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THE FIGHTBACK



'What do we want? The Right to Work!' they chanted. Marchers outside the Congress

JOBS Right to Work marchers hit the TUC

THE Right to Work marchers hit the Trades Union Congress in Brighton on Tuesday demanding the right to speak to the delegates.

The marchers—570 unemployed men and women from all over the country, black and white—had marched the sixty miles from London in three days.

David Warburton, a General and Municipal Workers Union delegate, said: 'Why don't you get a job?' to one school-leaver who had been searching for work for six months.

TUC general secretary Len Murray tried to slip out the back door but found 20 marchers waiting for him.

Brother Murray had a message for the unemployed. 'Fuck off,' he said, and ran down the street.

While the men who wrote, signed, sealed and delivered the Social Contract fled from the marchers, other delegates stayed to talk.

More than £60 was collected in the first couple of hours from delegates anxious to help the campaign. 183 delegates signed a petition of support for the 43 marchers arrested when the police attacked the Manchester to London Right to Work march six months ago.

But the votes of these delegates are

nothing against the massive strength of the card votes of Jack Jones, Hugh Scanlon and David Basnett, leaders of the biggest unions.

The Right to Work marchers have made it clear that whatever votes are taken on unemployment, and whatever Len Murray and his friends commit us to, there will be a fight back.

The unemployed, and many employed trade unionists, are not going to take another year of the 'Social Contract', with the mass unemployment, falling living standards, wage freezes and government cuts that it stands for.

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PAY Seamen defy the freeze

FELIXSTOWE seamen voted to give a lead to their fellow union members on Tuesday. They decided to strike after the union ballot came out in favour of industrial action.

Since the result, the seamen have come under attack from all sides.

Yet their case could not be simpler. Just over a year ago they agreed to an employers' demand that a wage increase be in two stages instead of one. So they didn't get part of last July's increase until this January.

They are now being told that this means they cannot have another wage increase until January next year. They would lose an average of £90 each.

Who would gain? The wealthy men who own the shipping companies. Five of the biggest ship-owners made £75 million profit between them last year.

The employers would take another £250,000 in profit.

The seamen's union leaders twice voted for the government's pay policy.

Now every seaman can see what that policy means—wage cuts so that the employers could get bigger profits.

Every trade unionist must back their resistance.

In 1966 the seamen were beaten down after a long strike in resistance to Labour government pay policy. Long years of pay freezes, social services cuts, rising prices and rising unemployment followed—for all workers.

Bill Brankley, the seaman from Dover who is the union president, told Socialist Worker: 'The seamen feel they have been kicked in the teeth by the TUC.'

'We're definitely entitled to an increase from July this year. But the TUC has turned us down flat.'



Seamen's leader Jim Slater

CUTS

One day strike called by civil servants

THE biggest civil service union, the CPSA, is to strike for one day over the cuts and unemployment on 17 November.

Support is also building up for action on the same day from big London areas of at least two other unions, the National Union of Public Employees and the government workers' union NALGO.

This welcome news came as the TUC was refusing to do anything beyond once more going down on its knees in front of the government.

It adds urgency to the announcement by the National Right to Work Campaign for a conference of rank and file trade union delegates.

The conference, on 6 November, will carry forward the call of the Right to Work marchers for action from every section of the trade union movement over jobs and the cuts.

It will be a focus towards a national effort to make 17 November a success and to aid the organisation of the unemployed themselves.

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Rees backs the army torturers

THE Labour government has hit an all-time low in hypocrisy in its reaction to the finding by the European Human Rights Commission that soldiers and police tortured internees in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland Secretary Merlyn Rees has complained angrily that the Dublin government is 'raking over the past'. He insists that the torture methods were stopped as soon as the Heath government became aware what was happening.

This is lies. From the start both Labour and Tory Cabinets knew of and approved the tortures.

The evidence is in the Compton Report, a whitewash job commissioned by Heath when the torture was first exposed in 1971. Page 12, para 46 (1) states: 'The techniques of interrogation currently in use have also been employed in many previous internal security situations. The latest instructions on the rules to be followed were issued in 1965 and revised in 1967.'

It was not a question of a few army officers getting carried away. The torturers were 'following the rules'.

Knew

In 1965, when the rules were drawn up, Harold Wilson was Prime Minister—and Merlyn Rees was Under-Secretary at the War Office. They knew, just as Heath and the Tories must have known in 1971.

Rees wants an amnesty for the torturers because he himself was one of the torturers' accessories.

The torture has not stopped. Week after week screams still come from cells in Northern Ireland and Rees turns a deaf ear. The techniques are still taught at the Brecon Beacon training centre in Wales.

Last week the Ministry of Defence confirmed the authenticity of a document printed in the Irish Times which 'volunteers' for training at Brecon Beacon must sign.

It detailed a curriculum including blindfolding to simulate hooding, wall-standing, the use of noise-making equipment, restricted diet and deprivation of sleep—exactly the five techniques which the European Commission denounced as torture and which successive governments have maintained were no longer in use.

Used

This training is hardly intended as an academic exercise. The government and army top brass obviously intend it to be used.

And if Northern Ireland is anything to go by, it will be used on people who, by any definition, are innocent. Because despite the propaganda of the Tory press, not one of the victims mentioned in the Human Rights Commission's report was charged with membership of the IRA—or with anything else.

Torture is just another weapon that ruling classes use to keep the discontent down. It is a weapon which, as is now clear, the ruling class in Britain—through its agents in government, the police and the armed forces—intends to continue to use whenever it feels threatened.

Rees is a hypocrite working for savages.



Notting Hill: Police retreat under a barrage they provoked by moving in on the carnival

Picture: Paul de Swardt

'They wanted our carnival off the streets'

'THE POLICE deliberately created the conditions to discredit the carnival and remove it from Notting Hill. They wanted our carnival off the streets. I know that now. There's no doubt about it at all.'

Selwyn Baptiste negotiated with the police for five months before the carnival. He chaired the working committee between members of the local council, the carnival organisers and the police.

BAD NEWS FOR THE FRONT

THE master race in Sandwell, West Midlands, have had a bit of a set-back.

Ray Churms, a full-time organiser for the National Front, recently got on to the Sandwell Tenants Action Committee, which is fighting a £1.50 rent increase imposed by the Labour-controlled council. Churms was posing as the chairman of the Hateley Heath Tenants Association—and his wife was secretary.

Somebody pointed out that Churms and his wife owned their house. In other words he was not only a member of the master race, but also a master liar. He and his wife have been forced to resign their positions both on the action committee and the Hateley Heath Tenants Association.

He wouldn't have got very far even if he had stayed on the committee. Because the council workers' shop stewards, who had asked to support the campaign, had threatened to withdraw their support if the National Front was any way involved.

Throughout those five months he and the other organisers went out of their way to be helpful to the police.

He told Socialist Worker: 'We had many arguments about whether there would be a big police presence at the carnival. We said it wasn't necessary—and would ruin the event.'

'Eventually, we agreed a compromise. They would have 1000 police ready "for an emergency". But the uniformed police would be kept in vans in streets well away from the carnival.'

Broken

'This agreement, carefully worked out, was completely broken by the police.'

'The first day of the carnival was children's day. I was shocked to see a reservoir of policemen lining the streets of Powis Square. Every band was flanked by police on either side.'

'The spontaneous atmosphere of the carnival was completely wrecked.'

'The bands were pushed off their agreed routes into a central area—where the police thought they ought to be. This created precisely what the police pretended they were trying to stop—crowd congestion and confusion between the bands.'

'Around three o'clock they moved three huge police vans

THAT'S WHY POLICE PROVOKED TROUBLE



Picture: Paul de Swardt

The Notting Hill Carnival before the trouble. Police had agreed to 'keep in the background'—does it look like it?

right in front of the carnival committee's headquarters.

'I went out and spoke to the crowd, begging them to try and forget the police and enjoy themselves. Two or three minutes after that, the whole thing started.'

'The carnival has always been a happy, jolly, fun-loving thing. It's always been good for community relations.'

'This year it wasn't happy or fun-loving for one reason, and one reason only: the vast presence of uniformed police in the area. That's what created the conditions for the explosion.'

Selwyn Baptiste's evidence proves conclusively that the police were not interested in co-operating with the organisers of the carnival. He proves that the police had one intention: to smash the carnival, and force it off the streets.

But his experience also proves that future carnivals can not be protected by hoping that the police will co-operate. If black people in Notting Hill rely on unelected carnival committees co-operating with policemen and Tory councillors—then there is no hope for another carnival.

If the rights of people in Notting Hill to enjoy themselves is to be upheld, they must organise against police harassment and brutality.

The local branch of the International Socialists has circulated 6000 leaflets in the area, explaining what happened at the carnival and calling for local organisation.

Anyone interested in their campaign should contact Mike Thompson, c/o Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2, phone 01-739 1870.

Is Petticoat Lane a 'no go' area then?

POLICE spokesmen, including Robert Mark, London's police chief, have insisted that the force was necessary to protect people from pickpockets and snuffing. What are the facts?

On the Sunday of the carnival, nine people were arrested and charged with theft.

On the Monday, when Mark claims there were 800 hooligans wandering the streets mugging and picking pockets, six people were arrested and charged with theft, and five with robbery.

On the two days nearly a quarter of a million people attended carnival. Yet 1000 policemen arrested just 20 people and accused them of mugging or picking pockets.

The truth is that a limited number of pickpockets will go to work wherever large numbers congregate.

At Petticoat Lane market, for instance, every Sunday (according to official police

there are thousands of people jammed together in a few streets. Scotland Yard was asked how many uniformed police were on duty regularly at Petticoat Lane market.

Advantage

A spokesman replied: 'I'm not terribly happy about giving you the figures. If we were thin on the ground it could be inviting a higher level of crime among people who realise that few officers were on duty. Thieves might take advantage of that.'

Robert Mark has said that the police won't tolerate 'no go' areas.

Perhaps Petticoat Lane on Sundays—and Brick Lane market, and Oxford Street on a Thursday evening or any other shopping centre or market in the country—is a 'no go' area.

TUC to start campaign?

THE TUC General Council is likely to call an autumn demonstration against racism and racist political demonstrations. This crucial move was suggested by David Basnett, general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers Union, who told the Congress in Brighton on Tuesday that the situation in Britain was so serious that what mattered was action, not words.

The sole black delegate, Lewis Mamoulian of Equity, urged Congress: 'We must stamp out racism wherever it appears inside our unions.'

The TUC campaign is welcome. Socialist Worker readers should start now to work in the union branches and workplaces to ensure that the campaign involves the rank and file.

HELP DRIVE RACISM OUT OF BLACKBURN!

Demonstrate this Saturday, 11 September, 1pm, Brookhouse Lane, Blackburn, for march to King George's Hall, Town Centre.

□ All IS branches from Birmingham northwards to support.

CUTS, JOBS, PAY: THE FIGHT IS ON

EVENTS of the past few days show that more and more people want to fight against the government spending cuts, unemployment and falling wages.

National trade unions, such as the government employees' unions CPSA, NUPE and NALGO, are calling for demonstrations and one-day strikes against the cuts in November. The CPSA is also calling for overtime bans to preserve jobs.

The Right to Work March has won wide sympathy from all sections of workers. Its success has forced even the trade union leaders to begin worrying about the unemployed.

The seamen's ballot and a scattering of

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WHAT WE THINK

strikes up and down the country show that many workers will no longer simply watch their living standards fall.

In those few unions that have voted over the wage limit, 40 per cent of the members have voted No. The Seamen show how rapidly that minority can become a majority. But if the fightback is beginning, it is taking

place under difficult conditions.

The press are prepared to witch-hunt anyone who speaks out.

They have viciously attacked the seamen for not wanting to give back to the ship-owners a wage rise promised last year.

They have hounded sections of workers in British Leyland's Cowley plant who defended their right to elect their own shop stewards.

They have screamed abuse at unemployed workers who heckled the Minister of Unemployment.

They have been aided and abetted by the big boys of the TUC, the Jack Joneses and the Hugh Scanlons. The same alliance will be at

work in the next few weeks to try to wreck the call for strikes and demonstrations against the cuts and to sell out the seamen.

Intense activity and organisation will be needed by rank and file trade unionists and by Right to Work committees to defeat such manoeuvres.

That is why the Conference against the Cuts and Unemployment, called by the Right to Work Campaign for 6 November, is so important. It can provide a rallying point for all those who are beginning to fight, and a focus for organisation for strikes and demonstrations alongside NUPE and the CPSA on 17 November.

Action day the 17th November!

THE national executive committee of the civil servants' union, the CPSA, has called for industrial action against the cuts and unemployment.

It passed a resolution last week calling for 'a ban on overtime in November to preserve job opportunities' and 'that an all-members one-day strike should be considered in conjunction with other public sector unions' for 17 November.

Mike McGrath, a member of the executive and of the rank and file group Redder Tape, told Socialist Worker:

'The CPSA executive have taken a step forward in the fight against expenditure cuts by passing this resolution. It must be translated into action, and the first step will be the battle to get it accepted by the membership.'

'We must impress upon them that overtime working puts more workers on the dole. The extra money they earn means another school-leaver out of work.'

Solidarity

'With 1½ million unemployed, we commit a criminal act if we do not implement the ban on overtime.'

'The one-day stoppage is "in conjunction with other public sector unions". We must make every effort to convince members of these other unions to support the stoppage.'

'The national delegate Right to Work Conference on 6 November offers all rank and file activists in the civil service unions a focus for such a campaign.'

The executive of the National Union of Public Employees, NUPE, has called for a lobby on the 17th, and the London divisional council has said this will only be effective if there is a half-day stoppage.

Struggle

Steve Ludlam, NUPE branch secretary at Moorfields Hospital in London and a member of the divisional council, told Socialist Worker: 'I'm pretty confident this will be effective in the hospital section, because this is the hardest hit by the cuts.'

'Although the national executive called the lobby, it is playing a wait-and-see game as regards the stoppages. Yet stoppages are the only way to force hospital managements not to bow down to government policies.'

In the local government union, NALGO, the initiative has also come from the London district. But the call from the Cuts Campaign Committee for a half-day stoppage was only carried there by 99 votes to 98. Whether it is effective will depend on it being pushed strongly among the rank and file.



Right to Work marcher Billy Castley, from Skelmersdale, interrupting the Minister for Unemployment in Brighton on Sunday. For this heckling, The Sun labelled the marchers 'Bully-boys of the Left'. FULL REPORT—PAGE NINE.

So who ARE the TUC bully-boys?

SIGNS of growing hostility to the Jack Jones-Hugh Scanlon top table stranglehold on the TUC were clearly in evidence at the Congress in Brighton this week.

