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NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION Wednesday 26 May

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK! NO DEAL WITH HEALEY! NO TO THE CUTS!



The National Right to Work Campaign calls on all its supporters to fight for maximum support for the day of action in every town and city by employed and unemployed. Move resolutions through trade union bodies calling for support. Organise maximum publicity.

SUPPORT ALL LOCAL ACTIONS

In London, support the demonstration called by the London Confed and the London Co-op Political Committee. Assemble Tower Hill, 1pm, to march and lobby parliament.

ALL OUT 26 MAY!

'In agreeing to a new and lower pay ceiling, trade union leaders will be committing their members to accepting a decline in their living standards over the next year of unknown and unpredictable severity'. THE GUARDIAN, 24 APRIL 'We do not see unemployment

falling below the million mark by 1979—and at the end of the decade it is likely to rise again ... We cannot see how the Chancellor's apparent target of 750,000 jobless can be achieved.'

'No set of fiscal, monetary or pay policies can solve the problems of the British economy in the next three years'.

LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL ECONOMIC FORECAST

MAKNED: No deal with Healey

Dundee, Bedford, Hammersmith, Bridgwater, Forest of Dean...

MOVES BEGIN TO BLACK

ASBESTOS

MOVES to black the deadly health hazard asbestos were spreading this week.

At Dundee Royal Infirmary repairs and delagging in the attic above the staff dining room have been halted following the intervention of the Dundee Asbestos Action Committee. Members of the committee, set up by laggers in the city, advised hospital workers about the health hazard.

The laggers in Dundee have also identified a serious health hazard in the Dens Road Market. where broken lagging is 'leaking' on to a fruit stall below. Yet the stall is still being allowed to

Hospital workers in Bedford and London have also moved against asbestos. At Hammersmith Hospital, West London, and at Bedford General, deadly blue asbestos was found in one of the wards.

Construction workers on the new power station site at Bridgwater, Somerset, have also been refusing to work with any asbestos-based material.

Post Office engineering workers have

succeeded in getting their employers to close off the Kingsway tube and telephone tunnel until

asbestos ceiling tiles is removed.

At Rank Industries in the Forest of Dean strike action has quickly forced management to

make safe dangerous insulation.

Many other groups of construction workers are also moving against asbestos. In the building industry the blacking movement is spreading. In Cork, Ireland, building workers employed by the contractor Sisk have blacked the stuff.

Care

If you care for your health, you'll do the same.

The Scottish Trade Union Congress circulated the text of an emergency motion from Scottish laggers calling for an official black on asbestos. But the motion was not put to Congress thanks to secretary Jimmy Milne. He insisted that the leaflet came 'from an unaffiliated body'. Trade union members will doubtless be impressed by Bro Milne's devotion to procedure.

ASBESTOS BLACKED **ASBESTOS**

Richard Rolfe, chair-man of the Greater London Council Housing Department, there is no real evidence that blue asbestos is dangerous in ordinary residential use'.

'Residential use' is no different from any other kind of use. Blue asbestos is lethal and that's the beginning and the end of it. It should not be used under any circumstances because it kills.

Balfe's stupid and dangerous statement is design-ed to 'quieten things down'. He's hoping to get the GLC off the hook by pretending there's no problem.

Responsible

But why the hell should the GLC be responsible anyway? The people who pick up the bill for replacing the asbestos should be the people who put

it there in the first place—the vastly wealthy asbestos mul-

As press whitewash starts, here are the facts

People keep saying that white asbestos is safer than blue. Is this true?

Most definitely not. It's rather like saying arsenic is safer than strychnine.

White asbestos is a

White ashestos is a monumental health hazard in its own right. It is not quite as lethal as the blue, but white asbestos has been responsible for many of the asbestos induced deaths on Clydeside, at Hebden Bridge, among the London laggers and among people who lived near these workplaces.

Banned

Asbestos is so dangerous that it should be banned. But the British government, ever anxious to protect the profits of big business, refuses even to consider such action.

So it is up to working men and women to look after their own safety and that of their children. It is up to tenants and rank and file workers to compel the government to change tack.

Organisations such as the Asbestos Information Committee talk about 'safe limits' There are no known safe limits for exposure to any kind of asbestos.

When Brian Harvey was Chief Inspector of Factories he was asked if any concentra-tion of the dust at all was sale. He replied: 'I cannot get any of our medical advisers to make that statement. I wish I could.

Asbestos is everywhere, in insulation. pipelagging, in accoustic ceilings, in screwfix, brake linings, corrugated sheeting, lino backing.

Although the big asbestos companies are switching to different forms of insulation now that the scandal of asbestos is becoming so widespread, they're also pushing for new uses of

Pat Kinnersly, author of the best-selling book, Hazards of Work, has stressed this in two recent letters to The Guardian newspaper. The Guardian refuses to print his letters, although it does print paid supplements and advertisements for the ashestos

Hazard

The ashestos companies knew for 60 years about the health hazards of asbestos and cynically exposed people to it. knowing it meant death for

What's more this slaughter for profit, involving flagrant breaches of the safety regulations, went on with the full knowledge of the Factors Inspectorate.

Are there substitutes for asbestos?

Yes, such as fibreglass, rockwool or foam. But often these too are hazardous. So not only should we demand they be used in place of asbestos, but also that they only be used with the precautions the law is sup-

posed to impose on asbestus. Workers who come into contact with asbestos should black the stuff. The only safe asbestos is blacked asbestos.

By blacking asbestor building workers will not only be defending their own health they'll be defending the health and safety of every future occupant of the houses and buildings they put up.

They shall not pass!

> BLACKS DEFEND



Demonstrators block the way of the Bradford National Front march. Minutes later mounted police charged in to force a way through.

THEIR COMMUNITY AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT

Bricks. Bottles. Stones. Paint. Eggs.

The National Front got a fine reception with all these as they tried to march through Manningham, an immigrant area of Bradford on Saturday. The black people of Man-

ningham came out on the streets to defend their munity. They joined 80 members of the International Socialists and 100 other trade unionists who blocked the road in front of the National Front.

Police on horseback charged cavalry-style to clear a path for the Front. But the Front could only inch its way along the street.

Black teenagers pulled the police barricades away from the school where the National Front were heading. They moved them to the middle of the street to stop the horse charges.

Anger

The anger of the blacks against the police protecting the National Front was something to see. Two police cars were overturned and one was burned out. The motorcycle of a policeman who ran down a demonstrator was destroyed.

West Indians and Asians in Bradford gave their message to the National Front-Get off our streets!



Crowds on the Bradford counter-demonstration.

The Asian community was especially angry. Two Asian transport workers were beaten up by the National Front two weeks ago. The Asians organised themselves in the biggest demonstration for their rights that Bradford has

1500 Asians marched in the militant demonstration called by the Bradford Trades Council, joined by 1500 whites.

ever seen.

Labour councillors got the message too. They are now calling for a ban on the use of public buildings for National Front meetings.

TWENTY-ONE people were arrested in Bradford on

Saturday while opposing the fascist National Front and the police who protected

They were all charged with offences under the Public Order Act 1936, The Act was rushed through Parliament allegedly to deal with the menace of the right-Mosley and his black-shirted fascists.

But it was never used against them. It was used

the Nottingham against miners when they tried to break a scab union, and many times since—against the left and against trade unionists.

Charged with police assault were Phil Eastwood. Martin Voakes. Mark Dougal.

Charged with carrying an offensive weapon: Abdul Sattar, Mohammed Riaz, Miqubl.

Charged with threatening behaviour: Jean Thornton, Gillian Thornton, Rosalind Trueman, John Laycock, Chris Dable, Brendan Wathelet, Ed Gallagher, C McGoughlin, Stephen Pear-son, Allen Mee, Alan Marks, Mike Blair, James Drin, Keith Cargill, Bob

They are all due to appear in court on 20 May.

☐ Money for their defence is urgently needed. Send to Treasurer, Defence of Manningham Committee, 41 Athol Road, Bradford 9.

...and in London it's 600 to 200

demonstrators jeered and harrassed 200 assorted fascists who marched to Trafalgar Square in London last Sunday.

The fascists were led by the National Party, which recently split from the National Front, claiming that it was breaking with the Nazis'. But a group of thugs making the Nazi salute were in the centre of its march.

The fascists would not have been able to reach Trafalgar Square, let alone start their meeting, had it not been for a helping hand from Police Commissioner Robert Mark, who provided a thousand police to protect them.

These used their muscle to clear a route for the fascists, and then to clear Trafalgar Square to stop heckling. They arrested 25 socialists and trade unionists sending one to hospital with a back

They also did their best to prevent free speech for antifascists, by attacking International Socialists who tried to hold an impromptu meeting at the end of, the counter-demo.

again.

The pound is 'on the floor'. The country is in crisis.

Rich people who have wealth and power are selling sterling so that they can increase their wealth and power.

They hope to force the Labour government and the trade unions to freeze wages, or cut spending on social services-or both.

II happened in 1931 when a run on the pound brought down a Labour government.

It happened in 1964 and 1966 when a run on the pound forced Labour to replace their manifesto policies with a wage freeze and cuts in social services.



It happened in 1975 when Labour and the trade unions agreed their £6 wage Ireeze.

Each time, the Labour government and the union leaders have been faced with a simple choice.

EITHER to Ignore the run on the pound, expand production and expand public services.

Then all the reserves would leave the country, and the government and the unions would be forced to take total control of the economy.

OR to do what the bankers and businessmen want them to do.

Each time, Labour and the unions have chosen the second, shameful course.



Now they are doing it again. On Sunday Jack Jones, the most powerful trade union leader in Europe, denounced the run on the pound.

He said it was the result of 'financial manipulation' in business circles'

On Monday, after another day's selling, he grovelled in the Daily Express gutter.

At a dinner for transport bosses he called for the 'Dunkirk spirit' to protect 'society as we know it'.

The whole of the rest of the elected-for-life rabble-Len Murray. Lawrence Daly of the miners' union, Lord Allen of the Shopworkers'-have joined in.



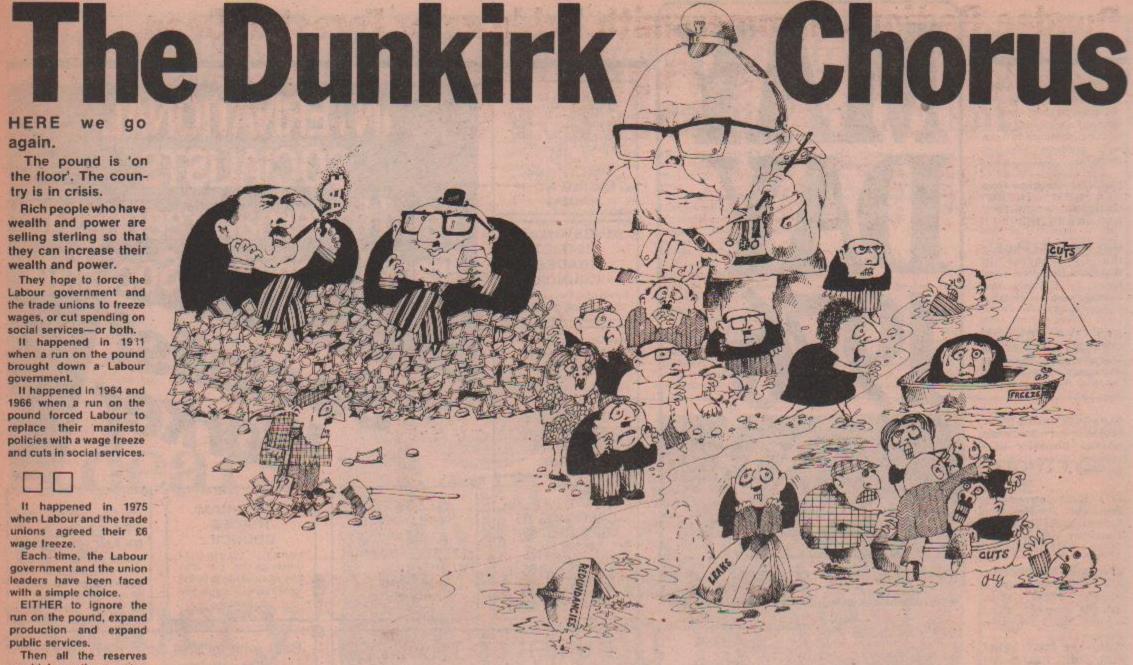
They will always choose the 'easy way out'. Easy for them, that is.

Tough, bitterly tough, for the workers they represent.

Their position in society, their high pay, their job security, their cars, expensive suits, plush dinners and well-paid telly appearances all depend on co-operating with the system—not defying it.

The fight for the alternative system-for planning production to meet our needs-must come from the rank and file.

The more desperately Jones and Co rally to the defence of 'society as we know it' (that is, society as the bankers want it) the more desperately important is a rank and file move-



What does the sterling crisis mean?

Those who control vast amounts of wealth, in Britain and abroad, do not have confidence in the ability of the government to maintain the sorts of profits they expect.

They move their money into the currencies of countries where they think that profits will be better looked after. That immediately begins to wreck the British economy. The value of the pound falls. Prices of imports, like most food, automatically rise.

Isn't that because we don't work hard enough here, and get too much in wages and public services?

No. Wages are lower here than elsewhere in Europe. Workers work just as hard. The real difference is that there's been more investment in other countries then here.

