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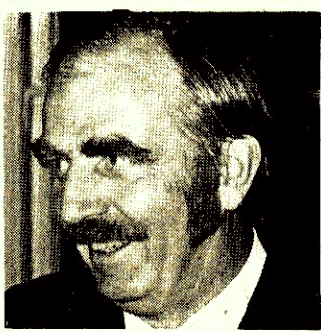
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What the Soviet leaders want is an agreement ratifying the division of Europe, confirming that Germany will remain divided, and opening the way to closer trading relations with Britain and the Common Market countries.

In other words, what they are aiming at is an up-dated version of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements under which Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill divided Europe into spheres of influence after the war.

The Bonn-Moscow agreement signed in August is a major step along this road. But its terms will not become operative until agreement is reached in the four-power talks on Berlin which are still in progress.

Talks between W Germany

and Poland are also under way.

These preparations are part of the bureaucracy's response to the threat of political revolution in the workers' states.

The invasion of Czechoslovakia two years ago underlined the lengths to which the Stalinist bureaucracy will go to stifle any independent movement of the working class.

The same year saw the treachery of the French Communist Party in May and June events.

The French Stalinists played a key part in heading off the revolutionary challenge of the working class to the capitalist state.

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Overall cost of the teachers' 37-per-cent claim has been estimated at £225 million—£154 million for the £1,250-£2,300 basic-pay demand alone.

NUT secretary Edward Britton has said that although the offer from Burnham's management side failed to place enough emphasis on the basic scale, it was clearly moving towards the structural proposals of the teachers' claim.

In fact the Burnham proposals do not constitute a formal offer.

### Re-structure

They are a set of possible pay scales on the basis of which a complete re-structuring of teachers' pay could take place.

Any pay settlement, the management side has made clear, would depend on the acceptance of this rationalization; a rationalization which would maintain a continued depressed basic scale for the vast majority of teachers and introduce the grading of teachers by salary.

Future negotiations could then only take place on a basis similar to that experienced by production workers subjected to Measured-Day Work and other notorious

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In its turn, this would enable local education authorities to push through education cuts on a school-by-school basis, by predetermining what grade of teacher would be employed.

### Confident

Burnham, which comprises government as well as local authority representatives, presents these re-structuring proposals with confidence—because they are already NUT policy.

While rejecting the 7½-per-cent illustrative offer as 'derisory', in the union leadership is in fact preparing for lengthy collaboration with the employers on the meat of their proposals.

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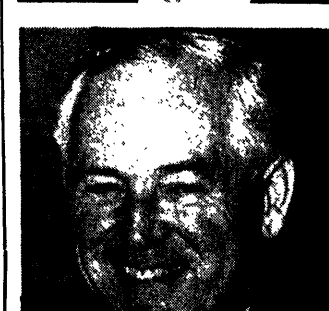
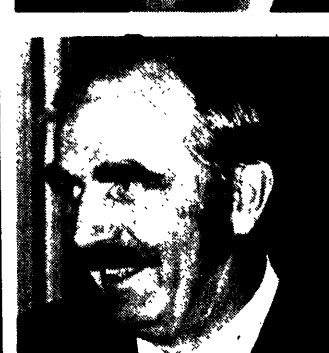
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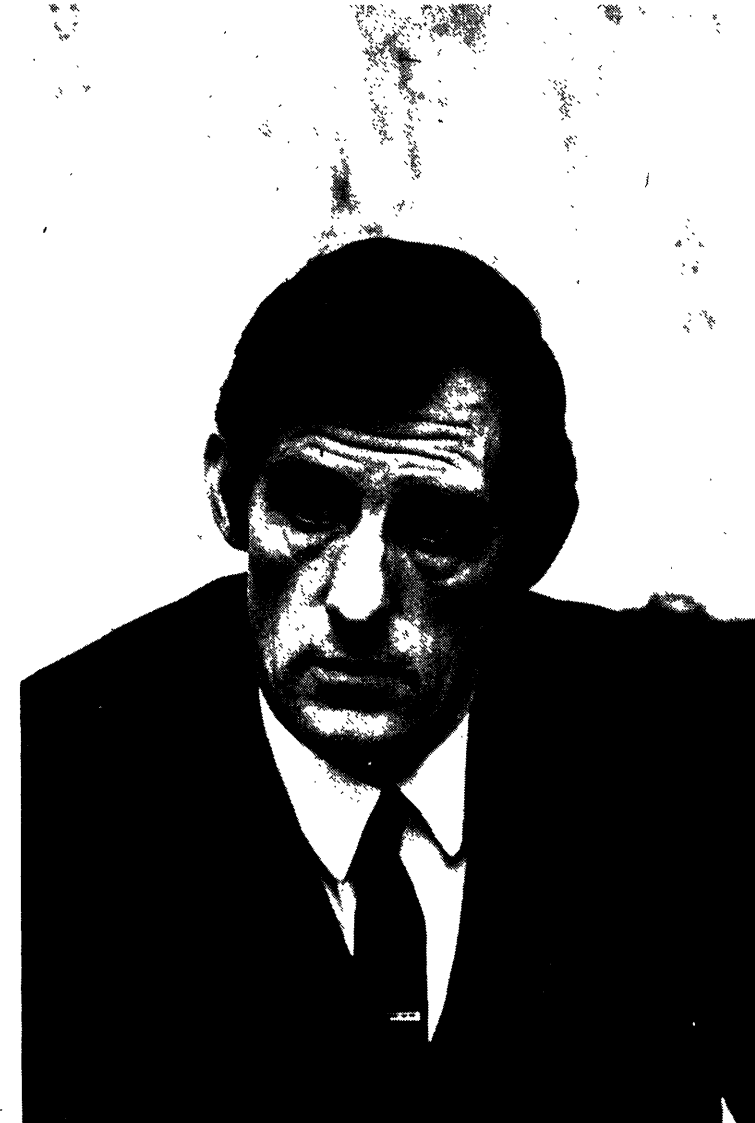


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Mr HUGHES



THE COUNCIL WORKERS' strike in Bristol has been notable for the militant backing given by mothers of the children deprived of schooling for more than three weeks.