Various delegates—from the civil servants' CPSA, through the printworkers' SOGAT, even into the Jones' own Transport Workers—could be heard voicing complaints at Jack Jones' ability to fix everything before it even started.

Jones brought fantastic pressure on awkward unions to fall in line on the social contract. As a result, the mildly critical motions were withdrawn, lost, watered down or strangled in the composing stage.

Jones is a master at the horse trade. 'Keep in line or I won't cast my one and a half million votes for you on the General Council', he says to those general secretaries with smaller empires than his own.

Brother Block Vote started even before the Congress, lashing left Labour MP Dennis Skinner.

Pensioners

Dennis told the pensioners' demonstration on Sunday that pensioners were 'a class issue'. Some trade union leaders were responsive to the plight of the pensioners but not others, he said. They spent a lot of time talking to the bosses at the CBI, but the pensioners got no benefit from it.

Jones saw this as a possible jibe at himself. He launched a wild attack on Skinner. 'In reference to what our MP has said, he has never been at the local level doing what we've been doing.'

Quote of the Brighton week is from Ken Gill, general

secretary of AUEW/TASS, speaking to Right to Work marchers and TASS member Ken Appleby, who asked him for a donation to the cause. 'I wouldn't give you the droppings from my nose', replied Gill.

Every time the TUC comes to Brighton some revolting Tory fat cat of a Lord Mayor with interests in property and a few sweatshops gets the opportunity to address the Congress. No such facilities are afforded to mere trade unionists like Shrewsbury picket Des Warren or the

Right to Work marchers. But the president of the local Trades Council, an old Communist Party member called George Copper, was allowed a word in for the rank and file.

Leaders

He said that those with wealth and power in Brighton had always had leaders who served them well. 'A pity we can't say the same about some of our leaders', he added.

He went on to mention Shrewsbury, Chile, the General Strike, the betrayal of

the pensioners. He called 1976 the 'year of the backward step for the trade union movement'.

Len Murray, TUC general secretary, interrupted Brother Cooper as soon as he sounded his first mildly critical note, persistently indicated displeasure and urged him to huffy up.

Len Murray is a democrat. He reserves his good manners for Tory fat cats.

Frank Chapple, boss of the Electricians and Plumbers Union, is ill and unable to attend the Congress. There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the union executive voted to send him a Get Well card by the narrow margin of six votes to five.



A donation of £1 from Alan Fisher, general secretary of the Public Employees Union (NUPE) for the Right to Work marchers. Centre is Danny Evaristo, former chairman of Greenwich Trades Council and one of the Manchester to London Right to Work marchers who will appear in court next week as a result of the police attack at Staples Corner.

Another job, more cash for Chapple

FRANK Chapple got another little bonus this week.

He's already taken Socialist Worker for £4,000 in costs and damages for libel.

Now it has been announced that the general secretary of the electricians and plumbers' union (salary not less than £6,000 a year) has been appointed a part-time member of the Horserace Totalisator Board (salary £1250 a year).

The appointment was made by Home Secretary Roy Jenkins. That well-known friend of the labour movement and Chapple-backer, Woodrow Wyatt, was recently made chairman of the Board.

Easy money for Chapple... but it's not so easy for us to pay his bills.

That's why we urge you, our readers, to support our defence fund and help us reach that vital £4,000 target.

This week we received £360. But the fund needs much more of the sort of support shown by a London reader, who wrote:

'Being 63 and for other reasons I am not active just now. But I love the IS and Socialist Worker. So here's £10 to prove it. The paper is super.'

'I hope this cheque will come in useful in your fight against Chapple,' writes another reader from London, sending £10. 'Keep up your good work. Some of us depend on Socialist Worker to print the true state of affairs in Britain today.'

'I am not a member of your party,' writes another reader from North London, 'I work mainly with the

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Communist Party as a sympathiser. But we all sympathise with you in this time of great difficulties for the Labour movement.

Our thanks to:

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Send donations and collections to SW Defence Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.



THE SPARE-TIME MEN



GLYN LLOYD of the Building Workers Union (UCATT):

Member of the Health and Safety Commission—£250 a year plus £25 for each day's attendance.



LEN EDMONDSON of the Engineering Workers Union (AEW):

Member of the Arbitration, Conciliation and Advisory Service (ACAS)—£1000 a year.



HUGH SCANLON of the Engineering Workers

Chairman, Engineering Industry Training Board—minimum £1320 a year, maximum £3300 a year, according to attendance. Metrication Board—£750 a year. Gas Corporation—£1000 a year.



ALAN FISHER of the Public Employees Union (NUPE)

Member of the British Airways Board (£1000 a year plus expenses). Board of Harland and Wolff—fee or expenses undisclosed.

This is where your trade

DELEGATES to the Trades Union Congress this week—and people who watch it on the telly—may have noticed how the affairs there seem to be dominated by a few men.

Not just the debates, that is, but also the elections to the General Council which are effectively in the control of a handful of powerful trades union leaders.

How much are these men and women paid? And by whom?

Often, it's impossible to find out. Jack Jones, for instance, general secretary of the country's biggest union, the Transport Workers, doesn't disclose his salary.

Of those that do, Geoffrey Drain of the govern-

ment officers union (NALGO) gets £11,500 a year. Clive Jenkins of the white-collar workers union (ASTMS) £11,000, Frank Chapple of the Electricians and Plumbers (EPTU) £8000, Lawrence Daly and Joe Gormley of the Miners' Union (NUM) £7,500 apiece.

The only certainty is that all trade union leaders, and almost all trade union officials, get more pay than the members they represent—usually twice as much and often three times as much.

But in recent years the salaries of trade union officials have taken on a new dimension. Many have landed other jobs, outside their trade union work, which bring them in some juicy pocket money.

Some examples of TUC General Council members who benefit in this way are featured here.

union leaders earn 'that extra £1000'



TERRY PARRY of the Fire Brigades Union:

Health and Safety Commission—£250 a year plus £25 a day's attendance.



DANNY MCGARVEY of the Boilermakers:

Manpower Services Commission—£250 a year plus £25 a day's attendance



TOM JACKSON of the Post Office Workers

Member of the Board of British Petroleum—fee undisclosed.



LORD ALLEN of the Shopworkers' Union

Trade union salary—£8000 a year. Member of the British Airports Authority—£1000 a year. Equal opportunities Commission—undisclosed fee for each day's attendance. Crown Estates Commission—undisclosed fee. Panel of Industrial Arbitrators—undisclosed expenses for each day's attendance.



HARRY URWIN of the Transport Workers

National Enterprise Board—£1000 a year. Manpower Services Commission—£250 a year plus £25 a day's attendance. National Freight Corporation—£1000 a year. Industrial Development Advisory Board—fee or expenses undisclosed.



MARIE PATERSON of the Transport Workers Union (TGWU):

Equal Opportunities Commission—£1000 a year.



GEORGE SMITH of the Building Workers Union (UCATT):

Member of ACAS—£1000 a year.

The plums get bigger when you retire

ANOTHER little-known advantage about being a trade union leader is that you can land plummy jobs after you've retired. Some of these jobs are part time.

Lord Greene, for instance, former general secretary of the Railwaymen's Union, gets £500 a year, on top of his union pension, for being a

director of the Bank of England, £1000 a year for being on the Southern Electricity Board and probably much more for being a director of Rio-Tinto Zinc.

Lord Cooper, former general secretary of the General and Municipal, is on the National Bus Company and the National

Water Council—£1000 a year each.

Even more surprising are the part time jobs handed out to working members of the TUC.

Ken Graham, for instance, head of the TUC's organisation department, sits on the Manpower Services Commission (£250 a year plus £25 a

day's attendance).

David Lea, head of the TUC's economic department, pulls in £1000 a year for sitting—for less than a day every week—on the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Wealth.

In the old days, outside jobs for trade union leaders were rather frowned on. They still are in some unions—such as the miners'. But in most unions they're becoming more and more fashionable.

Most governments are more than content to have trade union officials on public bodies. But Labour governments are obviously more generous with the jobs than the Tories.

Which is a not often publicised aspect of the Social Contract...



DAVID BASNETT of the General and Municipal Workers Union:

Member of the National Enterprise Board—£1000 a year.



CYRIL PLANT of the Taxmen's Union (IRSF):

Race Relations Board—£1000 a year. Monopolies Commission—£2250 a year.



JACK JONES of the Transport Workers Union (TGWU):

Member of the Board of ACAS—£1000 a year. Deputy chairman, National Ports Council—£1780 a year.

TWO TOP
BARBARIANS
TALK 'PEACE'

The

murderers meet



ABOVE: The 'peaceful' face of South Africa—and the victims of peace-loving Kissinger in Chile

ACCORDING to the press, Henry Kissinger's meeting last weekend with South African premier John Vorster was 'in the interests of world peace and the people of South Africa'.

Vorster is a well-known expert on 'peace'. His police have murdered nearly 300 unarmed black people in the last three months. They are continuing to kill an average of two or three every day.

Kissinger, presented by the press as the man who will make Vorster see the error of his ways, has an equally murderous record.

Exactly three years ago, the Chilean government was overthrown by the military junta of Pinochet. Since then torture has become a way of life, more than 20,000 people have been murdered and thousands more have been penned up in concentration camps.

Evidence came to light last year which proved what many people had always suspected—that Kissinger was the hidden hand that guided the Chilean butchers to power.

The story began in 1970 when Salvador Allende was elected president.

The US National Security Council's 40 Committee, presided over by Kissinger, planned to spend £175,000 to bribe Chilean congressmen to block Allende's access to office.

Prepare

Then, on 13 October 1970, Kissinger agreed to a plan to encourage Brigadier Viaux to kidnap the head of the Chilean army, General Schneider. Shortly after, Schneider was murdered.

But these moves did not stop Allende taking office. Kissinger then turned to preparing the ground to overthrow him.

Eleven million dollars was directed through the CIA to achieve this.

Washington officials told last year how a division of opinion developed between the US state department and Kissinger's 40 Committee.

The State Department wanted to use funds to discredit Allende and then wait for an election to remove him.

Kissinger wanted more. He knew that an election alone could not destroy the working class movement. He wanted to use force and end it quickly.

He did not have to wait long to get his way. On 12 September, 1973, Pinochet did 'end it quick'.

Influence

Since then, Kissinger has done everything in his power to back the Junta. He has used his influence to ensure that bodies such as the Inter-American bank, which always refused aid to Allende's government gives aid to the Junta.

No doubt his persuasion ensured that his old friend Jim 'the Junta's Man' Callaghan gave the go-ahead to arms deliveries to the junta from Britain.

Of course, Kissinger's murderous role has not been confined to Chile. He was Nixon's closest advisor during the repeated bombings of civilian targets in Vietnam with fragmentation bombs, napalm and dioxin—the notorious herbicide responsible for the Seveso disaster.

A man truly fit to treat with the bestial thug Vorster.



Kissinger and Vorster: two of the world's leading thugs

WHILE they were conspiring, Kissinger and Vorster were given a slap in the face.

The struggle of the blacks in South Africa was joined in earnest last week by the coloured, mixed race population of the Cape Town area.

The demonstrators were on such a scale that the police found it impossible to contain them.

Meanwhile, black militants in Soweto, near Johannesburg, are hop-

VORSTER GETS HIS ANSWER

ing to shake the regime again with a general strike.

And, in Rhodesia, the black freedom fighters made a number of small but significant steps forward last week.

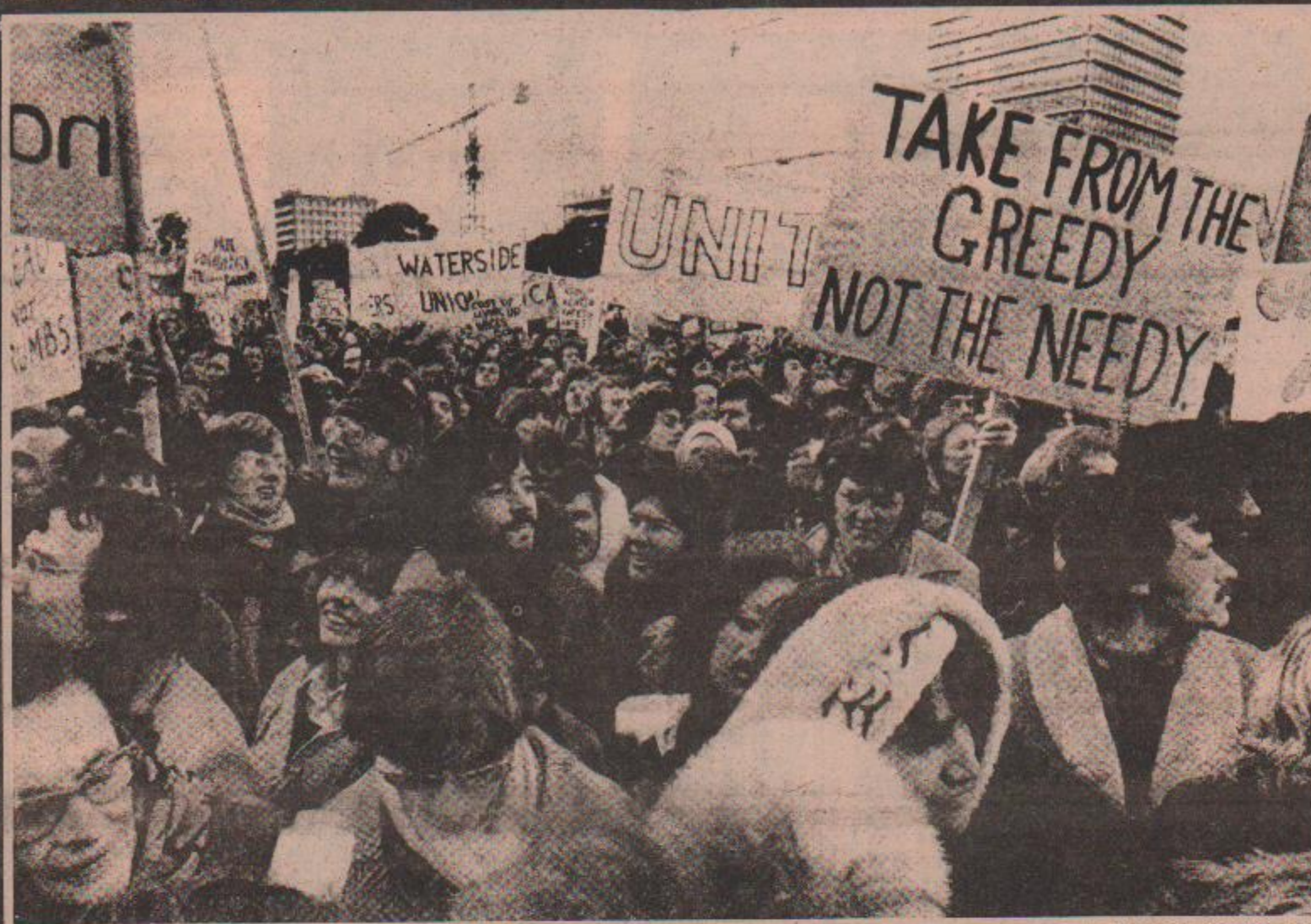
In the South East of the country, a Rhodesian helicopter pilot and his rear gunner were killed.