British big business preferred to invest their funds in property speculation than in industry. Because of thisand the war-British machinery is older than in Germany, France or the US.

Cutting living standards and the social services won't solve this problem. It will only provide the rich with bigger profits for property speculation and investment

And even if, by some miracle, British capitalism could catch up with the Germans, the French and the

QUESTIONS ? ON THE CRISIS

Americans, that would still not end unemployment. There are still more workers unemployed and on short time in Germany and the US than in Britain.

Do the international bankers really control the government?

Yes, but they're not all foreign. Many of the biggest sellers of sterling are British. And they're not all bankers.

Many sellers of sterling are industrialists. For instance, Vauxhall's made an estimated profit of £1000 million by selling sterling before the British devaluation of 1967.

Couldn't the government have stopped

the sterling crisis with more controls on the movement of money?

The government stops the small boys moving their money abroad in suitcases and hold-alls. But it cannot stop the big banks and the big companies doing so while they keep control of the rest of their

Businessmen move vast quantities of goods from one country to another as exports and imports. By a slight fiddling of payments, they can effectively move vast sums of money. The Economist (17 April) recently calculated that 'one day's lag on export receipts and one day's lead on import payments would cost the reserves 500 million dollars.' A lag of a fortnight would reduce Britian to bankruptcy

All export and import transactions have to be controlled if you want to control the pound.

And that means, in reality, control of the whole of industry and finance. Nothing less will work.

But we are not going to get that tomorrow. Can't we do anything in the meantime?

Yes, we can. We can organise our tellow workers against the bankers, the in-dustrialists and the effects of their crisis.

Every strike against the freeze, every restoration of a cut in public services shows that the workers can have a say.

Each time the workers control a part of their lives by fighting back they lay the foundation for a society in which they centrol all of their lives.

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workers' lives and workers' struggles are being ignored by the Press.

☐ The hysteria of the sterling crisis frightens more and more newspaper editors off any reporting of the workers' movement.

☐ Socialist Worker needs to become a

☐ We need to expand. And that means money.

☐ We need a £1000 month to do it.

☐ Organise dances and discos, jumble sales and second hand book sales, raffles, collections at work, on your estate, in your school or of-

☐ Send your collections and donations to: Socialist Worker Fighting Fund, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

This week's fund brought in £121.40. Our thanks to: C Jones 55p, T Broadsmith 20p, A Skidmore £10. Maidstone IS
£2. T Segars 40p. A
Godfrey £1. Hull IS £1. C
A Parsons £1.25, Oxford
SW supporter £75 (with a note to say that Skegness was terrific!)

SCOTTS SHIPYARD, Greenock. Socialist Worker readers send greetings to all lighting for a socialist society. Congratulations to those who produce Socialist Worker

May Day greetings from GLASGOW INTER-NATIONAL SOCIALISTS RAILWAY BRANCH.

MAY DAY GREETINGS to the SW readers in Wakefield Nick from comrades in Glossop and Ashton Keep on reading! From Hyde IS.

GREATER LONDON COUNCIL branch of the International Socialists urges comrades to keep the red flag flying over their town hall.

GLASGOW INDUSTRIAL BRANCH of the International Socialists wish fraternal greetings to all workers.

CITY POLY International Socialists Society send fraternal greetings to all SW Supporters. Stop the Cuts! Fight for the Right to Work!

KINGSWAY-PRINCETON
F E College International
Socialist Society sends
fraternal greetings to all
workers and students in
struggle

FIGHT THE CUTS! FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO

AVERY HILL INTER-NATIONAL SOCIALIST Society sends fraternal greetings to people throughout the world fighting for socialism, against exploitation and oppression.

YORK UNIVERSITY

SOCIALIST SOCIETY sends May Day greetings to workers and students throughout the world struggling against oppression.

Socialist Worker and Chingari supporters on MACINERNEY'S SEVEN SISTERS ROAD SITE, North London send fraternal greetings on May Day to readers of Socialist Worker and Chingari.

May Day Greetings from SOCIALIST BOOK CENTRE, 224 High Street. Digbeth, Birmingham 12. If we don't stock it, it's probably boring!

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker from all Irish political prisoners in jail in England. PRISONERS AID COMMITTEE, c/o 66 York — Way, London N1.

May Day Greetings to all readers. Keep up the fight for the Right to Work—Drop all the charges!
TOLLINGTON PARK SCHOOL Right to Work Supporters.

TAVISTOCK YOUTH CLUB

2 Tavistock Road, Harlesden sends May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker and Flame



Fraternal Greetings to all workers in Struggle. Free Des Warren NOW! Defend the 44 Right to Work defendants. May Day Greetings from CLYDEBANK International Socialists.

CYFARCHION I BAWN SYDD YN YMLADD AM DYFODOL SOSIALAIDD. Fraternal greetings to all who fight for a socialist future. ABERYSTWYTH International Socialist Society.

Fraternal greetings to all students and workers throughout the world fighting for socialism—Fight for the Right to Work! BANGOR International Socialist Society.

Fellowship is life—lack of fellowship is death. William Morris. May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker from HULL UNIVERSITY International Socialist Society.

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker and all workers and students in struggle. From NOISS's most northerly base, ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY International Socialists Society.

May Day Greetings to Socialist Worker. Continue your campaign against the education cuts, From SHEFFIELD POLY International Socialist Society.

May Day Greetings from ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION

International Socialist. Society. Students and workers unite! Fight the Cuts! Mandatory grant for all students.

Fraternal greetings to all comrades in struggle. LAMPETER International Socialists.

DIDSBURY International Socialists Society sends fraternal greetings to students in struggle everywhere. Fight the cuts, fight for the Right to Work. This branch sends warmest May-Day greetings to all workers throughout the world Educate, Organise, Control.
Unity is strength

EALING NO 1

KINGSTON and DISTRICT TRADES COUNCIL

sends May Day greetings to all trade unionists.

May Day greetings to all trade unionists Fight for the Right to Work! Fight Public Expenditure

CPSA DHSS South West London Area Branch

MAY DAY GREETINGS TO ALL TRANSPORT WORKERS

9/316 Branch ACTS, York 'United we stand' EAST
ORTHANTS
NUJ
OST TRADES
COUNCIL

sends fraternal greetings for the May Day to all workers in the continuing struggle for socialism.

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Trade Unionists & Socialists

Socialist

May Day greetings from PRESTON 9 BRANCH (AUEW) to all brothers and sisters

in struggle.

Don't let the Bastards
grind you down!

NORTHANTS
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sends fraternal
greetings to
workers
everywhere.

DUMFRIES TRADES COUNCIL

sends fraternal greetings to all workers.

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NO CUTS! NO CLAMP ON WAGES! May Day 1976

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM

Socialist Worker
Readers at Paddington
Station

UNITE AND FIGHT THE CUTS!

May Day Greetings from COHSE 911 Branch

Dundee Ninewells
Hospital
to trade unionists
everywhere in the
fight against the
cuts

Fraternal Greetings from No 3 Divisional Council ASTMS Best wishes and continued success for the struggle against unemployment fraternally yours

NGA, Sharmans, Peterborough

The Solent Branch of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades

extends fraternal greetings on May Day to trade unionists everywhere

Fraternal May Day greetings to Socialist
Worker and all supporters of the National
Right to Work Campaign

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Greetings from CROYDON TRADES COUNCIL

May Day

Greetings

FROM

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Step up the fight

for a 35-hour

week to help

alleviate

unemployment

May Day march leaves
Elmwood Road, West
Croydon, at 11am,
ending in short meeting
with speakers Dick North
(NUT) and Councillor
David White

ROSS AND CROMARTY TRADES COUNCIL

extends May
Day greetings to
all in the trade
union
movement

May Day Greetings to all our fellow workers in Britain

Joint Shop Stewards Committee

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Educate Agitate Organise

stewards, STC, Glasgow

Stop the sackings in tele-

communications build fighting combine committees

Greetings to all trade unionists

7/266A Branch TGWU

BID TO BLOCK 26 MAY ACTION

A BAN on discussion was used to prevent delegates to Manchester Trades Council calling for local action on 26 May, the national day of action for the right to work.

The day of action was called for by last month's Assembly on Unemployment, but Jimmy Fitzpatrick, the trades council treasurer, gave his report back from the Assembly without even mentioning it.

Other delegates at once raised the call for action that day. But the chairman at once banned all resolutions

Both treasurer and chairman of the trades council are members of the Communist

The next day an emergen-cy meeting of the Manchester Right to Work Committee called for stop-pages on the 26th and announced a demonstration.

Bobby Buirds, an unemployed electrician on the committee, told Socialist Worker: 'We have booked a demonstration for 26 May, leaving the AUEW Offices. The Crescent, Salford, at lpm, and going to the City Centre for a meeting.

'The Committee is organising delegations around factories to raise support and to raise money 50,000 leaflets and 2000 posters calling for action on 26 May in the Manchester



Glasgow Right to Work: We're THE Glasgow Right to Work Committee has called a demonstration through Glasgow for the

on Wednesday 26 May. No one else here was taking the initiative, so we went ahead and got organis-ed.' Alan Borrell told Socialist Worker. The day of

national day of action

against unemployment

calling the action!

for by last month's Assembly on Unemployment in Lon-

The last meeting of the Glasgow Right to Work Committee included delegates from the shop stewards committee at Chrysler, Linwood, Albion Motors, the Central Elec-trical Workshops, STC East Kilbride and Robroyston Hospital as well as trade union branches and unemployed workers.

The meeting called for a West of Scotland shop stewards meeting to discuss the 26th. Delegates agreed to move resolutions in their workplaces for this.

an eight-man executive committee. One member is Alan Borrell, an unemployed electrician and a delegate from the Glasgow Central EETPU Branch.

Route

'We have booked the route of the demonstration from Govan to George Square', he said, 'We are arranging delegations to visit all the bodies that have joined the Right to Work Campaign as well as many others. For example Marathon Shipyards, which

joined the campaign but they are sending delegates to the next meeting to discuss the

One thing we hope to do is raise £250 for a quarter page advertisement in the Daily Record calling for support for the 26th. The Daily Record is the Daily Mirror's Scottish sister

We will also be holding factory gate meetings at as many places as possible. We have taken the initiative because no one else has acted. We must make the 26th a success to carry on the fight against unemploy-

A deal? robbery!

WE SEEM to be in a period of falls. The TUC General Council falls for Healey's package. Princess Anne falls off her horse. And the pound falls to hasten the one while uprighting the other.

The scramble by our trade union 'leaders' to make a deal with Healey borders on the obscene. Even if the Scottish TUC only came out against the 3 per cent figure-it did not oppose wage controls.

The debate is about form and not content. And even that debate is taking too long for the financiers, therefore the run on the pound.

The government is merely intent on seeing out the storm. So it bends to every whim of the industrialists and finan-

The recent speculation against the pound - both from abroad and from 'our chaps' in the city has given it a crazy urgency to get the Healey deal sewn up. Compare that response to the lack of urgency resulting from working-class pressures over poor housing and asbestos poisoning.

Hope

As the speculators tighten their grip, so the trade union leaders cannot even wait for the 16 June recall Congress. They hope it will just be a rubber stamp for the deal being thrashed out now.

The deal is being daily sold

says **JOHN**

DEASON,

secretary, National Right to Work Campaign by newspapers and television. Unemployment is bad and Britain is groggy. To

solve it we must cure inflation with lower wage increases, more cuts and plenty of Dunkirk spirit. Then after all that unemployment might fall to "respectable" levels. We must campaign against such false ideas. The very policies they advocate, far

from reducing unemploy-ment, increase it. Just as the £6 freeze heralded in a million and more on the dole, so too will any 3.4, or 5 per cent deal. Worse, the carrot of

Healey s tax concessions consolidation of past £6 in-crements will encourage more overtime working in order to take fuller advantage of the deal. Increased overtime working means fewer jobs for the unemployed.

Wage freezing means less money to buy televisions, clothes, shoes, fridges, and even food. The employers then preserve their profit margins by sacking our brothers and

Similarly government cuts in spending on health and education is not a saving, but the direct cause of redundancies among government workers and throw others on the dole too such as building workers starved of council house and other government building programmes.

Action

The government and employers would never get away with it without the collaboration of national trade union officials. The newspapers would have us believe that Len Murray and Jack Jones, speak for the whole trade union movement. We must speak for ourselves with rank and file

The majority of officialdom want to deliver a passive working class for the Labour government. This is a threat to castrate any strong shop floor trade union organisation.

We must organise within the trade unions against such a weakening of trade unionism. Opposition to the TUC General Council doing any

Demonstrators in London last weekend marching in protest at the government's cuts in the Health Service such efforts. Its's no deal, it's robbery with violence!

> That's why we need a National Rank and File movement that operates within the trade union opposition to the General Council's betrayal. That's why we must continue with renewed vigour the Right to Work Campaign nationally and in every part of the country.

Banners will answer the police

MORE THAN 50 delegations of trade unionists have already agreed to bring their banners to picket when the 44 unemployed workers arrested on the Right to Work March appear in court on Friday 21

Many will be travelling hundreds of miles by coach. Here are details of some of the

GLASGOW: Leaves Thursday 20th. 10.30pm, George Square. Leaves London pm. Friday, to employed, £3 unemployed.

