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UCS: BIGGEST RETREAT YET

WITCHES IN THE SUN

ON THURSDAY January 27 the 'Sun' headlines screamed: 'Stuff the Norm! Get the miners back to work!' The purpose behind this reactionary page one opinion was made unmistakably clear by the author when he said that 'unless somebody breaks the deadlock, the strike could go on for months'.

Worried by the prospect of declining coal stocks at the power stations and millions of pounds of machinery lying idle in the mines, and concerned that a protracted strike could develop into a General Strike against the government, the 'Sun' tried desperately to isolate the miners.

To get the Tory government off the hook, it suggested a 'face-saving formula' which involved a court of arbitration and a guarantee from the unions that 'if the miners are allowed an over-the-odds settlement, no other union will use that as a lever to get more for itself'.

What the strike-breaking plans of the 'Sun' really meant for the miners became evident on the day after when its political editor, Anthony Shrimley, launched a vicious witch-hunt against the Socialist Labour League and the All Trades Unions Alliance.

Before answering the distortions of this anti-communist hack job, we should like to say something about the author.

Together with 13 other 'Sun' journalists, he has been asked to appear before the NUJ Central London branch committee of inquiry for refusing to attend a mandatory meeting of the paper's Chapel during the dispute over the dismissal of a photographer employed by the 'Sun'.

According to the Central London NUJ secretary's letter a complaint has been made against Shrimley and others that they 'persistently ignored an instruction of the Chapel to attend a mandatory meeting while available to do so...'

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It is the familiar smear technique employed by the capitalist press ever since trade unions were set up and picket lines organized. Terrified at the prospect of a long, drawn-out strike and the miners' growing militancy and determination, Shrimley wants to undermine their unity and discipline by introducing the red-herring of 'violence' and 'intimidation'.

It is typical of the 'Sun' that it should magnify and distort beyond recognition, the incidents of one day outside the NCB offices in Doncaster, while far more serious incidents involving real violence by scabs and police are tucked away in an obscure corner—like this one from the 'Sun' (January 18, 1972):

'A policeman and three miners were injured when an oil tanker broke through a picket line at an open cast site near Chesterfield, Derbyshire.'

Similarly no great comment was forthcoming from Shrimley about the carnival of brutality unleashed by British troops on Civil Rights demonstrators at Macgilligan camp. One man's picket—another man's outrage!

He quotes an anonymous NUM official—they are always anonymous—'political extremists are trying to jump on the bandwagon'.

He then alleges that 'reports are before the Ministers concerning the incident which shocked the country etc.'. Next he goes on to inform his readers that the Security Services 'have long kept a check on the Socialist Labour League and its associated body the All Trades Unions Alliance'.

We reject with contempt these allegations and distortions of Shrimley and the 'Sun'. The SLL and the ATUA have never advocated violence for the sake of violence in Doncaster or anywhere else.

We say categorically that no SLL or ATUA member was involved in the 'violent scenes' alleged by Shrimley to have taken place at Doncaster on January 21. We defy him to produce the names of his anonymous informants in the NUM and the Security Services and the evidence of SLL-inspired violence on the picket lines. Put up the proof or withdraw the allegation!

Since the miners' strike began our attitude has been clear and principled. We have fought consistently for the victory of the miners and the defeat of the Tory government by the construction of an alternative leadership based on revolutionary socialist policies.

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'They will write that debt off as part of the price they had to pay for defeating us last year', he said, 'and I think the government would write off the £200m-worth of machinery that's underground at the moment to defeat the miners.'

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WELSH MINERS SPEAK

OUT — report by Ian Yeats

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'The Tories are trying to take away from us what our fathers fought for. If the rights you're entitled to are taken away, you've got to defend them'.

Commenting on the Young Socialist League's 'Right-to-Work' marches, Mr Evans said: 'Certainly now is the time for a big march to defend our rights. I think the UCS boys have made a good start defending their right to work. We want a march 30,000 or 100,000 strong with coaches taking men half way to London.'

Once chairman of Bargoed lodge, Mr Evans said: 'As far as I'm concerned I'd stay out on strike for ever. The cost of living today is fantastic. What I could get for £3 three years ago costs me £7 today.'

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'It's my birthday today' he told me last Friday, pointing to the cards on the mantelpiece over the fire.

'My attitude has hardened in favour of the lower paid man because I'll be one of them soon. And I've got seven children.'

'The pace today with the new machines is fantastic. You can't work full. I do five days and I couldn't do any more.'

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machine. Safety isn't in it. If you mention safety, the officials are on you like a ton of bricks.'

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WELSH MINERS SPEAK

OUT — report by Ian Yeats 'Our determination is stronger than it was in 1926'



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'The Tories are trying to take away from us what our fathers fought for. If the rights you're entitled to are taken away, you've got to defend them.'

Commenting on the Young Socialists' 'Right-to-Work' marches, Mr Evans said: 'Certainly now is the time for a big march to defend our rights. I think the UCS boys have made a good start defending their right to work. We want a march 80,000 or 100,000 strong with coaches taking men half way to London.'

Once chairman of Bargoed lodge, Mr Evans said: 'As far as I'm concerned I'd stay out on strike for ever. The cost of living today is fantastic. What I could get for £3 three years ago costs me £7 today.'

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'It's my birthday today' he told me last Friday, pointing to the cards on the mantelpiece over the fire.

