The daily paper that leads the fight against the Tory government

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What we

An apology for action

WHAT STANDS out most clearly from the costly Trades Union Congress advertising in yesterday morning's newspapers is its implicit acceptance that the Tory anti-union legislation is going through.

Some £75,000 of TUC money is being spent on a two-month campaign to boost the view that the Industrial Relations Bill is the wrong way' to stop strikes.

A similar figure has already been paid out for printing and organization around a nationwide programme of TUC education conferences

on the Bill.

About 2,000 full-time union officers have been provided an expensively-produced 'campaign kit' — a folder filled with wallcharts, questionnaires, two sets of speakers' notes and other educational aids—to enable them to explain the impact of the Tory pro-posals to their members.

All this from a body reluctant to spend even a new penny on strike action by workers defending their rights. When leaders of the Pilking-

ton glassworkers at St Helens travelled to London under threat of victimiza-tion for talks with TUC general secretary Victor Feather, only half their £70 transport costs were

Yet the chief beneficiary of this unprecedented new cash flow is the Boase, Massimi and Pollitt publications. relations partnership, whose chairman is former Tory front-bencher Ernest Marples.

And there is no doubt that the chief political bene-ficiary of both campaigns will be the Tory govern-

Newspaper advertising - like tonight's Albert Hall protest rally—will do nothing to shake the government's resolve to push through its

legislation. And the maze of thoroughly confusing 'campaign - kit' charts and questionnaires is simply a softening-up pro-cess for the Bill becoming

law.
The only serious campaign against the Industrial Relations Bill today begins from the fight to force the resignation of the Tories through the mobilization of the organized mass strength of the working class around

EC threat to firemen's strike move

A LAST-DITCH attempt to head off discussion of strike action may be made at to-day's Fire Brigades Union delegate conference.

Rumours were circulating in several London stations yes-terday that the FBU executive intends to ask delegates representing Britain's 30,000 firemen to accept an interim pay formula and press—with the employers' side of the fire

A HUNDRED firemen in full uniform marched through Nottingham yesterday afternoon to lobby a meeting of the city council. The men asked the council to support their union's national pay

national joint council-for an independent inquiry into their 10-per-cent pay claim. Vigorous opposition can be

expected from rank-and-file firemen if such a move is made following yesterday's executive

Step up

Up to last Friday, the executive was expected to propose stepping up the present national 'emergency-calls-only' action if the employers refused to increase their 5½ per cent pay offer.

Delegates from several areas have already been committed to fighting for all-out strike action against what they

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The choice is clear on union law Make Tories resign-or accept Bill

FACTORIES in Britain will be idle again today as striking workers fill the streets of all the main towns and cities to demonstrate against the Tory government's attempt to smash trade unionism.

Industrial Relations

The main issue behind to-

day's protest must therefore

If the Tory government is

not forced out of office the Bill will be passed and the destruction of all trade unions

Here we are surely at a

Demonstrators and all workers who stand in defence

of their trade unions must ask

this question.

Are we to continue with

protests which, no matter how

large, are inadequate to destroy the Bill?

Or do we in the labour

movement declare now that

class to force the govern-ment to resign and then to

return a Labour administra-

tion with a policy of repealing all the Tories' anti-working-class measures?

The TUC has already given

Handy hints

Its campaign is a capitula-tion to reactionary Toryism. General secretary Feather has

made it quite clear that he will

not fight to make the govern-

ment resign. He accepts that

the Bill could become law and

merely offers handy-hints on

how to live under the anti-

If the Bill goes through parliament the Tories will

This is the biggest retreat

union laws.

since 1926.

moment of political truth.

will have legal sanction.

be clear to every demon-

strator.

Major ports action today

'Secret talks' report strengthens vote

DOCKERS yesterday voted to join today's anti-Tory strike in Manchester.

The nationwide row over the exposure of the secret union-employer talks about abolition of the 1947 dock labour scheme continued vesterday, and appeared greatly to strengthen the Manchester de-

cision. 'That's what the Tories have in store for you,' com-mented one platform speaker referring to the Workers Press revelation that these talks have been going on for at least four months.

The Manchester dockers will join the men from Hull and Liverpool on strike today.

In London, some gangsand possibly whole sections of dockers—may go further than the 1 p.m.-3 p.m. dockgate meetings called so far and stay away from work.

Behind scenes

COMMENTING on our report of Transport and General Workers' general secretary Jack Jones' behind-the-scenes talks with port employers about the dock labour scheme, Avonmouth docker Mike Thatcher asked what authority his union's leaders had to conduct any negotiations about 'the greatest safeguard dockers have against

arbitrary dismissal.
'Obviously, I hope it's not true that they're doing this,' he said. 'But if events prove the article to be correct, it would come as no surprise

to me personally.
'I am a T&GWU member and I don't expect Jack Jones to co-operate with the Tories in giving away hard-won rights—and paving the way for the Industrial Relations Bill.

'If Jack Jones is collaborating with the Tories in this issue, then it could well become a bigger issue—in the light of the Industrial Relations Bill—than even Devlin Phase Two.'

This is the second BY STEPHEN JOHNS mass protest in six:

months of Tory rule in their arsenal to deploy and the first on December 8 has not weakened the government's reagainst himself. solve to press ahead

with the reactionary

elastic

the fight is a political one and pledge ourselves to organize all the working

the accelerated pace of the class struggle in Britain have led the Tories to revise the relate merely to countering 'espionage', but to activities

stitutional government'.

Since there will be no distinction between intention and action, it amounts to nothing more than a proposal for Tory thought-control. It must be opposed by the whole labour

Standing with the TUC and

Maudling's formula

WORRIED by the publicity attached to the Dutschke

The massive contradictions within British imperialism and traditional concept of what constitutes 'national security'. According to Maudling and his Tory pals, this does not which might lead to 'the

• See 'Dr Pallis and the Dutschke affair', page four.

against the working class.
It will be used quite ruth-lessly against officials, militants and, though Mr Feather might not believe this, also

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MRS PHYLLIS CLARKSON, primary school headmistress suspended for refusing to compromise with overcrowded school conditions

Tribunal and the manifestly farcical nature of the proceed ings, Home Secretary Reginald Maudling is reportedly considering changing the appeal procedure where security grounds' are alleged to be involved.

Maudling wants the exclu-

sive responsibility to decide who should or should not enter and stay in the country where so-called security is concerned.

overthrow by force of a con-

This elastic formula which can cover anything from flag-burning to insurrection will give the Home Secretary powers to curb any and every manifestation of opposition to the Tories.

Sacked glassmen report nationwide solidarity

THIRTEEN Hull dockers were told yesterday that they will be suspended for five days from January 25 for refusing to load 'blacked' Pilkington glass last Friday. If their appeal fails the port could stop for the duration. The following statement has been issued by the sacked Pilkington glassworkers' rank-and-file committee:

FOR 24 weeks about 120 trade unionists sacked by Pilkington's glass company in St Helens for defending two fundamental trade union rights-the right to strike against injustice and the right to work—are still without a job.