BLACKBURN: Minibus from Foundry Hill, 6am Fri-

CARDIFF: 7am from Central Bus Station. Phone Cardiff

TEESSIDE: Leaves Teesside Polytechnic, 12.30am, Thurs-day night. Phone Mike day night. Phone Burns Middlesbrough 43037.

499579 for details. SHEFFIELD: Pond Street.

MANCHESTER: Leaves

Tickets and details from 280 Deansgate. Phone 061-832

Squa

LEEDS: Corn Exchange. BRADFORD: Morley St.

HUDDERSFIELD: St George's Square, 6am. WAKEFIELD: Bus Station,

WOLVERHAMPTON:

Leaves Falkland Street, BIRMINGHAM: Leaves Hall

of Memory, 7am. Picket: Hendon

Magistrates Court, The Hyde, London NW9. Picket starts 9.30am, Friday 21 May-court sitting starts at 10am.

☐ Socialist Worker will carry free details of coaches organised to the picket. Send to SW, Cor-bridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK meetings

BRAINTREE Right to Work Committee May Day Social to commemorate the 50th an niversary of the General Strike. Saturday 1 May, 8pm-1am, Rayne Village Hall, CAST (Socialist Theatre Group), speakers from 1926, exhibition, disco.

EETPU members for the Right to Work: Tuesday May, 8pm, The ebuck, Tottenham Roebuck, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (nearest tubes Warren Street and Goodge Street Speakers: Bobby Buirds (unemployed plumber) (unemployed electrician).

JOINT CENTRAL LONDON Right to Work Committee and CYPRIOT WORKER public meeting: Immigrant Workers under Attack. Thursday 6 May, 6.30pm, Camden Labour Centre, 8 Camden Road (near Camden tube).

MERSEYSIDE: The National Right to Work Campaign calls for maximum support for the demonstration on Merseyside on Wednesday 26 May. Assemble 12.30pm, Islington Square.

FIGHT THE CUTS film tour in South East London: 10-22 May. Series of showings in workplaces and trade union branches. Details and bookings, phone 858-8400.

DANGER-IMMIGRANT WORKERS UNDER ATTACK. Saturday 8 May, 6pm, Invicta Lodge, Hull Place, off Plumstead High Street. Organised jointly by the Indian Workers Association and the South East London Right to Committee.

ALL OUT 26 MAY-SOUTH EAST LONDON ORGANISING

CONFERENCE. Open

to all members of organisations that supported the 26 November Right to Work Demo, the Right to Work March and Rally and Confed Assembly Monday 10 May Charlton House, 8pm.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

☐ Move emergency resolutions in your union; direct to union con-ference, to the union executive and to the TUC General Council against any deal with Healey. Back up resolutions with lobbies of coming conferences by employed and unemployed.

☐ Argue against the press and television propaganda about wage restraint-counter with the ten demands of the Right to Work

Campaign. ☐ Strengthen rank and file workplace trade union organisation. Build rank and file bodies such as the Engineers' Charter, NALGO Action. CPSA Redder Tape. Use rank and file bulletins and papers.

Strengthen local Right to Work Committees and Cuts Committees. Involve unemployed activists alongside employed trade union delegates. Work through the trades councils but retain the independence of the Right to Work Committees, the only bodies directly involving the unemployed and workplace delegates.

☐ Organise the maximum support for local disputes. Finance, combine links, solidarity picketing, assistance for unemployed activists, blacking and other elementary trade union solidarity is more and more the responsibility of the rank and file.

Friday, 21 May: As part of the overall campaign, support the 44

arrested Right to Work marchers who all appear in court on this date Send delegations with your trade

☐ Wednesday, 26 May: The day of action called by the London District Confederation of Engineering Unions' National Assembly on Unemployment must be turned into a day of mass industrial protest. Every local Right to Work Committee and or Cuts Committee should:

 Organise local demonstrations during working hours where possi-

Visit every possible factory, building site, school and office. urging stoppages of work for 26 May Use posters, leaflets and factory gate meetings. Organise trade union-

sponsored adverts in the local paper Where possible, push for local workplace delegate meetings to build support.
3. Leaflet and organise at the dole

queues for unemployed workers to join the day of action. Every local Right to Work Committee should plan a specific protest or occupation by unemployed workers for 26 May.

4. Organise protest rallies for the evening of 26 May with local trade union speakers, including any local Right to Work marcher.

☐ Wednesday, 16 June, is the provisional date for the TUC Recall Congress to consider Healey's deal. Start organising for a mass

LCR-ETA Revolutionary Communist League-ETA Congress)—the (VIth Spanish organisation in sympathy with the Fourth International, fraternal sends greetings to the International Socialists on the occasion of the celebration of May 1st and salutes the special issue of Socialist Worker

for this day.

The 1st of May is the day of International Working Class Unity, of Proletarian

Internationalism. As a current of the Spanish movement, workers' working inside the Spanish community in Britain, we address ourselves to the British workers' movement, and particularly to one of its currents, IS, to express our international class

solidarity. This 1st of May, as a pre-revolutionary

situation opens up in Spain and there is still a perspective of revolution in Portugal, in spite of the partial defeat after November 25, necessary for the British and European workers' movement to solidarise especially with their class brothers in Iberia. Today in Spain, the

building revolutionary leadership is an urgent necessity: a leadership able to guide the present combativity of the masses towards a revolutionary situation and to counterpose to the plans of the bourgeoisie the revolutionary overthrow of its state Towards this objective we call upon British revolutionary

organisations and particularly IS to support the Programme of the Spanish Revolution, the building of the Revolutionary Party in Spain, as part of the building of the Party of World Revolution.

We finally stress once more the need for the maximum of unity of action amongst revolutionaries in this country, in order to carry out the work of solidarity with Spanish workers.

Communist greetings, British branch of LCR-ETA (VI)





The ORGANISATION OF THE COMMUNIST LEFT IN SPAIN

greets the British working class on this, the 1st of May

The Spanish workers' struggle shows now, and will increasingly show, the necessity of international solidarity of the working class in the struggle for our common objective:

Socialist Revolution and Communism

The IRANIAN STUDENTS SOCIETY in GB (member of CISNU)

extends its May Day greetings to the British working class and the working class throughout the world with the hope that the Ifanian Working class, which is denied the right to celebrate this occasion by the Shah's dictatorship, will be free to take part in it again soon.

Fraternal Greetings to Socialist Worker Australian International Socialists Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065,

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کار خاتوں کے اس آزادی کی جدر جدجاری

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Workers of the World Unite!

Australian IS, Box 187,



The REVOLUTIONARY MARXIST **LEAGUE** of Jamaica

sends fraternal greetings to the entire working class in Britain, and in particular the black members of the working class.

In the crisis of capitalism the need for the socialist revolution is a burning question, so therefore is the matter of workers' internationalism. In this spirit we say: Down with all wage freezes! Down with

Away with the capitalist dictators! Up with the rule of the working class! For a workers' revolution! RML, P O Box 27, Kingston 7, Jamaica.

From the SAG (Socialist Workers' Group, West Germany) Greetings for

We thank IS and SW for the assistance they have given us this year particularly in the launching of our newspaper Sozialistsche

May Day

Arbeiter Zeitung

For International Workers Unity against the Bosses! For Workers' Control and International Socialism!

Let us decide ourselves this coming year to the fur, er strengthening of our co-operation in areas such as Solidarity with Portuguese Workers, and building international links between workers in the multinationals

SOCIALIST WORKERS MOVEMENT, IRELAND

May Day Greetings to all readers of Socialist Worker and to all workers throughout the world. SWM, First Floor, 24 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.

WORKERS' POWER

The International Socialists-U.S.A. send our warmest revolutionary greetings to our comrades of Socialist Worker and I.S. in Britain.

The success of the National Right to Work campaign and the magnificent Right to Work March are an inspiration to American revolutionary socialist workers struggling to build rank and file movements of Teamsters, auto and other industrial workers.

We have entered a new period—of workers' revolution in Portugal, massive class struggle in Spain, the liberation of southern Africa, of

revolutionary struggle internationally.

Forward to socialist revolution, East and West, for workers' control and international socialism

The CENTRAL UNION OF WORKERS OF CHILE (CUT)

the principal trade union organisation of Chilean workers, sends fraternal greetings to British workers on May Day. The CUT takes this opportunity to thank British workers for their magnificent solidarity with Chilean workers in our fight against the military junta. We urge British trade union organisations to continue firmly with us until the overthrow of the dictatorship.

PEDRO CORNEJO (representative of the CUT in Britain).



The MIR in Chile welcomes May Day and the 50th anniversary of the general strike, and

salutes the British Labour Movement in the firm belief that its militant solidarity with the Chilean resistance will lead both from strength to strength in the struggle for the emancipation of all workers of the world.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF CHILE

conveys fraternal greetings to British workers who have expressed their solidarity with us in our liberation struggle against Pinochet. We acknowledge the great political and moral importance of British solidarity in the trade boycott, the non-renegotiation of the foreign debt, help to refugees and the efforts made towards nondelivery of arms to the fascist junta.

The SOCIALIST PARTY OF CHILE and the Chilean people will not forget these gestures of encouragement in our fight against tyranny

VENCEREMOS. Chilean Socialist Party in **Great Britain**

The Chilean Revolutionary Party MAPU

Sends greetings to British workers on International Labour Day, and thanks you for the demonstration of workers'

internationalism in solidarity with our peoples' struggle to overthrow dictatorship and

build a socialist

country.

Workers' Action

Workers Action and the International Socialists of Canada send May Day greetings to all readers of Socialist Worker.

For an international struggle for socialism! Workers of the world unite!

Bradford College Students Union GREETINGS CHINGARI READERS ON MAY DAY

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INDIAN YOUTH FEDERATION, Gravesend

Asian youth must unite and fight oppression. Greetings to Chingari on May Day

اليفيال فزواول كايرفانياس متحدجوكر جرجد کرنا ہے۔ جناری بڑھ دے کرمای ون عرب في والمان و the siste معد مذان وقد مدارش الروزاند

MAZDOOR TANZEEM (Labour Organisation), Bradford

On May Day we hope that the struggle for the rights of Asian workers will become stronger

The Established Continue برطاني ميں غيم ايشيان مردوان كي حتوق كين جدوبرتان سے زیان معبود برگی۔ مزدور تنظيم بريد فدا



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A A Ghulam Hussein, secretary, KASHMIR ASSOCIATION, CAMPAIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF INDIAN POLITICAL Coventry From the vale of Kashmir to the factories of Britain, the struggle of those PRISONERS, 22 Boundary Road, London NW Chicago martyrs goes on. Hail May Dayl Hail Free all political prisoners the Struggle! Stop prison torture! Stop prison killings!

> روم بن کے مرق بر بر کلم کے قلان آواز بلند کرنے واقع کو فران تھین پیش کرتے مدر یانشان سوسایی بریش فرد

PAKISTAN SOCIETY, Bradford On May Day we greet those who raise their voices against tyranny

MAY DAY GREETINGS Chingari, Socialist Workers sister paper

MAY DAY GREETINGS

FROM Kashmir Youth Movement, Halifax Indian Workers Association, Leicester Indian Workers Association, Huddersfield Indian Workers Association, Greenwich Chingari Society, Bradford College

Overseas Students Association, Loughborough University B Bhatti, senior shop steward, HEATHROW

INDIAN WORKERS ASSOCIATION. Leicester TGWU 1/664 Greetings on Inter-national Workers Day to The interests of black and white workers is the same, and so must be Chingari readers and militant workers

their struggle مروور گورا بو یا کالا : اسکا مناد ایک ہے اور انکل جدوجید ایک ہے ا الوم منی کے عالمی مزدور دن سرحیات برع والول اور مركم وزوول كو جارك

A Qureishi, shop steward, DYERS AND BLEACHERS, Bradford Kismet is in the hands of the workers'

Catering,

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G Singh, T S Shankar, M Bashir, T S Mehngar, A Lodhi, shop stewards, TGWU 460, BRITISH CELANESE, Spondon. Greetings to all militant workers on May Day. Keep up the fight. We are with you.

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SHAOOR (Pakistani Socialist Magazine) 'Neither is their defeat new, nor is our victory

PAKISTANI WELFARE ASSOCIATION, Doncaster

On May Day, our organisation commemorates those who laid down their lives in fighting this exploitative system. We assure our total support and deep involvement with the working class on May Day and send fraternal greetings to the Inter-national Socialists and readers of Chingari.

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ITALY ON THE BRINK



Road open for left - who will take it?

LEFT: No, after you! Berluiguer (left), leader of the Italian Communist Party, and De Martino, of the Socialist Party, both eager for the 'historic compromise' with capitalism.

BELOW: Massive demonstration in Rome for Women's Rights. Sometimes the streets are crowded all day as one protest follows another.

ITALY is in the throes of its most serious political crisis for years.

The government seemed certain to fall this week, with the likelihood of elections to follow which would give a majority to the Communist and Socialist Parties.

The background to the crisis lies in the deteriorating economic situation. In the

TIM POTTER in Rome

past few weeks the Italian lira has been falling in value even faster than the pound. Vast sums of money have been smuggled out of the country by rich people frightened of any political change.

At the same time there has been a massive wave of struggle from the workingclass movement: strikes in the banks, in the giant Fiat car works in Turin, in the state-owned industrial combine. Italsider, in Naples, while workers at the state-owned car firm of Autobianchi have called for a one-day general strike against the government.