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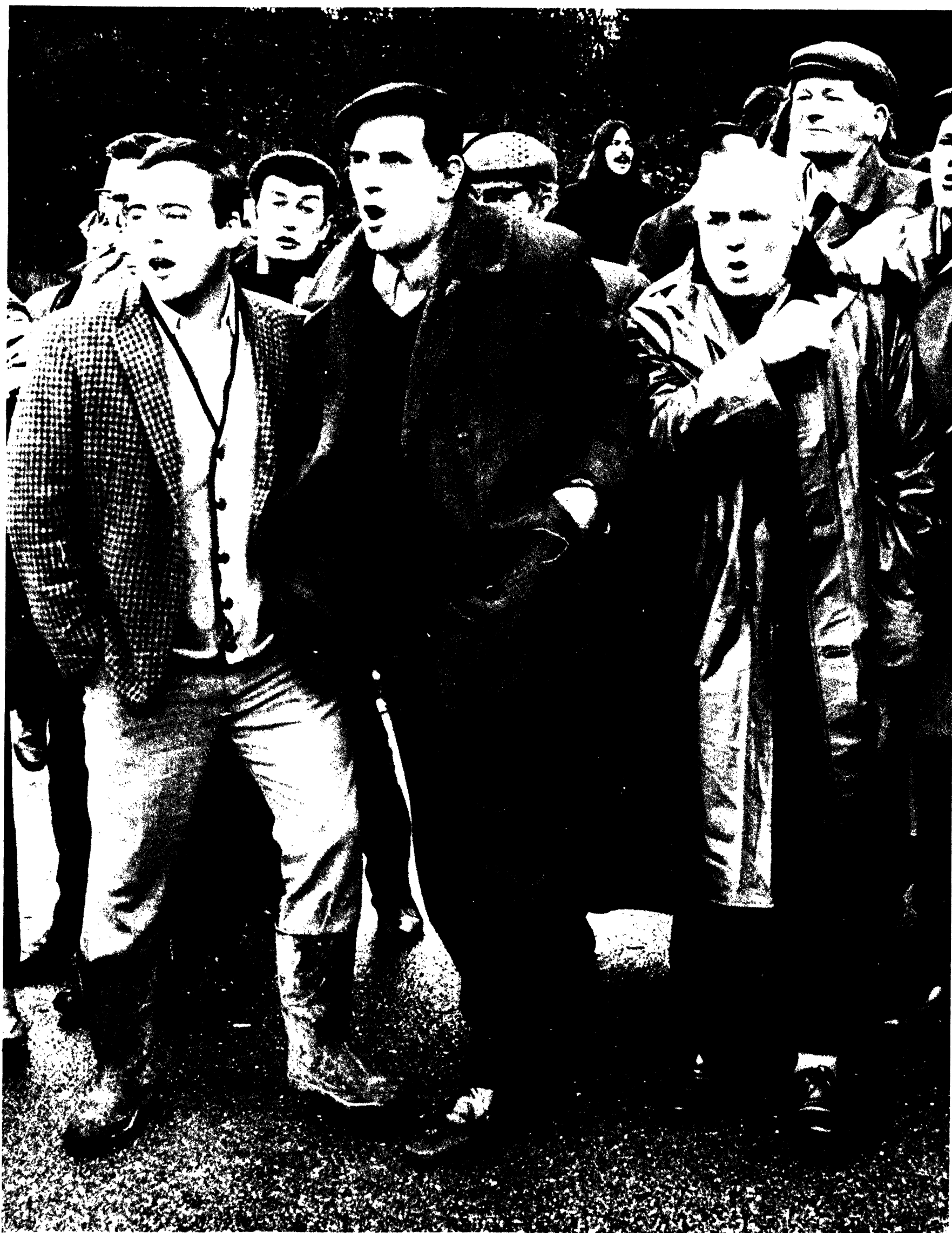
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BBC 1
10.00 Wie bitte? 10.30 Zarabanda. 11.55 Weather. 12.00 Double Deckers. 12.25 Dastardly and Muttley. 12.45 Grandstand. 1.25. 1.50. 2.20. 2.50 Racing from Kempton; 2.10. 2.40. 3.10. 4.15 Athletics from Costford; 3.30 Rugby League Oldham v St. Helens; 4.40 Final Score. 5.00 Whackol 5.30 News. 5.45 Disney Parade. 5.50 Dr Who.
6.15 IT'S CLIFF RICHARD.
7.00 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN. 'The Bad Debt Men'.
7.45 HOLLYWOOD PREMIERE: 'THE MANHUNTER'. Roy Thinnes, Sandra Dee, Albert Salmi. Hunt for murderer in Louisiana swampland.
9.20 THE DICK EMERY SHOW.
9.50 NEWS, weather.
10.00 MATCH OF THE DAY.
11.00 BRADEN'S WEEK.
11.35 THE NIGHT THE BRIDGE CAUGHT FIRE: May 23, 1970.
12.05 Weather.

BBC 2
9.35 Open University. 2.00 Saturday Musical: 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'. 3.45 Play Away.
7.10 WESTMINSTER.
7.30 NEWS, SPORT, weather.
7.45 RUGBY SPECIAL: France v Ireland.
8.30 CHRONICLE: Front Line Archæology.
9.20 GERMINAL part 5.
10.00 WAYS OF SEEING.
10.30 FILM NIGHT.
11.00 RALPH MITCHELL IN CONCERT.
11.30 NEWS, weather.
11.35 MIDNIGHT MOVIE: 'Hound Dog Man'. Fabian, Carol Lynley.

ITV
10.55 Road Report. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Grasshopper Island. 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 News. 12.50 World of Sport: 1.30. 2.00. 2.30. 3.00 Racing from Warwick; 1.45. 2.15. 2.45 Racing from Newcastle; 3.10 Rallycross and Scrambling from Cadwell Park; 3.50 Results, Scores, News; 3.54 Wrestling from Hemel Hempstead; 4.45 Results Service. 5.05 News. 5.10 UFO.
6.05 WHO DO YOU DO?
6.35 FILM: 'THE BUCCANEER'. Yul Brynner, Charlton Heston. Pirate turns patriot. Jean Lafitte in exchange for free pardon fights in the battle of New Orleans in 1812.
6.35 SATURDAY VARIETY. Charlie Drake.
8.30 NEWS.
9.40 HAWAII FIVE-O: 'Bar Once, Bar Twice'.
10.40 AQUARIUS: 'Company'.
11.40 ALL OUR YESTERDAYS.
12.10 THE POLARIZED SOCIETY.

