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At a mass meeting in the town yesterday they voted unanimously to stay out on strike until their demands are met in full.

But at CORBY 170 men decided to return to work from today. They will be meeting the council for negotiations on Thursday.

The Scamp inquiry is likely to be published tomorrow, but the Scamp committee will not itself release its findings — they will remain the property of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Services.

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THERE are three roads to the dole in Scotland. You may work for a combine which launches an economy drive and decides that its Scottish branch must go.

Or a firm faced with strike action may decide that a protracted dispute just isn't worth the money and shut-up shop rather than pay an increase.

Many other workers are sacked in the wake of a productivity deal like the British-Leyland workers who joined the labour exchange at Bathgate after accepting a job-evaluation exercise.

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Higher unemployment means that employers can obtain stricter discipline on the shop floor and an intensification of work.

This is what Strachan discovered four months ago when he lost his job at the Royal Ordnance Factory, Bishopston, Glasgow, for alleged bad time keeping. Since then he and his wife and little girl have lived on national assistance.

'They introduced a productivity deal at the factory. This was to come in three stages, but there was no mention about redundancies.

'It meant moving men around and speed-up. Then one day I was sacked for bad time keeping. Its true I had been late for one or two days, but only a few minutes and this had happened before the deal and no one had bothered. It was, I think, a way of getting rid of surplus labour—getting rid of men without having to pay redundancy fees.

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**Benefit down**

I draw about £7 15s on social security — this goes mainly on rent so there isn't a great deal over for the wife and the kiddie to live on.

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'The Ordnance factory always used to be a stand-by; a place where you could always get a job. But now even this source has dried up. The situation will only get worse. The Tories are in and they want to create more unemployment to get their anti-union bill through.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT**



**REPORT: STEPHEN JOHNS**

**SCOTLAND'S JOBLESS ROLL-CALL, MAY TO NOVEMBER 1970**

(Continued from yesterday)

Hillbank works—Tay Textiles, Dundee	57 redundant
H. K. Parker Co. (Great Britain) Ltd, Glasgow	170 redundant
Foster Wheelers John Brown Boiler Works, Clydebank	500 redundant
Burroughs Office Equipment, Strathleven	450 redundant
L. Sterne & Co., Glasgow	455 redundant
Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, Clydebank and Govan	1,200 redundant
Ranco Motors Ltd, Uddington	400 redundant
British Leyland, Bathgate	550 redundant
Fibreglass Ltd (Pilkington), Glasgow	500 redundant

workers will fight—what choice have they?

'I support the one-day strikes move. This on its own can't get us very far. What we need is socialism and I don't mean the kind that the Labour Party tried to bring in last time.

'But there are big problems. The working class, even on the Clyde, is backward and sometimes divided. There are divisions between the crafts and even religious divisions between Catholic and Protestant. But unity is the only answer.'

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# The Body

'THE BODY'. Produced by TONY GARNETT. Directed by ROY BATTERSBY. Showing in London at the Classic, Piccadilly Circus.

'THE BODY', directed by Roy Battersby, is a truly remarkable film about a truly remarkable subject, and it is made with a reverence, a sense of the marvellous, for the extraordinary compilation of muscle and blood and flesh and piping and pumping and injecting and digesting and expelling that is us, all of us.

Chemically we are no more than a compound of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and sulphur, whose current market price is no more than a few shillings, yet we are capable of the rarest mental ingenuity, physical dexterity, touch, taste, sight, sound, hearing, love, joy, pain and anguish.

So much we take for granted, yet so much we are ignorant, even fearful, of.

That shape that we look at dispairingly in the mirror, getting bald and fatter and less agile, is all we've got and all we will ever have — matter, growing, changing, dying.

It is this miraculous biological process, from the point of conception to death itself, that 'The Body' investigates: the workings, internal and external.

Nowhere is this development from cradle to grave more dramatically illustrated than in a slow panning shot from the newborn child up and along the bodies and faces of the growing child, into puberty and on into adulthood, middle age and senility, the life span of man in line, an example from every year, children, men and women revealing their own special characteristics physical and personal before the camera with a nod, a smile, embarrassment, suspicion and caution.

