

## SPECIAL FEATURE FOR MINERS

MONDAY'S WORKERS PRESS

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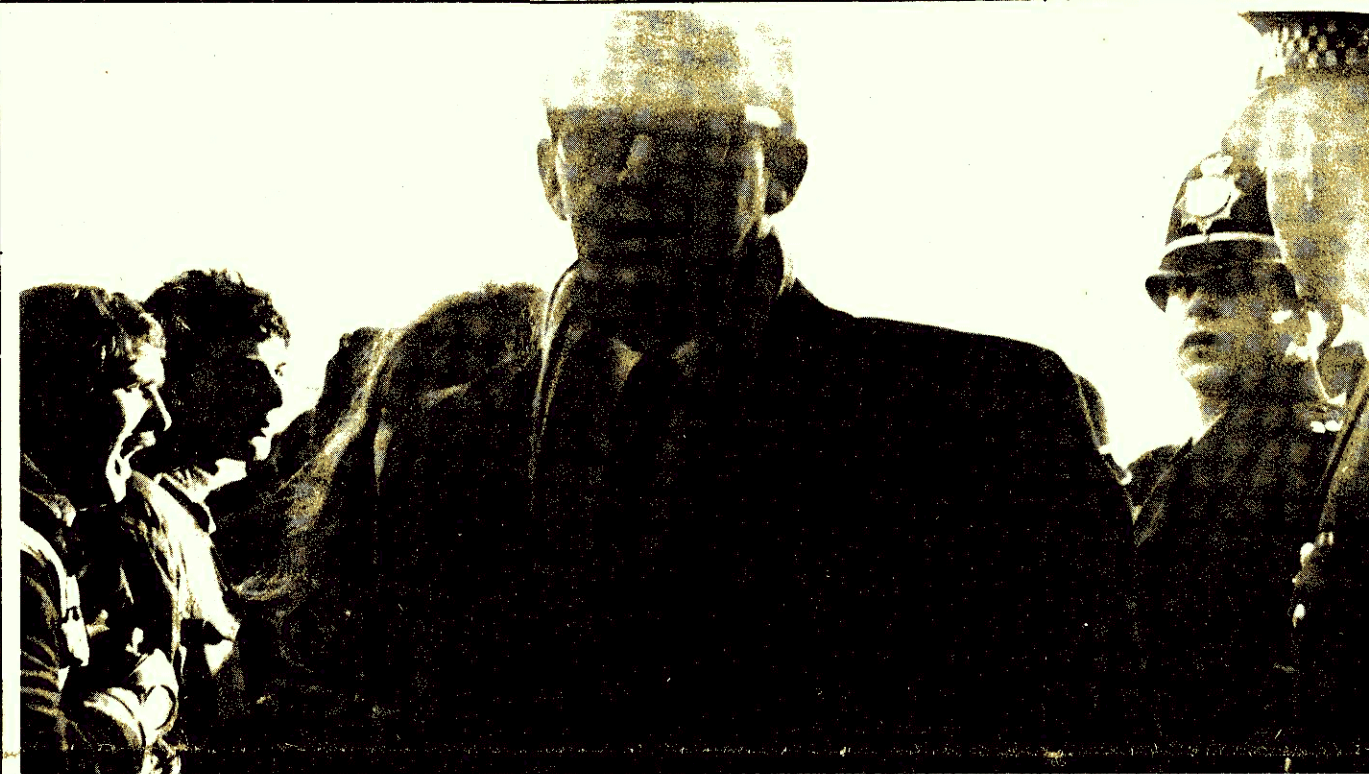
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UNION leaders and shop stewards yesterday found another formula to avoid a showdown between the government and workers at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders.

In Glasgow, boilermakers' president Danny McGarvey, got a promise from the consortium's liquidator that there would be no further redundancies before the end of February.

This deals with the immediate crisis at Scotstoun division, where steel work is rapidly running out.

At the same time a mass meeting of UCS workers backed the shop stewards' policy—thruashed out at a stormy meeting with McGarvey on Thursday—that no talks with Govan Shipbuilders could start until:

● A firm buyer for Clydebank has emerged.

● The government has agreed to a 'holding operation' to guarantee jobs at Clydebank and Scotstoun until any new company had begun operations.

This formula emerged when McGarvey found himself in a majority of one when he suggested to stewards that talks with Govan Shipbuilders should start immediately.

Communist Party steward James Reid told a Linthouse division meeting that the government could be forced to 'get their finger out, come off the fence and start talking turkey' if stewards stood by their four yards policy.

TEN-WEEK strike of 150 pieceworkers at Lucas Electrical Equipment, Fazakerley, Liverpool has forced the company to reaffirm the principle of 'mutuality'—mutual agreement on pay and conditions.

A mass meeting yesterday voted to return to work on Monday, but to come out again on Wednesday for the area's token strike supporting the dockers, miners and Fisher-Bendix workers.

## We can't get full employment until we get rid of the Tories—miner

SUPPORT for the Young Socialists' 'Right-to-Work' campaign is naturally finding support among striking miners. Labour councillor and a Yorkshire miner for 40 years, Charlie Thompson is quite clear where he stands:

'I agree with the purpose of the Young Socialists' march, which is to force the Tories to resign. The "Right to Work" means just that.

'We can't get full employment without getting rid of the Tories. But I also agree that we have to insist that the next Labour government is committed to socialist policies.'

Charlie, chairman of the housing committee on the Labour-controlled Hemsforth Urban District Council, Yorkshire, worked at

the S Kirkby colliery until the strike.

'As an old miner,' he says, 'we have to rely on youth to take initiatives like the "Right-to-Work" marches. It's not only what's happening now; it's their future.'

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'A year ago... such a figure would have been laughed out of court,' the paper said.

In 'The Times', yesterday labour correspondent Paul Routledge reports that the government will now try to push the norm for pay rises down to 5 or 6 per cent.

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UNION leaders and shop stewards yesterday found another formula to avoid a showdown between the government and workers at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders.

In Glasgow, boilermakers' president Danny McGarvey, got a promise from the consortium's liquidator that there would be no further redundancies before the end of February.

This deals with the immediate crisis at Scotstoun division, where steel work is rapidly running out.

At the same time a mass meeting of UCS workers backed the shop stewards' policy—thruashed out at a stormy meeting with McGarvey on Thursday—that no talks with Govan Shipbuilders could start until:

● A firm buyer for Clydebank has emerged.

● The government has agreed to a 'holding operation' to guarantee jobs at Clydebank and Scotstoun until any new company had begun operations.

