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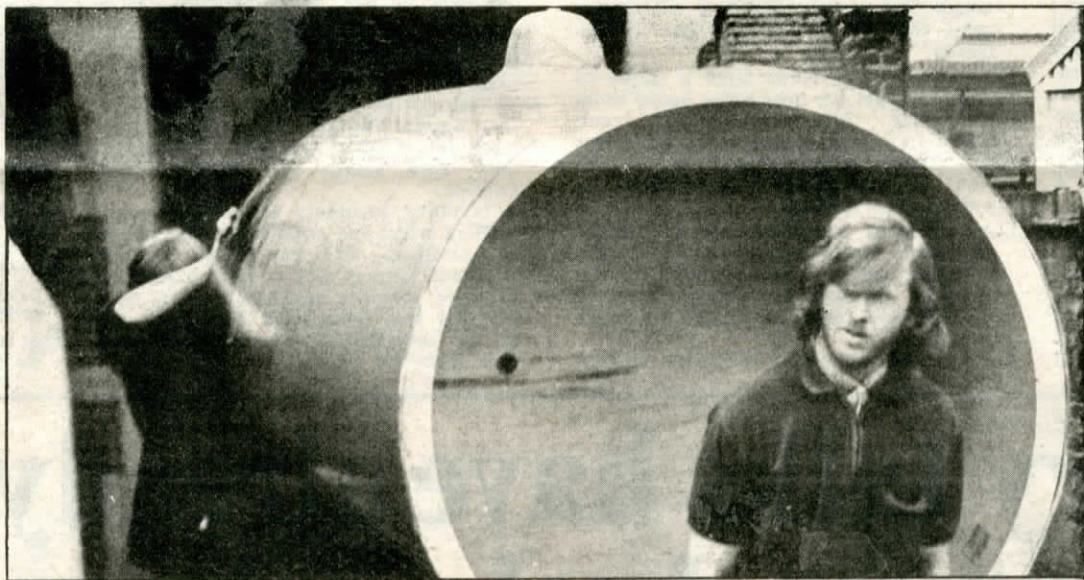
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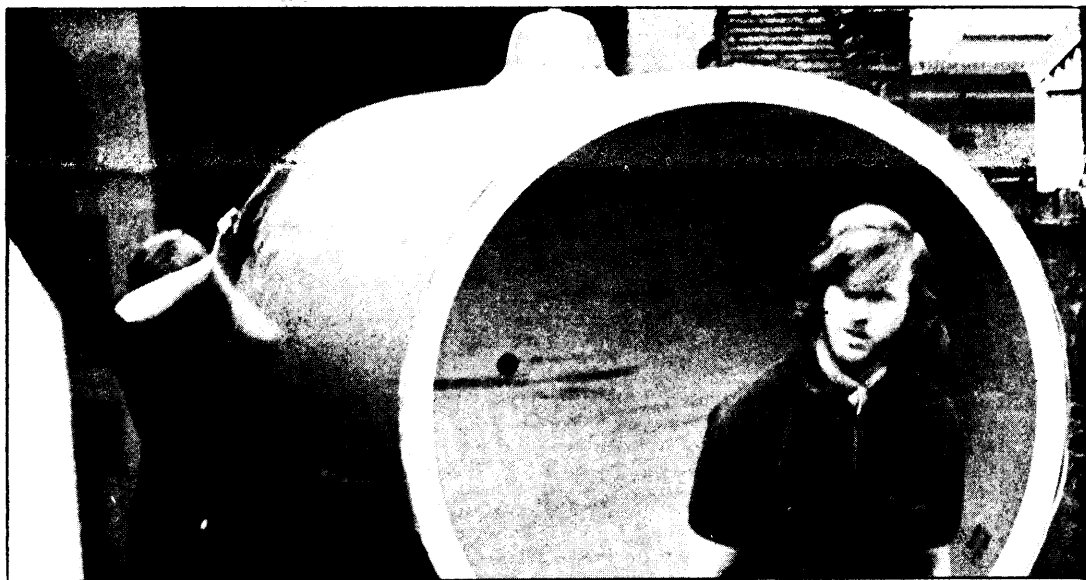
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## WHAT WE THINK

On the road  
to dictatorship

SHORTLY AFTER HIS election in June 1970 Edward Heath went to the United Nations general assembly to make a major political statement. He declared that the 1970s would be 'the era of civil wars'.

Since this utterance a group of army officers have come into public prominence. They are Brigadier Frank Kitson, who Heath appointed as head of the Infantry Training School at Warminster; Brigadier Michael Calvert, a founding member of the Special Air Services (SAS); and Major-General Richard Clutterbuck, now lecturer in Political Violence and Revolution at Exeter University.

KITSON first introduced the theory of 'gangs and counter-gangs' and used it to assassinate some leaders of the Mau-Mau movement in Kenya. His technique was to dress up Africans in the garb of the nationalist army and infiltrate them. These *agents provocateur* would then lead the Mau-Mau into prearranged ambushes where the British army would shoot down the Mau-Mau while the 'counter-gangs' escaped.

He received medals for this and other services in Malaya, Aden, Cyprus and, more recently, Northern Ireland. During his term in Ulster the torture rooms were set up at Holywood Barracks and the paras shot 13 unarmed civilians in the back in Derry on Bloody Sunday.

Just over a year ago Kitson produced a book 'Low-Density Operations', which has become a best-seller in military and reactionary circles in big business. This politically-charged book urges the government to take up battle stations against the working class by integrating the police, army and intelligence services under a central command.

CALVERT was described in last week's 'Observer' as a member of 'a small group of military counter-insurgency experts'. Until recently he was a research fellow in military studies at Manchester University. The 'Observer' stated: 'Both Calvert and Kitson see insurgency developing as the major threat of the late 1970s.' Echoes of Heath!

A qualified engineer, Calvert wants to redesign major cities to frustrate 'the urban guerrilla'. He has been described as 'the prophet of the fortress city'. The SAS, of which he was a founding member, is the most secretive and deadly wing of the army.

Its operatives can be despatched to any part of the world to assist in coups—it had a hand in the fall of Dr Cheddi Jagan in Guyana—and the assassination of opponents of British imperialism. While conducting missions its members frequently used civilian guises; in London, for example, they could be expected to work as commissionaires or chauffeurs or barmen.

This week CLUTTERBUCK published a book 'Protest and the Urban Guerrilla'. One of his major arguments is the establishment of a 'third force', a para-military organization to deal with demonstrators, strikers and pickets. He stresses the importance of intelligence work and argues for 'penetration of the revolutionary leadership itself'.

In one of his concluding remarks, Clutterbuck says: 'Should the functioning of the law itself be deliberately frustrated then a government must be ready to suspend some of the freedoms which that law is designed to protect until this attack on the law is defeated.'

These reactionary views from a clique of military brass are now being heard more frequently. After Thursday's bomb blasts in central London, both Calvert and Clutterbuck were invited onto the BBC in two separate programmes to preach their message.

Their arrogant appearance on the media and their temptation to invoke Heath as their mentor must serve as the sharpest warning to organizations of the working class, especially the trade unions.

Among ultra-right-wing elements discus-

sions have been proceeding apace since the miners' strike last year. Since this struggle a year ago a special anti-picket squad has been set up and the police have been armed.

The Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve (TAVR) have been expanded by 15,000 and armed and trained to army standards. They are to be used in the event of a 'national emergency'—read General Strike.

These sinister developments—taken without the consent of parliament or the public—are a direct reflection of the rapidly worsening economic and political situation. It means that the baffling events in London on Thursday must be subjected to the closest scrutiny. It must be emphasized that both the Official and Provisional IRA have officially denied responsibility.

The group of Irish citizens taken into custody from Heathrow are believed to have been connected with the Provisionals in the Andersonstown area. We don't say that these people were 'set up', but in the interests of objectivity we are obliged to ask this question.

After all, not so long ago it was admitted that Special Branch *agents provocateur* were involved in planting guns on a Soar Eire group in Hackney, east London.

The bombing incidents are made doubly baffling when the conduct of the police is examined. The car found outside Scotland Yard is said to have contained 150lb of gelignite and a time fuse. And yet this was dismantled and displayed on the pavement by two bomb disposal men from the Yard.

Yet it is an unchallengeable fact that if there was a 'car bomb' outside the Yard the people most qualified to dispose of it would be the army's bomb disposal unit.

This has all the hallmarks of a piece of showmanship by the police to curry favour with public opinion and to win support for the arming of the police.

The incident has served the Tory government well. It intimidated the hospital workers' unions to send their members back to work while the military operation surrounding the Whitehall bomb has dealt a sobering blow at the civil servants who staged their first-ever national strike ten days ago.

It was the danger of this type of situation which prompted the Socialist Labour League to issue a call earlier this year for a joint declaration by all groups on the left for a common fight to defend the basic democratic rights of the working class.

Whoever was responsible for Thursday's blasts remains a mystery. What is not a mystery is that the Tory government will use the incident to strengthen its campaign against the working class.

The strength of the working class can and must resist the intentions of this clique of army officers and extreme right-wing Tories.

For the revolutionary movement the task is to expose publicly these reactionaries and to press urgently ahead with the building of a revolutionary party to lead the working class to the establishment of socialism.

This is a historic responsibility from which we must not abdicate.



# Monetary talks have already broken down

THE international monetary system has reached the point of almost complete breakdown and there is very little the capitalist powers can do to stem the slide towards slump.

BY FOREIGN EDITOR JOHN SPENCER

This was clear yesterday as Finance Ministers and bankers from the United States, the Common Market, Japan, Canada and Sweden gathered in Paris for crisis talks on the monetary situation.