REGIONAL ITV
ULSTER: 12.30 Grasshopper Island. 12.45 London. 5.10 Dick Van Dyke. 5.40 Sportscast. 6.05 Who Do You Do? 6.35 Saturday Western: 'Three Young Texans'. 8.10 'The Odd Couple'. 8.30 London. 9.40 O'Hara. 10.40 Aquarius. 11.40 It Takes a Thief.
WESTWARD. As Channel except: 11.40 Gue Honeybun. 11.35 Faith for Life. 11.40 Weather.
SOUTHERN: 11.15 Yesterdays. 11.45 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: 'Murder Ahoy'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's County. 10.40 Dr Simon Locke. 11.05 Southern News. 11.10 Aquarius. 12.10 Weather. The Discoverers.
YORKSHIRE: 11.20 Yesterdays. 11.50 Phoenix Five. 12.15 Bugaloos. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.00 Who Do You Do? 6.30 The Comedians. 7.00 Film: 'They Met in Bombay'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii Five-O. A Matter of Mutual Concern. 10.40 Edgar Wallace. 11.45 Treasures of the British Museum. 12.15 Weather.
CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 6.30 Sale of the Century. 7.00 Film: 'Ensign Pulver'. 8.28 Weather. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's county. 10.40 Jason King. 11.35 Weather.
HARLEIGH: 11.25 HR Pufnstuf. 11.50 Captain Scarlet. 12.15 Seaspray. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall

BBC2 2.00 The Saturday Musical: 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'

All Regions as BBC 1 except:
WALES: 5.00-5.30 Dawn. 5.30-5.45 News, weather, sport. 10.40-11.00 Match of the Day. 12.07 Weather. 12.45 News.
SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.00 Sportsreel part 1. 5.40-5.45 Sportsreel part 2. 10.00-10.25 Sportsreel. 10.25-11.10 Mainly Magnus. 11.10-11.45 News, weather, sport.
Come Dancing: North of England v East Midlands. 12.07 News, weather, sport.
N IRELAND: 2.00-3.00 International Rugby Union: France v Ireland. 5.40-5.50 Sports Results. 11.00-11.35 Come Dancing. 12.07 News, weather, sport.
ENGLAND: 12.07 Weather.

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GRANADA: 11.55 Garden indoors. 12.20 Rocket Robin Hood. 12.45 London. 5.10 Frim. 5.40 Penn St gang. 6.10 Film: 'The Russians Are Coming. The Russians Are Coming'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Marcus Welby. 10.40 Who do you do? 11.10 Jason King.
TYNE TEES: 11.20 Yesterdays. 11.50 Forest rangers. 12.15 Bugaloos. 12.45 London. 5.10 Bonanza. 6.00 Who do you do? 6.30 Doctor at large. 7.00 Film: 'Flight to Tangier'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii Five-O. 10.40 Challenge. 11.30 Avengers. 12.25 Epilogue.
SCOTTISH: 11.35 Beagan Gaidhlig. 11.50 I know what I like. 12.20 HR Pufnstuf. 12.45 London. 6.05 Doctor at large. 6.35 Smith family. 7.00 Film: 'Seven Ways from Sundown'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Marcus Welby. 10.35 Scotsport. 11.05 Late call. 11.10 Randall and Hopkirk.



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If only Stocker had been able to put it on the market to today's middle class, he would only have had to put one advertisement in the 'Sunday Times' to have couples besieging him with offers.

Griffith is part of a crack Glamorgan strike-breaking force, sent down to smash the strike. But off duty the two men find a bond growing between them.

The idea is not new. This week's instalment of the Zola had the incident of the discussion between the soldier on guard duty, and the strike leader, and there Zola at least made some attempt to discuss the class political problems arising from that situation.

Batons

Not so in 'Stocker's Copper'. Tom Clarke seemed content to see the whole thing in terms of the lack of consciousness of both characters.

At the end, the police charge the strikers, who are trying to stop scabs getting to work, and give them a beating with their batons. The strike is broken. The men go back, defeated. The Glamorgan police leave. The relationship is broken. The class lesson is there for those who can see it, but it seemed to me that the writer was not one of them.

The direction by Jack Gold was splendid and the acting was very good throughout, particularly in the main characterizations.



Tucked away on Wednesday evenings for the last two weeks, at 7.05 on BBC-2, have been two excellent programmes in the 'Man in his Place' series.

They were about mines and miners in Durham before and after nationalization.

Now, 7.05 p.m. is a pretty unusual time to be watching BBC-2. It is generally thought that the station does not open until half an hour later. What happens before is education, usually the 'Open University'.

with hundreds of thousands of miners having been thrown on the rubbish heap of capitalism. Our industrial future, Shinwell said at the time, rested with the National Coal Board. Brave words. Exciting days, even if the owners were paid £388m compensation (on which the Board is still paying interest).

Then the miners spoke, looking back, and the picture became clear.

The old officials kept their jobs. A leopard does not change his spots, said one of the men. Another pointed out that Lord Hindley, the first chairman of the Board had been opposed to nationalization!

So it went on. The same old crew in charge, the cost of compensation increasing the cost of coal for the private consumer, the lack of workers' control—even of the right of consultation.

'That wasn't nationalization,' said one man. How right he was.

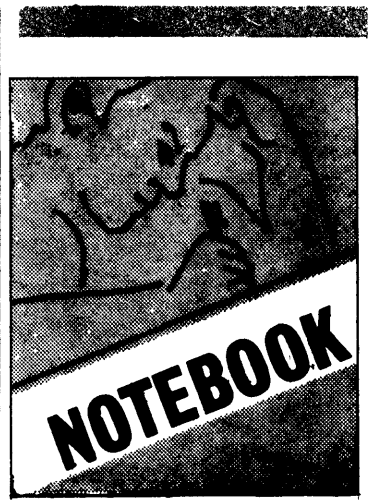
Then the run-down of the pits, with the Durham work force reducing by 100,000 in the years 1960 to 1969 and the consequent break-up of whole communities, being replaced by alienating new towns, the control of which is with government and not the local community.

Challenge

The run-down was symbolized by the decline of the Durham Miners' Gala. Once, said the programme, the biggest demonstration of working-class solidarity in the world, with 100,000 taking part ten years ago.

In 1971, it was 30,000. What was once a challenge to the city worthies, a cry of pain, and an occasion for leaders to pay homage is becoming unimportant to those leaders.

In 1971 the political leaders were invited, accepted, and did not come. They were as absent as have been their calls for support and solidarity with the miners in their present struggle.



One law for the rich...

THE HEALTH of millions of working people is entrusted to a public health service so impoverished and overloaded that the much-needed reform of regular medical checks for everyone is completely Utopian.

But not so for the captains of industry and their wives, as an item in the 'Daily Telegraph' recently made clear:

'Check-ups, until now, have been almost entirely a male prerogative—for those overpressurized executives we hear so much about. But at British United Provident Association's 18-month-old medical centre, the only fully-automated health centre in the country, there are an increasing number of women paying a £34 fee (£29 for BUPA members), sporting a bright orange dressing-gown and taking their place in the queue to have blood tests, X-rays, a top professional assessment of their weight, sight, hearing, blood pressure, and a cosy chat with a computer about their medical history.'