There have been massive demonstrations for the right to abortion, since the governmental party, the Christian Democrats, decided three weeks ago to oppose any changes in the law that now makes abortion illegal,

Abortion

It has been estimated that in a referendum on the issue, 65 per cent of the population would vote for abortion on demand. Last week 50,000 people demonstrated in Rome another demonstration was due in Milan this week.

A new phenomena has grown up. 'Red markets' where food is sold straight from farm cooperatives at about half normal prices. These are often run by factory committees-20 have been organised in this way in Milan alone-although they are il-

There has been a huge wave of protest over the Legge Reale—the law which gives

suspects who do not stop when cautioned. A youth was shot dead in Rome on 8 April and since then the city has been full

In a single day, for instance, there was a demonstration of thousands of students from the schools protesting at the killing by the police. In the afternoon there was a demonstration of 50,000 building workers, protesting at government economic policy and against state repression.

Slogans

This was followed by a demonstration called by the revolutionary left, which brought thousands of workers from all the most important industries, with slogans against the government, against the Legge Reale and for abortion on demand.

If there are elections in June, the two main workers' parties, the Communist Party and the Socialist Party, are almost certain to get a majority of seats between them. But the Communist Party is doing its utmost to avoid forming a government of its own. They say they prefer a 'historic compromise' with the main capitalist party, the Christian Democrats.

Two of the main parties of the revolutionary left. Avanguardia Operain (Workers' Vanguard) and the Party of Profetarian Unity, have reformed their alliance. Democrazia Profetaria (Workers' Democracy) They will put up a joint state in the elections, and are compagning for a and are campaigning for a 'government of the left' in opposition to the 'historic compromise with capitalist

Sunny Jim shakes a butcher's bloodstained hand

Callaghan welcomes his first dictatory next week. General Geisel, the despot of Brazil, is in Britain on an official

This animal is the chief of a system of terror and murder as violence as in Chile. The military rulers of Brazil maintain their stranglehold over the country by the use of systematic terror and assisination.

Trade unions are subject to state control. Strikes are illegal. Workers are regularly arrested or simply disappear.

Amnesty International report in 1972 came to the conclusion that: Torture in Brazil is not and could not be the result of individual excesses . Torture is a manifestation and the necessary result of a political model, with a judicial and socioeconomic framework'.

Charge

In February 1976, they repeated the charge: 'The repressive machinery continues unabated'.

The military came to power in 1964 when they overthrew the democratically-elected government of President Goulart. They immediately set up to smash all opposition, particularly workers' opposition. In the first ten years of

the regime, with 'trade activity under wages fell by half.

It was with these methods that Brazil achieved its famous 'economic miracle'. Local bosses and the multinationals are only too happy to be presented with well-controlled and docile work-force. Wages in Volkswagen's Brazilian plant are less than a tenth of those it is forced to pay in Germany.

Blood

In the past ten years British big business has rushed to grab the profits to be made from the blood of Brazilian workers. Shell are there. So are ICI, Plessey, Lucas, GKN, GEC, and a long list of

The result is that threequarters of the population of Brazil live below the poverty line, that the in-dustrial accident rate is the highest in the world

British big business

Four deaths per kilometre is the ideal for tunnels. Six deaths point to the existence of medium risks, eight to high risks and ten to impossible conditions. Considering all this and the stretch already constructed through the mountain pass, we haven't even filled our

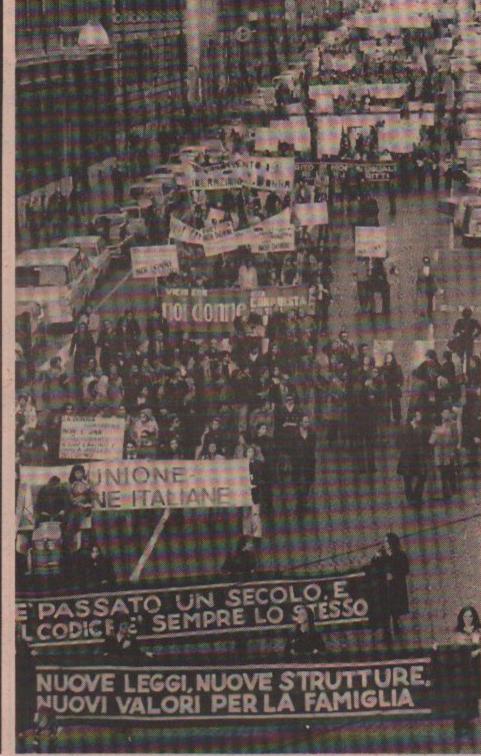
quota.'
Public relations advisor for Dersa, a Brazilian highway construction firm

wants an even greater share of this action. They want closer links with Geisel and his henchmen to push their profits even

Jim Callaghan is only too eager to please. He is quite ready to sit down with the bloody butcher Geisel thus keeping his friends in the city happy.

It is up to us to show that Callaghan does not speak on behalf of the British working class. Our in-terests lie with workers of Brazil and not with the bosses whose salaries are the highest in the world.

On Wednesday (5 May) British big business is welcoming Geisel to a banquet given by the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall, Gresham Street, Lon-don EC2. There will be a picket organised by the Liberation Brazil Committee. Make sure that your trade union organisation represented.



Portuguese elections leave question mark

THE results of the Portuguese elections have done nothing to remove the question mark over the country's future.

The right-wing parties have picked up votes. The main party for former fascists, the CDS—called the 'moderate'. 'conservative' party by the British press—doubled its vote of 12 months ago, and the other right-wing party, the

PPD, came second to the Socialist Party. The CDS got 16 per cent of the vote and the PPD 24 per

cent.
These votes came from the middle classes of the towns and from the impoverished peasants of the north. They blame the revolution for mis erable conditions that in reality are caused by a still capitalist economy.

The Socialist Party, led by

Mario Soares, lost votes compared with a year ago. But with 35 per cent of the poll it is

The Communist Party preserved its vote. It gained from the Socialists in the cities, but lost votes in the rural north.

The overall picture that emerges is of a country still split down the middle over the crucial issues. The right-wing parties want to turn the clock back, by denationalising much of the economy, by evicting workers from occupied fac-tories, and by handing land back to the big landowners.

But in the cities and the southern half of the country. workers voted to maintain

what they have gained from the revolution.

The openly capitalist parties got far fewer than the 50 per cent of the votes they were hoping for. The trouble is that the parties of the 'left' have no policy for defending their

Control

The Socialist Party took the lead last year in organising demonstrations jointly with the right wing and in encouraging right-wing generals to take over control of the armed forces. The Communist Party has tried to restrict the fightback against the right, keeping it to token strikes,

demonstrations and electoral

activities.
The elections will make it extremely difficult for a stable government to be formed. The right wing will want to step up the offensive against the workers. The Socialist Party will be under pressure from international big business to go along with this. But it will be frightened to do so for fear of losing still more support

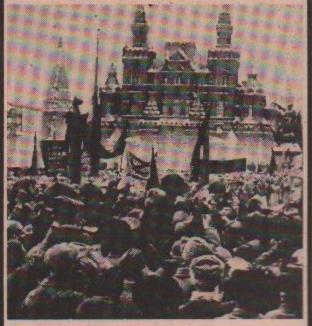
The result is likely to be a period of extreme political instability, with repeated clashes in industry and on the streets. Certainly there will be a growing wave of strikes and

Those parties of the extreme left that took part in the elections got more than 200,-000 votes. The revolutionaries need to use these as a base from which to lead the light-

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Employed and unemployed nite-Fight for the Right to Work! Southampton Unemployed Workers Action Group

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No more deals with Healey out for Day of Action on 26 May

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End overtime at Ferodo and quarries

members: 265a Seven Sisters

POST OFFICE WORKER paper of rank and file UPW

Post Office Worker, c/o Road, London N4

Fight the Cuts!

Fight for the Right to Work!

Greetings from myself and the children to my husband, Denis, spending his third May Day in prison.

My thoughts also go out to the Right to Work 44 and their families, and urge all workers to do everything in their power to defend them. Let us ensure that there is no repeat of the Shrewsbury frame-up.

From ELSA WARREN







FROM LEFT: Des Warren, still in prison for picketing, Elsa Warren, and Ricky Tomlinson, who was released last year.

May Day greetings to Des Warren, still in prison for picketing during an official building workers' strike, and to all political prisoners. Greetings to all trade unionists. Greetings too to the Right to Work Campaign, especially to those marchers to appear in court after being attacked by the police. The labour movement must make sure this is not another Shrewsbury trial. RICKY TOMLINSON

May Day greetings from

A paper of NUT dassroom teachers

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No to cuts in educationbuild anti-cuts committees

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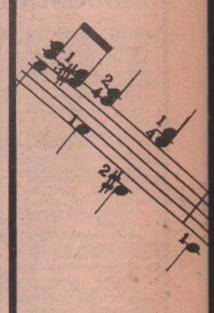
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sends May Day greetings to public service workers

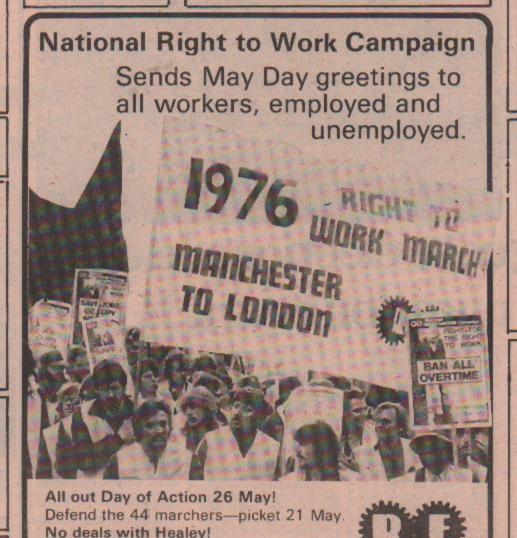
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STOP THE CUTS NO SOCIAL CONTRACT FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK BUILD THE RANK AND FILE MOVEMENT.

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top the cuts!

STOP THE CUTS by Paul Foot is an excellent account of how, why and where the cuts are taking place.

It is aimed at working people like myself who have little time to sit down and read.

involved in the fight against the cuts.

I have spent my whole working life as a nurse in mental and general hospitals, except for two short periods when my children were born.

Princely

As a student nurse, I remember having the prince-ly salary of £24 a month net, out of which I paid £13 a month fent. I preferred to conditions without a union

to fight for us. In the late 1960s, health service workers began to get hetter organised and nurses won a decent pay rise in 1974 after threatening to take

industrial action. Many of these gains are now disappearing in un-

employment and cuts.
Unemployment among nurses in the last nine months has gone up by 98 per cent! This has led to intimidation of the weaker

their jobs than ever-jobs which are absolutely necessary for their survival.

Many of the women have to work part-time because of the kids, but the management have stopped recruiting any part-time

Politics

I don't pretend to unders-tand the high finance and the politics of it all, but I do

to put old ladies to bed in vests because there are no nightdresses for them to

I would take issue with Paul Foot over the bureaucracy in the Health Service. He says the ad-ministrators are necessary. I don't agree—though, of

Turn't agree—though, or course, we will fight against all sackings.

We have seen a mushrooming of bosses since the Salmon structure was introduced. We call them the things and the same the same transfer of the same tra

now occupy an office which the ward sister used to run on her own five or six years

But the call for action at the end of the pamphlet is just what we need, especially the call for anti-cuts committees like the one in East London which was formed to fight the closure of Poplar

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In the Health Service, we're sick and tired of people who tell us that the cuts are necessary so that more in-

vestment can go to 'productive' industry.

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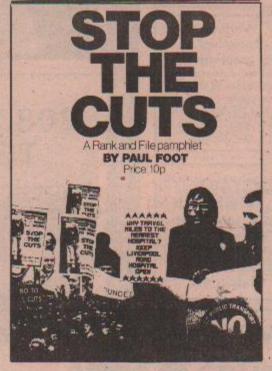
This pamphlet should be read by everyone who works in the public sector, or who has children at school, or who thinks they may need hospital treatment.

And that covers just about everybody.

them the 'bingo crowd', because they all have numbers as titles. Five of the 'bingo crowd' It is concise, hardsections in the hospitals. know we have less staffing in hitting and nicely-broken starve rather than live in the medieval nurses' home. Things are specially bad for women. Inflation makes the wards. Less of everything. It annoys me, for instance, up with lots of pictures. It We put up with terrible them more dependent on is a must for everyone pamphlet **PROFITS BEFORE** PEOPLE' Healey plays the businessmen's tune . . .

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TGWU

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May Day Greetings to all car workers

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Fraternal May Day Greetings Smash the Freeze!

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FIGHT THE SACKINGS SMASH THE FREEZE

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send fraternal greetings to all trade unionists fighting for the Right to Work

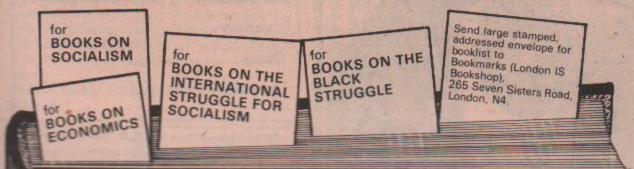
To all AUEW members

Greetings in the struggles to come We wish you all success from **HAMPTON** STAMPINGS, Stirchley, Birmingham

AUEW Letchworth No 5

extends fraternal May Day greetings to all trade unionists

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struggle-forward to socialism "No matter what your fight don't be ladylike" Mother Jones, a miners' organiser and founding member of the **Industrial Workers** of the World (Wobblies).