This formula emerged when McGarvey found himself in a majority of one when he suggested to stewards that talks with Govan Shipbuilders should start immediately.

Communist Party steward James Reid told a Linthouse division meeting that the government could be forced to 'get their finger out, come off the fence and start talking turkey' if stewards stood by their four yards policy.

TEN-WEEK strike of 150 pieceworkers at Lucas Electrical Equipment, Fazakerley, Liverpool has forced the company to reaffirm the principle of 'mutuality'—mutual agreement on pay and conditions.

A mass meeting yesterday voted to return to work on Monday, but to come out again on Wednesday for the area's token strike supporting the dockers, miners and Fisher-Bendix workers.

## We can't get full employment until we get rid of the Tories—miner

SUPPORT for the Young Socialists' 'Right-to-Work' campaign is naturally finding support among striking miners. Labour councillor and a Yorkshire miner for 40 years, Charlie Thompson is quite clear where he stands:

'I agree with the purpose of the Young Socialists' march, which is to force the Tories to resign. The "Right to Work" means just that.

'We can't get full employment without getting rid of the Tories. But I also agree that we have to insist that the next Labour government is committed to socialist policies.'

Charlie, chairman of the housing committee on the Labour-controlled Hems-worth Urban District Council, Yorkshire, worked at

the S Kirkby colliery until the strike.

'As an old miner,' he says, 'we have to rely on youth to take initiatives like the "Right-to-Work" marches. It's not only what's happening now; it's their future.'

'It's time we went on the streets. We've got something to go on the streets about, we've got something to shout about.

'I agree with the Basic Rights you're demanding. Take the right to a decent house at a rent a worker can afford. The Tories' 'Fair Rents' scheme is one of the worst attacks on the workers' standards I've ever seen.'

'It's the means test back again. Workers shouldn't have to fill in forms to get pennies.'

'In our industry men are getting wages below what they can live on. They're filling forms in for free

far as Leeds and Bradford; that's a 12-hour day travelling and working.'

When Charlie started work, at 14 years of age, he got 2s 11d per shift. Shifts lasted from 6 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.—7½ hours for less than 3s. And in 1930, he could only get three days' work a week.

'My wages went up as I got older, but my father was an unemployed miner on the means test. Every time I got a rise, he got a corresponding cut in his dole.'

'The boss was right on top when I started. He was king in the pit and king in the mining village. He controlled men's lives.'

'We worked under the contract-wage system, which put man against man.'

'Nationalization smashed all that, but the Tories are trying to put men in the same relation to management as existed then.'

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 Wales: 5.00-5.30 Disc a Dawn. 5.45-5.50 News, weather. 10.40-11.00 Match of the Day. 11.37 Weather.  
 Scotland: 4.55-5.00 Sportreel part 1. 5.40-5.45 Sportreel part 2. 10.00 Sportsreel. 10.25-11.00 Come Dancing. 11.10 Mandy Magnus. 11.45 News, weather. N Ireland: 5.40-5.50 Sports Results. 11.00-11.15 Come Dancing. 11.37 News, weather. England: 11.37 Weather.

### REGIONAL ITV

CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 6.30 Sale of the century. 7.00 Film: 'High Hell'. 8.28 Weather. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's County. 10.40 Jason King. 11.35 Weather.

WESTWARD: 11.35 Gus Honeybun. 11.40 Rupert Bear. 11.50 Bugaloo. 12.15 Drive-in. 12.45 London. 6.30 Sale of the century. 7.00 Film: 'High Hell'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's county. 10.40 Jason King. 11.35 Faith for life. 11.40 Weather.

SOUTHERN: 11.15 Yesterday. 11.42 Thunderbirds. 12.42 Weather. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.05 Who do you do? 6.30 Sale of the century. 7.00 Film: 'Convey'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's county. 10.40 Dr Simon Locke. 11.05 News. 11.10 Aquarius. 12.10 Weather. 'The Discoverers'.

HARLECH: 11.25 HR Pufnstuf. 11.50 Captain Scarlet. 12.15 Spray. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.00 Who do you do? 6.30 Sale of the century. 7.00 Film: 'Family Doctor'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii. 10.40 Aquarius. 11.40 Marty Feldman. 12.40 Weather. 'Wales as above except: 6.30-7.00 Gaiw i Mewn.

ATV MIDLANDS: 12.10 Horoscope. 12.15 Captain Scarlet. 12.45 London. 5.10 It takes a thief. 6.05 London. 6.30 Sale of the century. 7.00 Film: 'Gangbusters'. 8.30 Grand. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii. 10.40 Dick Van Dyke. 11.05 Danger man. 12.00 Who knows? Weather.

ATV EAST: 12.30 Grasshopper Island. 12.45 London. 5.10 Dick Van Dyke. 5.40 Sportsreel. 6.05 Who do you do? 6.35 Film: 'California Conquest'. 8.00 Odd couple. 8.30 London. 9.40 O'Hara. 10.40 Aquarius. 11.40 It takes a thief.

WESTWARD: 11.35 Gus Honeybun. 11.40 Rupert Bear. 11.50 Bugaloo. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.00 Who do you do? 6.30 Comedians. 7.00 Film: 'Rogue Cop'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii. 10.40 Edgar Wallace. 11.45 British museum. 12.15 Weather.

GRANADA: 11.55 Garden indoors. 12.20 Rocket Robin Hood. 12.45 London. 5.10 Primus. 5.40 Fenn St gang. 6.10 Men of action. 8.30 London. 9.40 Marcus Welby. 10.40 Who do you do? 11.10 Jason King. 11.35 Weather.

TYNE TEES: 11.20 Yesterday. 11.50 Forest rangers. 12.15 Bugaloo. 12.45 London. 6.30 Doctor at large. 7.00 Film: 'East of the Suez'. 8.30 Saturday special. 9.30 News. 9.40 Hawaii. 10.40 Challenge. 11.30 Avengers. 12.25 Epilogue.

SCOTTISH: 11.55 Began Gaidhlig. 11.50 I know what I like. 12.12 HR Pufnstuf. 12.45 London. 5.05 News. 5.10 UFO. 6.05 Doctor at large. 6.35 Smith family. 7.00 Film: 'Calamity Jane'. 8.30 Scotland. 9.40 Marcus Welby. 10.35 Sportsreel. 11.05 Late call. 11.10 Randall and Hopkirk.

GRAMPIAN: 11.50 Bugaloo. 12.15 Drive-in. 12.45 London. 5.10 Bats. 5.40 Dr Simon Locke. 6.05 Film: 'The Glass Bottom Boat'. 8.30 Doris Day. Rod Taylor. 9.00 Who do you do? 8.30 London. 9.40 O'Hara. US Treasury. 10.40 London. 12.45 London. 5.10 Dick Van Dyke.