Flash's problem

MANAGEMENT at a Stroud valley, Gloucestershire firm seem to have finally cracked the incentive problem.

After a series of token stoppages by draughtsmen, J. A. Gordon and Sons Ltd called in union representatives to explain a new reply to their pay claim. The boss—invariably known around the plant as 'Flash'—laid his cards on the table. 'We need more performance', he said. To encompass this feat the Gordons had called in an outfit known as Performance Awards (Reserve) Ltd, of Edgware High St, Middlesex.

PA(R), as we shall call them, produced a plan for a points-award scheme worked out over a ten-week period to give each worker a maximum rating of 100 per cent split under five heads: attendance, quality control, time-keeping, co-operation and general attitude, any technical qualifications.

When the committee asked what the pay-off would be, 'Flash' whipped out a glossy catalogue displaying goods the draughtsmen could claim in return for their various point attainments.

They could either hoard their points until they had enough for an electric toaster or whatever, he explained, or cash them in straight away for... Green Shield Stamps!

Pickets at NCB headquarters at Tondy, Wales.

TV SATURDAY PROGRAMMES

BBC 1

- 10.00 Wie bitte? 10.30 Zarabanda. 11.55 Weather. 12.00 Double Deckers. 12.25 Dastardly and Muttley. 12.45 Grandstand. 1.25, 1.50, 2.20, 2.50 Racing from Kempton; 2.10, 2.40, 3.10, 4.15 Athletics from Cosford; 3.30 Rugby League Oldham v St. Helens; 4.40 Final Score. 5.00 Whackol! 5.30 News. 5.45 Disney Parade. 5.50 Dr Who.
- 8.15 IT'S CLIFF RICHARD.
- 7.00 DIXON OF DOCK GREEN. 'The Bad Debt Men'.
- 7.45 HOLLYWOOD PREMIERE: 'THE MANHUNTER'. Roy Thinnes, Sandra Dee, Albert Salmi. Hunt for murderer in Louisiana swampland.
- 9.20 THE DICK EMERY SHOW.
- 9.50 NEWS, weather.
- 10.00 MATCH OF THE DAY.
- 11.00 BRADEN'S WEEK.
- 11.35 THE NIGHT THE BRIDGE CAUGHT FIRE: May 23, 1970.
- 12.05 Weather.

BBC 2

- 9.35 Open University. 2.00 Saturday Musical: 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'. 3.45 Play Away.
- 7.10 WESTMINSTER.
- 7.30 NEWS, SPORT, weather.
- 7.45 RUGBY SPECIAL: France v Ireland.
- 8.30 CHRONICLE: Front Line Archaeology.
- 9.20 GERMINAL part 5.
- 10.00 WAYS OF SEEING.
- 10.30 FILM NIGHT.
- 11.00 RALPH MITCHELL IN CONCERT.
- 11.30 NEWS, weather.
- 11.35 MIDNIGHT MOVIE: 'Hound Dog Man'. Fabian, Carol Lynley.

ITV

- 10.55 Road Report. 11.00 Sesame Street. 12.00 Grasshopper Island. 12.15 Joe 90. 12.45 News. 12.50 World of Sport: 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 Racing from Warwick; 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Racing from Newcastle; 3.10 Rallycross and Scrambling from Cadwell Park; 3.50 Results, Scores, News; 3.54 Wrestling from Hemel Hempstead; 4.45 Results Service. 5.05 News. 5.10 UFO.
- 8.05 WHO DO YOU DO?
- 8.35 FILM: 'THE BUCCANEER'. Yul Brynner, Charlton Heston. Pirate turns patriot. Jean Lafitte in exchange for free pardon fights in the battle of New Orleans in 1812.
- 9.30 SATURDAY VARIETY. Charlie Drake.
- 9.30 NEWS.
- 9.40 HAWAII FIVE-O: 'Bark Once, Bark Twice'.
- 10.40 AQUARIUS: 'Company'.
- 11.40 ALL OUR YESTERDAYS.
- 12.10 THE POLARIZED SOCIETY.



BBC2 2.00 The Saturday Musical: 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'

All Regions as BBC 1 except: WALES: 9.00-5.30 Disc a Dawn. 5.30-5.45 News, weather, sport. 10.40-11.00 Match of the Day. 12.05 Weather. SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.00 Sportsreel part 1. 5.40-5.45 Sportsreel part 2. 11.00-11.35 News, weather, sport. 11.10-11.45 Mainly Magnus. 11.10-11.45

Come Dancing: North of England v East Midlands. 12.07 News, weather. N IRELAND: 2.00-3.00 International Rocket Robin Hood. 12.45 London. 5.10 Primus to Tangier. 5.40-5.50 Sports Results. News. 11.00-11.35 Come Dancing. 12.07 News, weather. ENGLAND: 12.07 Weather.

REGIONAL ITV

- ULSTER: 12.30 Grasshopper Island. 12.45 London. 5.10 Dick Van Dyke. 5.40 Sportsreel. 6.05 Who Do You Do? 6.30 Saturday Western: 'Three Young Texans'. 8.10 The Odd Couple. 8.30 London. 9.40 O'Hara. 10.40 Aquarius. 11.40 It Takes a Thief.
- WESTWARD: As Channel except: 11.40 Gus Honeybun. 11.35 Faith for Life. 11.40 Weather.
- SOUTHERN: 11.15 Yesterdays. 12.45 Thunderbirds. 12.42 Weather. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.00 Who Do You Do? 6.30 Sale of the Century. 7.00 Film: 'Murder Ahoy'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's County. 10.40 Dr Simon Locke. 11.05 Southern News. 11.40 Aquarius. 12.10 Weather. The Discoverers.
- YORKSHIRE: 11.20 Yesterdays. 11.30 Phoenix Five. 12.15 Bugaloos. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.00 Who Do You Do? 6.30 The Comedians. 7.00 Film: 'They Met in Bombay'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii Five-O. 10.40 Edgar Wallace. 11.45 Treasures of the British Museum. 12.15 Weather.
- CHANNEL: 12.45 London. 6.30 Sale of the Century. 7.00 Film: 'Ensign Falvey'. 8.28 Weather. 8.30 London. 9.40 Cade's County. 10.40 Jason King. 11.35 Weather.
- HARLEIGH: 11.25 HR Pafnstuf. 11.50 Captain Scarlett. 12.15 Seaspray. 12.45 London. 5.10 Randall and Hopkirk. 6.00 Who do you do? 6.30 Sale of the Century. 7.00 Film: 'The Russians Are Coming'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Hawaii Five-O. 10.40 Challenge. 11.30 Avengers. 12.25 Epilogue.
- TYNE TEES: 11.20 Yesterdays. 11.50 I know what I like. 12.20 Doctor at Large. 6.35 Smith family. 7.00 Film: 'Seven Ways from Sunday'. 8.30 London. 9.40 Marcus Welby. 10.35 Support. 11.05 Late call. 11.10 Randall and Hopkirk.

