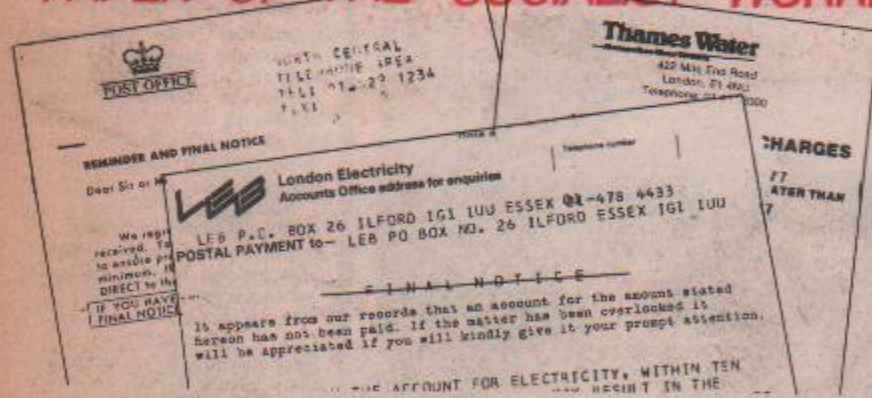


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**GRUNWICKS:
ALL
OUT
THIS
MONDAY!**



Behind the bills you cannot pay

THE £3000m ROBBERY

A BREATHTAKING robbery is taking place in your home. In broad daylight—and almost without anyone noticing.

The criminals are the rich businessmen who run the nationalised industries, with the full support of the main political parties. The country's six main nationalised industries have announced massive profit

figures for the year 1976-7. But the announced profit figures are nonsense. By a series of accounting tricks they have been reduced to a fraction of what they really are. Socialist Worker can reveal what the real figures are—the surplus after all expenses, wages, pensions, interest and running costs have been paid.

The figures are:

POST OFFICE	£907 million
BRITISH AIRWAYS	£148 million
ELECTRICITY	£598 million

GAS	£539 million
COAL	£168 million
STEEL	nil

On top of this, the nationalised industries have paid out enormous sums in interest to moneylenders, many of them private individuals who are still collecting 'compensation' from when the industries were first nationalised.

The interest paid, which has to be added to the above figures, was:

POST OFFICE	£333 million
AIRWAYS	£19 million

ELECTRICITY	£430 million
GAS	£187 million
COAL	£80 million
STEEL	£138 million

This brings the grand total to £3,547 million—and the money comes from the fuel bills, the postal charges, the phone bills of millions of households.

These incredible figures are the result of the huge increases in prices for nationalised industries over the past two years. Electricity and gas charges, for instance, have doubled in two years. So has the cost of telegrams and parcels.

And it will go on. The Sunday Times Business News estimates this week that even if gas profits stay as they are, the Gas Corporation's profits will be a *thousand million pounds* by 1980—and they'll pretend that they are only £170 million.



DOCKERS HAVE THE ANSWER

DOCKERS from London's Royal Docks gave their answer on Tuesday to the attempts by the TUC and the government to restrict all wage claims to 10 per cent and stop any settlements within 12 months of the previous one. They voted unanimously at a mass meeting for £100 basic wage. The campaign by the National Ports Shop Stewards

Committee, for £100 or 20 per cent for all dockers, has already received unanimous support from mass meetings in Southampton, Liverpool and Hull. Colin Ross, from the Royal Group shop stewards committee, told the meeting: 'We have no guarantee that prices will not continue to rise. We can take no more. We need £100 now.'

Tony Burke, a shop steward from Liverpool Docks representing the National Ports Shop Stewards Committee, said: 'The vote at the TGWU Conference was crystal clear—"a return to unfettered free collective bargaining." Now Jones is trying to get round it. But by our own unity in every port dockers can show he is just not on.'

Deliberate

All this has been the result of deliberate policy by the Labour government. Ministers have explained this policy as 'a boost for public enterprise'.

It is nothing of the kind. It is the application to the nationalised industries of the same blind drive for profits that prevails in private industries.

Such is the government's so-called 'industrial strategy'.

Prices rise every month. But the government is trying to insist that wages can only rise once every 12 months—and then by only 10 per cent, although prices have risen more than 17 per cent in the past year.

Cut these figures out and stick them on your wall for when your next gas or electricity bill arrives.

They are visible proof of how justified is the demand from growing numbers of workers for an end to the wage controls, an end to the 12-month rule and for an immediate wage increase of at least £15 now.

'ON EVERY DAY, including August 8th, we urge a show of strength to remind Ward and the powers-that-be that Black Friday was only a temporary set-back.'

This was the response of Brent Trades Council to the hammer blows delivered by the trade union leaders on the Grunwick strikers and the Cricklewood post office workers.

The Trades Council has been flooded with requests from the trade union movement for advice about what to do on the Day of Action, this Monday. The message is clear. Organised, mass delegations should be there is strength.

It is clear that the solidarity movement with Grunwicks is far from finished. Last Monday 300 Indian workers came down from Birmingham on a delegation arranged by the Indian Workers Association. They pledged to return a week later, this Monday.

On Tuesday the Cricklewood postmen walked out again after only a day back at work. Fred Jenkins explains: 'We demanded £120 per man for wages lost during the lockout. This was refused. So we banned overtime.'

We also demanded to return to normal working conditions. By this we mean that we will move the backlog of work first, before touching the Grunwick mail.

Management thought differently. An upstart called Watters ordered one of our committee members to move a fresh load of Grunwick mail.

That was it. He refused to move it and we all walked off the floor.

□ ALL OUT FOR GRUNWICKS! This Monday, 8 August, 6.30am onwards, Chapter Road, London NW10 (next Dollis Hill tube).
□ BLACK FRIDAY—page 5.

**GREEDY
RUDE
UGLY
NASTY
WICKED**

Nazis attack with knives and dusters

by BRIAN PARKIN

IN THE past four months the Nazis in Leeds have found a new lease of life through mounting vicious attacks on socialists.

2 APRIL: National Front thugs attack sellers of Socialist Worker in Leeds shopping precinct.

5 MAY: NF members, along with goons of the British National Party, attack Labour Party and Communist Party election workers after the county council election count. Using broken bottles and glasses they put two socialists in hospital and beat up several others.

1 JULY: Paul Furness, SWP member and hospital worker, is beaten unconscious by four attackers. A swastika is daubed on his shirt as he

lies bleeding in the road.

9 JULY: BNP thugs attack SW sellers in the precinct. Dave Bash, a Jewish comrade, is singled out. He is admitted to hospital with head injuries.

15 JULY: Front thugs whip up racist violence and attack a West Indian club in Bradford. In spite of injuries inflicted by the Nazis, there are 32 arrests—all black or socialists.

22 JULY: Bradford racists go on a 'black hunt' around pubs with established sales of Socialist Worker. Eight arrests, only one Nazi! Twelve blacks and socialists admitted to

hospital.

23 JULY: Tim South, a Public Employees Union shop steward, is attacked by eight NF thugs. Later 15 Nazis, some carrying knives and iron bars, try to force entry to a Leeds pub frequented by socialists.

Clive Spink, local fuhrer, tells engineering worker Brian Parkin: 'I'll rip your guts out with my knife, you red bastard.'

Frustrated in this attempt, they turn their attention to a socialist bookshop. Cliff Remington is smashed about the head and face with clubs and an iron bar. The shop is wrecked.

30 JULY: A gang of NF thugs attack a Right to Work street meeting in the town centre. They deliberately

go for the women, including Sue Nightingale, who is four months pregnant.

John Nightingale falls to the ground with blood pouring from his head. He is admitted to hospital with suspected skull fractures and a two-inch long gash through his scalp. It was inflicted with the sharpened edge of a knuckle duster.

Thugs

Later the same day the same thugs attack the Leeds Communist Party offices, where Young Communist League school is in progress. 13-year-old school kids are attacked with broken chairs and threatened

with a knife.

One 13-year-old schoolgirl has her leg broken by a Nazi.

A few minutes later, Clive Spink and his brother Paul, are arrested and found to be in possession of a knuckle duster. Clive Spink is presently remanded in custody and will face charges of malicious wounding with intent to inflict grievous bodily harm and possession of a deadly weapon.

The Leeds District Socialist Workers Party has now approached the local Communist Party for joint action against the Nazis.

It is only through a vigorous campaign in the black community and the trade union movement that the Nazis will be defeated.

Labour agent's fascist links

PETER MARRINER, who resigned this week as Labour Party agent in the Ladywood by-election, has had close connections with some of the most extreme right-wing and fascist organisations in the country.

Marriner's history of association with right-wing movements goes all the way back to the National Socialist movement, started by Colin Jordan in the early 1960s, in which Martin Webster and John Tyndall used to strut about in Hitler-style uniforms.

Marriner met Webster and became friendly with him.

Marriner's excuse for these associations is that he is 'writing a thesis' on right-wing movements, and that he gave the information to Searchlight, the anti-racist magazine.

This is questionable. In 1976 Marriner was one of the main organisers of a great fascist rally in Trafalgar Square, where speakers included some of the country's most vicious racists. The plinth of Nelson's Column was 'policed' by members of Column 88—a Nazi paramilitary organisation.

Marriner was on the plinth, the platform for the rally. A mere thesis-writer might have been in the square, but never where Marriner was.

Although Marriner did give information to Searchlight, the Searchlight organisers knew well that he was a sympathiser of the extreme right.

Kim Gordon, the Socialist Workers Party candidate in the Ladywood by-election, told Socialist Worker: 'How can a fascist become acting chairman and agent of the local Labour Party? Only because the Labour Party is so weak and rotten that it is open to infiltration of this kind.'

• If you would like to help the SWP election campaign, phone 021-643 5717.

He stays, OK

THE Home Office have been forced to allow Muhammed Haque, a student from North East London Polytechnic, to stay in Britain. Last week he was told he would have to leave as his marriage was allegedly a 'marriage of convenience'. Now the authorities have to admit they made a mistake.

Often when immigrants get a deportation order they go quietly. Muhammed didn't make that mistake.

He immediately contacted the unions he was a member of—the National Union of Students and the National Union of Journalists. He obtained widespread publicity for his case and formed a defence committee.

Shell 30pc claim lays Con-trick to rest

ON MONDAY the pay policy officially came to an end.

The same day Shell worker made sure of it. They presented a 30 per cent pay claim, which challenges the government-TUC rule

of 12 months between settlements.

Shell workers want negotiations to start now, with settlement from 1 August, even though their last claim was settled in January.

This is a direct challenge to the TUC. It is also a direct snub to the trade union which most of the Shell workers belong to, the Transport and General Worker Union.

Coffin

The TGWU's Finance and General Purposes Committee, which is controlled by the union's most important full-time officials, has already circulated full-time officials in the districts telling them to enforce Phase 2 settlements for 12 months.

Shop stewards at Shell are making it clear that, unlike TGWU chief Jack Jones and Moss Evans, they are following the decisions of last month's TGWU Conference, which called for an 'unfettered return to free collective bargaining.'

The claim is another nail in the coffin for the government's attempt to impose 10 per cent wage settlements. With the dockers, carworkers, and others also challenging the 10 per cent, it could be swept away in private industry before it has any effect at all.

The government wants to 'confront' a weak section of public sector workers in the autumn in an effort to hold the 10 per cent in some areas. It is vitally important that powerful groups like the Shell workers and the dockers get in first.

Eight thousand production workers stand to benefit from the Shell claim, which includes consolidation of Phase 1 and Phase 2 awards.

Shell workers went on strike and won rises of 25 per cent at the end of the last Tory government's Phase 3 incomes policy in early 1974. Now they look certain to do it again, and at the same time make it easier for hundreds of thousands of workers, many of them low-paid, to bust through the 10 per cent and through the 12-month rule.



Engineers occupy employers offices

TWENTY engineering workers, supporters of the Engineers' Charter candidate for president of the AUEW, Ian Morris, occupied the headquarters of the Engineering Employers Federation on Monday, two minutes walk from Scotland Yard. They demanded an end to any form of wage restraint and the abolition of the 12-month rule preventing wage claims. The occupation lasted several hours.

Our picture shows Ian Morris (right) and AUEW shop steward Alan Watts on the balcony of the EEF building. PICTURE: Phil McCowen

THE NORTHERN IRELAND THAT THE QUEEN WON'T SEE

by OSSIE LEWIS

WHEN the Queen visits Belfast next week as part of the Jubilee celebrations, she will not see the same Northern Ireland as trade unionists on the National Labour Movement Delegation to Ireland last year.

The report of our visit has just been published. Sixty trade unionists, sponsored by many organisations and individuals, including 13 Labour MPs, visited Dublin, Belfast and Crossmaglen.

The main body of the report deals with evidence concerning the role of the British troops. It contains personal

accounts of delegates' experience of intimidation by British military personnel—until their accents were recognised and the hostile attitude changed.

Others report seeing arbitrary 'snatches' of young people off the streets, of so-

called 'barracks' corralled by corrugated fences, concrete walls and sand-bags, of delegates being 'covered' with loaded guns, and of the photographer accompanying the delegation being told that his camera would be smashed if he took any pictures.

There is a vivid and most disturbing report of a raid which took place on a social evening at the Michael Sloan Working Men's Club at Ballymurphy. Four of the delegates arrived only minutes after the soldiers had left and were horrified to see the havoc, the blood stains and the evidence of live ammunition having been fired in a small enclosed hall.

Several people, including an old age pensioner, were seen having their wounds treated.

The conclusions drawn by the delegation should prove encouraging to all those British troops.

The report points out that

the British Army has been involved in torturing, planting arms and ammunition, looting, rape and killing innocent civilians.

Repression

Father Des Wilson said: 'Contraventions of article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights are a daily occurrence on a large scale in Northern Ireland.'

The delegation came to the opinion that the Army is using the conflict in northern Ireland to perfect its techniques of repression, counter-insurgency and crowd control, which could be used in Britain against trade unionists and other progressive

organisations in the event of civil unrest in the future.

Finally the delegation found that the past inactivity of the labour movement in Britain on the Irish question has contributed to the success of both Tory and Labour governments at Westminster in opposing the establishment of majority democratic rule in Ireland as a whole.

Perhaps the most important sentence of the whole report is the one which says: 'As long as partition remains, repression will remain a feature of Irish society, both north and south.'

□ The report is available from 1 North End Road, London W14, price 30p (plus postage).

Members defy APEX threats

AFTER trying to crush the life out of the Grunwick strikers, the general secretary of APEX, Roy Grantham, has turned on other APEX members.

The APEX branch at Westminster, representing trade union and political staff, has consistently sent delegations to the Grunwick picket. After stopping the Day of Action, Grantham telephoned Chris Wright, the branch secretary, warning him not to pass any 'silly' resolutions about Grunwick.

Grantham told Wright he 'was already in trouble' and had better watch out. The branch responded to this threat by passing resolutions expressing confidence in their branch secretary. They also condemned the way Grantham pressurised the Grunwick strikers into calling off the day of action.

They urge all APEX branches to support a renewed call for full scale mass picketing—especially this Monday, 8 August. □ BLACK FRIDAY—page 5.

Who rules Britain?

WHO rules Britain?

Most people would answer 'Parliament and the government'. But stories that have appeared in the Observer and the Daily Express cast a different light on matters.

Even if only a quarter of what is written is true, immense power is being wielded by a small group who are under the control of neither parliament nor government, the secret services MI5 and MI6.

According to the Observer, Harold Wilson believes that when he was prime minister a section of the secret service fell under the control of an extreme right-wing faction that acted totally in-

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WHAT WE THINK

THE SECRET SERVICE, SAY THE NEWSPAPERS

dependently of government policy.

Chapman Pincher, an Express journalist known for his close connections with the secret service, indirectly confirms this claim. He writes that 'Intelligence men I know believe that at one point there were five ministers of the crown whose membership of the Com-

munist Party was not known to have been renounced.'

The secret service treated them as 'subversives', even though they had the full support of the elected government which, according to the official mythology, gives orders to the secret service. Pincher further claims that these

secret servicemen spied on Wilson and his close colleagues by bugging his house and his room in the Commons. He insists that the secret service would have done this without telling Wilson.

The Pincher story might be true. Alternatively, it might be a piece of 'disinformation'—a story

deliberately put out by the 'extreme right-wing faction' inside the secret police, knowing it would soon be proved false, so as to discredit all criticism.

But it's clear that the secret right-wing grouping does exist.

It has a lot in common with another right-wing organisation recently on the scene—the National Association for Freedom.

In fact direct links between the two should not be ruled out—Robert Moss, director of NAFF, regularly lectures on 'subversion' to key personnel in the armed force and the police.

When there was a call last week for a debate in the House of Commons over the allegations, MPs were told that any parliamentary debate over the activities of the secret police is 'out of order'.

Illusion

In other words, the widespread belief that parliament gives the orders and the secret police jumps to obey is an illusion. The secret police are controlled only by... the secret police.

The same applies to the 'rule of law' that has provided justification for judges such as Lord Denning to arrive at decisions hostile to the trade union movement, as with his ruling on Grunwicks last week.

The judges are as immune from parliamentary majorities as the secret police—not one has been removed from office in 160 years, regardless of how arbitrary their use of power.

Personal ties

The secret police, the judges, the police chiefs are no more subject to democratic election than are the heads of big business—a class of people that has close personal ties with these key individuals in the state.

