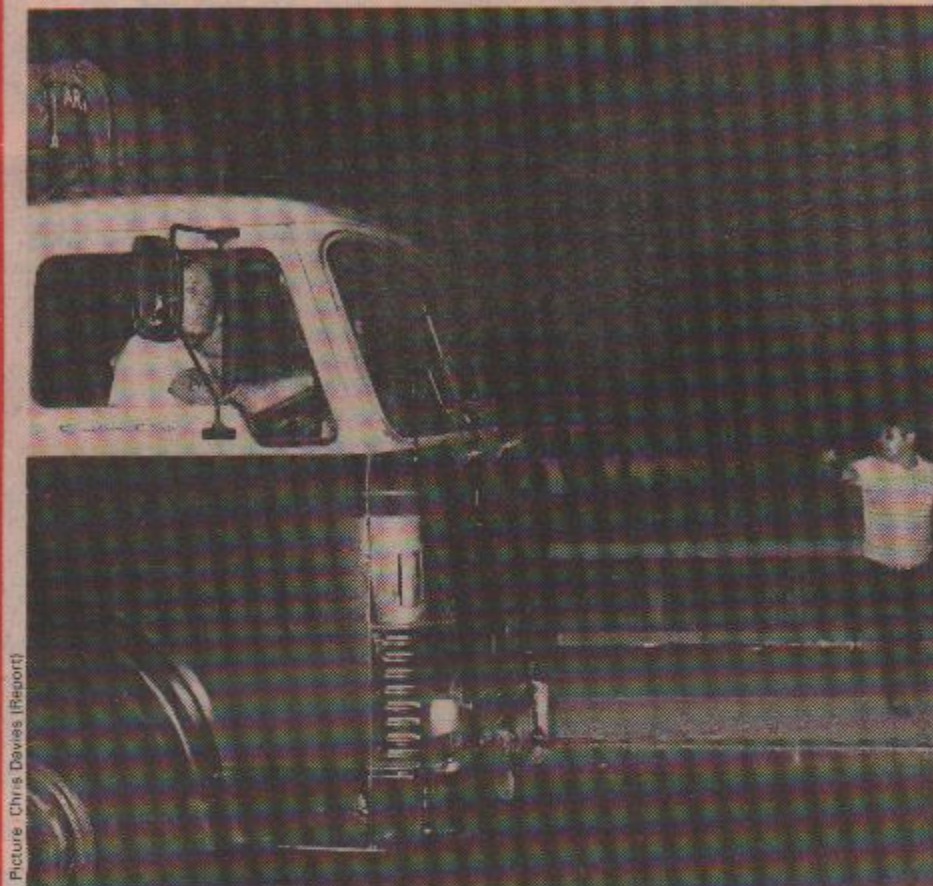
The charge against them, which was amply proved, was that they had handed confidential NUM documents to the Sheffield Star. The documents resulted in an article which libelled Arthur Scargill, the union's area president.

Flying in the face of all the evidence, Rubin declared the council's decision 'contrary to natural justice', and has issued injunctions to reinstate the two men in office pending a full trial.

He even refused to order a speedy trial, so that the Poulson pair now stay in office for as much as three years before their trial.

Already Tameside teachers are threatening industrial action to stop the court's decision.

Neither the miners in Yorkshire nor the teachers and parents of Tameside should surrender one inch to a group of class-prejudiced judges and their allies in the national papers and the Tory Party.



One of the convoy of nine lorries approaches the factory . . .



. . . but seeing the strength of the picket they turn back

THIS was the scene at Trico in West London on Monday night.

The management at the windscreen wiper blade factory tried yet again to bring scab lorries through the picket line.

This time they failed. Police entered the factory and phoned the lorry owners advising them not to come in.

An hour later, at 2am, the lorries drove down the road to the back entrance of the factory but turned away.

This is a real victory for the 300 women on strike for equal pay for the past ten weeks.

But the management are back on the offensive. After the women rejected their miserable offer last week the management called off further negotiations. Now they want to take the case back to the Industrial Tribunal.

by MARGARET RENN

So far this year a majority of tribunals have found against women claiming equal pay.

The Southall AUEW district has voted in favour of a district levy, which will mean another £800 a week into the strike funds.

Other AUEW districts should do the same. District committees can agree to hold a ballot this week. In the meantime regular factory collections are still needed.

One thousand men are still working in the factory. They are mainly in the Engineering Union. The Southall District should make every effort to get them out.

The Right to Work Campaign Council is making a special appeal for the strikers. The campaign secretary, John Deason, told Socialist

Worker: 'The AUEW executive could win this strike just like that! All they need to do is to threaten to bring out every woman in the motor industry, or every woman AUEW member.'

The Trico management wouldn't last more than a few hours. The rest of the motor industry would tell them to give way.

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A FANTASTIC social was organised to raise money for the Trico strikers last week by West Middlesex International Socialists. More than 500 people were there—and then tragedy struck.

A snatch and grab gang picked a fight with the people on the door and in the confu-

2am: Scab lorries try to break Trico picket

sion that followed made off with most of the money. £260 was lost.

A collection was held and £155 given to the strike funds.

A special effort is needed to make up the money lost at the social.

Send your collections and donations to: Trico Strike Committee, AUEW District, 1 Woodlands Road, Southall. Better still, take the money down to the picket line: Trico-Folberth, Great West Road, Brentford, West London (underneath the M4 flyover).

Metal Box out

LONDON: ASTMS members in eight Metal Box factories struck for one day on Friday as part of their fight for equal pay.

SCANDAL OF PARASITES PERTWEE

'IRENE—the hottest girl in town'. That's the name of a new musical on at the Adelphi Theatre in London. It stars Jon Pertwee, of Dr Who fame.

Pertwee earns £250 a week. For three years he and his wife have employed a Moroccan woman to do

the work in their plush London house.

Pertwee, of course, pays her for her considerable hard work. Before he sacked her last week he was paying her the magnificent sum of £15 for an 80-90 hour week.

Pertwee and his wife entertained around twice a week, so their servant had to stay until twelve or one o'clock in the

morning. To add insult to injury she was given a mere £2 a week for her own food by the Parasites Pertwee.

Eventually she attempted to obtain a letter from the Pertwees. This would have helped her get the restrictions lifted on her work permit. The Pertwees' guessed this meant they were about to lose their servant for somewhere where

the wages were slightly higher. So they gave her the sack and refused the letter.

Now the Home Office is threatening to send her home if she doesn't get another menial job permit.

All of which explains why there will be a picket of the Adelphi Theatre from 6pm onwards in The Strand, London this Monday.