TV SUNDAY PROGRAMMES

BBC 1

- 9.00 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30 Wie bitte? 10.00 Zarabanda. 11.00 Seeing and Believing. 11.30 Boomph with Becker. 11.45 Play Tennis. 12.10 Steam Horse. 12.33 Interaction. 1.00 Crossi'r Bont. 1.25 Farming. 1.55 Canoe. 2.20 Made in Britain. 2.29 News Headlines. 2.30 Dog Watch. 2.55 Ken Dodd. 3.05 Basil Brush. 3.35 Film: 'Good Morning, Miss Dove'. 5.20 The Moonstone part 3. 6.05 News, weather.
- 6.15 MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE asks THE QUESTION WHY.
- 6.50 SONGS OF PRAISE.
- 7.25 ENGELBERT with The Young Generation and the Goodies.
- 8.10 FILM: 'OUTCAST OF THE ISLANDS'. Trevor Howard, Ralph Richardson, Robert Morley.
- 9.50 NEWS, weather.
- 10.00 OMNIBUS: A Modern Turn of Mind—the private thoughts of Julius Caesar starring Donald Pleasance.
- 10.50 AD LIB.
- 11.20 Weather.

BBC 2

- 9.00 Open University.
- 7.00 NEWS REVIEW, weather.
- 7.25 THE WORLD ABOUT US. Penguin City narrated by Peter Scott.
- 8.10 THE MONTE CARLO RALLY.
- 8.50 TELEVISION DOCTOR: The First Year of Life.
- 9.05 MAN OF STRAW. (New series). Starring Derek Jacobi. Part 1—Esprit de Corps.
- 9.50 THE BLACK AND WHITE MINSTREL SHOW.
- 10.35 MUSIC ON 2. Franz Schubert.
- 11.55 NEWS, weather.

ITV

- 10.35 House and Garden. 11.00 Morning 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: 'Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt'. 4.45 Golden Shot. 5.35 The Intruder. 6.05 News.
- 6.15 NO SMALL CHANGE.
- 6.30 ADAM SMITH.
- 7.00 APPEAL. By Noele Gordon on behalf of British Leprosy Relief Association.
- 7.05 STARS ON SUNDAY.
- 7.25 PLEASE SIR!
- 7.55 FILM: 'SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS'. Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis. Battle between ruthless newspaper columnist and ambitious press agent.
- 9.40 POLICE 5.
- 10.00 NEWS.
- 10.15 UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS: 'I Dies for Love'.
- 11.15 THE FROST PROGRAMME.
- 12.05 THE POLARIZED SOCIETY.



BBC1 10.00 Omnibus: 'A modern turn of mind'

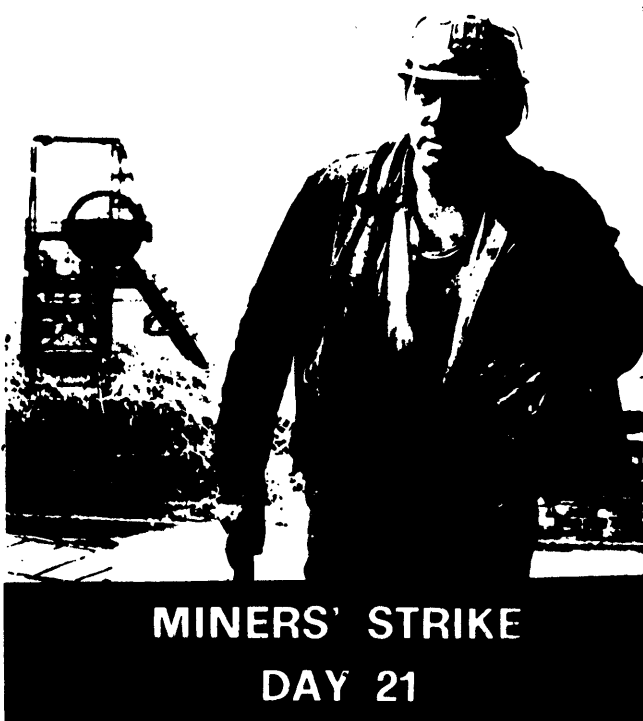
All Regions as BBC 1 except: WALES: 2.30-2.55 Owen MD part 1. 3.35-4.00 Owen MD part 2. 4.00-4.50 Sports Special. 4.50-5.20 Canu'r Bobol. 6.50-7.25 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canol. 11.22 Weather. SCOTLAND: 11.00-11.30 Turus a'

REGIONAL ITV

- ULSTER: 12.05 London. 12.55 House and Garden. 1.45 London. 3.15 Marcus Welby. 4.15 Survival. 4.45 London. 7.53 Sports Results. 7.55 Film: 'Madison Avenue'. 9.30 Jimmy Stewart. 10.00 London.
- WESTWARD: As Channel except: 12.05 Faith for Life. 12.10 Weather.
- SOUTHERN: 10.35 House and Garden. 11.00 Morning Service. 12.05 Farm Progress. 12.30 Holidays Abroad. 12.55 Cover to Cover. 1.20 Wild Honey. 1.30 Stingray. 2.00 The Big Match. 3.00 Film: 'The Glass Web'. 4.35 Southern News. 4.45 London. 7.25 Film: 'Major Dundee'. 10.00 London. 12.05 Weather. The Discoverers.
- YORKSHIRE: 11.00 London. 12.55 House and Garden. 1.25 Farming Outlook. 1.25 Calendar Sunday. 2.15 Soccer. 3.10 Film: 'Moon-Heart'. 4.45 London. 7.25 Film: 'Cast a Giant Shadow'. 10.00 London. 12.05 Weather.
- CHANNEL: 11.00 London. 1.53 Weather. 1.55 Farming news. 2.00 Big match. 3.00 Film: 'Don't Panic Chaps'. 4.35 Date with Danton. 4.45 London. 6.29 Weather. 6.30 London. 7.55 Film: 'Life at the Top'. 10.00 London. 12.05 Epilogue. Weather.
- HARLEIGH: 11.00 London. 12.55 House and Garden. 1.25 Yesterdays. 1.35 Flimstones. 2.20 Phoenix Five. 2.45 I know what I like. 3.15 Film: 'Out of the Clouds'. 4.45 London. 6.15 Another way. 6.30 London. 7.55 Film: 'A New Kind of Love'. 10.00 London. 12.05 Late call.
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IN MONDAY'S Workers Press, Wheldale colliery miner and Socialist Labour League member Brian Lavery opened a discussion on 'Miners and the Tory government'. Here a Nottinghamshire pit worker expresses his view.