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THE Socialist Worker

CAMPAIGN with the that? Why haven't I seen it some of the problems facing rank Socialist Worker.

Why? Because the more people who read it, the more people who see there is a different point of view-and the possibility of being able to join the fight to build a strong working class organisa-

How often do you hear the words: 'Socialist Worker? What's before?'

Thousands of men and women would join up with the Socialist Worker if only there was regular

It often takes a long time to convince readers of our politics but regular sales provide that opportunity. We also learn about and file militants.

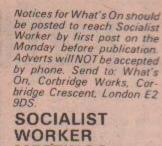
Workers join the International Socialists for different reasons. Ask your branch members why they joined and many will mention Socialist Worker.

But its no good patting ourselves on the back and telling each other that the Socialist Worker is the best paper on the left, that it supports workers' struggles, etc, etc.

Our job, as convinced socialists, is to convince others

The next few weeks will see the government's ideological onslaught to steamroller their wages policy through the movement. Now is the time to fight

Campaign with the Socialist Worker.



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SOUTHWARK TEACHERS SW public meetings Next series starts 29 April Trade Unions Militents and Abderates South Baris Polytechnic Students Union, Rotary Street London SE1, Further details: Goil Lowenstein 622-1090.

CHESTER IS Inaugural Meeting Unemployment, Cuts, Wage Freeze what's gone wrong, and what can we do about 12 Speaker Paul Foot Thursday 20 May, 7 30pm, Bear and Billet pub. Lower Bridge St, Chester Admission 10p

SE LONDON SW public meeting. Chile with slides and speaker from the MIB. Wednesday 5 May, 8pm. Charlton House, Horntair Road, SE7

INNER WEST LONDON SW education meeting: Irsland—the next steps Monday 3 May, 6,30pm, Wescott Lodge, Lower Mail, W6

HULL SW discussion meetings: 9
May. The General Strike: 23 May.
Germany 1914—1933: 5 June, The
Communist Party, 20 June, Women
and Socialism: 4 July, The Labour
Party, and obstacle to socialism? All
meetings on Sundays, starting 7ph
at Socialist Books, 238 Springbank
Hull

SOCIALIST WORKER **EVENTS**

DURHAM SW May Day Social: Big Jug. Claypath, Durham City, 8pm 11 30pm, Bar, music, food and raffle Tickets from SW sellers: 30p. All proceeds to Right to Work 44 Defence Fund.

WEEKEND EDUCATION SCHOOL
8 and 9 May. Stirling University
Saturday: The Right to Work and
Lessons of the Traines. The Needfor a
Revolutionary Party Evening: a new
play by Fellow Travellers Theatre
Group about the first shop stewards
movement during the First World
War, and disco. Sunday: film on
Chille, discussion on the
Parliamentary Road to socialism
International work—workshops on
Spain. America, Eastern Europe,
Portugal, India, Inquiries to IS Books,
54 Queen Street, Glasgow C1

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

HEALTH WORKERS FRACTION for all members and SW supporters Saturday 29 May, Manchester Details to be announced

ESSEX DISTRICT Aggregate: Pre-conference discussion. Sunday 9 May 2.30pm, in Chelmsford Details from Chelmsford 59129.

UPW FRACTION AGGREGATE Sunday 16 May, 11em-3pm, Cottons Gardens, London, EZ. All areas must be represented. If you are coming a long way, we will try to work a pooled fare. But please travel by the cheapest possible means.

WANTED: House of 3 room unfurnished flat to rent in Hull Starting June, July August Please contact Paul and Anne 24 Lancashire Road, Bistropston, Bristol.

FRENCH DAY SCHOOL for 15 members Saturday 15 May 11am. Birmingham IS Books, 224 Dentend High Street Digbeth, Birmingham 15 loopssite coach station). Suggested for comrades who afready have some special knowledge of France. Further details from Marrie Steward, 42 Middleton Road, London, EB. (Phone 01,249 3668).

BRITISH RAIL FRACTION: National meeting for all 15 members and SW supporters in ASLEF, NUR or TSSA Saturday 5 June, 280 Deansgate Manchester. More details later—but start booking your tickets now.

AUEW NATIONAL FRACTION AGGREGATE: Saturday 8 May, Noon-tipm Holborn Library Inserest tube, Holborn, 32 Theobelds Road, London WC1. All comrades to attend, close contacts welcome. Pooled fate will operate.

ASTMS CONFERENCE: Any readers of Socialist Worker and members of the international Socialists who will be delegates please phone Middlesborough 86474.

CHESHIRE & SHROPSHIRE
DISTRICT AGGREGATE Friday 30
April, 7 30pm, Bull Ring Yaults
Watergate St, Whitechurch Agenda
includes National Council Report
Back, Pre National Conference
Discussion, Local Persocrives
Speaker, Tommy Douras, Delegates
invited from surround branches.

ONLY A FEW ISSUES of Labour ONLY A FEW ISSUES of Labour Worker needed to complete Socialist Worker's bound volume! Is there a socialist horder which can spare issues 51, 39, vols 2 nos 1 and 2, and any of val 1? Pléase send to Pete Marsden, SW editorial, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, Landon E2, 90S.

APPEAL FOR WITNESSES On 7 September 1974 I took part in the anti-National Front demonstration in London Betzee reaching Lincolns line Field. I was grabbed by two policemen and thrown to the ground. This attack resulted in a broken wrist and I was taken to hospital. If anyone say the incident could you please contact Polie Smith, 20 Mallard Way Ipswich.

small child want one room and use a kitchen and bath in London 10 Jult -3 September. Cheapest possible within travelling distance of 7 Phone Amanda Leon 767 0796.

WHY I'M AN **SW SUPPORTER**

By Phil Gillivan FIRST contacted the International Socialists through the Right to

Work March in London,

I have been reading Socialist Worker regularly since last October, 1 bought it at the British Railway workshop in Springburn, Glasgow.

I then attended IS day schools run by the Glasgow district and attended the local Right to Work Committee meetings.

Socialist Worker is the best advert for 1S and the hest weapon for the whole revolutionary left.

When all fractions of the left are paying lip service to what should be done, Socialist Worker and the International Socialists are acting on their socialist principles.

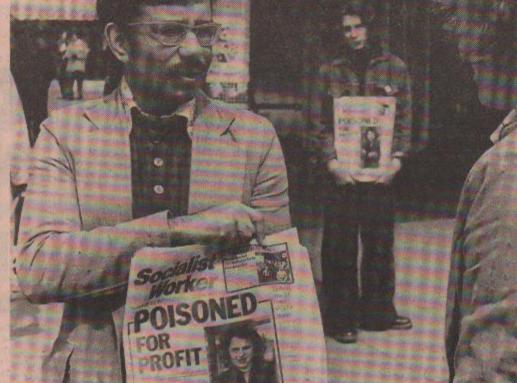
They are no longer just part of the revolutionary left of the trade union movement.

They are now, in the light of recent capitulations to the TUC bureaucracy and the Labour government, the fighting left of the trade union movement.

No one else had the guts for a fight. Because of that, Socialist Worker has my full support in the fight against the employing class and their puppets in



Norma Think Eastling Ar - Support!



CAMPAIGN Picture: Lawrence Sparham (IFL)

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HELP US SELL WHERE YOU LIVE

HELP sell Socialist Worker where you live.

These are some of the sales organised this Saturday: Walthamstow High Street

(Hoe Street end) Ham-Ipm Barking High Street, out-side the Magistrates Court. 10.30am-1.pm

Illord High Street, outside Woolworths, Ham-2pm

City Square. Dundee Ham-4pm. Thursday and Friday evenings 4-5,30pm Birmingham New Street

Station, ramp, 10am-4pm Manchester: 11am-1pm Cheetham Hill Precinct Salford precinct Limston Shopping centre Stockport Merseyway Stockport

Prestwich precinct Holloway Road, outside Sainsburys, Ham-Noon let us know where street sales are being organised and we'll advertise them in this column. And let us know how well the sales go, too!

THE NUMBER of Socialist Worker slips coming in is on the increase.

The more copies of Socialist Worker are sold.

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INDEPENDENT WORKING-CLASS ACTION:

The workers create capitalism. A new society can only be constructed when they collectively seize control of that wealth and plan its production and distribution.

REVOLUTION

NOT REFORM The present system cannot be patched up. or reformed, as the established Labour and trade union leaders say. It has to be overthrown.

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the all the wealth under present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling classes against the workers.

> The working class needs an entirely different kind of statea workers' state based

upon councils of workers' delegates and a workers' militia: At most, parliamen-

tary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

NATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of a world-wide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries. We

oppose everything which turns workers from wone country against those from other countries.

We oppose racialism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation movements.

We are for real, social, economic and political equality of women.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one coun-

Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist.

We support the struggles of workers in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling

REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve socialism, the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist Such a party can only

be built by activity in the mass organisations. of the working class.

We have to prove inpractice to other workers that reformist leaders and reformist ideas are opposed to their own interests.

We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

We urge all those who agree with our policies to join with us. in the struggle to build the revolutionary party.

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the International Socialists, fill in the form on page 15

Don't ignore this insanity!

workers' newspaper but there should be more articles written by your actual industrial operatives.

As an unemployed building worker and a member of the Northampton Right to Work Committee, I, along wifh several other members, sell SW most mornings on the

I am becoming increasingly embarrassed by the number of unemployed building workers who buy the paper regularly and say:

'lt's a good paper-but there's never anything in it about the building industry'

This criticism is only too justified. The building industry is in a deplorable state: it has a higher rate of unemployment than any other industry.

There is a massive surplus of bricks, just as big a surplus of workers, and 'a fantastic demand'

Surplus

Twould ask more building workers to write in to SW on the state of their particular site

or branch of the industry. Let's have more articles on the solution, for example, the ten demands of the Right to

Work Campaign.

How do we nationalise the building industry? How do we implement the 35-hour week without loss of pay, indeed with an increase in pay?

What are the reasons behind the lack of a genuine fight-back in the unions ☐ Brian Higgins, UCATT, Northampton.



The gay scene is a mean scene A tightrope finding some hope Or a Twilight Zone Where you walk alone An element of doubt is always there An element of hope and a bit of fear On the inside, looking out, Is my idea of what it's about!

I am not gay but I would like to see letters in reply from gay SW readers

Laurie Evans, Skelmersdale.



Millions of stockpiled bricks: meanwhile building workers are on the dole . . .

THE ARTICLE on China (10 April) was abysmal

I had hoped that it would tell us something about those 'real issues in dispute' and the 'struggle inside the bureaucracy'

No such luck. All I can say is that either the writer of the article is more in the dark than most western observers who write for the 'bourgeois press', or that the editor of SW wants to keep the readers as much in the dark as the Chinese workers

etters

Write to Letters, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent

London E2

But if the profit machine Deansgate, Manchester 3. Flame supporter, Manchester. (Name

I WOULD like to make an appeal to the black communi-ty. There are two important points which I feel should be

The amalgamation of all black organisations in England with executive committees representing each region: North, West, Midlands and South.

If we were linked we could know at once of any issue that should be acted on to help each other.

Any person visiting a club in

another town should be welcomed as a member on production of their card from their home organisation,

A more positive approach to the issues of their nationals by all the black High Commissions, who should be seen and heard publicly.

The Commissions have sat back for too long. They need to be kicked into action.

If anyone reading this wants to help achieve these points, you can reach me at Flame, c/o TU Books, Basement, 260

EUNICE Sharples' sugges-tion (Letters, 17 April), that only capitalists are outraged at the increasing number of aborted children, is

withheld for job reasons)

preposterous. I was outraged by the influence that socialists ought to be pro-abortion.

As one who would fight untiringly for human rights, I would fight just as anxious-ly for the human rights of the unborn child.

It is a simple fact that the foetus is a human being after a few weeks of concep-

Kathleen Duffy,

SIX OF OUR COMRADES appeared at Dewsbury magistrates court on 5-6 April on charges of obstructing the police and breach of the peace. The charges followed the arrest of the Dewsbury 27 for counter-demonstrating against the National Front

in Dewsbury last November.

I was in the public gallery listening to one of the defendants and, towards the end of the case, the magistrates retired to do their so-called summing

So I went downstairs to the entrance of the courtroom to speak to the defendant, where I was shouted at by a police constable to watch it. I asked the constable what was wrong and he said 'I am

warning you, watch your tongue'.

Again I asked the constable what was wrong and he replied by saying 'I am warning you, I will have you in there'. I asked him what for and he said contempt of court. Again I asked what for and he said for calling the magistrate a bastard.

I was amazed and said 'Can you prove this?' He

said: 'Yes, there are plenty of police in the court who heard you'. At that point, the magistrate came back into court to give their verdict. The defendant was found guilty and fined £30 with £15 costs.

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The General Shiles

IT SEEMS quite remarkable that the International Socialists should take so much time and trouble denigrating the Scottish National Party through your letter columns, since the SNP can at least be described as 'more radical' than the Labour Party which IS workers proudly claimed to election.

It would be nice to think that SNP MP Gordon Wilson could notice and protest on every event in Dundee and that within the space of half of one parliamentary sessionbut many of the things going so wrong in Dundee seem to lie with the local Labour councillors following the

Labour government's policies! As to SNP millionaires, Mr William Wolfe is not a millionaire.