In Bulawayo, a white policeman was shot when he tried to hunt down black guerrillas—the first time this has happened in a town.

And six members of the Rhodesian security forces were seriously injured when freedom fighters attacked an army camp in the north-east.

These small victories are an indication of the size of the conflict that can be expected in November when the rainy season provides real cover to the freedom fighters.

IT'S BLOWING UP DOWN UNDER



'Socialists' evict squatters

By Barry White

A PEACEFUL demonstration against the proposed eviction of squatters was attacked by riot police in Lisbon last Friday.

Since the overthrow of fascism, many thousands of Portuguese workers have taken steps to improve their housing standards by squatting in vacant or under-used properties.

The 'socialist' government, under pressure from property owners, has decided that they must go.

In Lisbon, a Committee of Struggle of Residents and Occupants (CLOMP) has been set up to fight the decision.

The demonstration to the Constituent Assembly was organised with the local GDU Ps (Dynamising Groups of Popular Unity). Its aim was a meeting with the Minister to discuss the eviction threats.

When the 3000 demonstrators arrived at the Constituent Assembly, they

were greeted with steel barriers and riot police. Hundreds of soldiers could be seen inside the building.

Attacked

We were soon told that the government were not prepared to meet a deputation. The demonstration was told to disperse.

As it left, many people were attacked by police lurking in the side streets. Serious injuries were reported.

In a statement issued by the organisers, the following day, the actions of the government and police were condemned. The statement ended with an appeal to the working class for support and the right to decent homes for all.

The government's plans to evict the squatters are part of a strategy of trying to reverse the gains made by workers over the last two years.

If the right are successful, they will gain in confidence so as to step up the economic assault in the factories towards the end of the year.

IT'S NOT ONLY in Britain that workers are having to face a wage freeze. In New Zealand (above) thousands of workers have been involved in strikes against the far right Tory government of Robert Muldoon. Dozens of unions have been planning strikes including dockers, brewery workers, secondary school teachers and bus workers.

Civil servants have decided to continue a series of worktime meetings, while railway workers are calling for a general strike. Now the government are threatening a law against 'political' strikes.

Chile Solidarity Campaign
National Demonstration

Sunday 12 September, Assemble 1pm, Clerkenwell Green, London (nearest tube Farringdon).

☐ All IS branches in London, the Home Counties and the South to support.

Holy Mother of Jesus . . .
His Holiness the Pope is in the latest issue of **the worker**

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TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Hallas

Will a Socialist Worker candidate in the Walsall by-election create illusions among workers about Parliament? Or are the illusions already there?

We won't win but...

A COUPLE of years ago, I took part in a debate with the local Labour MP in Oxford.

There were, as I recall, 100 or so people present. We argued about the Labour government, which was still regarded as 'dangerously left-wing' by the press at that time, about the social contract, the road to socialism and so on.

Various members of the audience put their point of view. One of them was a member of one of the little sectlets of the left. He spent his five minutes on a ferocious attack on me, the substance of which was that I (and IS as an organisation) were 'giving credibility to the Labour Party' by agreeing to debate with its spokesmen!

I was reminded of this by the reader who suggested that IS was 'creating illusions in Parliament' by contesting elections. Atlas, the illusions are already there.

And they will not disappear quickly whether we run candidates or not. The point is: What can we do about it?

Build

A Socialist Worker candidate must, as a matter of course, state clearly that there is no parliamentary road to socialism. But that does not mean that elections, and parliament too, cannot be used by socialists. Not at all.

They can be used to help to build a socialist workers' movement. Readers may remember Harry McShane's fine review of Reg Groves' book on Victor

Grayson, which appeared in SW a while back. Grayson, returned in a by-election in 1907, described himself as 'simply a bullet fired by the Colne Valley workers against the established order'.

He got himself suspended from parliament in 1908—and he made them throw him out by force—for denouncing unemployment, the government, and the do-nothing Labour MPs, regardless of parliamentary rules and red tape.

Grayson's agitation made a deep impression on many thousands of workers. Even our late, unlamented TUC general secretary, born about this time, was named Victor Grayson Hardie Feather by enthusiastic socialist parents!

Unfortunately, Grayson had no

notion of building an organised revolutionary socialist movement. He was a brilliant individualist and so the fruits of his magnificent agitation were not gathered into a permanent organised force.

We, on the other hand, are not in the business of promoting individual 'stars'. We are in the business of building a socialist workers' movement. Now I do not want to give anyone the impression that I think we are on the verge of a new Colne Valley by-election. Unfortunately, we are not.

Part of the claptrap of parliamentary politics is the convention that every candidate is expected to claim that he expects to win—even the Tory in Ebbw Vale and the Labourite in Eastbourne. We will break with this nonsense right away.

We do not expect to win. We expect to get a small vote. We are only just beginning.

That brings up another objection to putting up candidates which I have heard. It goes like this:

'Unless you can guarantee a respectable vote, you should not contest at all because you will only expose your weakness'.

Now, of course, nobody can guarantee anything in this field—except that if you are afraid to get your feet wet you will never learn to swim. But, in any case, the objection misses the point. We are not out to bluff workers into believing we are stronger than we really are.

Win

We say frankly, that to create a real socialist alternative will be a long, hard struggle.

We intervene in elections mainly to win active supporters for the struggle against Labour's Tory policies, policies which feed the racist, fascist backlash and which help the Tories themselves.

The last point is very important. Labour candidates, specially those on the 'left', are sure to argue that every worker should vote Labour to keep the Tories out.

But it is not Socialist Worker supporters who are helping the Tories. It is the Callaghans and the Healeys, and the Footys and the Benns who go along with them.

Slashing

One and a half million unemployed and more to come and this so-called Labour government says that nothing whatever can be done about it—just as Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden used to say. That's what helps the Tories.

The slashing of the social services, the encouragement of racism and fascism by racist immigration controls, the continued military occupation of Northern Ireland, the grovelling before the Common Market and big business at home and abroad. These are the things that help the Tories.

To fight the Tories today you must fight Labour's Tory policies.

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THE NEWS that Prince Bernhard copped half a million quid in bribes from Lockheed has probably yet to reach the ears of a certain Michael Parker.

Parker was formerly private secretary to our own dear Prince Philip who, like Bernhard, is co-president of the World Wildlife Fund.

Selfless

It was on behalf of the Fund that the selfless Bernhard claims to have accepted Lockheed's largesse.

Rumours that Lockheed also had well-known figures in British life on their payroll are, of course, nothing less than disgraceful smears put about by Reds and subversives.

But why is Parker now living on a remote Pacific island?

And why isn't he answering phone calls?

THE US government have a plan to deal more efficiently with the millions of new unemployment claims coming in from workers laid off because of automation.

All their unemployment offices are to become... automated.

FRED BIRD, the Kent County Leader of the openly Nazi British Movement, was picked up by the police in Granstead when he showed at an Indian 'Year card is marked. We'll get you. In his car they found an automatic pistol and five rounds of live ammunition. He was also carrying a knife. He said in court: 'I got involved in politics and I feared I might be attacked by extremists.'

His punishment? A one year's suspended prison sentence and a £75 fine.

WHAT DO THESE THREE MEN HAVE IN COMMON?

ANSWER: They were all shown to be corrupt by government inquiries. They all escaped prosecution.



Prince 'Lockheed' Bernhard



Angus 'Lonrho' Ogilvy



Richard 'Watergate' Nixon



Scroungers Corner

FOR EVERY pound 'scrounged' from social security every year, £150 is left unclaimed.

Labour MP Dennis Canavan told the Commons on 15 July that an estimated £300 million worth of benefits is not claimed every year by people who have every right to them.

Those people—pensioners, parents, children needing free school meals—do not claim because, often, they are simply too proud.

Or because they don't want to be labelled 'scroungers'...

A MAN receiving unemployment benefit and so desperate for money that his family had not eaten for two days, stripped off in a social security office to bring attention to his plight.

Constantine Taylor, 54, told Marylebone Court that red tape had held up payment of his benefit eight times in one month.

Finally, when the clerk in the social security office told him once again there had been a mistake and that he would get a cheque the next day, Mr Taylor decided it was the last straw.

—from The Guardian, 7 August.

SACRIFICE CORNER: Demand for luxury cars such as Rolls-Royces, Daimlers and Jaguars is at an all-time high.

In case you're thinking of trading in your limousine, the Jaguar XJS retails at £10,506, the Daimler Double 6 Vandienplas can be yours for as little as £10,848 and a Rolls-Royce Camargue is a snip at £33,772.

Don't break your neck in the rush...

IT'S NOT ONLY in Britain that asbestos firms make profit out of workers' lives. For instance: 12 men have died in the last 16 months at the Johns-Mansville asbestos plant in Carson, California. When workers recently staged a one-hour stoppage in their memory, management accused their union of 'attempting to involve public emotion in an issue already resolved in order to gain concessions at the bargaining table.'

Already resolved? The firm have refused to provide medical care for workers who get cancer as a result of working with asbestos dust. And they are also insisting that company doctors—rather than independent physicians chosen by the workers—should decide whether the workers are in danger.

The picture that says it all



THE MAN on the left, peeping furtively out of the window, is Paddy Keenan, a branch official of the Irish Transport Workers Union.

He's mixing with the bosses, helping to celebrate the opening of a new Dublin cinema, the Cameo. Three days earlier the ITGWU cinema section committee ruled that they would move to stop the place opening unless the owner signed a written agreement on staffing and conditions. He didn't sign.

Inside at the party the chairman of the Section, Mick Hussey, who proposed the

clampedown in a passing moment of militancy, was also indulging in the free booze. As was the vice-Chairman. And the branch Secretary.

The lousy conditions in the Cameo didn't bother these staunch trade unionists enough to boycott the bosses' binge. There's only one usher on duty during late-night shows, going on till the small hours.

An usher doing similar duty in another Dublin cinema recently received a kick in the groin from a playful member of the public.

Oh, and the title of the film now showing at the Cameo? The Sellout...

Great Issues of Our Times

The need for law and order

The need for cuts in spending

A COURT decided yesterday not to ban an MP from driving because he needed his car for constituency work.

Nigel Lawson, Tory MP for Blaby, admitted at Rugby that he drove at 70 mph on the A5. He said he did not know a 50 mph limit was still in force on single carriageways.

Mr Lawson, of Stoney Stanton, Leics, who could have been banned because of two previous speeding convictions, was fined £30.

A POLICEMAN'S house had to be refurbished from scratch after an invasion by fleas.

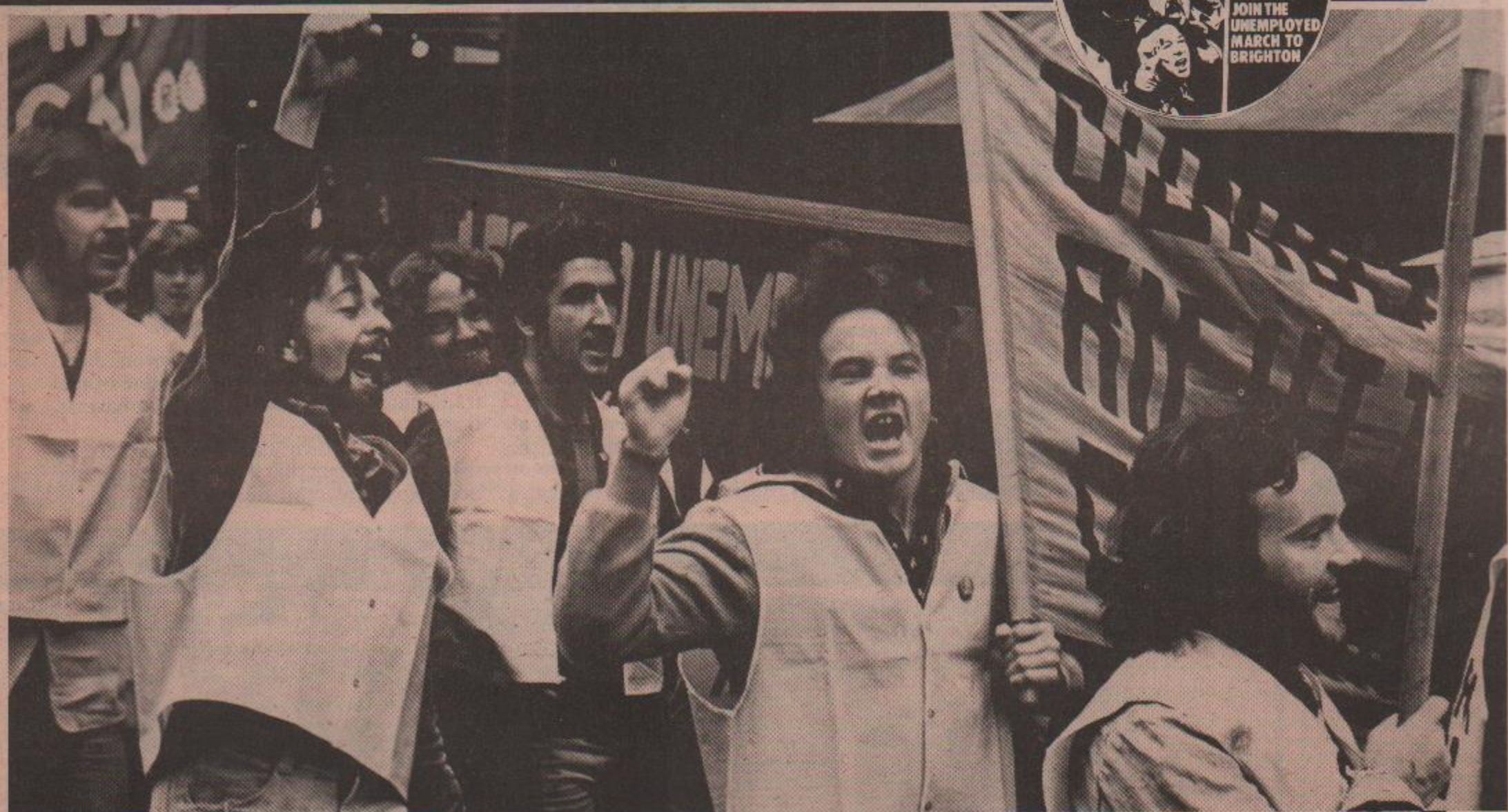
The PC and his family, who live at Pewsey in Wiltshire, were evacuated after the fleas moved in.

