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Pursued for a short period from 1944 to 1946, it became the policy of the Fifth Republic when de Gaulle resumed power in June, 1958.

The other is based on the unity of Western European countries for defence purposes in the Atlantic Alliance and NATO and for economic and later political purposes in the EEC.

This policy was accepted by politicians during the Fourth Republic and by the liberal opposition under the Fifth.

Both policies are designed to make the world safe for capitalism, but employ different approaches.

The Gaullist approach is nationalist, opposed to American leadership in Europe and aims to give France leadership of a Europe of nation states more loosely linked together. It has to find living space between the

two power blocs and thus has to establish independent military striking power.

This book deals with these policies in some detail. Since it is impossible to write the diplomatic history of one country without examining the policies of the other major countries, it also provides a record of post-war international relations as seen by a critic of de Gaulle and an erstwhile supporter of his rival for the presidency, François Mitterrand.

Certain of its limitations are unavoidable. A historian who deals with the immediate past does not have access to state archives, the private papers of political leaders or the biographies and memoirs which sooner or later the main participants can be expected to produce.

On many disputed points he can only make surmises or make what use he can of the calculated leak or the odd piece of evidence which may have been planted by someone anxious to safeguard his reputation.

But there are other and more fundamental shortcomings which stem from the author's own position. He evidently accepts, by and large, the Western orientation of France's policy.

He supports the Atlantic Alliance, NATO and the EEC. His criticism of de Gaulle is made from this point of view.

His differences with the Gaullists arise from a difference of view about how the bourgeois state and ruling-class interests can best be safeguarded in the dangerous international conditions of the present epoch.

Ever since the breakdown of the Versailles system in the 1930s which destroyed the basis for an independent French foreign policy, the ruling class has had to make agonizing choices in seeking allies and determining how to proceed in relations with other countries.

The need for such choice not only reflects deep divisions within the ruling class, but they also create fresh divisions.

Before the war the choice was either London or Berlin. The post-war division of the world has made the choice a more subtle one, but the differences within the ruling class have been no less acute.

Guy de Carmoy writes clearly and with assurance, but he does not probe the source of these divisions within the ruling class.

Differences about foreign policy remain largely unexplained and are never traced to their roots in the bourgeoisie. It must be remembered that he represents the ruling class and he may very well not be conscious of what class interests they reflect.

However sympathetically he tries to portray the foreign policy of the Fourth Republic the sum total of its efforts was failure.

Costly colonial wars conflicted with the role it was trying to play in Europe and aggravated social crisis at home. The franc remained weak and the economy shaky; inflation was endemic and the balance of payments in deficit.

What he suggests, by implication, is that if a settlement had come earlier in Indo-China and Algeria all would have been well: indeed, de Gaulle might never have returned to power.

Because the author approves of the Fourth Republic's foreign policy aims, he glosses over its inner sources of decay and thus an understanding of why, at a certain stage, the bourgeoisie saw their only hope for salvation in resort to the strong man.

Not least among de Gaulle's attractions was the alternative foreign policy which he had proposed with some vehemence throughout his period of political retirement. That also has to be explained, but not by the methods which M. de Carmoy employs.

His treatment of de Gaulle's policy is very much that of an opponent—perhaps this is what has commended his book for translation in a well-produced edition by an American university press.

He sees the policy of the Fifth Republic virtually as being de Gaulle's personal policy and not as an option which was attractive to important sections of French capital and of the bourgeoisie.

The break from American tutelage in the field of defence, the cold war against the dollar, the struggle for hegemony in the EEC, the reaching out to E Europe and the USSR and still earlier the settlement with the FLN in the Evian Agreement all had the support of important sections of the ruling class.

Of course, de Gaulle suffered from illusions of grandeur which helped bring about his downfall.

'THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF FRANCE 1944-1968'

by Guy de Carmoy
Trans. by Elaine P. Halperin
University of Chicago Press, Chicago and London.

REVIEW BY TOM KEMP

Anti-Gaullist view of French diplomacy

De Gaulle was able to take advantage both of the weaknesses of other countries (the US, Britain and Germany) and the bankruptcy of leadership which went with them.

A master of the dramatic initiative, he was able for a time to make his regime appear much stronger than it really was. Even the Soviet bureaucracy was taken in and his foreign policy was tacitly openly approved by the French CP.

De Gaulle's record through those years included pulling out of NATO, imposing the withdrawal of American bases, challenging and nearly bringing down the dollar, rejecting Britain's application to join the EEC and establishing improved relationships with the Soviet and E European bureaucracies.

These moves created, or contributed to, the economic and political crises of the period and were especially detrimental to Britain and the USA: he became the best-hated foreign leader in both countries.

Serious differences arose between France and her EEC partners, largely as a result of de Gaulle's opposition to any move towards political integration and the working out of common foreign and defence policies.

As an alternative he proposed a 'European Europe' including E Europe and independent of the US. It was, of course, to recognize the leadership of France.