Caretakers at the city's 220 schools joined the strike on their own initiative at the start of national action.

Housewives carrying banners inscribed 'Wake up Walker, pay up, open up' have repeatedly lobbied local Tory leader Gervas Walker, demanding that the council concede the manual workers' claim and open the schools.

Sixty-year-old Mrs Smith, who took her grandchildren on a council workers' demonstration, complained of the Tories' reluctance to meet their delegation, but added:

'Anyway we'd have torn them to pieces.

'If you kept the kids home you'd be summoned' she said. 'I think we should do that to the Tory council.'

A fortnight ago housewives lobbied the Council House for two days running until Walker finally gave way and spoke to them.

One of the delegation said:

'Just because I've got a child at school isn't what makes me adamant. The caretakers have to do all sorts of jobs to get terrible money.'

Last Saturday's march through Bristol demanding the council worker's 55s.



MRS ELIZABETH TURRELL of Kingsdown, Bristol told us that mothers were extremely annoyed that nothing had been done to settle the strike.

'My children have been home for three weeks now and it's very disruptive for them. The council were nine days before they arranged for any work for the children.

'Some of the mothers are now very tired and a lot of them are losing money through not being able to keep up jobs.

'I'm lucky because when I go to work my neighbour looks after my children and I do in return.

'We had hoped that the council would pay up if they realized how much it was affecting the families.'

'I THINK the men are justified in claiming 55s', said MRS MURIEL EWERS of Southmead.

'I heard on television the other night that the caretakers had never been on strike. You take it for granted that these men will always be doing the work. For the type of work they do the wages are disgusting.

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'But Gervas Walker was discussing something like the SS Great Britain [the decaying hull of Brunel's steamship, recently towed back to Bristol as a historic relic].

'When we went into the public gallery they needed a squad of police to keep us quiet.

'Gervas Walker suggested on television that mothers should do school cleaning. The teachers' association was very upset by this. This morning he said if the council workers all went back we could start discussing. But they won't and I don't blame them.'

Speaking of last Saturday's demonstration she said: 'I just dropped everything to go — even the shopping.

'I never thought I'd be on something like this. But if we don't have a go, then we'll never get anywhere.'

WORKERS PRESS talked to MR KEN WELSBY, a comprehensive school caretaker and member of the Bristol strike committee.

After commenting that the strike tactics had been 'very bad'—'Our members and the strike committee are all in

favour of all-out action' — he spoke of his work and wages.

'Even after a 40-hour week', he said—'we're on overtime at a flat 5s an hour. There's no time-and-a-half.

'For this we're expected to get the boilers going, sometimes at 5.30 in the morning during the winter.

'I have to manage the maintenance and the cleaners, order all materials and fuel. I'm responsible for security and have to bank the school's money and fetch meal tickets from the town.

'My working week is anything up to 60 hours.

'I work from 6.30 a.m. to noon and then I'm off until 3 p.m. There is supposed to be a break from 6 p.m. until 6.30 p.m., but it isn't a real break. There are activities in the school in the evenings and these have to be cleared up after 9.30 p.m.

'We're on call 24 hours a day and expected to be there at weekends.

'I've no social life. I've had one weekend out with my wife in four years.'

Mr Welsby showed us three wage slips which ranged from £62 4s 2d to £68 9s 1d a

month after stoppages, including an average of 50 hours a month overtime.

'It's not only the wage claim that's important', he explained. 'We've got to wait five years before getting three weeks' holiday. We want this after 12 months.'

'We're expected to do all these things for a pittance.'

Asked about the course of the strike he added:

'All these inquiries just give the Tories time to pass their anti-union laws. The government's attitude is back to the 1920s.

'We've got to bring more industries into the strike. We need more support from other branches — cars, engineering, dockers—this is what hits the profits.

'We need them all out—the big cities—Manchester, Glasgow and so on.'

ANOTHER Bristol caretaker, MR HUGHES felt that the employers were very stubborn.

'The inquiry is a foregone conclusion—it will lead to suppressing the workers. If the troops are used again we should call on our brothers in the car industry and all London militants for support.'

**TV**

**BBC 1**

9.15 a.m. Schools. 12.25-12.50 p.m. Nai zindagi—naya jeevan. 1.00-1.25 Iris. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.50 Schools. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Touaregs. 5.15 Tom Tom. 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London.

6.45 THE DOCTORS.

7.10 TOM AND JERRY.

7.20 REMEMBER, REMEMBER... The cost of Guy Fawkes night.

8.10 SOFTLY, SOFTLY—TASK FORCE. 'Without Favour'.

9.00 'THE NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather.

9.20 SPORTSIGHT WITH COLEMAN. Including World Cup Rugby League: Great Britain v France.

10.45 24 HOURS.

11.20 Weather.

**REGIONAL BBC**

All regions as above except:

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.22 News, weather.

North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 11.22 News, weather.

Wales: 6.00 Wales today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.10 Heddlu. 7.20 Ask the family. 7.40-8.10 Bie carach chi fynd. 11.20-11.45 Late call. 11.45 Weather.

Scotland: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. 7.10 Cartoon carnival. 7.15 Remember, remember. 8.05 Softly, softly—Task force. 8.55-9.00 Party political broadcast on behalf of the Scottish National Party. 11.22 News, weather.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 11.22 News, weather.

SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.22 News, weather.

ANGLIA: 10.58-3.00 London. 4.25 News. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 London. 6.00 About Anika. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 7.30 London. 11.00 London. 11.45 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.49 Tomorrow's horoscope. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 11.45 Reflection.

ULSTER: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.30 Romper room. 4.50 News. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 11.45 Reflection.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.25 London. 4.30 Matinee. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 11.45 Reflection.

GRANADA: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.10 News. 4.15 Wally Whyton. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 11.45 Reflection.

TYNE TEES: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.10 News. 4.15 Wally Whyton. 4.40 Rupert Bear. 4.55 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 11.45 Reflection.

**BBC 2**

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

7.05 p.m. SQUARE TWO.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 TIMES REMEMBERED.

8.10 MAN ALIVE. The mood of America. 'The Way Ahead'. A cross-section of Americans talk about their hopes and fears for the future.

9.00 PETS AND VETS. 'Breeding'.

9.20 BIOGRAPHY. 'A King and His Keeper'. Alan Badel as Charles I.

10.45 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.50 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

BBC 2 Scotland as above except:

8.00-8.05 Gustavus. 8.05 Man Alive. 8.55-9.00 Party political broadcast on behalf of the Scottish National Party.

**ITV**

11.00 a.m.-2.59 p.m. Schools. 4.17 Rupert Bear. 4.30 Crossroads. 4.55 Life off. 5.20 Wreckers at dead eye. 5.50 News.

6.02 TODAY.

6.35 THE SAINT. 'Invitation to Danger'.

7.30 CORONATION STREET.

8.00 THE BENNY HILL SHOW.

9.00 SPECIAL BRANCH. 'Reported Missing'.

10.00 NEWS AT TEN.

10.30 LIFE WITH COOPER. Tommy Cooper.

11.00 PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING.

11.45 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

12.00 midnight THE CORRIDORS OF POWER. Ivor Mills talks to Gwynnoro Jones, Labour MP.

**REGIONAL ITV**

CHANNEL: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 News. 4.05 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.45 Faith for life. 11.50 Weather.

WESTWARD: As Channel except: 3.58 News. 4.00 Gus Honeybun. 6.00 Diary. 11.45 Faith for life. 11.50 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Wind in the willows. 4.30 London. 6.00 Day by day and

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-3.00 London. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Cartoon. 4.25 London. 4.50 News, weather. 6.10 Week. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Jokers wild. 7.30 London. 8.00 Love, American style. 8.55 SNP political broadcast. 9.00 London. 10.30 Scotspost. 11.20 Wrestling. 11.45 Police news. 11.50 Kind of living.

REVIEW: FRANK CARTWRIGHT

A TWO-HOUR BBC-2 programme bringing together much of the world's respectable research on the human brain and some of the inquiries into mind (a much more dangerous aspect of the subject) is not as much in contradiction with Monty Python's Flying Circus or Spike Milligan as some might argue.

Last Friday the BBC mounted one of the scientific programmes for which it is uniquely famed, a round-up of the acceptable research on a world-wide scale under the banner 'The Mind of Man'.

Using film and studio together, but omitting Raymond Baxter, it was however considerably less than its title promised.

It was impressive in cataloguing and demonstrating many areas of investigation and experiment into the functioning of the brain; it never held back any chemical or other detail which could aid the viewer to understand.

Nigel Calder (the writer) and Philip Daly (the producer) had clearly travelled round the world and acted on only the most sober advice. They even acknowledged some connections between mind and body!

MECHANICAL

But the programme remained, despite flashes of excitement, a mechanical account of mostly mechanical research.

The functioning of man's brain, its development historically and through maturation, is

MIND OVER MATTER

a major area of scientific work yet to be done.

But the struggle for consciousness, for mind, has wider, deeper and more dialectical meanings than such studies in this system of production can reveal.

Mind can only be understood dialectically; brain research is done, of course, according to the laws of the scientific discipline brought to bear upon it, and properly so.

But when the chemistry, the physics and the mathematics have been done on sleeping, for example, an adequate theory of dreams will still have to be developed.

Simply to describe some aspects of an event—even if that description enables a certain amount of control to be exer-

cised—can never be a substitute for a full theory of the whole nature of that event.

And wherever research yields the possibility of intervention for profit, all the evidence now is that within the production relations the results are destructive of man's life on the planet.

CONFUSION

The bourgeoisie is not interested in the whole, in learning the laws of nature to build a better life for all men; its interests are simply to lengthen its own life and rule at any cost.

And to present brain research as if it were a philosophy of mind is a valuable service of confusion to this end.

But then science has consist-

'THE MIND OF MAN' BBC 2, October 23.

ently been presented in this way on television. Always kept in tight and separate compartments. Only questioned in the most collaborative way, the scientists have rarely been called to account their positions.

Make no mistake: we do not ask a scientist to justify his work according to some immediately utilitarian or moral criteria.

But so often the ideas which they treasure as their own unique and free insight are simply the needs of their masters refracted through them and into their work.

BARRIERS

AND unfortunately much the same is true of Spike Milligan ('Oh In Colour', BBC 2).



Things aren't always the way they seem. In this specially constructed room MAGNUS MAGNUSSON and JOANNA ROBBINS show how easily your brain can be fooled.

TV COLUMN

He appears to crash against the barriers of the acceptable, to break through the limitations of respectability, and all in search of 'humanity'.

His jokes and sketches, along with John Antrobus, go a long way apparently in mocking sacred institutions like the monarchy, the holiness of war and the church.