It is a dramatic reminder of what we are part of and where we must end. From the whole, the film explores the particular, the ear, the heart, the digestive organs, the muscle, the brain, the eyes.

A tiny camera works its way down through the mouth, and into the stomach and it is a journey that has all the fascination and suspense of a science-fiction thriller.

All that pumping and gurgling is going on underneath our

## TUESDAY'S FILMS

by BRIAN MOORE

smooth coverings of skin, the surface of which, we learn, is actually dead tissue.

For the biologically ignorant, among whose number I am one, there is a wealth of clear, exciting information that comes as a revelation. Part of the experience of the film is knowledge itself.

Yet beautiful though the body is, a precise, intricate, complicated mechanism, it does not exist in some biological or aesthetic vacuum.

It inhabits a world, is part of and subject to the laws of nature, and defines itself by a struggle with nature to wrest an existence, a livelihood, a future.

This basic contradiction, and more precisely, the form that it takes at this particular historical juncture, is at the centre of this film, and it is this that raises the level above a simple catalogue of biological information.

The relentless, never-ending, never-stopping, production line churning out the wealth for the few, yet created by the sweat and muscle of the many for wages, driven exhausted, cut off from their real potential, their creative possibilities, is a recurring image that hammers its way throughout the film and serves as a constant reminder that this is where capitalist society begins.

And it is this relentless process, the drive for profit, that maims bodies, scars them, deforms them, brutalizes them, and denies them their true expression; that pollutes rivers, that plunders the earth, that threatens the continued existence of our planet itself.

It is this system that throws men and women into the lost

twilight of old age, gives them a pittance to survive on merely because they are no longer productive and cannot work.

It is this system that plunders the underdeveloped countries of their natural resources and enslaves them with poverty and malnutrition.

One of the most remarkable sequences in the film, and remarkable for its very simplicity and directness, is to show heaped together the average amount consumed by western man over a period of 50 years and to contrast it with the meagre bundle of rice, a little bacon and some vegetables that is the average consumption of an Indian over the same period.

The Indian diet does not even

occupy an eighth of the floor space.

It is this system that produces physical inequalities. Even the growing foetus sheltered in the womb does not escape its laws, for, as the film reminds us, 'The womb of an undernourished mother is like a small slum'.

What the film insists on is the totality of life, the totality of society in all its contradictory and uneven nature. It allows no escape, asserts that the unpleasant cannot be wished away, but is an integral part of our system.

Over painful pictures of the bewildered faces of the mentally retarded, brain damaged, their movements slow, obsessive, desperate, the commentary reminds us: 'They are here, they are here. They will not go away'.

We learn also that as we prepare to launch to Mars, almost nothing is known about the workings of the brain.

Battersby understands his subject matter dialectically. Formalists who look for some linear exposition will be confused or unsettled by the structure of the film, for he proceeds from contradiction to contradiction, uniting the opposites, positive and negative, saying this is the whole, this is the conflict.

At moments he is not entirely successful, at times I feel that he is over lengthy in his exposition.

The natural climax of the film for me comes at the end of the birth sequence, which is one of the most genuinely miraculous pieces of film I have ever seen, which contains in a simple, human and eloquent way, all the somewhat turgid and overblown, evangelical content of the final commentary.

But then we are dealing here with personal tastes and preferences.

These are minor criticisms of a work that demonstrates a considerable achievement and I wouldn't hesitate to say that it represents a breakthrough, above all, in method. It is a materialist film and a dialectical film.

It insists with reverence and love the enormous possibilities of our earth and courageously defines all that threatens and holds us back.

It insists on a unity of opposites whose contradiction must be fought out.

It insists on the whole, on the varied, on the richness of the possibility of life and how it is confined and restricted by the barbarous system that enslaves it and threatens its existence.

It says this is how it is. To liberate mankind from the barbarities, inequalities and deprivations is the task of the future. Only when this is done can man inherit the earth and his body.