# The blatant retreat on engineers' pay

By Industrial Correspondent, David Maude

FLEET ST has so far shown abnormal restraint in its coverage of the engineering unions' decision to withdraw their national pay claim.

Even 'The Economist', usually well to the fore when there's any crowing to be done at the expense of the working class, has neglected to comment.

However one hint of editorial opinion did creep through last Tuesday's 'Times', where the paper's former chief on labour matters, Eric Wigham, drew a tentative parallel between the 30-week engineers' lock-out of 1897 and the situation facing the industry today.

Wigham writes: 'History is unlikely to repeat itself exactly, if at all.'

But he draws attention to the fact that the lock-out was precipitated by union demands for a 48-hour week. 'The present demands likely to be most stubbornly opposed are those for a 35-hour week,' he adds sagely.

All this is presumably sup-

posed to imply that if Hugh Scanlon and his fellow union chiefs think they are going to force major concessions from the employers with their new strategy of plant bargaining, they are going to lose, and lose heavily.

In this opinion Workers Press and many thousands of rank-and-file engineers would agree wholeheartedly with Mr Wigham.

Last week's decision by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions to 'break off relations' with the employers at national level was covered up with the usual double-talk.

Said CSEU president Frank Briggs: 'We expect many more local strikes.'

'Militancy will grow,' he continued, 'when it is realized by members that the militant people are getting more than others.'

In fact the decision was a blatant retreat, led by the right wing, endorsed by the 'lefts' and carried through with the assistance of the Communist Party.

The retreat was prepared at a private executive meeting of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers on the eve of the miners' strike. Voting—restricted to members of the AUEW engineers' section, which includes at least one Communist Party member and one Maoist—was unanimous.

The decision was backed by men of similar political persuasions on the executives of the other three sections.



Hugh Scanlon, AUEW president.

On day two of the miners' strike, the engineers' 52-man national committee met at TUC headquarters in London.

Here voting was 47-4 in favour of the executive's recommendation. Yet the Communist Party claims it can muster a vote of up to 21 on the committee taking into account its own members and supporters.

In his 'Times' article, Wigham suggests that the new policy may be seen as a return to the situation before a national-level relationship between unions and employers was imposed following the 1897 lock-out.

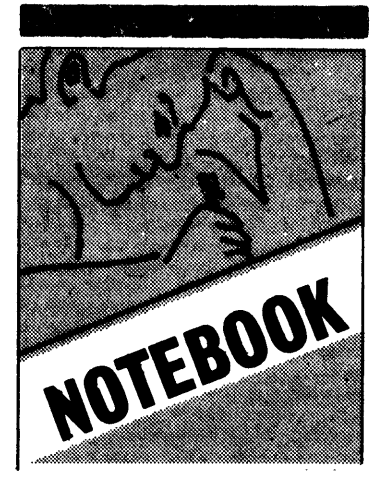
'It now seems to be intended to restore to [district committees] the power to decide when

disputes against individual firms should be supported,' he says.

Workers Press would, of course, support any move towards democratization of the engineering unions if this were the intention of the new policy.

It is not. Instead, districts with a high unemployment rate will be placed entirely at the mercy of employers driven onto the attack by the crisis of their system.

Plant bargaining in these circumstances is nothing more than an open invitation to speed-up, wage-cutting and redundancies. It opens the door for splits in the ranks of engineering workers and intimidation by the employers.

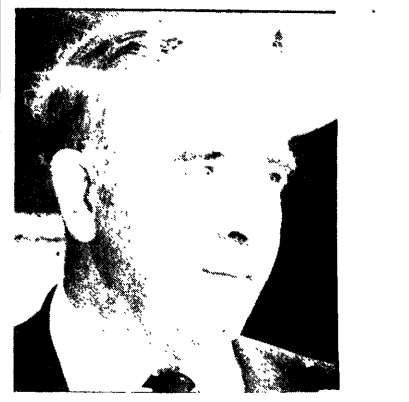


## London Palladium

THEY JEERED, they jumped up and down in their seats, they yawned, they scratched themselves—they even slept.

Fifth form at St Dominic's Free day at a Borstal? First night at the London Palladium? No, it was Tuesday's coal-industry debate in the House of Commons, with Labour MPs showing themselves even more paralysed than usual by the Tory offensive against the miners.

Joe Gormley, the miners' union president, listened with rapt attention in a top-of section of the public gallery; the party of Kent miners and their wives were sitting with were just bewildered.



Gormley: a seat reserved

## BBC TV SUNDAY PROGRAMMES

**BBC 1**  
9.00 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30 Wie bitte? 10.00 Zarabanda. 10.30 Mattins. 11.30 Boomp with Becker. 11.45 Play Tennis. 12.10 Steam Horse. 12.55 Interaction. 1.00 Croesli's Bont. 1.25 Farming. 1.55 Canoe. 2.20 Made in Britain. 2.29 News. 2.30 Dog Watch part 4. 2.55 Ken Dodd. 3.05 Basil Brush. 3.35 Film: 'This Above All'. 5.20 Moonstone part 2.  
6.05 NEWS, weather.  
6.15 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks THE QUESTION WHY.  
6.55 SONGS OF PRAISE.  
7.25 ENGELBERT. With The Young Generation and The Goodies.  
8.10 SUMMER AND SMOKE. By Tennessee Williams. Lee Remick, David Hedison, Betsy Blair.  
9.45 NEWS, weather.  
9.55 THE FILE ON THE TSAR. An investigation.  
10.55 AD LIB. Series of conversations.  
11.25 Weather.

**BBC 2**  
9.35 Open University.  
7.00 NEWS REVIEW, weather.  
7.25 MUSIC ON 2. Lorin Maazel conducts the New Philharmonia Orchestra.  
8.35 THE WORLD ABOUT US. Flamenco Triangle in the SW corner of Spain.  
9.15 GERMALIN. Part 5.  
9.55 THE BLACK AND WHITE MINSTREL SHOW.  
10.40 TELEVISION DOCTOR. What Shall We Do with Granny?  
11.00 NEWS, weather.  
11.05 LATE NIGHT LINE-UP.

All Regions as BBC-1 except:  
Wales: 2.30-2.55 Owen MD part 1. 3.55 Owen MD part 2. 4.00 Tom and Jerry. 4.10 Rusty Union. Penarth 4.50-5.20 Can't Bobo. 6.15-6.55 Hen Allorau. 10.55 O' Neussid Gyngard. 11.45 Weather.