A caricature copper, constantly flexing his knees, arrives on his bike to break up a battle between the Coldstream Guards and the Comanche Indians, being fought in the dining room of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert at Windsor.

He says to Victoria, played by Rita Webb: 'I've had complaints about the noise in this castle.' 'Who from?' asks the Queen.

'The people in the castle downstairs.'

We're shown Milligan as a squadron leader in 1940. After newsreel film of the period, complete with jingoistic commentary and music, he begins writing a letter of condolence to the mother of a pilot 'shot down at blank hours, over blank, on the blank of July'.

He completes the letter and hands it to an adjutant with the instructions: 'Have ten million of those run off'.

SWING

Admirable stuff. But constantly the material also veers off into heartlessness and cynicism which may be untypical of Milligan in other ways.

It's precisely this trap though that's so dangerous now. When there's no distinction between a 'funny' worker and a 'funny' queen, between an 'ignorant' working-class wife and a pretentious bourgeoisie one, there's no firm ground for the artist.

He'll swing this way and that depending on the relationship of forces in the society. Certainly many producers are doing just that.

Just now, comedians like Milligan, and the group who do Monty Python's Flying Circus, seem to hold quite a radical posture.

Certainly the surreal invention of the latter show plus its technical control can also be magnificent and last week's edition was extraordinarily good.

Mockery of the law, of middle-class life, of pretence, combined to make some lethal material.

The jokes at the law or at the censorship of the BBC were also usually doubled in their effect by being immediately apologized for as being against everything true or British.

INTENTIONS

But again, whatever the intentions of its creators, we're left wondering how much disaffection they spread by their humour and how much they act simply as a safety valve to a system famous for the myriad ways it has developed of letting off excess steam.

Both programmes have recently come for attacks from BBC management and both would be a loss in the growing repressive climate. But again, we need have no illusions.

As long as they are possible they will be tolerated; and they are tolerated as long as they're useful.

The rapid move towards a heightened state power, aimed to protect the privileged and wealthy, is usually accompanied by an attempt to create an impression of 'consensus' politics.

ILLUSION

This is the illusion that presents all sensible, sane, rational men—or all men able to take a joke—as being in broad agreement over what must be done to deal with the difficulties of 'society'.

That process is fast getting under way now and the thing to be noticed is the way in which so many of the radical, muck-racking trendy left are assisting it.

This is the period when commercial television and the BBC are exercising more and more direct censorship on ideas, finished programmes and production staff, when resignations are forced out of radio workers after the merest satirical remarks about the Tory Party (I refer to 'It's Saturday'), and when the Tory government is bringing the full weight of its plan for all-out attacks on the working class into operation.

It is no surprise to learn that Mr Chataway (Minister of Posts and Telecommunications) is building up a plan for the establishment of a government watchdog committee to vet all television and radio output.

PROCESS

Wilson and the Labour government began this whole process with their appointments to key jobs in the industry.

The ex-boss of the Independent Television Authority, the well-known socialist Sir Robert Fraser, was also recently quoted as saying in effect that too much discussion on television of the weaknesses of our democratic society will undermine its very democratic nature.

Therefore, democratically and in the best interests of preserving it, we should be stopping having democratic discussions or investigations on television.

In the midst of all this, it is a Labour MP, Maurice Edelman, showing greatest faith in the system, who is asking Tory leader Heath to set up a control commission comparable to the Press Council.

BARGAIN

He's likely to get more than he bargained for—especially with support coming from the lefties of broadcasting itself.

It is reported that the 'radical' 76 group formed early this year to urge a Royal Commission on broadcasting — had a discussion evening with Chataway last week.

To deal in anyway with a Tory Minister can only lead to class compromise, and to express to him their feeling of the need for an independent body to protect their 'rights' of 'free expression' will only lend strength to his argument on the need for some controlling body, however described.

It's a dangerous time for all workers. For those inside broadcasting the period is rapidly developing to a point where critical choices will have to be made between the two sides taking positions. For all workers, sharp eyes must be kept on the screen.

The use made of it during the council workers' strike, when handicapped children and the dead were wheeled out as anti-strike evidence, is only one more warning.

Workers Press notebook

God's dividend

Queen Victoria's pill-pushers

A COUPLE of new Moral Re-Armament pamphlets have appeared which bring the message of the need for 'changed men' right up to date. Entitled 'Management and Men: the Missing Factor' and 'Capitalists Can Change', they give many illustrations of the lesson that MRA methods can bring about productivity and profit increases.

There is a missing factor. Change to be effective must start with ourselves. . . . When a manager listens to the Almighty as he expects his staff to listen to him, he gets direction. When he follows that direction miracles of change can happen.

This is the astounding conclusion reached by M. A. Cameron, an economist and transport consultant who has worked for British Rail and the World Bank.

Take, for example, the case of the deputy convenor of shop stewards in a large plant near Manchester. This man 'felt' frustrated about the way things were going in the plant, and was on the point of joining the Communist Party.

Then he met people who suggested that a revolution which changed human nature was superior to one which only changed systems.

As a result, runs the story, he got the workers to adopt a new agreement, giving greater 'flexibility'.

A few months ago, the company announced plans for the expansion of the operation at this and another site to the tune of £225 million.

Cameron also tells of the man 'who leads all the building trade operatives in Coventry'. After 22 years in the CP, this gentleman 'now says the class war is out of date'.

Example

A third example quoted is of Jack Carroll, former strike leader on Bristol docks.

After meeting MRA, he 'put things right with his official trade union representatives and with the management; and not many months later the manager of the port paid tribute on television to the good relations in the port.'

'On a later occasion he added, "The influence of Jack Carroll and men like him may be one of the reasons why we have had so little trouble in the port of Bristol since decentralization.'