We have been engaged in a long and bitter struggle for the full reinstatement of the sacked and blacklisted workers at Pilkington's. Our fight not only involves the sacked workers, it also in-

volves some 350 workers taken back by Pilkington's after the three-day dispute in August last year as new employees—stripped of all their rights and privileges because they supported a three-day token stoppage in defence of one of their workmates who was being victimized by the manage-

The management were insisting that they and they alone had a divine right to choose who should repre-sent our workmate. We at St Helens were fired along with 600 other workers for defending the right to strike, and are still without

TUC advice

Our committee asked for the help and advice of the Trades Union Congress to help us resolve our struggle, and to win back the sacked

Their advice was that we should make a re-approachment between ourselves and the General and Municipal Workers' Union.

This we have done, but so far we have received no

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Tory government resign. We will never retreat in the face of the Tories.

WE NEED a much bigger effort for the fund this month. Big dangers are ahead if we hold back in As the Tories proceed determinedly with their anti-union laws, the reformist and Stalinist trade union

leaders back down from the fight.

The Workers Press is even more determined to defeat this Bill. All our energy must be turned to mobilizing trade unionists everywhere to make the

Go all out now. Raise January's Appeal Fund and help us collect the extra £1,000 needed for launching the rally at Alexandra Palace. There's not a moment to lose. Send your donations immediately:

Workers Press Appeal Fund, 186a Clapham High Street, London, SW4.

Teachers strike to end ban on headmistress

TEACHERS at a Middlesex primary school struck yesterday in support of their headmistress who has been suspended for refusing to use a nearby church hall as a classroom.

The teachers, who work at Park Lane primary school Brent, say they will stay out on strike until the ban on the headmistress, Mrs Phyllis Clarkson, is lifted Mrs Clarkson was suspended by Brent education authority for refusing to take 14 more pupils at the school and teach them in a church hall separated from the main build-

ing by a busy main road.

Apart from the danger of using the hall, teachers claim that the 510-pupil school is already grossly overcrowded and lessons have to be taken on the school stage, in medical rooms and in general cramped conditions. Mrs Clarkson said yesterday that the education authority's request to use the church hall had been the last straw in a situation of 'frightful' overcrowding.

She said that the hall's vestry, which was to serve as the classroom, had no facilities for play, art and craft or wall display.

IGNORED

Though she had written letters on the over-crowded state of the school, these had been ignored by the authority for 18 months. National Union of Teachers general secre-tary Edward Britton said yesterday that the union was prepared to keep the staff out The authority was 'autocratic in the ex-

7,000 marchers say 'Heath out'

WOLVERHAMPTON trade unionists stole a march on other workers yesterday by striking a day early against the Tory anti-union Bill and demanding that the TUC call a general strike to defeat it.

An estimated 25,000 stayed away from work and a 7,000-Powell makes strong demonstration marched through the Black Country another pass town chanting 'Heath out!'

at the

middle class

BIG FIRMS who attempt to

wangle grants by passing 'anything and everything' off

smaller businesses.

A UNION leader claimed

yesterday that a visit by Mr Enoch Powell to a Notting-

ham factory employing several hundred W Indian

workers had been cancelled

because it would 'endanger the race relations situation'

Tobacco Workers' Union

district secretary Mr Peter Featherstone claimed the

visit was cancelled after a

union plea. Mr Powell was to have had lunch with the

directors of the firm—John Player and Sons.

firms have over their lives.

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propaganda.

Dozens of factories were halted, including the Goodyear tyre plant. The 1,000strong labour force at the Weldless steel works failed to report for work in answer to the strike call of the Wolverhampton, Bilston and District Trades Council.

Guerrillas under fire from Israel and Jordan

PRICE 6d (21p)

BY A WORKERS PRESS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

MACHINE - GUN bursts and sporadic shooting echoed through Amman yesterday after clashes between Palestinian guerrillas and Royal Jordanian troops.

And in the Jordan valley, guerrillas came under simul-taneous attack from Israeli planes and Jordanian artillery. The Israeli air force attacked the guerrilla bases at Deir Ala

The general command of The general command of the Palestinian Resistance Movement said: 'No sooner had the Israeli bombing begun than Jordanian heavy artillery opened up on our bases in the

same area'. These co-ordinated attacks indicate close co-operation be-tween the Israeli and Jordanian governments against the guerrillas.

With the re-opening of the Jarring peace talks in New York, elimination of the guer-rilla movement is high on the Zionists' agenda as a necessary precondition for Mid-East

Embarrassment

The guerrilla movement is also a grave embarrassment to states like Egypt which are now prepared to recognize Israel's 1967 boundaries.

The Soviet newspaper 'Pravda' described the fighting as 'fratricidal' clashes ... playing into the hands of the most vicious enemies of the Arabs', but made no attempt to dis-tinguish between the two

This description covers up for the real situation in the Middle East, where the Palestinian revolution is being systematically strangled by Jordan and Israel with the connivance in varying degrees of the other Arab states.

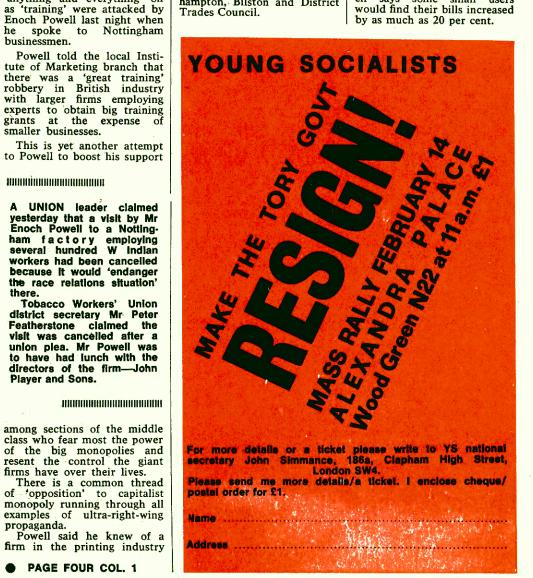
Though Syria was forced vesterday to state that she would not stand idly by while the guerrillas were wiped out, there have been no moves for Syrian intervention so far.

Whittled away

Jordan's King Hussein had already launched an attack on the Palestinian liberation movement in September and, with the assent of the guer-rilla leaders, their rights have The latest bout of attacks, coming on the eve of the 'peace' talks, is a clear index of the real meaning of an im-posed 'peace' in this part of

GAS price increases affecting 600,000 SW consumers were announced yesterday with a warning of further rises before

the end of the year. The Gas Consultative Council says some small users would find their bills increased by as much as 20 per cent.



Stalinists pave way for more Devey scandals

THE EXECUTIVE of the Communist Party has refused to state publicly where it stands on the infamous Devey affair. Such a shameful silence speaks louder than words. It is the politics of this Executive Committee, dominated by old-time Stalinists,

Devey's opportunism. By refusing to explain how Devey took £3,000 from Batchelor's Foods in order to call off a strike, they are deliberately shielding other leading CP members in Sheffield, such as George Caborn, full-time AEF district secretary.