Carried away by his own successes, de Gaulle undoubtedly went further than many of the French ruling class thought desirable.

His appeals to French Canadian nationalism were regarded as a sign of senility and his opposition to Israel as bad for business. There was, of course, method in this madness.

In Quebec de Gaulle struck a somewhat quixotic blow at the Anglo-Saxons. In courting the Arabs he hoped to improve French petroleum supplies.

De Gaulle's vision not only turned out to be impossible of achievement, it helped to bring about his downfall. The crisis of 1968-1969 convinced his successors, though still paying lip-service to Gaullism, that a less ambitious course would have to be pursued. In the meantime, the main beneficiary of de Gaulle's miscalculations has been West Germany.

This book contains a useful, though superficial and one-sided, reason for this, not easily obtainable elsewhere in English.



De Gaulle

Help for Hoffman Tie-up the fleet

US Round-up

AFTER the police raid on New Orleans Black Panthers events have emphasized the Administration's determination to grind down Panthers and other militants in the judicial machine—those who survive 'shoot first, questions later' police raids, that is.

Police tried for over a month to evict tenants of an apartment, allegedly the headquarters of local Panther sympathizers and ended by arresting six people and shooting one after a raid.

Advising the Panthers in their prolonged struggle with the police were young lawyers paid by the Federal government to represent the poor.

Mr Terry Lenzner, head of the Office of Legal Services, ignored complaints from the local right wing over this use of public funds and said that avoiding controversial clients would be against the programme's purpose.

Three days later he and his deputy, Mr Frank Jones, were fired.

Head of the Office of Economic Opportunity, Mr Donald Rumsfeld, who has overall control of Legal Services, said he no longer had confidence in the two men.

It is not difficult to see why. The \$61 million-a-year project for legal aid for the poor was set up five years ago and last year was given Washington offices because of its success.

This was opposed by many who believed the administrators—non-lawyers—would kowtow to local political pressure.

Rumsfeld has issued rules implementing his proposals to some extent.

These curbs on the Office of Legal Services are part of White House preparations to railroad all militants—Panthers today and trade unionists tomorrow—in the courts.

They are part of the worldwide preparation by the capitalist class for unprecedented repression.

In cases which reach court, defence lawyers can be an obstacle and an embarrassment to the state—as the Chicago 'conspiracy' trial showed.

One of the defendants, Black Panther leader Bobby Seale, was denied the attorney of his choice and was gagged and bound to a chair. He denounced these acts as depriving him of his constitutional rights.

Defence lawyers who fought the notorious Judge Hoffman's handling of the case received stiff sentences for contempt of court, as did the defendants.

CONTAINERIZATION and the big monopolies are coming into the open as major threats to the livelihood of thousands of dockers and seamen.

Last year alone 12,000 men and women have been forced out of the shipping industry while New York dockers have had their total hours slashed by 20 per cent.

Last month US Lines announced the leasing of its 16 new container ships to Sea-Land company for 20 years.

Sea-Land thereby secured a virtual monopoly on the East Coast-West Coast route.

Seamen's jobs are also being eroded by a wave of ship lay-ups.

Just before last month's National Maritime Union mass meeting in New York, Grace Lines announced the laying-up of six ships with the loss of 720 jobs.

One union member said as he left the meeting: 'This is the first time I have ever heard a union official say that job action will have no effect...'

'We came to the meeting prepared. We had resolutions calling for a strike on the ships if these companies don't take out the ships.'

If they tie up the ships, we should tie up the fleet.

'The National Office is trying to bamboozle us into thinking they're going to do something, and they expect to have meetings [with employers] but in reality they're going to have one of those old fashioned meetings, whereby they will get together and sell us down the river.'

Jobs in jeopardy

THE FATE of the Boeing supersonic passenger aircraft (SST) has been hanging in the balance this week following the Senate's refusal of Nixon's request for another £100 million to build two prototypes.

As the House of Representatives disagreed with the Senate, the issue was being considered in a joint Senate-House conference.

The Boeing plane at present exists only as a timber and aluminium mock-up at the Seattle plant on the north-west coast, although the project has already cost \$700 million.

Much publicity has been given to SST opponents who lobbied powerfully against the noise and pollution threat it allegedly posed.

But they have ridden to success in the Senate on the economic uncertainty gripping ruling circles.

The doubtful profitability of SST's has reinforced this underlying fear.

Nixon has called the Senate's

decision a 'devastating mistake'. Yet his Administration's 'inflation alert' last week stated openly that continuing inflation would be met by restrictive policies with 'unused plant capacity and high unemployment'; exactly the end result of SST folding up.

Nixon's problem is implementing such policy without a political come-back and working-class opposition.

Union officials made red baiting jibes against the Trotskyist Workers League who had distributed leaflets demanding an increase in the manning scales and nationalization of the industry under workers' control—demands also met by seamen's rank-and-file committees.

Cut-throat competition among the container shippers has caused them to zero in on the New York dockers.

Containerization has led to a drop of eight million hours of work for the port's dockers in the past year.