In his opening speech French Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said failure to agree to a joint international settlement would call into question the very principle of exchange rate stability on which the monetary system is based.

This was a high level of understatement: sterling, the Swiss franc, the Japanese yen and the Canadian dollar are already floating and West Germany has said failure to agree on a joint

float means the mark will float independently when the markets reopen.

In fact, there is no longer any stability in relations between currencies and even if Giscard d'Estaing's call was heeded no country or group of countries has any chance of halting the monetary system's collapse.

Yesterday's top-level meeting was doomed from the start. Since the foreign exchange markets were closed eight days ago it has become evident that there is absolutely no basis of agreement between the capitalist powers.

There is not even the possibility of patching together a partial or temporary arrangement to buy time. The objective laws

of capitalism have completely disrupted all attempts at controlling them by agreement.

Common Market Finance Ministers, meeting in Brussels on Thursday, could agree only on a list of 'suggestions' to put to the high-powered American team. The French and German representatives were absent from the meeting which had all the markings of a hollow charade.

The list of suggestions amounted to a last despairing plea to Washington to take responsibility for the vast pool of 'hot' dollars in Europe. The EEC ministers wanted the US to buy them back with borrowed foreign currency and by floating a new issue of Treasury bonds.

Tory Chancellor Anthony Barber, grovelling to the last, was anxious that the list of suggestions should not be put forward as demands on the United States. In practice it makes no difference what tone the Europeans use: the American answer is a firm 'No'.

British conditions for joining a concerted Common Market currency float have been contemptuously rejected by the other EEC countries. Germany has indicated it will float independently when the foreign exchange markets reopen.

This will throw the burden of dollar-selling onto the other European countries and force

them to float their currencies as well. In other words the currencies of Europe will relapse into complete chaos with their parities fixed from day to day.

This spells the end for the Common Market, because trading relations within the EEC will be utterly disrupted by such a development. The German decision to float marks the burial of any chance of European Monetary Union.

The enlarged Common Market has proved unable to meet its first big test. A regime under which each member country is independently floating will be a case of 'every man for himself'.

The end of the era of 'fixed but adjustable parities' will drive the on-going trade war to a new pitch of ferocity. The American government is talking openly in terms of a 15-per-cent import surcharge to follow the passage of the Trade Bill through Congress.

At the same time there is great hostility among the European employers to Japan. Japanese industry is accused of dumping surplus exports in Europe and conducting a 'dirty' float of the yen. This charge was again levelled this week by Helmut Schmidt.

As this mutual recrimination clearly demonstrates there is now no way the employers internationally can stem the collapse of their monetary system and the slide towards slump.

## Second poll: Gaullists are under pressure

FINAL ballot of the crucial French general election takes place on Sunday with the ruling Gaullist party under severe pressure.

The outcome is very much in the balance and the past week has seen a number of bargains struck between the Gaullists and other groups in an attempt to strengthen their position. The centre-reformers led by Jean Lecanuet who won 12.5 per cent of the votes in the first ballot will in most cases be standing down in favour of the Gaullists.

The Radical leader, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, while opposing the left coalition, has refused to enter into a bloc with the Gaullists.

Georges Marchais, for the Communist Party, has angled for middle-class votes, which went to the Democratic-Centre last Sunday, by claiming that the common programme upholds the rights of small savers and property holders.

A good deal will depend upon how Lecanuet's supporters cast their votes where one of their own candidates has withdrawn in favour of the Gaullists.

Some statements by the Communist Party suggest that it is more interested in the return of a stronger opposition than in a victory for the common programme, which would precipitate a full-scale crisis as President Pompidou has made it clear that he would not call upon its leaders to form a government.

## Yard strikers conscripted

THE PERUVIAN military junta, led by Juan Velasco, has conscripted striking shipyard workers into the army.

A Ministry of Labour spokesman attacked the present strike wave of teachers, shipyard workers, post office workers and doctors as damaging 'key sectors for the national economy and well-being'.

All these public sector workers are unable to join unions and have had their wages frozen

by the military regime.

Diaz Chavez, a leading Communist Party trade unionist, declared in an interview in the newspaper '7 Days':

'The present Minister of Labour, in my opinion, is one of the best members of the Revolutionary government. He has not only shown that he is very capable but that he has great social and human sensitivity when dealing with labour problems.'



# PAGEANT DIARY

The Road to Workers Power

Empire Pool

## Pageant casts bring workers' history to life

PAGEANT teams from three areas of the country and London began arriving in London yesterday for last-minute rehearsals at the Empire Pool, Wembley. They had 40 hours to put the four episodes of working-class history together and get used to conditions at the Pool—the largest indoor arena in Britain.

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Directors in Jarrow, Manchester and Merthyr Tydfil all reported that spirits were 'extremely high'.

After last Sunday's preliminary rehearsals the week has been spent in polishing up the performances, attending to props, costumes and incorporating alterations which bring out the political message of the Pageant with greater power and clarity.

The London episode, which concerns the construction of the first working men's International and the new unionism of the late 19th century, has been considerably revised.

At Manchester this section was found to be too wordy and lacking the sharpness and impact of the regional episodes.

Numbers in all areas have been increased. The Manchester team is bringing a cast of 40 down plus 15 musicians associated with 'Music Force', the Manchester musicians' co-operative.

Jarrow team members have received encouraging backing from the shipyards on Tyne-side and will be arriving with a colliery brass band.

Merthyr, where one of the hardest and most rewarding political struggles has been fought out during the long weeks of rehearsals, will be arriving in strength, despite

a noticeable increase in police activity in the town.

At the London rehearsals yesterday director Matthew Robertson spoke about the 'formidable' problems facing all the casts.

Microphones will be necessary to carry the dialogue to the thousands of people seated around the vast arena. The teams will quickly have to get used to the expanse of the floor itself—rehearsal rooms have been several times smaller in area. Lighting and effects are vital—a strong element in the Pageant is 'spectacle'—none of these has been incorporated into area rehearsals.

London began the 40 hours of intensive activity with their own technical rehearsal at 10 p.m.

They are followed by Merthyr, Jarrow and Manchester throughout today. Tomorrow morning, immediately before the Pageant itself, the final full dress rehearsal will take place.

Rehearsals in the areas and the feeling the youth, actors and workers have put into this unique task of portraying the 'Road to Workers' Power' are a tribute to them all. No worker or socialist can afford to miss this historic occasion.

● Tickets can be bought at the door for £1. The performance starts at 3 p.m.



Left and above: The Manchester rehearsals

## Ford pay: Piecemeal approach after collapse of strike

UNION LEADERS are maintaining a leisurely approach to their members' fight against the £2.40, government controlled Ford pay offer.

Negotiators' secretary Reg Birch is writing to the 15 unions involved seeking a convenient date for them to meet later this month.

Birch and Moss Evans, chairman of the Ford national joint negotiating committee's union side, apparently believe that since the immediate prospect of an all-out strike has been removed there is no rush for them to decide policy.

In the factories, industrial action in protest against the offer is conti-

nuing on a sporadic, locally decided basis.

Yesterday 300 men in the body-assembly area at Dagenham struck on the day shift, and similar action on a smaller scale was expected on nights. The toolroom at Halewood, Liverpool, was not working and both body and assembly plants were working to rule.

The sporadic strikes policy was decided at a meeting of Ford convenors on Monday, the day the special TUC ditched any effective action against the pay laws.

It was agreed that action should be organized where conditions in each individual factory allowed. The

purpose of this campaign, it was said, would be to 'force Ford's back to the negotiating table'.

But feeling in the big factories remains strong for all-out, official action, and there is much rank-and-file criticism of the union leaders' behaviour.

The sporadic strike policy, however, gives no lead to those sections and lets the union chiefs off the hook.

● Shop stewards at British-Leyland's Cowley, Oxford car factories have rejected an offer giving their 17,000 members increases of between £2 and £2.60 a week. Mass meetings have been arranged for next week.



Negotiators Reg Birch (left) and Moss Evans.

### Cornfeld case adjourned

THE CASE in which international financier Bernard Cornfeld (45) is charged with the attempted rape of Miss Valli Davis (19), an American, at his London home, West Halkin Street, Mayfair, has

been adjourned at Bow Street until April 17. Cornfeld, who was due to appear in court yesterday is in the United States and the prosecution made an application for adjournment. He is on bail totalling £1,000.

### Soldier 'ordered to shoot children'

A BRITISH soldier said in Limerick, Eire, yesterday that he deserted the army because he was ordered to shoot children in Londonderry. In an interview the soldier said he was placed under arrest for disobeying the order.

He slipped through a London police cordon this week to go to the Republic of Ireland.

The soldier is Gunner George Henry Williams, of the Third Royal Horse Artillery.

Telling of his experiences in Ulster, Gunner Williams alleged that officers in the British army supplied marijuana to soldiers before battles.

### Hull dockers stop unregistered ship

HULL docks came to a standstill yesterday when more than 1,000 dockers picketed a wharf where unregistered labour was being used to unload a timber cargo.

About 150 Hull police massed outside the wharf as the men began their picket. Drainpipes had been greased to prevent any attempt to climb into the wharf over the roof and more police were held in reserve.

At about 10.30 a.m., the police originally on duty

marched away and were replaced by others, some of whom dockers said they recognized as men who had attacked their picket line at Neap House Wharf last year.

Eventually, after shop stewards' leader Walter Cunningham had spoken to agents from the ship, it was stopped from discharging. Cunningham said afterwards it would go into a regular, enclosed dock and be unloaded by registered labour.