Everyone knows that he

which is responsible for

should be taken to task publicly so that AEF members can see what is taking

TREACHERY This silence can only lead to even greater political treachery in the future. By its actions, the CP leadership has strengthened the anti-communist right wing in Sheffield.

At the special district committee meeting to dis-

cuss Batchelor's it is now

BY A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

the following resolution, which received eight votes in support, with three abstentions and 11 against.

'This Sheffield district committee dissociates itself completely from the statements made by the officials of the Communist Party to the press and television. That the Batchelor's Foods dispute was none of their concern. It follows that the

disclosed that Devey moved

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A criticism

of

Naxalites on the march

the

Indian

Naxalite

movement

enin, Menshevism and

THE INDIAN and Ceylonese middle class are bewildered by the capitalist crisis and are seeking to direct the working class to commit suicide according to an article by Charu Mashumdar, a leader of the Naxalbari movement.

terrorist groups.

International.

It was not where the Chinese

revolutions of 1927 and 1949 were started which were decisive,

but the policies according to

The article was published by a Ceylonese political group called 'Peradiga Sulanga'-East Wind. The pamphlet urged workers to give up their class struggle and to join the rural peasants in an armed fight.

The Indian Naxalbari movement and their Ceylonese sympathizers do not belong to the working-class movement founded by Marx and Engels.

They belong to the petty bourgeoisie who broke away from the working class because of the defeats faced by the working class due to Stalinism's treachery.

The task of these pettybourgeois movements is to adapt themselves empirically to the socalled radical forces.

They reject the revolutionary tasks of the working class and evade the struggle to break it from the political grip of the Stalinists and the Social Democrats and to lead it to achieve political power.

These revisionists now accept theories which were claimed to be the experiences of the Chinese

Synthesized

These theories have been synthesized from the so-called Chinese experiences of isolated guerrilla struggles based on the peasantry

These guerrilla struggles occurred after 1927, because of the defeats of the Chinese proletariat brought about by betrayal of the revolution by the

Following the capture of state ower in the late 1940s by the Chinese Stalinist party under the leadership of Mao Tse-tung, these revisionists try to develop a new theory for the colonial and semicolonial countries.

The theory 'from the villages which they were brought about. to the towns', which is called the rule of the Chinese revolution, The important political question evaded by those who are interested in whether the struggle was not an outcome of a struggle for Marxism, but a result of an was started in villages or towns, empirical reaction to a specific class situation in China by the is the policy of the Chinese CP.

THE FIGHT of the Naxalbaris against the Indian capitalist government and

the pro-Moscow Communist Party pinpoints the danger to the working class

of the Utopian, adventurist and petty-bourgeois policies and methods of such

the pro-Chinese agrarian movement—in India by a leader of the Revolutionary

Communist League of Ceylon, part of the International Section of the Fourth

We reproduce a criticism of the main ideas of the Naxalbari movement—

It had to withdraw to the rural areas because of the defeats it The Chinese CP was forced to faced as a result of their merging with the Kuomintang of the adopt this position because of the defeats the working class had to face as a result of the policies of Stalin and the Comintern in national bourgeoisie. Even in the late 1940s their effort was to join hands with the Kuomintang. 1927 and because of the Japanese

That the CP was pushed to a occupation of the cities. position to lead a struggle independent of the capitalist Comintern class was due to the rejection of a coalition with the Kuomintang. This made the 1949 victory betrayals

> The Chinese working class which was defeated in 1927 was not a disarmed class. The Spanish directly agains the struggle of Civil War of 1936-1939 not because it was without arms.

The major cause for the defeats was that the working class was not independent from the capitalist class.

Evaded

This is the question to which Marxists must give attention in building revolutionary movements within these countries.

This question is evaded by Mashumdar and his sympathizers. Instead of facing the question of breaking the working class from the ideological, political and organizational ties it has with the

China, 1927: Workers storm a shop in Hankow

capitalist class, they show the working class a way to liquidate itself among the peasantry. The task of building socialist

consciousness and leadership among workers by defeating capitalist trade union consciousness is shown by them to be

the revolutionary party

They say: 'Our task is not to organize trade unions. Not to bother about the appointments of trade union officials'. This is directly against the struggle of Marxists to defeat trade union consciousness among workers.

What Lenin stressed in his thesis to the Second Conference of the Communist International was the need to take the trade unions under a communist leader-ship. (Lenin, 'Collected Works', Vol. 31, p. 191.)

Back turned on workers

Lenin stressed this point because it is impossible even to talk about a dictatorship of the proletariat without separating the working class from the capitalist

Mashumdar says:

'We should not prevent the workers who try to organize a trade union where they do not have one. Trade union struggles must be launched by ordinary workers. But our party cadres must not intervene in those struggles.' (Our emphasis.)

Mashumdar's policy was that which Lenin outlined and practised in 1898 in preparing the foundation for the Bolshevik Party which led the Russian working class to power in 1917.

He based himself on Marxism and fought to lead the working class, which is the revolutionary class in modern society, to achieve power.

Mashumdar has turned his back on the working class and has replaced a Marxist class analysis of the present situation with petty-bourgeois illusions.

He says: 'Accordingly he [the worker] is inclined to stay in the towns instead of sacrificing everything and going to the rural areas to merge with the peasants to take part in rural revolution-ary struggles.'

Eliminate

The task of their party is to eliminate this inclination and somehow send the workers to villages. Mashumdar puts it forward in this way:

'There is another thing which we did not do: we did not kindle the pride of the workers.'

Then he explains what will happen when the pride of the workers is kindled. 'If he (the worker) loses his

job through pride he would become a good party organizer in the town or he would go to the villages to join the armed struggles.'!! This perspective to create un-

employment among the working class in a situation where the employment, wages and conditions of labour of the workers are threatened by capitalism will only succeed in demoralizing and atomizing the working clas.

Mashumdar says that expulsion from jobs favours revolution because it helps to send workers to the villages.

But Lenin stressed the dire necessity to intervene in the dayto-day struggles of the working class and fought vehemently against middle-class theories to send the workers to their villages.

of including the 14 demands of the peasantry in the programme of the revolutionary party and to agitate for it.

At the same time he was strongly against the idea of merging the working class with the peasantry, which is a petty-bourgeois formation.

Episodic

All gains of the Naxalbari movement in India during the past period are temporary and episodic. These gains will be destroyed if the Indian working class does not take power.

The Naxalbari movement in India does not fight to establish the leadership of the working class over the peasantry of India to achieve state power, but to contain the working class within the reformist petty-bourgeois needs of the peasantry.

This will inevitably lead the Indian working class and peasant movements to defeat and to the perpetuation of capitalism



by Keerthi

Balasuriya

BBC 1

9.15 a.m.-12.25 p.m. Schools. 12.55 Fo a fe. 1.30 Watch with mother. 1.45-1.53 News and weather. 2.05-2.25 Schools. 3.45 Nursing techniques. 4.20 Play school. 4.40 Jackanory. 4.55 Animal ma Penelope Pitstop. 5.40 Seeing stars. 5.44 Magic roundabout. 5.50 News and weather.