This has greatly increased the contributions the employers should make to the New York Shipping Association/International Longshoremen's Association fund.

The fund is guaranteed payment for 40 million hours work, no matter how many hours are actually worked.

The shortfall in hours worked has also doubled the estimated cost of the Longshoremen's guaranteed annual income, won in the last contract.

Now US Lines, Seatrains and Trans-American Trailer Transport have refused to pay these guarantees and wages.

The firms have been ousted from the New York Shipping Association which is taking legal action to force them to pay.

The 2,000 young lawyers in the programme have been less interested in cases of individual eviction and divorce and more with test cases raising class issues and affecting large numbers of people.

For example, they forced Governor Ronald Reagan to reverse his withdrawal of medical services—worth \$210 million a year—to California's poor.

But encouraged by Nixon's 'law-and-order' campaign, the hawks were gathering around the Office of Legal Services.

As one journal reported: 'Many tender political toes were stepped on and influential howls were heard in Washington.'

Last year a move to give governors veto power over Legal Services' clients in their states was defeated with the aid of Rumsfeld and the American Bar Association.

The Association insisted that the programme be managed by lawyers without interference in their relationship with clients, whoever they might be.

Pressure for curbs on the Legal Services lawyers was then mounted from the White House and particularly the Justice Department.

Rumsfeld proposed putting Legal Services' offices under control of his own appointees, the Office for Economic Opportunity's regional administrators.

If the SST falls, the effects will be considerable.

'It's a sort of anti-poverty programme in Seattle,' one Senate aide said.

'The vote is not going to hinge on whether we need the plane, but on whether Seattle needs the jobs.'

Seattle, with a 12 per cent unemployment rate, certainly does.

And 30,000 of the Seattle unemployed were sacked from Boeings in the first nine months of this year.

(In the Seattle area it is now possible to rent a new house with the first three months rent paid for and a free refrigerator thrown in.)

Boeing's 100,000-strong labour force is scheduled to be halved by the end of next year.

But even this 'optimistic' estimate was based on continuation of the SST project.

Nixon claims the eventual loss of 150,000 jobs if SST does not get the go-ahead.

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8.30 MARY HOPKIN IN THE LAND OF PANTOMIME.

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9.45 YOUR WITNESS. 'That Women Should Have A New Deal'.

11.25 Weather.

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All regions as above except:

Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.20 Midlands today. Look East, weather. 11.27 News, weather.

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Scotland: 6.00-6.20 Reporting Scotland. 8.30-9.00 Current account. 11.27 News, weather.

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SW, South, West: 6.00-6.20 Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 11.27 News, weather.

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL.

6.30-7.00 p.m. TEST CRICKET FROM AUSTRALIA. Second Test Match: Australia v England.

7.05 LIFE IN OUR SEA. 'The Border'.

7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT.

8.30 EUROPA. South America.

9.00 GEORGE IV. 'A King in the Country'. George Hamilton IV and The Hillside's. Guests John D. Loudermilk, Johnny van Derrick and Brian Brocklehurst.

9.20 THIRTY MINUTE THEATRE. Waugh on Crime. 'In Which Inspector Waugh Meets A Man Going to St Ives'. With Clive Swift.

9.50 REVIEW. 'The Making of a Modern Opera Singer' and 'The Postcard Mania'.

10.40 NEWS ON 2 and weather.

10.45 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

ITV

3.00 p.m. Journey of a lifetime. 3.15 UNICEF gala from Lausanne. 4.00 Lone Ranger. 4.10 People to people. 4.40 Pinky and Perky. 4.55 Bugs Bunny show. 5.20 Timeslip. 5.50 News.

6.03 TODAY.

6.30 PEYTON PLACE.

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

7.30 THE BOLD ONES. 'And Those Unborn'.

8.30 ON THE BUSES. 'Dangerous Driving'.

9.00 MANNIX. 'A Catalogue of Sins'.

10.30 POLICE FIVE.

10.40 TALES OF UNEASE. 'The Old Bangler'.

11.10 FRIDAY FILM. 'The Reward'. With Efram Zimbalist Jr., Max Von Sydow and Yvette Mimieux. A Swedish-American adventurer becomes involved in bringing two people wanted for murder to justice.

12.40 a.m. IDEAS IN PRINT. Michael Nelson talks to multiple sclerosis victim Freda Bruce Lockhart about her guide book 'London for the Disabled'.

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 4.00 Puffin's birthday greetings. 4.10 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Ghost and Mrs Muir. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 News, weather. 6.10 Chesters. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Report at seven. 7.30 Dangerman. 8.30 London. 9.00 Hadleigh. 10.00 London. 10.30 Mattinee: 'Splendour in the Grass'. With Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty. 12.20 News, weather.

desk. 7.00 Miss Westward 71. 12.25 Faith for life. 12.30 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 3.15 London. 4.00 Paulus. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Robin Hood. 5.20 London. 6.00 Day by day. Scene SE. 8.25 London. 8.55 Hawaii five-o. 9.50 Weekend. 10.00 London. 10.30 X film: 'Dreadful Daughter'. With Otto Kruger and Gloria Holden. 11.50 News. 12 midnight Weather. Action 70.

