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Asked whether one-day strikes would form part of the TUC's campaign, general secretary Victor Feather told a press conference yesterday afternoon that there had been no pressure for such action at the meeting.

US takes step towards trade war

THE UNITED STATES Senate Finance Committee took an ominous step along the road of international trade war when it adopted the Foreign Trade Bill, already carried by the Congress, this week.

Busmen boycott

BUSMEN on three London routes are refusing to take night buses into Woolwich because they have had enough of being 'threatened, abused and assaulted'.

Rover 1,400 recalled Monday

WORK WAS resumed yesterday at the Rover car company's engine factory at Acoccks Green, Birmingham.

University row over cleaners

CLEANERS EMPLOYED at Lancaster University, who were given notice of dismissal in a row over weekend working, have now heard that the dismissal notice has been withdrawn.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 6-DAY WORKERS PRESS

The Workers Press is now being published on six days a week. The production of the extra Monday issue will be decisive at this time when the Tories are planning an all-out onslaught against the working class with their anti-union laws and attacks on wages and living conditions.

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LATE NEWS

BETTER GOVERNMENT BY FEWER PEOPLE
Prime Minister Heath's re-organization of government, machinery, announced yesterday, claims to provide 'less and better government by fewer people'.

ANSTY ACCEPTS ROLLS OFFER

Over 1,000 draughtsmen from Parkside and Ansty plants in Coventry voted yesterday to accept the £4.75 offer by management.

This Bill makes a beginning with textiles and shoes, and opens the way to a full programme of tariffs and protectionism.

Retaliation

The EEC Commissioner for External Trade, ex-Professor Dahrendorf, is now in Washington to hand out a warning that if the Finance Bill finally goes through it will inevitably lead to European retaliation.

Pressure

Even though capitalist advisers warn that protectionist measures endanger the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), accepted since the Second World War, and could create an overall instability damaging to US interests, the pressure for these measures will grow as more and more capitalist interests demand policies in conformity with their profit requirements in face of the crisis.

Indonesian army flexes its muscles again

THE INDONESIAN armed forces have just celebrated their silver jubilee amidst sharp criticism. A crisis erupted in parliament earlier this month when politicians challenged their dual status which allows officers to play key roles in business and politics.

TIN STRIKE ON AGAIN

BY THE weekend 3,000 tinplate workers are expected to be laid off in three W Wales factories as the result of an unofficial strike by 450 maintenance workers over a pay claim.

Mrs Jagan banned from US

MRS JANET JAGAN, American-born wife of Guyana's opposition leader Dr Cheddi Jagan, has lost her US citizenship for the second time and been banned from entering America.

Mrs Jagan said she made the discovery this week when she was arranging to visit her ailing mother in California.

She was told that not only was she no longer an American citizen, but an old ban denying entry had been reimposed.

She was also told she had the right to appeal to the US Supreme Court.

Mrs Jagan, who last visited the US six years ago as a government minister to address the United Nations, first lost her US citizenship in 1947 by voting in the Guyana (then British Guiana) elections.

In June 1967 she was told her citizenship had been restored.

WEATHER

General situation: A large anticyclone centred over Denmark is moving slowly south and will continue to affect much of N Europe and most of the British Isles.

Agnew draws reactionaries together

SPIRO T. AGNEW, Nixon's deputy and self-appointed high priest of the right-wing American backlash, is barnstorming round the United States in a converted executive jet.

At his meetings, he attacks student protest, calls for 'law and order' and makes red-baiting attacks on his more liberal political opponents.

The technique is not new—Nixon used it when he was Eisenhower's vice-president—but it is proving a very dangerous weapon in Nixon's battle with the working class.

Agnew is drawing together all the forces of US reaction behind a programme of repressive laws and tighter police control.

Break-up
He appeals to the middle class and backward sections of white workers who feel themselves threatened by crime, student protest, drugs and pornography.

Attack
Agnew has been quick to latch on to the weakness, prostration and opportunism of the trade union leaders at the same time as big figures appear in the Republican Party.

In the New York Senate election campaign, he has violently attacked the Republican nominee, Senator Goodell, as a 'radical-lib' and supported the ultra-conservative Republican Buckley while openly canvassing the votes of backward white workers on anti-labour racialist lines.

Buckley's family is notoriously pro big business and anti-labour and anti-civil rights. Buckley's brother edits the 'National Review' which has consistently campaigned for the legal abolition of the closed shop.