6.00 NATIONWIDE. London 6.45 WHERE IN THE WORLD.

7.05 Z CARS. 'Right of Way' (part two).

7.30 FILM: 'HOTEL SAHARA'. Yvonne de Carlo, Peter Ustinov, David Tomlinson. Hotel proprietor tries to remain neutral in the midst of the desert campaign. Comedy.

9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and weather. 9.20 'A CHILD IS BORN'. How safe is it to have a baby today? 10.10 MONTY PYTHON'S FLYING CIRCUS.

10.40 24 HOURS.

11.15 VIEWPOINT. Francis Thompson (1859-1907).

REGIONAL BBC

All regions as above except:
Midlands, E Anglia: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Midlands today. Look East, weather. 10.10-10.40 Contact (Midlands only). 11.37 News, weather.

North, NW, NE, Cumberland and Westmorland: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Look North, weather. 10.10-10.40 Great North road show (NE only). 11.37 News, weather.

Wales: 5.20-5.44 Telewele. 6.00 Wales

today, weather. Nationwide. 6.45-7.05 Heddiw. 10.10-10.40 This world of Wales. 11.37 Weather.

N Ireland: 6.00-6.45 Scene around six, weather. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 In question. 11.37 News, weather.

SW, South, West: 6.00-6.45 Nationwide. Points West. South today. Spotlight SW, weather. 10.10-10.35 Problem town. (South only). 10.35-10.40 What price. (South only). 11.37 News, weather.

conang: 6.00-6.45 Reporting Scotland. Nationwide. 10.10-10.40 Scope. 11.15 Scottish viewpoint. 11.40 News,

BBC 2

11.00-11.20 a.m. PLAY SCHOOL. 6.35 p.m. SQUARE TWO.

7.05 OPEN UNIVERSITY, Science. 7.30 NEWSROOM and weather.

8.00 WORLD TENNIS GRAND PRIX. Ken Rosewali v Zjeljko Franulovic.

8.50 COLLECTOR'S WORLD.

9.20 FILM: 'FLAMING STAR'. Elvis Presley, Barbara Eden, Steve Forrest. A family of half-breeds is accepted by the whites until Kiowa Indians attack a neighbouring farm.

10.45 NEWS ON 2 and weather. 10.50 CRICKET. Australia v England, Fourth Test.

11.20 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

11.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m. Schools. 3.45 Tea break. 4.15 Magic ball. 4.25 Crossroads. 4.50 Junior showtime. 5.15 Magpie. 5.45 News.

6.25 GHOST AND MRS MUIR. 'Curious Cousin'. 7.00 NEVER MIND THE QUALITY, FEEL THE WIDTH. 'The not so

7.30 FILM: 'CANYON CROSSROADS'. Richard Basehart, Phyllis Kirk. A young uranium prospector makes an implacable enemy when he refuses to go into partnership. 9.00 SHADOWS OF FEAR. 'Sugar and Spice'. Sheila Hancock,

Ronald Hines. New suspense series of plays. 10.00 NEWS AT TEN. 10.30 'FRESHMAN'. Documentary about an American freshman at

Stanford University in California. 11.15 LIVING WRITERS. Rebecca West talks to Hugh Kay. 11.45 BEST OF ALL SELLERS. Michael Meech talks to Rev. Michael

REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.55
Enchanted house. 4.05 Puffin. 4.15
Moment of truth. 4.50 London. 5.55
News, weather. 6.10 Police file. 6.15
Lookaround. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00
Film: 'Farmer Takes a Wife'. Dale
Robertson, Betty Grable. 8.30 Never
mind the quality . . 9.00 London.
11.12 Gazette. 11.17 News, weather.

WESTWARD. As Channel except: 3.53 News. 4.05 Gus Honeybun. 5.55 Diary.

6.30 Horoscope. 11.17 News. 11.20 Faith for life. 11.25 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.00-3.00 London. 3.25 Horoscope. 3.30 Women today. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.12 Enchanted house. 4.25 London. 5.55 Day by day. 6.45 Never mind the quality . . 7.15 Film: "The Defiant Ones". Tony Curtis, Sidney Poitter. Two convicts chained together escape from a train. 9.00

London. 11.15 News. 11.25 Farm progress. 11.55 Weather. It's all yours. HARLECH: 11.00-3.00 London, 4.09 Moment of truth, 4.37 Magic ball, 4.50

HTV (West) colour channel 61 as above except: 4.07-4.09, 5.56-6.35 Report West.

London. 4.56 Report West. 6.16 Report Wales. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Bonanza. 8.00 Mr and Mrs. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . 9.00 London. 11.45

HTV (Wales) colour channel 41 as above except: 5.56-6.16 Y dydd.

HTV (Cymru Wales) black and white service as above except: 5.56-6.16 Y dydd. 10.30-11.15 Dan sylw.

ANGLIA: 10.58-3.00 London. 3.35 Granny gets the point. 4.00 News. 4.05 Women today. 4.35 Enchanted house. 4.50 London. 5.55 About Anglia. Police call. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Touch and Go'. With Jack Hawkins, Margaret Johnston, June Thorburn, John Fraser. A father resigns his job and his family must prepare to emigrate to Australia. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . 9.00 London. 11.15 Tales of unease. 11.45 Reflection.

ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00-2.35 London. 3.10 Houseparty 3.20 Horoscope. 3.25 Women today. 4.00 Peyton Place. 4.30 Popeye. 4.35 Origami. 4.45 Flaxton boys. 5.10 London. 6.55 Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: "Witness to Murder'. Barbara Stanwyck, George Sanders, Gary Merrill. Murder mystery. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . . 9.00 London. 11.15 Music room. Weather.

ULSTER. 11.00-3.00 London. 4.25 Romper room. 4.45 News. 4.50 London. 5.55 UTV reports. 6.30 Cartoon. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Village of Daughters'. Eric Sykes, Scilla Gabel. When work in the local stone quarry cased all the young men left Mazzento village. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . . 9.00 London. 11.15 By the way.

YORKSHIRE: 11.00-3.00 London. 4.00 Houseparty. 4.10 Wind in the willows. 4.25 Matinee. 4.50 London. 6.00 Calendar, weather. 6.30 Nanny and the professor. 7.00 Film: 'The Monk'. George Maharis, Janet Leigh. Murder suspect sets out to find some answers. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . 9.00 London. 11.15 Toolbox. 11.40 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.00-2.35 London. 4.05 News. Peyton Place. 4.40 Magic ball. 4.50 London. 6.01 Newsday. 6.20 Beverly hillbillies. 6.50 Film: "Carry on Constable". Sidney James, Kenneth Connor, Charles Hawtrey, Kenneth Williams. 8.30 Never mind the quality. . . 9.00 London. 11.15 Four just men.

News. Women today. 4.35 Hubble bubble. 4.50 London. 6.00 Today. 6.25 Where the jobs are. 6.30 Film: 'In the Nick'. Anthony Newley, Anne Aubrey. 8.30 Never mind the quality. . . 9.00 London. 11.15 News. 11.30 Four of a kind. Four of a kind.