HARLEIGH: 3.15-4.00 London. 4.18 Women only. 4.40 London. 4.55 Bugs Bunny. 5.20 Is that a fact. 5.50 Lon-

don. 6.01 Report West. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'The Barbed Hills'. With Tab Hunter and Natalie Wood. Trace Jordan discovers the body of his murdered brother. 8.00 London. 9.00 Hawaii five-o. 10.00 London. 10.30 John Morganat. 11.15 Edgar Wallace. 12.15 Weather.

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.16-4.18. 6.01-6.35 Report West. 10.01-1.15 Aquarius. 11.15 Edgar Wallace. 12.15 Weather.

ANGLIA: 3.15 London. 4.00 Granny gets the point. 4.25 News. 4.35 Romper room. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 About Asia. 6.25 Crossroads. 7.00 Music match. 7.30 Avengers. 8.25 London. 9.00 Hawaii five-o. 10.00 London. 10.30 Aquarius. 11.15 'Violent Moment'. With Lyndon Brook, Jane Hylton, Jill Browne and Rupert Davies. An army deserter accidentally murders his mistress. 12.25 Living word.

ATV: 7.00 News. 7.30 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.10 Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 From 8. 8.25 London. 10.30 Champions. 11.45 Object in view, weather.

ULSTER: 4.15 Enchanted house. 4.30 Romper room. 4.55 News. 4.55 Lost in space. 5.50 London. 6.00 UTV reports. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Ev. 8.30 Laredo. 8.30 London. 9.00 Department S. 10.00 London. 10.30 Dead-end. 11.00 Film: 'Bachelor Party'. With Don Murray and E. Marshall. Five accounts have a night on the town the evening before one of them is to be married.

YORKSHIRE: 3.15 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.30 Mattinee. 4.55 News. 5.50 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 News and weather. 7.00 Wheel of fortune. 7.30 London. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 8.55 Edgar Wallace. 9.50 London. 10.30 Champions. 11.45 Big valley 15 Weather.

GRANADA: 4.10 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.01 Sitcom. 6.25 music in writing. 6.35 Film: 'The Adventures of Quentin Durward'. With Robert Taylor, Kay Kendall, Robert Morley and George Cole. A knight seeks a bride for his master in 15th century France. 8.25 London. 9.00 Department S. 10.00 London. 10.30 Edgar Wallace. 11.35 Whiplash.

TYNE: 4.15 News. 4.40 London. 4.55 Thunderbirds. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.00 Today at six. 6.30 Avengers. 7.30 On the buses. 8.00 Hawaii five-o. 9.00 Randall and Hopkirk (deceased). 10.00 London. 10.30 Movie: 'Yield to the Night'. With Burt Lancaster and Michael Craig. A young woman is sentenced to death for killing the woman who drove her lover to suicide. 12.15 Tales of unease. 12.45 News.

BORDER: 4.10 News. 4.12 Nanny and the professor. 4.40 London. 4.55 Land of the giants. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 On the buses. 8.00 Man in a suitcase. 9.00 Hummer. 10.00 London. 10.30 'Desire Under the Elm'. With Sophie Loren, Anthony Perkins and Burl Ives. Eben Cabot's hated father brings home a young wife. 12.25 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 3.40 Dateline. 3.50 Horoscope. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Joe 90. 5.20 Artton cavalcade. 5.50 London. 6.00 News. 6.30 Film: 'Escape'. With Robert Taylor, Norma Shearer and Conrad Veidt. 8.25 London. 9.00 Barron. 10.00 London. 10.30 In camera. 11.05 McCue's music. 11.35 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 3.49 News. 3.52 Women today. 4.15 Pinky and Perky. 4.25 Rumble jumble. 4.50 Cowboy in America. 5.50 London. 6.00 News and weather. 6.10 Ask George Kidd. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 London. 7.30 Love. American style. 8.25 McCue's music. 9.00 Marcus Welby MD. 10.00 London. 10.30 Tales of unease. 11.00 Ev. Road report.

School riot complaint for Press Council?

THE Inner-London Education Authority is to consider lodging a formal complaint with the Press Council about coverage of events at Holland Park Comprehensive School on December 1.

In a statement to the Authority's Education Committee on Wednesday Canon Harvey Hinds, chairman of the school's sub-committee recalled that there had been allegations that some pressmen had attempted to bribe children and offered them cigarettes to commit certain actions.

On the day in question several hundred children at the school refused to attend lessons after the lunch break because of what they thought was unfair treatment against one of their teachers, Mrs Veronica Rousseau.

Canon Hinds said:

'The press appeared to have been alerted very early on. The next day press and television crews were at the school throughout the day but the school itself functioned quite normally.'