The other pamphlet is about the experience of Shashi Patel, an Indian capitalist who took up with MRA.

Before this, his son and daughter had taken to drink—and his nearly bankrupt factory was racked by strikes.

Then he found the answer. Meeting the union general secretary, a Mr Thonsekar, he eventually got an agreement.

'Already there is a different spirit in the factory. The production is picking up. The workers are happier . . .

'Thonsekar and Patel both believe that more important than rupees and annas is the worker-management relationship. It is like husband and wife.'

Patel says: 'I have been questioning my motives for wanting to make my factory a success. Am I doing it as a showman? For profit? Or because it is right? In the context of the needs of the nation, I honestly believe it is for the third reason.'

We are not told what the workers in his factory think, however.



Lord Elgin enters Peking, October 24, 1860.

LAST WEEK'S 'Notebook' referred to British drug-peddling in China in the last century. This week sees the 110th anniversary of the triumphal entry of British forces into Peking.

The looting and burning of the Imperial Palace in 1860 ended that glorious period in the history of the British Empire known as the Opium Wars.

Huge fortunes had been made by British merchants in the 1820s and 1830s from the growing of opium in Bengal and its smuggling into China.

As the Emperor tried to stamp out this threat to the health of the Chinese people, the British saw an opportunity to break open China for foreign trade.

When a Chinese official—one who had not been corrupted by British bribery—destroyed the entire stock of opium in Canton, the Royal Navy went into action, and the First Opium War had begun.

The right of true-born Englishmen to poison the Chinese was upheld, and under the treaty of 1842 Hong Kong island was ceded to Britain and the main ports opened to foreign trade—including opium. Compensation was given for the drug supplies destroyed in 1839.

But trade did not increase fast enough for the City of London. In 1857, a Chinese smuggling boat, manned by a crew wanted by the Chinese police, but registered as British in Hong Kong, was arrested in Canton.

Springing to the defence of British life and property, the Palmerston government put its 'unboat diplomacy' into action. An important role in this, the start of the Second Opium War, was played by the Consul in Canton, Dr Bowring.

This gentleman was not only a former free-trader MP, but had also achieved fame as the author of the hymn 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'. Under the Treaty of Tientsin in 1858, not only were the rights of British and French merchants extended, but the interior of the country was opened up to Christian missionaries.

British dope of both material and spiritual varieties was now going to be freely pushed.

But the imperialists were still not satisfied. Fresh hostilities

were begun in the following year, ending only with the occupation of the capital city of the Celestial Empire.

Writing in 1857, Engels had said: 'One thing is certain, that the death hour of the old China is drawing nigh . . . The very fanaticism of the southern Chinese in their struggle against foreigners seems to mark a consciousness of the supreme danger in which the old China is placed; and before many years pass away we shall have to witness the death-struggle of the oldest empire in the world, and the opening day of a new era for all Asia.'

Ninety-three years later, the Navy claimed its last victory in China. But this time it was the withdrawal of the cruiser 'Amethyst' down the Yangtze which was celebrated, as the Chinese Red Army finally put a stop to the infamies of imperialist gangsterism in China.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

YOU MAY have read recently of a lady in Indonesia who claimed she was 18 months pregnant with a baby who was to be heard reciting passages from the Koran.

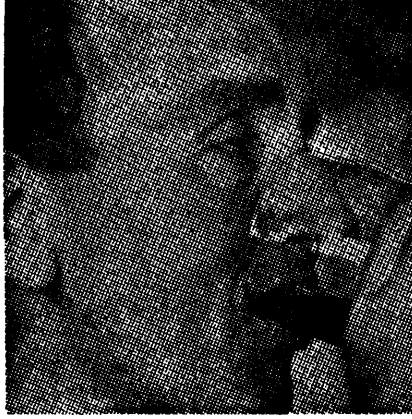
Many people flocked to observe this phenomenon and to ask the precocious foetus difficult points of Moslem theology.

Among the pilgrims were President Suharto, Foreign

Minister Malik and Minister of Religion Dachlan of the reactionary Indonesian regime.

They were all disappointed to learn last week that the whole thing was a hoax. The lady wasn't pregnant at all, found doctors in Jakarta.

The recitations were produced by ventriloquism and the bulge by careful use of the stomach muscles.



Behan

BEHAN AND 'THE MAIL'

THE 'DAILY MAIL' is following the career of Brian Behan with great interest.

Having reported earlier his intention to study history at Sussex University, the 'Mail' last week featured an interview under the heading: 'Behan surprises his university'.

Behan was trained by the Communist Party in the 1950s as a syndicalist trade unionist in the building industry. He left the CP in 1957 over disagreements with their trade union policies.

Joining our movement, he refused to abandon his hostility to Marxist theory, restricting himself to conceptions of rank-and-file 'militancy'.

Break

This led to his break with us in 1960, when he insisted that the Labour Party was a capitalist organization and denounced the Socialist Labour League as 'opportunists' for its continued struggle for Marxist leadership in the unions.

Now, as the fight against the Tories poses the question of revolutionary leadership before the working class as never before,

Behan is found by Charles Greville of the 'Mail' to be 'surprisingly restrained'.

"I'm opposed to instant revolution", the roistering Behan told me, reports Greville. "And to prove it yesterday he spoke against arch-revolutionary Tariq Ali at a university union debate.

Moral credit

'He is settling down well, he says, to the routine of the university. "It's a bit like a monastery as the extremism of some of the students cuts out the chance for traditional radical discussion. But I'm enjoying it. The students see me as an odd sort of figure, but my moral credit is pretty good as I've been in jail a couple of times".'

Behan serves the 'Daily Mail' in a double way.