BORDER: 1.38-3.00 London. 3.50 Houseparty. 4.00 News. 4.05 Survival. 4.35 Origami. 4.50 London. 5.56 News. Lookaround. 6.30 Horoscope. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'Stage to Tucson'. Rod Cameron, Wayne Morris. Western. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . 9.00 London. 11.15 Decimals. 11.40 News, weather.

SCOTTISH: 11.00-2.58 London. 4.00 Dateline. 4.10 Enchanted house. 4.25 London. 5.55 Dateline. 6.25 Hogan's heroes. 6.55 Film: 'Ambush'. Robert Taylor, John Hodiak. 8.30 Never mind the quality . . . 9.00 London. 11.15 Late call.

GRAMPIAN: 10.58-2.35 London. 3.40 News. 3.45 London. 4.25 Moment of truth. 4.50 London. 5.55 News. weather. 6.05 People we meet. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Film: 'High Noon'. Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly. Sheriff must face a gang of gunmen alone. 8.30 Never mind the quality . 9.00 London. 11.40 Epilogue.

IMPORTANT READING



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'Start the Revolution Without Me'

Hugh Griffith and Gene Wilder (left)

REVIEWED BY HUGH SPENCER

AS THE titles come up on the screen at the beginning of the film they are accompanied by a background of old movie clips showing dashing young heroes of the Douglas Fairbanks Jr, Errol Flynn variety rescuing innocent damsels in distress, from dastardly villains of the Basil Rathbone ilk.

There are sword fights on balconies, swinging on chandeliers, leaping from trees onto the passing galloping horse, in fact all those feats of extraordinary c o u r a g e that period-drama films of the 1930s and 1940s were crammed full of—feats that would cripple the 'ordinary' man or put a swift end to his sex life in any one of those heroic leaps.

These titles give us our first hint of what we can expect from the film itself.

When Orson Welles then appears to introduce the extraordinary tale of the events that took place at the palace of Louis XVI on the eve of the French Revolution 1789 he does so in a way that is almost certainly a send-up of Alfred Hitchcock introducing one of his own films.

Precarious

What I think is significant is that Hitchcock's ability to tell a thrilling story through his films relies on stepping a very precarious path between the dramatic and the melodramatic; this he does with superb effect.

But what if the line is overstepped?

The result is usually absurd and hysterically funny, as is demonstrated in many of the late and in movies of the 'Scarlet Pimpernel' variety.

It would seem that this is what the film sets out to do consciously, to parody all the old tricks and situations exploited in these old films.

To execute this Bud Yorkin has lined up a formidable cast of comic actors and comedians led by Donald Sutherland, of 'M*A*S*H' fame.

Identity

The film takes the classic theatrical situation of mistaken identity.

An aristocrat and peasant both arrive at a doctor's house with very pregnant wives who both give birth to identical sets of twins. Inevitably the doctor, with the aid SHOWING AT THE WARNER LEICESTER SQUARE



Donald Sutherland



Knocking the old tricks

of his inevitably dim-witted assistants, mix the children up so that the fathers each receive one of each pair.

This first meeting between arrogant aristocrat and gruff swearing peasant sets up a good cliché relationship between these two classes that is repeated throughout the

The 'aristo' demands that his wife is tended first. So the peasant threatens him (in peasant language, of course) with nine pounds of lead cosh. The 'aristo' rejoins with a threat of three feet of cold steel. The unperturbed peasant comes back a threat of ten inches of raw blade, this is met by the eloquent aristo with one pound of lead shot.

But the cunning peasant returns with four foot of clean

carpet which he whips away tripping his opponent who discharges his pistol into the

Rolling

So the situation is set rolling with the children growing into Charles Couper (a reluctant revolutionary, whose real brother is Jacques de Cisy, perverted aristocrat, but fine swordsman) and Claude Couper (likewise downtrodden peasant, whose sympathetic character is matched by the paranoia of his real brother, Count Phillippe de Cisy, a man infatuated with his dead, stuffed falcon, his wife and a flock of sheep).

t. As is to be expected, a situation is evolved to allow the sword playing aristocrats to be taken for the reluctant

revolution peasants.

It is out of this confusion and contradiction that all the old cinema tricks are turned into extremely funny, high camp gags.

A good example of this is when, at the court ball, all the 'conspiritorial aristocrats' pass notes to each other asking friends to kill enemies.

Fever pitch

This reaches fever pitch, and out of the chaos a note is passed to Jacques de Cisy, who is really Charles Couper, which, when opened says 'Hello, handsome'.

The reason behind the complexity of the plot and situations is to take all the melodramatic clichés that we are familiar with in old films over into the absurd where they can be dealt with and yet at the same time fully enjoyed by the audience.

In this, the film is highly successful.

But, at the same time, whilst redundant ideas about filmmaking and film content were getting a severe lampooning, the techniques of high camp, professional 'in' jokes and the form of self parody are themselves rapidly becoming hack-

This was suggested by the choice of title which really had little to do with the film itself, but was there merely to draw box-office

The same, I think, can be said for the whole choice of period.

While it is specifically noted

as being France on the verge of the 1789 revolution, the choice is really quite arbitrary and does not in any way assist or divert from the intention of the director to 'have a go' at the old forms of cinema.

'Knocking'

One of the most enjoyable pieces of 'knocking' is the way it deals with the problem that old films have in successfully resolving complicated plots and tying up loose ends.

When the film finally returns to modern day, for Orson Welles to give an explanatory epilogue, he starts by saying: 'Here started one of the most extraordinary pages of history . . .', but is allowed to get no further because somebody off-set shoots him!

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behind THE NEWS

Under the shadow of John Davies'

ABOUT 900 companies could be sold to private enterprise when the Tories start hiving-off parts of the nationalized industries later this year.

So far only the 'ancillary activities' of coal, gas, electricity, steel, railways and the Post Office have fallen under the shadow of John Davies' hammer.

Hiving off

These have total assets of £400m, or about 4 per cent of the total assets employed throughout the nationalized sec-

Hiving off could be taken beyond ancillaries, though economists argue that this would have disastrous consequences because the basic units of plant in all six key industries could not be chopped up and run separately without drastic effi-

hammer

Of the 31 general categories of ancillary activities likely to go, only seven are not showing a pet profit

Handover

The Post Office could lose Giro and the National Data Processing Service, both of which have made money since they were set up in 1967 and 1968 respectively.

By far the largest jackpot of services belongs to the National Coal Board which employs in them net fixed assets of £116m.

The sacking of Lord Hall from the Post Office and the demise of 'King Coal' Robens from the NCB have removed the key obstacles to the profiteers' rape of these industries.

Lord Melchett of the British Steel Corporation is almost certainly next for the chopping block to pave the way for the Tory handover of the Corporation's special steels division with assets of £150m and an annual turnover of £230m.

BSC has other profitable ancillary activities, including chemicals and plastics, wire and wire products, pipework engineering, concrete pipes and bricks.

The Gas and Electricity Councils and Boards administer rich pickings through the sale of appliances and through contracting

Profitable

Even British Rail has something to offer the capitalist shopping around for profitable businesses.

Shipping is relatively booming and hotels, harbours and engineering workshops are keeping in the black.