This however does not prevent Agnew from soliciting—and receiving—the support of reactionary union leaders like Brennan of the New York Trades Councils—and leader of the notorious 'hard-hat' construction workers.

In the army, Nixon and Agnew really have problems. Young workers are no longer prepared to die in a colonial bloodbath for US imperialism. And Nixon knows it.

That is why he is withdrawing troops from SE Asia, while protecting his back with his 'peace' proposals, his 'Vietnamization' policy and appeals to world Stalinism for support.

All these developments are forerunners of big class struggles in the United States, which will pose before the working class the urgent need to create a Labour Party with a revolutionary programme.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

MERSEYSIDE: Sunday, October 18. Swan Hotel, London Road, 7.30 p.m. Support the council workers, stop the anti-union law. Bring down the Tory government.

Sydney: October 7—While the British Tories are engaged in moves to shackle the trade unions, some of their Australian counterparts in industry are fighting to revitalize Australia's arbitration system, which in the words of one newspaper is: '... a battered, beheaded and belittled shell of its former self'.

Australian capitalists will now be watching the turn of events in Britain with interest. If Heath and his fellow Tories can get the shackles on the unions in Britain, it will give greater impetus for those who want to wrap them round Australian ankles once more.

The Metal Trades Industry Association of Australia has long been vociferous in its demands that the battle against the working class should be stepped up. This week it has been at it again.

National president Mr J. B. Clarkson claimed, rather unhappily, that the unions were currently being permitted to exercise rights without being called upon to carry out their obligations.

In words familiar to workers in Southampton or Sydney, Ballarat or Birmingham, he said that the present level of strikes (in Australia) restrict economic growth and reduce the capacity to improve living throughout the combine.

Cabinet crisis in the Argentine

ONLY FOUR months old, the Argentine Cabinet has entered a severe crisis already involving the resignation of two Ministers within 24 hours.

Minister of the Interior Eduardo McLaughlin resigned because of obstruction within the new government to the preparation of elections.

It is evident from the subsequent resignation of the Minister of the Economy, Carlos Moyano Llerena, said to favour economic 'growth', that the economic problems facing the Argentine demand from the capitalists an attack on the working class.

Already the chief of the armed forces has consulted with the President, no doubt urging a more repressive course. Certain Argentinian bourgeois elements hope for an economic expansion, to be embarked on alongside nationalist trade union leaders.

There has even been talk of inviting Peron back to the Argentine. The military and the right wing understand that this, together with talk of future parliamentary elections, would encourage a new upsurge of the masses and favour a Greek solution.

PUBLIC LECTURES Elements of Marxism

The importance of Marxist philosophy in the building of the revolutionary party. Three lectures by G. HEALY (National Secretary of the Socialist Labour League)

DAGENHAM Monday October 19 Monday October 26 Monday November 2
OXFORD Thursday October 22 Thursday October 29 Thursday November 5
ACTON Thursday October 29 Thursday November 5 Thursday November 12

Two lectures by G. HEALY in Glasgow
Sunday October 25 Sunday November 1

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NO CROYDON MARCH



Some of the Croydon council workers who had congregated for a march yesterday. See story page one.

Draughtsmen consider pay offer

DRAUGHTSMEN at Coventry, Bristol, and Leavesden Rolls-Royce plants were meeting yesterday to decide their attitude to the company's latest offer of between a 7 and 16 per cent pay rise.

At Coventry—where 1,000 men from the Parkside and Ansty plants were locked out for 13 weeks for refusing to accept a 7 per cent offer—the firm is proposing to give the men £4.5s—a 16 per cent increase to draughtsmen of 21 and a 13 per cent increase to draughtsmen of 30 and over.

In Scotland the offered increase is £4 with a reducing scale to £2 5s at 29 and over. Men at Bristol face a £2 10s all-round increase (9 per cent) and Leavesden draughtsmen must decide whether to accept a £2 12s 6d increase.

Draughtsmen at Derby, Hatfield, Chesterfield, Barnoldswick and Hucknall have already accepted 7 per cent. The union's Draughtsmen's and Allied Technicians' claim that Rolls-Royce have dropped all the productivity strings that were previously tied to the offer.

There is only vague mention in the offer of 'future talks to improve productivity', a clause included in three previous pay deals. The firm is insisting that any further national increase won't be paid to their employees unless it was larger than the respective offered increases. Then the Rolls-Royce men would only receive the surplus.

Rolls-Royce made it clear to union officials when they met them for talks earlier this week that a refusal to accept the offer would lead to a total lock-out of their members throughout the combine.