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(Editor of Workers Press)

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## behind THE NEWS

# SALES CONFERENCE

IMAGINE a salesman saddled with a duff product. He knows it is lousy, the customers know it is lousy, and he knows that they know... He can't get a sale. He's demoralized.

A depressing state to be in, and a pitiable one, you'll agree.

Now pity the 1,000 men who gathered at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington DC recently, with an equally depressing problem.

They were photographic, film, television and information officers employed by the US army, air force, navy, and marine corps; and they were gathered together to discuss the problem of how to improve the armed forces' 'image'.

They spoke of the need to revive the support of the American public for the forces, and discussed the problem of how to 'communicate effectively with youth'.

One wouldn't have thought the army found it difficult to communicate.

'Now hear this!' as they say — it's an order. Sergeants don't usually have difficulty in making themselves heard. The youth who are drafted don't have any choice but to listen to officers' pep talks.

Of course, the real problem facing the American armed forces is not that they can't communicate; but that what they

succeeded in communicating, the youth are rejecting.

The ruling class, and even more so those who do their dirty work for them, often like to use phrases like 'failure of communication' when what they're really talking about is a failure of ideology.

The problem which the conference at the Sheraton Park Hotel had to discuss was that the youth of America—despite years of militarist and chauvinist comic books, films and television programmes, as well as distorting newspapers—are no longer being kidded.

Air Force General Jack J Cotton spoke at the conference of the 'diminishing respect for the military, and the need for gaining the confidence of our younger people'.

It seemed to be generally agreed that more glossy photos of aircraft or slick movies about the marines, would not do the job. Nor did anyone suggest that John Wayne could help—at least if they did, it wasn't reported.

An Army information officer said the trouble was that the Vietnam war had split the nation, and that most members of the generation now being drafted were opposed to the war.

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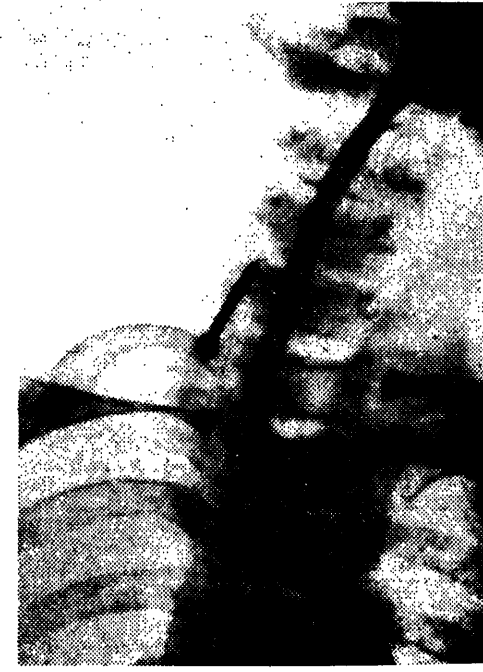
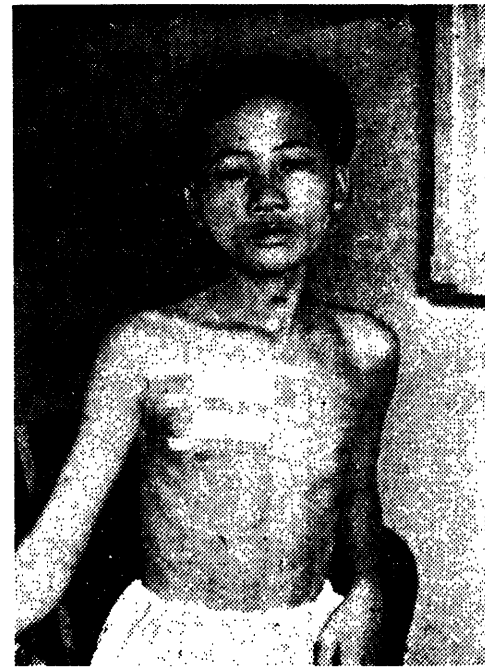


# Reactionary campaign has one purpose

# Nixon laws aimed at working class

BY A WORKERS PRESS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

VOTERS all over the United States go to the polls today to elect their Congressmen after one of the most vicious reactionary campaigns ever staged by president Nixon's Republican Party.