The fact that almost all these activities are profitable gives the lie to the deliberately fostered Tory myth that nationalized industries are inefficient.

The Gas Board: Next for the chopping block?

On the whole they have a better record of productivity increases than in the private sector where, in any case, as Heath is fond of saying, even firms with household names are in trouble.

Nor it is likely that the proposed sales will stimulate competition.

Exchange

On the contrary if a nationalized concern sells a subsidiary to a firm already in the field this will limit competition and if it is not involved it will be a case of simply exchanging masters.

There is only one reason for the Tory decision to hive off, confirmed by Sir John Eden a week ago.

That is to hand over profits to private capitalists. With the diversification of the nationalized industries into growth areas such as North Sea Gas they have ceased to be the white elephants they were when the state took them over.

Maximize

The alternative to hiving off —selling shares in state companies along the lines of BP—would continue to leave all the crucial investment and sales decisions out of the hands of the capitalists who must control the whole process of command if they are to maximize their profits through judicious plan-



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Dr Pallis and Dutschke **Devey**

Tories and

the Bill

its deliberate refusal to face

political reality is the Com-munist Party and the Labour

From all over the country

there have been examples that

the CP is desperate to contain the tide of opposition to

On several occasions in the campaign for January 12 Party members have followed the TUC line and called only for meetings inside working hours.

On Sunday the Party-dominated Liaison Committee

for the Defence of Trade Unions made its first official

statement since December 8 and said the TUC campaign

Linchpin

'Force the Tory government to withdraw the Bill', is their

But how can anyone believe that the Tory government will abandon the linchpin of its attack on the working class without it

being forced out of office.

On this point the Liaison

Committee is silent and the

silence is shared by the CP

ALL TRADES

UNIONS ALLIANCE

MEETINGS

Miners and the

Charter of Basic

OLLERTON: Saturday, January 16, 12 noon. Ship Inn. Speaker: Ecki Barker (Ollerton Colliery).

Come to

Alexandra Palace!

Force the

Tories to resign!

LUTON: Tuesday, January 12, 8 p.m. AEU House, 396 Dunstable Rd.

WEST LONDON: Wednesday, January 13, 8 p.m. Prince Albert, Balfe St, NW1.

DAGENHAM: Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. Marsh Green School, New Rd.

SOUTH EAST: Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. The Artichoke Camberwell Church St, Camberwell Green, S.E.5.

NORTH LONDON: Thursday, January 14, 8 p.m. Sir George Robey. (Opposite Finsbury Park Astoria).

SWINDON: Sunday, January 17, 8 p.m. Oxford Hotel, Drove Rd.

SOUTH WEST: Monday, January 18, 8 p.m. Co-op Hall, 47-51, Balham High Rd.

EAST LONDON: Wednesday, January 20, 8 p.m. Festival Inn, Chrisp St Market, E.14.

WILLESDEN: Thursday, January 21, 8 p.m. Fishermen's Arms, Old Lane, nr Willesden Junction Station, N.W.10.

SLOUGH: Monday, February 1, 8 p.m. St George's Church Hall. Long Furlongs Drive, Britwell Eastate.

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Party 'left'.

FROM PAGE ONE

settlement was likewise none of their concern. 'Bearing this in mind, this district committee condemns the statements made interference in this union's

Stalinism weakens the working class just as in the ETU case and the move by Will Paynter to the Commission of Industrial Relations.

The cowardly silence of Gollan, Ramelson and company feed anti-communism because they repel all serious militant workers.

Since the foundation of the Left Opposition in the Soviet Union, Trotskyism has concentrated on unmasking Stalinism.

We will continue to do this as in the Devey case with all the means at our disposal.

As a 'left' cover for reformism in the trade union movement, Stalinism is nothing more than an outpost of imperialism within the ranks of the working class.

Powell makes another pass

FROM PAGE ONE

that had employed a training officer with the expressed purpose of re-couping some of the money paid by levy to the industry's training board in training grants.

The administrative 'non-

sense' of industrial training, he said, was due to the fashion of giving more and more responsibility to the govern-

'There are times and places where a clean sweep is the only answer. Industrial training at the present time is one of them,' he added.

The work of the country's 21 industrial training boards is, in fact, under review at the Department of Employment at the present time. During 1969 they collected

which has yet to say that it will fight for the resignation of £139 in levies from firms for training and paid this back in the form of grants for training the Heath cabinet. We say this verbal radicalism is also a cowardly retreat. We go further and predict that the CP will betray in this struggle as it did in the Devey case when a leading member accepted the Devey settlement and has operated a The government only aids the boards financially in their first year when they pay for

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staff and premises. From then on the boards must raise their own funds.



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WEATHER

E ENGLAND and Scotland will be mainly dry with sunny periods but cloud will increase during the day with perhaps occasional rain later. All western areas will be rather cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, but also some bright intervals. A few outbreaks of heavier rain are likely in N Ireland, W Wales and extreme SW England.

Outlook for Wednesday and Thursday: Mild and changeable. Some rain in most areas, chiefly in the W. But also sunny intervals.

FIGHTER planes firing machine guns flew over the

Bolivian capital La Paz yes-

terday, soon after Interior

Minister Jorge Gallardo. claimed that 'fascist hordes'

were attempting to topple the

government of President Juan

lose Torres.

BRIEFLY strators yesterday.

> demonstrators were protesting US plans to ship hundreds of tons of lethal depot to a ship on the coast

Torres said the 'most severe penalties' will be applied to those involved in the coup attempt which, he claimed, 'has been finally crushed'.

PAUL HOCH the left-wing American student, was deported from Britain vesterday. He had been imprisoned on the Isle of Wight for his role in demonstrations at the London School of Economics while he was a student there.

US servicemen at a munitions depot on the Japanese island of Okinawa were besieged by hundreds of left-wing demon-

The demonstrators attacked base with stones and bomboo staves, and 70 marines fought through the night to prevent them storming the

seven miles away.

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of work round here. I'm for forcing the Tories to resign.' FORD'S director of public

relations Robert Ramsey claimed 'unconstitutional' stoppages lost the firm 34,000 vehicles last year. Stoppages, he says, were pointless since Ford was ready

and unprecedented processes in the so-called

deport Rudi Dutschke.

BY A POLITICAL REPORTER

Dutschke tribunal methods which led the 'Sunday Telegraph' to suggest that telephone tapping 'has grown to enormous proportions'.

The Tories used sinister

But we must also point out that the defence was weakened by the politics of the so-called friends of Rudi such as the anarchist Solidarity Group. This group of political char-

latans and adventurers, led by a rénegade Trotskyist, Dr Chris Pallis — also known as Martin Grainger — is well known in the left-wing poli-tical movement for its provocations and diversions which objectively help the ruling

In 1967 this group attempted to disrupt a Young Socialist demonstration against the Greek junta by urging Young Socialists to occupy the Greek Embassy—a task which these Solidarity adventurers, for reasons best known to themselves, were not prepared to undertake.

Contempt

Young Socialists on that occasion treated their 'advice' with the hostility and contempt it deserved.

A little while after this incident we noted that a well-known protester get a long.

known protester got a long prison sentence for doing what this group wanted the Young Socialists to do.