Hugh Fraser is, but a good deal of his money stays in Scotland.

If he prefers to love his own country instead of taking up permanent residence in London (and bringing up any family as English) I see little fault with that.

But why criticise the SNP for its one millionaire? Can someone assure me that the Labour Party does not have many rich men?

And, judging from court cases involving Labour Party people, there appear to be those who are trying quite hard to become millionaires!! ☐ Unity Miller, Glasgow

CONGRATULATIONS on your article (17 April) commemorating the 1916 uprising in Ireland. In view of your support for the policies of James Connolly, we suggest that you take a fresh look at the rise in working class support for the Scottish National Party through the writings of another of his Scottish contemporary socialists, John Maclean.

☐ Kieran Grant, Scottish Republican Club, Glasgow.

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NOTES OF THE MONTH: The Budget, Italy, China

THE EETPU: Decline of the Narrow Left Steve Jefferys

The Communist Party and the General Strike Duncan Hallas

Spain: The Prospects

Ian Birchall and Paul Harrison

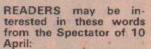
The USSR and the Crisis Mike Haynes

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USA: A Third Note

Glen Wolfe

May 1976 20p



. it was almost a Tory Chancellor's budget, but one which a Tory Chancellor would never have dared to make for fear

Martin Humphries.

of confrontation."

Colchester.

jobs-the one waged by the

strength of the unemployed and their brothers and sisters who are lucky enough to have a job? Alan

Manchester.

ABORTION MYTHS

JOHN MAYNARD (Letters 17 April) is wrong on a number of counts:

: The foetus is not a human baby until it is born it is part of the mother's body until

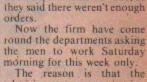
then.
2: We define ourselves as people socially. Man is a social animal. A foetus' is not a human being until it is involved with society (other people) ie until it is born.

3: Because a foetus is 'differentiated' at 24 weeksand looks like a baby-doesn't mean it is one; anymore than a corpse is a living person.

4: So the staff would be

squeamish-but squeamishness of a few nurses is far less harrowing than the psychological and physical suffering that a unwanted pregnancy is to a woman. We must defend the right

of women to control their own bodies, and that means until the foetus becomes a erson when it is born Neil Rogall, Central Lon-



LAST September, the General

Engineering Company in Radcliffe stopped all overtime

in all departments bar one, as

television cameras are coming round on Thursday to film the company on its export products. It's pathetic how suddenly

they are setting out machines with labels on them saying awaiting packing for export.

For the past eight months, we have had very little work.

Suddenly these cameras are coming to show how much work we are exporting. The most sickening part of

it allis that the majority of the men are jumping at this opportunity to come in on Saturday morning not to do any production, but to clean the place up.

M Paulden, Bolton.



THE POUND falls, yet the mark holds. How does the German economy avert the full impact of the crisis?

The answer was given to me by a Yugoslavian railway worker, a 'guest worker' in Germany. He is exploited as cheap

labour to bring in the profits.

He has lived in Germany for seven years. But his wife and two kids weren't allowed to join him (no

profits there).
He'd see them next
Christmas, once a year. It
was a long time and he got

decides to cut back further, he'll be sent home for

good. He'll be unemployed,

waiting for the next upturn in the capitalist system, which needs only his labour power and doesn't care a damn whether he starves in between.

SW supporter.

BEING unemployed, I was

sickened by the latest gimmick of Radio Piccadilly, my local

each day for a lucky listener.

When a binge was laid on for union officials, local trade

unionists turned up to protest at the waste of time and

Good old Radio Piccadilly

completely distorted the facts

They branded the rank and file Right to Work Committee and Cuts Committee as thugs.

They claim that: 'Radio

Piccadilly fights unemploy-ment in the North West'.

Why then do they misrepre-sent the only real fight for

Their hypocrisy is fantastic.

Their big idea is to find a job





GEORGE JACKSON WAS MURDERED

A SPECIAL police agent in the murdered by the authorities.
United States has admitted that his Tackwood has also admitted: 'As far United States has admitted that his 'last completed assignment' was 'the assassination of George Jackson', the black revolutionary who spent nearly half his life in jail for stealing £35.

Officially, Jackson was shot dead while trying to escape from San Quentin prison in 1971.

But now the agent-Louis Tackwood-has confessed to what Jackson's supporters have insisted all that he was deliberately

back as 1970 my assignment was to get

George Jackson'. He made the confessions on 12 April at the trial of six San Quentin prisoners said to be conspirators in Jackson's 'escape attempt'.

PLEAD

Prison made George Jackson a revolutionary. In 1960, at the age of 18, he was arrested for stealing 70 dollars, about £35.

Advised to plead guilty so as to get a come out of that jail was in a coffin-light sentence, he was instead sent down and he knew it all too well. for between one year and life.

It was an 'indeterminate sentence'

that is, if you don't toe the line, you

don't get out.

By 1970, his case and that of two other framed prisoners—the Soledad Brothers—sparked a massive protest movement.

That August, George's brother Jonathan and two other black militants were killed as a desperate attempt to get George freed turned into a shoot-out.

The only way George was going to

VICIOUS

In June 1970, he had written: ' . . . I told (my parents) about the lieutenants and the others who propositioned some of the most vicious white convicts in the state: "Kill Jackson. We'll do you some

A year later, Jackson was killed. Five

years later, we get the truth.

Some people believe America is a free country...



That'll teach 'em

Rank and File rock NUT leadership and show the way forward

THIS WAS a great conference for rank and file teachers.

'It gave us the confidence to build a strong teachers' rank and file movement before the next Conference'

North, who was Dick triumphantly re-elected as a rank and file candidate to the National Union of Teachers' Executive, talked to Socialist Worker as the union con-ference closed last Thursday.

The executive was turned over twice in one day and on imone day and on im-portant matters. I doubt whether that's ever happened

We refused them permission to give the employers the right compulsority to sack teachers over 50.

Extra

Then we voted down allowances for social priority areas. We amended the executive statement so that any extra money for working class schools should go not on allowances, but on additional teachers or better equipment.

The executive then moved heaven and earth to get their own resolution defeated just because we'd amended it!

And they only succeeded by 91,000 to 89,000 votes.

Of course, we still lost on many of the main issues.

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Worst of all, we lost on disciplinary procedures. Con-ference voted the executive the right to suspend from the union any teacher who takes unofficial strike action.

There is no right, for the suspended teacher to call witnesses; no right of legal representation; and there is an appeal only back to the executive which took the decision in the first place!

This is one of the most dictatorial powers ever voted to a trade union executive.

It was fought for tooth and nail by Max Morris, the union's ex-president, who is a member of the Communist

He ranted on and on in the most extreme red-baiting hysteria which even em-barrassed the right wing.

Already, there are a few militants saying that we had better 'go easy' now that they've got these new disciplinary measures through. But that's just the way the employers want it.

Local

For instance, the only way we can fight against redundancies and natural wastage is by rank and file action. In London, hundreds of

teachers, many of them supported by their local union association, are 'refusing to cover' for teachers who are away for more than three days. We've got to extend that action if we're to fight unemployment.

If the union executive discipline people who take part in that kind of action well, let

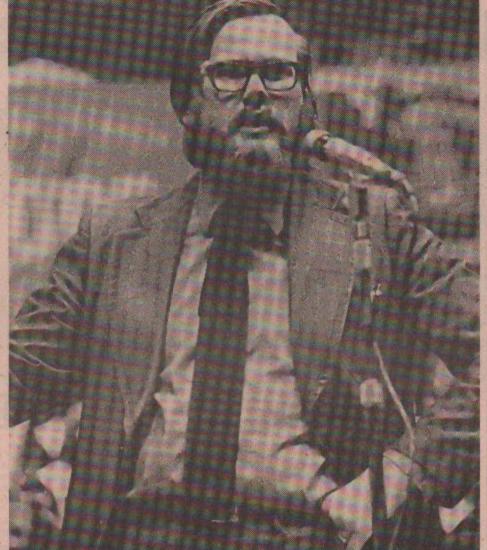
They didn't dare expel the Wandsworth Three because of strong rank and file feeling in

London for the Three. We'll have to kindle that same rank and file fire if the executive move against militants under their new

conference proved without doubt that the only Left opposition in the union comes from Rank and File. There isn't a 'Broad Left' in

our union. The Communist Party is split between their militants on the floor of conference and their head teachers on the

A lot of Communists voted



Dick North: triumphantly re-elected

Picture John Sturrock Report

well-known Communist' shop floor militant has gone over to management.

for rank and file resolutions.

against their leaders on the

The Rank and File motion on women's rights, for in-

stance, was moved by Barbara

Winn, a CP member. She didn't get any support from her CP colleagues, on the

On the contrary, Jack Chambers, who writes regularly in CP journals on education, attacked the mo-

He said that abortion on demand and free contracep-

tion was 'going too far' for our

members. Every other speaker against that motion, by the way, was a male head teacher. Every speaker for it was a female class teacher.

The gulf between the heads

We showed our reactionary

We showed that the militant

rank and file can take some decisions in the union. We

need to build a movement

who run the union and the rank and file was wider than ever. But we rank and filers

flexed our muscles.

leaders can be beaten.

which will enable us

to take them all.

platform.

He is Cyril Morton, who has been Engineering Union convenor at the large Sheffield manufacturers. crankshaft Ambrose Shardlows, almost continually for 16 years.

Militant shop floor leadership at Shardlows pushed wage rates up to the highest in the city's engineering. Shardlows became a pacesetter for engineering workers throughout South Yorkshire. Cyril Morton was a member of the Communist Party member. He was Communist Parliamentary candidate for Sheffield, Park in 1966 and

In 1968, he was elected an executive member of the Communist Party.

1970. He frequently stood for

the CP in council elections.

QUIT

Last year he stood in the AUEW elections for national organiser. He was outraged support for him in the elec-tions for divisional organiser this year-and left the Party in

A few weeks ago, Cyril Morton surprised his colleagues by suddenly resigning as convenor. A whipround in the factory collected several hundred pounds for him-'in appreciation for his services to the shop floor'.

At the presentation ceremony, Cyril denied rumours that he was going over to management. He

declared: 'Once a fitter, always

a fitter'.
A fortnight ago, the stewards' committee under their new convenor went in for negotiations with the manage-

LEFT

They were introduced to our new personnel manager. Cyril Morton'

One steward was heard to mutter as he left the meeting: Once a quitter, always a

Asbestos The facts the SNP tried to suppress

JOHN TODD, a tireless campaigner against asbestos, got a shock when he picked up the Glasgow Even-ing Times on 2 April and read these words:

He (John Todd) looked everywhere for support in his one-man fight, but his pleas for help constantly fell on stony ground. Then, just when he was almost at the end of his tether, he found a sympathetic ear in

found a sympathetic ear in the shape of the Scottish National Parts.

This outrageous lieexplained by the fact that the owner of the Evening Times, Hugh Fraser, is a leading member of the SNP—angered many readers, not least a man called Walter Morrison.

Beds

He wrote to the paper, explaining how ten years ago he had taken a Glasgow firm called Rowen Engineering to court over its dangerous use of asbestos.

His letter stated: 'Rowan ... were not only using large amounts of Cape Asbestos insulation and fibre-glass, they were also storing it outside, allowing local children to kick it up and down Middlesex Street, use if for chalking walls and chalking walls and generally make beds with it to play games'. Mr Morrison's letter

adds that his campaign met with silence from the press and hostility from the factory management.

Rowen Engineering's managing director was Tom McAlpine, top in-dustrial policy maker for

And one of the company William Wolfe, chairman of the SNP.

Oh, and by the way. Mr Morrison's letter—a copy of which was sent to Socialist Worker—was NOT published by the Evening Times (owner: Hugh Fraser, SNP).

our Norman



Court order to union is biggest danger since NIRC

CPSA: DO THE **JUDGES** NOW DECIDE **DISCUSS?**

ARE the members of the country's biggest civil service union in control of their own

That's the question facing delegates to the CPSA conference in Margate next week. For the first time in the union's history, resolutions have been removed from the agenda before the conference starts by order of a High Court judge.

The judge ordered the resolutions off the agenda on the application of the union president, Kate Losinska, who argued that the resolutions might damage her chances of being re-elected president.

The implications are obvious

If Losinska gets away with this, all freedom of discussion in the union is in peril. Any discussion about the merits or behaviour of any candidate for any union office is threatened by court action.

Obvious

This is by far the most serious court interference in free trade union activity since the Industrial Relations

Conference must not allow Losinska to get away with it.

Demand

It must

Demand details of the fee paid her for the Readers Digest article which started the controversy.

☐ Issue a statement disassociating the union from the article and publishing the facts about the official disputes mentioned by Losinska.

But the best way for the conference to show their contemp, for Losinska is to vote her out of office.

But don't vote for another right-winger who goes along with the Pay Research system, and the cuts in government spending-which mean lost jobs in the civil service. The best way to fight Losinska is to vote for a candidate who opposes her policies: for an end to the Pay Research system, for flat-rate increases fought for by industrial action and for no redundancies.

Candidate

There is such a candidate. He is Mike McGrath, the candidate for the rank and file paper. Redder Tape. He deserves the vote of all CPSA delegates who oppose Losinska and what she stands for

Notices and meetings

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WELLINGBOROUGH MAY DAY RALLY: Sunday 2 May, 2,30pm, Queensway Community Centre, Goldsmith Hoad, Wellingborough, Gay Desperados Steel Band, Belt in Braces Street Theatre, the Morris Men, Bill Keys (general secretary, SOGAT) Brian Sedgemore Labour MP.