MINERS' STRIKE DAY 21

RTZ plant to close Labour's role in pollution scandal

BY ALEX MITCHELL

RIO TINTO Zinc, the world's largest mining and exploration company, has been forced to close its £14m smelting plant at Avonmouth, near Bristol, because of the serious danger to the health of workers.

A company statement said a mounting risk of lead poisoning had created 'a very serious hygienic problem'.

The factory is to close for at least two months. The TUC's chief medical investigator, Dr Robert Murray, said the conditions in the almost-new factory were the worst he had seen for 25 years.

Other specialists have described the lead pollution as 'appalling'. The giant company is also coming under attack for its involvement in uranium mining in SW Africa, which has been illegally annexed by the apartheid regime of S Africa.

About 6,000 Ovambo tribe workers are still believed to be on strike in SW Africa despite the presence of a large force of S African troops and police.

It was Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn who granted Rio Tinto permission to mine uranium in the area despite world-wide protests that the deal had totally ignored the SW Africans' views.

The decision to allow Rio Tinto to exploit the wealth of the uranium deposits was taken at Cabinet level. It was taken in spite of the fact that the company already has massive uranium holdings in Australia. It is believed that the company preferred the African location because trade unions are illegal in SW Africa and wages are pathetically low.

Wedgwood Benn is a Bristol MP. He is also one of the Labour Party's most outspoken commentators on 'pollution'. The Avonmouth smelter, the largest in the world, was opened by Harold Wilson in 1968. There were 500 official guests and a special train load of 120 came up from London. They were served a sumptuous morning tea on the way up and afternoon tea on the way back.

Ironic

Following yesterday's disclosure of highly-dangerous levels of lead pollution, it is ironic to discover that when he toured the plant Wilson wore a protective helmet and overalls.

As he boarded the train to return a crowd of protesters complaining against the Labour government's various betrayals shouted: 'Resign, resign.' Another voice above the others said, 'Resign—pragmatically'.

It wasn't long before local residents began to turn their anger on the Avonmouth enterprise. First of all there was a foul smell. It blanketed the residential area in the immediate vicinity of the smelter.

But what most alarmed the local working community was a sign which stood at the gates for the attention of motorists arriving at work. It said: 'Children and female passengers not allowed in the works in cars'.

As one visitor to the factory said: 'It was as if women and children should not be exposed to the poisonous atmosphere, but it's all right for the workers!'

The smelter has also been hit by large-scale redundancies. Long-serving members of the staff were presented with gold watches in 1970.

A shop steward, Fred Blake, said at the gift-giving celebration: 'I am sure we will help this company in its rightful place in the forefront of this great industry.'

'I am sure of one thing, however—that is, we old 'uns will not let you down.'

A few months later about 900 men were fired—most of them 'old 'uns'. The TUC's Dr Murray told 'The Guardian' yesterday: 'There is no excuse at all for the pollution and the very real danger to workers in the factory.'

'When I was called in to investigate just before Christmas I found a crisis situation.'

CORRECTION

IT WAS at a meeting of the Yorkshire NUM area executive that George Wilkinson defended Wheldale and not a Labour Party meeting, as reported on page four of Friday's Workers Press.



WEDGWOOD BENN

Red carpet and Greek bomb for Minister

THE GREEK colonels gave the red carpet treatment to French Foreign Minister Jean de Lipkowski on his four-day visit to Athens. He is the first western minister of cabinet rank to be received since the 1967 coup.

Lipkowski's visit has brought bitter protests from the underground opposition. Leaflets have been distributed and a bomb, which failed to explode, placed near the French embassy.

French investment plays an important role in the economic development of the country. Big firms like Pechiney, Penarroya, Saint-Gobain, the nationalized Renault company, Alstom and Nickel have plants in Greece.

French interests are prominent in building, electric power development, pharmaceuticals—and explosives. Trade between the two countries has been growing rapidly, but French influence in the cultural field is being edged out by that of the United States.

There is also bitter commercial rivalry which is now focussed on the supply of aircraft to the military regime. The colonels are hoping to gain concessions from both countries by playing one off against the other.

Lipkowski is reported to have offered further aid to industrialize the country and to modernize the armed forces.

Greece also wants to improve her position in the Common Market, of which she is an associate member. Under an agreement signed in 1962, she will not become a full member until 1984.

The US government is interested in establishing a base for the Sixth fleet in Greece. It is making a goodwill visit this weekend.

Chief warns of 'bloody revolution'

A BLOODY revolution in Rhodesia is inevitable unless racial oppression of the black majority is ended, the moderate nationalist leader Bishop Abel Muzorewa warned the Peace Commissioners yesterday.

He repeated the warning twice when he appeared as head of an African nationalist delegation heard by the Commission.

Referring to growing African resentment he said: 'As long as we have the kind of legislation we have today... and although these feelings may not come in the form of a long run bloody revolution is inevitable in this country.'

He announced that the African National Congress, spearhead of the popular African resistance to the regime, rejected the settlement terms outright.

Another African leader, Edson Sithole, claimed that over 100 active supporters of the African National Congress were being held by the police as a result of their opposition to the settlement. Arrests are being made all over the country.

Commission members have visited former Prime Minister Garfield Todd and his daughter Judith, who are being held in prison, as well as the imprisoned African leader Josiah Chinamano.