Gollan and Kerrigan silent as... Spanish CP chief attacks Stalinist-Franco alliance

SPANISH Communist Party general secretary Santiago Carillo condemned Polish strike-breaking during the Asturian miners' strike and voiced his party's opposition to the development of political relations between Spain and the countries of E Europe at a London meeting on Wednesday night.

But British CP general secretary John Gollan and former CP industrial organizer Peter Kerrigan, who also spoke at the meeting, maintained their unbroken silence about the E European

BY JOHN SPENCER

Stalinists' strike-breaking activities on behalf of Franco.

'Our position on political relations between the socialist countries and Franco Spain has been known for some time,' Carillo told questioners at the meeting.

'The Spanish Communist Party is opposed to the establishment of political relations between the regime and the socialist countries.'

'Why is this? Because Franco uses the development of such relations to extract more aid from United States imperialism.'

Prestige

'For 30 years the socialist countries have gone without recognizing Franco. Now that Franco is about to fade out are they going to recognize him now?'

'If we oppose the establishment of relations it is because we want to maintain the prestige of the socialist countries in Spain.'

Diplomatic and trading relations with Franco's Fascist regime have already been established by a number of Stalinist regimes, including Poland and Czechoslovakia. Yugoslavia and Rumania are also seeking diplomatic relations.

Asked whether the Communist Party thought it possible to ally with Trotskyists in Spain, Carillo answered:

'The Spanish Communist Party does not have any objection in principle to reaching agreements on specific action with Trotskyist groups on questions that are of concern to the working class.'

'We are ready to march together with all those who are struggling against Franco today and tomorrow with all those who are fighting for socialism.'

This statement, of course, lifts only a tiny corner of the Spanish CP's history of counter-revolution. During the Civil War the Stalinists exported to Spain all the secret police machinery of prisons and purges, and murdered hundreds of militants on the grounds that they were 'Trotsky-fascists'. (See What we think.)

The Soviet Stalinists have provoked a split inside the Spanish CP, with a rump section under Civil War general Enrique Lister established as a breakaway party.

The Lister group's denunciations of Carillo are printed in full by the Fascist press inside Spain.

Not that Carillo's differences with Soviet Stalinists represent a break with Stalinism.

In fact they are motivated by the desire to get closer to the

Spanish employers and the Catholic Church.

At Wednesday's meeting, Carillo put forward the thoroughly reformist perspective of the 'The Pact for Freedom', an alliance uniting 'forces from all sections of society, including the bourgeoisie'.

The programme of this alliance is minimal amnesty for exiles and political prisoners; establishment of 'democratic political liberty'; and the convocation of a constituent assembly.

Carillo, a pioneer of the 'dialogue' with the Catholic Church, stressed his party's close relations with the clergy.

The Church, he claimed, had undergone an 'evolution' from being one of the pillars of the regime to being 'a church which is socialist and is the most important ally the CP has in Spain'.

'We will march to socialism with the hammer and sickle in one hand and the cross in the other,' he said, to applause from the audience.



Carillo looks on as Gollan speaks

Despite his disagreements with the Soviet leaders, Carillo remains a firm opponent of revolution in Spain, and ranges himself on the side of alliance with the Spanish employers and against the independent class mobilization of the workers.

The leaders of the British Communist Party have this in common with him, though they lack the courage even to speak out against the scabbing activities of their E European Stalinist co-thinkers.



Carillo speaking at Wednesday night's meeting

Moscow Radio helps cover TUC retreat

IN ITS COVERAGE of the December 8 strike, Moscow Radio stuck faithfully to the line being followed by the British Communist Party.

This line is, as we all know, to oppose the demand that the General Council of the TUC organize a General Strike against the proposed anti-union legislation.

Instead, all the emphasis is placed on 'rank-and-file' protest activity which lets the TUC leaders off the hook.

One Moscow broadcast explained:

'It would be folly to expect the General Council of the TUC, or still more the Labour Parliamentary leaders, to stand up for the workers at each individual factory and shop. This will be done, as in the past, by shop-level trade union organizations.'

REMINISCENT

Then, using an argument reminiscent of the early 1930s, when the German Stalinists claimed that the Nazis would never destroy the reformist trade unions and parties, the same broadcast went on:

'It is not the TUC and Labour Party leaders who will be fined and prosecuted... but the rank and file at shop level...'

That is why, the Soviet Stalinist argument goes, the TUC is not concerned with the Tory anti-union proposals.

SYNCHRONIZED

The need to force the entire movement of the working class, from top to bottom, to throw its huge weight against the Bill by

WORKERS PRESS REPORTER

an official General Strike, is evaded, even derided, by such 'left' sounding talk about 'shop levels' and 'rank-and-file'.

Once again, as in every previous phase of this Tory government's brief history, the strategy of British and Soviet Stalinists is carefully synchronized.

WEST HAM, London, Trades Council passed a motion at its recent meeting calling on all affiliated members to take part in the December 8 action 'as the first step in a campaign to bring about a General Strike and the defeat of the Tory government'. It also called on affiliated members to make their union leaderships organize a united fight against the anti-union laws.