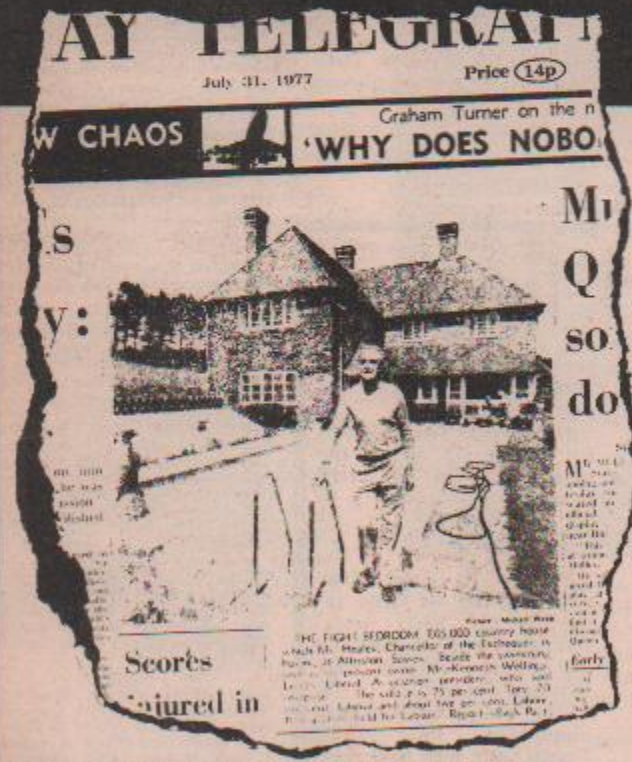
Together they are a source of power that remains unchanged as elections come and elections go, a source of power dedicated to the preservation of the privileges of those who wield it against what it defines as 'subversion'—anyone who threatens its privileges.



THE WELCOME SHE DESERVES: Stuff the Jubilee banners and posters put up by the Socialist Workers Party greet the Queen in Birmingham last week.

Picture: Dave Evans (FL)

THIS IS LIFE UNDER LABOUR



A new 65,000 home for Chancellor Denis Healey—from the Sunday Telegraph, 31 July

Homes for some, but not for others

THE Norwich district of the Socialist Workers Party occupied an old people's home for four days last week. Newly-built, it had been standing empty for 15 months.

The Hellesden Old People's Home, in Reepham Road, had cost nearly £200,000 to build. The council wants to sell the building off, claiming it cannot afford to run it as a home—though it's costing £25,000 a year just to keep it empty.

Support for the occupation flooded in, from local trades councils, trade union branches, shop stewards committees, old age pensioners and local residents.

A petition of support was circulated in factories and shops. More than 400 people took part in the occupation during the four days.

When the Norfolk County Council threatened legal ac-

tion, a mass meeting of supporters voted unanimously to continue the occupation. They elected a 14-strong occupation committee, so broadening support for the protest.

Many people have congratulated the SWP for starting the action.

Action

People in Norwich are beginning to understand, that despite any number of resolutions from union meetings and trades councils deploring cuts and their effect on OAPs and children, the cuts are still being implemented. There is now large support for direct action. Many people, for example, have expressed their admiration for Rita Ward's hospital bed occupation of a fortnight ago in Northampton.

Said Alice Norton, aged 70, who lives just round the corner

from the home: 'I read about the occupation in the paper, and I came to help fight the battle. The SWP are doing a good job.'

'I've never done anything like this before. All I've done is serve teas at whist drives and dances.'

'I've worked in Norfolk since I was 14, on the land, spreading manure, and cleaning in schools. I get £10 industrial injury per week, and £15.20 for my pension. Rent, rates and heating cost about £13.15 per week, so you can see I haven't much left over for shopping.'

Example

'I go every week to the community centre club, two miles away, and I have to walk. I would love to have one of the flats for old people in a home like this.'

'I think that what is being

done here is tremendous and an example to everyone who wants to take action to fight for a better life. I hate the Tory council when they are threatening to use the courts to throw us all out.'

The council got a court injunction to remove the occupation on the Friday night.

By then, however, the occupation had achieved its aims. The County Council HQ branch of the local government workers' union NALGO, the local area committee of the building workers' union UCATT, the Norwich Union branch of the white-collar union ASTMS, and several other union branches are now committed to the campaign to open the home.

At 7pm last Friday the occupation marched out, banners flying, shouting: 'Open the home! Fight the cuts!' The battle to force the opening of the home goes on.

RIGHT TO WORK: WE NEED £10,000

APPLICATIONS to join the September Right to Work March to Blackpool are now flooding in to the Right to Work Campaign. A further 110 applications this week brings the total who have signed up to 450.

The organisers were originally expecting 500 unemployed and school-leavers to join the march. They are now organising to expect 750 marchers.

A new target of £12,500 has been set to finance the march. £2,234 has already been collected. We have four weeks to raise the rest. The campaign has raised this before. It can be done again.

189 trade union organisations have so far sponsored the march. We would like to thank the following who have notified support in the last week:

Coseley 2 AUEW, Aberdeen 10 AUEW, T&GWU ACTSS 6/395, Hull Port Shop Stewards Committee, Shop Stewards at Priests-mans (Hull), Cannock Trades Council, CPSA London MAFF Branch, Chichester Trades Council, North Hammersmith NUPE, ASTMS 653 Newcastle Branch, T&GWU 1/6 Branch, Wirral Trades Council, South Sefton Trades Council, Warrington Trades Council, Prince Albert Garage MPTA AUEW Ford (Merseyside) AUEW, Liverpool 11 AUEW, Sefton NUPE District Committee, Jefferson Smirfitts SOGAT Chapel, Runcorn and Widnes ASTMS and EETPU electricians at the IRO, Bootle.

Last week, the executive of the National Union of Students voted to support the march. Every attempt must be made to increase this list of support. Every factory and

shop stewards committee should be visited this week.

In every factory and office where there are supporters of the Right to Work Campaign, a collection can be held. 1000 collections at £5 a time will raise half our target. Make this week's pay day a collecting day for the march.

We would like to thank the following for collections held. Members of Liverpool 11 AUEW branch who collected £5.15 after donating £5 from branch funds. Oyez SOGAT chapel for £2.70. Hy-ten T&GWU for £5 collected, some of Liverpool Trades Council delegates for £8, Lunts workers £14.39 and £5.17 collected outside a Job Centre occupation in Ellesmere Port.

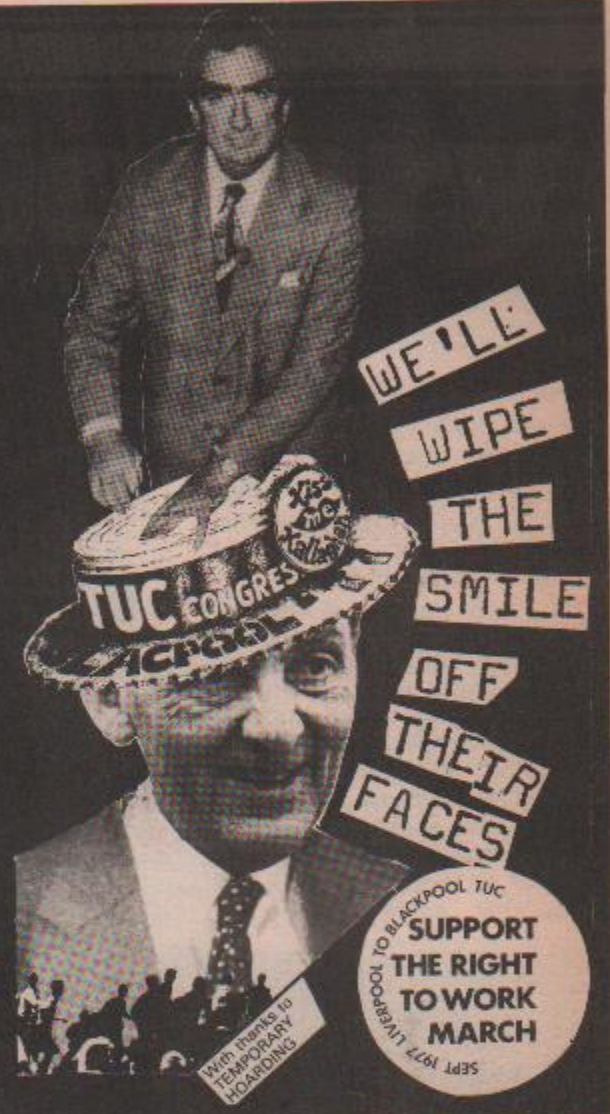
In Preston, unemployed Right to Work Campaigners celebrated the end of the holiday fortnight with a protest in the town centre's Flag Market. Passers-by were greeted to 'Costa del Dole' and met with placards saying 'This is

as far as the unemployed get for their holiday' and 'Dole is no holiday'. Nine more unemployed were signed up to go on the march and £5.55 was collected from passers-by.

Similar street meetings and collections were held throughout the North West last weekend. In Wigan, £8.32 was collected and £4.51 was collected in Liverpool City Centre.

The campaign has called for a day of street meetings in every town and city this Saturday, 6 August. 200 street meetings can raise £1000 of our target. We need to get the support rolling in straight away.

Collection sheets and collecting boxes are available from the Rank and File Centre. Send all donations and collections to Right to Work Campaign, Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.



Let's work together over Grunwicks picket, CP urged

THE SOCIALIST Workers Party in Lea Valley, North London have written to the local Haringey branch of the Communist Party, suggesting joint action over Grunwicks. The letter reads:

Dear Comrades, The attempt to sell out the Grunwick strikers is the most scandalous we have seen for years. The APEX and UPW executives are a disgrace to our movement.

But the Grunwick strike committee are still calling for strong mass picketing over the coming weeks. We can prove that the rank and file will still provide the solidarity that some of our elected leaders are trying to destroy.

Confident

8 August is still fixed in many minds as a day of action, and we intend to ensure maximum trade union support from our area of London.

We ask you to join us in organising transport from North London on the morning of the 8th, to make certain that all those willing to demonstrate their solidarity are able to travel to Willesden. Between us, we can get a real turn-out.

We want a united lobby

To the Morning Star and Socialist Worker

Dear Comrades,

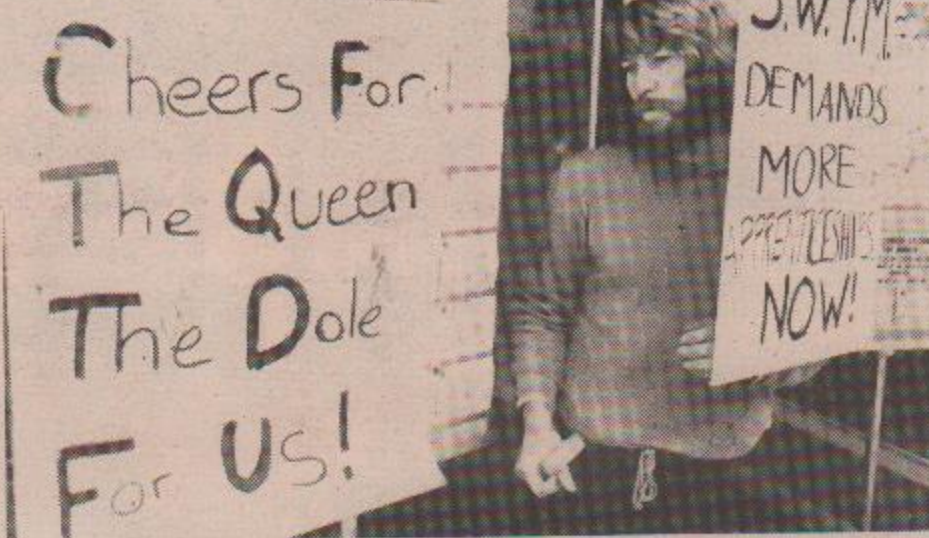
Please bring to the attention of your readers that the Right to Work Campaign is now calling its supporters to lobby the Trades Union Congress on Monday 5 September.

Previously we were preparing to lobby on Tuesday 6 September when the unemployed marchers are due to arrive in Blackpool.

I still feel that Tuesday is a better day for two main reasons. Monday will be just the opening formalities. Tuesday is the day before the main economic debate.

And Tuesday is preceded by a clear working day, rather than the weekend, which helps the last minute organisation of trade union delegations. Monday workplace meetings, chase-rounds to fill coaches etc.

However the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions, through the pages of the Morning Star, are now making a determined call



for Monday 5 September.

They have not yet replied to my urgent letter requesting a meeting to consider changing to the Tuesday.

But we consider that a united mass lobby is the most important contribution towards ensuring the voice of the rank and file is fully felt at

the TUC Congress.

As for the unemployed marchers, we shall now start marching very early on Monday morning from Preston. We shall then cover the necessary 17 miles in time to join a united lobby.

I am confident that the 750 unemployed marchers, mainly school leavers, will appreciate such a necessity. It is vital that we preserve the unity of those prepared to smash the 12-month rule and fight for the right to work.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN DEASON,
secretary, Right to Work Campaign

ANOTHER 236 JOIN

236 PEOPLE joined the Socialist Workers Party in July. They included 19 members of the Transport and General Workers Union, 15 AUEW, 13 hospital workers and ten building workers.

Ladywood: Why Kim is standing

THE SOCIALIST Workers Party will be standing Kim Gordon as our candidate in the Birmingham Ladywood parliamentary by-election on 18 August.

Kim, a 21-year-old unemployed T&GWU member, is secretary of the defence committee set up in support of the 21 black youths facing trumped-up charges in Lewisham South London.

He will be using the election as an opportunity to campaign against this and the general nationwide wave of police attacks on black people.



Kim Gordon: SWP candidate

Unemployment

He will also be linking the question of police harassment to that of unemployment.

He has set as his targets the mobilising of large numbers of black people and trade unionists from Birmingham for the demonstration against the Nazi Front in Lewisham on 13 August, and the winning of a large contingent of unemployed from Birmingham to join the Right to Work march at the beginning of September.



LEAMINGTON Right to Work Campaign founding meeting: They are not going to get away with chucking two million of us on the scrapheap! Join the Right to Work March! Wednesday 17 August, 7.30pm, Stoneleigh Arms, Clemens Street. Speakers: Local marchers and an organiser of the last RTW march.

DEFEND DIRECT WORKS! Mass National Delegate Conference of local authority workers to build a national campaign against attacks on Direct Works and against the cuts. Called by Manchester, Liverpool and Sandwell (Birmingham) Direct Works. Saturday 20 August, 1pm-5pm, Houldsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester. Credentials (25p) from J Kelly, 17 Findon Road, Manchester 23.

BUILDING WORKER July/August issue now out. 5p a copy (plus 7p postage) from Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH! Stickers now available, 20p a sheet of 12. Ideal for street and pub collections for the Right to Work March. Order from Right to Work Campaign, Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

COLLECTION SHEETS to raise support for the Right to Work March where you work. Available from the Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

SOUTHEND Rock Against Racism/Right to Work Concert, with Generation X and Diamond Jack Band. Wednesday 10 August, 7.30pm, Queens Hotel, Westcliffe (next to station). Bar. Tickets 90p (unemployed and claimants 50p—bring book/dole card).



EAGER BEAVERS

THE COMPANIES THAT LOVE THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

Plessey's £9 million lie

BY SEYMOUR PROPHET

The bug in the boardroom

WORKERS in the electronics group Plessey—at least what's left of them after 4,000 sackings earlier this year—have recently received the July copy of Plessey News.

The company paper contains a special report for employees on Plessey's annual profits to March 1977.

The headline is 1976-1977 and still under pressure.

It is a rather different story in the accounts sent to the shareholders.

The international strength of the Plessey Group is undoubtedly the most impor-

tant achievement to arise from many years of painstaking development and planning.

The accounts show how that has paid off for the shareholders. Profits last year were £40 million—after paying almost £9 million in interest payments and putting a further £19 million aside for investment.

Plessey do not pay much tax on this. In the accounts

sent to the workers, they claim they pay £16 million. This is a lie.

They are let off paying almost £9 million of this through various government allowances.

But it is all good news for the £1,200-a-week boss of Plessey, Sir John Clark. He has 535,017 shares on which he gets dividends of about £26,000 after tax.

Sir John—who is so rich

because he is the son of his father—sold some of his shares last year.

He got more than £330,000 for them. He wanted the money because he's very interested in farming.

Luxury

Whilst Sir John lives pleasantly on his farm, enjoying the early semi-retirement at 51, some 12,000 Plessey workers have been put out to grass.

That's how many jobs have disappeared since 1973. Profits since then have risen from £31 million.

The day two
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BLACK FRIDAY



ROY GRANTHAM, £150-a-week general secretary of the clerical workers' union APEX, has forced the Grunwick strikers to call off the day of action planned for Monday 8 August. Early last week he threatened to cut their strike pay.

This successfully sowed the seeds of division among the strikers.

When he met the strikers on Friday he was then able to ram through a resolution which effectively told the strikers to rely upon the Scarman Court of Inquiry and forget about mass picketing.

Both the vote on the strike committee and the vote at the mass meeting were narrow. Relying on Scarman could well mean the strike will be lost. Scarman has already suggested that he may make *no recommendations* when the findings are made public on 18 August.

In any case the findings of the Court of Inquiry are *not binding*.



NORMAN STAGG, £150-a-week assistant general secretary of the Union of Post Office Workers (UPW), put the boot in on the Grunwick strikers most effective support.

The London District Council of the UPW voted on Tuesday last week not to let the Grunwick mail move anywhere in London. Stagg responded by ordering every Cricklewood postman to meet him.

At precisely the same time, Grantham was forcing strikers to call off their day of action.

Stagg threatened the postmen with everything from cutting their lock-out pay and pension rights to even hinting that they might be suspended from the union and hence be put out of work.

He even told the postmen that *personally* he thought they were morally in the right. But that *as an official from the union executive* he had to tell them they were in the wrong.

If ever there was an argument for an *independent* rank and file movement in the unions this is it.

MONDAY'S MASS PICKET IS NOW VITAL!

JACK DROMEY, secretary, Brent Trades Council:

"We have no faith in this dispute through procedures. It will be the trade union movement, not the judges, who will get reinstatement. Our trades council put out the following statement last weekend:

"After a week of sustained pressure and outright blackmail, the Grunwick Strike Committee and the Cricklewood postmen, both of whom have been an inspiration to our movement, were forced to retreat temporarily.

"We must fight on to prevent a shabby deal. We have not fought such a bitter battle for 49 weeks to walk down the path of compromise and defeat."