## New fragmentation bombs in Vietnam

US IMPERIALISM'S arsenal of weapons in Vietnam now includes a bomb designed to kill and maim the largest possible number of civilians in the North. It has steel bolts packed round the explosive charge,

which are shot out when the bomb hits the ground. The photo shows Phan Quoc, a 19-year-old fisherman from Vinh An, with one of the bolts lodged (in the X-ray photograph) next to his spine.

## Stalinists still seek joint 'police' action

POLISH and W German Foreign Ministers are to meet in Warsaw today to discuss a treaty between the two countries which would involve W German recognition of Poland's western frontier.

The Oder-Neisse line, established after the war, has never been recognized by W Germany, which clings to the fiction that the frontiers of Germany are the same as in 1937.

## DEATH DANCE

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mache decorations caught fire within seconds. Fire authorities themselves refused to comment on the allegations that some of the emergency exits were locked and that those who had been removed from others to stop gatecrashers getting in. They said only that the special commission which opened its investigations on Sunday into the disaster would be able to give a clear reply. But the only surviving manager of the dance hall, M. Gilbert Bas, insisted that the exits were not locked and the barman said they opened as soon as the fire broke out. M. Bas, who was questioned by police all day Sunday, told reporters: 'The emergency exits were not blocked because the barman was able to escape by one of them with five people.' M. Bas, one of three men who ran the dance-hall, added yesterday: 'At 1.45 I was behind the bar inside the building when I noticed that the alert signal was alight. I thought it was a quarrel. I went round the building towards the entrance when I heard cries of "Fire" and saw people running out with their clothes on fire. I jumped into the car to give the alert.' Death toll in the disaster rose to 41 yesterday when a man died from burns in a Lyons hospital. Doctors were fighting to save the life of another seriously injured man. So far only 81 bodies have been identified.

## DISQUIET

These developments have led to disquiet in the E German Socialist leadership. Veteran Stalinist Walter Ulbricht recently stated that the four powers should confine themselves to putting into practice the Potsdam agreement. There can be no other pan-German interests of the great powers, he said. Ulbricht is sticking to his original demand that any settlement of the German question must involve full recognition of the sovereignty of E Germany. He appears afraid that the Russians will reach an agreement with the capitalist powers behind his back. The Soviet treaty with W Germany, signed in Moscow during August, is in abeyance until agreement is reached over Berlin.

## RELATIONS

The Soviet bureaucracy hopes that the agreement will open up much closer trading relations with the big German monopolies. The Stalinist regime to overcome some of its pressing economic difficulties.

## Shaken

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cellor Barber's cuts, tempered by Trade and Industry Minister Davies' speed-up threats and determined to take no nonsense from the union leaders.

## 'All the way for £5 wage rise'

HOW CAN we accept any wage increase which is conditional on further indiscriminate pit closures, speed-up and the sacrifice of 20,000 jobs over the next 12 months?

The practice of conciliation followed by our union executive has meant a collusion of class interests, the acceptance of pay-adjustments tied to productivity agreements instead of genuine wage advances based on the rising consumer needs of the miners and their families. A system of outmoded negotiations has retained a pay structure which has caused inter-district disputes and restrictive practices — leading to speed-up and a run-down in manpower.

The NUM has passively accepted the pit-closure policy and compromise settlements on wages, which in reality were disguised wage-cuts determined by the provisions of the Prices and Incomes Act.

The aim of the miners' leaders has been to stick rigidly to a policy of class-collaboration: professing support for the miners' legitimate claims, yet reacting violently to drastic changes of policy which would advance the real interests of the miners against the class employer.

The Tory government's proposals to introduce new legislation against the unions poses the greatest threat to the working class.

It is intended to weaken trade union solidarity, intimidate militant workers and thereby reduce the collective bargaining power of the unions.