Scotland: 10.30-11.30 Service. 1.00-1.25 Canoe. 1.50-2.20 Who Are the Scots? 10.55 Braden's Week. 11.30 News, weather.  
N Ireland: 2.30-2.55 Talkabout. 11.00-11.35 Braden's Week. News, weather. 11.27 Weather.

**ITV**  
10.35 House and Garden. 11.00 Family Service. 12.05 Cover to Cover. 12.30 Holidays Abroad. 12.55 Out of Town. 1.15 Stingray. 1.45 University Challenge. 2.15 The Big Match. 3.15 Film: 'Go to Blazes'. 4.45 The Golden Shot. 5.35 The Intruder.  
6.05 NEWS.  
6.15 A TWENTIETH CENTURY BISHOP.  
6.30 ADAM SMITH.  
7.00 STARS ON SUNDAY.  
7.25 PLEASE SIR!  
7.55 FILM: 'VALLEY OF DECISION'. Greer Garson, Gregory Peck. Irish servant girl marries son of wealthy Pittsburg family.  
9.50 POLICE 5.  
10.00 NEWS.  
10.15 UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS. 'Magic Casements'.  
11.15 THE FROST PROGRAMME.  
12.05 SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

**REGIONAL ITV**  
CHANNEL: 11.00 London. 1.53 Weather. 1.55 Farming news. 2.00 Big match. 3.00 Film: 'Country Girl'. 4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 6.05 News. 6.15 London. 6.29 Weather. 6.30 London. 7.55 Film: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. 10.00 London. 12.05 Epilogue.  
WESTWARD: 11.00 London. 12.55-1.20 Jobs in the house and garden. 1.35 Farm and country news. 2.00 Big match. 3.00 Film: 'Country Girl'. 4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'. Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman. 10.00 London. 12.05 Faith for life. 12.10 Weather.  
SOUTHERN: 10.35 London. 12.00 Weather. 12.05 Farm progress. 12.30 Holidays abroad. 1.30 Swainey. 2.00 Big match. 3.00 Film: 'Across the Wide Missouri'. 4.35 News. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'Goodbye, Cruel City'. 10.00 London. 12.05 Weather. 12.55 Coverers.  
HARLECH: 11.00 London. 12.05 Jobs in the house and garden. 1.45 University challenge. 2.15 Soccer special. 3.15 Film: 'Sole Incident'. 4.45 London. 7.55 Film: 'The Fast Lady'. 9.30 Mr and Mrs. 10.00 London.  
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ATV MIDLANDS: 11.00 London. 12.35 Jobs in the house and garden. 1.40 Horoscopes. 1.45 Yesterday. 2.15 Star soccer. 3.15 Film: 'Cash on Demand'. 4.45 London. 5.35 Soccer boys. 6.05 London. 7.55 Film: 'George Galt'. 9.45 Gallop'n' gals. 10.00 London. 12.55 ULSTER: 12.05 London. 12.55

# Teacher-training to be kept inferior

by Jack Gale

THE report of the James Commission on Teacher Education and Training is likely to be published next Wednesday.

It will recommend a rigid tripartite system of higher education, within which teacher-training will be narrow and isolated, with non-university graduates being confirmed as inferior-grade teachers.

## Proposals

The likely proposals of the inquiry are:

- The Colleges of Education will be re-designed as 'liberal arts' colleges which will offer a two-year broad-based 'Diploma in Higher Education'. Students who so wish will be able to finish their education at this stage, but the diploma will be largely meaningless if they do. Those who wish to become teachers will stay on for another two years. The first of these years will deal mainly with educational theory, the second with practical experience in schools.
- The BA (Ed.) degree will be awarded at the end of the four years. There will be no honours in this degree. Thus the degree will be markedly inferior to a university degree. It will be a third-rate qualification.
- University graduates who enter teaching will take the second two-year cycle of the liberal arts colleges, as described above, after their university degree course. They will thus end up with two degrees—their university degree and the BA (Ed.)—thus reaffirming the superiority of a university course.
- Instead of colleges being run under the auspices of university institutes of education, as at present, new regional bodies will be set up which will

distribute grants from a central grants committee. This final separation of the colleges from the universities will underline their inferior status.

All this not only confirms, but makes worse, the present system whereby teacher education is cut off from the mainstream of academic institutions.

In addition, this will reinforce the controlling grip on these colleges of the type of person who mainly run them today—people who are often referred to by the less respectful students as 'the woolly-knickered brigade'.

If carried into effect, these proposals will create a two-tier system of teacher education.

The 'lower tier' will receive only two years' teacher education, following on a general two-year diploma. At the end of the four years they will receive a BA (Ed.) degree—firmly fixed as an inferior degree with no honours.

The 'upper tier' of teachers will be the university graduates who will end up with two degrees, after five years of study.

## Incensed

Thus the fuss which has raged around the colleges over recent years about awarding degrees in education, boils down to an inferior award, markedly below a university degree in status.

It takes little imagination to see how the two tiers of teachers will be distributed—especially when one considers that Lord James, now vice-chancellor of York University, was formerly high master of the very select Manchester Grammar School.

The majority of prospective teachers—those who will teach the bulk of working-class children—are to be segregated into the 'liberal arts colleges', cut off from the universities and the polytechnics, in what will undoubtedly be third-grade institutions.

The National Union of Teachers is already incensed that its recommendations, calling, in

essence, for a comprehensive system of higher education, appear to have been given scant consideration by the James Commission, even though they were submitted as long ago as April, 1971.