MRS JAYABEN DESAI, treasurer, Grunwick Strike Committee:

"They don't know what it is to struggle. For 49 weeks, rain and snow, I have been coming to the picket line every morning at six. Was it for this?"

"Yes, I cried. Wouldn't you cry if your own union leaders started behaving as though they were on the other side?"

FRED JENKINS, Cricklewood postal worker:

"It was mental bludgeoning. We were stunned into submission. Norman Stagg, the assistant general secretary, forced us back.

"He hinted that we would lose our lock-out pay. He implied we might be suspended from the union and we might lose our jobs.

"It was a very menacing meeting. The men were intimidated. There is no doubt about that."



MAMHOOD AHMED, secretary, Grunwick Strike Committee:

"I do not accept Mr Grantham's argument that all we need is the Court of Inquiry to find in our favour. There is no law in the land that can force Ward to reinstate our people.

"If we don't have mass picketing we will get stuck in legal procedures and will find ourselves going through another winter standing outside the gates of Grunwick."

DESPITE these setbacks the Grunwick picket line must still be given maximum support.

■ Brent Trades Council are calling for 200 pickets on each Grunwick gate until the Court of Inquiry publishes its findings.

■ Liverpool Trades Council said last weekend it was going ahead with its train full of pickets for this Monday — August.

■ The Right to Work Campaign are calling for all trade union delegations to picket on Monday 8 August, and demonstrate their disgust at the sell-out tactics of the union leaders.

■ Resolutions should be sent to the Grunwick Strike Committee and the Cricklewood postmen urging them to defy their union executives and reimpose the mass action.

□ COACHES to the mass picket:
EAST LONDON: Community Transport double-decker, every Wednesday and Friday, and this Monday 6am Mile End station; 6.15 am Jubilee pub, corner of Cable Street and Commercial Road; 6.30 am Aldgate East station; returns to Stepney 8.30 am.

MASS PICKET AT GRUNWICKS: This Monday, 8 August, 7am, Chapter Road (next to Dollis Hill tube), London NW10

The day the witnesses were sent to jail

IF THERE'S one thing the ruling class can't abide it's these wretched people who try to interfere with their fun. You know the type, always wittering on about being kind to animals and fox-hunting being cruel. Just recently they've taken to running onto the hare courses and sabotaging the hunts.

So if they don't like the ruling class hunting animals for fun, then the ruling class are jolly well going to hunt them instead and see how they like that.

Take the case of Valery Waters and Susan Hough, both hunt saboteurs.

Mrs. Waters was ambushed in her car down a country lane by four hunt supporters. They poured oil on the car, sprayed it with paint, and pushed turf up the exhaust pipe (nothing really when you consider what they'd have done if she'd had a pointed nose and a bushy tail).

However, Mrs. Waters, unhappy with the turn of events, decided to take legal action, believing that this assault on her was totally unjustified.

Mrs. Hough was also called to give evidence.

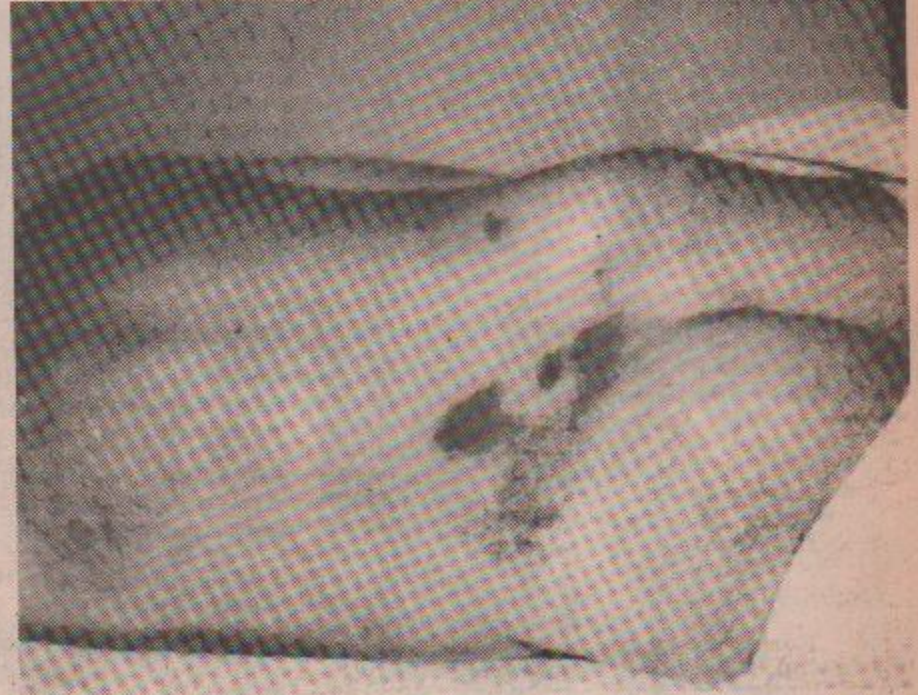
But surprise, surprise, the local arm of the law and order, the magistrates, decided that by campaigning

against blood sports, Mrs. Waters and Mrs Hough had provoked this attack.

So the victims became the 'guilty' and were asked whether they would be bound over. Thinking that this was a little unjust as they had done nothing wrong, both women refused.

They are now serving prison sentences of one month and one week.

And they say there's no need for a public inquiry...



This was Little Towers a day after being beaten up by three policemen outside a Gateshead club in January 1976. He later died from his injuries—and an inquest returned a verdict of 'justifiable homicide'. Last week the Northumbria police decided an inquiry into the killing would be 'inappropriate'. But the Little Towers Action Committee are fighting on, determined to bring the police to account.

The full story of Little's death is told in a new pamphlet, which also reveals other interesting facts about the local police. Such as the case, two years ago, of the entire night shift of a police station in the Gateshead area that was jailed for running a smash and grab racket. The pamphlet, Killing No Murder, is available from SW Distributors, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. price 17p

PEASING ABOUT



FARMERS IN Gravesham, Kent, are ploughing back into the land acres and acres of peas. According to the local paper, there is a glut of peas in London markets, meaning rock bottom prices for farmers. Therefore the farmers say that it is cheaper for them to destroy the crop than to pay for it to be harvested and sold. Meanwhile vegetable prices go up and the pea pickers have been paid off early.

Without Comment

'Miss Adina Smith found the body of her common-law husband, Cleveland Baker, hanging by a piece of rope from the beam of the toilet at his home. Mr. Baker, police reported, had been depressed over his failure to get employment. — from the Jamaican Weekly Gleaner.

Our hobbies—their interests

WITH OVER a million homeless in Britain and public expenditure cuts axing recreational facilities left, right and centre, the Department of Environment in Oswestry, Salop refuses to open the abandoned army camp there for public use. 208 houses have been lying empty for over a year. They are now deteriorating through neglect. Up the road from the homes, gypsies are in the process of being evicted from unused open fields.

One swimming pool, five tennis courts, three football fields, two rugby pitches, a cinema, and upwards of 300 wooden huts lie derelict.

The DoE employ security guards from Securicor to ensure nobody uses these facilities, but the gatekeeper will let you play tennis at 25p per person per hour. Local children continue to use the city car park for their games.

In spite of the cuts and the available facilities, the local council was able to build a new leisure centre for £30 million. And builders continue work on a nearby private housing estate. Just whose interests are the council and the DoE protecting? —Joan Kelly

'Lock-me away!!!'

SOLDIER Stephen Phillips was sent to prison for six months by an East London judge for stealing cars.

Phillips asked for a prison sentence because he couldn't face another tour of duty with the army in Northern Ireland.

He went absent without leave and stole cars so that he would be discharged.

Who killed Maxine?



SHOULD PEOPLE be allowed to have sex with one another where, when and how they please, or should there be laws dictating what people can or can't do in bed?

Three horror stories this week tell us a little of what can happen if top peoples' sexual 'morality' is enthusiastically enforced.

The first is about Maxine Harrison, who until a few months ago, was a cheerful teenager in Northampton. Maxine, 14, started to have sex with an older boy.

'Hit him'

She asked her mother where she could get the pill. Her mother asked her why she needed it—and eventually Maxine admitted her affair.

Her mother then told Maxine's father, bricklayer Gerald Harrison. Gerald went round to see his daughter's lover, and in his own words, 'blacked his eye and hit him in the teeth'. Then he told the police.

The police took a keen interest in the case. They interviewed Maxine four times in eight days at enor-

Poison-suicide after daughter, 14, wrote: 'I cannot face any more questions'

'Error' of the parents who told schoolgirl's sex secret

'If we had not gone to police Maxine would still be alive'

cannot go through with any more questioning from the police. I love you both very much... Please don't blame Mick (her lover) for this as I care for him. Luv Max.'

She died in hospital a few hours later. Her father told the Press: 'We went to the police because Maxine was under age and we thought something should be done. Reading over and over again what she wrote has convinced me we were wrong. I am sure that if we had not gone to the police, Maxine would be alive today.'

Now, the two other stories. Two Saturdays ago, Peter Benyon was battered to death in a street at Manor House, North London. He had come out with a group of friends from a disco at the Rainbow Rooms, a familiar resort of homosexuals.

Death

A gang of young thugs surrounded them and started taunting them as 'queers'. They attacked, pursued Peter into Rowley Garden and beat him to death with a chair leg.

A few days later, John Curry, ice skating Olympic champion, was walking home when a man came up to him, punched him savage-

ly in the face and beat him to the ground.

John Curry has, with some courage, made no secret of the fact that he is homosexual.

The police described the attack as a 'mugging', but most gay people in London have little doubt that it was another case of 'queer bashing'.

Unnatural

Who are the queer bashers? Not just the thugs who roam the streets looking for someone to beat up—but the people in high society, on the judges' benches, in Parliament and in right-wing newspapers, who claim that gay people are 'unnatural'; and that homosexual activity between consenting adult people is 'wrong' or 'contrary to the law of God'.

These people promote the idea that homosexual people, like girls under 16 can be 'cured' by 'a sound thrashing'.

Their perverted morality sent Gerald Harrison to the police to tell them about his daughter's love affair—and gave the go-ahead to the louts who killed Peter Benyon and beat up John Curry.

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Nuclear protest: Police kill one

ONE PERSON was killed and more than a hundred injured when five thousand armed riot police attacked an anti-nuclear demonstration in eastern France on Sunday.

The demonstrators were protesting at plans to build a nuclear reactor of an extremely

dangerous sort, a fast breeder reactor.

This reactor has great appeal to government, despite its dangers, because it both burns and reproduces plutonium, the basic material for making nuclear weapons.

All the indications are that the French government gave the riot police instructions to attack the demonstration in the most violent manner, in an effort to halt the growth of the anti-nuclear movement.

Yet despite the dangers they knew they faced, 30,000 protestors took part.

This was all the more remarkable because France's two big trade union federations opposed the demonstration.

The biggest, the Communist Party-led CGT, has always opposed the anti-nuclear movement. It says the government should not follow an 'all-nuclear policy', but goes on to insist 'it is necessary to continue with the building of electro-nuclear equipment.'

The other union federation, the CFDT, wants to have the best of both worlds. To appear more 'left' than the CGT it has half-supported some of the anti-nuclear protests, and has accused the government of deliberately attacking them. But it opposed last Sunday's demonstration.

Win

The reason the trade unions have taken this attitude is that they support the Socialist Party Communist Party alliance, the union of the left, which expects to win next year's elections.

The union of the left supports the building of the nuclear power stations already planned as necessary to the strengthening of the 'independence' of the French capitalist economy.

And in the past fortnight the Communist Party has persuaded its allies also to support the Force de Frappe, France's nuclear weapon force. The Communist Party did a somersault and came out in support of nuclear weapons two months ago 'in the interests of national independence'.

Fast

In line with this policy it denounces the anti-nuclear demonstrations as having 'retrograde', 'illusory' and 'damaging policies'.

The French government's policy affects this country. The British government has not yet decided whether to build a fast breeder reactor.

But already Anthony Wedgwood Benn's Energy Ministry is pressing ahead with plans to build a new nuclear fuel processing plant at Windscale in Cumbria that will provide fuel for fast breeder reactors.

IN BRIEF

What the US left behind

THE Vietnam War finished two years ago. But the effects of the American barbarity are still being felt.

The Vietnam News Agency tells how many South Vietnamese are suffering from 'chromosomal aberrations' caused by the spraying of chemicals. Children are being born with deformities as a result.

Spain to join the Market?

THE Spanish government has applied for membership of the Common Market. And it has done so with the support of the Spanish Socialist Party and Communist Party.

Both claim to be 'left-wing', but they have no qualms at throwing their weight behind the attempts of Europe's capitalists to unite and strengthen one another.

Argentina: Jews attacked

THE military dictatorship that runs Argentina has murdered thousands of worker militants and left-wingers in the past year. Now its supporters have turned to another, traditional tool of repression—racism.

They are blaming the country's ills on the presence of a Jewish population of half a million.

Right-wing gangs kidnapped the son of one of the country's best known Jewish leaders—although only two months ago he made a grovelling apology for the dictatorship, reassuring other Jews that it was 'not anti-semitic'.

Israel: One more step

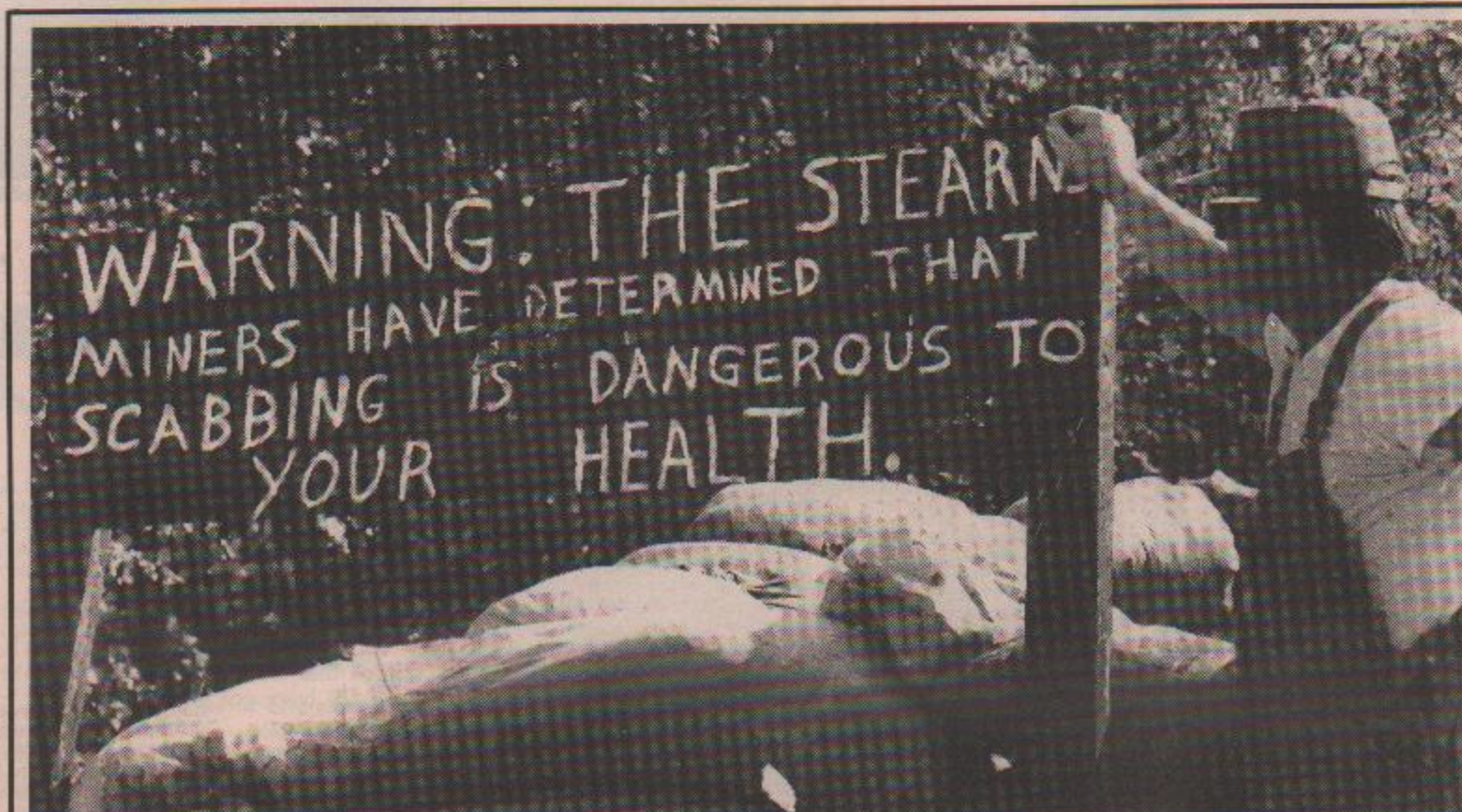
THE Israeli government has taken one more action in the implementation of its own racist policy. The victims are the Palestinian Arabs who used to occupy 95 per cent of the land until 1947.

Now the government of prime minister Begin is taking steps to drive the Palestinians out of the last area left to them, the occupied territories of the West Bank.

Begin has legalised the actions of Israelis who have established three colonies on the West Bank.



WORLD IN STRUGGLE



Miners' pickets hide in trenches

THE picket lines at the Blue Diamond Coal Company's Justus Mine are behind trenches and piles of sandbags.

The wooded slope that runs between the trenches and the mine entrance is now called 'a free fire zone, a no-man's land'. The miners' 'union hall', a little shack just behind the barricades, is ruined, riddled with bullet holes.

Company guards—'gun thugs' the miners call them—fire randomly across the trenches. They shoot carbines, shotguns, and even AR-15s, automatic rifles.

The miners shoot back. Thus far six men have been wounded—one miner and five guards.

Lost

The strike is already the bloodiest confrontation in the southern coalfields since the famous Harlan County strike, at Brookside, also in Kentucky, in 1974.