And the police officer was transferred to a mobile home while the invaders were cleared.

Yesterday Wiltshire Police Authority agreed to pay £260 to replace carpets, curtains, furnishings and fittings at the house.

—from the Daily Mirror, 3 September

THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH: Four-page special starts here



Picture: John Sturrock (Report)

Five days to shake the TUC

IT'S A BAD year for cocktail parties at the TUC.

The easy vote-juggling and booze-swilling on the conference fringe has been rudely interrupted by 570 unemployed marchers who have spent four hard days on the road.

The number of people who registered for the march exceeded the Right to Work Campaign's wildest expectation.

Of the 571 marchers, 122 were women, 63 were black. More than a dozen unemployed, young people joined the march on its way.

PAGES 8 & 9: What happened on the march (and at that Tribune meeting)

PAGE 10: Introducing the marchers

The vast majority of these marchers are under 21. They have come on the march straight from the dole queues where they first came into contact with the Right to Work Campaign.

For most of them, it is their first protest march, their first political act of any kind.

Their determination and discipline has been as magnificent as their fighting spirit. They marched 14 miles on Saturday, 26 miles on Sunday and another 20

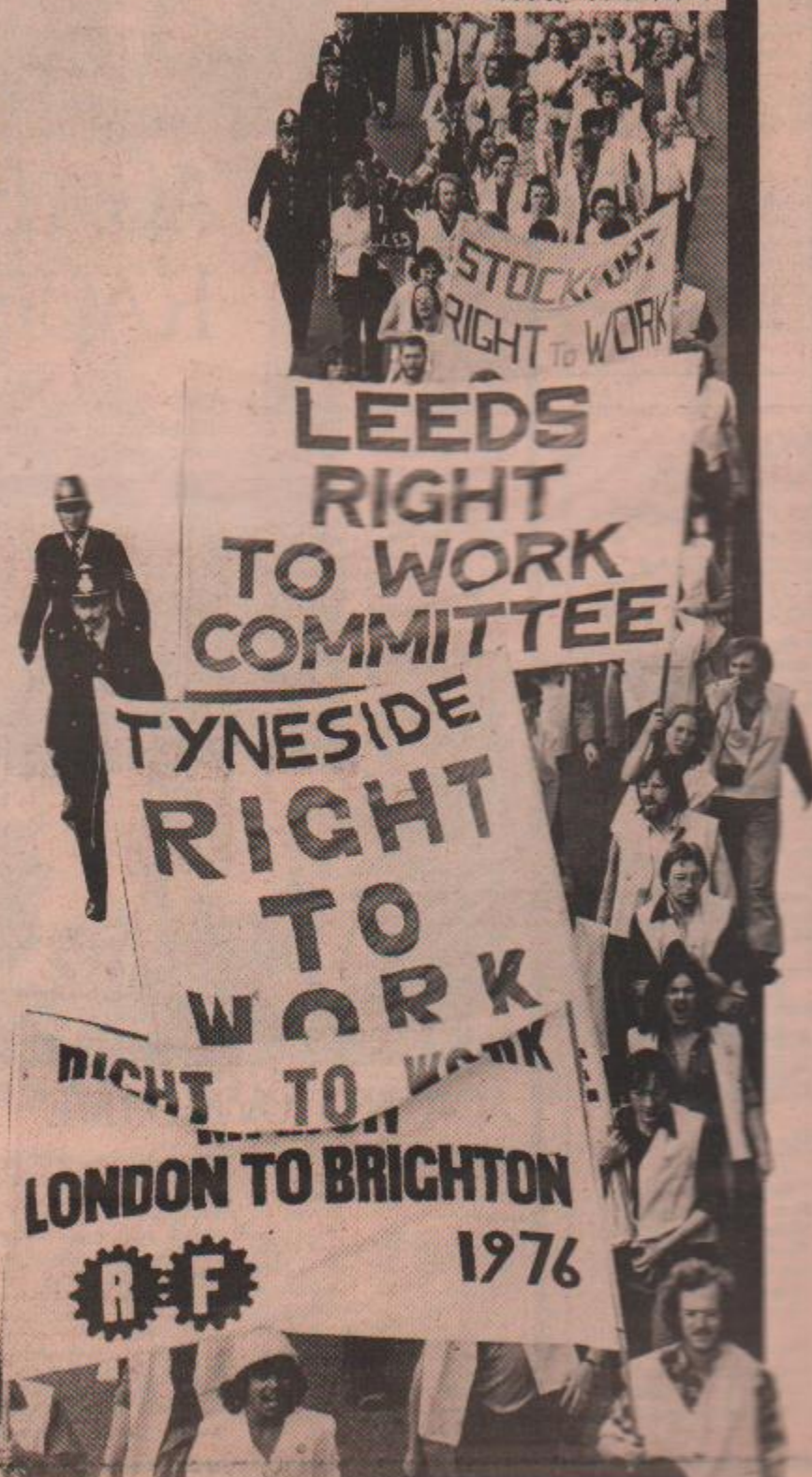
miles on Monday.

They have slept in tents—some of them in the open—and fed (almost exclusively) on beans and sausages. Their enthusiasm has grown as the march continued.

Even the Press and television have begun to sit up and take notice.

The TUC leaders will try to get on with their cocktail parties in peace.

But they can't shrug off the marchers.



'We haven't come here to rock Labour's boat we've come to start a bloody mutiny'

BRIGHTON
Action Committee
Against the Cuts
public meeting: THE
CUTS—The TUC
Must Act.
Speakers: Alan
Fisher (general
secretary, NUPE),
Ernie Roberts
(assistant general
secretary, AUEW),
John Deason
(secretary, National
Right to Work
Campaign).
Thursday 9
September, 7pm,
Union Hall, Air
Street, Brighton.

Defend
the Right
to Work
Marchers

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PICKET**

Support the Right to
Work marchers on the
first day of the trials.
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sends a delegation.
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CAMPAIGN**

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Friday 10 September,
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Acton.
Admission £1

Dance, drink, eat till the
early hours
HIGH FLAME BAND
(reggae, soul) and disco



Picture: John Sturrock (Report)

'JACK JONES and the other trade union leaders tell us not to rock Labour's boat. Well we haven't come here to rock the boat. We've come to start a bloody mutiny.'

That's what Austin Danks, from Chrysler in Coventry, told a rally to see the marchers off in Brixton on Saturday. He set the tone for the whole march.

'Unemployment is obscene. Remember all the promises they gave us? Remember the uproar from the Labour and trade union leaders when unemployment reached a

million under the Tories?

'Well look, it's one and a half million now and we're having to fight for a right we had already won—the right to work.'

'When you get down to Brighton, Jack Jones won't want to hear you. None of the trade union leaders will—you'll embarrass them.'

'Well, get down there and embarrass them. Show them that if they're not fighting unemployment, well we are.'

THE CAMPAIGN



TEN marchers went ahead to Gatwick Airport on Sunday, where they spread out through the passenger terminal, explaining to passengers and staff why they were marching.

Jimmy Giles, (above) chairman of the Transport Workers Union airport branch, came out to speak to the march.

'It's up to us as trade union members to turn to the TUC and tell them they've got to do something about unemployment', he said.

'We didn't know about this lobby against unemployment, but we'll get together the representatives of all the unions on the airport tomorrow and we'll send a delegation down to support you there', he said, to cheers from the marchers.

AGAINST RACISM

The marchers sent a delegation of 40 ahead to leaflet the Northgate area of Crawley when they heard that a National Party candidate is to stand there in the coming council by-election.

The Right to Work Campaign has from the start taken an uncompromising stand against racism—and particularly against the fascist

National Party and National Front, which try to make black workers carry the blame for unemployment.

No more so than in Crawley, where the nearby Gatwick Airport has meant massive racist press propaganda about immigration.

The marchers canvassed the area, urging people not to vote for the fascists, handing out leaflets about the march and collecting donations. One woman they spoke to turned out to be a member of Crawley Anti-Racist Committee and welcomed the marchers' intervention.

RESPONSE

Said Frank Haydney, an unemployed General and Municipal Workers' Union member who travelled from Camborne in Cornwall to be on the march: 'We've got an excellent response from the people we spoke to.'

'I knocked on about a dozen doors and only one of the people was hostile. The others gave £2.75 in donations to the campaign.'

'We've been so successful we'd be ready to go on all day.'

One man was about to drop a £5 note in one marcher's bucket when his wife snatched it from his hand, much to the dismay of both! Altogether the marchers received £12 in donations.

The following morning marchers picketed the factory where the National Party candidate works, handing out anti-racist leaflets.

AGAINST OVERTIME

BEFORE the march set off from London it won a victory in the fight for the right to work.

Forty marchers went to the Lawrence's site in Lower Thames Street, London, at 7.30am on Saturday morning to join the Lawrence workers on the picket line.

Frank Westerman, the building workers' convenor, explained that members of the Electricians' Union were defying

ing a decision taken by the whole site not to work on Saturday.

'There's one and a half million out of work and the building trade is the worst hit. We can't have this sort of overtime going on,' he said.

The scabs arrived, escorted by a van of police. After half an hour they gave up and went away. Frank described the help from the Right to Work marchers as 'just fantastic'.



Picture: John Sturrock (Report)

Saturday shoppers read a leaflet handed to them as the marchers passed on the way to Croydon.



The successful march through North London last Friday before the main Right to Work march began. The banner says in Greek: Fight for the Right to Work.

The march went right through North London and was greeted by delegations of shop stewards. More than was collected by the 80 marchers from passers-by. The best collections were in Greek areas. The march ended rally of 500 trade unionists, marchers and unemployed workers at Stoke Newington Town Hall.

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ABOVE: Some of the trade unionists who joined the march outside Croydon.

Joe McCommon (right) carried his Guildford EE banner after they took a unanimous decision to go the marchers. 'This is very good. We went up to Lee to greet the last one. This of action is the only way can get anything done', he said.

Steve Goldborough Kingston Trades Council said: 'We have supported everything the Rank and has done since it started the fight back organised.'

Bill Neve from Redhill retired printer and a member of the Communist Party said: 'This is a very good effort. It doesn't matter who organised it. It draws the attention of everyone to unemployment'.

to rock the boat, bloody mutiny'



and this
speaker
as a
provocation

'HERE IS the man,' said Labour MP Neil Kinnock, chairing the Tribune meeting at Brighton on Sunday, 'who has put his job, his livelihood, the welfare of his family on the line in the struggle for the movement. Albert Booth, Minister of Employment...

'Minister for Unemployment,' shouted some of the Right to Work marchers who were at the meeting. 'I say to people,' continued Kinnock, 'who seek to capitalise on people like Albert Booth, you are betraying the movement. If there is no appreciation of him... The 16 and 18-year-olds present did not feel any appreciation of the man who receives £13,000 a year for keeping them in the dole

queues. They shouted angrily 'Out of work with Labour'. They were disgusted that a left-wing paper such as Tribune was allowing him to speak on its platform, as if his policies were left-wing. That could only discredit the whole left.

Screamed

Even Alan Fisher, general secretary of the public employees' union NUPE, said on BBC radio on Monday: 'Asking the Minister for Employment to speak at the meeting could be seen as a provocation, like a red rag to a bull'. Yet the national press has treated marchers' interruptions as a crime. 'Bully Gang Bawl Out Minister', screamed The Sun on Monday. Apparently, for an unemployed teenager to

give vent to a little verbal anger against a Minister of the Crown is to be a 'bully'.

What a contrast to the paper's coverage of the real bullying that took place at last year's Tribune meeting. There Jack Jones, backed by the power given by 1½ million block votes, stormed to the microphone to interrupt a mildly left-wing speech from Labour MP Ian Mikardo.

When Jones does something it's 'fair criticism', when the unemployed do the same it's 'disruption'.

The marchers certainly did not go to the meeting with the intention of breaking it up. They listened attentively to Frank Field of the Child Poverty Action Group.

He gave graphic examples of how the real scroungers, the tax dodgers, get away with

hundreds of millions of pounds, while social security claimants and unemployed do not take up £660 million they are entitled to by right.

The Right to Work marchers applauded enthusiastically.

But they were angry that the television cameras did not once focus on Field and the newsmen present did not even bother to pick up their pens.

They could see that you had to shout to get your message across.

So they heckled loudly when Stan Orme, Minister for Social Security, spoke next. They asked: 'What happened to Barbara Castle?'—who was in the ministry before Orme, but was forced out because she was not enthusiastic enough about the cuts.

But Orme was able to finish his speech and Booth was also allowed to speak.

What upset the press and the organisers of the meeting was that the marchers did not sit in silence.

They would not sit like lambs at the feet of the man who is directly responsible for denying them a chance in life.

Of course they heckled when he claimed he was not responsible for unemployment and boasted of the 'achievements' of the Labour government.

Of course they were angry when Kinnock threatened to throw them out of the meeting and compared them to the National Front.

What would The Sun have them do? Stand silently on the dole queues forever?

As Kevin Gibson, an unemployed 16-year-old from Hemel Hempstead, said afterwards: 'I heckled to show my frustration and anger at people who claim they are trying to cut unemployment when they are just as bad as the Tories.'

Incapable

Booth managed to speak for a quarter of an hour despite the interruptions. So why did the organisers close the meeting and claim that that it was broken up?

The real reason was summed up by another marcher, Heather Williamson, an 18-year-old from Wandsworth, South London. 'Albert Booth was one of the most incapable people I can imagine. All he could say was that he was Employment Minister and that was it!'

Booth in no way replied to the issues raised by the unemployed. The organisers of the meeting decided to save him—and the government—any further embarrassment. So they ended the meeting, even though the marchers made it clear that they wanted to hear the next speaker, Alan Fisher of NUPE.

Now, no doubt, Tribune will claim that the marchers were trying to deny freedom of speech.

In fact the editor of Tribune himself used force to deny the marchers the right to speak after the end of the meeting. He jumped on a supporter of the march who tried to pass a microphone to one of the marchers to explain the case to the other hundred-odd people in the hall.

TRADE UNION SUPPORTERS



Builders' boots on their deep-pile carpets

BUILDING workers on the march got their first taste of Brighton luxury on Sunday morning when they went to lobby the UCATT delegation.

The meeting was being held in the four star Hotel Metropole, where many of the 'top brass' are staying. After a hard day marching and a night sleeping under the canvas, marchers were happy to wait in the luxury of the richly carpeted hotel corridor, and make use of the hot water in the high class lavatories, until the delegation agreed to let them address the meeting.



John Clifford that support and that you will oppose any wage restraints. The pay policy is completely bankrupt. It has proved that it does not work time and time again.