A massive campaign leading to a national one-day strike against the Tory anti-union laws must be stepped up.

This must not be seen as an end in itself, but as a

From a surface worker at Yorkshire's Glasshoughton colliery:

demonstration of the people's will to force the Tories to resign. With regard to Lord Robens' latest offer, I say: let's go all the way and stand firm for the £5 minimum increase. And we should bear in mind that we are not only fighting the Coal Board and the Tory government. We are fighting the capitalist class who will employ every class manoeuvre to break the miners' resistance.

Finally, in determining the balance of profits and wages: the £554 million paid in compensation and interest is all part of the profit from coal.

It isn't the Coal Board which is in debt, it's the average day-wage man, whose take-home pay is only £12 after stoppages. Add to this the incidence of sickness and the day-wage man is on the lowest rung of the social ladder. Syd Hinchcliffe.

## Dangers in fight on redundancy

ON THURSDAY, October 29, workers at Lucas Industrial Equipment, Fazakerly, rejected a call by their shop stewards to fight redundancy by an organized sit-in.

During the one-and-a-half hours of questions and debate which preceded the vote, every avenue was explored by the members to prevent a head-on clash with the Lucas combine. They all proved to be blind alleys.

Finally, after the vote for a sit-in was defeated, a member, with obvious sincerity, said: 'No one wants anyone to be made redundant, we just don't feel that a sit-in is the way to help them.'

The murmur of approval from the members indicated that the brother had spoken

for the majority of those voting against the stewards' resolution.

Immediately, the only real alternative was then put by another member—a resolution for a complete withdrawal of labour.

This fell also, and by about the same number of votes. Approximately one-third of the meeting supported the call for a sit-in or an all-out strike.

The position was clear, that it wasn't a matter of not wanting people to be sacked, but a question of what we were prepared to do to stop the sackings and the whole growing tide of unemployment.

To the lasting credit of the shop stewards, they refused to give any false hopes to the members of any success of token action. Nor did they yield to the temptation to hide behind any show of sham militancy which stopped short of an all-out fight.

Some members said afterwards: 'We didn't like voting against a stewards' recommendation. But we didn't think we had a dog's chance.' But we have no chance at all if we don't fight.

As soon as the outcome of this meeting is known, there will be scorn poured on the stewards' efforts from all quarters—ranging from the extreme right to the pretenders to the throne of militancy; those who, in any guise, have blatantly shackled our membership with productivity deals and who, even at this late hour, avoid any real struggle against anti-union laws.

To those who pretend to be the guardians of the left, it must be stated quite clearly that the Lucas stewards have fought at every stage against any interference by employers or government on our right to work.

Lucas's were one of the first to pledge support to English Electric members.

Gentlemen, before you burst with delight at our defeat, let this one fact burn into your minds. That, throughout the whole of the meeting, the membership demanded evidence of any real support by other factories when one factory was threatened with redundancy. How have you fought for such support? And, more important, how are you going to fight?

Ponder on this: There was a young lady from Riga, Who smiled as she rode on a tiger. They returned from the ride, With the lady inside, And the smile on the face of the tiger!

We all ride the same tiger and there's no room for smiles. As for us, we have lost a serious battle. But there is not one blemish on our principled stand. We undertake the very serious task of patiently explaining and struggling until we have won our entire membership over.

Lucas worker

Nixon has been whipping up 'law-and-order' agitation against the left, using the San Clemente incident when his car was stoned by students and unemployed workers as a convenient excuse.

His main aim in the election is to secure a Republican majority in the Congress so that he can put through much more stringent public order laws.

He wants vastly increased government powers to deal with the left, in preparation for anticipated battles with the working class.

His language during the campaign has become more and more intemperate and violent—with Spiro T. Agnew, his deputy, blazing the trail with his fulminations against 'radical-liberals'.

## 'Garbage'

At Belleville, Illinois, for example, Nixon pointed to a group of demonstrators and said: 'It's time to sweep that kind of garbage out of our society. They should be treated in the same humane way that we separate the other misfits who interfere with social progress and with the conduct of the business of the world—the greatest nations in the world.'