In both cases, 'left' phrases cover up the retreat of the TUC from a fight against the Tories, and in turn prevent millions of workers being brought into the fight, through their unions, against the Bill.

This can only strengthen the Tories and their bureaucratic allies in the workers' movement, just at a time when the entire trade union leadership must either be forced to fight or make way for those that will.

Moscow Radio's line on December 8 shows just how conscious is the counter-revolutionary role of Stalinism in the present situation in Britain.

COMMENTS

Its line was belied, in any case, by innumerable comments from workers who struck on December 8. Here we print just a few from the London demonstration.

'It's up to us here on the demonstration to put pressure on the TUC and union leaders: Make it official and far more widespread.'

Young Ford worker, carrying a placard—'No return to 1836 and Tolpuddle'.

'The TUC are always one step behind us anyway. They like to "lead" from behind. This is only a start, but its going to give the leaders a shock.'

Dock worker, T&GWU member.

'There is no question that the more the lads realize and understand this situation there's going to be moves for more action.'

'The overwhelming feeling among the people I work with is that the TUC should have given a lead.'

'I think every section of working people, not just trade unionists, has to mobilize. Other sections will suffer if the Bill goes through.'

Sinister education research in Ulster

IRELAND is becoming a testing ground for ideas and measures which the Tories may soon be tempted to try out in the rest of Britain.

The eyes of Fleet St reporters have recently been filled with such moves as the declaration of emergency powers, but there may be other, less dramatic but more insidious, developments afoot.

For example while the province is gripped by an economic and financial crisis of grave severity and the education system is starved of money the N Ireland Community Relations Commission this week announced a £2,000 grant for a research project into civil education.

A strange time to choose one might think. But upon examination the nature of the research reveals itself to be, potentially, of key importance.

BY IAN YEATS

The researchers will probe at what age social attitudes are formed in children and which are the more influential educators; how and when children become aware of group differences and conflicts and what influence on attitude results from differences in age, social background, type of school and subject matter studied.

The stated aim of the work is to 'attempt means for examining the attitudes of children to society and to evaluate the influence of the school among other educators in the formation of the civil outlook of children'.

Revivalling all this in order of significance is the fact that the project is not to take the usual two, three or five years but will be finished by next September—the start of the next school year.

No accident

It cannot be accidental that in the middle of a period of unrivalled working-class unrest in Ulster the government has decided to gather information which could form the basis of policies aimed at curtailing it.

This can be the only noteworthy explanation of the obsession with civic attitudes. These policies could be aimed at teachers who inculcate 'uncivil' attitudes, against syllabuses as a means of limiting the flow of 'uncivil' information and could also be used as a means of dividing and isolating children in communal schools.

Education chiefs have been very busy in the province and this week has also seen the announcement of a special course in civic affairs and community relations to be run in Antrim next spring.

Communities

The Stormont government says:

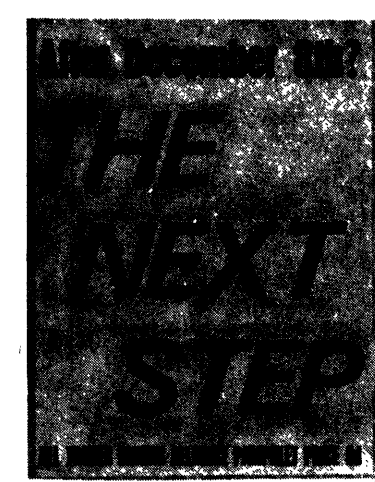
'The course will deal with problems of mixed communities within nations and will examine the roots of prejudice in Great Britain and N Ireland and in selected areas of the Commonwealth and the wider world.'

No one would deny that the experiences of British imperialism in the Commonwealth and wider world in handling community problems might appear to Tories and right wingers to have applicability at home.

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SOUTHAMPTON: Polygon Hotel, the Polygon, 7.30 p.m. Sundays, December 13 and 20.

BEXLEYHEATH: Roberts Hall, Christchurch, Broadway, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, December 15 and 22.

ACTON: Oddfellows Hall, Fletcher Rd, W3. 8 p.m. Thursday, December 17.

Lectures by M. Banda (Editor of Workers Press)

BIRMINGHAM: Digbeth Hall, 8 p.m. Mondays, December 14 and 21.

Lectures by P. O'Regan (SLL)

BALHAM: Co-op Hall, 47-51 Balham High St, SW12. 8 p.m. Monday, December 14.

Grave concern over jailed Irish student

CONCERN GROWS in Ireland about the case of Dublin ex-student Martin Dolphin, who was arrested on September 29 after a demonstration against President de Valera on the Belfield campus of University College, Dublin.

On October 17, Dolphin was transferred from Mountjoy Prison to Dundrum Central Mental Hospital for the Criminally Insane by a sealed order from Justice Minister O'Malley.

According to the 'Dublin Irish Times' of December 3, Dolphin had been certified insane while in Mountjoy, by the prison's medical officer.