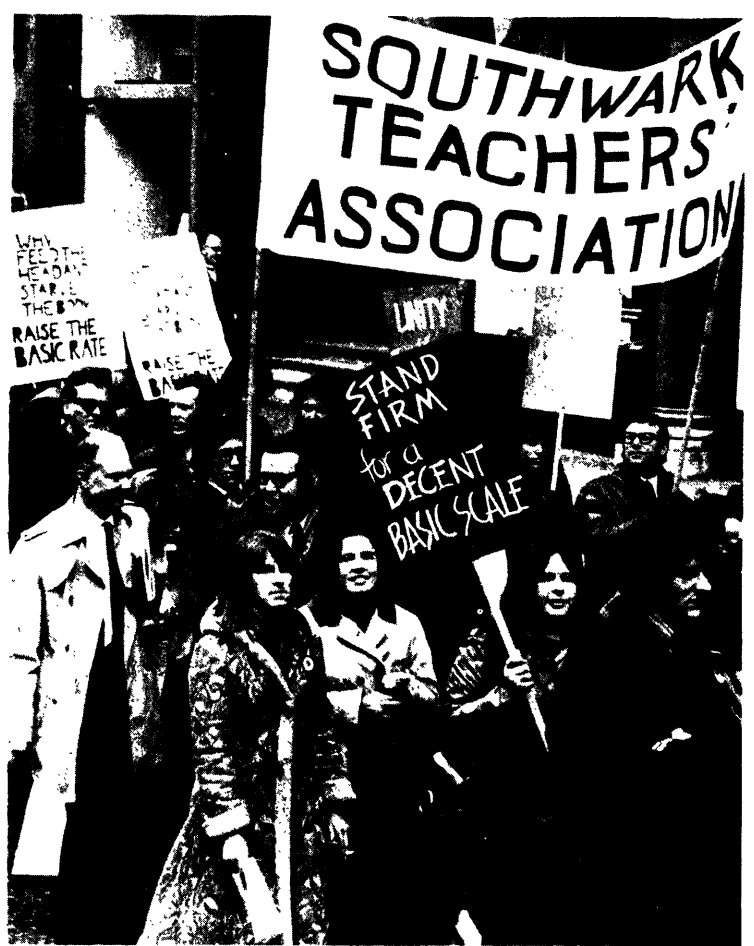
## Dragged

The NUT leadership, however, has always dragged behind its members in fighting for improved salaries and conditions and it signally failed to oppose registration of the union under the Industrial Relations Act. There are no grounds for hoping that such leaders can prevent the

down-grading of teacher-education.

The NUT proposals are: comprehensive university education to include schools of education; teachers to be represented at all levels of teacher education; all teachers to have the equivalent of one year in ten on in-service training and provision of properly equipped teachers' centres.

But it will take more than 'good ideas' to stop the Tories down-grading teacher-training. After all, why should they bother with teachers who are only going to prepare children for the dole queue?



Teachers demonstrating over wages and conditions in March last year.

## Brazil

# Another page of torture for the book

ANOTHER page is being added to the notorious record of torture and assassination of political opponents by Brazil's right-wing military regime.

It is exactly a year since the disappearance of the well-known Brazilian deputy Rubens Beyrodt de Paiva.

After Paiva was arrested by the security police (CODI), the First Army, whose barracks serve as CODI headquarters, claimed that Paiva had not been held in any army unit.

After a five-month silence the First Army announced that Paiva had been kidnapped two days after being arrested... by police.

He is still missing and discussion about the case is censored.

Three anti-government guerrillas, Gilberto Maria Lima, Ariston de Oliveira Lucena and Diogenes Sombra de Souza, have been sentenced to death.

The death penalty was introduced two years ago for crimes of 'psychological warfare and subversive warfare'.

Political prisoners in Argentina have claimed they are being tortured by police and the army.

Prisoners' lawyers and relatives have published testimonies describing electric shocks, beatings, administration of drugs and psychological torture such as announcing prisoners' deaths to families.

Most of the prisoners concerned are being held indefinitely without charges under State of Siege regulations in force since 1969.

Lawyers and relatives claim that more than 300 are being held for political reasons.

The investigation by the Argentine 'Justice Ministry' is unlikely to be anything but a whitewash.

Reports made up of black lettering on white newspaper don't do the House of Commons justice. They give what is really a pathetic, almost surreal shambles a totally false appearance of clarity and weight.

No more than 80 of Labour's 300-odd MPs were in the chamber for most of Tuesday's debate.

While Industry Secretary John Davies rambled through the first part of his incredibly boring prepared text, one mining MP kept up the refrain 'Go on, impress us. Stop breathing.' But this joke rapidly became emaciated... and died.

Nor was there much greater interest in what sounded like a completely off-the-cuff ramble from Harold Lever, shadow Power Minister and millionaire backer of the Tories EEC plans.

One sky-blue-suited Labour man had his brown desert boots stretched luxuriously out along the green leather benches for a good part of the speech, others slumped back dull-eyed or scribbled vaguely.

No intervention in the debate had been planned by the 'Tribune' group of MPs at their meeting the previous day.

The first two MPs we asked about it had wandered out before Any Other Business, under which item it was to have been raised. And when it came, the discussion was merely about whether members should attend a coal-merchants' lunch they'd been invited to.

So this is the Mother of Parliaments.

## Lord Porn's daughter



Lord Longford

LADY ANTONIA FRASER is the wife of Hugh Fraser, the Tory MP.

She is also the daughter of Lord Longford, the leading light in the festival of that name.

She is also very well known in society circles.

Imagine the raised eyebrows when she spoke the other day at the 'Evening Standard' drama awards for 1971.

The beautiful Lady Antonia was given the task of presenting the best actor award to handsome Alan Bates, star of 'The Go-Between' and 'Women in Love'.

As she handed over the prize (for his West End role as 'Butley'), she said: 'I have been longing to present something to Alan Bates for years. In the meantime this will have to do.'

How the celebrity audience reacted is not recorded, but the 'Daily Mirror' observed that her ladyship 'skated perilously close to the permissive'.

Meanwhile, what would daddy say.

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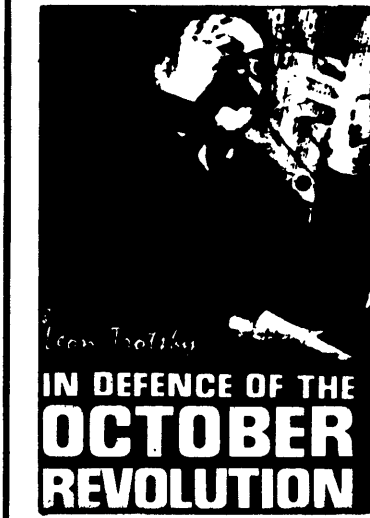
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# Army is torturing wounded—allegation

BY A BELFAST CORRESPONDENT

### THE BRITISH army appears to have started torturing wounded men in hospital in N Ireland.

A statement from Mr George Burt (27), signed by two clergymen, tells of his treatment at the hands of soldiers in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, where he was treated early in December for wounds in the back and neck.

After treatment, Mr Burt was taken to a private ward where his ordeal began at the hands of four soldiers.

# More army recruits—More Ulster internment camps

MORE MEN were recruited into the British army in 1971 than in any year since 1962, Lord Banniel, Minister of State, Defence, said in the House of Commons.

In the 12 months ending November 1971 more than 45,000 men joined the armed forces.