The miners struck for union recognition just one year ago—17 July 1976. The Justus mine has been non-union since the miners' union, UMW, lost a strike there in 1953.

There was no violence on the picket lines until March this year, when the company began bringing in the armed guards.

The strikers want all the

from Cal Winslow, Kentucky, USA

benefits of a union contract. But they are especially concerned about safety.

The Blue Diamond Coal Company also owns the Scotia mines in nearby Letcher County. In early 1976, 26 men were lost in the Scotia mine, killed by a methane gas explosion. The mine had been regularly cited by government inspectors for improper ventilation—so has the Justus mine.

The miners voted to strike—126 to 57—just two weeks after the Scotia disaster. Scotia is also non-union, as are most of the mines in this coal-rich corner of Kentucky.

The miners have been harassed by state troopers and court injunctions. The troopers escort the guards in and out of the mine—when they are not flown in by the company's helicopters.

The miners, however, were lucky enough to be able to buy the land adjacent to the mine, so they cannot be removed altogether. They pitched in 35 dollars each for the five acres that is now the centre of the battlefield.

The strikers' biggest problem is that Blue Diamond has three more mines, each running full steam. And coal prices are now sky high, thanks to the energy shortage

and Jimmy Carter's plan to develop a coal alternative to Middle Eastern oil.

Blue Diamond can afford to wait forever.

Arnold Miller, president of the UMW, has refused to call out other miners in support of the strikers, although miners have always been more than willing to strike on behalf of others. This summer, for the third year running, there has been a nationwide wildcat strike of miners—this year protesting against cuts in their health and pension funds.

Killed

Miller has even refused to visit the picket lines.

The miners must now face the prospect of another long, cold winter on strike, and they are increasingly bitter.

Mahan Vanover, a miner who has worked at Justus for 35 years, says: 'Miller is afraid of what it will take to win this strike.'

Lawrence Jones—a young Brookside striker—was killed, shot by gun-thugs, before that strike could be ended. I guess they may have to kill one of us here, because we're not going back, not without a contract.'

Said another of the strikers: 'The way I look at it, they killed 26 men over there in Scotia and got away with it. So they figure it's no big deal if they get another bunch over here.'



ABOVE: A sign outside the Justus mine.

Five scab guards so far have found out how true it is—as they cross the sandbags and trenches of the picket.

LEFT: One of the miners' pickets.

The politics of Lenin

Paul Ginsborg



Lenin. In Russia he's been made into an icon, in the West a totalitarian baby-eater. Paul Ginsborg's pamphlet rescues Lenin from these myths and portrays him as he really was—a brilliant, compassionate man who played an indispensable role in building a socialist party in the Russian working class which enabled those workers, however briefly, to seize state power. 27p (including postage) from Socialist Worker Distributors, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 8DN.

VICTORY TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

BADGES, in red and black. 20p each (plus 9p postage) or £2 for ten £15 for 100. From SWP International Department, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 (cheques payable to SW International Fund).

MUGGERS IN BLUE? YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME!

I JOINED the police in 1970, straight from school.

I had no political views whatsoever, in fact I had to sign a form stating that I'd never belonged to a trade union.

Now I am a socialist, I can look back on a year I would rather forget and see just how biased the police are.

During that year, I was partially brainwashed.

When I was at the police training school at Hendon, I was making a simulated arrest of a man with a gun.

I was arresting this man a bit too softly for my instructor's liking and he bollocked me by saying: 'Bassant, you are not being aggressive enough—imagine he's a wog'.

This was just one example but I listened to similar advice every day for 13 weeks.

While at training school, we were also shown a film of the large Grosvenor Square demonstration against the war in Vietnam.

WEDGE

They showed us countless clips of demonstrators fighting with police to try and instil in us a hatred for all demonstrators.

Immediately after the film, we were taught how to use the flying wedge to break up a demonstration. And believe me, when used properly there is no way the wedge can be stopped.

I could teach SWP members how to use this wedge and it could be performed at places like Grunwicks to break through the police cordon and stop the scabs' bus. We would need about 50 people to do this successfully.

From training school, I was sent to West End Central and Vine Street police stations. I can remember vividly what happened.

First, an example of police brutality. I was inside West End Central early one morning when a sergeant and three of his colleagues were dragging an arrested man into the charge room. The man was not struggling.

On entering the charge room, the jailer woke up. Because his beauty sleep had been interrupted, he hit the man in the stomach with all possible force. The man was bent double in pain and thrown into a cell.

HALT

Another example of police brutality was when some football fans were allegedly going on the rampage in Oxford Street. About five of us jumped into a Black Maria.

We saw two youths wearing red and white scarves walking along the street. The Black Maria screeched to a halt and we jumped out.

The youths started to run, but were caught and brought back to the van, where two policemen held them in wrist locks until we got back to the police station.

There they were charged with breaking a window. All the evidence was made up.

Racialism was rife in the force. I remember sitting in the canteen with two colleagues who had just finished their meal. One turned to the other and said: 'Come on, let's go out and nick a wog'.

I was once summoned to

By former
policeman
**Eddie
Bassant**

(Eddie Bassant is now secretary of the Fire Brigades Union at Enfield in North London)

appear before an inspector because I hadn't made enough arrests.

What he told me was enough to make me quit the force shortly afterwards. He said: 'Why don't you go out and arrest some blacks? There are plenty of them about.'

Homosexuals are particularly hated. Every day, in the toilets of Piccadilly tube station, two policemen will enter, borrow the master key to the cubicles and barge into every one of them, hoping to find two men together.

When they do, the men are given a good kicking and hurled abuse at. I saw this happen three times.

COURT

Probably the thing that disturbed me most is that every police officer has either lied or grossly exaggerated in the witness box under oath to help his case.

When I was in the police I was just an ordinary guy and I did this practically every time I went to court to make sure my man was found guilty.

Just through general conversation with other policemen, I know this goes on in about 95 per cent of all cases.

When a man first joins the police, he is neutral. But after 13 weeks' training and two months at a police station, he is brainwashed into becoming anti-working class, a racist, a liar and a thug.

And if you don't believe me, just join.

But in my experience, you'd be better off joining the SWP.

The road from Wigan Pier to Blackpool



Ken Saxon, Martin Davy and the ruins of what was once Wigan Pier: one of



Glen Sweeney handing out leaflets at the Wigan Job Centre: Jim MacDonald, unemployed, taking one of the leaflets, said: 'I heard Tony Benn on the television the other night, talking about the unemployment. He said it took a war to sort it out last time in the 1930s. Have we got to wait for another war to solve the unemployment again?'

MARTIN Davy and Kenneth Saxon have just left school. They are both 16 and unemployed.

'Two hundred left our school this Summer. At the most, 70 have got jobs,' says Martin.

'Lots of those who found jobs feel they were forced into it. They took the jobs as something to do.'

'I've been trying to train as an apprentice mechanic. I've been to over 20 garages, but no-one will take anyone on. The careers officers at school weren't any good. They just gave us national insurance cards.'

Then, says Kenneth Saxon, 'we got cards for signing on the dole and we went down the Jobs Centre.'

Dole

He adds: 'You end up sitting about the house, or in the cafe. You just do odd jobs around the house. My parents understand there's no jobs. But my dad sent me out all Thursday looking for jobs.'

Instead of jobs, Martin and Kenneth get £9 a week and are kept on the dole.

Paul Horrocks is 21. He's been unemployed for two years. 'I get up at 5.30 every morning. I don't want to

become lazy. Otherwise it gets to you. Because I was in the building trade I spent all day doing the house up, keeping active.'

'I've tried for jobs in the corporation, with the post office and last week as a fireman. I tried as a fireman but they want you to be able to do an exam in mathematics. I really fancy being a fireman. I'd like to do it.'

'I didn't take any exams at school, not that it would have done me much good, the way things are.'

'I served my time as a joiner, as an apprentice. I'd nearly finished when the firm went bankrupt two years ago. I took a gamble and tried to finish joinery, but there's no work in the building trade.'

Glen Sweeney is 19. He is a trained roof fixer, but since last summer he's been unemployed. In September he went on one of the government's Job Creation Schemes, to build an extension to a boys' club.

'The conditions were shocking. It was labouring, and you need real safety in that game. There was no

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INTERVIEW
BY PETER C

Pictures: John Sturrock

THE FREE PRESS...A

IF YOU believe in the freedom of the press, read this story.

Or rather Storey. The Hon Richard Storey is the chairman of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, which owns, among other papers, the Sunderland Echo.

He is the country's leading opponent of a closed shop for the journalists union (NUJ).

The father (chairman) of the Sunderland Echo chapel of the NGA—the printworkers' union—is Clive Collinson.

Not long ago, Clive wrote a letter to the Sunderland Echo, defending journalists on strike for the closed shop in Darlington.

He wrote: 'The reasons behind the Newspaper Socie-

ty not wanting a closed shop in the journalists area has nothing to do with a free press.'

'As long as the press is controlled by men who are motivated by profit and politics, there will never be a free or indeed a neutral press.'

'The reasons for the attacks on the NUJ, first at Kettering, and now at Darlington, are deeper than the issue of a free press. In the past, the only union which has negotiated for journalists has been the NUJ.'

WRITE

'It is therefore in the interests of newspaper owners that this union is weakened, and its chances of gaining better conditions by industrial strength correspondingly weakened.'

'This being done by promulgating an alternative "union", the Institute of Journalists, a management organisation.'

Clive Collinson went on to write of 'a more far-reaching reason as to why the bosses' Newspaper Society wants non-union labour within the ranks of the journalists.'

In America, upon the introduction of new, computerised equipment, newspaper owners 'took on' the composing unions and won a substantial victory.

Journalists now do jobs traditionally carried out by compositors. Thousands of compositors were thrown out of work and composing rooms throughout America were decimated.

'It is the intention of the Newspaper Society that this

will happen in this country. The NUJ, however, is a record as saying that they will not do work traditionally carried out by members of the National Graphical Association (a printing union) in the composing room.'

SCRUPLES

'What happened in America to the composing union will only happen here after the bloodiest of international union battles. The NUJ is aware of this and is attempting to by-pass the unions by introducing 'bosses' men' into journalistic areas. These people, the NS hopes, will have no scruples if, and when, attempts to break traditional demarcation lines

'These are the real reasons for the Newspaper Society stand.'



Darlington journalist Jon Smith preparing a strike bulletin: the fight for a closed shop has shown the true colours of one newspaper boss

PICTURE: John Sturrock (Report)



the town's few new buildings is the Jobs Centre (right)—but it has hardly any jobs on offer

Blackpool Pier

LARK

(Report)

...just a couple of plasters. I wanted us to use second-hand sheets, to hammer them for gloves at least to the sheets with and they said 'no' any. They just said 'get on the roof'. There was no union to stand for. Even the nails on that job were hand. It was so bad, it took 9 weeks to do it instead of 4 weeks expected. One of the young kids on the job was getting just £23 a week, no bonus, just the basic more because I was trained. I was given moral blackmail to make those jobs. It's one big con, getting £11.35 on the dole so I can't take it. There were nine of us on that job. I have had a job since. That is all the work I've had for 12 months now. I can't do anything on £11.75. Getting a pub is hard. You can't go to a pub just one frustration after

'You feel like taking a hammer and smashing the whole place down. You lose track with your mates. Half the people I knew don't know I exist any more. It gets on your nerves all the time.'

Paul Horrocks and Glen Sweeney both have skills they want to use. Martin Davy and Kenneth Saxon have been searching high and low for jobs.

They are not alone. There are more than 7,300 people in Wigan searching for jobs. The figure is up by nearly 1,000 from last month. One in ten people in the area are out of work. In the surrounding towns of St Helens, Warrington, Skelmersdale, it is just as bad.

Stop

That is why all four have decided to join next month's Right to Work March to the Trades Union Congress. Wigan will be the second night's stop on the march.

Glen Sweeney says: 'We shall be marching in a great cause, to bring together all these hundreds of unemployed and to get the eyes of the country on us.'

'We've gone from being 'social security scroungers', to being what Andy Capp calls 'unfortunate victims of the unemployment situation'.

'Now they are going to listen to us'.

WIGAN PIER hasn't existed for 60 years. Like much of the rest of Wigan, this loading bay was closed down, and became a ruin.

Finally, the remains collapsed into the canal. The site is surrounded by factories and warehouses that have shut down.

Forty years ago, in 1936, there were 10,000 registered unemployed in Wigan. Today there are 7,300. And the figure is going up and up.

That is why this September's Right to Work march is coming through the town. The marchers will be spending their second night on the road just outside.

The camping site, the food and the entertainment are being paid for by collections among Wigan's employed trade unionists.

From Wigan Pier to Blackpool Pier, where

NOW WE WANT ACTION...

the trade union leaders are meeting, is 52 miles. On those 52 miles, says Glen Sweeney, one of the unemployed marchers from Wigan, 'we shall be marching to get the eyes of the whole country on us, hundreds of unemployed together, saying we have had enough, we want some action.'

1. Kirkby
2. Wigan
3. Preston
4. Blackpool



LIKELY STOREY

'The issue of the free press is a red herring designed to mislead the public. The NS lit the fire and started the pot boiling. Mr Storey appears eager to keep it boiling. They should be aware lest the pot boils over and scalds them.'

Two days later Mr Storey replied to this letter in his own paper. He began:

'On July 16, you published a letter from a trade union leader employed at the Echo. That letter unreservedly criticised me—the chairman of the company which publishes the Echo. Who says there is no free speech in the Echo?'

But on the same day the freedom-loving Mr Storey wrote a very different letter to Clive Collinson at his home.

It started: 'Dear Mr Collinson, Your cynical views, as

expressed in the Echo, seem to be based on ignorance and distortion. They appear to be intended to cause mischief.'

'I confess to being disappointed that in the 14 years during which you have worked at the Echo you have so wholly failed to understand the purposes of management in general and myself in particular and can so greatly misconceive our work in this company.'

COSTS

'The only effect of your attack can be to cause strife among those who work at the Echo and put at risk their employment. Your intention seems to be to try to wreck an organisation... etc, etc, etc, blah, blah, blah.'

The letter ends: 'I am working to maintain that

tradition by using modern equipment so as to keep down the costs to the public and by seeking to prevent manipulation of newspapers' content by any union for its own political ends. Your help in achieving what seems to me to be those worthy motives would be much appreciated.'

So there we have Mr Richard Storey in a nutshell. In public, a 'reasonable' man, fair and decent to all, who even allows his critics to publish a letter in his newspaper.

In private (and in reality) a pompous, petty-minded boss who treats dissenting workers with the usual mixture of arrogance and bullying.

Nothing backs up Clive Collinson's first letter (and the Darlington strikers) more than Richard Storey's second (private) reply.

Join the Right to Work March

Will I get paid my dole money?

Before you go on the march just tell the dole office you are going on the march and ask for a holiday form. You will get your money paid to you as normal.

What about food and accommodation?

The marchers will be sleeping in big tents we have hired. All food will be provided free to all marchers. We will be collecting the money from trade unionists up and down the country.

What sort of entertainment is laid on?

Big dances and discos are being organised for every town we will be in. Several punk rock, rock and reggae bands have already offered their services. While we are telling them that we've got the right to work we'll make sure we have a good time. It will all be free for the marchers.

WE'LL WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE



LEN MURRAY!

March

Liverpool to Blackpool, 2-5 September

JOIN THE MARCH

I would like to join the march / have more information about the march.
Name
Address

Send to 265a Seven Sisters Rd, London N4 (phone 01-802 0978)

With thanks to TEMPORARY HOARDING

Scotland

ABERDEEN Womens Voice/Socialist Worker open meeting: Tuesday 16 August, 7.30pm, 163 King Street (first floor)

GLASGOW CENTRAL Socialist Workers Party public meetings: Every other Wednesday, 7.30pm, at SW Books, 84 Queen Street.
17 August: The Crisis in the Communist Party—Eurocommunism, Stalinism or revolutionary socialism?
31 August: Revolutionary socialism in the workplace—how to organise.

Yorkshire

HULL SOCIALIST BOOKS, 238 Springbank, Hull. Open 10am-5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

LEEDS STUDENTS: Will any member or supporter of the SWP coming to study at a college in or around Leeds please contact 5 Smith, 2 Chestnut Ave, Leeds 6, as soon as possible.

SHEFFIELD STUDENTS: Will any member or supporter of the SWP coming to study at a college in Sheffield please ring Sheffield 584561 as soon as possible?

LEEDS Socialist Workers Party new members' meetings: A series of fortnightly discussion meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, Leeds Trades Council Club, Seville Mount, Chapelwood Road.
11 August: Women and Socialism. Speaker: Rahana Minhas. This meeting is specially aimed at male chauvinist pigs! And they'd better attend!

North West

WYTHENSHAW Socialist Workers Party meetings: Every other Wednesday, Small Room, Wythenshawe Community Association, Portway Woodhouse Park.
17 August: Racism and blacks in Britain.
31 August: Women's rights and abortion.

HULME AND MOSS SIDE Socialist Workers Party meets every Thursday at the Grants Arms, Royce Road, opposite St Wilfreds School. Speaker alternate Thursdays.

LIVERPOOL: Any Socialist Workers Party members starting a course at Liverpool University, the Polytechnic or any of the colleges in September 1977 should contact: Merseyside district secretary, c/o 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1. Any non-members interested in SWP activities and meetings should also write.

BIRKENHEAD Socialist Workers Party meet every Thursday, 8pm, Pier Hotel, Woodside, Birkenhead (by the Ferry). Basic socialist ideas course now starting. All welcome.

LIVERPOOL SOUTH Socialist Workers Party meet every Wednesday, 8pm, County Hotel, Commercial Row, Liverpool 3 (opposite St George's Hall). All welcome.

KIRKBY Socialist Workers Party meet every Thursday, 7.30pm, Tower Hill Community Centre, Heathfield, Tower Hill, Kirkby. All welcome.