ALL TRADES UNIONS ALLIANCE MEETINGS

- Make the Tory government resign!** DEAL: Thursday February 3, 7.30 p.m. The Welfare Club, Cowdray Square.
- Return a Labour government pledged to restore full employment and repeal all laws against the unions!** E LONDON: Tuesday February 8, 8 p.m. 'Aberfeldy', Aberfeldy St, Poplar (near Blackwall tunnel). Engineers' pay claim.
- LANCASTER: Monday January 31, 7.30 p.m.** Yorkshire House, Parliament St (nr bus stn). 'Right-to-Work campaign'.
- 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', Wharfedale Rd, off York Way, King's Cross. 'Right-to-Work campaign'.
- CROYDON: Thursday February 3, 8 p.m.** Ruskin Hall, Coombe Rd. 'Stalinism and Trotskyism'.
- DAGENHAM: Wednesday February 9, 8 p.m.** Room 11, E Ham Town Hall, E Ham. Support miners! Force Tories to resign.
- LUTON: Thursday February 10, 8 p.m.** Recreation Centre, Oll Bedford Rd. Marxism and the unions.
- SE LONDON: Thursday February 10, 8 p.m.** Room 2, Deptford Engineers' Club (opp New Cross Stn). Tory 'Fair Rents' and Housing.
- N LONDON: Thursday February 10, 8 p.m.** Town Hall, Edmonton. Reformism and trade unions.
- WILLESDEN: Monday February 14, 8 p.m.** Trades and Labour Hall, High Rd, NW10. Unemployment and the capitalist class.

Socialist Labour League
Special course of lectures
 In line with the decision of the ATUA November 6 conference to build the revolutionary party.

Mid-Hall
Woodside Hall, St George's Cross
GLASGOW, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY JANUARY 30
Economics and Politics

Lecture Room 1
Digbeth Hall, Digbeth
BIRMINGHAM, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1
Historical Materialism today

given by
G. HEALY (SLL national secretary)

Leadership is important if we're to achieve socialism

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FROM PAGE ONE

this contract will include a no-strike guarantee and vastly increased labour mobility—with union negotiations under what is described as 'a common umbrella'.

It is not yet clear whether the contract will be legally binding under the Industrial Relations Act.

The secretary of the Clydebank Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, Donald Tonner, agreed that without a clause specifically stating that the deal was not legally binding the full force of the Act could be deployed against the labour force.

He said that when shop stewards met Marathon representatives on Thursday they had not inquired about this aspect of the proposed deal:

'I have not the slightest doubt that the company will agree to both inserting a suitable clause subject to our agreement of their conditions,' he said.

Marathon representatives were in London yesterday for further talks with Tory trade chief John Davies.

They say that a decision on whether they will buy Clydebank to build giant oil rigs will be made within three weeks.

A big question mark still hangs over the deal however. Marathon rigs are over 500 feet across the beam. And the Clyde, above the Village of Bowling is 550 feet across in places.

A spokesman for the Clyde Port Authority has already warned that navigating Marathon's rigs round bends in the upper reaches would be very difficult.

BERNARD SAVAGE, a Blidworth, N Notts, underground worker, was suspended from the National Union of Mineworkers for six months last March for voting for Joe Whelan in the election for area secretary. He also lost his position as branch secretary and member of the area executive.

Bernard was accused of attacking the government in his branch mandate. 'In fact I had not been mandated to vote either way and you are not allowed to abstain,' he told us. The suspension was upheld by the national executive.

'If there is any question of attacking the government in this strike then the NUM leadership will run. If, for example, the power is shut down, the leaders will flee.

'You see, there is something more important in this strike than wages as far as the leadership is concerned. They are thinking about their positions which they want to keep and can see disappearing.

'I don't trust the NUM leadership. For decades and decades this small clique has been compromising. And it is true what you say about the engineers' leaders abandoning their claim for fear of the Tories, what can you do?'

'The leadership of the working class is definitely important if we're ever to achieve socialism. Many workers still think socialism can come through parliament. You've got a real mammoth task on your hands changing that.'

'Every miner knows the leaders will try and sell the strike out again. I think it is at that stage the crunch will come. Then we will have to have leaders who can hold the men fast and prevent a defeat.'

'This leadership will have to be closer to the men and organized in a proper democratic way. But I don't necessarily agree with the article's attack on the Communist Party and others. There are some good socialists in the CP and the Labour Party, sincere men.'

'It is true the Tory government has attacked all the basic rights of the working class. But somehow I don't think they're prepared to see the country grind to a halt when power runs out and other workers come out with us. But if they don't concede our full claim they will be forced to resign,' said Bernard.

What about the return of a Labour government? Could he see it carrying out policies

for the working class and how could it be made to do so? 'I think the Labour leaders will perform the same old tricks if they come back to power. The mining industry is now £600m in the red and that is a legacy from the Labour government.'

'They made it so as we had to go to the moneylenders to borrow at inflated interest rates. Even now money is borrowed at 8 per cent to pay back 7 per cent loans.'

'We have to make the Labour leaders say to the capitalists that they have had enough and end all these payments. I agree with workers' control. There is no reason why a miner shouldn't be elected as chairman of the NCB.'

'Such a man would be elected for three years at the most and be slung out if he wasn't doing the job properly. Another thing is that he should be paid only the average wage in the industry plus expenses—that would help in stopping careerism. These rules should also apply to the union leaders as well.'

'I also agree with nationalizing all industries on the same basis. But I don't think there are any Labour leaders capable of carrying out these policies.'

'We should give them say 12 months to get the legislation through. If they don't

GERMAN MINERS' BACKING

THE PRESIDENT of the International Miners' Federation said yesterday in Frankfurt that he and the W German Miners' and Energy Workers' trade union will do everything in their power to support the British coal miners' strike.

Adolf Schmidt of W Germany made the comment shortly before leaving Frankfurt to inspect the strike-bound coalfields of Yorkshire and Lancashire and to talk with British union leaders.

Herr Schmidt said the W German miners' union will resist any attempt to break the British strike by coal shipments from Germany, but added that so far there have been no indications that W German coal will be shipped to Britain.

Herr Schmidt said he made his trip to inform himself and not to give advice to the British strike leaders. The strike is expected to be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the executive of the International Miners' Federation in W Germany in May.

Herr Schmidt is the head of the W German Miners' and Energy Workers' Trade Union.