The dispute over the wharf began six months

ago when a dockers' picket stopped a timber ship being worked with unregistered labour.

The local National Dock Labour Board ruled that the dockers claim was justified and declared the wharf a registered berth.

An appeal by the wharf owners, W. S. Barchard and Son, was upheld by an industrial tribunal but the Dock Labour Board has since appealed to the House of Lords.

The latest row flared when the London freighter

'Tower Conquest' arrived at the wharf during the night with about 400 tons of timber.

After stopping the freighter being unloaded at the wharf, the dockers decided not to return to work until Monday.

● The long-awaited National Ports Council report on unregistered ports and wharfs is to be published later this month, it was learned yesterday.

A firm date for publication is expected towards the end of next week.

### Docker 'jumped the gun'

The National Industrial Relations Court yesterday told a South Shields docker that he had 'jumped the gun' in allowing himself to be nominated for union office before seeking the approval of the regional committee of his union, the General and Municipal Workers.

The docker, John Carling, was sacked as a C&MWU regional organizer in 1967. Since then he has made several attempts at election to branch office, but claims that each time union officials stepped in against him.

NIRC chairman Sir Hugh Griffiths declared that a union rule stopping disqualified members from standing for office again without regional committee approval was 'fair and sensible'.



# A POLICY TO MEET THE CRISIS

THE TORY government is relentlessly pursuing its plan for a confrontation with the working class. Each day new sections of workers are forced to become criminals — under Tory law — to defend their standard of living against government-inspired soaring cost of living.

Large sections of these workers openly acknowledge that the only answer to their fight to maintain a decent standard of living is a General Strike. That is, the creation of the industrial and political conditions which will force the government to resign.

In its place must be elected a Labour government which is pledged by the mass action of the working class to implement socialist policies.

We say 'pledged to socialist policies' knowing that the present leaders of the Labour movement have no intention of introducing such policies. Indeed, in the last analysis some of them will be prepared to join a coalition government with the Tories to head off the working class.

But if the working class is strong enough to force the Tories out, it is strong enough to deal with the traitors in its own midst. This can only be achieved by exposing them in the fight for an alternative socialist policy.

The Central Committee of the Socialist Labour League calls upon the working class to support the following policies to unite the working class against the Tories and the present Wilson-Feather leadership of the labour movement:

Here is the policy which the next Labour government must be forced to carry out.

1) A Labour government must immediately repeal the Industrial Relations Act, Housing Finance Act, Immigration Acts, Fair Trading Act and all wage control. After the repeal of all Tory anti-working class measures, there must be legislation to implement the Charter of Basic Rights, along the following lines.

2) The right to work! Capitalism demands mass unemployment. The right to a job must

be guaranteed. This can only be done by breaking the grip of capitalist ownership on the economy. Employed and unemployed must unite to insist on a Labour government nationalizing the main industries and banks, under workers' control and without compensation.

The struggle must begin now. No closures, no sackings, must be the policy of the trade unions. Occupation of factories threatened with closure, as part of the fight to bring down the Tories.

3) The democratic right to strike and to organize in trade unions. Only the organized working class can lead mankind out of the historical crisis. Every right and every gain won by the working class, every democratic right in Britain, has been won because of the organized strength of the unions and the strike weapon.

A Labour government must immediately repeal the Industrial Relations Act. This fight must begin now by forcing the TUC to break off all relations with the government and mobilize the working class to destroy state control of wages.

4) The right to defend rights won in the past and change the system. All the changes in legal procedures made by the Tory government must be repealed. All secret police and MI5 organizations must be dis-

banded and fully exposed. The secrets of the Tory administration in this sphere must be published. All rights to assembly, free speech and the Press must be guaranteed.

5) The right to a higher standard of living. It is not the living standards of trade unionists, but the profit system, which causes the crisis. The first step must be to expropriate all the great fortunes of the rich, close down the Stock Exchange, place a state control over all movements of capital in and out of the country.

Nationalization of the basic industries and of all large companies, banks, building and insurance societies will provide the resources for a unified plan to improve the living standards of the whole people. Workers' control of these, as well as the present nationalized industries, will run them in the interests of the workers and consumers.

Again, the fight must begin now. State control of wages must be answered by the most widespread fight for wage increases to meet price rises and improve standards. This means a fight to remove the Tory government and change the union leadership.

6) The right to health and welfare benefits. Every Tory government cut in welfare benefits, in the health service and in all public spending must

be revoked. On the basis of nationalization, a crash programme of expansion of services to the unemployed, the low-paid, the sick and the aged must be undertaken as an absolute priority. The working class and the Labour government must take immediate and absolute responsibility for these victims of the capitalist system.

7) The right to decent housing. Decent housing is not a luxury; it is a necessity. People have the basic right to decent accommodation at rents they can afford. Nationalization of the handful of building monopolies and building societies will provide the basis for a massive programme of new house building. The disgraceful problem of the homeless in the cities must be immediately solved by census and taking-over of all unoccupied property.

8) The international responsibilities of the working class. The working class is international. We fight for the unrestricted right of any worker of any nationality to move freely through the world.

Withdraw the troops from Ireland. Unite the Irish and British working class to throw out the Lynch and Heath governments.

Unite in the struggle for the Socialist United States of Europe, the only alternative to

the Common Market plans for dictatorship.

Withdraw all British troops from abroad and disband the present standing army.

Sign treaties with all ex-colonial countries for programmes of equal trade and mutual assistance.

Break from NATO and all imperialist alliances.

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## COLONELS' JUDGES CHARGED AS ACCOMPLICES IN TORTURE

The judges in the trial of two Greek political prisoners jailed in Athens this month were 'accomplices in torture', according to the International Commission of Jurists.

The ICJ also claimed that the Greek medical profession was directly implicated because one of the prisoners was medically examined before torture to see if he could stand it.

The two prisoners, retired Wing-Commander Anastassios Minis and Dr Stefanos Pantelakis, were sentenced to nine years ten months and seven years eight months respectively for belonging to an underground organization and planting bombs.

Minis said in court that he was beaten up by military police during interrogation and Pantelakis declared that he had been tied to a bench and police officers attached electric wires to his genitals.

Minis was visited during his torture by the head of the military police, Colonel Ioannides, who is widely regarded as the second most powerful man in the ruling junta.

Three West Germans who were held in the same prison as Wing Commander Minis last July and August have issued sworn statements saying that they heard him moaning and screaming under repeated beatings and saw him afterwards.

Herr Juergen Franz Obermayer said in his statement that one of the beatings lasted 30 hours, with only a few short breaks, and another continued for a whole day and most of the following night.

Fraulein Susanne Bausinger said she saw Minis lying unconscious on the floor of his cell and later saw guards dragging him to the toilet because he could not walk.



Left: This photograph of Civil Servants on strike in London appeared on the front page of the Spanish paper, 'La Vanguardia', on March 1, 1973. The paper describes Britain as being 'on the brink of what, in any other country, could be called civil war.'

of late their reports have changed from the odd despatch about British peculiarities to an agitated description of social upheaval.

'It is sad to need a requiem for the old "bobby" . . . the fact is that hundreds of English police now carry guns. That is because the social pact has been broken in Great Britain.' (February 21.)

'Both the miners' strike of last year, and the present Conservative counter-revolution put Great Britain on the brink of what, in any other country, could be called civil war. In England, this situation is described as a "confrontation". (February 22.)

'Heffer and Scanlon threaten England every morning and afternoon with revolution . . . Could it be that through bloody-mindedness and ineptitude the trade unions will bring chaos and disorder? . . . What would the placid, amiable, bureaucratic Vic Feather do with a revolution on his hands?' (February 28.)

## Alarmed

"A revolution?" was the answer of an alarmed trade-union leader when I asked this morning whether the trade unions were proposing to make a revolution . . .

'I think that today Britain is in greater danger from the uncontrollable trade unions than it was from Hitler.' (March 1.)

"I don't really understand what you mean by a third party". I told Mr Rees-Mogg of "The Times", who told me that it would be "midway between Labour and Conservative". I retorted: "Can there be any more mid-way policy than Mr Heath doing in government what Mr Wilson did, and Mr Wilson in Opposition doing what Mr Heath used to do?" (March 2.)

Franco and his generals had their 'solution' to the 'corruption' of the party system and the 'anarchy' of the trade unions—dictatorship and the destruction of all working-class organizations.

Judging by 'La Vanguardia's' reports, there is plainly similar thinking going on in Tory circles today in Britain.

## FRANCO'S MEN GIVE ADVICE TO LEADING TORIES

The Tories' White Paper on Defence was published on February 21. Thousands of pounds are to be spent on preparing the special reserve army to deal with the British working class.

Tory Secretary of State for Defence and chairman of his party, Lord Carrington had a pleasant evening to look forward to.

He was guest of honour at a dinner offered by the Span-

ish Ambassador, Jaime de Pinies. Other leading Tories enjoyed the hospitality of Franco: 'the Duke of Wellington and his wife; Sir Dennis Greenhill, permanent under-Secretary of State and head of the diplomatic corps; and General Fitzalan Howard.

## Banquet

The conspiratorial banquet-scene was made complete with the presence of Sir Max Aitken and Lady Aitken of the Beaverbrook chain of newspapers, and chairman of 'The

Times' Lord Astor and his wife.

Although Workers Press was not invited, it is not difficult to imagine the exchanges which took place between the fascists and leading Tories.

A look at the columns of 'La Vanguardia', the respectable 'Times'-type paper of Barcelona shows what the representatives of Franco think about strike-bound Britain.