Solidarity

George Smith, the union's general secretary, told the marchers that the delegation had just decided to support motions against the cuts because of the effect they are having on the building industry.

'We are getting support now from the professionals in the fight against the cuts but you must understand it is not easy'. Alan Abrahams, a UCATT delegate from Liverpool, gave the marchers a guarantee that someone would move a collection for the Right to Work march at the conference.

Marchers handed out leaflets to individual delegates and other guests at the hotel

who were obviously perplexed by the presence of these men in orange jackets.

There was a surprise in store for TUC general secretary Len Murray as he left the hotel that morning. As he got into his chauffeur-driven car he came face to face with the UCATT marchers who started to heckle him.

'What are you going to do about unemployment' they shouted.

As Murray drove away, stone-faced, they were congratulated by a middle-aged woman who was passing by. 'I agree with you,' she said. 'And I'd be with you if I wasn't a grandmother'.

And the police just faded away..

AS THE MARCH LEFT Redhill, there were nearly a hundred police drawn up either side and at the back of the march.

'It looks like an advertisement for the Police Federation,' said one marcher. 'They're here to protect the trees,' said another.

'They're looking for pickpockets,' said one marcher from Notting

Hill. The Inspector in charge lost his temper. 'The ratepayers of Surrey' he declared, 'demand law and order.'

The march reached a narrow part of the road and traffic built up behind. The march stopped. March steward Jimmy McCallum went forward with the march solicitor to lodge a formal protest to the police.

A chief inspector arrived and declared: 'The police numbers look crazy'. He promised the numbers would be cut down.

The march moved on and police numbers were cut down to 55.

Campaign secretary John Deason decided this still wasn't good enough. Another protest was lodged with the chief inspec-

tor. They took off another 25 police.

At the next roundabout a superintendent arrived. The march was crossing into West Sussex, he announced. The number of police would be reduced to one sergeant and five constables.

'We're not very sure about our loudhailers,' he added. 'If they go wrong can you lend us one of yours?'

RICKY TOMLINSON on the march at Coulsdon with campaign secretary John Deason. Ricky is one of the three pickets who were imprisoned by the Tories for organising pickets at Shrewsbury during the 1972 building workers' strike.

Before going on to the pensioners' lobby in Brighton, Ricky told the marchers: 'It's marvellous to be able to join you. We want to bring you greetings from Des Warren and from the building workers of North Wales. We want to show our solidarity here today and we will be joining you again in Brighton later in the week'.



GEORGE BLACK from Birmingham is now 19. He spent two years working as a toolsetter and machine operator.

'We were on piece work rates set in 1940. There was no union. So I said I'd take a day off each week as it wasn't worth working for the money. After six weeks they threw me out.'

'I've been looking for jobs, but it's just a waste of time and money. The Jobs Centre in Birmingham is a nice building but that's all. They've got no jobs.'

'The fight for the right to work is the fight for a lot of things. You have to have industrial strength to help fight against the cuts and for better pensions and things like that.'

This is what the march is all about

Picture: John Sturrock (Report)



PRAVIN PALMER (above), from Bolton has been unemployed since he left his job in a foundry last December. Pravin is one of two committee members of the Bolton Asian Youth Organisation who are on the march.

'We decided to send the two of us down on the whole march. We are already on the Bolton Right to Work Committee', he said.

Before we had the Asian Youth Organisation the National Front were out in force trying to get at the young whites. Now we are fighting to get everyone together. We're campaigning for a multiracial youth club in Bolton.

'The Town Hall won't give us the money but they give it to other youth organisations. They say it's because of the cuts, but that's an excuse'.

'The AYO also means there's solidarity across the whole black community for the first time. Before there were rows between Indians and Pakistanis, Hindus and Moslems—now we've got everyone together. There's solidarity among all of us. The AYO here has over 1000 members'.

'And it's wider than that. When the police arrested five AYO members and two members of the International Socialists, we had a joint demonstration outside the police station. Three or four hundred whites and blacks shouting together. They released everyone there and then instead of holding them overnight.



THREE school-leavers from Glasgow (above), Linda Cairns, Susan Birt, Caroline Douglas had never had a job between them.

Said Caroline: 'I was up at the Buroo one day and someone came up to me and told me about the march. I went to some of the meetings with my friends and that's how we got here. I've tried lots of jobs in factories, shops anything. They always want

experience. The march is much bigger than I thought'. Said Linda: 'At first we came for the laugh but now we're more serious about it. We're having a laugh but we hope it gets us work as well.'

'We didn't expect it to be like this. We thought everyone would be just walking along the road. We didn't expect people to keep shouting "We want work"'

or sing along the way—we joined in though.

'We didn't expect so many police either, there are hundreds. In Glasgow they lift you for anything, just standing on the streets is enough, so we don't like them.'

'It's a laugh in the tents because you can talk to other people. Our mums didn't want us to come because they didn't know it would go to be ordered like this. We've met lots of new people'.



HARRY ALLEN, aged 19, has had four jobs since leaving school, mostly in butchery or as a chef.

'These days we would think ourselves lucky to have a job at all, but even when I was working wages were very low. Still, if you are in work you can protest through your union. When you're on the dole, a march like this is the

only way'.

His friend, **DAVE FLEMING**, aged 16, wanted to be an engineer. 'But I haven't a hope of getting a job in Glasgow at the moment', he said.

EDWARD DOHERTY, aged 17, is also an unemployed school-leaver. 'If you leave school in Glasgow and get a job, you're one of the lucky ones', he said.



DOROTHY and **CHARLIE JAMESON**, a married couple from Lowestoft:

'I have worked in most of the factories in Lowestoft at one time or another', said Dorothy. 'I finished work in May and haven't been able to get another job since.'

'Birds Eye are cutting their workforce by 40 per cent in the next 18 months. They are moving to Kirkby. They say it's being done to ease the unemployment problem there, but they are causing it in Lowestoft'.



JANIE KIERNAN, aged 17, from Glasgow, has been unemployed since she was made redundant from her first factory job two years ago.

'When I was at school I had great hopes of becoming a nurse or a children's nanny, but after all this time out of work I think I'd just take anything for the sake of getting some money. I get £7.70 on the dole, which means I don't have much left for clothes and going out. I reckon my name is on the file of applications at every factory in Glasgow. I'm sick of it'.



NIGEL SPENCE is 23 and until two years ago had a job as a labourer in the huge Sheffield steel works of Firth Browns.

A trolley ran over him, seriously injuring his leg. He was several weeks off work, and, when he returned, found that he was haunted by his accident—and left.

Since then he's been searching around for another job.

'The other day I was going down to the dole and I bought a copy of the Socialist Worker. I took it home and read about the Right to Work march. I thought, why don't I go on this—so here I am.'



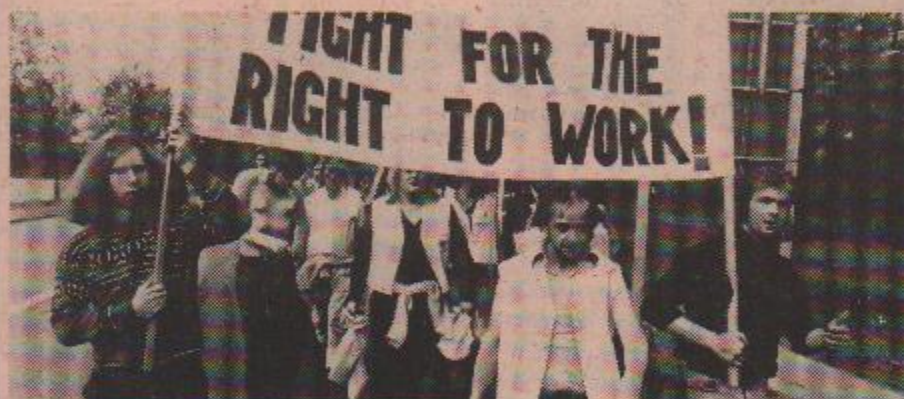
JO EVARISTO, from South East London, is on the march with her father, Danny Evaristo, who was on the Manchester to London Right to Work march earlier this year.

Jo is 19 and has been out of work for six months. 'I was a dental assistant for three years. I've been to interviews—but there's always too many people.'

'I have had three years experience as a dental assistant. I want to do the same work. I got the sack six months ago for taking an extra few days holiday.'

'The dentist hired a new assistant who is getting paid less than I was.'

'They talk about scroungers. But there are some dentists who charge the NHS for work they haven't done—an extra filling or something. What about them?'



FRED SHERER (centre), one of three marchers from Easter Ross in Scotland:

'We've come 600 miles to make a stand. We raised £100

for our fares here. We sold pamphlets at the Highland Games and held collections locally. Communist Party members supported us and argued our case in the

tenants' association.

'Rig Yards at home have no orders for the future. 2500 could be out of work shortly plus another 500 at Christmas'.



EDDIE HARRISON, from Brixton in South London left school at Easter. He's only had one job since then and he was sacked from that.

'If the TUC and the government won't support us, we've got to make them do it. We're going to get our own way. That's what this march is all about'.



JENNIFER WILLIAMS, Camberwell, London:

'I used to be a secretary. I've been out of work for six months. I have come on the march to show how desperate people are to get jobs—otherwise we wouldn't be doing this would we? You don't march 60 miles for the joy of it. It's not easy.'

'Bringing up a family on one wage is terrible. The idea that married women should go back to the kitchen and leave their jobs to the men is rubbish. We all have to work.'



MARK CRUTTENDEN is from Croydon. On Saturday evening he was coming back from watching football.

'I'd just got off the train when I saw the march. Now I'm marching all the way.'

'I was an apprentice in engineering.

Because I was an apprentice I got all the really rubbish jobs. So I went. I regret it now.'

'I've been looking for jobs on the dole. But it's just perpetual chaos.'

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN
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THE IRA SPECIAL?

THE BBC Festival 40, finished with a David Frost/TV audience jamboree—the sort of intellectual drivel that wouldn't interrupt a game of Chinese chequers.

But after an hour the programme unexpectedly spluttered to life and Jonathan Dimbleby exploded the whole facade.

After a film of American soldiers burning Vietnamese peasants out of their homes the conversation switched to reporting of the Northern Ireland conflict.

Dimbleby and others then accused the BBC and ITV hierarchies of trying to cover up the true nature of the troubles, after eight years of

'balanced' reporting there has not been a single in-depth analysis of the causes and motives of the combatants.

Ah, replied James McIntosh MP, but the British people are bored with Northern Ireland, putting his foot right in it.

Boring

Why is there boredom? came the attack. Because of the way in which it is reported. Why, they cried, can't we interview the IRA to find out why they find it necessary to bomb and murder?

We can give them a few simple answers. To allow the 'Enemy' time on TV would be

to break their 100 per cent propaganda machine.

We might even find out some truths about hundreds of years of British exploitation of Ireland, the imposition of a foreign religion and enforced sectarianism.

However, Ireland is also used to control the working class on the British mainland not only with the Prevention of Terrorism Act, but also with the anti-Irish feeling the media whipped up after the Birmingham pub bombings.

So if Dimbleby is allowed to do an 'Irish Special' don't expect anything too grand. TV is too powerful a weapon to lose control of. □ Tom Harris.

Letters

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

The old, the lame and the weak

ISN'T IT amazing the way the old, the lame and the weak are always the first to suffer when the cuts come.

Politicians only worry about them when it comes to winning votes and yet as soon as the poll closes they don't give a damn.

The situation in Bury (Socialist Worker last week) is a prime example of this, so is the decision to take away invalid cars.

They know full well that these people have very little power to fight. They rely on the rest of us for support. Let's make sure they get it.

□ SW Reader, East London.

Postal Points

BEFORE each teabreak I have to wash my hands. In order to rinse them I have to turn on both hot and cold taps and as there is no plug for the sink, the water gushes down the drain.

I would say I am using about 20 times more water than necessary each time.

At a rough guess I would say there are also water hoses being used 24 hours a day at the dairy where I work. So why not start to save water by cutting out industrial waste?

□ Dave Dewyer, Cricklewood.

THE NEW registrar of electors is now being compiled. If you haven't received a registration card, then apply to the electoral registration office at your local town hall.

□ N Cassady, Manchester.

WE ARE gay members of the International Socialists and we would like to express relief that there has been an addition to the 'Where We Stand' column in Socialist Worker, expressing our opposition to homosexual oppression.

We also welcome the coverage of the victimisation struggle of a gay social worker. We see it as crucial for the development of a revolutionary organisation that we open up the issue of homosexual oppression.

□ Sheila Sim (NALGO), Duncan Brown (ASLEF), Ronnie Smith (EIS), Glasgow.

How we beat the Professionals

AT THE Southampton show this year there was a large army display attempting to show their role in a favourable light.

Over the weekend comrades distributed leaflets, warning unemployed people not to be taken in by the unreal image of the army.

This was interrupted on Sunday when an Irish comrade was arrested. He was released later without charge after the intervention of a local solicitor and persistent requests for information and access to him. Comrades waited outside the police station to ensure that he was not taken elsewhere.

The police officer who arrested him wanted to charge him with 'behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace' as he had been distributing leaflets and selling the Troops Out journal.

But an inspector ruled that it would be unlikely to stand up in court.

□ DM Frost, Southampton.

India's Tony Benn

I AM surprised that Jimmy McCallum, the prospective Socialist Worker candidate in Walsall North, joined the IWA pickets at Wolverhampton in protest against Mrs Gandhi's alleged dictatorship in India.

International Socialists were obviously ill-informed about Mrs Gandhi and her policies. She is an Indian version of Tony Benn and her popularity among the Indian masses is now absolute.

The western news media have now instituted a relentless campaign to discredit Mrs. Gandhi's image abroad, because of her efforts at decolonisation of the media in the third world.

Press curbs in India are minimal compared to the censorship of films, television and printed literatures already imposed in Britain on grounds of obscenity political or otherwise. □ P.R.K.Rao, London N15.

Stripped searched and harassed

IS THERE no end to the number of liberties which the police can take?

I have written to Socialist Worker in the past to say how since my return from the Right to Work March I have been constantly harassed by the Special Branch and the police in general.

The most recent incident happened last week when two uniformed officers called at my home. I was out but they questioned my wife constantly and left a message that I was to go to the station and pick up clothes which they had taken from me earlier.

Three days later I was walking home, just a short distance from the house, when a police car stopped in front of me.

Perjured

When the copper got out of the car I recognised him immediately as PC 210 Marsden, the 19-year-old officer who had indisputably perjured himself against me in a court case last month in which I was found not guilty.

He told me to get in the car and when I asked why he said he wanted to search me for drugs.

I said he had no reason to suspect me of possessing drugs and he said he had the power to search me at any time on suspicion. I said that if I were to be searched I wanted a witness.