He wants a 'strong application of American justice' against what he calls 'thugs and hoodlums'. The frame-up trial of the Chicago seven has already given more than a glimpse of the kind of American justice Nixon wants widely spread around.

Nixon's Democratic opponents are making half-hearted 11th-hour efforts to neutralize the law-and-order campaign by stressing growing unemployment and rising prices.

This is a bid to win the support of industrial workers who are coming out strongly against Nixon. But the Democrats remain completely compromised, having supported both Kennedy and Johnson until Johnson resigned.

Nixon's McCarthyite campaign is a response to the rapid polarization of class forces now underway in the US.

Wants laws  
With the threat of major battles over wages in the next few months, Nixon wants laws he can turn against the working-class organizations.

The Democrats cannot fight this development and many of them welcome it. The only way it can be successfully fought is by a struggle for a Labour Party in the United States, which will unite the organized working class as an independent political force against the two-party system and the Nixon onslaught.

WEATHER  
ENGLAND and Wales will be rather cloudy. There will be rain at times although bright or sunny periods are expected at first, especially in N and E areas of England.

Ireland and Scotland will be rather cloudy with bright or sunny intervals and showers. Temperatures will be above normal. Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Changeable with rain at times, but also some bright or sunny intervals. Near normal temperatures.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS  
'No anti-union laws' 'Force the Tories to resign'

BRISTOL: Wednesday, November 4, 8 p.m. Old England public house, Gloucester Road. 'The council strike and the Tories offensive'.

HULL: Wednesday, November 4, 7.30 p.m. Co-op Institute Hall, Room 1, Kingston Square. Admission is.

E LONDON: Wednesday, November 11, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Kersey St (near Chisip St Market), E14.

## Gen. Grigorenko's condition worse

PROMINENT SOVIET oppositionist General Pyotr Grigorenko, is under solitary confinement in a 'psychiatric' prison-hospital at Chernyokovsk near the Soviet border with Poland.

## Students discuss varsity rights



Cambridge University students yesterday discussed the Senate Council's rejection of their criticisms of the proctorial system, and the Council's querying of the Students' Union's legitimacy.

## Bristol students' march backs councilmen

THE BRISTOL students' march (see photo page one), called by the University Students' Union Council, was joined by Polytechnic students and university porters, cleaners and kitchen staff who are striking in support of a 55s claim parallel to the councilmen's.

## Kalmyk celebration 'forgets' deportations

THE SOVIET Stalinists celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Kalmyk Autonomous Republic on October 30—without mentioning the wholesale deportation of the Kalmyk people and the dissolution of the republic under Stalin. A congratulatory message from the Supreme Soviet and the Communist Party Central Committee recalled that 'many' Kalmyks had fought at the front to defend the Soviet system and described the Republic as a 'brilliant success' for the CP's nationalities policy. Ironically, one of the charges used by Stalin to 'justify' the deportations was that the Kalmyks and other

Reports reaching London from Moscow indicate that his health is deteriorating because of the vile conditions under which he is held. He was declared insane earlier this year by a panel of secret police doctors and sentenced in his absence to indefinite imprisonment in a secret police 'mental hospital'.

This is a favourite method of the Stalinist police to remove oppositionists who have committed no crime. Grigorenko is known to be perfectly sane. The prison where he is held is run by a Major Belkopytov, who has consistently done his best to prevent friends and relatives from visiting General Grigorenko.

No toilet  
The tiny cell in which Grigorenko is detained contains no toilet, causing him a great deal of distress. He suffers from bladder injuries caused when he was severely beaten up in Tashkent prison last year. His war wounds are also being exacerbated by conditions in the jail.

Grigorenko's 'crime' is that he publicly opposed the invasion of Czechoslovakia and has consistently defended the rights of persecuted minorities in the USSR—particularly the persecuted Crimean Tatars who were deported from their Caucasian homeland by Stalin in 1944. The Tatars are still in exile.