The paper has two correspondents reporting on the problems of the Tory government. Both are often to be seen at select Tory clubs and

## SOVIET ECONOMIST RAISES DOUBTS ABOUT STALINISM

A Soviet economist who questioned some of the Stalinist dogmas about the existence of socialism in the Soviet Union has recanted.

He is Ya Kronrod who declared in his contribution to a 1972 symposium on 'The Economics of Developed Socialism' that 'mature socialism' had not yet been built in the Soviet Union. He pointed to social inequalities leading to inequalities in decision-making. This opened up dangerous avenues of thought.

It drew attention to social distinctions between the working class and collective farm peasantry on the one hand and those who actually wield power and secure a disproportionate share of the national product on the other. In other words, a Soviet theoretician was moving towards the standpoint that there was a privileged bureaucracy in Soviet society.

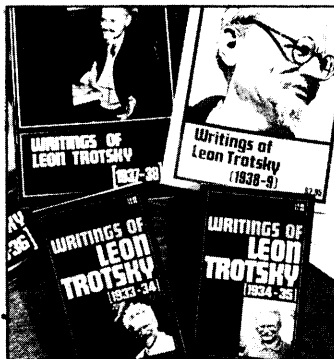
With something of a delay, he has now come forward with a self-criticism. He admits that developed socialism has been built in the Soviet Union, but in a way which still does not satisfy his critics.

He now accepts that the material prerequisites exist for overcoming social and economic differences and for widening the basis for the creation of common property and making possible a faster growth of the standard of living.

He does not actually say that the process has been completed. It seems most likely that he has been pressurized to conform but still retains the doubts expressed in his original contribution.

It is significant that, even if in a very veiled way, such opinions should now find expression within the ranks of Soviet economists and other specialists.

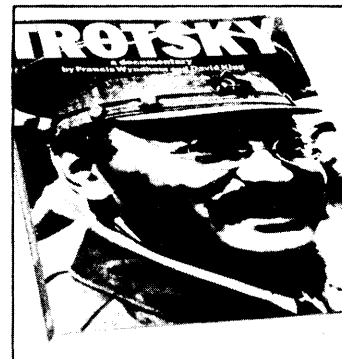
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## ROAD TO WORKERS' POWER

Tomorrow is Pageant Day. The Empire Pool at Wembley, the country's largest enclosed auditorium, will become the scene of our Pageant of working-class history 'The Road to Workers' Power'.

It will be the climax of months of preparations and work in London and the areas. It won't be the first time we've taken the Empire Pool. This time last year (March 12) the Young Socialists' Right-to-Work marches culminated in a mass rally of 8,500 trade unionists, housewives and youth.

Indeed, it was at this hugely successful rally that the Pageant campaign was first conceived. Roger Smith, who is the overall co-ordinator of the Pageant, explains what happened:

'At the Empire Pool last time we were very conscious of the fact that when the young marchers came into the hall this was a moment of history being made. It was also a moment of intense spectacle.'

Smith and his colleagues had a considerable amount of previous experience in presenting working-class history at Socialist Labour League-Young Socialists functions. They saw the Empire Pool as a venue to do it on a far greater scale to achieve a mightier impact.

Britain, the first country to build trade unions, has a history which is rich with working-class struggle. Scripts were prepared which concentrated on the most important episodes—the building of the unions, the Chartist movement,

the founding of the First International and the building of the Labour Party.

'Every right of the working class was won through struggle,' said Smith, 'and these rights can only be held and defended in struggle. The history in the Pageant is the fight of workers to defend their wages and conditions and their standard of living.'

'It is a history which is kept off the television and the radio, kept from the newspapers and the schoolrooms. And rightly so—from the point of view of the ruling class. Since the capitalists control the institutions of education and the media they don't want to reveal the bitter, the very bitter struggle, heroism and determination of the working class. They don't want it to be known.'

'A worker who is playing a part in the Pageant said to me the other day: "You know, I've learned more about our history in the past few weeks than I have in my whole life." The Pageant is able to show the workers where they were in the past and where they are now. And what they've got to do tomorrow.'

'To present and to bring to life the fight for these rights was a correct and very necessary task of our movement. It is especially so now because of the desperate condition of British capitalism. The Heath government is launching attack after attack on the rights of the working class. The task in hand is not to build a reformist party, but to build a revolutionary party. That's the meaning of the Pageant.'

Today it's the final rehearsal. And tomorrow the curtains goes up. Another page of working-class history will be written in Britain. A major stride on the 'Road to Workers' Power.'

Top left: Striking Jarrow miners taunt a pit manager. Top right: Peterloo massacre—the orator, Hunt being dragged off. Right: The Anarchist, Bakunin, addresses General Council of the First International. Far right: Striking railway workers jeer Beesley, the owner of the Taff Vale railway.













Left: Workers in Spain fought back against Franco's forces and the struggle evoked a tremendous response in France. Inset: Thorez, CP leader, who clashed with Blum, even though the Stalinists' support for the Republic was far from revolutionary.

republic against the military insurgents who were backed by Hitler and Mussolini while preventing a working-class revolution. As in France, the Popular Front meant accepting the private ownership of the means of production and of the land.

When the fascist powers began to pour in arms to aid Franco's revolt, Blum supported the farcical policy of non-intervention which was favoured by the British government. Policing of the Spanish ports was left to the navies of Britain, France, Germany and Italy; which was exactly like calling on the chief smugglers to man the customs posts.

The weakness of the franc had driven the Blum government into dependence on Britain and the United States. Blum dared not offend London, so he closed the frontier with Spain and proclaimed the neutrality of his government. This policy was bitterly opposed by the Communist Party and also in the ranks of the working class, where there was an immense movement of solidarity with the Spanish struggle.

The Stalinists support for the Republic was not in the least revolutionary. They were not even against non-intervention as long as it could be imposed on Germany and Italy. Thorez himself said so in a speech at Strasbourg in October 1936:

## BLOCKADE

'Yes, we are for non-intervention,' he said. 'But I tell you frankly, we are also against the blockade imposed on Republican Spain.'

'We are against the pretence of neutrality which, under present conditions, only assists the fascist rebellion and favours the black designs of Hitler.'

As late as January, 1939, when the Civil War was almost over, Thorez spoke in the following terms at the CPs National Conference, addressing himself to Daladier, who was then Prime Minister:

'Many questions divide us. We did not approve of your policy at Munich, we do not approve of the decree-laws of your Minister of Finance, Paul Reynaud. We do not approve of the attacks on the social legislation by your Minister of Labour and your Minister of Public Works.'

'We do not approve of your repression of working-class militants.'

'But we say to you: the question at this moment which is decisive for France is save Spain! Open the frontier! Aid Spain! We have reservations about your general policy. But if you open the frontier we are prepared to support you.'

The full extent of the class collaboration implied in this position of offering support for Daladier can only be judged, of course, by taking into account the significance of the anti-working-class measures taken by his government.

Stalinist support for the Spanish Republic was in conformity with the policy of the Soviet bureaucracy at this time and went hand-in-hand with the suppression of revolution in Spain.

When Blum failed to respond to pressure, the Communist Party soft-pedalled the Spanish question. However, while in December the communist deputies abstained in the vote on foreign policy, they gave full support to the rest of Blum's policy.

CONTINUED TOMORROW

# THE FRENCH POPULAR FRONT

## 1936: CP clashes with Blum over Spanish Civil War

BY TOM KEMP

Leon Blum's Popular Front government was quickly faced in the summer of 1936 with a financial crisis. The flight of capital from France forced it to devalue the franc and made it increasingly dependent upon Britain for economic, and political, support.

The Communist Party voted for the devaluation, which it had always opposed, in order not to split the Popular Front and bring about its defeat in parliament.

The boost which the devaluation was expected to give to French exports proved to be short-lived. The concessions made to the working class after the May-June wave of strikes and sit-ins meant that costs rose and these were passed on in rising prices. Imports became dearer and this in turn helped push up the cost of living. The franc remained a weak currency on the foreign exchanges and the bankers organized runs which kept it under constant pressure.

The flight from the franc angered and frightened middle-

class people, especially the rentiers and small capitalists who saw the value of their savings diminished. They blamed not only the working class, but also Blum for capitulating to the workers, as they saw it. This feeling grew among the radical allies of the Socialist and Communist Parties inside the Popular Front. There was increasing pressure on Blum from the right.

The evolution of the situation made nonsense of CP secretary Maurice Thorez's attempt to launch a French Front. The kind of people to whom Thorez made his appeal shifted rapidly to the right and middle-class support for the Popular Front diminished.

## GROWTH

Meanwhile the Communist Party had grown impressively in numbers. During 1936 it established its leading position in the French working class. The Party had 72 MPs after the May elections. Its membership grew from about 163,000 at that time to 380,000 in October; in addition there were over 100,000 members of the Young Communists.

Most of the Party's recruits

came from workers new to politics, who saw it as the most determined advocate of their interests and assumed that it was a revolutionary party. It consolidated its grip on the working-class suburbs of Paris and in other industrial areas where the Socialist Party was not deeply entrenched. In most areas, therefore, it became the main working-class party.

The central leadership around Thorez had been hand-picked by Stalin and the Communist International in the early 1930s and it remained completely faithful to the Moscow line. The Party built up, in turn, a powerful bureaucracy which imposed a tight discipline on the membership.

Brought into the Party by the class struggles of 1936, thousands of workers, attracted by the aspirations of the 1917 October Revolution and believing that socialism was being built in Russia, were trained in the doctrines and methods of Stalinism. Thorez became the 'French Stalin' and a personality cult was built up around him which assumed nauseous proportions.