I knocked on the door of a nearby house and told the occupier what was happening. I had never met the man before but he said that to save me going to the station we could use his front room and he would be a witness.

Then to my amazement I

was told by PC Marsden to strip naked. I protested but he said if I did not do so he would take me to the police station and do it there.

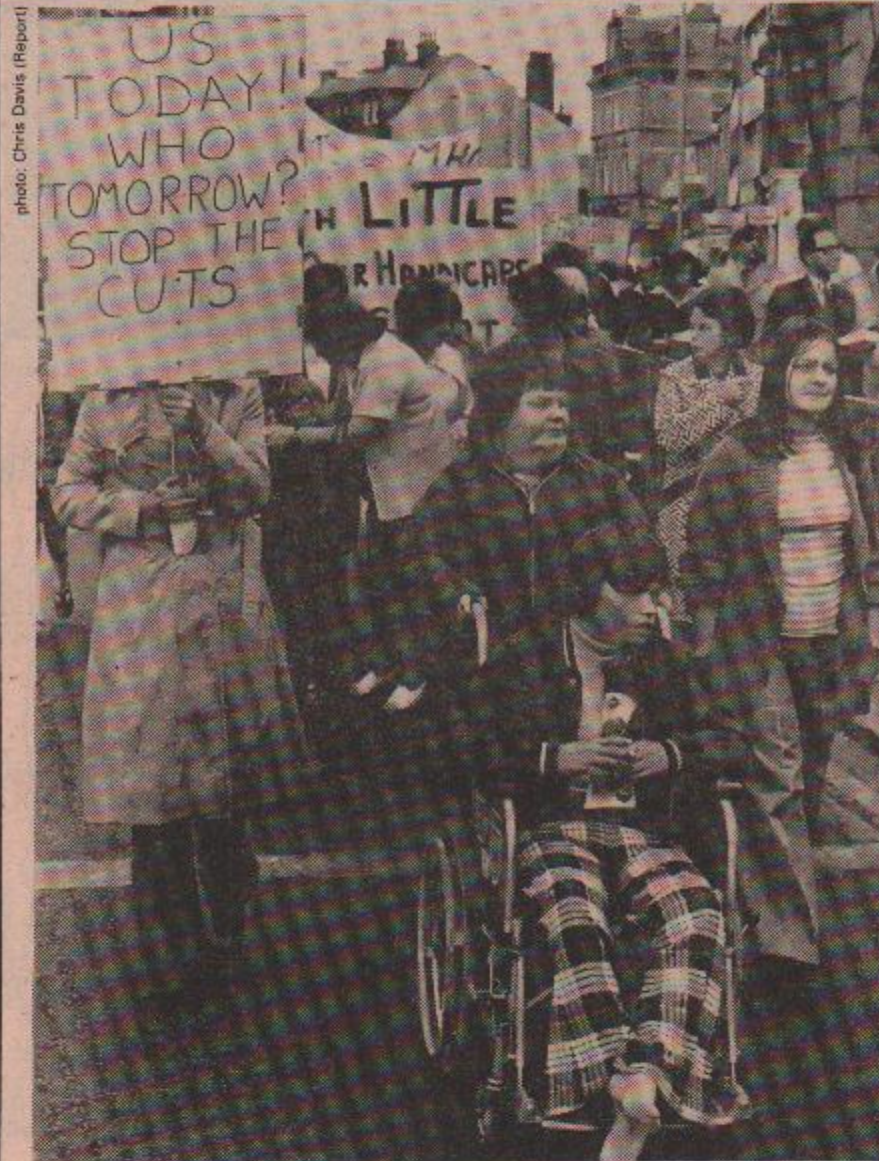
So I found myself stripped naked in front of a perfect stranger, in his living room. When I had dressed I asked the man his name and if he would be prepared to tell my solicitor what he had witnessed. He said he would.

'Deakon'

He told them his name was DEAKON. When the copper heard that he said immediately: 'Did you say DEASON?'

Do you call this reasonable? Where is the justice in it? I feel I must add that I have never been involved in drugs, legally or illegally, so it's my opinion that this charade was a direct and malicious infringement on the few rights I have.

□ Billy Castley, Skelmersdale.



Disabled people joined the Stop The Cuts demonstration in Bury.

I WAS disgusted to read in last week's Socialist Worker that research into breast cancer has been hit by cuts at Edinburgh University.

Of course, if you are a

member of BUPA, the private patients' association, you can get a screening almost anywhere. It's only those of us who rely on the National Health Service

who might one day be left to die.

The people who make these decisions know that they'll be able to buy their treatment

□ R Smith, West London.

Walsall: We can't build on votes

I HAVE just received the Socialist Worker which reported that you are to stand a candidate in the Walsall North election.

The question that im-

mediately springs to mind is how do you reconcile opposition to the parliamentary road and actually take part in that very road?

If we are agreed that there is

no parliamentary road to socialism then to take even the first step is hypocritical and confusing.

At the same time we are saying 'vote for Jim' and we don't believe in the parliamentary road.

We should be straining every muscle to destroy the illusion that socialism can be built on votes. If IS is serious about revolutionary socialism then we should take no part in either trade unions or parliamentary elections.

Let's leave election opportunism to the short-sighted social democrats. The only revolutionary road is the rank and file road.

□ B Dalgleish, Njombe, Tanzania.

A way into every home

THE TRADE union leaders and the cosy middle class Labour hierarchy have got a lot to answer for.

The fascists are expert propagandists, brilliant liars. In areas like Deptford which capitalism has destroyed, they've moved in to set working man against working man, and crawl to power in the turmoil.

That's why its absolutely vital for us to put across the

socialist solution every chance we get. The Right to Work marches have done this.

But elections are another, massive platform, a way to an audience who we can draw into industrial battles.

The question in Walsall should be how best can we put across our answer in every factory and every worker's home, in every constituency!

□ Gary Bushell, West London.

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WE'RE ON THE MOVE

180 join IS in two months

- and we're already recruiting in Walsall



RECRUITMENT to the International Socialists has grown to the highest figure for two and a half years.

Eighty new members joined in July and 100 in August, usually the slackest months in the year.

On top of that, 134 people in

July and 120 in August sent in slips saying they wanted to join IS or wanted more information.

And 100 non-members also wrote in asking for supplies of anti-racist stickers.

A number of new branches have been formed, including Crewe, Wrexham, Northallerton and Luton.

In Walsall North, a few Labour Party members have applied to join IS, even though the election campaign is not yet really under way.

Typical of the progress in some parts of the country has been the success of the Herts district. It has doubled its membership.

This new rise in membership is not an accident. It shows that anger at racism and unemployment is driving hundreds of people to see the need to build a new socialist workers party.

It is up to IS branches everywhere to make sure they contact these people and recruit them now.

SW COMES TO A QUIET YORKSHIRE TOWN...

By Dave Gray

I NEVER thought I'd see the day when Socialist Worker was sold in Northallerton, a quiet Yorkshire town.

But, three weeks ago, we started. The sales have now risen to 19. Our members in

the town were delighted. Not so pleased was PC 613, who appeared two weeks ago to preserve law and order.

Essex: New branches ...and new members

THE RECENT upsurge in recruitment to IS has transformed the organisation in an area where it has always been weak: Essex.

New branches have been formed this summer in Southend and Witham, and others are being formed in Basildon and Romford.

Meanwhile, the Grays branch has recruited six new members and plans are un-

derway to re-build the branches in Chelmsford and Colchester. The Grays, Basildon and Southend branches are planning to form a district.

In all, 30 new members have been recruited in recent months. We may not be taking Essex by storm but we are the only left-wing political organisation active throughout the county.

And that's not a bad start...

Giving a classic performance of aggressiveness and stupidity, he demanded our names and addresses.

We politely declined. He then gave us a lecture on how lucky we were to live in a 'free country'.

Not like those South American dictatorships, he said. 'Police states' corrected an SW seller.

Perhaps PC 613 should note that Socialist Worker is now in sale in Northallerton every Saturday between 10am and noon outside the Rediffusion shop.

Regular

He might be interested to know we have already established a number of regular buyers and that Socialist Worker discussion groups are being held, beginning this week.

IT IS good to see the people of Bury and surrounding areas in an angry mood over the planned cuts in Social Services. Good, because so long as the government, both local and national, can get away with this lowering in our standard of living industrialists, shareholders, speculators and other City people will be laughing all the way to the bank.

Cuts mean redundancies, longer bus queues, fewer houses, a further deterioration in the National Health Service. All for what? In a word - 'profit'.

The City men don't like too much spending on the Social Services. So they lend at higher rates of interest until they break the government, then they decree that the government cuts social services spending. Why? Because it is not profitable to their class.

When Healey cuts public spending and makes more available to industrialists, what proof has he that he won't end up with another Cayman Islands orgy like 1973, with even more horrible effects.

Of every pound we pay in Taxes 9p goes on defence, 5p in subsidies to private industry, 6p in investment in nationalised industry

most of which means cuts in jobs, 3p on the police force, 2p on keeping Northern Ireland part of Britain.

A whopping 9p goes in paying back the money lenders for money borrowed from people or companies or institutions who already have money for public spending in the past.

All these items are going to be increased under Healey's 'levelling off' plans.

Interest payments will grow the most. Healey told the House of Commons on March 9th 'the burden of debt in 1978-9 is likely to be about £1000M higher than we envisaged a year ago.'

So the cuts - to pay for these increases - will be entirely in the areas which benefit working people, in education, health, transport, food, and postal subsidies and social security.

There is no reason why any working man or woman should accept the cuts.

BOB DICKINSON
Bury International Socialists and Socialist Worker Supporters.

THIS LETTER appeared in the Bury Times on 20 August. It shows that letters written by IS members, even where they declare themselves as such, can get in the local rag, however reactionary it is. It's as good a way as most of getting our ideas across.

WHAT'S ON

Notices for What's On should be posted to reach Socialist Worker by first post on the Monday before publication. Adverts will NOT be accepted by phone. Send to: What's On, SW, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

ORMSKIRK SW Public Meetings: Every Tuesday at 8pm. Civic Hall Committee Rooms.

NEWPORT Socialist Worker public meeting: Why is Labour going Tory? Build the socialist alternative. Speaker: Tony Cliff. Tuesday 14 September, 8pm. The Vulcan, Lower Dock Street.

NEWPORT Socialist Worker discussion group meetings: Every Wednesday, 8pm. The Vulcan, Lower Dock Street.

22 September: REFORM OR REVOLUTION?
29 September: THE FIGHT FOR RANK AND FILE DEMOCRACY
5 October: THE FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK

13 October: THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

20 October: IS RUSSIA SOCIALIST?
27 October: IRELAND, THE TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT, AND THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT

3 November: Public meeting to commemorate the Chartist march on Newport. Speaker to be announced.
10 November: GAY LIBERATION, WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND THE FIGHT FOR SOCIALISM

GLASGOW Socialist Worker discussion meetings on THE MEANING OF MARXISM. A series on the politics of the International Socialists, organised by Clydebank and Albion Motors branches of IS. Every second Tuesday at 7.30pm. Small Public Hall, junction of Fore Street and Henrietta Street, Scotstoun.

Tuesday 14 September: THE TRADE UNIONS AND THE CHALLENGE OF THE RANK AND FILE. Speaker: Peter Barn (IGWU steward, Chrysler Linwood).

Tuesday 28 September: THE STATE AND REVOLUTION. Speaker: Harry McShane (president, Govan AUEW, and secretary of the Scottish Unemployed Workers Movement in the 1930s).

Tuesday 12 October: THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM AND RACISM. Speaker: Allan Borrell (Clydeside Socialist Worker organiser).

Tuesday 26 October: THE NEED FOR A REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY - BUILDING THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS. Speaker: Jimmy McCallum (ex-AUEW/TASS convenor, John Brown Engineering, Clydebank, and Socialist Worker prospective candidate for Walsall North).

CENTRAL LONDON Socialist Worker meetings on sexual politics. Roebuck pub, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1, on alternate Thursdays at 7pm.

30 September: The oppression of gay workers. Speaker: Dave Widgery.

14 October: Lesbians - the double oppression. Speaker: Sybil Cook.

28 October: Personal Life in capitalism. Speaker: Joy Leman.

11 November: The abortion campaign. Which Way Now? Speaker: Gerry Matthews.

25 November: Working Women Under Attack. Speaker: Irene Braugel.

9 December: Socialists and housework. Speaker to be confirmed.

CHESHIRE Socialist Worker discussion group: Fourth series of meetings.

Thursday 23 September: Russia and Eastern Europe - is it socialist?
Thursday 7 October: The Family - should socialists argue for its abolition and with what should we replace it?

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Railway Inn, Brook Street, Chester (two minutes from railway station, just off Hoole Street). All welcome.

BRADFORD Socialist Worker Teachers public meeting: Why do trade union leaders sell out? Speaker: Ken Applby. Thursday 30 September, 7.30pm. Meeting Room 1, Communal Building, Bradford University.

BRADFORD Socialist Worker Teachers have regular meetings every Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Discussion of activities and political education in Meeting Room 1, Communal Building, Bradford University.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Socialist Worker public meeting: WHICH WAY TO SOCIALISM? Speaker: Jimmy McCallum (Socialist Worker's prospective parliamentary candidate for Walsall North). Wednesday 29 September, 8pm. Rose and Crown (large room), Old High Street, Hemel Hempstead. All welcome.

NOISS

CENTRAL LONDON students meeting for all NOISS members at colleges in Central London (London University, LSE, Central London Poly, Architectural Association, Kingsway etc). Wednesday 15 September, 6.30pm. School of Oriental and African Studies. To discuss organising for freshers' week and perspectives for next term.

Tyneside and North East NOISS members and SW supporters meeting to discuss activities in the colleges this autumn. Saturday 11 September, 1pm. Newcastle Polytechnic Students Union. Anyone not able to attend contact Roger Poplewell, 29 Colleton Place, Newcastle upon Tyne 4. Telephone Newcastle 657806.

Would IS members and SW readers studying at SOUTHAMPTON from October 1978 please contact M O'Gorman, JCR, Southampton University, Southampton, Hants.

LEICESTER/LOUGHBOROUGH: All IS members studying in these areas, next year (76-77) please contact 11 Edward Road, Leicester.

NOISS CENTRAL LONDON Day School: Students in the class struggle. Sunday 3 October, 10.30am. Central London Poly. More details later. All Central London NOISS members should attend.

EDINBURGH: Would all IS members and SW supporters starting at Moray House College, Edinburgh, this term please contact Colin Turbett, c/o Moray House, SRC, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

PORTSMOUTH IS: Regrettably announce the death of their dear friend and comrade Bob Edwards. We know he had many comrades scattered throughout the country and we hope this depressing news will not make them too sad, but that they, like us, will be more determined to smash this rotten system that caused his death. We're sure Bob would like us to fight that much harder for the kind of society he so much wanted.