As a caricature of a stage-Irish, wild-man, rebel worker, he can be used to discredit revolutionary politics. At the same time, as a famed militant, his opposition to Marxism will, it is hoped, turn students away from the working class.

But, in the present situation, the evolution of a man like Behan cannot end at this stage. His further movement to the right must be watched by Marxists as closely as by Fleet St.

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# IS diversion on Tories' anti-union laws

BY JOHN CRAWFORD

'TO GET panicky about the anti-union legislation is madness', said Tony Cliff of the International Socialism group on Monday night.

## ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

'No anti-union laws' 'Force the Tories to resign'

W LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Prince Albert Pub, Balfe Street, Kings Cross.  
N LONDON: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Seven Sisters Road.  
THANET: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Willton Hall, Willton Road, Ramsgate.  
MANCHESTER: Wednesday, October 28, 8 p.m. Whitehall Hotel, 91, High Street.  
SE LONDON: Thursday, October 29, 8 p.m. Artichoke Pub, Camberwell Church St, Camberwell Green.  
DEAL: Thursday, October 29, 8 p.m. Pier Hotel, Beach Street, Miners Must Win.  
CORBY: Thursday, October 29, 8 p.m. Nag's Head.  
ACTON: Monday November 2, 8 p.m. Acton Co-op Hall, Acton High St.  
E LONDON: Wednesday, November 11, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Kerby St (near Crisp St Market), E14.

He was replying to discussion at a meeting on productivity deals called by Wandsworth Trades Council.

I support the call for a national strike on December 8, he said, 'but I know that a one-day strike is not enough to smash the laws. The real fight will come on not registering unions and on the firing of strikers after the laws are passed.'

Earlier he had referred to two strategies in relation to productivity deals—one before their implementation and the other after.

Since eight million workers are now covered by such agreements, he explained, the second strategy was the important one.

## 'Boomerang'

In a speech which never once mentioned the Tory government, Cliff contended that productivity bargains, as an attack on the working class, had 'boomeranged'. The fight for parity and knowledge of workers' wages

in other parts of the country had developed as a result of such agreements being introduced.

'Workers are more united as a consequence,' declared Cliff. His proposals for trade unionists included rank-and-file conferences, greater communication between workers in different industries and the re-building of the shop stewards' movement as in 1916-1918!

The building of a revolutionary party was a struggle in the next ten to 15 years, he explained.

## The road

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protest channels is, in fact, a continuation of its support for the Stalinists during the anti-Wite Paper campaign in 1969.

This led to the July compromise with Wilson and, inexorably, to the present retreat of the TUC and the Stalinist leaders before the Tories.

It testifies to the complete bankruptcy of state capitalism and reveals in a glaring way something that the Trotskyists have long pointed to.

Those groups who refuse to defend in a principled way the most decisive conquest of the world working class, the property relations of the Soviet Union, cannot defend its less important conquests, the trade unions.

To betray the defence of the Soviet Union against imperialism is to sacrifice the trade unions to the Tory counter-revolution.

That is the logic of Mr Cliff's method and outlook. The same moral applies to the Institute for Workers' Control which, for all its anti-Tory pretensions, tries to substitute a non-class 'industrial democracy' for the socialist dictatorship of the working class and the expropriation of the capitalist class.

It is a scarcely-veiled attempt to impose on the trade unions the reactionary, mystic and anti-communist philosophy of its ex-patron and ex-Honorary President, the Earl Russell OM FRSE.

That is why it can welcome the TUC stand on the anti-union laws and glibly ignore its manifest failure to call a one-day nationwide stoppage against the Bill and to lead any effective campaign against it.

The IWC conference resolution does not call anywhere for a general strike against the Tories, but instead talks vaguely about the TUC calling a 'massive rally and demonstration' in London on the eve of the TUC's recall conference which should be brought forward to coincide with the early readings of the Bill in parliament.

It is easy to see how the reformism of the Institute complements the verbose radicalism of the state capitalists.

The former want to lead the trade unions up the blind alley of workers' control divorced from power while the latter, in alliance with the Stalinists, try to dissipate the revolutionary potential of the working class in localized and uncoordinated actions.

While we support December 8 as a step, and only a step, towards raising militancy against the anti-union laws, we warn workers that any attempt to pose December 8 as a substitute for a real campaign along the lines indicated must be resisted.

We urge all militant trade unionists not to fall for the trap set by these reformist groups, but to concentrate instead on the campaign to force the executives of the trade unions to call, through the TUC, a one-day general strike against the Tory government.

Forward to the defeat of the anti-union laws! Force the Tory government to resign!



Mr A. Machanda of the Committee for the Defence of Democratic Liberties and Against Persecution of Black People speaking at yesterday's press conference.

# London Panthers harassed

## 'Defence Committee' claims

SINCE a recent Notting Hill demonstration there has been a conscious political intimidation of black people', in the area and other parts of London with high immigrant populations.

This was alleged at a press conference called yesterday by the 'Black Defence Committee'.

connected with clashes involving the police. But this offensive was not isolated, the speakers pointed out—in spite of continuous attempts to dodge the question of working-class unity.

'When the system of capitalism is at a loss to give anything to the working people the only form it can take is oppression.'

Speakers—most of them members of the Black Panther Party—drew attention to the police brutality practiced against those who are prepared to come out in the streets and speak out.

The government appears to have given the police carte blanche to do what they please, it was claimed.

At a recent social function organized by the Black Panthers, police had raided the buildings with dogs and no search or arrest warrants and by creating confusion they succeeded in arresting one man.

Another man was woken up late at night at his house and arrested.

Continuous harassment of known Black Panther members and participants in demonstrations had formed the 'pattern which they are using against black people'.