At the same time the Party strengthened its position in the trade union. The Confédération Générale du Travail (CGT) grew rapidly during the strikes and powerful unions were built

up in the more advanced industries where the Party was already strong and the old-style unionists had never had much support. As new officials were appointed, most of them held Party cards and carried out faithfully the policy laid down by Thorez.

Paid officials it had in the unions gave the Party hundreds of organizers and propagandists. In addition it controlled many local councils which had jobs at their disposal, many of which went to the Party faithful. It had a big youth movement, a special women's organization, an ex-servicemen's association and organizations for teachers and intellectuals. Circulation of the Party Press flourished.

The Party presented itself as the best defender of the Popular Front, became a fervent advocate of French nationalism and of a peace front between the Soviet Union and the so-called 'peace-loving' capitalist countries, especially Britain and France.

It was on foreign policy that the Party first clashed sharply with Blum. In July 1936 the Civil War broke out in Spain. The workers fought back against the military insurrection and the struggle evoked a tremendous response in France.

The Stalinist aim in Spain was to support the bourgeois



# WORKERS NOTEBOOK

## DOOMED

The public sector trade union committee, formed outside the auspices of the TUC a few weeks ago to try to protect the interests of public sector workers from the Tory pay laws, has collapsed almost as soon as it was founded.

At its very first meeting last week, only four trade unions out of 13 represented on the committee turned up. They sat around aimlessly for a few minutes and then decided to abandon it and try again in a fortnight's time.



Fisher (NUPE), Kendall (CPSA) both were at the meeting.

The committee was doomed to failure before it even started. The conference of the 30 or so unions which set it up a month ago at the National Union of Teachers' headquarters was also a failure. They only set up the committee because they did not know what else to do.

The trade union bureaucrats are reformists to a man. They are incapable of leading the only kind of struggle which can defeat the pay laws—a struggle to create the necessary political and industrial conditions to force the Tory government to resign.

They set up their 'break-away' conference out of frustration at the TUC's inability to offer any satisfaction to public sector workers—and all workers — that a successful fight would be waged against the state wage controls.

And when they met, they proceeded to do exactly the same themselves. Absolutely nothing.

And this is because all reformist answers, however much cleverer the initiator thinks he is than the leading TUC figures, provide no answer at all.

The public sector union chiefs are chasing an illusion. No amount of extra talent on the General Council will do away with the need for the British working class to turn from reformism to revolution. There are no more concessions to be won.

The next time the ghostly public sector committee meets, they would be better off discussing these questions rather than pointlessly speculating whether it was the rail strike that had hit attendances or some other chance occurrence.

## TATTY

Overheard recently by your London School of Economics' correspondent, two students preparing to take part in a National Union of Students' grants march. One was unfolding a rather tatty and moth-eaten banner inscribed 'Revolutionary Socialist Students Federation'.

'What's that?' asked his friend. 'I've no idea,' replied the first, throwing it into the corner. 'I found it in the basement covered in dust.'

Workers Press readers will remember the RSSF as that International Socialist and International Marxist Grouped body which, in those heady days following May-June 1968 in France, advocated the fraudulent 'theory' that students were to be the new revolutionary vanguard who would lead the struggle for socialism. It was always known more popularly (and accurately) among many workers as the Revolutionary Socialist Student Fraud.

# WASHINGTON'S BID TO CONTROL THE NETWORK MEN

## US ROUND-UP

Federal Communications Commissioner Nicholas Johnson, whose seven-year term expires in June, has accused President Nixon of 'trying to get the television networks out of the way'.

As reported in Workers Press last December, the US President has drafted tough legislation which holds individual television stations accountable for the content of all network material they broadcast, including news bulletins.

Mr Clay Whitehead, director of the White House Office of Telecommunications Policy, then attacked 'ideological plugola' in network news reporting. He said station managers and network officials who 'failed to correct imbalance or consistent bias' would be held 'fully accountable' at licence renewal time.

Pointing out that no national newspapers reached a significant percentage of the American people, Mr Johnson declared: 'All you've got left is the TV network news.'

'That's why the President is trying to get them out of the way,' he continued. 'Once he intimidates them by getting you to turn them off, he has accomplished his goal.'



Nixon: Trying to get the television networks out of the way.

Commissioner Johnson told a student conference at Texas A&M University: 'You are less well-informed today than you were three years ago.'

'There are people who benefit from your not knowing what is going on and there are people who benefit in your knowing only what they want you to know. The Washington game is to turn newsmen into repeaters, not reporters.'

# POWS: THE EUPHORIA IS ALREADY WEARING THIN

American newsmen are beginning to get 'uneasy' over the way in which the military has handled the release of Vietnam PoWs.

Told to keep away from the men to give them time to settle back to normal lives with their families again, some of them are now questioning whether the ban on interviews was for the good of the prisoners or the army.

The 'New York Times' detailed how the Pentagon had 80 public relations specialists all over the world making sure what the Press got—and what it didn't. Signs were put up on the barracks walls in the Philippines warning the returning prisoners not to talk to the Press, as they 'distort' things.

Robert Maynard asked in the Washington Press whether free interviews with the PoWs would have been more distorted than the set speeches wheeled out by senior officer spokesmen.

CBS News reporter Dallas Townsend told his TV audience that by observing the suggestion that they should not intrude on the men at this time, they might in fact have been playing right into the military's hands.

It looks as though some of the euphoria over the return of the prisoners is beginning to wear thin already.

# MAYOR RIZZO VERSUS TEACHERS

The current strike of Philadelphia teachers is taking some bizarre turns. Mayor Frank Rizzo took out a court injunction to force the strikers back to work. When they refused, Rizzo arranged for president of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, Frank Sullivan, and its chief negotiator, John Ryan, to be jailed for violation of the court order.

Shortly afterwards, a four-hour marathon discussion was arranged on local radio and television between the Board of Education and the teachers. Sullivan and Ryan were allowed out of prison to take part.

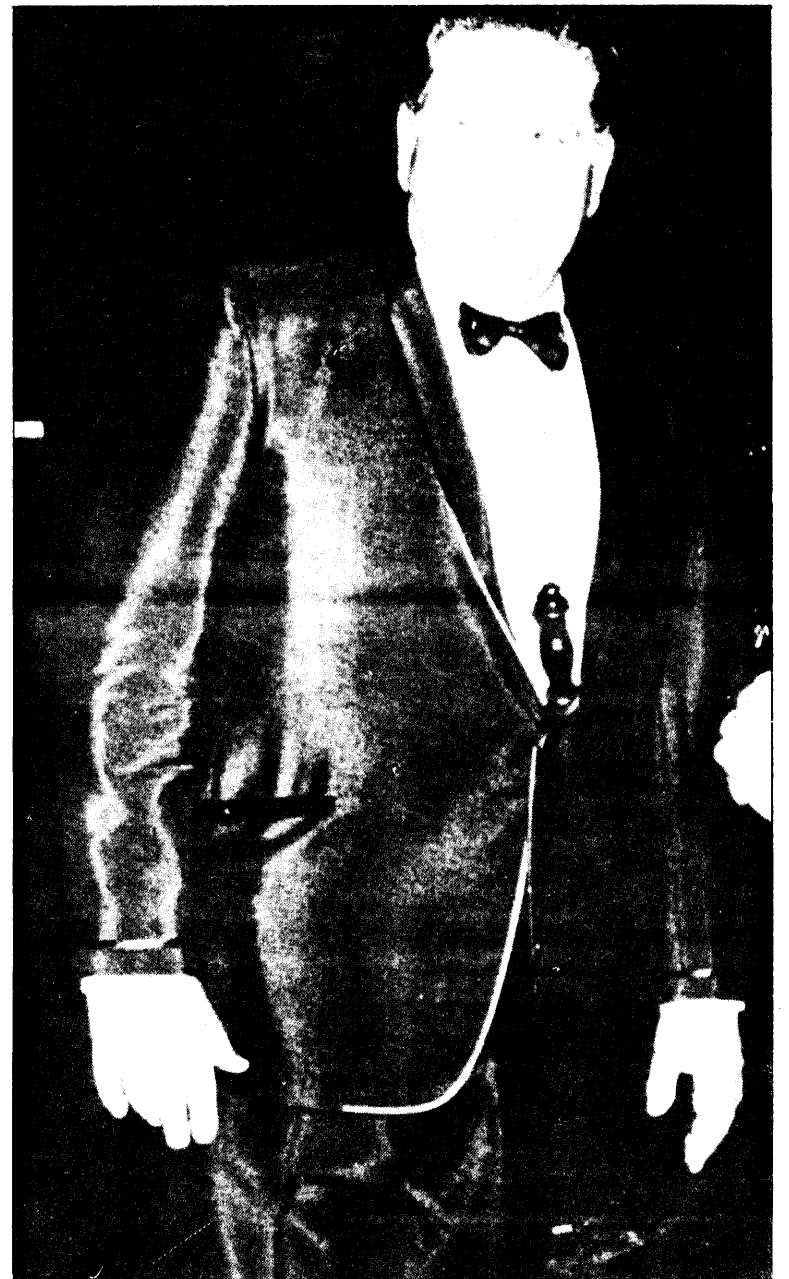
Following the broadcast, Rizzo demanded special air time to make an unprecedented live television appearance from City Hall to announce that, regardless of any arguments, he would never surrender to the teachers' 'blackmail' and 'greed'.

The teachers asked for equal time to reply, but less than 90 minutes before Rizzo went on the air, Sullivan and Ryan were ordered back to their prison cells.