DIDSBURY and WITTINGTON Socialist Workers Party social: Friday 19 August, 8pm-midnight, The Cavalcade, Didsbury. Bar extension till midnight. 40p employed/20p unemployed. All proceeds to the Right to Work Campaign.

OLDHAM Socialist Workers Party regular discussions: Alternate Thursdays beginning 4 August, 8pm, The Sergeant at Arms, King Street (room behind the bar). Non-members welcome.

HULL Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Fight the fascist menace. Speakers: local trade unionists. Wednesday 17 August, 8pm, YPI, George Street.

CREWE Rock Against Racism gig, with Any Trouble band. Friday 12 August, 8pm, Angel Hotel, Victoria Street.

LEYLAND Socialist Workers Party now meets every Friday, 7.30pm, The Original Seven Stars, Slater Lane, Leyland.

STOCKPORT Socialist Workers Party meetings: Thursdays, 8pm, The Spread Eagle, Hillgate.
11 August: The Right to Work Campaign.
18 August: Is China socialist?

CRUMPSALL Socialist Workers Party open meeting on The Police, scheduled for 11 August has been POSTPONED. To be rearranged for a later date.

Midlands

LEAMINGTON Socialist Workers Party discussion meeting: What price domestic labour? Wednesday 10 August, 8pm, Stoneleigh Arms, Clemens Street.

Notices and meetings

Notices for this column must be posted to arrive by first post the Monday before publication. We cannot take them over the phone. Send CASH WITH COPY (10p a word) to Classified, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS. No invoices can be sent.

Provisional Sinn Fein INTERNATIONAL DAY RALLY: Sunday 7 August, assemble 2pm, Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, London, W1. All banners welcome.

BUILD THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE!

Public meetings and events organised by the Socialist Workers' Party and its fraternal organisations.

Send notices, to reach us by first post Monday at the latest, to Whats On, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2 9DS.



Lewisham 21, Wayne Williams, South Africa and Grunwicks and lots more news of the black struggle. Get your copy of the latest FLAME now! 8p per copy plus 7p postage. Orders from Flame 6 Cottons Gardens London E2 8DN

WOLVERHAMPTON Socialist Workers Party meetings: Thursdays, 8.30pm. The Garrick Head, Lichfield Street.
11 August: Discussion on the right to work.
18 August: Rape.

BIRMINGHAM Socialist Workers Party industrial branch public meeting: Workers against the law. Speakers: Paul Smith and Kim Gordon (SWP candidate, Ladywood parliamentary by-election). Sunday 14 August, 5pm, IS Books, 224 High Street, Digbeth.

Wales

ABERYSTWYTH: Coming to college in October? Anyone coming now to UCW, CLW or WAC please contact Jane Hanscomb, 10 Cambrian Square, Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

ABERYSTWYTH Womens Voice public meetings: Every other Tuesday, 8pm, side bar, Farmers.
16 August: Equal pay
30 August: Abortion

ABERYSTWYTH Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Every other Monday, 8pm, side bar, Farmers.

CARDIFF Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings for members and supporters. Every other Monday, SWP Bookshop, 58 Bridge Street.
15 August: Industrial relations and the role of the shop steward. Speaker: B Williams
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NORWICH: Would all Socialist Workers Party members and supporters coming to either the University of East Anglia, Norwich City College, or Keswick College, this October, please contact Dave Arthur, 76 Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk.

BURY ST EDMUNDS Socialist Workers Party: Any SW supporters in the area interested in building the local branch or in learning more about the SWP, contact Phil Franklin, 2 Castle Rise, Haughley, Stowmarket. Phone Haughley 441 after 8pm.

SOUTHERN AFRICA SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN:
New address—21 Mayall Road, Brixton, London SE24.
JUMBLE SALE: Camden Labour Centre, (near Camden tube), 11 am, Saturday 20 August. Please take jumble to SASC office or to 175a Kentish Town Road, London NW1, or phone 01-267-5059 for collection.
BADGES: In red and black, 20p each (plus 10p postage) or £2 for ten, £15 for 100.
PENS: Red with 'Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign' inscription. 10p each (plus 10p postage), 10 for £1.
Both available from SASC office (address above). Cheques payable to Southern Africa Solidarity Campaign.

LEGALISED TERROR—THE PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT: A pamphlet, written by Steve Berry (SWP Irish committee). 10p a copy (plus 8p postage) from SW Distributors, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. More than 10 copies, post free.



South East

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Rock Against Racism gig, with The Bears punk band, and disco: Saturday 6 August, 8pm-midnight, Old Town Hall Cellar, High Street. Admission 75p (unemployed 40p).

OXFORD: Students coming to Oxford next term please contact Ben Ross, 29 Richmond Road, Oxford.

ESSEX: Any SWP members and supporters coming to Essex University please contact Richard Aldry, 7 Purcell Close, Colchester, as soon as possible (to plan a fightback against victimisation).

CRAWLEY Socialist Workers Party discussion meeting: Capitalism and imperialism. Friday 12 August, 8pm, Brewery Shades, High Street. All readers and supporters welcome.

READING Socialist Worker/Flame discussion meeting: Defend the Lewisham 21 Fight Racism! Speaker from the Lewisham 21 Defence Committee. Thursday 11 August, 8pm, Trade Union Club, Minster Street (off Broad Street).

HARLOW Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Violence and the law. Speaker: John Deason. Thursday 11 August, 8pm, Room 5, Moot House, The Stow, Harlow.

London

SOCIALIST WORKER YOUTH MOVEMENT: London SWYM members are trying to set up a disco. Willing to collect any LPs or 45s from London comrades. Contact us through: Pete Chambers, c/o 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

NORTH WEST LONDON Socialist Worker coach trip to Brighton: Sunday 7 August. £2 adults, £1.25 unemployed, 75p kids. Fun for all. Have a socialist day out. Only limited number of tickets left. Apply now: Sarah Cox, 214 Roundwood Road, London, NW10 1451 0739.

THREE NEW CASSETTES FROM **SWR** SOCIALIST WORKER RECORDINGS

Why Russia isn't socialist

Dave Widgery on RACISM AND THE BLUES 55 minutes, £1.40

Paul Foot on SHELLEY AND REVOLUTION 87 minutes, £1.50

Duncan Hallas on WHY RUSSIA ISN'T SOCIALIST 42 minutes, plus 34 minutes discussion, £1.50

Prices include postage.

SWRecordings, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

WEST MIDDLESEX Socialist Workers Party discussion meetings: Every other Tuesday, 7.45pm, The Griffin, 57 Brook Road, Brentford.
9 August: The SWP and internationalism.
23 August: Women and socialism.

TOWER HAMLETS Socialist Workers Party open branch meetings: Alternate Thursdays, 8pm, Dame Colet House, Ben Jonson Road, London E3. All SW readers welcome.
11 August: Black nationalism. Speaker: Kim Gordon.

HACKNEY: All student members of the Socialist Workers Party living in Hackney during the summer please contact Richard, phone 01-739 9772.

HACKNEY Socialist Workers Party open meeting: Why Cuba isn't socialist. Thursday 11 August, 8pm, Centreprise, Kingsland Road.

South Coast

SOUTHAMPTON Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Was Lenin right? Which way to socialism? Speaker: Chris Harman, Friday 5 August, 7.30pm, Joiners Arms, St Mary Street, Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON Socialist Worker discussion meetings: Every Sunday, 8pm, The Anchor.
7 August: Ideas in society—how they dupe us.
14 August: Bosses' science v workers' needs—How science could be used.

BRIGHTON Women's Voice public meeting: A Woman's Right to Work. Speaker: Mary Robson. Wednesday 10 August, 8pm, The Eagle, Gloucester Road. If you need a babysitter, phone Brighton 687848.

NOISS

National Organisation of Student International Socialist Societies

Student Workers Party NATIONAL STUDENT MEETING: For all SWP members who will be students next academic year. Saturday 10 September. Watch this space for details.

NOISS CONVENORS: Every IS Society should send the name, address and telephone number of next term's convenor to NOISS, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2 as soon as possible so that mailings for next term can be sent out.

Action in the unions

BUILDING WORKERS in the Socialist Workers Party are urged to support the new issue of the rank and file paper, Building Worker. Send for BULK ORDERS now to the Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

BOILERMAKERS: Will all Socialist Workers Party members in the ASB contact the address below so that we can form a much-needed fraction in the union. Could all SWP district branch secretaries make sure that every name/address of Boilermakers members be sent to the address below. Contact: Dave Hayes, 16 Appleby Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne/Wear.

TGWU: Regional meetings for all SWP members and supporters in the Transport and General Workers Union. Region 5—MIDLANDS: Date to be fixed.
Region 1—LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Monday 15 August, details next week. Region 7—SCOTLAND: Saturday 20 August, in Glasgow, details next week. Region 6—NORTH WEST: Sunday 11 September, 1pm, 2b Dawson Street, Liverpool 1 (near Playhouse). Region 9—YORKSHIRE: Sunday 18 September, details later.
Region 4—WALES: Date to be fixed.

AGENDA: Report-back from national meeting, TGWU General Executive Council elections, Campaign for Democracy in the TGWU, the fight against the 12-month rule.

SW Notices

WITNESSES to any incident or arrest of comrades on the Lewisham 21 Demo, 2 July, please contact Box NX, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

Coming to **NORTH LONDON POLYTECHNIC** in the autumn? Please contact Tony or Kate on 01-607 3279 (daytime).

BAND, disco, expertise for Socialist Worker comrade, West London area. Phone 01-890 3255 any time.

ON SALE HERE

Socialist Worker Weekly 10p

SOCIALIST WORKER on sale here: plastic stickers for newspapers' windows available, 10p each. Stick inside of windows without glue. From SW Circulation, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

PRINTSHOP worker's slum falling around his ears—immediate assistance required! Anywhere, East, South West, North and North West London. Contact Drew 739-1870.



FLAME STICKERS: 100 for 25p. from Flame, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

STUFF THE JUBILEE BADGES still available: Be ready for the Queen and the other royal scroungers, visiting various towns during the summer. 20p each, 10 for £1.50, 50 for £7. from SW Recordings, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London, E2.

Sorry, posters and stickers completely sold out.
Would SWP branches and districts with debts for Stuff the Jubilee items please pay up at once.



CYPRIOUS WORKER—new issue out now in Greek and Turkish. Special issue on the anniversary of the coup and the invasion. Other articles on the cuts in Haringey, Grunwicks, Greece and Turkey, unionisation, news from the factories, etc. 10 copies for £1 from Cypriote Worker, c/o 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4

WOULD-BE COMRADE seeks room in house, preferably North London, from August. Starting at SOAS in October, house/flat with fellow students ideal but anything considered. Please phone Stephanie, 01-435 8837 (evenings).

Socialist Workers Party AFRICA GROUP WEEKEND SCHOOL 17/18 September, details later

Sessions to include: Southern Africa Liberation Movements, Uganda, Ethiopia, the military in West Africa, African socialism, perspectives for the SWP Africa Group (including production of a journal).

Open to all SWP members and supporters. All African members of SWP must attend. SWP districts should send at least one delegate.

WEEKEND SCHOOLS FOR NEW MEMBERS Discussions on The Roots to Reformist Politics The Communist Tradition Stalinism and Anti-Stalinism Revolutionary Politics Today

LEEDS: Weekend 30-31 July. Director: Fred Milson.
BIRMINGHAM: Weekend 13-14 August. Director: Sheila McGregor.
LONDON: Weekend 3-4 September. Director: Fred Lindop.
Fee £1. Accommodation provided. Open to all members of one year's standing or less. All districts to send students.

WRITE TO: Pete Fysh, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Details will be sent individually.

Reggae, Soul, Rock and Roll, Jazz, Punk, Punk.

LOVE MUSIC HATE RACISM

Bowie, Powell and Hitler—a Rock Against Racism poster. RAR's success shows that people are open to political ideas—if they speak to them 'where they're at'.

TURN MEDIA ON ITS HEAD!

EVERY DAY of our lives we're bombarded with sexist, racist and class ideas—by advertising, newspapers, telly, in jokes, books, the conversations of our workmates.

Thirty members and supporters of the SWP met in London last weekend to discuss how we can turn the system's propaganda on its head, using its channels to put across our own, socialist ideas.

POSTERS are the barrage used by advertisers. Here it's easy to hit back—a silkscreen workshop can be set up for £12, while a bit of imagination and six hours work will produce a poster. And if you haven't the time to do that, there are art colleges all over the country where students already have the skills and equipment.

John Dennis, from the Royal College of Art, told how students there have been painting eye-catching banners for the Right to Work Campaign, for strikers, and for various campaigns.

Local

MUSIC: the success of Rock Against Racism, linking with the protest of punk rock, has brought socialist politics to a mass of young people who'd be unlikely to read Socialist Worker or go to political meetings.

There are lots of local bands only too willing to show they stand against racism and exploitation by playing at local gigs.

One of the system's biggest propaganda channels is through women's magazines—rife with sexist, racist and class ideas. Socialists too can use **SHORT STORIES, POEMS, NOVELS, CARTOONS** to express their ideas—which is why **CAST**, the socialist theatre group, are planning a magazine called Sparkler.

FILMS cost money. A group of socialists calling themselves Rank and File Films are trying to raise £2000 to make a film of the September Right to Work March. Can anyone help? But there are socialist films around—and there are some excellent commercial films that could be made the focus for a discussion. That's the formula the SWP in East London is taking in its plans for a local socialist film club.

TELEVISION is tightly controlled by the system. But video, which enables television programmes to be recorded on tape and played back, can be used against it. What stops people doing this is the barrier the 'experts' build up around their technology—that it's a 'mystery' that 'ordinary people' can't deal with.

Plug

There is a lot of under-used video equipment in schools and youth clubs, 'waiting to be liberated', as one SWP member put it at the meeting. Imagine the effect of a strike committee member could go round the country not just giving a little speech about the strike, but able to plug a video tape into your television and show the picket line, the harassment by local police, the conditions inside the factory, the goods the strikers wanted blacked.

The meeting covered many topics too numerous to mention here—the setting up of a Rank and File Theatre group, plans to organise a socialist recordings studio, fundraising.

First

We decided to start an 'agitbulletin' to spread the use of posters, theatre, film, video, music, photos, to communicate socialist ideas. Its main emphasis will be on debunking the technology and 'professionalism' which the system monopolises these things.

The first issue, in September, will include Rock Against Racism, a short guide to silkscreening, a contacts list for socialist theatre groups, street theatre in Leeds, and many other things. Tell us about what's been going on in your area.

We've also set up a co-ordinating committee to help local initiatives and to put activists in touch with others in their field. Send us your ideas, take up the suggestions in this article—phone Dave Simmonds on 01-251 4977, or write to him at 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 1AT.

Russia: If you don't see Red, you must be mad...

PRETTY WELL everyone now knows that in the USSR people who are persistently critical of the 'Soviet Fatherland' or its rules are sometimes certified as insane and locked up in mental hospitals.

Of course, the denial of political status to political prisoners is in no way peculiar to Brezhnev's Russia.

British law, too, persistently refuses to recognise any category of political prisoner.

Tortured

Irish Republicans in English jails are treated as criminals. They are denied either political status or the status of prisoner of war—which you might think they qualified for if 'we are at war with the IRA' as the Tories

DUNCAN HALLAS ON THE REBELS THEY CALL 'INSANE'

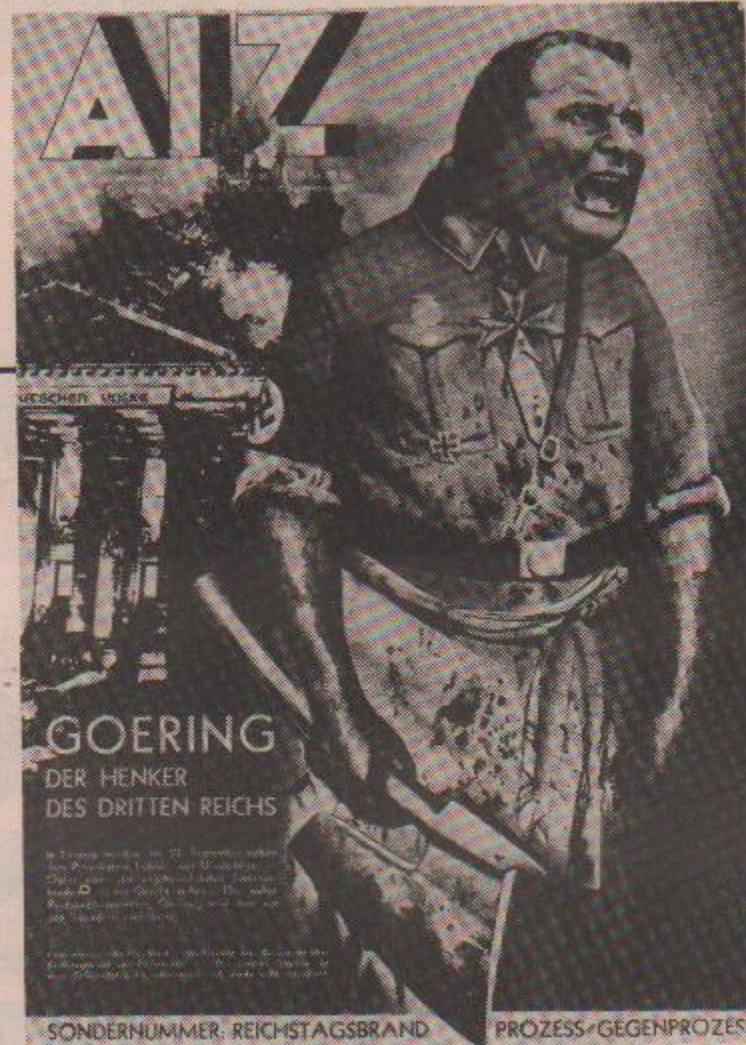
keep on saying. We know, too, that the British government now admits it, that in recent years Republicans have been tortured by the British equivalent of the KGB, using methods derived from psychiatric research (sensory deprivation etc).