PRAGATI, the International Socialists' paper in Bengali, out now (issue no 21). Contents: Stonehouse, Walsall by-election, police violence and the state, anti-racist actions, the Right to Life Campaign etc. Copies (including postage) 12p for one, 70p for ten. £1.50 for 25. Orders to: Pragati, c/o 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

URGENT APPEAL FOR WITNESSES: Would anyone who saw the incidents leading up to the arrest of three Pakistani comrades from Rotherham and Sheffield on the Central London anti-racist demonstration on 11 July, please phone 0742-585910, for you may be able to help their defence.

PHONE CALLS for Women's Voice (Margaret Renn, IS women's organiser), the NOISS (Lindsay German, IS student organiser) and the IS international department (Joanna Rollo, IS international organiser) should be made to 01-739 1878. Phone 01-739 2639 for SW circulation and IS Journal, 01-739 9772 for the IS national office.

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IS RACE WORK ORGANISERS' MEETING: Sunday 12 September, 12 noon, in Sheffield. Details from branch secretaries or Cottons Gardens (phone 01-739 9772). Comrades wanting to stay over from the Blackburn demonstration please phone 061-832 8102.

IS WOMEN'S WEEKEND SCHOOL: Change of date to 2-3 October, in Manchester. Details of school will be sent direct to those who have registered. Phone Margaret Renn (01-739 1878) or write to 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2, if you haven't yet registered. Please book places now.

COMRADE needs place to stay in North London. Phone Charlotte 267 5458.

IS political economy group weekend school: Leeds, 25-26 September. Speakers: Mike K-dron, Peter Binns, Colin Barker. Accommodation available. For details send SAE to Colin Barker, 19 Chatfield Road, Manchester 21.

All South West London IS branches: New basic education series to start on 28 September. Look out for details. Next Meeting at Marxism meeting, 13 September, 8pm, Battersea Library, Lavender Hill, Marx on Terrorism.



SOCIALIST WORKER is a revolutionary paper that seeks to organise its supporters around the following principles:

INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION

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

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state - a workers' state based upon councils of workers' delegates and

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

INTERNATIONALISM

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

We oppose everything which turns

workers from one country against those from other countries.

We oppose racialism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

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

We are for an end to all forms of discrimination against homosexuals.

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.

THIS article is addressed to the many people who read Socialist Worker regularly, who support the politics and ideas of the paper, but who for one reason or another are not yet members of the International Socialists.

In Glasgow a growing number of people are interested in what the International Socialists say and do. In the past few months 40 people have joined and the sales of Socialist Worker have increased substantially.

This has given many of the comrades in the district tremendous encouragement and the feeling is that at last we have come through the far side of a lean period.

Yet many people who agree with our politics are prepared to work with us—but reluctant to join.

For example many local militants in the Engineering Workers Union, the Transport Union and the Electricians Union fight alongside IS members to democratise their unions. They work alongside IS members in their workplaces to protect and improve working conditions.

In many cases these same militants will take and sell extra copies of Socialist Worker to the men and women they work beside. But still they find it hard to take the step of actually joining IS.

Likewise in the local Right to Work Campaign there are many young unemployed workers who are militant and imaginative in the way they are conducting the campaign against unemployment.

CHANGE

Most of them live in places like Easterhouse, Castlemilk and Pollok, giant housing estates on the edge of the city, areas which have massive unemployment—especially among school leavers, areas where the few social and recreational facilities are being slashed to ribbons by the government's cuts.

All these young people hate the system, what it has done and is doing to them and their families. They want to change it.

That's why they are active in the Right to Work Campaign, marching, protesting, collecting money and arguing for support from employed workers in the factories.

But when it comes to 'politics' many of them don't want to know.

They can see right through the lies and hypocrisy of this Labour government, their MPs and local councillors. They have no time for armchair socialists and even less for the manipulators and bureaucrats who rule the roost in the Communist Party. They are unmoved by the drab respectable politics of the 'official' trade union movement.

FEAR

They fear that revolutionaries too are part of that City Chambers, Westminster tradition of politics, people who want to do something for the working class and not people who want to help workers do things for themselves.

And they are dead right to be concerned about these things.

For far too long British workers and their families have listened to professional

WE NEED A WORKERS' PARTY...



Picture: John Sturrock (Report)

If the flag of freedom is to fly forever

BY DAVE SHERRY

politicians and trade union officials who have said to them 'Vote for me and you'll be OK'. Over the past two and a half years of Labour government that appeal has worn very thin.

Many are disillusioned. For as yet they can see no alternative to the sell-outs, the betrayals and the 'I'll do it for you' merchants.

What's more, many who want to fight are isolated and lose their direction.

As the Labour government steps up its attack on the working class it becomes more and more necessary to build a socialist organisation

with enough muscle to fight back, an active organisation that is rooted in the rank and file of the working class and is guided by their creativity.

GROW

To those readers who support the International Socialists, but will not join us because they say we are too small, we say that is no argument for standing aside. Join us and help us grow.

To those militant trade unionists who agree with us but are scared off by the 'red'

label, we say that if you join with us you will become more effective in your fight, because you will have the support of an organisation. You will be discussing and organising alongside those with like minds and concerns, people who pool their experiences and rely on each other.

To those young people active in the campaign against unemployment, we say so long as we live under the priorities of the capitalist system we will always have unemployment and a host of other evils that stunt our development and spoil our lives.

The only way we can abolish these things is the struggle for workers' power and socialism.

The way we can achieve socialism is not through the ballot box, nor individuals fighting their own fight. The only way is by building a

revolutionary socialist party, that binds us closer together in a common struggle, and that prepares itself for the day when it is clear to tens of millions of workers that our masters are not born to rule.

No workers' party worthy of the name will misuse its members, corrupt and stifle them in the fashion beloved of Labour leaders and trade union boss men. On the contrary, its very structure is designed to do the opposite.

Yet at the same time our organisation will be a disciplined organisation which knows the necessity for intense activity in the real world as well as meaningful argument and debate.

ARGUE

Often it is the unspoken fears about losing your independence that keeps people at a distance. Yet on this score there is little or nothing to fear about the IS. The hallmark of most IS members is their willingness to argue real issues and live ideas.

There is another reason that none of us can shirk. Our enemy—from the Tsars of the

ABOVE: The Red Flag is raised during a demonstration of strikers and unemployed on Clydeside 1919.

TOP: The strength is still there. Glasgow Council electricians during their strike in January last year, when dustcart drivers, teachers and ambulancemen were also out.

Clyde shipbuilding industry of half a century ago to the sleeker multinational barons of today—is well organised. They have police forces and whole armies to do their bidding.

To stand a chance of defeating them and building a society fit for human beings to live in we have no alternative but to build our own political party, a party that will, when the time comes, make sure that the working class seizes power and keeps it.



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SUNDAY

Three films, all watchable if not exactly riveting, to choose from: **THE VIRGIN SOLDIERS** (ATV), **SUMMER OF 42** (Southern) and **THE GO-BETWEEN** (BBC-1). Best bet, however, is the repeated **FAULTY TOWERS** (BBC-1) easily the funniest thing on telly.

MONDAY

PILGER (ATV) could well be the highlight of the week—again. He reports from an Indian reservation in the middle of the Nevada desert where an island lake is drying up because the white man is diverting the water. Meanwhile, the Indians go to the wall. As fish supplies dry up, the

Indians eat Kentucky Fried Chicken, and their children go to white man's schools and fight in white man's wars.

Trevor Griffiths, author of the Bill Brand series, is interviewed in **THE PLAYWRIGHT** (ITV, 10.30pm)



**FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK STOP THE CUTS ALL OUT 17 NOVEMBER
SUPPORT THE 6 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE**

Rolls-Royce: Now we can win!

BLANTYRE: 'I'm quite confident that we can win now'. That was the reaction of Rolls Royce convenor Willy Lynch to the support coming in the factory occupation.

Six weeks ago, 470 workers voted virtually unanimously to occupy the factory until Rolls-Royce withdrew plans to close it down and 'transfer the jobs' to Hillington more than 20 miles away. Management have since refused to budge an inch.

They know that if they can force the closure of Blantyre, they will be in a strong position to cut back the jobs and conditions of

other plants in the combine.

The Blantyre workforce have put up solid resistance to these plans and they have financial backing from the other Scottish plants.

One speaker from the occupation spoke to the Engineering Union's Mid-Lanark District Committee, and it was agreed that a levy be placed on every AUEW member. Last week the Blantyre factory sent a delegation to every Rolls-Royce plant in England to get financial and moral support. Support from the

whole combine can win the strike.

Jim McKinnell, AUEW deputy convenor at Blantyre, told SW: 'We got a tremendous response from all the places we went to and we're hoping to get news of support this week.'

If that support is forthcoming, the workers at Blantyre could force Rolls Royce to back down and save the jobs.

□ Donations and messages of support to John Simmons, 54 Aytoun Park North, East Kilbride.

**Minister
jeered
in jobs
protest**

By Cathy Christerson, COHSE

BRUCE Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, was booed and jeered in Dundee on Tuesday by more than 2,000 workers demonstrating against unemployment.

The demonstrators were angry because more than 1,000 workers have been threatened with redundancy in the last week.

One of the purposes of Millan's visit was to force more cuts on the District Council, so causing more unemployment.

Harry McLevie, Engineering Union convenor at Robb Caledon shipyard, emphasised that only the workers can save the jobs.

On the threat of cutbacks in the shipbuilding industry, he said: 'The only way that the workers of Robb Caledon will be kicking and screaming.'

In the next few weeks, Dundee Right to Work Committee will be urging a complete overtime ban in the city and will be fighting voluntary redundancies.

**Now you
can't get a
bath!**

GLASGOW: The cuts are getting so bad that it is getting difficult to take a bath.

The Baths Department is trying to cut weekday opening of the public baths to eight hours a day, and just four hours on Saturday. On Sunday all the baths except three would be shut. And those three would be open only for a short time.

Attendants' wages would be cut by around £3 a week. Now 400 attendants, wash house supervisors and coaches have banned all overtime to stop the cuts. The Baths Department say they want to save £800,000.

SCOTTISH CLEANERS:

SAVAGE wage cuts are being fought by school cleaners in the Highlands of Scotland.

More than 700 cleaners right across the Highlands are now out on strike against attempts by the Regional Council to cut the education budget by cutting hours and wages.

In Lochaber, where the strike action started, cleaners were threatened with cuts in hours of up to 15 per cent—a cut of between £4 and £5 a week.

The Regional Council say they are going to cut £1.2 million off the education budget.

They are cutting everything from bus subsidies for children going on school outings to a new assessment centre for children with particular problems.

Shut

Unless the centre is built, these children will continue to be sent to psychiatric wards or, in many cases, to Portfield Prison.

The cleaners are now getting support from kitchen and hostel staff and from school janitors. Already one school and three hostels have been shut and 400 children sent home.

NO TO CUTS

Supporters of the National Right to Work Campaign have been in regular contact with the strikers' Action Committee, visiting schools in Easter Ross on behalf of NUPE and getting workers to join the union.

They are also providing transport to take workers from outlying areas to a mass meeting in Inverness on Thursday evening.

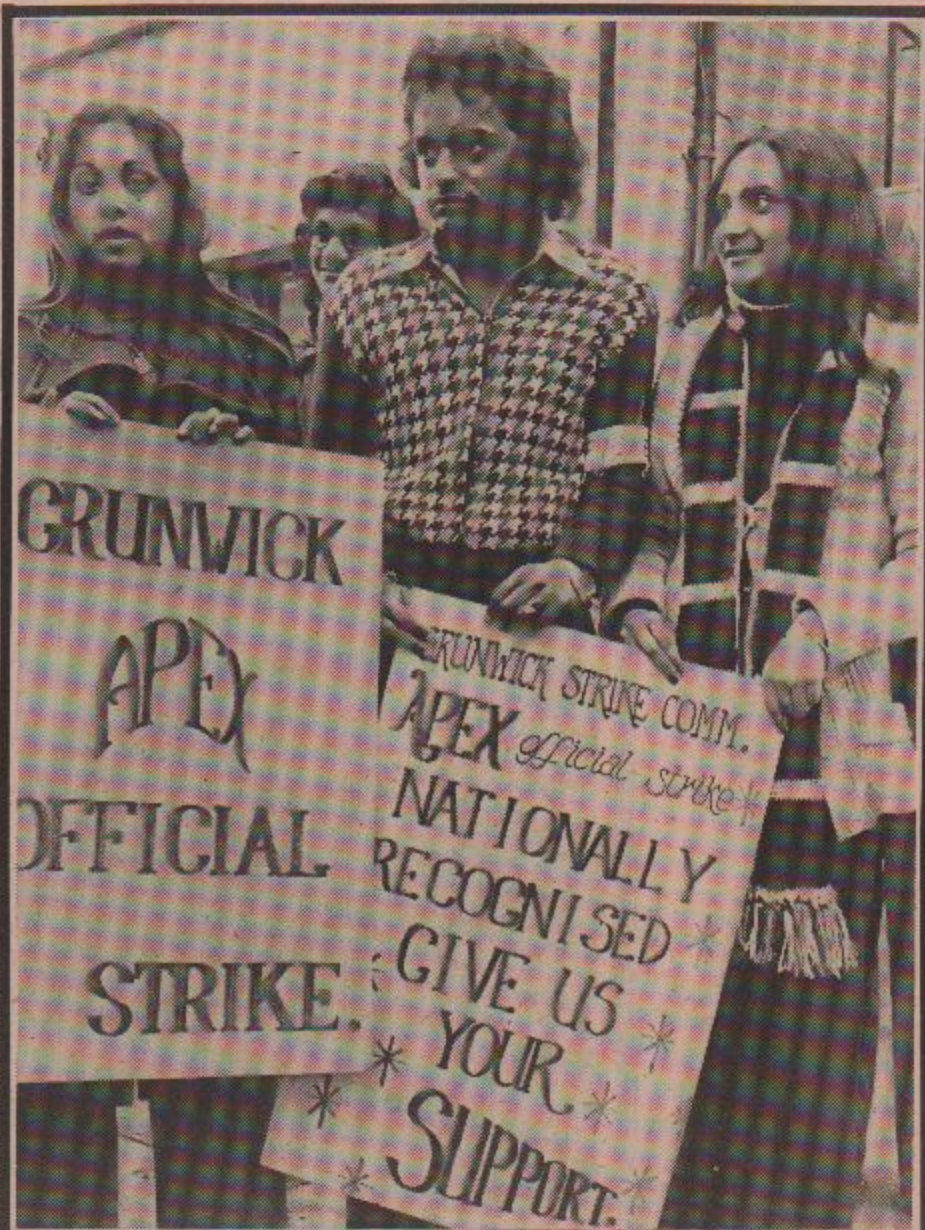
The Right to Work campaign has been invited to attend this meeting by the Action Committee.