MP
CELEBRATE WITH US one year of peace in Vietnam Friday 30 April, 7pm Holborn Assembly Rooms Guest of honour Mr Lat Van Ngoc, charge d'affaires of the DRVN. Film, Eroisa. The Salakta Balloon Band, Chris Searle, Live music with Mama's Rock, Vietnamese food, licensed bar Admission of 1 For tokets and further details contact the British Hospital for Vietnam, Room V A, St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, London W2.

CONFERENCE ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS, Saturday 22 May, 11am. Sponsored by UMIST Union. Three delegates per student union. One delegate per overseas student body One observer for other student societies.

ANGOLA: LESSONS OF A PEOPLE'S VISTORY Workshop, Seturday 8 May, Africa Centre, 38 King Street, London WC2, 10,30am to 5,30am

DAY SCHOOL ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS: Saturday 22 May 10.30am – 5pm. Nottingham Teachers Centre Crammer Street. Speakers include: Jean Cousins, NCCL. Joy Elsom, NUPE. Sylvia Greenwood, TGWU, Judith Hunt. TASS. Mel Read, ASTMS, Una Walton, Tobacco Workers. Hosted by Nottingham NUT Womens Rights Sub-Committee. Creche provided. Registration 75p, 40p unemployed.

INDEPENDENT FILM-MAKING IN THE '70s. Weekend conference at the Architectural Association, 21-23 May, Organised by the Independent Film-makers Association and the Greater London Arts Association Sessions on Funding Bodies and Funding Procedures; Regional Film Development, The British Future?, Film Criticism and Independent Film Making. Conference fee: £2 tickets Making, Conference fee 12 facks are limited). Details from The Greater London, Arts. Association, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SF

HARRY AND MARGARET COWEN present a liberated 8lb 9oz daughter, Carla, born 21 April

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RELIGIOUS OPPOSITION TO
SEXUAL FREEDOM Public
meeting. Friday 7 May. 7:30pm,
Caxton Hell, London SWI (St. James
Park Underground). Speakers Helen
Dobson, Brook Advisory Centre,
Diane Munday, Abortion Law Reform
Association, Alisan Hennigan,
Campaign for Homosoxual Equality,
Barbara Smoker, National Secular
Society Organised by National
Secular Society.

Introducing the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary and the Class Struggle in Ethiopia, with folksongs and dances 7pm, Friday 30 April Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1

CRITIQUE seminar series: Tuesday 27 April, 7 30pm, Mike McKenna on The Necessity of Hegel. Wednesday 12 May, 7 30pm, Frank Richards on The Communist Parties and the capitalist Crisis. Boom 5-418. St Clements Building, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, WC2

TGWU bid to remove docks stewards

HULL docks shop stewards are under attack from top union officials for daring to continue to defend their members' jobs and living standards.

The attack comes from the Transport Union regional committee, which is withdrawing shop stewards' credentials. This has been done because the stewards will not buckle down and accept instructions to stop blacking the barge aboard catamaran (BACAT) system.

After receiving the regional committee's instructions to abandon their fight for job security, docks stewards in Hull called a mass meeting of

the men. The stewards urged the dockers to continue blacking. They also stated that since they were elected by the rank and file they would carry on representing them.

The dockers quarrel with the BACAT system flows from the port employers' use of it to increase their use of non-registered labour. This would further weaken the docks labour scheme, which gives dockers considerable control over their working

Nominally the Transport Union is pledged to defend and even extend the scheme. But the membership-hungry TGWI bureaucrats have always been willing to sacrifice principles on the altar of short-term gains.

Threat to students

BRISTOL: Students who ought for a free nursery at Bristol University are still in danger of victimisation. The authorities are threatening disciplinary action for an occupation last term.

The recent National Union of Students Conference overwhelmingly passed a motion of support for the Bristol students, and for those at Coleg Harlech in Wales where 60 ex-trade unionist students face expulsion from the college for having been on a successful rent strike. The resolution called for a national demonstration of support in

Bristol on 14 May.

NUS national demonstration against the 30 per cent fees increase for overseas students. Friday 30 April. Assemble 1.30pm, Aston University Students Union, Gosta Green, Birmingham.



Hull steward Walter Cunningham, chairman of the Port

DUNDEE WOMEN SHOW STRENGTH

by CATHY CHRISTISON (COHSE)

DUNDEE: What started as a sympathy strike with workers out at another factory turned into a fight against the appalling conditions in their own factory for 300 women workers at Hamilton Carhartts Caroline Port.

For most of the women this was the first time they had ever been on strike. The women. members of the Tailor and Garment Workers Union, had four unelected shop stewards to represent them.

The shop stewards have told us we cannot get rid of them', said one striker, 'We would like to know what the

determination of women in

the trade unions to fight for

Stewart Lindsay, the TASS shop steward, told Socialist Worker: 'The best thing to

come out of the dispute is that

the workforce is more united

than it has ever been before.

equal pay.

Day strike over 3p offer

DAGENHAM: Workers at Orlake Plastics, who make record

discs, went on one-day strike last week. They have all joined the Transport Union and are putting in a wage claim.

The 140 women now get a miserable £13.35 for a 25-hour week.

Management offered a 3p an hour rise, and say that any more

Management suspended four men 'for not representing management's interests as they ought' at the meeting to form the

union in the factory. There will be more trouble if these men are

The 20 men get only £28 for a 40-hour week.

only four in the branch and the stewards have got them.'
Once on strike, the frustra-

tion of the women erupted They demanded more shop stewards, democratically elected, improved canteen facilities, and an end to their sweatshop conditions.

They won support from local shipyard workers and prepared for a long strike. The stewards responded by calling in the full-time official

After negotiations with management, the official and the stewards said that the demands had been met. This

was after three days on strike. Women who had been distributing a leaflet opposing a return to work, which they had prepared with the aid of the Dundee Right to Work Committee, were threatened with the sack by management for associating with 'com-munists'.

Scare

The stewards joined in this 'red scare' tactic, telling them that they would get no support if they were sacked since they had contravened union rules.

At a later mass meeting, the stewards succeeded in gettinga return to work for Monday Only the demands concerning holiday pay had in fact been met. Negotiations are continuing on the others.

But the women have shown the management that they are prepared to fight. The ground is set to build a strong union organisation in Carhartts.) This is the first of many battles

by JIMMY McCALLUM JACK JONES wants to accept Denis Healey's 3 per cent deal. Last week he spent three days in Perth bullying his own Transport and General Workers Un-

Jones

bullies

the

STUC

ion delegation and the Scottish TUC congress into agreeing with him. He got away with it. In the end the STUC's opposition to the government and to Jones was pale and uncertain. Every statement from the General Council carried praise of the government alongside qualified opposition to its

economic policy.

Only two delegates called for action on 26 May-Helen Gallagher of AUEW/TASS. who was involved in the Glasgow Personna occupation, and Jim Torrance of Dundee Trades Council.

The main opposition to the overnment came from the Scottish miners and ASLEF,

the train drivers' union. But neither proposed any

Speak

One of the most disturbing things was the way Jones set himself up as spokesman for the TGW1 delegation. It indicates what the trade union leadership think of the rank and file when they are now prepared to rob elected delegates of their right to speak at trade union conferences.

One incident was telling. A leaflet was circulated among the delegates by TGW1 members active in the fight to black asbestos.

Initially the leaflet got a good response from the delegates but in the afternoon session. Jimmy Milne, the STUC general secretary and a Communist Party member, told the delegates to tear up the leaflet since it was circulated by an unofficial group.

The leaflet explained that asbestos kills and that many trade unionists had been murdered through working with that material. No more—no less. Yet the STUC denounced this as unofficial.

It couldn't have summed up the STUC better. It is official to go through procedure and the union legal department and die. It is unofficial to fight.

The fight against the 3 per cent and wage controls, unemployment or anything else didn't come from the STUC. It will come from the rank and

ABOUR COUNCIL BACKS THE LUMP

BIRMINGHAM National Organisation of International Students-INTERNATIONAL WEEK

GLASGOW: The bitter equal

pay strike at Cockounts Valves has ended in victory for strike at Cockburns

members after a bitter 18

The company's way of

dodging the equal pay act was

to put women workers in a

grade on their own—which just happened to be the lowest paid. This grade has been abolished and a minimum

wage has been set at £40 a

week. On top, of this the

women have won rises of between £5 and £8.30 on top of

the statutory £6, which although it isn't all that the

strikers claimed, at least wiped

out the huge disparity between pay for women and men.

AUEW TASS

Tuesday 4 May: Kim Gordon on POLICE HARASSMENT, 12.30, South Centre Poly, Nigel Harris on THIRD WORLD—REFORM OF REVOLUTION? Birmingham University Student Union Nigel Harris on JAMAICA. 6pm, Gosta Green Poly

Thursday 6 May: Kim Gordon on SOUTHERN AFRICA REVOLUTION? 1pm,

Birmingham University Student Union, Kim Gordon on SOUTHERN AFRICA. 6pm, Gosta Green Poly.

Friday 7 May: SOCIAL at South Centre Poly, 8-

GREATER London Council are handing the building of the massive Thamesmead housing project over to lump labour.

men on the picket insisted that there could be no return to

work until the company con-

ceded the women's claim. This

unity between the women and

men on strike took a small

group of workers through

It was a clear example of the

would force the factory to close.

three months on strike.

In awarding the next stage of the contract over to Croudace's, who specialise in lump work, and continuing to oversee the sacking of Cubitt's workforce. fully-unionised

By Ted Parker President, Greenwich Trades Council

which they have been doing since November, the Labour controlled GLC are cynically destroying trade unionism to get the work done on the cheap.

implications - are

enormous. With the plans for the re-development of the old London Docklands coming to a conclusion, the next ten years are likely to see vast building operations in the heart of London.

The GLC have now paved the way for this to be done by non-union labour.

It is vital that all trade

THESE STRIKERS? CAN YOU HELP

SUNDERLAND: Engineering Union members Vibroplant maintenance and repair depot in Washington have been on strike for four weeks.

Spokesman for the strikers, Lol Marley, said: 'We are not even asking for a lot of money—just a fair deal, and the right to be in the union.

Management started vic-timising AUEW stewards by handing out official warnings.

refusing to do a labouring job. The workers walked out-and now they've all been sacked. There is good support for

the strikers in the area. The strike is official. But Vibroplant have similar places all over the country, probably not unionised and probably doing the work diverted by the successful picket line. Local Right to Work Com-

mittees can help the strikers by

making sure that work is blacked in these other plants:

Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford Rotherham, Grimsby, Not-tingham, Peterborough, Milton Keynes, Bolton, Stockport, Widnes, Stockport, Widnes, Blackburn, Preston, Kendall, Carlisle, Stockton, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Irvine, and Dundee.

☐ Messages of support to JI. Burgess, 56 Cleeve Court, Glebe, Washington

unionists get resolutions critical of the GLC from their branch-whatever union they are in to the Regional Com-mittees of UCATT and the TGWU (Building Section), who have so far done nothing, to Labour Parties and Coun-

The Thamesmead workers' demands are for the existing workforce to be taken over as a direct labour force by the

DARLASTON: A mass meeting at Wilkins and Mitchells has voted by 800 votes to 20 to resist 130 redundancies.

They have instituted an overtime ban, non co-operation with management, and non-movement of goods.

Management are threaten-

ing to go ahead with the redundancies.

Boost for sacked

convenor

-MERSEYSIDE: SUPPORT-THESE STRIKES MERSEYSIDE: There

are now four major strikes locally-three on one industrial estate in Kirkby. The fourth, at Sayers

Bakery, is now in its sixth month.

The Merseyside Right to Work Committee is visiting all the strikes, offering support and helping on the picket

Three are against vic-timisations, the other in support of equal pay and a £6

Tommy Douras, from the Right to Work Committee. told Socialist Worker: With unemployment over 11 per cent, it isn't surprising that the bosses are trying it on with

Attack

'Every attempted victimisation is an attack on trade union organisation inside the factory, not just on the individual. Who wants to be a shop steward after the steward in the next section has been

And how many shop stewards start to 'behave' themselves after a victimisa-

Power

*Every victimisation dispute, as well as strikes by workers in defence of living standards, must be supported by other workers, with collections and help on the picket line by raising motions calling on the full-time officials and the unions to make the strike official; and to give them full

'Every victimisation must be fought'.

On the picket line at Dubilier: out for £6and equal pay

WE ARE fighting at Dubilier in Kirkby for two things. First, we claimed the £6, which we know we are entitled to and not the ten per cent (£3) the company have

Second, equal pay. We claim we are semi-skilled, not labourers. We have four to six weeks training and the labourers

have none. Without training could they do

SHOP STEWARD VICTIMISED . . . 1

WORKERS at J Rose, Kirkby Tyres, on the Kirkby Industrial Estate are on strike for union

Management sacked Charlie Cave, the AUEW shop steward, who tried to unionise this sweatshop. The average age of the lads working there is 18. The average pay is £19 for 40 hours.

There is one toilet for the 40 men. It took six months to get overalls and gloves for extremely dirty They are determined to stay out until the unions are recognised.