Still, there is something peculiarly diabolical in the current Brezhnevite practice.

Certify a political opponent as insane and his protests, his arguments, can be described as simply symptoms of his sickness.

He says he was imprisoned because he tried to exercise his right of free speech as guaranteed, on paper, by the Constitution of the USSR?

Not at all. He was placed in care because his illness made



Goering the Executioner and Through Light to Night, two brilliant photomontages by John Heartfield, the German socialist. An exhibition of Heartfield's work is now showing at the ICA in London until 15 September.

DURCH LICHT ZUR NACHT



Also sprach Dr. Goebbels: Laßt uns aufs neue Brande entfachen, auf daß die Verblödeten nicht erwachen!

him a danger to himself and perhaps to others as well.

He says he has been forcibly injected with drugs which stupefy him?

Not so. The treatment he was given was in his own interests, although, as with many mental patients, he was too sick to understand this.

Delusion

He says there is a conspiracy to silence him?

But this is a very common delusion, characteristic of certain abnormal mental states and well known to medical science all over the world. And so on and so forth.

It is, as I say, peculiarly diabolical and, like many atrocious practices, it is the product of a conservative

'reform' in an unreformable society.

In 1960 a new criminal code was introduced in the USSR. Its proclaimed purpose was to introduce safeguards against a repetition of what were quaintly called the 'excesses' of the Stalin era.

One of its features was precisely the abolition of the distinction between political and criminal offences.

The distinction had existed under Tsarism—political status was relatively privileged, and, as a matter of course, was continued after the revolution.

Stalin reversed the position of political prisoners—millions of them under his reign of terror—by removing from them even the residual rights which the law prescrib-

ed for criminal convicts.

Under Khrushchev, the conservative reformer, a new set of regulations, with the force of law, was imposed on the 'security' machine. These made it more difficult to imprison under blanket charges or without charges at all.

But the bureaucratic oppression remains and so therefore does political opposition. The KGB now resorts to faked 'evidence' and, much more convenient, to psychiatry.

Maladjusted

The justification is well known. If a man or woman persistently obstructs and seeks to 'subvert' (a word loved by conservatives the world over) the operations of

a benevolent authority they are, by definition, 'maladjusted'.

Why are they maladjusted? It can't be the society that is at fault (that is the universal conservative assumption).

Therefore they are wicked and must be punished (old-fashioned theology) or mentally disturbed and must be cured (new-fashioned fake science).

It is worth pointing out that the view that 'deviants', political or criminal, are sick, did not originate in the USSR. It was born and flourished, first of all, in the USA.

American psychologists and psychiatrists, in the Twenties and after, made it into a dogma and they added an atrocity not yet practised by the KGB (so far as I

know); namely the doctrine that since some kinds of 'deviance' appear to be inherited, the 'deviant' should be forcibly sterilised.

And, in some Southern states, sterilised some poor folk were, for the triple crime of poverty, black skin and infringement of some law or other.

The vile treatment of hundreds of thousands committed to mental institutions in the USA, many of them as sane as any of us—at least when they were first imprisoned—eventually became a rich source for novelists and even Hollywood films—The Snake Pit is a famous example.

We hear little of it now, whether because conditions have improved or for other reasons is a question.

In the USSR and the USA psychiatric abuse is politically and ideologically motivated. In Britain? Surely not.

Well, you can get the same results by Callaghan/Healey policies. It was reported last week that 'voluntary' patients were being forcibly confined, stupified with drugs, beaten and abused.

That the number of cases of broken bones was four times the average for a century ago when asylums were places of terror.

In Siberia? In Mississippi? Not at all.

At a well known mental hospital in North West London.

Capitalism overthrown—live coverage

JUST IMAGINE: instant live coverage of the seizure of Buckingham Palace. Then the handing over of it to the Hospital for the Incurables.

Or the march of the Rank and File Policemen to the Workers' Council Rally at Wembley where they are seen to pledge themselves to building socialism and ask for guidance from the gathered throng—live on your screen as it happens.

ENG can do it. We have the technology.

We could bounce the radio picture of Jim Callaghan on his first day as a slum clearance worker off a wall in Cardiff, and beam it, via the Cardiff studios, into everybody's TV set—as it actually happens—WOW.

Zoom

It is with amazing foresight that our own BBC has invested £120,000 of our money into the first ENG unit.

ENG stands for Electronic News Gathering and the first experiments with this new system will zoom onto your screen at the end of this month.

The unit comprises a

Range Rover, two operators, a miniature camera, video equipment and a radio link-up both locally and to Television Centre.

The unit can be linked to a TCE (time code editing) machine and then passed on for transmission. It could even by-pass TCE and be transmitted as it arrives.

The mind boggles at its potential and one can't help fearing that the BBC and soon ITN won't have the imagination to use this equipment as it should be used—this side of the revolution.

For instance, the arrival of the equipment will coincide with the Right to Work Marchers on their way to confront the TUC Annual Conference.

Young unemployed school-leavers could be asked for their reaction to the system as they slog their way to Blackpool.

The next eviction of a poor family from their home could be shown as it happens and if immediately a hostile crowd turns up there could be a need for more than one ENG unit.

Workers could instantly communicate their decisions to other workers. Things like that.

What makes me think that

By
ROLAND MULDOON



the news programmes won't be using ENG in this way, is the statement made earlier in the year by David Nicholas, ITN's deputy editor.

He told the Independent Broadcasting Authority that as more and more interesting material became available to be shown, and the means of showing it became more efficient there could well be less room for EXPLANATION (Television Today 21.7.77, my capital letters).

Gradually

So thereby hangs the tale; we can't be trusted to interpret the news. Life is just too complicated for us to understand.

We need Andrew Gardiner (Everybody's Headmaster) and his friends to explain it all to us. Now let me get things into perspective.

My own headmaster told me 'you can't change the

world overnight. You must do it gradually, bit by bit. There's plenty of opportunities for those who try. If you don't like the way things are done, find a way of doing them better yourself.

What I'm getting at is that the IBA are looking for a new Head of Information; why doesn't one of us do it? Seriously, a lot of the qualifications required would just fit an SW reader. For instance:

that the person appointed will be particularly qualified by experience and aptitude to maintain and develop arrangements for contact with the public through meetings of various kinds throughout the country.

See what I mean? The salary is not less than £12,500 p.a. If you have got the...

intellectual capacity to give the Authority and its senior staff authoritative advice, based upon a capacity to identify the essentials of policy and to assess what is required in terms of the information function. We all shout at the TV news when it's on, don't we?

Applications close on 15 August. I mean if one of us got the job we might not need the Revolution. After all, it is the silly season.

To end on a serious note: if we don't do something soon, we could spend the rest of our lives receiving ENG pics of the ruling classes falling off their horses at the Windsor Horse Trials, and worse.

SUNDAY

Open University (BBC 2). Six characters in search of an author by Pirandello. TV adaptation of stage classic.

BY CHRISTIAN JUDGES CONDEMNED (ITV, 6.25pm) is about the trial in 1842 of socialist George Holyoake, the last person to be jailed in England for atheism.

MONDAY

OUT OF COURT (BBC-2), the tricks of the law trade explained.

TUESDAY

THE NEW EGYPTIANS (BBC-1) about the Egyptian middle class. Look between the lines. THESE 25 YEARS (BBC-1). Robin Day, Paul Johnson, Hugh Scanlon in the Rise of the Unions. 'Have they helped socialism?'

THURSDAY

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NO, WE
DON'T
SHUN
YOU

THE CATHOLIC Universe recently scaled new heights in hypocrisy and bigotry, condemning 'the rather sinister business of artificial insemination.'

It claims 'mistakes could have brother fathering a sister's child...'

And it asked what the fate of such a child would be.

'One half of its family it will never know, a tremendous handicap with which to start and go through life. Almost certainly there will be other handicaps, perhaps physical, perhaps mental, if the practice becomes widespread.'

But when we, as socialists, voices similar concern about the fate of unwanted children or protest the right of women to terminate a deformed foetus, these bigots denounce us!

□ N. DEMARCO, SW London.

SW and Gay News:

It made my heart sink...
Christianity is revolutionary...
Disgusting... sodomy is sin

Jesus was a working man, a carpenter by trade
Dying on the cross at Calvary was his claim to fame
He also had another claim, a much greater one than this

For Jesus of Nazareth was the world's first socialist.
He said the strong should help the weak
The rich should help the poor
He also had the courage to criticise the law

PAUL FOOT'S follow-up to the Gay News trial (23 July) made my heart sink.

It came across like a Sunday School lesson.

The foundations of gay oppression may be abstract and irrational but the oppression itself is very real.

It is our job to point the way forward for politicised homosexuals and to encourage the Labour Movement to give just a little material assistance.

□ LIONEL STARLING, N. London.

I WAS sad to see Paul Foot's article.

He resorted to emotive phrases rather than rational argument.

Attack the church for its oppression, bigotry, racism, sexism and as an agent of social control, but leave the Christian gospel separate.

It is a revolutionary message, and the early church carried this out in a revolutionary way.

□ CHRIS GREEN, Alliance for Radical Methodists.

AS A Christian, I cannot but deprecate your decision to publish (16 July) extracts from the Gay News poem by James Kirkup.

Jesus did no sin, and sodomy is sin.

Suppose I were to compose a poem which asserted that Lenin and Trotsky were a couple of 'old fags'. What would be the reaction of the Left? Is it not the case that many would growl that I had smeared them?

□ H C MULLIN, Glasgow

He spread the truth around the town and from the mountain side
He told of the Establishment and what they tried to hide

He criticised the demi-gods in their Ivory Towers
He told of their corruption and abuse of power
When the head men heard of this, they flew into a rage
And so they plotted with the law to have him put away

So they paid Judas and he told where Jesus stayed
And they went there and collected him and with his life he paid

And so by giving up his life he showed a road that we can't miss
So let's defend the weak and help the sick and be a socialist.

□ HARRY PENFOLD, Essex.

RAPE: Jail's no answer

DOES Gill Macey (Letters, last week) believe sending rapists to jail is going to cure them?

Or is she suggesting that we line up with judges like King-Hamilton and demand long periods of punishment for rapists 'to teach them

a lesson'.

Rape is a horrible, disgusting crime. But this society can't deal with the sickness it creates.

Don't let's fool ourselves that jailing rapists will make the world a safe place for women.

□ J LOPEZ, E London

Letters

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

CONTRARY to what Harry Jones says (Letters, 23 July) in his criticisms of my article on the Labour Party, SWP members do not restrict themselves to 'yelling exhortations' at people to join our party.

Of course we urge people to join us. This is because we do believe that the SWP is the basis from which a mass revolutionary party can be built, otherwise we would not be in the SWP.

But we realise that a mass party can only be built in struggle, which is why, far from 'shunning' socialists in the Labour or Communist Parties, we work alongside them in the fight against racism, the cuts, unemployment and the Social Contract.

Harry Jones says that 'at some stage in the future' socialists will be brought together in a revolutionary party. But when?

Conditions are over-ripe now for the building of a revolutionary socialist alternative to Labour. That is what we are trying to do in the SWP.

□ PHIL WEBSTER, Blackburn.

JOBS...WAGES...WE NEED A HUNDRED GRUNWICKS!

THERE ARE fantastic lessons to be learned from the Grunwick struggle.

When workers mobilise in mass struggle, there is no limit to what they can achieve.

How great it was on 11 July to see the bullying Special Patrol Group beaten at their own game.

Hundreds of them charged at the picket lines. They were trying to get the women, grabbing their hair or their breasts.

But the resistance was fantastic. The pickets drove

them back with ease. Chants of 'Easy, Easy' and 'The Workers United Will Never Be Defeated' rang through the picket lines.

Why not use the same mass struggle to smash the wages policy, the cuts in public spending, the National Front?

Why not take to the streets to defend the Right to Work and the living standards of pensioners, the sick and the handicapped?

In a capitalist society, workers only get what they are prepared to fight for.

The revolutionary poet,

Shelley, wrote: *Rise like lions from slumber, In unvanquishable number, Ye are many, They are few.*

Grunwicks shows that when workers take this kind of initiative, they show how weak the ruling classes are.

□ DAVE BARKER, Markham Main colliery, Armthorpe, Yorkshire

AS A WOMAN who has supported the mass picket of Grunwick's since 13 June, I am writing to clear up any doubts that male trade union militants may have had about women there.

We welcomed your arrival in force, and were surprised and angry to find ourselves abused, patronised and generally pushed aside by some of your contingents.

It's enough to have to confront police violence without the pickets being divided among themselves. Next time let's unite our strength.

□ SARAH GREAVES, Independent Mothers Movement



Victim of police violence at Grunwicks: women were the Special Patrol Group's first target

YOU'VE GOT A NERVE TO HAVE A GO AT US!

I DON'T know how you have got the nerve to continually criticise the Communist Party's programme. Your Party hasn't even got one. The British Road may have faults, but how exactly do you propose to win the mass of the workers to socialism?

You seem to assume that correct leadership in industrial disputes is the be-all and end-all. Nonsense! The majority of workers are not socialists, never mind the millions of other people outside the traditional working class. Before you pull the splinter from the CP eye, look at the beam in your own.

□ HELEN BLAIR, S Shields

Promises

IN THE LABOUR Party Election Manifesto, Harold Wilson promised: 'It is our intention to bring about a fundamental and irreversible shift in the balance of power and wealth in favour of working people and their families.'

These appear strange words when we read today that the standard of living for workers is falling while 'dividend payments continue to outpace inflation.'

Of course, there is an irreversible shift in wealth, from workers who produce it to owners who expropriate it.

This will only be changed with the abolition of private property. Then the antagonism of capital and labour will disappear.

Until this happens, workers should demand higher wages so as to maintain their living standards.

□ R. W., Harlow

Yes, but...

I ENJOYED reading Paul Foot's book, *Why You Should Be a Socialist*.

But your description of Russia as state capitalist is inadequate.

There is perhaps unwarranted bureaucratic privilege. There is a lack of freedom to dissent. But there are very real achievements.

There is no unemployment, inflation or land exploitation. Dire poverty has been overcome. Health protection, housing, food, employment does reach all the people.

□ C GOULD, Bromsgrove

Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS to Northampton SWP for the effective action it took over the case of Mrs Ward.

As a National Health patient suffering from a suspected over-active thyroid, I am by no means as deserving a case as Mrs Ward.

All I need is a course of tablets. I have waited nearly 11 weeks for them.

All this time I am losing weight. Normally I am ten and a half stones. When last weighed at the hospital on 4 July, I was 8 stones 10 pounds.

I have been informed by a local hospital that as a private patient I would have had only a fortnight to wait.

□ C. MYERSCOUGH, Twickenham

HOW MUCH longer are we going to put up with rubbish like I S Journal 100?

□ MAUREN TOTTOH, Manchester

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Jailed-for fighting a rent rise

TWO WEEKS AGO, I was thrown into jail for the night. I am a Zimbabwean member of the SWP.

With another tenant, a Nigerian, I had been to a tribunal a week earlier to stop the landlady increasing the rent.

The landlady and her son called the police and in ten minutes three cars-full arrived.

The police pushed my door open and asked me to show them my offensive weapon. I

didn't know what they meant.

They said they knew I had one and that I should hand it over. The landlady joined in, telling her son to show the police what he had seen in my room that day.

He went to my desk and pulled out a toy pistol I had bought for a friend's child. One policeman asked me whether it was what I used to threaten people with.

I explained who I had bought it for. The policeman put the toy back on my desk,

warning me not to scare people with it. They all left.

Then, 20 minutes later, a policeman and a detective burst into my room and said he was 'nicking' me for threatening behaviour and for having no fixed address. He was standing in my room as he said it.

At the police station, they emptied my pockets and put me in a cell. An hour later, the detective brought an old rent cheque to me which had bounced but which I had paid

VICTIMS OF A SMASH-AND-GRAB SOCIETY

BLACK children are being forced to fend for themselves before they come of age.

This is mainly because of the selfishness of some parents and because the children are not taking the course in life which the parents think suitable, such as being a doctor or nurse.

The plight of we blacks

seems fixed.

We have been the victims of a society which exists solely to be exploited by men, where smash and grab is the only law.

The happiest person of this society is the person with the most possessions, and the chief satisfaction in life is to get more and more.

The law of this society is competition and the sensible way to act is to get on and push someone else down.

The further up the tree you climb, the less you do, while the 'Big Top' at the top of the tree does no work at all.

□ A. GENTLES, N.W. London

later.

He said I was a thief and that this, with the other charges, meant that I would have to be deported to Rhodesia. They left me over night and threatened the same early in the morning.

I asked to phone friends. At 11am they suddenly said I could go, but warned me that they were going to watch every move I made.

Obviously they were trying to stop me fighting the landlady over the rent. But as they found that I was a Zimbabwean and they saw Socialist Workers and other SWP stuff in my room they wanted to intimidate me

I left Rhodesia to escape the settler landlords' police. I am not going to stop struggling for socialism because of harassment from the British police who protect the landlord class here.

□ MAURICE BUSMANI, N London

The revolutionary road to socialism

I'M AN old age pensioner, 82 years of age today, ex-miner, out on strike in 1920, out on strike in 1921, and out for seven months in 1926.

The Socialist Workers Party speaker makes me believe we're living in fairyland. My street is half a mile long—one Morning Star reader as far as I know.

So what are you talking about? That the working class in our street are ready for revolution tomorrow? Don't let's kid ourselves.

We can't compare this country with Russia in 1917. We can talk here until we're black in the face.

Remember the media is in favour of the National Front. And there are the most intelligent men and women who sit every night in front of the box, hour after hour, swallowing it hook line and sinker.

We haven't got the British working class. They're all paying bloody big mortgages. Some of them are paying £25 a week mortgage. You talk to them about coming out on strike—they'll murder you.

THE WORDS above came from a speaker from the floor during the recent debate between the Communist Party and the Socialist Workers Party in Walthamstow, East London. Their message worries thousands of socialists.