The Glasgow Right to Work Committee have pledged total support. Collection sheets are to be circulated through the National Right to Work Campaign and affiliated bodies.

The dispute could spread to the rest of Scotland. Cleaners in Dumbarton have been threatened with redundancies and cuts in hours.

The Highland cleaners will need the support of the whole trade union movement in Scotland to defeat the cuts.

PICTURE: Andrew Ward (Report)



By Susan Moroney, APEX striker
ON the picket line at Grunwicks in Willesden, North West London. The 200 workers have now been sent letters terminating their contract. But the three-week-old official APEX strike is still solid. London Airport, Kodak and many other places have brought blacking into force, but this still needs to be extended. Picketing has been successful despite police harassment. The strikers are out for union recognition. Brent Trades Council have called for a demonstration this Friday at 12.30 from Cobbold Road, Willesden, London NW10. They need your support.

RAC told: We want a union

BIRMINGHAM: 14 mechanics and a couple of the control room staff have been on strike at the Royal Automobile Club in Hagley Road.

They are out for recognition of the Transport Union.

Three weeks ago management gave notice that the men's pay would have to be reduced by £20 a week.

One striker said: 'If the mechanics win, RAC workers round the country will start joining the union. That's why management are out to stamp on us.'

POLICE CRACKDOWN

Tower Hamlets victory

By Alison Cartmale, NALGO shop steward, Tower Hamlets

FACED with the threat of a strike action by 1500 NALGO members, Tower Hamlets Council has backed down and agreed to reinstate Ian Davies.

Last Thursday, on the eve of a one-day stoppage, union members were told that negotiations were going well enough for the strike to be postponed until after a key meeting of the Council's Administration Committee, on Monday.

The outcome of that meeting was a vote for reinstatement—a total victory for the union.

Ian had been demoted after being fined £25 for a trivial homosexual offence. An Industrial Tribunal recommended reinstatement but the Council chose to ignore this.

CRICKLEWOOD: The lockout of 25 ASTMS computer operators at Smiths Industries is now in its fifth week.

Because of our policy of keeping a strong, non-violent but vigilant picket line, the police have stepped up their interference and harassment, ordering drivers through.

The police have also pushed and grabbed pickets.

Management are using computer programmers from different parts of the company to do our work.

A delegation from our

picket line has met the programmers and, although their initial reaction was hostile, they later issued a leaflet calling for a meeting between themselves and management, with representatives from the lockout committee present.

They also stated that they would cease work pending such a meeting. But management refused and instead sent the National Industrial Relations Officer to address the programmers behind our backs so we could not argue our case.

Hearing only one side of the dispute, the programmers recommended doing our jobs.

We are gaining increasing support from local rank and file trade unionists.

Last Saturday, a delegation addressed the No 4 ASTMS Divisional Council. We were given a warm reception and a donation of £100 was made to the lockout fund.

□ Messages of support and donations to: The Lockout Committee, 37 Chelmsford Square, London NW2.

STUDENT TEACHERS SET-BACK

STUDENT teachers returning to college this month and hoping for a national fight against unemployment will be disappointed.

At the NUS teacher education sector conference in Ormskirk, delegates rejected a call for direct action—occupations, rent strikes and so on—and opted for the executive's plans of 'going public', a recipe for doing nothing.

The successful resolution called for a week of action from 8 November with a demonstration against unemployment on the 10th, in conjunction with the South East Region TUC.

While a demonstration must be welcomed, the obvious time to have it is on the 17th, along with two national unions, NUPE and CPSA.

Despite the executive's lip-service to links with trade

unions, they have so far refused to change the date and achieve the maximum unity.

All COs who think the date should be changed so students can protest against cuts and unemployment together with trade unionists on the 17th are urged to phone or send telegrams to NUS telling them so and urging them to change the date.

□ NUS, 3 Endsleigh St, London WC1. 01-387 1277.

BP workers back Grain strikers

KENT: A mass meeting outside the Isle of Grain power station blocked the main road for 90 minutes on Monday morning as workers from the BP oil refinery walked out in solidarity.

The strike at the power station, now in its 13th week, began when men working with fibre glass demanded protective clothing.

Tests by health and safety inspectors showed dust levels to be almost 30 times too high.

Widening

Bill Thompson, chief shop steward, told a mass meeting of BP workers, power station workers and trade unionists from other sites that the employers, Babcox and Wilcox, were widening the issues involved (the cost of protective clothing would be £245 altogether!) to include productivity, discipline and bonus schemes.

They also want to pass much of the work over to sub-contractors. This would mean new contracts and many of the men would not get their jobs back.

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ANOTHER SW CANDIDATE

SOCIALIST WORKER is fielding another Parliamentary candidate—this time in the Birmingham Stechford constituency to be vacated by Home Secretary Roy Jenkins.

Jenkins is off to a plum job in Brussels at £80,000 a year. Our candidate will be Ken Appleby, 35, an unemployed draughtsman from Keighley in Yorkshire.

Ken has held many posts in TASS, the white-collar section of the engineering union. In the late 1960s, he was TASS divisional council chairman in the South West region.

He is a well-known industrial militant—so well-known that he is blacklisted by employers throughout Yorkshire.

He was on the strike committee during the seven-month strike at Centrax, Newton Abbot in 1969 and was also involved in an NSS, Lucas strike at Keighley.

He says: 'It's vitally important for a socialist candidate to fight at Stechford. The National Front are putting up Robert Relf, the Nazi from Leamington who wants to sell his house to whites only.'

The electorate must be given a real alternative to

racism. Labour won't provide that.

The other major issue is unemployment. I'm unemployed myself. I know that other workers are not responsible for that.

I know I'm unemployed because rich people want to stay rich—and I know we can do something about it.

That's what I want to get across more than anything. That workers can stop unemployment and the cuts.'

LEYLAND BOSSES ON THE RAMPAGE

BRITISH LEYLAND employers have launched a ferocious assault on their workforce.

They have concentrated on the workers' strongest bulwark: their shop stewards' organisation.

The assault has the full backing of the main trade union leaders in the car industry: Jack Jones and Hugh Scanlon.

On 19 August, Scanlon and Jones called all Leyland stewards to a mass meeting in Congress House. Their message was simple: 'Leyland is in Trouble. No More Strikes'.

In their statement, Scanlon and Jones said:

'Unless productivity improves and disruption to production is reduced to a minimum... the volume car side of Leyland will be in jeopardy. This means that Longbridge and Cowley will close.'

This blackmail ('Your jobs or Your Organisation!') has been taken up by the bosses in both big plants, and orchestrated by a Press campaign which has plumbed the depths.

At COWLEY, the employers have removed credentials from four militant shop stewards, Dave Pinnington, Tony Homer, Perry Cullen and Andy Brown.

The excuse was that the men 'addressed an unauthorised meeting' over the sacking of a Transport Union member, Bro Hussain.

By
PAUL FOOT

recommended that the company's action be accepted!

The meeting voted by 41 votes against the recommendation and for the four stewards.

Parsons then circulated an 'urgent report to all TGWU members' in the assembly plant. It rants about 'anarchist groups in the plant' and whines:

'I cannot support shop stewards who abuse their office by spending hours off their jobs planning disruption and how to undermine their senior stewards and their union.'

On and on it went in similar tone, in language which would have done credit to Joe McCarthy or the Economic League.

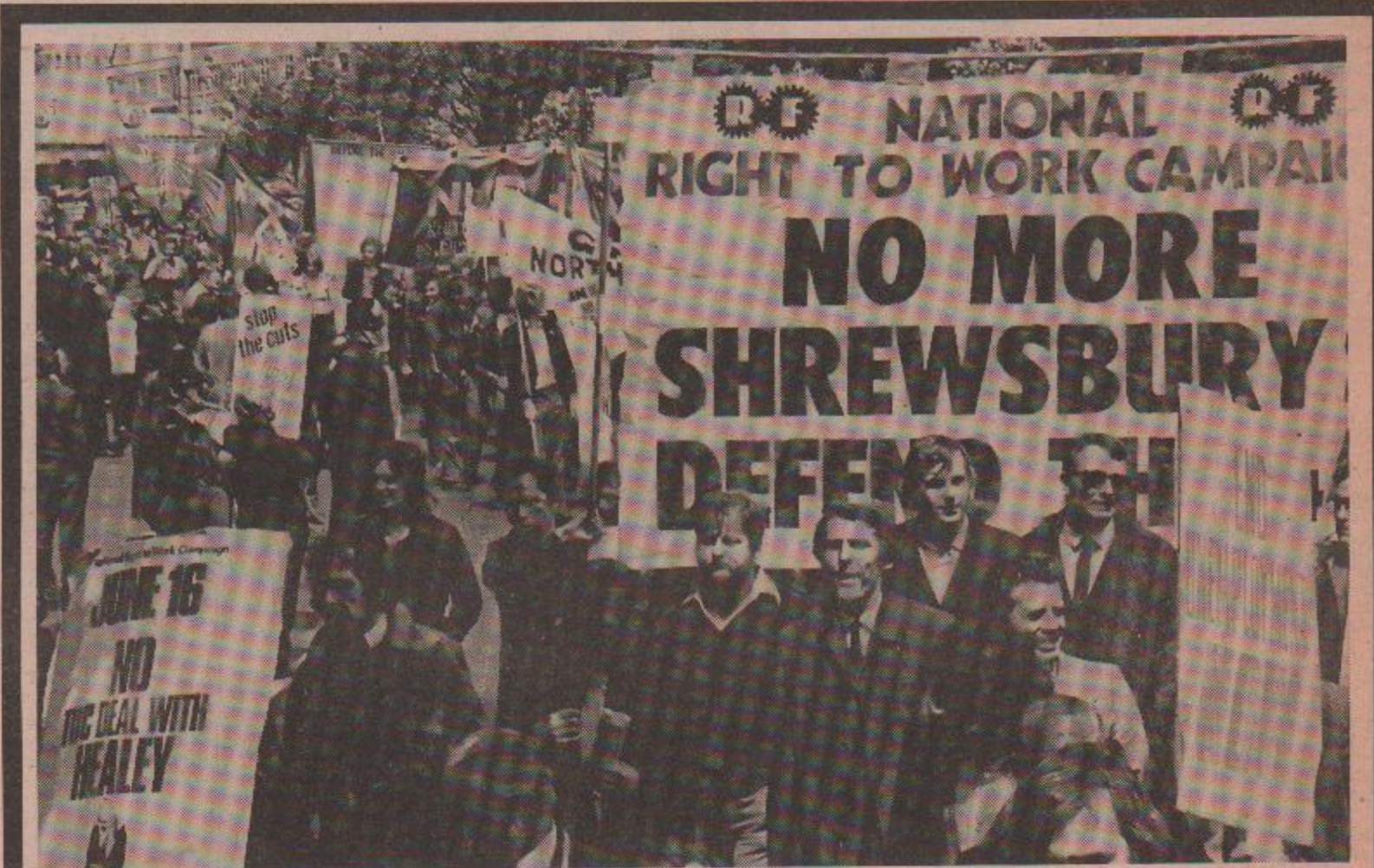
Needless to say, Parsons and Buckle did not lift a finger to help the four stewards sacked.

Refused

They managed to persuade another mass meeting to drop the matter. So the four stewards are out, and the way is open for all militants to be purged.

This would have an immediate, catastrophic effect on the living standards of car workers at Cowley.

At LONGBRIDGE, management have provoked a series of strikes and then pulled out all the stops to



The banner makes the point: No more Shrewsburies—defend the 43

smash the strikers.

The toolsetters, infuriated by the eroding of manning levels, from 300 to 200, were provoked by the creation of another 'training officer' to do the work of toolsetters. The toolsetters struck for their jobs.

Immediately, the bosses laid off the toolmakers without pay.

Provoked

The toolmakers have an agreement from 1967 which allows them to continue work as long as there is work for them to do.

Jack Dickens, toolmaker shop steward at Longbridge and a member of the 7-man negotiating committee, told Socialist Worker:

'There was plenty of work to do. We even agreed to share out the existing work by cutting our working week and sharing out the money among

all the toolmakers.

'But management refused. They insisted on laying us all off. This was aggravation. A deliberate offensive. They are trying to wreck the power of the shop stewards.'

While toolmakers and toolsetters were being abused in Press headlines, 700 Leyland stewards met to discuss a motion banning all strike action before the 'correct procedures' had been gone through.

The motion was passed with only three votes against. If the terms of the motion were strictly interpreted, this could be catastrophic for workers in the plant.

As Frank Henderson, sheet metalworkers chief steward, told Socialist Worker: 'Say a worker goes to the toilet and stays too long for the foreman's liking—and the foreman clocks him (cuts his pay by a quarter of an hour or half an hour).

'A good steward would call on his department to stop work until the man was put back on the clock.

'That strike—it might last a couple of minutes—would be outside procedure. But it would solve the problem for the worker.

'This new rule could mean that hundreds of little

problems like that will go against the worker.'

And this at a time when British Leyland is openly talking of speed-up

A toolsetter shop steward, who asked for his name not to be published, told Socialist Worker:

'It's bad, really bad. It's making the works committee into a dictatorship. There are an awful lot of good claims going to get lost because members will be afraid to push them through.'

Unity

This is the worst attack Leyland workers have ever had to put up with.

The only way it can be resisted is by rank and file organisation for a counter-attack across the plants.

As a Socialist Worker bulletin in Longbridge put it last week:

'For all workers there is only one real answer, the unity of all sections in a determined struggle to achieve pay rises that will defeat the bosses' attempt to solve their crisis by cutting our living standards.'

'Clearly the works committee are not going to take on that task. They are not even prepared to support sections of workers with legitimate claims.'

DEFEND THE 43 RIGHT TO WORK MARCHERS

THE TRIAL of the first seven Right to Work marchers begins at Hendon in North West London on 17 September.

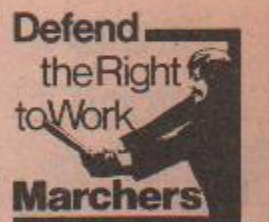
They were among 43 unemployed workers arrested after more than 300 police attacked the Manchester to London Right to Work March last spring.

The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided to try the 43 in four groups, depending on when the police attacked them.

The seven were arrested in the first attack. Over two miles of the march, between Staples Corner and Cricklewood Broadway, there were four separate attacks.

The trade union support when the 43 were committed for the trial was magnificent. Up and down the country, workers from every part of the movement have declared their solidarity.

This solidarity must be in evidence on the 17th. The courts must know that any sentence will be opposed by



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