In June 1968 the Solidarity

Group once again demonstrated its capacity for provocation and disruption when its

members exhorted a motley alliance of anarchists, International Socialists, Pabloites

and other political nondescript groups to disrupt the YS-SLL

march supporting the French

It was only the restraint and self-discipline of our comrades which prevented a serious incident from taking

place.
The political irresponsibility of these people knows no bounds and nobody should be surprised that they now feature

in the evidence submitted to

the Immigration Appeals Tri-

According to 'The Guardian', what was an innocuous tape-recorded interview be-

tween Dutschke and an old

German Communist in 1969

was construed by the Tribunal

in its report to read that Rudi

'took part in several discus-

sions about a publication called "Solidarity".

Published

Tribunal to justify its contention that Rudi had violated

the conditions of his residence

The Tribunal was able to

do this only because the Solidarity group published this interview, with Dutschke ap-

pearing as an anonymous con-

But if Dutschke was 'anony-

And why did Solidarity in-

volve Rudi in a matter of this

sort, when any responsible person would have known that Rudi was bound to be watched by the Special Branch?

an answer to these questions from the Tribunal or from Dr

But it is politically necessary to ask them since the

Tories are obviously going to

make a precedent of this 'trial' to harass and deport

present and future opponents

of Toryism who are not British

The projected Immigration Bill is designed for this

purpose.

In these attacks the Tories will rely heavily on the political irresponsibility and grotesque frivolity of Solidar-

ity whose anti-communism in-

variably plays into the hands

of the capitalist state.
We certainly have been

TORY premier Heath, in a

veiled attack on opposition to

S Africa, warned against pass-

ing moral judgements on countries with differing politi-

cal systems and trying to bring about changes by violent methods.

the Indian Council of World Affairs, Heath said that when

India decided in 1947 to join

the Commonwealth it under-

stood that each member ac-

Speaking in New Delhi to

warned!

We shall probably not get

mous', how did the Tribunal

tributor, in November, 1969.

know it was him?

This was then used by the

general strike.

bunal.

in Britain.

'Security'

The Dutschke case was a great example of this. Home secretary Maudling says that national security now involves more than spying for a foreign nation but also the activities of those who seek to overthrow the government.

clause of the Bill before it is

This member has not been disciplined and the National

Executive Committee of the

Communist Party refuses to

the working class?

The Bill is the centre of the government's offensive against

gains of the welfare state.

If it is passed it will be

used as a basis for a savage

incomes policy. Wages could be legally held down and

workers prosecuted under the

anti-union laws when they

strike for more money.

Wage freeze and anti-

union laws are the grand

combination of modern Toryism—the final solution

to the slump in British profit margins.

At the same time this gov-

ernment is preparing to outlaw all those who fight for the

working class.

What now then lies before

workers' rights and the

comment on his behaviour.

He is, of course, talking about you who are demon-strating today. We are facing a crisis that has the dimensions of the 1926

Then the official leadership abandoned the working class to the misery and degradation of the 1930s.

Is this to happen again? Workers Press believes that it will not. We believe the working class is confident and aggressive. We believe workers will fight for all the rights now in ieopardy and we believe they want a fight without illusion — a political fight with the historic enemy, the Tories, who organize the employing class.

We call now for all workers to support the Alexandra Palace rally in London on February 14 because this will be the first great, and deadly serious, step to building a massive movement of workers COVENTRY: Tuesday, January 12, 2.30 p.m. Manchester Unity Club, Little Park St. to force the government to

resign.
With its resignation all its reactionary policies will perish.

Keighley sackings double **jobless**

BIG REDUNDANCIES announced this week will nearly double the rate of unemployment in the Yorkshire woollen

town of Keighley.
The town has been rocked an announcement that Platt International, which produces textile machinery for the woollen industry, is to sack 500 of its 700 workers.
Unemployment in the town

will jump to 6.2 per cent.
The redundancies affect both shop-floor workers and staff and they will begin in February and end in June.

Direct result

Many workers feel that this is a direct result of Tory

policy. Jack Mitchell told Workers Press that he had been expecting the announcement for some time, but added that if there had been a Labour government the redundancies would not have occurred.

Dave Drake, an apprentice, 'I hope I shall get a job when I have finished my time. But it's the older men I feel for. They don't stand a chance

cepted the right of others to decide their own policies.

These principles were the basis of the Commonwealth, Heath said, 'they apply to Britain in exactly the same to be persuaded by facts and argument but not by coersion! way as to other members'.



Rudi Dutschke seen arriving at the Tribunal in December

Highway 4 becomes battle centre

BY A WORKERS PRESS CORRESPONDENT

LIBERATION forces launched an unexpected attack yesterday on a Cambodian battalion position 15 miles SW of Phnom Penh and near the normally 'secure' section of Highway 4 linking Kompong Speu to the capital.

port.

Friday is postmen's strike deadline

LEADERS of Britain's 230,000 postal workers yesterday rejected the Post Office's paltry per cent pay offer.
The 31-man executive of the

Union of Post Office Workers unanimously decided to tell the Corporation that they will consider taking industrial action, if there is no word from them by Friday, when the executive next meets. Union general secretary Tom Jackson said that such action could take the form of an overtime ban but added: 'My personal opinion is that

our members are ready for an all-out stoppage rather than something less.'
There had been a 'fair crop' of telegrams backing union action.

The postal workers are demanding increases of between 15 and 20 per cent. ROLLS-ROYCE management

met yesterday at the group's Glasgow Hillington factory to discuss production effects at is Scottish aero engine plants following a strike by 400 toolroom operatives over 'lethargy' over pay claim negotiations.

Meanwhile heavy fighting continued about 60 miles NW Saigon. Airborne troops lost ten killed and seven wounded in the fighting in Tay Ninh province. **WORSE OFF**

The attack came soon after

a S Vietnamese task force arrived at Kompong Som (Sihanoukville) yesterday to try and break a guerrilla stranglehold on the vital High-

way serving the city, which is

The S Vietnamese are ex-

pected to join a lengthy and so far unsuccessful Cambodian

operation to clear NLF troops

from the mountains round a pass from which they domin-

ate the Highway.

S Vietnam soldiers and civil servants finished last year once again worse off than they began it—able to buy less with their thin wage packets despite an 18 per cent pay increase in October.

Retail prices increased by just under 30 per cent last year, which is regarded by US economists as a reduction in the inflation rate. Inflation had run at about 40 per cent for much of the year.

S Vietnam's foreign exchange reserves dropped during the year from about £104m to about £94m.

S Korea is studying the phased withdrawal 50,000 forces.

Sacked glassmen

FROM PAGE ONE official information from the

G&MWU informing us that they will take up the struggle on our behalf.

Trade union support The response from other rank-and-file trade unionists has been magnificent. Resolutions of support from trade union branches, district committees and trades councils identifying themblacklisted Pilkington workers has come in from all over the country.

Positive action has also been taken by the Hull dock workers, who have, by a magnificent show of solidarity with the sacked Pilkington workers, continued to black all Pilkington products going through the port of Hull.