The National Council of Civil Liberties, the Panthers claim, have been notified of thousands of cases of harassment of immigrants.

This was not 'due to a few racist policemen, but the whole government state machine', said one of the speakers.

All the speakers stressed that demonstrations were the only means of expressing themselves, but this had also been used by the 'press' to distort their grievances.

In response to the acute housing and employment problems in the Notting Hill area the government had sent in an army of 'social workers and do-gooders who kept them away from the root of the problem'.

Seventy-five per cent of the young people, particularly immigrant youth, in the area are unemployed and many are placed in educationally sub-normal schools.

Altogether about 12 youth members and sympathizers of the Black Panthers are at present serving jail sentences between six months and two years each—all of them

WORKERS PRESS wishes to take this opportunity to commemorate two dedicated fighters for Trotskyism whose work helped to make this daily paper possible.

Comrade Peter Archer, a founder member of the Young Socialists, and a member of the Socialist Labour League, died on October 25, 1967, at the age of 23 following a motor accident.

Comrade John Walls, a Trotskyist for 14 years and a member of the Socialist Labour League Yorkshire area committee, died on October 20, 1968. He was a convenor of shop stewards at George Manns (Engineering), Leeds, for many years.

Although these two comrades did not live to see the world's first daily Trotskyist paper, their tenacious struggle inside the labour movement against the bureaucracy of both social democracy and Stalinism lives on today in Workers Press.

## Big Israeli defence costs

ISRAEL spends nearly \$4,000,000 a day on 'defence', according to General Zvi Zur, assistant to Defence Minister General Dayan. Over a quarter of the gross national product was earmarked for military spending, he said in an article published in the Aircraft magazine 'Shchekim'.

This is about 15% a day for every member of the population.

## EI Al hit

MOST flights of the Israeli airline EI Al into and out of Lydda Airport, Tel Aviv, were cancelled yesterday when 450 maintenance workers went on strike for higher pay and better conditions.

## French miners still out

THE LORRAINE coalminers' strike continued yesterday with over three quarters of the area's 20,000 workers out.

The management has replied to the demand for guaranteed earnings of 55 francs (about £4 5s) a shift with an offer of 45 francs. Any larger claim will be met by a compromise in the future of the coalfield', they claim.

Responsibility for the negotiations has now passed to the national coal administration.

The scarcely-veiled threat of sackings, which was underlined with the insulting offer of less than 2s 6d increase in night bonus in return for shift reorganization, is thus handed down directly from the Gaullist regime.

Urged by trade union officials, production in the coalfield has been savagely stepped up—to four tons per man per day at Merlebach.

But the spectre of further speed-up, compulsory night-work and redundancy still hangs over the pits.

MARSEILLES port was completely shut down on Sunday and Monday as dockers there reinforced their overtime ban with a ban on Sunday work and a further one-day stoppage.

They are striking against proposals to change working practices in the docks and for an increase in guaranteed earnings.

IN THE steel industry of Moselle, where there have been several unofficial stoppages in the past week,

# Journalists put in £800 claim

THE NEWSPAPER Publishers' Association yesterday received a claim from the National Union of Journalists for a graded salary structure linking pay to service and experience.

The claim, which was approved by the NUJ executive after emanating from the union's Central London branch in September, is for increases of up to £800 a year.

BY A WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

It would establish a minimum of £2,500, compared with £1,700 at present, for at least 5 per cent of journalists in NPA offices; a £2,950 minimum after two years' service for at least 15 per cent, as against £2,140 at present, and £3,255 for at least 20 per cent after five years.

## Higher grades

Above this there would be two further grades of £4,230 for 'very experienced or talented sub-editors, reporters, feature writers and photographers'—to be paid to at least 45 per cent of staff—and £5,080 for heads of departments or journalists of special value to their publications.

The NUJ wants this grade to take in at least 15 per cent of staff.

## Criticism

The 'Daily Mirror' chapel has warned the union's national negotiators that unless results on the claim are achieved by November 31 it may begin talks on a separate house agreement.

But some Fleet St journalists criticize the form of the

union's claim, which they feel may split up their organized strength and could lead to the creation of privileged sections earning far in excess of most of their fellow-members.

## JUMBO ESCAPE

EIGHTY-NINE jumbo jet passengers slid down escape chutes at London's Heathrow airport yesterday after fire broke out in an engine as the plane touched down. Several were slightly hurt when they hit the tarmac at the end of the chute.

## WEATHER

EAST and SE England and the Midlands will be mainly dry with sunny intervals.

SW England and S Wales will have coastal drizzle and coast and hill fog, but a few bright intervals are likely inland.

N Wales, Isle of Man and N Ireland will have rain early dying out.

N England and S Scotland will have bright intervals early but cloud and rain will spread from the SW.

N Scotland will have showers, dying out in the NW. Normal, but rather cold in N Scotland.

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Mostly cloudy with rain at times.

## NORTH GERMANY

# Metalworkers out for full increase

METALWORKERS in the Bremen and Unterweser region of W Germany went on strike yesterday for a full 15 per cent pay increase. The action by 56,000 men followed their rejection of a 12 per cent offer from management, backed by arbitrator Paul Neverman, Bremen's Social Democratic mayor.

There were also stoppages among the 15,000 metalworkers in Baden-Wuttemberg, where the employers have refused to agree to an arbitrator's 12 per cent award.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

And in Hamburg at the weekend, negotiations for 110,000 metalworkers were broken off after only three hours. The original claim throughout W Germany was for a straight 15 per cent.

## Re-open

The metalworkers of the northern regions may now re-open the struggles of this autumn for all of W Germany's 4,500,000 metalworkers.