Ryan charged that it was a deliberate plot to prevent them replying. Rizzo denied it. 'It just worked out that way,' he said. 'I wouldn't care if they had a rebuttal. The public's going to believe me, not them.'

Some of the other teachers did manage to get a few minutes on the air to beg Rizzo to start negotiations again. Fifteen minutes later, Rizzo called a special Press conference and said he was 'terribly disappointed in the teachers' presentation. They in no way attempted to refute anything I ever said'.

It is a little difficult, however, to refute anything from a prison cell.



Mayor Rizzo: 'The public's going to believe me, not them.'

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**BBC 2**

8.55-1.30 Open University. 3.00 Film: 'Silk Stockings'. Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse. A Russian girl comes to Paris on a diplomatic mission. 4.55 Play away. 5.20 Pets and vets. 5.35 Venice—the most serene Republic. 6.20 **MAN ALIVE.** Pop Into Your Local—before it Disappears. 7.05 **WESTMINSTER.** 7.30 **NEWS.** Sport. Weather. 7.45 **RUGBY SPECIAL.** Wales v Ireland.

**ITV**

9.00 Time off. 9.55 Return to Peyton Place. 10.20 Sesame street. 11.30 Cartoon. 11.35 Osmonds. 12.00 Partridge family. 12.30 News. 12.35 World of sport. 12.40 On the ball. 1.05 International sports special. 1.20 **ITV six.** 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 Racing from Kempton. 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from Ayr. 3.00 International sports special. Women's hockey. 3.50 Results, scores, news. 4.00 Wrestling. 4.50 Result a service. 5.10 News. 5.15 Black Beauty. 5.45 Doctor at large. 6.15 **SALE OF THE CENTURY.** 6.45 **FILM: 'The Young Warriors'.** James Drury, Steve Carlson. World War II story. 8.30 **THE JULIE ANDREWS HOUR.** Guests Cass Elliott, Dan Dailey, Rich Little, Alice Ghostley. 9.30 **NEWS.** 9.40 **HEC RAMSEY.** 11.00 **RUSSELL HARTY PLUS.** 11.50 **NO MAN'S LAND.** The Image of Women. Juliet Mitchell. 12.40 **A TIME TO SPEAK.**

8.30 **FACE THE MUSIC.** 9.00 **WEIR OF HERMISTON.** 9.50 **FULL HOUSE.** Including 'McKinley and Sarah'. Music from Ireland. John Ormond, Stockhausen's 'Ylem'. 11.30 **NEWS ON 2.** Weather. 11.35 **FILM: 'OFFBEAT'.** William Sylvester, Mai Zetterling. An undercover MI5 agent is accepted into a gang of crooks.

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**BBC 1**

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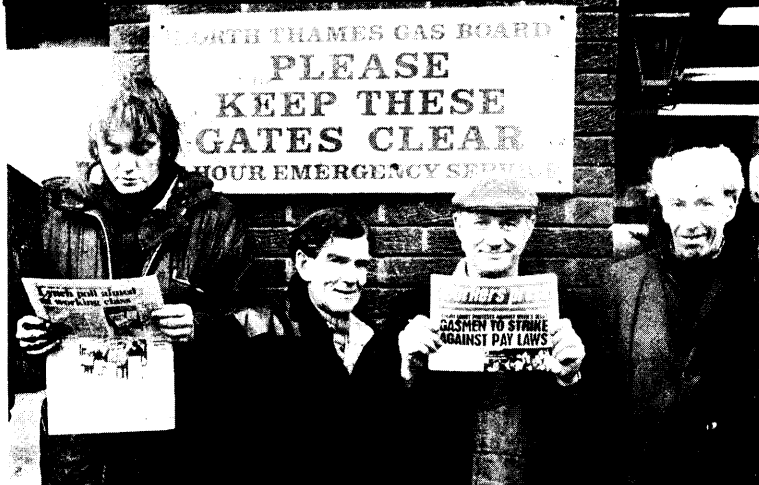
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**REGIONAL TV SATURDAY**

**CHANNEL:** 11.35 Bonanza. 12.30 London. 9.40 Tarzan. 6.15 London. 6.45 Persuaders. 7.40 Film: 'The Way to the Gold'. 9.30 London. 9.40 Julie Andrews. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Spyforce. 12.20 Weather.

**WESTWARD.** As Channel except: 9.55 Jobs around the house. 10.20 Foreign flavour. 10.45 Joe 90. 11.10 Cartoon. 11.30 Gus Honeybun. 12.25 Faith for life. 12.30 Weather.

**SOUTHERN:** 9.15 Jobs around the house. 9.40 Foreign flavour. 10.10 All our yesterdays. 10.35 Stingray. 11.05 Merrie melodies. 11.35 Cowboy in Africa. 12.25 Weather. 12.30 London. 5.15 Tarzan. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Persuaders. 7.45 Film: 'Return of the Seven'. 9.30 London. 9.40 Julie Andrews. 10.40 News. 10.45 Saint. 11.40 No man's land. 12.30 Weather. Guideline.

**HARLECH:** 9.00 London. 9.55 Time to remember. 10.20 Bugs Bunny. 10.30 Once upon a time. 10.45 Grasshopper island. 11.00 Sesame street. 12.00 Osmonds. 12.30 London. 5.20 Bonanza. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Film: 'The Helicopter Spies'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Persuaders. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Name of the game. 12.45 Weather.

**HTV Cymru/Wales** as above except: 5.20-5.45 Upper crusts. 5.45-6.15 Tra bo dau.

**ANGLIA:** 9.00 London. 10.00 Hammy hamster. 10.15 Rovers. 10.40 Film: 'Jason and the Argonauts'. 12.30 London. 5.20 Riptide. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Film: 'The Hallelujah Trail'. 9.30 London. 9.45 Julie Andrews. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Man in a suitcase. 12.25 Epilogue.

**ATV MIDLANDS:** 9.15 Jobs around the house. 9.40 Foreign flavour. 10.10 Skippy. 10.35 Jackson five. 11.00 Film: 'Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer'. 12.30 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.15 Film: 'Taras Bulba'. 8.30 Longstreet. 9.30 London. 9.40 Julie Andrews. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Gordon Bailey. 11.35 Film: 'How Awful About Alan'. Weather.

**ULSTER:** 10.30 Sesame street. 11.30 Thunderbirds. 12.30 London. 5.15 Sports. 5.45 Beverly hillbillies. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 On the buses. 7.15 Film: 'The Gun That Won the West'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Longstreet. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Kreskin.

**YORKSHIRE:** 9.15 Last stand. 9.40 Getting your money's worth. 10.10 Osmonds. 10.35 Elephant boy. 11.05 Abbott and Costello. 12.30 London. 5.15 Riptide. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Persuaders. 7.40 Film: 'Gunfighters of Casa Grande'. 9.30 London. 9.40 Julie Andrews. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Place in the country. 12.05 To see ourselves. 12.35 Weather.

**GRANADA:** 9.15 Jobs around the house. 9.40 Foreign flavour. 10.05 You and your golf. 10.35 Sesame street. 11.35 Follyfoot. 12.00 Huckleberry Finn. 12.30 London. 5.20 Big valley. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Julie Andrews. 7.50 Film: 'The Night of the Generals'. 9.30 London. 9.40 Film continued. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Film: 'The Undying Monster'. 12.40 Seaway.

**TYNE TEES:** 9.15 Wildlife theatre. 9.40 Getting your money's worth. 10.10 Osmonds. 10.35 Joe 90. 11.05 Abbott and Costello. 12.30 London. 5.15 Riptide. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Persuaders. 7.40 Film: 'Gun Glory'. 9.30 London. 9.40 Julie Andrews. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Challenge. 12.25 Lectern.

**SCOTTISH:** 9.15 Jobs around the house. 9.40 Foreign flavour. 10.10 Funky phantom. 10.35 Black Beauty. 11.05 Joe 90. 11.30 Osmonds. 12.00 Cavalcade. 12.30 London. 5.15 Bonanza. 6.10 Protectors. 6.40 Film: 'The Three Musketeers'. 9.00 Hogan's heroes. 9.30 London. 9.40 Julie Andrews. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 Late call. 11.35 O'Hara.

**GRAMPIAN:** 11.15 Jackson five. 11.45 Ron and friends. 12.30 London. 5.20 UFO. 6.15 Who do you do? 6.45 Film: 'Mysterious Island'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Longstreet. 10.40 No man's land. 11.30 O'Hara.

**REGIONAL TV SUNDAY**

**CHANNEL:** 11.30-1.00 London. 1.59 Weather. 2.00 Soccer. 3.00 Film: 'The Last of the Buccaneers'. 4.25 Cartoon. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black Beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'The Underworld Story'. 9.30 London. 12.15 Epilogue. Weather.

**WESTWARD.** As Channel except: 9.00 London. 9.30 Were you there. 10.30 All our yesterdays. 11.00 Gus Honeybun. 11.05 Pacemaker. 1.30 Farming. 1.40 Acres for profit. 2.00 Soccer. 12.15 Faith for life. 12.20 Weather.

**SOUTHERN:** 9.00 London. 10.30 Farming. 10.55 Weather. 11.00 World War I. 11.30 London. 1.00 Superman. 1.20 Lucy. 1.50 Jimmy Stewart. 2.15 London. 3.15 Fenn Street gang. 3.50 Golden shot. 4.40 Aquarius. 5.30 News. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'The Sons of Katie Elder'. 10.00 London. 12.15 Weather. Guideline.

**HARLECH:** 9.30 London. 10.35 Farming. 11.00 Angling. 1.30 Drive in. 2.00 Bugs Bunny. 2.15 London. 3.15 Film: 'It's Only Money'. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'Operation Crossbow'. 10.00 London. 12.15 Weather.