On January 9 at a mass meeting of Hull dockers the workers voted unanimously to continue the ban against Pilkington products, and to work to extend the blacking of Pilkington glass to every port throughout Great

Pilkington managers have been silent locally about the effects that the Hull ban is having on their customers. But they are worried men. They are afraid of the ban being extended to all the other ports, afraid because of the effects such action will have on their profits.

In order to frighten the

shop-floor workers and to stop any support they may give to their sacked workmates the management have announced that they are to make 300 workers redundant. This policy of fear comes only a couple of months after Pilkington's became a public company.
Increased profits for their shareholders are more important than the workers'

Anti-union laws

The fight we have made at Pilkington's is essentially part of the struggle against the Tory anti-union laws. In appealing for your sup-port, we are confident that a victory for our struggle will be a powerful blow against the anti-union laws.

amount to scores of thousands of zloty compared to the few tion has forced the govgroszy of the worker.'* 'That's a discrepancy in our system and in the opinion of ernment to open talks with them on wages and my workmates, it's unfair. Nothing used to be said about these things. Interviews broadcast on the 'Attempts were always made official Gdansk radio at the to smooth it over.'
Another worker from the weekend give prominence to workers' feelings against the same plant spoke of the soworkers' self-govern-A shipyard fitter, chairman of his Socialist Youth Union ment conferences.

BY JOHN SPENCER

the workers and directors in

some enterprises: well, I don't know to what extent it's true,

but these are supposed to

Shipyard

men press

demands in

Poland

WORKERS in Gdansk, the Polish town at the

centre of last month's mass strikes against the

Gomulka regime's huge price rises, are con-

tinuing to press their demands, despite repres-

sion from the new right-wing Stalinist regime.

Last week, many of the

shipyards struck demand-

ing the release of 200

workers imprisoned for

their part in the strikes,

and their intransigent posi-

conditions.

Stalinist bureaucracy.

branch, drew particular atten-

tion to the position of the

'More care and attention

should be given to the material

conditions and earnings of

young people . . . who earn the lowest and are the least noticed.'

MACHINES

A turner from the same shipyard—the Lenin works—spoke of outdated machinery

n the workshops making it

impossible to achieve the pro-

non-teaching staff of Rome

university to begin a four-day

strike today for more pay and

workers,

These, he said, 'have often been held in an atmosphere which did not favour the release of initiative. Just as often they only rubber-stamped the indices sent by the amalgamation . . .

Bureaucratic management was also slated: 'Every problem of the factory, every index is being decided in Warsaw, frequently by officials with less than the highest qualifications..

These practices too should be brought to an end.' Another worker gave a clear indication that the new regime in Poland is regarded with great suspicion by the indus-

duction targets.

The tools, he said, date from 1939, the machines from trial workers.

'The recent top-level changes in the leadership of 'Our machines are simply our Party and government have been widely discussed. not fit for production. Every-one knows it, but this is not being applied here.'
Machines supplied from the
Soviet Union were not suit-At the same time a number of doubts arose in this connection with some people (l). It caused uncertainty — what

"They can be worked, but only for plastics," he said. Workers from the precision **INHERITANCE** engineering works at Oliwa near Gdansk were even more These interviews indicate that the Gierek-Moczar regime which has replaced Gomulka has inherited precisely the 'We have it every day,' one 'the treatment of rs, relations between same problems and confronts a working class which is deter-

men and management . . . the wrong distribution of bonuses, Stalinist bureaucracy.
The political revolution in the wrong size of bonuses for Poland announced its arrival with the mass strikes ITALY'S biggest trade union Gdansk and Szczecin. It is clear from these interconfederation has called on all

views that December 1970 was only the first round of struggle for the Polish working class. * 9.6 zloty = £1 sterling

Japanese cancer expert warns about smoking

A JAPANESE cancer expert warned yesterday that bans on cigarette advertising on television and in publications are insufficient to stamp out

Smoking.
Dr Takeshi Hirayama of the National Cancer Centre Epidemic Department, predicted that the annual death toll in Lanan from lung cancer would Japan from lung cancer would double to over 20,000 in the next six years unless stricter measures were taken against cigarette smoking.

Dr Hirayama said his esti-

mates in the past had been accurate. Lung cancer would claim 21,456 lives in 1977 if an estimated 30 million Japanese

smokers continued to con-sume 20 cigarettes a day, he His research showed more

than 90 per cent of male lung Cigarette smokers had died of lung cancer at a 30 per cent higher rate than non-smokers.

Hazard

Following the recent hardhitting report on the dangers of smoking by the British Royal College of Physicians, Dr Hirayama's comments emphasize the hazards once

His comments on advertising are particularly revealing as it is certain that the Tories will not go as far as banning tobacco advertisements in the

Such a ban in Britain would probably not hit the tobacco giants particularly hard, but would deprive the crisis-ridden national press of £12 million a year! A total ban on advertising

is necessary, but this must be coupled with the implementa-tion of the other RCP recommendations.

Clinics

However, Tory cuts in the social services leave no room for such 'luxuries' as the RCP's suggestion of clinics to

help smokers.
Indeed, with £1,200 million of tobacco revenue at stake, the government is likely to make a great deal of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

Arrest powers widened in search for envoy

URUGUAYAN authorities have given sweeping new powers of search and arrest to police and troops hunting for kidnapped ambassador Mr Geoffrey Jackson.

Government and parliamentary sources said a ten-man commission, which represents congress during the current summer recess, was certain to approve the President's

request for the new powers.
The measure would suspend a key article of the constitution for 90 days and empower police to raid private houses and hold arrested suspects without bringing them before

Congress agreed to a similar government request on August 11, one day after the Tupamaros organization was accused of murdering a Uruguayan police adviser because the government turned release of all political prisòners.

MESSAGE

Soon after the latest move, a message from the Tupamaros National Liberation Movement said Mr Jackson, British Ambassador to Uruguay had been moved to 'the people's prison'.
In a communiqué the guerrillas repeated an earlier offer

papers of a Tupamaro political manifesto. All but one of the newspapers have refused publica-tion since it would contravene

to free another kidnapped prisoner in return for the publication in local news-

Although the Tupamaros have not yet presented any ransom demands for Mr Jackson, the Uruguayan govern-ment has stressed it will not change its declared policy of not negotiating with the guerrillas in any way.

EC threat to firemen's strike move

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regard as Tory government

A meeting took place be-tween FBU leaders and the Home Office last Friday night, and the Home Office made clear yesterday that no state-

No official statement was available from the FBU when we went to press yesterday about the outcome of its

executive meeting.

Feeling in the fire stations, however, was running high against what one FBU delegate described as 'an attempt to prove with the firemen that the council workers' rither. the council workers' victory won't happen again'.

TRIUMPH Motors in Coventry was hit yesterday by a one-day token strike by 300 engine assembly men over a £2 pay claim stuck in the

PUBLIC LECTURE

The importance of Marxism today

Monday January 18, 8 p.m.

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Speaker: G. Healy (national secretary of the Socialist Labour

Elements of Marxism

Lecture by Cliff Slaughter (SLL Central Committee member)

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