Though leaders of the trade union, IG-Metall, have agreed 11 per cent increases for many sections, including over a million workers in Northrhine-Westphalia, higher settlements in other areas may well lead to rejection of the compromises already reached.

Employers and union officials, with clear memories of the unofficial strikes and demonstrations which swept major plants in September, tread warily.

## Rebound

Their policy of making regional settlements, in the hope of avoiding a national struggle, threatens to turn into its opposite, with all

# A job for the Army?

A STRONGER administrative framework is needed, according to Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in the fight against the deterioration of the environment.

## ALN chief murdered

BRAZILIAN guerrilla leader Joaquim Camara Ferreira, head of the 'National Liberation Alliance' (ALN), whose death was reported in yesterday's edition, was in fact murdered in cold blood after being tricked into an ambush.

Police originally claimed that he died 'of a heart attack' while being arrested.

His predecessor as head of the ALN, Carlos Marighela, was killed under similar circumstances a year ago.

His death shows just how farcical is the legal case now proceeding against Sergio Fleury, head of the Brazilian political police, who is under investigation for heading the right-wing terrorist organization 'Death Squad'.

Fleury, who has refused to answer lawyers' questions, recently visited Europe and, with the help of the French police, 'investigated' a number of Brazilians living in exile.

To the great relief of his anti-pollution audience, he assured the 'Countryside in 1970' conference, that this was not a communist plot or another phase in the class struggle or even a gimmick by the industrialized countries to stop the developing countries enjoying a higher standard of living.

Indeed, with oil slicks from the crippled tanker 'Pacific Glory' creeping evilly towards Broadstairs harbour, and threatening the Prime Ministerial yacht with their greasy tentacles, the time has clearly come to draw the line.

Top-level priority must obviously be given immediately to saving the quality of life.

'Some coherent administrative structures' with the Duke said. 'There must be some way in which all the major government plans for the use of land, air and water for any purpose are kept under review.'

Obviously a plea that can't go unheeded.

What are the authorities doing about it?

In the face of this threat to the quality of life why are the armed forces wasting their time and our money acting as mere class-struggle scabs?

Pollution is a job for The Professionals. The Army, the Navy and the Air Force contain the only sufficiently large concentration of suitable human material.

These men are dedicated to the national interest. They are well-paid and well-housed. They have a long history of doing the dirty work for British imperialism all over the world.

The Duke should put this proposal immediately to his wife, who is believed to be in supreme command of this well-heeled body of men. It is the only way to save the country from what Prince Charles would describe as 'a most awful fate'.

J.S.

# NALGO backing for councilmen

WANDSWORTH council's white-collar workers are giving material support to the borough's manual workers who joined the councilmen's national action last Thursday.

Wandsworth branch of the National and Local Government Officers' Association is to make a £25 donation to the strike committee's appeal fund and provide free facilities for producing an appeal for distribution to the borough's factories.

The branch is working closely with the strike committee to ensure effective carrying out of national instructions to 'black' manual workers' duties and any 'emergency' arrangements.

Tower Hamlets NALGO branch has already given £50 to the borough's councilmen's strike fund.

## Police attack rail strike in Tunisia

THE BOURGUIBA regime in Tunisia used police on Monday against striking railway workers in Tunisia.

Over 1,000 workers in the Sidi-Fatallah workshops had occupied the plant in support of their demand for pay increases and legal protection at work.

The strike was declared illegal by the government, and the police action resulted in several arrests.

The strike leaders have said there will be no return to work until their claims are satisfied in full.

Support has come from railway workers at the Sfax depot, South of Tunisia, who have also struck.

# Pit pay and union laws are linked

I DON'T believe the NUM should have held a strike ballot at all.

When a resolution is passed at national conference, the whole democratic procedure has been gone through, there is no need for a ballot.

I think the anti-trade union legislation is even more important than the strike over the wage claim. If they shackle the unions, the whole working class will be in difficulties.

In their election manifesto, the Tories said they would cut prices. But they are bashing the unions instead.

They want to shackle the unions ready for the further attacks on the working class which were laid down at the Tory conference—value added tax, charges on the Health Service etc.

Once they've done this, prices will shoot up and there'll be less resistance to entering the Common Market.

Castleford Trades Council has started to raise the question of the anti-union laws and is organizing a public meeting. We have asked the TUC for a speaker.

I agree that the TUC should be reconvened now. Next February is too late. Carr's document has been

published, we all know what's in it, why wait?

I fully support the Wheldale NUM branch resolution which calls on the TUC to hold an immediate emergency conference to plan a one-day strike against the Tory proposals.

The trade unions were able to put pressure on the Labour government to withdraw their anti-union legislation, but this is not the case now. This kind of pressure cannot be put on a Tory government.

I am in favour of the demand that the TUC call a strike against the anti-union laws. As far as the miners are concerned, I think this should be a week's strike, but I will support the call that has gone forward for a one-day strike.

The council workers' claim should be paid in full. It's a fair and just claim. I think the majority of people think this.

Castleford Trades Council

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# ADVANCE NOTICE

## NEW NCB OFFER

(See page one)  
Late yesterday afternoon Coal Board was reported to have made unconfirmed offer to bring 10s across-the-board rise forward to November 1 and to drop the six-month production guarantee.

The new offer will go to a pithead ballot.

## LATE NEWS

### TROOPS AGAIN?

Tower Hamlets council officials are reported to be 'seriously considering' another call to the government for troops to do strikers' work in the borough.

A council spokesman said: 'Urgent consideration is being given today to the new situation that has arisen in the borough.'

Nearly all the borough's 2,000 council manual workers struck indefinitely on Monday against the use of troops to clear rubbish over the weekend.

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