**ANGLIA:** 9.00 London. 10.30 Circus. 10.55 Doris Day. 11.20 Cartoons. 11.30 London. 1.00 Champions. 1.50 Weather. 1.55 Farming. 2.30 Film: 'The "I Don't Care" Girl'. 3.55 Soccer. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'Will Penny'. 10.00 London. 12.15 Epilogue.

**ATV MIDLANDS:** 9.00 London. 10.30 All our yesterdays. 11.00 Citizens' rights. 11.30 London. 1.00 Champions. 2.00 Soccer. 3.00 Film: 'Ivy'. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'The League of Gentlemen'. 10.00 London.

**ULSTER:** 11.00 VAT. 11.30 London. 1.00 Foreign flavour. 1.30 Jobs around the house. 1.55 Pebbles and Bamm Bamm. 2.15 London. 3.15 Film: 'Rock Around the Clock'. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 Sports. 7.25 Film: 'The Flight of the Phoenix'. 10.00 London.

**YORKSHIRE:** 9.00 London. 10.30 Untamed world. 11.00 Jimmy Stewart. 11.30 London. 1.00 Farming. 1.25 Calendar. 1.55 Soccer. 2.50 Film: 'Behind the Mask'. 4.45 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'Tom Jones'. 10.00 London. 12.15 Shirley's world. 12.45 Weather.

**GRANADA:** 9.30 London. 10.35 Untamed world. 11.00 Time to remember. 11.30 London. 2.55 Saint. 1.55 On the line. 2.25 Football. 3.20 Film: 'The Name of the Game'. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'The Last Safari'. 10.00 London.

**TYNE TEES:** 9.00 London. 10.30 Jobs around the house. 11.00 Jimmy Stewart. 11.30 London. 1.00 Farming. 1.25 World War I. 1.50 Where the jobs are. 1.55 Big match. 2.55 Film: 'Victoria the Great'. 4.45 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'Quiller Memorandum'. 10.00 London. 12.15 Dr. Simon Locke. 12.40 Lectern.

**SCOTTISH:** 10.00 World War I. 10.30 Women. 11.00 You pays your money. 11.30 London. 1.00 Champions. 2.00 Sports. 3.25 Film: 'Maneater'. 4.25 Golden shot. 5.15 Aquarius. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'Heat of Anger'. 9.30 Comedians. 10.00 London. 12.15 Late call.

**GRAMPIAN:** 11.00 Farming. 11.30 London. 1.00 Foreign flavour. 1.30 Jobs around the house. 2.00 Sport. 3.25 Film: 'Strongroom'. 4.40 Golden shot. 5.35 Black beauty. 6.05 London. 7.25 On the buses. 7.55 Film: 'Gigi'. 10.00 London.

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**CROYDON:** Thursday March 15, 8 p.m. Ruskin House, Coombe Road.

**BASILDON:** Sunday March 18, 5.30 p.m. Barnstaple Community Centre.



# Workers Press and the industrial lobby

TV COLUMN—By a guest reviewer

## Stalinist hides our three-year fight



Lobby chairman Mick Costello insisted on appearing alone on BBC 2's 'Edition'

ANYONE watching the BBC 2 programme 'Edition' about the workings of the journalists' industrial lobby was very poorly informed about the real issues concerning the three-year ban against Workers Press joining the lobby.

This was wholly the fault of the BBC which allowed the chairman of the lobby, Mick Costello, of the Communist Party's 'Morning Star', to place a veto on discussing the issue in the studio with Royston Bull, our industrial correspondent, whom the BBC had originally invited.

Costello said that either he would be the only member of the lobby appearing or he would not appear at all. The BBC revealed none of this to the viewers and allowed Costello to put across a completely biased picture.

### ADMITTED

It was stated at the beginning that David Maude, our labour correspondent, had finally been admitted to the lobby and that one of the factors in this had been the impossible situation created when Royston Bull, who was already a member of the lobby, joined the Workers Press from 'The Scotsman'.

But what was not disclosed were the incredible details of the three-year fight to keep the Workers Press out and Costello's role in consistently refusing to recommend admission until right at the death when he was faced with a *fait-accompli*.

The stunts tried against



ROYSTON BULL . . . Already in the lobby when he joined Workers Press.

Workers Press included queries about the paper's distribution, requests first to David Maude and then to the editor for assurances about observing confidentially, secret ballots and packed meetings, and finally an attempt to expel Roy Bull for exposing the conspiracy to the Press.

### CENSORSHIP

At the back of all these stunts and provocations lay a piece of blatant and dangerous



DAVID MAUDE . . . Consistently kept out of group despite all guarantees given.

political censorship. The Ministers made it clear they did not want the Workers Press in on the lobby briefings — meetings between journalists and government spokesmen when information is passed on for publication — and the journalists complied on the grounds that Ministers would be less forthcoming if the paper was let in.

Not only did the programme fail to expose this fraudulent argument; it did not even report it adequately. Costello simply denied that there was any cosy atmosphere between

lobby members and Ministers.

The truth is that the lobby system is a device for keeping the relationships between journalists and officials on a friendly basis so that searching questions should not be asked too persistently.

Costello said there was no political pressure to keep out the Workers Press and that the only issue was whether the paper would breach Ministerial confidences.

This is simply not true. Despite getting all the assurances asked for, the lobby still said 'Keep out'. And in any case, the right to expel the Workers Press gave them all the safeguards they could want.

Political discrimination has always been the sole reason for the ban, and ministry spokesmen have repeatedly made this clear.

### SECRECY

The programme was also misleading on the question of the secrecy surrounding the lobby's affairs which the reactionaries have made use of to suppress criticism of their censorship activities.

Costello denied there was any attempt to keep the light off

the lobby's affairs. Then why the refusal to debate the matter on television with a representative of the Workers Press? Why the issue in the correspondence columns of newspapers?

But despite having made sure he would not be tackled on any of these difficult questions, Costello nevertheless came across as a man who had a lot to hide.

Journalists Kenneth Allsopp and Lance Sheppard, who debated the issue, had Costello mostly on the defensive trying to justify himself like some affronted bourgeois dignitary, which is what he has in fact become in his defence of the capitalist Press system.

### IMPACT

Although the diehard reactionaries tried right to the bitter end to keep David Maude out and to expel Roy Bull for joining the Workers Press, their efforts failed because our paper's three-year campaign finally made enough impact on radical opinion that Costello's support crumbled away.

The Stalinist was left to comment painedly: 'I suppose a three-year trial is about right for a new newspaper.'

It was never Workers Press that was on trial. It was the reactionary alliance of Stalinism and the right-wing press in defence of a rotting capitalist institution that was put on trial — and found wanting.

## Victimized official gets mass picket support

A MASS picket in defence of trade union rights was held at a Middlesex engineering factory yesterday.

### Pabloites back the Argentine Peronists

THE Pabloite 'People's Revolutionary Army' (ERP) of Argentina has kidnapped Hector Garcia, publisher of the mass-circulation daily 'Cronica' and general manager of the largest television station in the country.

Garcia was released after his newspaper published an ERP statement calling for a vote for the Peronist Justicialist Liberation Front in the elections on Sunday.

The country's president General Lanusse showed his concern at the outcome of the elections by flying on an official visit to Spain last week as a guest of General Franco.

Juan Peron himself had made his home in Madrid which is the centre of Peronist policy making.

After Peron's visit to Argentina earlier this year, the Peronist trade-union leadership, guided by Jose Rucci, joined Lanusse's council for economic planning.

The ERP's unity with the left-wing of the Peronist movement abandons the militant working class in Argentina to Rucci and company.

Workers from the London area joined staff at Zenith Carburettors, Honey Pot Lane, Stanmore. They have been on strike for five weeks against the victimization of Mike Dale, chairman of the white-collar union ASTMS in the Zenith group.

The firm sacked Mr Dale on the spot when he refused to abandon all his trade union activities at the Stanmore plant. For the previous nine months ASTMS have been trying to win negotiating rights for the staff at Zenith.