The Ruhrkohle AG combine, which mines nearly all the coal produced in the country has recently threatened lay-offs as the industry contracts.

ROBERT CARR, the Employment Secretary, faced a crowd of angry miners and unemployed workers when he arrived in Bolton yesterday. Ironically Carr was in town to open a new employment exchange.

do it, the workers will have to throw them out as well. I suppose we'll have to start arming ourselves if that happens! 'Let me say this. If we lose the miners' strike I'm not going back down the pit to be trodden on. Others feel the same. If we're defeated, the job will be intolerable.'

INTERVIEW BY PHILIP WADE

MINERS' MEETINGS

The Miners' Strike and the Tory government
AYLESHAM, KENT (Near Canterbury)
 Tuesday February 1, 7.30 pm
 The Old Working Men's Club (The Legion)
 Burgess Road
 Speaker: A Yorkshire Miner
PONTYPRIDD
 5 WALES
 Wednesday February 2, 7 pm
 YMCA
 Speaker: A Yorkshire miner

MINERS' ATUA MEETING
COVENTRY, Sunday, January 30, 11 am. 'Golden Eagle', Howatt Rd, Kerseley.
DONCASTER: Sunday January 30, 7 pm. Woodlands Hotel, Woodlands.

'Pressure' talk a danger to autonomy fight

OPENING in London today is the National Union of Students' emergency conference on union autonomy and N Ireland.

This conference will see some of the most important discussion on the 500,000-strong union's fight to retain its constituent organizations in Britain and N Ireland.

Centre of the Tory government's proposals for changes in student union financing as laid out in the Department of Education and Science Consultative Document is:

'To encourage authorities in colleges and universities to measure the claims for student union facilities against other claims on their resources...'

The advantage for the DES in this system was to:

'(a) Replace by payments made in other ways the students' union subscription as such;

'(b) Reduce the financial commitments of local authorities by relieving them of the requirement to pay the union subscription as part of the students' award...'

'(c) Encourage closer scrutiny by academic authorities of student union expenditure and bring most of it under the examination of the Comptroller and Auditor General or District Auditor, in common with other expenditure on the institutions.'

However, in spite of these 'advantages', both the Federation of Conservative Students, the University vice-Chancellors and university authorities have overwhelmingly spoken out against the DES proposals as being unworkable and unwieldy.

The Conservative Students have consistently pressed for a registrar of student unions and they are now backed by a Private Member's Bill from Sir Gilbert Longden, Tory

MP for Hereford SW, and honorary secretary of the National Advisory Council on Education.

Just over two weeks ago Education Minister Margaret Thatcher announced she was postponing any changes in student union financing for a year. This move was greeted with glee by the Tories.

Tory MP Norman St John Stevas, secretary of the Conservative Students said then that the move meant that there was now ample legislative time for the government to introduce a registrar.

In spite of this, the NUS executive motion to today's conference states:

'Conference considers that it is the present strength of the student movement and the pressure of other organizations concerned that has resulted in the government's decision to defer the implementation of any changes for one academic year.'

Or, to use NUS Communist Party President Digby Jack's words: 'A partial victory.'

The resolution goes on to reveal that the executive 'realizes' that government has

clearly in massive actions and demonstrations that they were fully behind any fight against the Tory attacks on their unions.

But instead of calling for a campaign to remove this Tory government, which is the only way the threat of attacks can be removed, Jacks proposes that he should produce a 'further memorandum on NUS policy' for the attention of the government. The executive, he says, should use all means within its power to force the government for the introduction of a standard union fee.'

The executive resolution also talks about securing the 'support of the trade union movement in wider and more active forms; the more active support of other groups and organizations involved on particular educational issues'.

This is nothing more than an attempt at a 'left' cover. Miners, engineers, power workers and dockers face wages cuts, unemployment, rising prices and attacks on the trade unions every day this Tory government continues in office.

The same is true for student unions and teachers. There is no time to be lost.

If students are to fight off attacks on their finances and miners are to win a pay increase, the Tory government has to be defeated.

The Young Socialists' Students' Societies have called for support from student unions for the YS national Rights-Work campaign as part of their overall fight against the government.

Already they have received pledges of support, finance and accommodation for the unemployed marchers leaving Glasgow on February 5, and Liverpool and Swansea on February 19 from many student unions.

With graduate unemployment rising rapidly, students are not only facing attacks on their unions but Tory attacks on their right to work.

All students must now prepare to support the campaign in line with their fight for student union rights to control their own financing.



STUDENTS ON THE MARCH LAST SUNDAY

KGB 'treatment' for Grigorenko

GENERAL Pyotr Grigorenko, a leading figure in the opposition to the Soviet bureaucracy who makes a firm stand on Leninism, has been ordered to be held for further treatment in a prison mental hospital.

Grigorenko was arrested in May, 1969, while campaigning on behalf of the exiled Crimean Tartars. Despite the fact that doctors in Tashkent had found him sane the

KGB (secret police) arranged for him to be consigned to a psychiatric hospital. He was later declared to be legally insane. He is now detained at a hospital in Chernyakhovsk near the Polish frontier and will remain there until the next review of his case in six months' time.

The Soviet government should be called upon to release Grigorenko and all other oppositionists illegally held in mental hospitals.

Guerrilla film

THE COMMITTEE for Freedom in Mozambique, Angola and Guinea is screening the film 'To Kill a Pito Pito' to mark 11 years of guerrilla fighting in Angola.

The film was made by two Italian journalists operating with the MPLA fighters.

Angola is the richest of Portugal's three African colonies. President Marcello Caetano has been gradually increasing the size of his army in the region to suppress the liberation movement.

Angela Davis sacking wrong-court

CALIFORNIA'S court of appeal says the sacking of Angela Davis by the state university in Los Angeles because she is a Communist Party member is unconstitutional.

Miss Davis (28), is awaiting trial in Palo Alto, near San Francisco, on frame-up charges of murder, kidnapping and conspiracy arising out of the August 1970 incident in which a superior court judge died.

A former acting assistant professor of philosophy on the campus, she was fired in 1969 by the university's regents.

WEATHER

MOST of England and Wales will be cold and cloudy with occasional sleet or snow, but the W and N will have bright intervals. Scotland and N Ireland will be mainly dry with sunny periods and temperatures not far from normal.

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Occasional snow in many places, especially in the S and E. Mainly dry with sunny intervals in NW.

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