Support to: IS Books, 28 Berry Street, Liverpool 1

Pickets wanted

picket line. 20 electricians and engineers at Sayers Bakery are still solid.

They are now demanding the reinstatement of victimised workers. The strike committee is now appealing for daily support on the

picket line.
Eddie McGee, of the
Engineers Charter Group in
Merseyside, told Socialist Worker: 'We shall be arguing for support of the Sayers picket on a daily basis

We shall

resolutions through the branches to the district committee to get the picketing organised.

Charter supporters are also combining with the local Right to Work Committee to picket Sayers' shops in Merseyside. The picket, every Saturday at Sayers' Kirkby shop, has cut

sales drastically.
The Right to Work Committee is also calling for a boycott of all Reeces shops which sell Savers' bread cakes and pies.

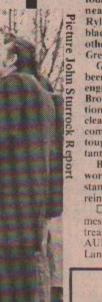
SHOP STEWARD VICTIMISED . . . 2

FOURTEEN men at John Kerr Ltd on the Kirkby Industrial Estate have been on strike since Friday.

They are out over the sacking of a shop steward. He asked for dirt money for handling bonemeal, which was leaking out of sacks onto

There is a verbal agreement about dirt money and workers have been paid before handling bonemeal.

The men all Transport Union workers - say they will stay out as long as necessary to get the steward



victimised AUFW convenor at Greenings in Warrington. Lancashire.

The strike for his reinstatement is now in its fourth week. Workers at the nearby 'rival' firm of Rylands have agreed to black all work that would otherwise have gone to Greenings.

Greenings has recently been taken over by the giant engineering combine, Firth Brown, and the victimisation of Arthur Conheency is clearly part of the new company's attempt to 'get tough' with their most militant plants.

But the Greenings workers are determined to stand firm until he is reinstated.

Donations and messages of support to the treasurer, c/o Roy Dutton, AUEW House, Froghall Lane, Warrington, Lanes.

AUEW FRACTION MEETING

For all IS members in the AUEW. Socialist Worker supporters welcome.

Saturday 8 May, 1-5pm, Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London, W1. Nearest tube station, Marble Arch.

Details from fraction secretary, 8 Cottons Gar-dens, London, E2 8DN. (Phone 01-739 6273).

THE NEXT MEETING of the women's sub-committee will be on Saturday 8 May, 11am, 8 Cottons Gardens, London E2.



By Joan Windever, AUEW shop steward

the job of winding, moulding, soldering, printing and assembly? The answer is no. Many of our members are on

machines and many more have to be able to read and understand drawings, which they have to have at hand throughout the job. Is this labouring? We don't

We claim, and will continue to claim, that we are semi-skilled and should get the rate. Take the female chargers. They have always been on the semi-skilled rate, while male charge hands were in a grade above them.

Now they claim equality-and

rightly so. These members lost money by being left on the semi-skilled rate. Is this right? Again, we don't think so.

The female members have had enough. Our problems go back quite some time. The bonus scheme was promised back in

Dave Williams, AUEW convenor, writes: We're still on strike for the full £6 pay increase and for equal pay for the women workers. On Friday, the company made

an offer to pay one week's wages in advance, if we returned to work. A mass meeting un-animously rejected the offer and voted to continue the strike. All financial support to: Dave Williams, Convenor, 40 Burwen Drive, Liverpool 9 8DF.

Gartons try it on again

BATTERSEA: For the fourth time in two years, management at Gartons starch and strike to weaken the strong trade union organisation on

Tanker drivers' steward Gordon Wayne was sacked on Friday for a minor breach of discipline.

The drivers are on strike demanding his re-instatement and the dropping of all punishment.

Supplies in and out of the factory are at a standstill because of blacking by other drivers, including Shell and BP tanker drivers contacted TGWU convenor Bill Brady at a recent meeting organised by the local Right to Work Committee.

The process workers at the factory also blacked the loading of other trucks, but this action has now been withdrawn as the plant is at a standstill anyway and the management are not being given the opportunity to lock out the rest of the workforce.

Messages of support to Bro W Brady, 82 Mayford Road, London SW12.

BERY OWEN: THE FACTS

WOLVERHAMPTON:

The strike by 32 delivery drivers at Rubery Owen has been settled.

management tried to lay off some drivers after an overtime

The ban was introduced in a fight over the implementation of minimum time rates.

Management insisted that

the new against the £6 rese won last

This would mean giving up £33 a year for a meagre increase in holiday pay-and to pay out of our own pocket for the pleasure of working shifts

Our shop stewards replied with a total overtime ban until

Chivas: 650 walk out

GLASGOW: 650 GMWU members

Chivas plants in Paisley, Dalmuir and Beith, walked out last Wednesday.

They are striking against a management plan to give chargehands members of MATSA, the white-collar section of the GMWU vastly increased disciplinary power, amounting virtually to hiring

and firing over production workers.

would overcome any inefficiency among production workers. Yet there is a ratio of

maintenance workers are still working but drivers in the transport union have blacked

RANK SACKINGS BATTLE

BRADFORD: Rank Audio Visual at Apperley Bridge is due to close on 15 May.

The 226 workers fighting the closure have the support of Bradford and Shipley Trades Councils, local MPs and many union branches.

The company first offered no severance pay for workers under 40 and only half a week's pay for those over 40.

Management - claim this

500 staff to 650 production EETPU and AUEW

Rank's are now offering a

minimum of four weeks' full pay, plus 20 days' holiday pay and the choice of reclaiming the pension.

This increased offer comes after the representatives of APEX, ASTMS and EETPU

met Rank board officials.
This deal is a sure-fire way of stopping any fight for the right to work at Ranks.

all deliveries to the plant.

Unfortunately, the strikers' case is not being helped by the G&M stewards at the nearby Strathleven bottling plant, This is a contracting plant and the stewards say the strike at Paisley means more work for

The Paisley workers are picketing the plant, but, being in the G&M, they don't see much chance of the strike being made official unless it's six months too late.

The strikers were meeting Advisory. Conciliation and Arbitration Services this week. But, as convenor John Burgess said: "As far as we are concerned, we are staying out unless the whole plan is totally withdrawn'.

☐ Donations and messages of support to: Betty Harp, 30 Bernon Drive, Linwood, Glasgow.

Rubery Owen would honour the agreement (the MTR was agreed before the £6 limit).

Various departments were then laid off. The foremen by walking up to individuals and telling them they were laid off. Some sections have now retaliated with a complete stoppage

The dispute that made headlines in the national press was in the transport section. Half the drivers were laid off without lay-off pay.

The drivers' reaction was Management's attitude forced the strike.

In support of the drivers, all outside transport was banned off the ground and no supplies came in or goods went out until management conceded on Friday.

Throughout our overtime ban, increasing pressure has been put on us by full-time officials of the ALEW and TGWU to return to normal working (as if 40 hours is not normal working, we have union officials falking about a 35 hour week, but in practice urging members to work over-

But if we at Rubery Owen keep up the fight, victory can

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SOUTHEND

SIPPORT

Builders defend Marchers

Transport Workers union, the TGWU, are giving official support to the 21 May picket in defence of the arrested Right to Work Marchers.

The TGWU Group Com-mittee for the building industry is supporting the picket, and is writing to all TGWU branch secretaries and shop stewards committees in building urging them to

-Jack

THE COUNCIL WORKERS

On a local level, we've got

more power than the

miners if we stick

together. We're fighting

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direct labour department

send official delegations. The Right to Work Campaign has heard from many other bodies. Some are sending delegations, others are supporting the inquiry, nearly all are sending money to the

defence campaign.

Among the trade union bodies who have told the Campaign they will be on the picket on 21 May are:

ASLEF, Kings Cross Branch; Dillons Group of Booksellers, ACTS 145 hrunch: TGWU ACTS 51451 Bookshop

UCATT

Workers Branch: AUEW Blackburn No. 1 hranch: N. E. London Medical (020) hranch.
CPSA Waltham Forest and Newham Branch: Whispis Cross COHSESAUEW strikers. Clanston Office: Equipment Dispute: EFTPU London Airport Branch: NALGO Social Service Representatives Committee, NUJ Book Branch: NUJ Magazine Branch: CIS NUJ Chapel; Boddsmiths College SU. North Hammersmith Health NUPE; NUPE Frenchay Hospital Branch; GIC Juniper St. site Joint SSC, AUEW Shop Stewards. Committee, Rolls. Royce, 1971) Ltd. Patchway, Bristol; Leechs Bailding Site: AUEW (TASS) N. E. London Branch.
TGWU. 1/1232. branch. (Builders): Lambeth Trades Council: Battersea and

Wandsworth Trades, Council: Croydon Trades, Council: Norwich Trades, Council: UCATT WE 121 Northampton Branch, Edmonton & Enfield Trades, Council: Edmonton No 1 AUEW branch; Blackburn AUEW No 2 heanch; Southwark Trades Council: Nortwood Labour Party; Haringey, Trades, Council: N. Landon NUT: Moorfields Eye Hospital NUPE; Excler NUR, No. 2 branch; AUEW (TASS) Leeds Branch; NALGO Lambeth social services repsective; N. E. London ASTMS medical branch; AUEW Cricklewood No. 4 branch; S. W. London CPSA branch; S.

☐ Donations to the defence fund are urgently needed. The trial the arrested marchers could go on right through the Autumn.

Donations this week

include:

CIS NUJ Chapel E10: AUEW Shop Stewards Committee at Rolls Rovee Production Works, Patchway £5: NUJ Magazine Branch £20: AUEW Southall District Citee £2: AUEW Wembley No 4 branch £2: Islington NALGO workers £6: Northampton £CATT members £6: Northampton £CATT members £6: Northampton £CATT members £6: Northampton £6: Workers Oxford £1: 2½: Electricians. Cardin £7: 50: Shelvake & herwery workers. £etchwards £5: Inland Revenue workers. Loweston £0p. Croydon Tades Council £10: Norwach Trades Council £5: Wigan Inides Council £5: NALGO members. Essex County branch £1: ELEPTEI RTW public meeting Cardin £5.

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Don't let anyone think this is going to rest here. We're fighting for the reinstatement of them all.

-Arthur Smith, TGWU shop steward, Southend Council dust workers.

SACKINGS . . . wage cuts . . . lump working. Those are just some of the reasons why 3000 council workers are set to come out on indefinite strike in Southend on Monday.

The workers-from four different unions-have linked up to fight some of the most ruthless cuts yet seen in

And they are including in their demands the re-instatement of nearly 50 workers who have already either been sacked or thrown to the mercy of private contractors.

The Tory council are planning to turn local services over to private contractors on a massive scale-allegedly to save money.

The result will be nice profits for the contractorsand still more sackings for the workers in a town with a record figure of 4600 unemployed.

And those workers reemployed by the contractors face wage cuts and, in some cases, lump labour. Many will be barred from trade union organisation.

The council plans have already been pushed through among deck-chair attendants catering workers at Southend Airport. They have

meant: All deck chair attendants have been sacked, with some offered £30 a week, plus seven and a half per cent of their own takings, by a private contrac-

There will be no limit on the number of hours worked and the workers will have to pay their own insurance stamp that is, lump labour.

By JOHN HARDY and **GEOFF ELLEN**

All catering workers and cleaners at the airport have been sacked. The caterers have been offered a 40 per cent cut in wages with overtime— previously at time and a half and double-time—at plain time rates:

The prices in the workers' canteen have doubled-and the workers are now bringing in their own sandwiches in protest.

The cleaners have been offered similarly reduced rates together with a reduction in manning level from 17 to seven, more than doubling the workload.



They will get no sick benefit or holiday pay.

Similar cuts among dust workers would mean an immediate £6 wage cut to £30 a week with no limit on hours.

Shop stewards from the four unions—the IGWU, GMWU, UCATT and NUPE—responded by holding a love holding a joint mass meeting of 250 council workers. 247 voted for strike action.

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But so far only two of the unions are ready to make the strike official, which has split the stewards over whether to go ahead if the officials back down.

Meanwhile, this issue is being watched closely by other councils as a test case.

If Southend Council get away with it, other councils will soon be trying it on. That's why this strike is so

living standards of Southend council workers, and to safeguard the services of all workers.

If the strike doesn't get official backing from all four unions, the stewards need not get despondent.

vital: to protect the jobs and

After all, experience has shown that the officials' interests are not automatically the members' interests

The council's axe is going to fall on the jobs, not of the officials, but of the rank and file-and it is there that the stewards must campaign for a solid strike.

The link-up between the four unions has shown the way, revealing a strength most council workers never dreamed they had.

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THE 44! NO MORE SHREWSBURYS!

The 44 workers arrested in the police attack on the Right to Work March will appear in court on Friday 21 May 21 May. The National Right to

Work Campaign calls on all trade union and labour movement bodies to send delegations to a picket outside the court on Friday 21 May at 10am. outside Hendon Magistrates Courl, The Hyde, Edgware Road, West Hendon, London

Send delegations. Make sure you are represented. Bring banners.

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Socialist Worker May Day Rally

> Fraternal Greetings will be given by representatives from Spain, Portugal and by Tony Cliff on behalf of the International Socialists.

Friday 30 April, Camden Town Hall, 7.30pm sharp. Admission 80p

Manchester Friday 30 April
Houldsworth Hall,
Deansgate,
7-30pm
Speakers:
Laurie Flynn
(Socialist Worker)
(ex-Clay Cross Councillor)
(victimised SOGAT Management)
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