Is it really possible that all those readers of the Sun, the Mirror, the Mail and the Express are going to be won to socialism? How are we to do it? Aren't revolutionary socialists lunatics to believe that Britain in the 1970s can be like Russia in 1917?

Such pessimism is not new. Any socialist battling against the stream of ignorance and abuse knows how difficult it is to win even one person in a hundred to our beliefs. Yet a socialist revolution depends on us winning the majority.

Today, looking back, the Russian revolution seems to have been easy, the climax of a continual upward movement of the Russian peoples. But it did not seem like that in the 20 or 30 years of struggle needed to build a revolutionary movement in Russia.

Narrow minded

Listen to Lenin describing the period before the first revolution in 1905: 'The revolutionary party of Russia consisted of a small group of people and the reformists of those days derisively called us as a "sect".

Several hundred revolutionary organisers, several thousand members in local organisations, half a dozen revolutionary papers appearing not more frequently than once a month... such were the revolutionary parties in Russia.

This circumstance gave the narrow minded and overbearing reformists justification for their claim that there was not yet a

revolutionary people in Russia.' And who said this of Russia: 'We of the older generation may not live to see the decisive battles of the coming revolution.' It was Lenin, on 9 January 1917.

Six weeks later the great Russian revolution began.

The great German and Polish revolutionary Rosa Luxemburg was so depressed when she saw workers rushing to support the world war in 1914 that she briefly contemplated suicide.

More recently, the left in France was just as pessimistic in April 1968. No-one forecast that within weeks the biggest general strike in history would be paralysing the country. One writer, Andre Gorz, even said a general strike was 'impossible'.

In Portugal in March 1974 no-one predicted the revolution that took place a month later.

ACTION IS THE KEY

IN ALL these situations the majority of workers did not begin with revolutionary ideas. Many were as reactionary as anyone you might meet down your street or row with in the pub.

Yet revolutionary change followed soon afterwards. Why?

Because workers found themselves facing immense problems that they could only deal with by taking actions that shook their own preconceived ideas.

You don't have to look far to find examples of how workers' ideas and actions can be transformed once they are involved in major struggles.

A year ago the Grunwicks workers had been prepared to tolerate for years abominable bullying by their managers. Then they walked out on strike for the most modest of demands. The experience of



manning the picket lines and running that strike has turned them into heroes.

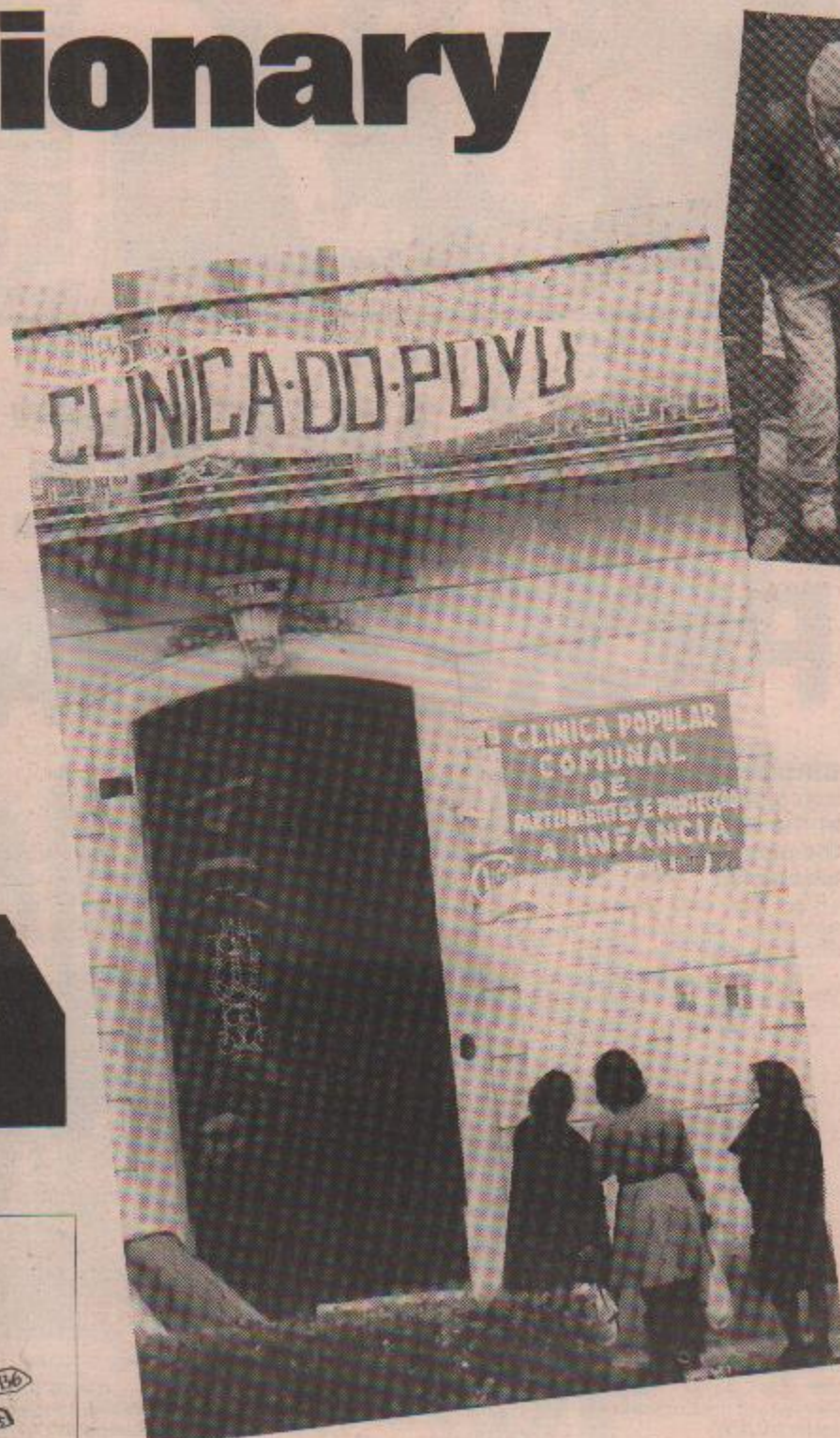
They have come to see that more is involved in their struggle than just wages or conditions. They see that they are fighting for a principle vital to millions of other trade unionists.

And many other trade unionists have seen that too, risking arrest or the sack in order to support the Grunwicks strikers.

Transformation

The transformation has taken place despite the lies in the newspapers and TV, despite the insults, despite the half-hearted and often treacherous leadership from their own union leadership.

There is no reason why the change that happened to the Grunwicks strikers should not happen to a million, or for that matter 20 million, other workers. The key question is how does the sort of struggle develop that makes such changes in attitude possible?



WHAT IS THE WAY FROM ONE TO THE OTHER?

ABOVE: The symbol of an apathetic and defeated working class—unemployment in the Thirties.

LEFT: A 'people's clinic', set up in an ornate merchant's mansion in Lisbon. Such big houses were occupied all over Portugal during the 1974 revolution, bringing medical care to thousands of workers for the first time in their lives.

CRISIS OPENS THE WAY

SUCH STRUGGLES do not appear out of thin air. They depend partly on the existence of people prepared to give a lead in organising their fellow workers, in taking the initiative in standing up against the employers.

But that by itself is not enough.

If the majority of workers feel they can get what they want without struggle, no struggle will take place.

The question we have to start with when looking at Britain today is not 'Do the majority of workers agree with our revolutionary ideas?' but 'Can the majority of workers continue to live and act on the basis of the reactionary ideas that have been stuffed into their heads in the past?'

It is not surprising that for the first 30 years after the Second World War the vast majority of workers were content to accept what they were told about society. In most of those 30 years workers benefitted from full employment, basic welfare services, and slowly rising living standards.

Crisis-free

Capitalism was crisis-free and workers found life within it more or less tolerable.

But in the past three or four years things have begun to

change. We are now in the age of permanent unemployment, permanent inflation and permanent economic crisis.

Capitalism itself is forcing workers to fight for things which they used to take for granted.

The struggle is not a simple one. As we know from the past three years, it includes periods of downturn as well as periods of rising struggle. But the trend is towards increased militancy in the working class.

Bitter strikes

At this moment, the very success of our rulers in cutting living standards is creating a reaction among workers that will, in all probability, lead to large and bitter strikes, the sort of strikes we saw during the years of the Heath government.

The Grunwick picket line is a foretaste of what we can expect in the next two years, whichever party is in government.

Our rulers find themselves in a precarious position. To solve

their economic problems they have to keep up the attack on living standards. But to do that successfully, they will be forcing workers into struggles that can begin to undermine the control ruling-class ideas now hold.

For a time they may be able to juggle things so as to avoid the worse effects of this dilemma. But they cannot do so indefinitely.

The struggles that result could bring a massive change in the way workers look at the system we live under, and open the way for revolutionary socialism.

CHRIS HARMAN

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□ If you would like a speaker on The Revolutionary Road to Socialism for a local meeting, phone Richard Buckwell on 01-739 9772.

Sheffield's
own
Grunwick
bosses

SHEFFIELD: The picket line outside Flame Hardeners, a subsidiary of Hoist Brothers, bears placards which read 'Sheffield's own Grunwick Bosses'.

The strike of 30 Engineering Union members is now in its third week and has been made official.

David Hughes, shop steward, told Socialist Worker: 'We are striking because of unfair dismissal.'

'A man was sacked for alleged shoddy work, but he was on a probationary period and since there are no training facilities at this firm he couldn't learn the job. Trouble has been brewing here for years over training.'

Joined

Another striker said: 'Before the strike, only three workers were in the union. Now all 30 production workers have joined the union and have come out.'

'Only one T&G member from the warehouse is scabbing. He is doing our work inside.'

Management are refusing to talk to the union officials and say they will not even discuss the strikers' case until they return to work.



On the picket line at Beefeater's: the first dispute in 150 years.

S LONDON: 250 members of the Transport Union have been locked out at the Beefeater Gin distillery in Kennington.

The workers are demanding that 50 agency workers at the plant join the union, and that the company recognises a post-entry closed shop. Management have turned down these demands and suspended the workers when they refused to work with non-union labour.

This contract labour—largely supplied by Manpower and Com-

mercial Contracts—amounts to a fifth of the labour force, and undercuts the wages and conditions of the regular workers.

And in an area where there are 10,000 registered unemployed, the use of agency labour prevents the creation of permanent jobs.

This is the first dispute in the 150-year history of James Burroughs, which made £1.7 million profit last year from the production of Beefeater Gin and Borzoi Vodka, most of which is sold overseas.

Strike
at £9
a week
sweat
shop

By Gail Armstrong
Coventry SWP

COVENTRY: 18 courageous Indian women went on strike last week at Forward Trading, a sweatshop employing 27 women in all.

The factory owner, Mr Sarinde Singh, made six TGWU members redundant, including the shop steward. For nine months, Mr Singh refused to recognise the union.

Mrs Harbhajan Dhani, the women's leader, told us: 'There is no basic pay. If Mr Singh thinks the work is not up to standard, we don't get paid for it.'

'You get 4½p for trousers pockets, 7½p for waistbands. There is no clock, so hours cannot be checked.'

The average take-home pay for 42 hours is between £11 and £13 and sometimes as low as £9.

Returned

On Monday the pickets turned away three women. Half an hour later, Mr Singh left the factory in his car and returned with the women and led them in by a side door.

He spoke to one of the young pickets, leaving her in tears.

There are at least 700 Indian women workers suffering similar conditions in Coventry alone.

If these 18 women win their fight it will give the rest the strength and courage they need to confront sweatshop owners all over the city.

Messages of support and donations to: Mrs Harbhajan Dhani, 2 Brewster Close, Stoke Hill Estate, Coventry.

WHY WERE THESE PICKETS BANNED?

BIRMINGHAM: Dave Morgan and Roy Morris, two of the most stalwart supporters of the strike at the Night Out club, have been banned from the picket line—because they are militant trade unionists.

The ban was imposed by the city's stipendiary magistrate, Norwood, in an open display of anti-trade union prejudice.

'The old beak rubbed his hands,' says Dave Morgan, 'and said "I've never had an industrial dispute before".'

On 11 July, Dave, Roy and other trade unionists appeared in court to put their case against the Night Out manager Clive Preston and other scabs.

They had issued summonses for assault after being attacked on the picket line by Preston and Co following a scabs march through the city in April.

Several pickets—but not Dave Morgan—had been issued with cross summonses, also alleging assault, by the scabs.

Giving evidence, Dave Morgan said he did not work at the Night Out, though his wife Liz did.

'Where I made a mistake,' said Dave, 'was that I openly admitted I was a trade unionist, and supported the Night Out strike. As soon as I said that, I knew I'd put my foot in it'.

Dismissed

The next day, the magistrate dismissed all the charges of both sides. But he then called Dave Morgan and Roy Morris to the front of the court, bound them over to keep the peace, and banned them from the Night Out picket line.

Dave hadn't even been charged, let alone found guilty of anything!

Dave is appealing against the decision of the magistrate. Liz and the other Night Out strikers are determined to continue the fight. She said:

'It's such a long time now



Liz and Dave Morgan: 'I knew I'd put my foot in it', said Dave.

that people often forget what the basic issue is. We started to form a union in that place because the conditions were disgusting.

'We waitresses had a constant fight to find the things we needed to serve customers—spoons, cups and so on. We were paid £26 for 25 hours.'

'Pat McGuire was our shop steward. She was sacked on a trumped-up charge for answering back to a customer.'

'She told a man what was quite true—"the bloody melon is frozen and the halibut is off".'

'The man didn't complain at the time. He tipped her well. Only two days later did he send in a written complaint. And he's a friend of the manager!'

'Everybody knows Pat was sacked because she was a steward, because Trust House Forte don't want a union. We're determined to get a union in there, and start to get

rights for hotel and catering workers everywhere.

'We've already run the place down quite a lot. They have to give out complimentary tickets now: even when Mike Yarwood came, they couldn't fill the place.'

Blackleg

Mike Yarwood, who got an MBE from Harold Wilson, is known on the picket line as a Member of the Blacklegs Empire.

Margaret Renn, SWP Women's Organiser, writes:

This dispute is vital. Women's Voice groups all over the country should organise pickets of Trust House Forte hotels and clubs to coincide with the Saturday evening mass pickets of the Night Out.

Use Liz Morgan's statement in Socialist Worker as the basis for a leaflet.

WE WON'T WORK IN THIS HELL ANY MORE!

N LONDON: Archway Social Services team in Islington have been refusing to work in their offices since 6 July.

The offices are in an old church hall in the centre of a concrete island with juggernauts whizzing past all day.

The noise and smell of the lorries means that windows have to stay closed and the office becomes a greenhouse in the summer.

The Factory Inspector was called earlier in the year and he told the Council that the offices failed to meet minimum legal standards on three counts: high noise level from the traffic, lack of ventilation, and poor decoration.

He said the staff should be moved as soon as possible. But nothing happened.

By Mary Green,
Mike Webb
and Eric Hill

The Archway team has official backing from their branch, Islington NALGO, and from NALGO's National Executive Council. The workload of the team has been blacked by the whole Social Services Department.

An extension of this blacking is being sought with voluntary organisations, the probation service and other departments within the borough.

Daily

The team have also been maintaining a daily picket outside the Area Office which has been complemented by other members of the department, by clients and also NALGO members from other boroughs.

Dirty, overcrowded and unsuitable offices could be replaced but instead we are seeing cuts in services and accommodation, which will make matters even worse.

NALGO Archway benefit social. Theatre group, disco, real ale. Caxton House, 129 St Johns Way, N19. (Archway Tube) Friday 12 August, 8pm. Admission 50p.

NUPE WITCH-HUNT: 5 BANNED

SOUTHAMPTON: Five supporters of a local rank and file NUPE paper, Challenge, have been suspended and may be expelled from NUPE in an attempt by branch secretary Arthur Hill to rid the Southampton district branch of 'dissidents'.

He is using the rule which forbids members from circulating prejudicial information about NUPE. The allegation is totally unfounded.

Hill is supported by full-time official Sean Hilliard and received tacit encouragement from Alan Fisher. A support committee has been formed. Messages to: Paul Jenkins, 25 Tennyson Road, Portswood, Southampton.

CONVENOR SACKED

BRISTOL: I was sacked last Friday for 'incompetence'. The Works Manager searched my toolbox and then escorted me off the premises so I could not speak to the members.

The company has not followed its own disciplinary procedure. It has continually harassed me since I became a shop steward.

I am the only employee who has to ask permission to go to the toilet. They worry about my whereabouts in the factory.

Recognition

Welding Industries has sacked trade unionists in the past for organising a union. We obtained recognition last January.

My 'incompetence' has won re-grading for every electrician, a public telephone, lockers and a stewards' room. We have put in for a ten-

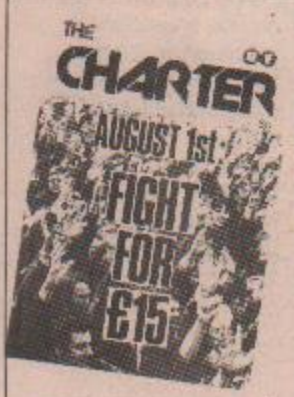
By Jim Wills,
EETPU Convenor,
Welding Industries

minute break in every hour. Fourteen EETPU members walked out on Monday to support me. 50 AUEW members showed their solidarity by walking out.

Because of the line I have taken over women's rights and racism, two office girls supported the picket line. Almost all the Sikhs and blacks then walked out in defiance of their own TGWU stewards.

A non-unionist walked out and said he was coming back on Tuesday to join the union.

We call on lorry drivers, the postmen, Rolls Royce diesel division and Lister Engines and Dorman diesel engines to black all goods going through WI. We call on the dockers and air freight to black W I Exports.