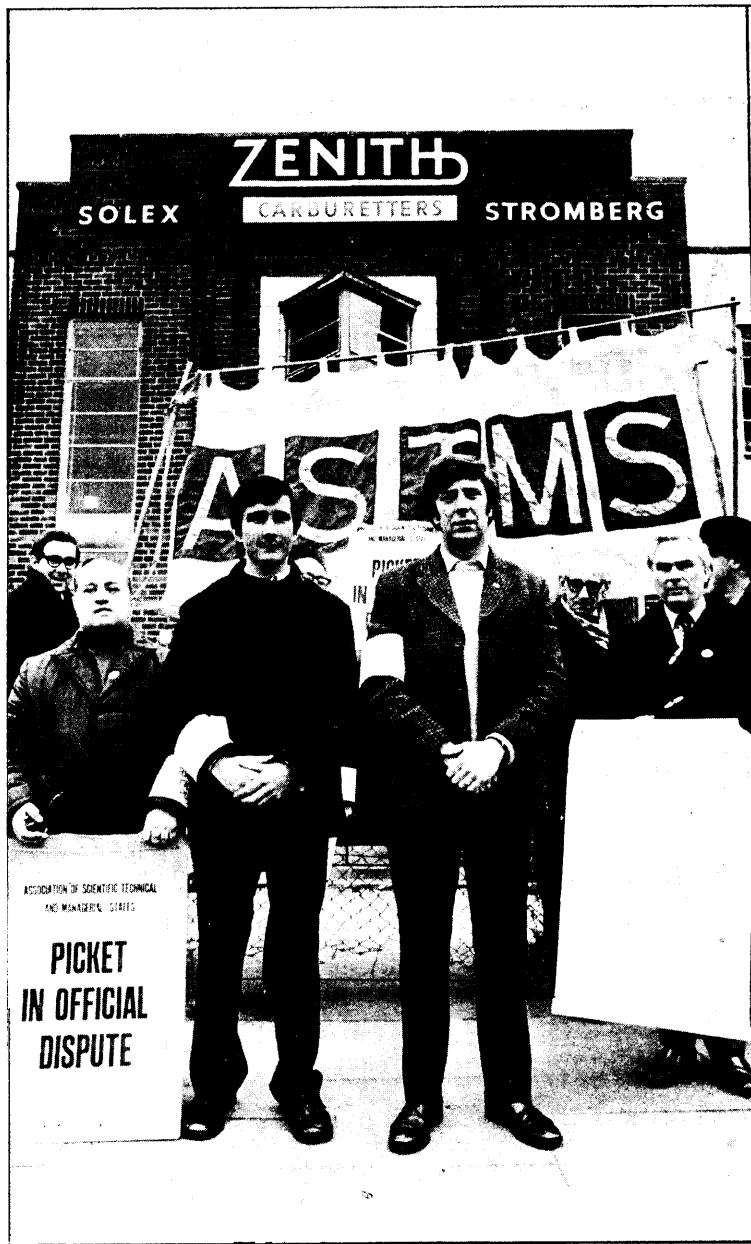
This led to a one-hour strike on January 29 for which Mr Dale, the quality manager, was victimized by top management.

'This company has a history of tough industrial relations policy,' said Mr Dale on the picket line yesterday.

'They have been afraid of ASTMS from the beginning. The intention of management must be to destroy the union in the group. They are taking action against me as chairman of the union in the group, hoping to end it here and now. If Zenith win this one, who is next, that is what I ask?'

The pickets say that the success of their strike now depends on general support in industry. Letters explaining the dispute have been sent to unions at French and Swedish plants who handle Zenith products.

Latest to join in the campaign are Chrysler shop stewards who have agreed to black Zenith products. Stewards at British-Leyland are expected to follow suit.



## Peer and wife seek divorce

LORD de Clifford—the last man to be literally 'tried by his peers' —and his wife, Dorothy Evelyn, are seeking divorce. She is the daughter of the late Mrs Kate Meyrick, 'night club queen' of London before the war.

Their petitions have been set down for hearing in the High Court in London.

Lord de Clifford, 26th holder

of the barony created in 1299, is 66. He inherited the title when he was two years old. The marriage was in 1926.

It was in 1935 that Lord de Clifford was tried in the House of Lords on a car manslaughter charge and acquitted. It was the first time this century that the House had been convened for such a trial.

## 'Mind-labs' story is a forgery: Robinson

BY WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

ON PAGE 3 of Wednesday's Workers Press we reported a letter written in the magazine 'Management in Action' by the former Labour Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Robinson.

In the letter, Robinson suggested that strikers were suffering from 'a severe mental illness' and needed psychiatric treatment.

From Robinson's private office at the British Steel Corporation we have now received the following letter, which was sent to the editor of 'Management in Action':

'The letter purporting to come from me which was published in your November issue under the heading "Strikes and Mental Illness" is a forgery. The views expressed are not mine and I wish to repudiate them utterly.

'I should be glad if you would publicise this denial because the original letter, if taken seriously by anyone, could cause damage—which appears to have been the forger's intention.'

A spokesman for Robinson told Workers Press the matter was in the hands of the authorities. They had no idea who was responsible.

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**HOSPITAL WORKERS**

# Action escalates in the hospitals

**INDUSTRIAL** action in the hospitals continues to escalate. In Leeds operating theatres at Killinglebeck Hospital, and two at Seacroft Hospital have been closed. Only emergency cases are being accepted.

About 3,700 beds in the region are now enforcedly empty.

The class conflicts surrounding the ancillary workers struggle are getting sharper. The Kidderminster NUPE branch secretary Joe Sandford, who had to resign when

his members defied his 'back-to-work' call, yesterday tried to organize scab labour, but the big majority still stayed out.

The newly-elected branch secretary Alan Murray said:

'Many of us did not agree with the decision to go back to work. Our former secretary got cold feet and we had to suffer for it.'

Full-time union officials helped man the picket line yesterday.

Pickets at the Manchester Royal Infirmary closed the hospital laundry and staged a sit-down in a sterile supplies store. Police were called.

Hospital workers in Derby are accusing the Derby Manor hospital of victimization against a shop steward on the picket line by discharging his 79-year-old mother-in-law. She is a legless

diabetic needing daily injections.

At Walton Hospital, Liverpool, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon is providing scab labour in the kitchens peeling potatoes. Only 70 of the 1,160 ancillary staff in the group are working.

NUPE said industrial action had escalated, and 272 hospitals were now involved in direct strike action and a total of 770 affected in some way.

St Bartholomew's Hospital in London was back to its normal strike situation now that the bomb injury emergency was over.



Janet Allen (16) being treated for a wrist injury.

## Nurses and patients back strikers

**OFFICE WORKER** Janet Allen (16), being treated for an injured wrist, feels the ancillary workers are extremely low paid considering what they do for people.

'We would be lost without them in the hospital,' she said. 'I would defend their right to go on strike.'

'As a patient I think they should go on strike. It's not right that they should not go on strike.'

Mrs A. Osifeso has a broken leg. She told me: 'I sympathize with the strikers. I want them to get their increase. I think their action is right. It does cause some inconvenience to patients, but it's still right. They need the money.'

Steve Alder (16) is an apprentice metalwork engineer being treated for an eye injury.

their increase, because their pay is very low and they do important work.'

Mrs D. Sanderson, one of the pickets at St James's Hospital in south London, said: 'This action is right. You have to do something to get something. We work hard for nothing. If we don't get an agreement we will have to have another strike.'

'We should all stay out together until we get what we want.'

Another picket, Mrs Johnson, said: 'This is a very good strike. I would stay out as long as it is necessary to get the full increases. We have been taken advantage of for too long. The higher authorities are pushing us around all the time we want it stopped.'

'We come to work and we know we have to work. But we want to work in peace. We don't want to have supervisors pushing us around all the time.'

Two second-year student nurses felt that most of the nurses at St James's are extremely sympathetic to the strikers. They said: 'These people work very hard and they get very little. The nurses here are sick of the argument that the ancillary workers should not strike because of the patients and the nurses. These people have worked so hard for years and they have got so little.'

'They do think about the patients or they would not do this job. What is disgusting is that they have been negotiating for so long and they have been left with no alternative but to come out on strike.'

## Picket cuts off food to doctors

**SHOP STEWARDS** representing striking ancillary workers at St James' Hospital, south London, have rejected a management appeal to allow private contractors to bring in food for resident doctors.

The doctors normally eat at a dining centre now closed by the strike, which is scheduled to last a week.

Strike committee spokesman Bill Webster said: 'We are allowing no private contractors to bring food in here.'

'They can go out and get their own food. But this won't affect the patients because they

are on a set diet. They are well looked after by the emergency services which we have provided.'

The strikers have agreed that night residential nurses can be supplied with cold food and so can some non-residential nurses who might have difficulty getting their food.

There is considerable support for the strikers amongst the nurses and the strikers, in turn, regard them as fellow low-paid workers.

'The strike is getting stronger every day,' says Bill Webster. A 16-hour picket is being maintained from 5.30 a.m. each day.

'But we must be prepared to extend this at a moment's notice, if necessary' he said.

## Sunday's rail strike is on

**SUNDAY'S** rail strike is still on—and the possibility of further midweek strikes cannot be ruled out. This emerged after Mr Ray Buckton, ASLEF general secretary, and his nine-man executive dispersed until Tuesday morning.

They have laid no plans for escalating trouble on the railways. But Mr Buckton said: 'I cannot say what will happen next week when the executive meets again. They will then review the position.'

British Rail again reported 'chaos' in many regions in the wake of Thursday's strike and train drivers' continuing non-operation and overtime ban.

Southern Region said only one third of the usual rush-hour suburban trains ran and they expected to cancel 2,000 trains altogether. All main-line trains were running, but most were arriving late.

Eastern Region services—the worst hit in the fortnight of rail troubles—were 'very restricted'.

Southend, Shenfield and Gidea Park services in Essex were badly affected, mainly because they are starting points for trains which had no drivers.

Western Region reported that about a quarter of the usual rush-hour services had to be cancelled, but all Inter-City trains were running.

But on Midland Region 40 per cent of inter city services had to be cancelled, while the commuter trains ran normally.

Overnight trains between London and Glasgow were not operating, and two holiday specials from Glasgow have also been cancelled.



St. James' Hospital pickets winning wide support.

## Fleetwood trawlermen plan action

**FLEETWOOD** fishermen yesterday voted unanimously to fight for a decent basic wage in their industry. They have threatened action in early April if their demand is not met. This is the first time on record that the Fleetwood men have demanded industrial action.

The meeting of about 60 mem-

bers of the Transport and General Workers' Union also called for 100-per-cent union membership. They said they could not guarantee to sail with men who were not in the union in the future.

## BRIEFLY • BRIEFLY

**LIVERPOOL** dockers will hold a mass meeting tomorrow to decide whether to accept the employers' £2.75 pay offer. Dockers were angry yesterday when they heard that their committee had voted to accept the offer and to drop a claim for a 35-hour week. The decision was carried by one vote on the casting vote of Jimmy Symes.

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