In sharp contrast to the Tory government's total disregard for the living conditions of the Ulster working class, everything possible is being done to make operational duty in N Ireland more attractive, according to Geoffrey Johnson Smith, under-secretary, Defence. Since the last statement to the House in November, four temporary camps have been built and occupied and three more camps will be ready by mid-June for 600 men. Another ship, the 'Hartland Point', has recently berthed in Belfast harbour to provide improved accommodation for about 400 men, he told the Commons.

A substantial proportion of the £500,000 made available for meeting the more personal needs of the soldiers has, in consultation with unit commanders, now been earmarked, he said.

# Crisis hits foundries

THE ECONOMIC crisis has hit the malleable iron foundry business so hard that some producers will soon be forced out of business, according to Mr I. F. Ley, chairman of the National Association of Malleable Ironfounders. Production figures for 1971 would be disappointing, he told the association's annual meeting in Birmingham. He said the situation was 'giving us cause for considerable concern'.

The 1971 output is unlikely to match even the low 1970 production figure of 203,000 tons.

'The fall in demand has unfortunately hit the industry at a time when the cost of both labour and raw materials has continued to rise at an alarming rate,' Ley said.

'This rationalization will, I am sure, continue, but customers must remember that when a foundry closes, its capacity and skills are lost for ever.'

'I'M NOT a strike minded person', said Jack Moss, lodge secretary at Wyndham and Western. 'But I'm prepared to stay out six months. The day wage man is very, very poorly paid. He's just existing.'

'We are taking on the Tories' pay policy. The Post Office workers were the first in the line and we let them down. The TUC let them down.'

'The TUC should give a decisive lead now. They should come out and say all unions must black coal. If it is a fight against the government, they should come out in the open and not stand on the side lines.'

'I don't think the government has got the guts to use the Industrial Relations Act. That's what the other unions are waiting for. If they use it, there'd be solid support for the miners.'

'I think this strike is beginning to be as good as 1926, but it's terribly different. We were fighting against wage cuts then. Now we're fighting for a rise.'

'Other unions will come in behind us because of the government. They say you must stick to 7 per cent irrespective of what you had been earning before so that the low paid stay low paid.'

'The NCB says it can't afford to pay us, but it paid out £35m to the old coal owners last year. It should be stopped. We've paid for these pits ten times over.'

'The men realize they've got to make a fight of this because their standard of living is so low. It's too late for arbitration or anything like that now. We want the money.'

'I remember the 1930s when it was bread and jam for dinner, tea and supper, and we're not going back to that.'

'We've held our hand over the years to save our brothers' jobs. But we're not saving them. They've closed the pits anyway.'

'It's not me or Gormley or Daly the Tories are fighting, it's the men, and by God they'll take a bit of cracking. Somehow or other it's got into this valley that nothing will move them.'

'Most of the lads don't remember 1926, but they've been told by their fathers and grandfathers. They'll fight like hell. And so will the women. They're solidly behind us. We've got first-class support from the old people too. They understand. They fought before.'

'At the moment we're almost back where we were in 1926, with unions and management fighting one another. Industries have got to be organized for social benefit.'

# Picketing pays off

SHOP STEWARDS at the John Hudson's Choats Rd coal depot, Dagenham, agreed yesterday to move only coal for schools, pensioners and the Ford heating plant. At Dagenham dock, the Dutch coal-ship 'Gruno' has been left half unloaded. The miners are satisfied no coal will be moved from the site.

DRIVERS taking coal from Corral's wharf, Dover, yesterday had to show pickets from Kent both their union cards and proof of the coal's destination.

A number were signed up into the Transport and General Workers' Union following an agreement between pickets and the company.

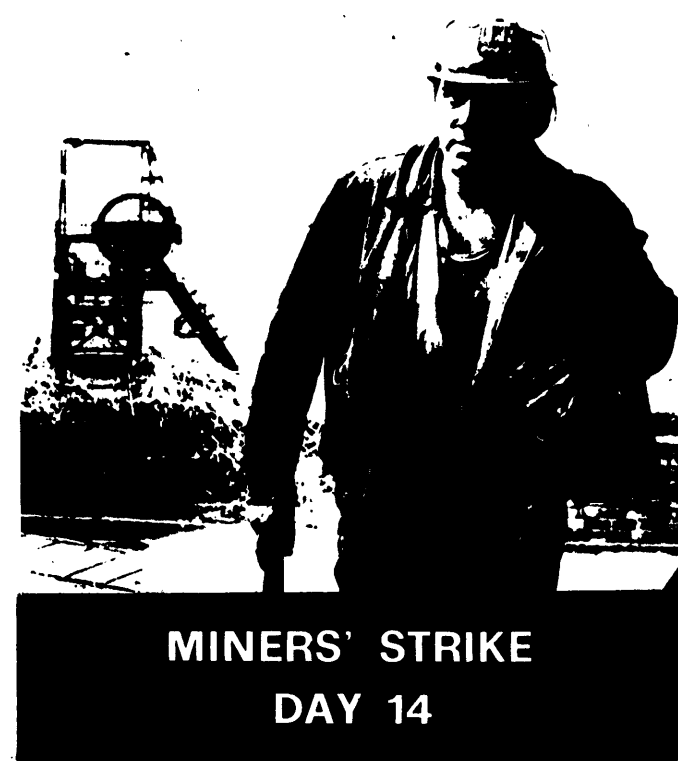
IN NOTTINGHAM two miners were injured when lorry drivers tried to get coal out of the city's largest depot. One man had his foot crushed under a lorry wheel and another was struck with a meat hook swung from the lorry cab, according to pickets.

A third man was knocked down as a lorry drove through, but no one was hurt.

Fifty policemen prevented the 300 picketing miners from getting inside the depot, but did not interfere with their blockade at the gates.

# We're taking on the Tories' pay policy

FROM IAN YEATS IN S WALES



MINERS' STRIKE DAY 14



LODGE SECRETARY JACK MOSS

# Briefly

NORWOOD loco drivers belonging to ASLEF have refused to move coal out of the Willesden freight yard. This is apparently the first occasion in the miners' strike that London ASLEF men have spontaneously joined the miners. A British Rail official apparently took the names and numbers of the crews involved.

COVENTRY Trades Council has collected more than £12 for the miners and agreed to inform the strikers of any coal dumps or stocks being moved in the area.

MINERS are right to believe that arbitration bodies have been 'nobbled' by the Tory government, Mr John Grant, Labour MP for Islington E, said yesterday. Grant, former industrial correspondent of the 'Daily Express', said that various arbitration bodies, including the Industrial Arbitration Board, were held in suspicion by workers. 'It seems they are well justified in their belief,' Grant said.