FOR REAL
EQUAL PAY AND
WOMEN'S RIGHTS

VOTE RANK
AND FILE

VOTE MORRIS

SOME stickers produced by Engineers Charter, the rank and file paper run by members of the Engineering Union (AUEW).

They are part of the Charter campaign for Ian Morris, their candidate for AUEW president. The election is being held in the autumn to replace Hugh Scanlon, who is retiring.

Ian Morris is a leading shop steward at London's Heathrow Airport.

Stickers and other information about the campaign from Engineers Charter, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

The new CHARTER, for engineering and motor industry workers, is now out. Articles on—New claims, The case for a rank and file President, Desoutters etc. 15p (incl. postage). Bulk orders (ten or more)—post free. Order (with cash) from 265a Seven Sisters Rd., London N4.

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Reject this Leyland pay package

LEYLAND were due to present a wages package on Thursday to senior stewards representing 100,000 workers.

The package was being presented in some newspapers as a threat to the government's ten per cent wage norm and to the 12-month rule.

Power

But the real threat is the ability of Leyland workers to fight in the years ahead for wage increases that keep ahead of prices.

The package has two real aims. First, to replace the present plant-by-plant

bargaining, which leaves some power at least in the hands of stewards close to the shop floor, with nationwide bargaining to be carried out by full-time union officials and convenors who are very distant from the shop floor.

To achieve this, the wages for all car workers would be agreed on a single date in November, instead of at different times throughout the year, as at present.

This aspect of the offer is said to 'break the 12-month rule' for many of the car workers. But Leyland believe the government will regard this as a minor matter compared with the gains for pay restraint entailed in its

approach.

The second main aim of the package is to get workers to pay for any move towards catching up with price increases, by however little an amount, by working harder.

Worse paid

Wage increases for the worse-paid plants to move towards parity with the better paid are tied to productivity. The package is aimed at improving a national incentive scheme, over which the stewards in particular plants will have little control.

The package contains no figure for the national across-the-board increase the

company promise. Instead, the company want to put the pressure on workers in the low-paid plants to wait for

the productivity based parity increases.

Instead of the demand for parity being used, as the toolmakers used it, to fight for increased wages, it will be used by the company to impose lower wage increases.

Delays

Leyland and the government are using blackmail in an attempt to push the package through. The company is saying the deal must be accepted as a

whole, without any alteration to individual parts.

Blackmail

And if it is rejected, there will be further delays in investment for the replacement of the Mini.

But it should be rejected. Incentive schemes and increased productivity mean a loss of jobs.

National bargaining means a destruction of rank and file control over wage negotiations.

What is needed is a big pay rise now, as well as parity without strings of any sort.

Magnificent! Echo printers

join NUJ strikers

DARLINGTON: Printworkers at the Northern Echo have come out on strike in an unprecedented show of solidarity with journalists.

The 107 NUJ members have been on strike for ten weeks to defend their post-entry closed shop. Ten members of SLADE voted unanimously to come out in support after the TUC Printing Industries Committee agreed to back to journalists.

NGA members were refusing to cross the picket line on Tuesday morning and members of the other union involved, NATSOPA, are meeting to decide what action they will take.

The printers' support means that the morning, evening and weekly papers printed at Darlington can be stopped.

But the Westminster Press management are not likely to give in easily. They have said that they would rather close the papers than give in to an NUJ closed shop.

Said Dave Nicholson, a member of the NUJ strike committee: 'The print unions have clearly been impressed by the chapel's solidarity and determination to win a closed shop.'

'It is heartening to see the few chapel members who voted against the closed shop declaration a year ago standing on the picket line arguing the case for a closed shop with delivery drivers, print workers and members of the public.'

Support the mass demonstrations of solidarity with NUJ strikers and printers at Darlington 5 and 19 August, 8pm-midnight, Priestgate, Darlington.

LONDON: The 12-month rule is at the centre of a dispute at Marshall Cavendish, the publishers.

The 117-strong NUJ chapel has a signed agreement with the company for a £500 pay rise as soon as pay policy permits and are demanding payment from 1 August.

The company, which in 1976 made £8,450 clear profit per employee, says the 12-month rule prevents payment until October.

Talks between NUJ officials and management have failed to persuade the company to honour its agreement.

WE'VE WON!

By Ian Austin, Chairman, NUPE Selly Oak Hospital Branch

BIRMINGHAM: A meeting of the Area Health Authority was picketed by angry NUPE members from all parts of the city.

The AHA later announced they would reinstate the sacked employee at the Women's Hospital—a complete victory for the workers.

Mrs Ingram had been a domestic supervisor at the Womens Hospital for about 18 months when she was sacked, allegedly for incompetence.

After long negotiations and appeals her case was taken to an industrial tribunal, and won. But management would not reinstate her at the same hospital.

There were strikes at the Womens and Queen Elizabeth hospitals followed by lightning strikes, go-slows and blacking at a dozen Birmingham Hospitals.

We want 23 per cent

By Kathy Tait, AUEW shop steward, Landis and Gyr

LONDON: Our claim for 23 per cent wage increases has produced an offer from Landis and Gyr management of ten per cent.

They tell us they can't afford more than the government say we can have. We know they can.

Their offer, with a bit extra towards differentials if we agree to job evaluation, has been turned down unanimously.

We are staging selective half-day strikes until they revise it.

SHEFFIELD: 650 production workers, mainly women, are still on strike at Batchelors' pea factory.

Pathetic

They want to force the Unilever group to honour an agreement for a ten per cent pay increase.

The company have so far offered a pathetic £2 and a productivity deal which will

KILWINNING SIT-IN: SPREAD THE STRIKE

KILWINNING: The occupation of Essex International by 130 women and 30 men from the Engineering Union is still solid.

But the 12-week-old battle is reaching a stalemate as management prepare to sit it out. If the workers are to win, they will have to extend the fight.

The strike was provoked when management tried to introduce time and motion study without consulting the union.

The women are particularly angry. It was only after they came out on strike that they discovered considerable differences between the wages in Derry where workers are mainly men, and Kilwinning. They are demanding parity.

Messages of support and donations to: Bill Murgatroyd, AUEW Convenor, Essex International Strike Fund, AUEW Halls, King Street, Kilmarnock.

By Joanna Redford

mean the loss of 100 jobs through natural wastage.

But the union are still solidly demanding ten per cent.

Batchelors have refused to go to arbitration and insist, despite record profits and the building of a luxury new office block for management and office staff, that they can't afford the wage increase unless the workers produce even more.

The fitters are paying a 50p

weekly levy to supplement the women's £6 strike pay from the Transport Union.

But the Batchelors' bosses passed on information to Social Security about the company savings bank. As a result, the SS told some women to 'go away and live on your savings. You'll get nothing from us.'

Combine

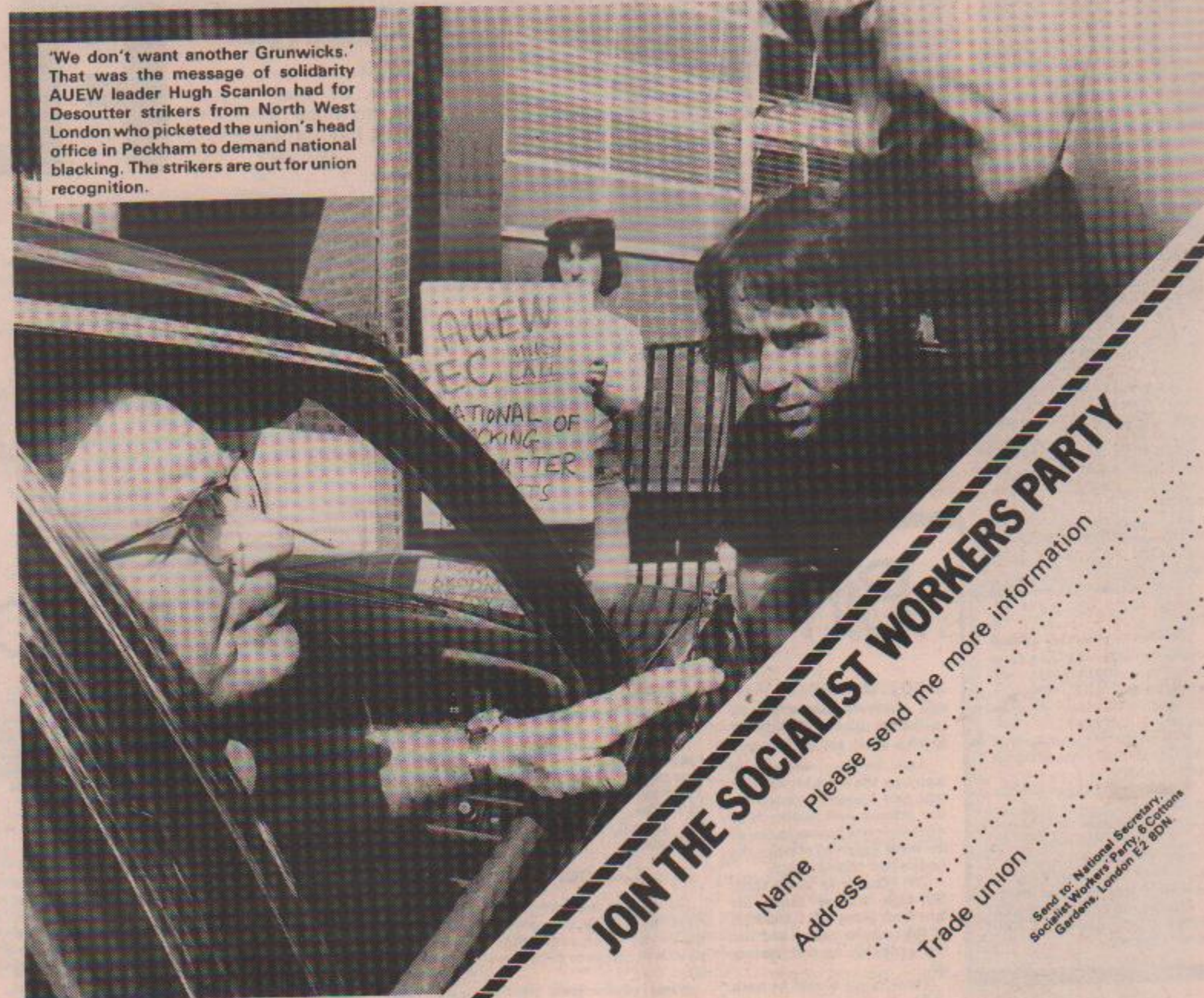
The Worktop factory, which is also on strike, voted overwhelmingly last week to stay out.

The pea harvest began two weeks ago and Batchelors stand to lose £14 million if the crop is not canned soon.

As part of the giant Unilever chain, workers at Batchelors can only win their strike by linking up with workers in other subsidiary firms and forming a combine to fight for decent wages and to halt the loss of jobs which is clearly Unilever policy.

Money and donations to: Vin Knight, 42 Grisell Crescent, Foxhill, Sheffield 6.

KILMARNOCK Socialist Workers Party public meeting: The fight for the right to work. Speaker: Harry McShane and Iain Ferguson, Glasgow SWP (NALGO shop steward), Thursday 11 August, 7.30pm, Grand Hall, Kilmarnock.



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GAY ATTACKS PROTEST

LONDON: 300 gay people, supported by Womens Voice and Socialist Workers Party members, marched through Earls Court last Saturday to protest about the Gay News conviction and the increasing violence against gay people.

Speakers later told of the violence in Vauxhall, where a lesbian lost her sight, and of the dreadful murder of Peter Benyon in Finsbury Park. A march in protest against this murder starts from Wood Green station this Saturday at 1.30pm.

NALGO jolt council plans

LONDON: Tower Hamlets Council has decided to stop doing minor repairs for tenants. This would involve all 18,000 tenants being given notice to quit and new contracts made.

NALGO members in the housing department are refusing to handle letters about his and local postmen have agreed not to cross picket lines to collect the mail.

The action is being supported by the trades council and tenants groups and has been made official by the NALGO emergency committee.

Opposition to the council's

By Alison Carlmale, Tower Hamlets NALGO

policy is part of general opposition to the cuts. The housing department is chronically understaffed and there was no consultation about this extra work.

While the council has promised no redundancies, this will inevitably lead to a reduction of work for the direct labour organisation and so the possibility of fewer jobs.

One lot of letters is now out of date as a result of this action. The council's next move is awaited.

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STOP THE NAZI FRONT

Demonstrate Saturday 13 August; Assemble 1pm, Clifton Rise (near New Cross Station)

Called by August 13 Organising Committee, supported by Lewisham 21 Defence Committee, SWP, Right to Work Campaign and individual members of the Labour Party and Communist Party.

□ All SWP branches and members in London, Midlands and Home Counties to support

RITA'S HOME!



NOW JANET, FACES COURT BATTLE

REMEMBER Rita Ward, the Northampton woman who took over a hospital bed and insisted on a gallstones operation?

Remember how the Press accused her of queue-jumping? Well, Rita's out of hospital now, and she tells Socialist Worker:

'Mr Chapman, the surgeon who operated, said that if I hadn't had the operation when I did, I would have been dead within a week.'

Rita summed up her case with a simple sentence. 'The cuts' she said 'cost lives. Direct action saves lives.'

The police had a welcome home present for Rita last Friday. Her daughter Janet was arrested at a bus stop near Abington Park.

Arrested

The police sergeant (no 101) who arrested her had been involved several months ago in accusing her of making 'hoax' telephone calls (nothing came of the accusation, except Janet's sacking from a shoe company).

At Campbell Square police station, Janet refused to get out of the car until she could see a lawyer.

She was forced out and carried in by five police officers.

On the way in, they forced one of her legs through a glass panel in a door. Finally, she was charged with 'malicious damage' to the door—but not for any bomb hoax!

The disgusting treatment of the Ward family has gone on long enough.

People *must* come to the picket we've organised at Campbell Square magistrates court next Wednesday (9 August) when Janet is appearing on a trumped-up charge of causing a breach of the peace.

Messages of support to 2 Bitten Court, Lumber Tubs, Northampton.



ABOVE: Janet Ward winning backing for her mum's hospital bed occupation (Top); now, Janet needs support

I was a mugger-in-blue: PAGE EIGHT

CARNIVAL: POLICE FRAME-UP FLOPS



THE Carnival Trial at the Old Bailey has collapsed.

Attempts by London police to frame 18 young West Indians on conspiracy charges have failed.

The police have got convictions against only nine of them—and on much lesser charges than they wanted.

Charged

The young blacks were arrested in the wake of last year's Notting Hill Carnival and charged with conspiring with 'persons unknown' to commit thefts 'at places unknown' and 'at times unknown'.

Many were beaten up. They made statements after having spent hours and sometimes days in police

custody without seeing either relatives or friends.

Their trial started three months ago at a cost to the taxpayer of £500,000.

The jury, after a record retirement, were unable on Tuesday to agree about the conspiracy charges.

Earlier, they had cleared three of the boys completely.

One of the acquitted youths, Mark Carter, was approached outside the Old Bailey by Inspector Carter who had been involved in the case.

He was told: 'If we see you on the streets we'll get you one way or the other.'

Already the police are claiming to have 'Ulster-style' riot shields to deal with this year's Carnival.

As we go to press, we do not know whether the judge will order a retrial.

Sentenced

Nor do we know how he will sentence the few youngsters who pleaded guilty to theft. But it is already clear that the doubts in the minds of the jury are about the police persecution of black youngsters.

Since the arrests in Islington, police have

swooped on young blacks in Lewisham and Kensal Rise in London, and in Nottingham.

Conspiracy charges have again been used.

But in each case Defence Committees have been formed—and they now have a mighty boost for their campaigning.

In Lewisham, South London, this is particularly important.

The Nazis of the National Front are trying to wreck the defence campaign of 21 youths on conspiracy charges similar to those of the Islington 18.

Intend

The Nazis intend to march through the black area of the borough on 13 August with the aim of 'driving off the street' the defence committee. They must be stopped.

The Defence Committee has called for trade unionists and black people to gather at the starting point for the Nazi march and to stop it assembling.

Other local left wing organisations are now marching close to that assembly point, in time for their supporters to join in confronting the Nazis.

We call upon all our readers in the Midlands, the Home Counties and the London area to help drive the Nazis off the streets of Lewisham.

Birmingham 'oil bomb' scandal

A SQUARE mile of Winson Green, Birmingham could be blown to bits if British Rail get their way.

And, surprise, surprise, it won't be the stockbroker belt that gets blown to glory, but five schools and hundreds of working-class houses in one of the most deprived areas of the Ladywood constituency.

The plan is to build three 50ft-high storage tanks for 'low flash point oil'. 9,000 tons of this will be petrol and the rest probably central heating oil.

These tanks would be built

on derelict British Rail land about 50 yards from the nearest houses.

The escape vents from the tanks would open at 32 degrees centigrade (90 degrees Fahrenheit) to allow vapour to escape, which will pool on the ground, as it is heavier than air.

Cancer

So on any hot sunny day, residents will be sitting on a sea of gas which could either give them cancer or blow them up.

Some of the grass on the

surrounding embankment is tinder dry. Fires are always breaking out.

The planners intend to add to the bonfire by planting a tasteful line of trees.

The project would be built by British Tar Products, a Manchester firm which has only built one of these

before—miles from any inhabited area—on the Manchester Ship Canal.

Residents are up in arms. They have formed an action committee, Residents Against Tank Storage (RATS).

Committee

The first the local fire station heard of the plan was from the action committee. They couldn't possibly cope with a major conflagration.

The only local fire service with the equipment to deal with it is at Edndon Airport,

ten miles away.

The project will also mean about 25 32-ton tankers a day hurtling down the narrow roads.

This is already a well-known black spot for accidents involving children. As one local mother said: 'They think we're stupid, that we'll stand for anything.'

Local anger is reaching boiling point because of the state of the housing, the roads, lack of zebra crossings, and failure to open a local nursery.

This plan is the final insult, and RATS is fighting it all the way.

By Wendy Pimley