Poetess  
Another prominent oppositionist being held in a similar prison-hospital is the poetess Natalya Gorbanevskaya, aged 34, who was sentenced at the same time as Grigorenko.

She is in a 'psychiatric' hospital attached to the Butyrki prison in Moscow. She has appealed urgently from her cell to friends and sympathizers in the outside world to take up her case. This appeal must be answered by the British Labour movement.

Communist Party members in particular must demand that their leaders cease their disgraceful silence about the fate of these prisoners, who are being persecuted for speaking out against Stalinism in the USSR.

Resolutions and letters of protest should be sent to the Soviet Embassy, Kensington Palace Gardens, London, W.8.

## Soton demo

FROM PAGE ONE  
'Give us the 55s now', interspersed with 'Tories out'. The slogan 'Kick out the Tories' drew applause from onlookers as the marchers made their way through the town to the Civic Centre where a council meeting was taking place.

The Mayor refused to appear. But the crowd would not disperse on the instructions of union leaders who tried to urge people into the public gallery.

Tory cuts  
FROM PAGE ONE  
and dustmen must reject the worthless opposition of right-wing Labourites and union chiefs and campaign actively in the unions to make their leaders fight the anti-union laws and the cuts by a massive one-day general stoppage called by the TUC.

We urge all delegates to the November 14 conference of the Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions to fight for such a policy and make December 8 the stepping stone towards a one-day general strike of the whole trade union movement—and a militant campaign in the unions to make the leaders fight.

We appeal to all trade unionists to combine this campaign against the Tories with massive demonstrations and token strikes in support of the dustmen.

Disarm the Tory axemen by forcing the Tories to resign!

In the S WALES coalfield, 14,761 miners went on strike yesterday at 22 out of 52 pits—12 in the W Wales anthracite area and ten in E Wales. Other collieries are expected to join after pithead meetings today and tomorrow.

It is now virtually certain that tomorrow's recalled delegate conference at Porthcawl will be forced to endorse a coalfield strike from next Monday.

IN YORKSHIRE, 1,500 miners at Kellington colliery—one of the NCB's highly-mechanized great hopes—joined the 20,000 already on unofficial strike at 21 pits. Pickets are now expected to try and spread the strike out of the militant Doncaster-panel area in which it is at present concentrated.

All but two of the six striking pits in SCOTLAND had resumed work by yesterday in response to last Wednesday's delegate-conference decision.

Two pits—employing 640 miners—remained stopped, and others are now expected to re-join them after hearing the news from Yorkshire and S Wales.

400 to lose signal box jobs  
MORE THAN 400 railwaymen may lose their jobs in Scotland and the North as a result of the resignalling of the Carlisle to Glasgow line.

A £5,100,000 contract was signed in Glasgow yesterday under which 97 of the signal boxes will be scrapped by 1974 and the line controlled by three at Glasgow, Motherwell and Carlisle.

The re-organization is part of a £55 million Crewe to Glasgow electrification scheme announced by British Rail in February.

**ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE CONFERENCES**

Support Pilkington glassworkers and their right to strike!

Defeat the proposed Tory anti-union laws

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

COVENTRY: Keith's Club, Cox Street, 3.30 p.m.

NEWCASTLE: Royal Turk's Head Hotel, Grey Street, 3 p.m.

SHEFFIELD: Crooksmoor Vestry Hall, Crooksmoor Road, 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

GLASGOW: Partick Burgh Lesser Hall, near Merkland Street underground, 7.30 p.m.

LONDON: Woodlands Hall, Crown Street, Acton, 7.00 p.m.

Speakers will be from the Pilkington Rank and File Committee

**LATE NEWS**

**MINERS' STRIKE SNOWBALLS**

(See page one story)

Three more Yorkshire pits—this time in the N Yorks panel—struck yesterday: Fryston, Allerton Bywater, and Wheldale. Thoresby in Notts is also out.

Miners from the S Yorks panel are to picket pits in the so-far-inactive Barnsley panel this morning.

**PIB TO GO**

The National Board for Prices and Incomes would be wound up when the work on which it was at present engaged was completed, the Secretary for Employment,

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