# Power men should come out

LES MEAKIN and Donald Fraser are two young miners on 'flying squad' duty visiting London's power stations, wharfs and coal depots to send back reports to union headquarters.

When interviewed they were checking that pickets had turned back lorries carrying chemical supplies vital to power station maintenance.

Twenty-year-old Donald is a front ripper at Warwickshire's modern Dawmill pit. He was impressed with the solidarity coming from rank-and-file trade unionists.

'When we've turned lorry drivers away from power stations,' he said, 'they've jumped out and offered us money for our funds.'

'The power workers should come out with us to black out the country like they did in 1970.'

'I can't see the government giving them more than 7 per cent—the same as they are trying to give us.'

'If we stick out and the power stations close we should get our money.'

Donald thought the miners' leaders would stick out the strike. But he added: 'If they chicken out, miners will throw them out and find new leaders to take their place.'

'Feather's just poking his nose in where he shouldn't. He should call a General Strike if the NCB won't give a better pay offer.'

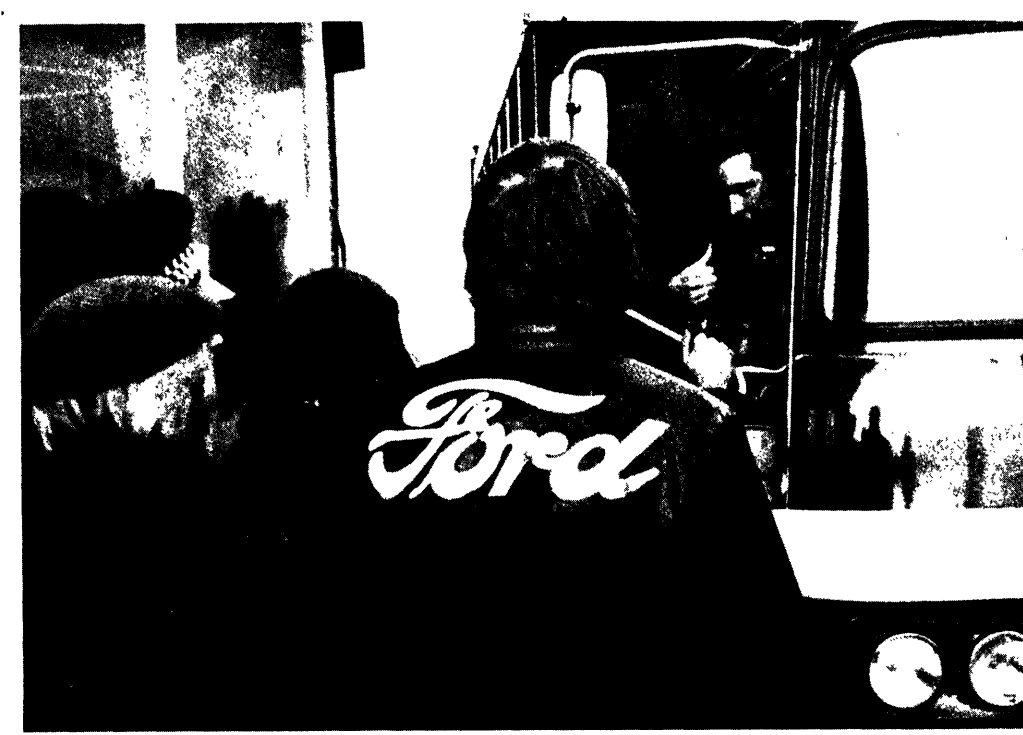
For the Tory government Donald had nothing but contempt: 'If Heath and his

friends went down the pits, they would want more than we're getting.'

'We work in water ankle-deep and have to wear Wellingtons. I have to wear a plastic mac because of the water running from the roof. We only receive 25p extra a day for this and you can easily catch flu and pneumonia working in ice-cold water.'

Donald's fellow picket, Les, said that personal reasons forced him to back the strike. 'I can't live on the pay I take home—£7.50 a week. By the time I've paid my board to my parents and for my clothes I just have 75p left for myself.'

Les added defiantly: 'If we win this strike, we'll be able to deal with the Industrial Relations Act.'



KENT miners picketing John Hudson's Choats Road coal depot in Dagenham yesterday morning were joined by carworkers from the nearby Ford plant.

# Pearce's 'impartiality'

BY A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

ANYONE with lingering illusions in the 'impartiality' of Lord Pearce's inquest into the acceptability of the Rhodesian settlement terms can shed them now.

Pearce's approach was well illustrated when he accepted without demur Ian Smith's request that the commission should not visit Gwelo, scene of violent demonstrations against the Smith-Home terms.

The commission is supposed to operate free from interference from the Smith government. On Wednesday, two days later, two of his commissioners visited the town of Fort Victoria—and their visit provoked a riot among the 10,000 African workers there.

After listening to Salisbury Radio's description of the 'consultations' at Fort Victoria, it is not hard to see why. The Salisbury commentator told his listeners:

Two members of the Pearce Commission in

Fort Victoria to test opinion on the settlement proposals were plainly dissatisfied today when anti-proposal cheer leaders turned the meeting into a rowdy session.

During the morning the two commissioners, Mr Dawkins and Mr Burkinshaw, had a quiet meeting with African chiefs, but when they saw their first ordinary Africans, more than 160 packed into the room.

The commissioners said afterwards that while they could conclude from the yells of 'No' that those present were for the moment at any rate against the proposals, they could not be sure how representative the meeting was. One commissioner, Mr Burkinshaw, said he was left in doubt as to what extent the Africans have been organized by rabble-rousers. He said he and Mr Dawkins are trying to find a way which will reflect African opinion more accurately.

The Africans refused the commissioners' invitation to give evidence individually and in private. A spokesman for the mob claimed they would be intimidated despite Mr Dawkins' comment that there is more danger of intimidation in public sessions.

Mr Burkinshaw was howled down when he tried to explain the terms of the settlement and he told the Africans that he did not know whether there was any point in continuing as they were to a certain extent ridiculing his words.

He told the crowd that he was not there to argue the terms of the agreement but was there to explain them and hear people's views. He added that if the Africans want the present constitution to stay as it is, then presumably they will answer 'No', but if they want to enjoy the improvement for the African people that they will answer 'Yes'.

Messrs Burkinshaw and Dawkins are both former colonial administrators.

# VW slumps

THE VOLKSWAGEN car firm, the biggest in Germany, is making losses, chairman Rudolf Leiding admitted in a TV interview.

The deepening slump in W Germany has cut domestic sales and the factory has been on short-time since the start of the year.

The revaluation of the mark and stiff Japanese competition has reduced sales in the lucrative US market.