LAWYER REFUSED

Only Dolphin's parents were allowed to see him in Dundrum, while a lawyer has twice been

refused visits to Dolphin on a professional basis.

A statement issued on October 23 by two 'Maoist' groups said:

'Increasingly in the reactionary newspapers and in the medical schools, it is being promoted that all those who rebel are abnormal and insane.'

HEAD EXAMINED

When Dolphin was brought before District Justice O'Hudaigh on October 15, he is reported to have said that he should have his head examined before being brought before him again. ('Dublin Irish Times', December 3.)

Dolphin, together with fellow accused Rosamund Mitchell,

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then went on hunger strike.

He did not reappear in court when his case was heard again on December 3.

Medical evidence was brought forward suggesting that he was not able to plead. The case was then adjourned until February 4.

CONCERNED

Even the capitalist press in Ireland is concerned about the political and legal implications of the Dolphin case, which has now been followed by Lynch's emergency measures and the re-opening of internment camps.

Everything must be done to secure the immediate release of Martin Dolphin and his comrades.

Israeli strikes 100pc up this year

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT STRIKES in Israel over the first nine months of this year have increased more than 100 per cent on 1969.

ITALY'S three major dockers' unions yesterday called for a week-long boycott of all ships flying the Spanish flag to protest against the trial in Burgos of 16 alleged Basque nationalists.

Bank and CBI clamour for incomes policy

A WARNING that jobs may be hit by government attempts to curb inflation by restricting demand has been issued by the Bank of England.

Charter of Rights

BRITISH-LEYLAND hope to crop the labour force at their Pressed-Steel Fisher factory in Swindon by 10 per cent as part of their drastic manpower reductions for 1971. This cut-back means that 700 of the plant's 6,000 workers may soon face the dole.



The Charter makes it clear that redundancy and pressure for productivity are political attacks by the capitalists and that these attacks can only be answered politically by workers.

nationalization in the Charter is also so important. In the British-Leyland group, especially the only way to ensure that jobs are safeguarded is to demand these things as the economic crisis gets worse and worse.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

- LUTON: Friday, December 11, 8 p.m. AEU House, 396/398 Dunstable Rd.
CASTLEFORD: Sunday December 13, 12 noon, Ship Inn, Speakers: Trevor Parsons and Brian Lavery, Yorks miners.
GLASGOW: Sunday, December 13, 7.30 p.m. Kingston Hall, Paisley Rd.
DAGENHAM: Monday, December 14, 8 p.m. Marsh Green School, New Rd.
ACTON: Monday, December 14, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, Acton High St.
WEST LONDON: Monday, December 14, 8 p.m. Prince Albert pub, Balfe St, NW1.
SOUTHALL: Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Community Centre, Bridge Rd.
SW LONDON: Tuesday, December 15, 8 p.m. Prince's Head, Falcon Rd, Clapham Junc.
FINSBURY PARK: Wednesday, December 16, 8 p.m. St George Robey pub, opposite Astoria.
SE LONDON: Thursday, December 17, 8 p.m. Artichoke pub, Church St, Camberwell Green.

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LATE NEWS

VICIOUS CONDITIONS FOR LOCK-OUT RETURN Both unions representing workers locked out from Silas Hyde's Birmingham metal works for supporting December 8 have given their members a backing.

SIT-IN AND LOCK-OUT

Union officials have refused to back the NE men and shop stewards said they would not take the responsibility of any action on their shoulders.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE 2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Saturday December 19 Digbeth Civic Hall, Digbeth, Birmingham 10.30 a.m.

For delegates or visitors' credentials send 5s to: Alan Wilkins, ATUA Secretary, The Hiron, Styvechale, Coventry

Israelis lose grip on Gaza

ISRAELI occupation forces may have lost control of the Gaza strip—the 40-mile long section of Egypt, heavily populated by poor Arabs, on the Mediterranean coast E of Israel.

POWER TALKS AT TUC



Frank Chapple, ETU secretary (left) and Jack Biggins, G&MWU, enter Congress House yesterday for talks with TUC general secretary Victor Feather on the power work-to-rule.

Unlikely

But such talk is unlikely to engender a response from the Heath government which is in fact aiming in the long term to impose a more effective incomes policy than any legislation could provide.

Irresponsible

The passage of power to irresponsible elements in our industrial community has struck hard at our national economic performance.

Worried

Banks are extremely worried about TWA's ability to guarantee their loans, which will rise to a staggering \$442 million for 1972.

Slashed

Profits have been slashed by excess capacity as the rate of growth in passenger transport has followed the overall US economy into decline.

Cartoon action strikes fear into Tories

BY JOHN SPENCER

LONDON 'Evening Standard' print workers, who took industrial action against a Jak cartoon which portrayed power electricians as greedy, boneheaded, heartless loudmouths, have provoked the indignation of Lord George-Brown and Christopher Chataway, as well as the paper's National Union of Journalists' chapel.

In a magnificent gesture of class solidarity against the Tory press and television witch-hunt of the power workers, the printers stopped the presses after the paper's first edition and refused to restart them until management agreed to publish a statement from the Federated House Chapel alongside the cartoon.

The statement read: 'The cartoon by Jak which appears on page 14 expresses his own opinion. We wish to make it clear that the opinion is not shared by members of the Evening Standard Federated House Chapel, which represents the trade unions within this newspaper.

POWER CUT A power cut prevented resumption of production after the management had agreed to publish the statement, but copies were printed later in the afternoon.

Wall St 'Who's Who' watch TWA

TRANS-WORLD AIRLINES has been forced to meet dozens of creditors in New York in a bid to dispel rumours of imminent collapse.

SLANDERING

What the Tories mean by democracy is the right to go on slandering the working class.

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FRIGHTENED

What frightens the Tories and terrifies the labourites is the power their workers have to spike their guns.

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Election result could split Pakistan

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

E BENGALI leader Maulana Bhashani said in Dacca yesterday that the 'landslide victory' for Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Awami League Party in Pakistan's first-ever General Election was a verdict in favour of independence for E Pakistan.

Bashani called for either separation from W Pakistan or at minimum we can have a loose federation with sovereignty for the states.

Final results in Monday's election give 151 out of a total 300 seats to the Awami League, whose leader is now expected to become Prime Minister if a new constitution is agreed by parliament within 120 days.

French court backs fascist 'Trade union'

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

FRENCH courts have backed the fascist-led 'French Confederation of Labour' (CFT)—the employer-backed 'trade union' which has been at the root of a number of recent provocations in French industry.

A Boulogne-Billancourt court, near Paris, issued an order on Wednesday quashing the recent trade union election for shop delegates in the town's giant Renault car plant.

The case had been brought by the CFT on the grounds of 'illicit propaganda'.

Boulogne-Billancourt factory workers were among the leading sections in the May-June 1968 General Strike.

Together with the Catholic-influenced CFDT—which has recently adopted a relatively militant programme—the CGT regularly polls over 90 per cent of workers' votes.

HALT RETREAT

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now set about devising 'alternative proposals'. In other words they put forward their own suggestions for the ruling class to deal with the working class.

Not one of these leaders has moved a single step in support of the mobilization of the mass movement. They are on the other side.

The Tories are sounding out one section of the working class after another and relying on the union leaders to keep these struggles separated.

Meanwhile they try to stoke up reactionary public opinion, as in the power workers' strike.

The fatal mistake in the working-class movement now would be to go any further in this situation without the most determined and ruthless fight against Labour and trade union leaders.

The Stalinists' 'Morning Star' tells us (Thursday) that the unions have demonstrated that they are ready for a political battle with the government, and that they will have the Star's supporting campaign.

Cover

What the Stalinists did for Scanlon and Jones in getting them elected they are now doing in covering up for these leaders, who have now joined with Feather, at a time when the whole future of the working class depends on challenging and defeating this leadership.

The trade union leaders must be forced to make January 12 the start of a General Strike to force the Tories to resign.

It is also urgently necessary that a Special Emergency Conference of the Labour Party be called. The whole movement must be mobilized immediately and the Labour Party and TUC leaders cleared out!

Kremlin fetes CP's jailers

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

A TOP-LEVEL Sudanese military delegation, led by Defence Minister Major-General Khalid Hasan Abbas, is in Moscow for talks with Soviet leaders.

In July, the al-Nimeiry regime closed down the Palestinian Liberation radio station operating from Khartoum when it denounced the so-called Rogers peace plan, supported by both Nasser and Moscow.

Even more cynical is the hospitality shown to Queen Farah of Persia, who was entertained last week by a banquet given in her honour at the Kremlin.

Trieste fascist riots halt Tito visit

BY DAVID BARNES

YUGOSLAV President Tito's visit to Rome and the Vatican, due to start yesterday, was cancelled at the last moment after violent fascist demonstrations in Trieste.

The city, long a subject of dispute between the two states, is divided into two zones.

The smaller, Zone B, with a majority of Slovenes in the population, is administered by Yugoslavia under a 1954 international memorandum.

WEATHER

E ENGLAND will be cloudy at first with a little drizzle in places and patches of hill fog. Central and SE England will also be cloudy at first, with hill fog patches, but will probably become brighter later.

SW and NW England, Wales, N Ireland and S and E Scotland will be dry and rather cloudy though with sunny intervals in many places.

Temperatures will be near normal in central parts, but a little below in the SE and rather above in N Scotland.

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday: Mainly dry apart from some rain in the SW later. Frost locally at night. Near normal temperatures in the NW, but rather cold elsewhere.

refusal to do so, and the strident opposition of the extreme right brought the cancellation of the visit.

A number of fascist organizations, all claiming Trieste and its hinterland for Italy, brought armed supporters from all over N Italy to demonstrate on Tuesday. But it became clear that their real intention was a massive provocation against the labour movement.

Following speeches by veteran fascists, including parliamentary deputies of the MSI, Italy's largest fascist organization, about a thousand young thugs, most of them armed with clubs