Volkswagen's troubles are an expression of the crisis gripping the whole of boom-inflated W German industry, now faced by contracting markets, falling profits and bankruptcy.

# Secret police harass opposition

SOVIET POLICE operations continue in the Ukraine in a sustained drive against oppositionists and a number of arrests have been made.

The home of writer Victor Nekrasov was searched by the KGB Secret police in Kiev. He is the author of a popular novel 'In the Trenches of Stalingrad' and was criticized in the Khrushchev era for 'ideological errors'.

In Moscow, astronomer Kronid Lubarsky has been arrested and his wife told that she could get news of him at the Lefortovo prison.

Eight other people are said to have been arrested in the capital. Pyotr Yakir—son of purge victim—whose house was raided last week, was told by the KGB that they were investigating a case in Leningrad referred to as No. 34.

These police operations have obviously been ordered by leading party and state bureaucrats increasingly worried by the growing extent of opposition and criticisms of their rule.

Since the Communist Party of the Soviet Union's central Committee plenum held last November, a campaign has been launched for the ideological rearming of cadres in the Party and the army.

This is intended to get rid of doubts about current Soviet policy and to enable them to deal with critical and oppositional views which may appear in their own ranks.

Amid professions of fidelity to Marxism-Leninism, the bureaucracy is trying to strengthen its hold both by a bloodless purge of Party ranks and by an intensified drive against all manifestations of opposition.

# Happy

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paper's editorial support in this. The Times advised the Heath Cabinet to avoid 'demands for reckless further reflation'. It wants the government to further improve training services to stop workers hankering after the job they have lost.

All this is exactly what the Tory leaders want to hear. Thursday's figures showed that they sponsored a labour shake-out destroying almost 1,000 jobs a day right through 1971.

Its object was to force through precisely the measures the 'Telegraph' boasts about, but it is by no means finished yet.

When Employment Minister Robert Carr says there are now 'some hard figures which show that the economy is expanding', he is not promising more jobs.

According to Samuel Brittan of the 'Financial Times', there are still many employers who claim that this [jobs shake-out] has still further to go and that they could increase output a great deal without taking on any more men. Such developments, if really true, would be triumphs rather than tragedies.

Behind the parliamentary double-talk, in other words, we are back to the 1930s with a vengeance. For the Tories these are happy-hunting grounds.

# New Foreign Minister for China

CHINA'S new foreign minister is 60-year-old Chi Peng-fei, the vice-minister who has been in effective charge since 1969 when he took part in the Long March and later became ambassador to E Germany.

Chi holds no position in the Party and is not even a Central Committee member. He took part in the 1931 Long March and later became ambassador to E Germany.

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# LATENEWS

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A MASS meeting of Fisher-Bendix, Kirky, workers yesterday voted overwhelmingly—with only one abstain—to continue their sit-in. The vote was taken after convenor Jack Spriggs had quoted information from company files that before 1967 the auditors had found it impossible to sort out the Fisher-Bendix accounts. They had also found that Fisher-Bendix owed the Board of Trade £750,000 to be repaid by 1981. How then, asked Spriggs, could they sell the factory when they didn't even own it?

# WEATHER

SE DISTRICTS will be mostly dry with sunny intervals after the mist patches clear, but it will become cloudy later, perhaps with a little rain in places. W and NW England and Wales, though dry at first, will become cloudy with some rain for a time, followed by brighter weather. Scotland and N Ireland will have a day of showers and bright intervals, the showers most frequent in the W and turning to snow over the hills. Temperatures will be marginally above average in most areas. Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Cloudy and mild with rain at times in the N and W. Becoming bright on Monday with temperatures reverting to normal.

# EEF trying to peg Steel wages

ENGINEERING employers will step up their pressure for agreements with unions which hold down 'earnings drift', says a survey published yesterday. The survey—sponsored jointly by the Engineering Employers Federation and the Leverhulme Trust—is based on computer analysis of workshop relations in 432 firms employing 588,000 workers. From information collected early in 1969 and processed by late 1970, a team of academics headed by Arthur Marsh, senior research fellow in industrial relations at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, concluded that firms will inevitably try to replace piecework pay systems with forms of Measured-Day Work. They add that attempts will also be made to strengthen non-strike provisions in pro-

# Steel ghosts

W GERMAN steel town, Hagen, in N Rhein West-falia, faces the threat of being turned into a ghost town. Three large steelworks employing 6,500 men—Eckesey Vorhalle, Wehringhausen and the Hasper works—face closure on February 3. There is no other industry in the town. Short-time working began on November 1; by working only 20 hours a week the men's salaries dropped by £35 to £47 a month. The policy of the German Communist Party is to seek 'solidarity' from everyone, including the local churches. And they stress it must be Catholic and Protestant.

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# READERS MEETINGS

Meet Editorial Board speakers. Discuss your ideas for the expanded paper. 8 LONDON Wednesday January 26 8 p.m. Lower Hall, Brighton Town Hall, Brighton SW2

# ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

Make the Tory government resign! Return a Labour government pledged to restore full employment and repeal all laws against the unions! WILLESDEN: Monday January 24, 8 p.m. Trades and Labour hall, High Rd, Willesden, NW10. 'Rights and housing'. LIVERPOOL: Monday January 24, 8 p.m. Museum Lecture Hall, William Brown Street. 'Right-to-Work campaign'. SLOUGH: Thursday January 27, 8 p.m. 'The Merry-makers', Langley. 'Right-to-Work campaign'. LANCASTER: Monday January 31, 7.30 p.m. Town Hall, Edmondton. 'Support the miners'. SE LONDON: Thursday January 27, 8 p.m. Room 7, N. LONDON: (Please note change of date.) Thursday January 27, 8 p.m. Town Hall, Edmondton. 'Support the miners'. SW LONDON: Tuesday February 1, 8 p.m. Small Hall, Clapham Manor Baths, Clapham Manor St, SW4. 'The General Strike'. W LONDON: Tuesday February 1, 8 p.m. 'Prince Albert', Warfield Rd, off York Way, King's Cross. 'Right-to-Work campaign'.

# Socialist Labour League

# Special courses of lectures

In line with decision of ATUA November 8 conference to build revolutionary party. Lecture Room 1 Digbeth Hall, Digbeth BIRMINGHAM, 8 p.m. TUESDAY JANUARY 25 Economics and Politics TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1 Historical Materialism today Mid-Hall Woodside Hall, St George's Cross GLASGOW, 3 p.m. SUNDAY JANUARY 23 Essential Marxism SUNDAY JANUARY 30 Economics and Politics given by G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)