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Join the mass picket of the Old Bailey at 9.30am, when Right to Work marcher John Deason is on trial. John Deason is the last to be tried of the 43 marchers arrested when the police attacked last Spring's Right to Work march.

The judges... or the power of our class?



SACE BEBY THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

THE SOCIAL Contract claimed another 1800 victims this week.

Workers at C A Parsons, a generator firm in Newcastle, were told that one in every four of them would be sacked inside the next 18 months.

The news came as the Labour government were announcing the Social Contract's latest triumph - unemployment up to 1,392,000, the highest for this time of the year since the war.

Massive

The Social Contract, of course, was going to stop all that.

It didn't matter if wages went down and profits up because that would bring more investment and more

The Parsons workers were told that too .

Well profits have certainly gone up. Massively. Only a fortnight ago, in fact, the parent firm Reyrolle Par-sons announced that theirs had doubled, to £15.8 billion.

Better still, the government were letting them increase their dividends to shareholders by 39 per cent, which is rather more than the 4½ per cent they allowed workers on their wages.

Never mind. Clearly it would create more jobs.

Parsons are not, however, alone in the field. The other big generator firm, Sir Arnold Weinstock's GEC, has been

Its profits have been getting bigger and bigger. And in

1800 axed as jobless

January, Sir Arnold unveiled wonderful plans for them. More jobs? Not exactly. Another £175 million in the bank for the shareholders, to be precise

Meanwhile, the logic of the Social Contract has created it own Frankenstein.

The wage cuts that paid for those profits also, inevitably, produced electricity bills that workers could no longer afused-and less was produced.

Now the heads of the electricity board are claiming there is no 'demand' for the power that could be produced by new generating stations.

Only one new station should be built, say the government, and then only in case 'demand' goes up in a few vears' time

Neither the governmentnor the electricity board—will admit that millions of people need that electricity NOW.

People such as the thousands of pensioners suf-fering from hypothermia coldness, in plain languagewhose numbers, as we reported last week, have trebled in ten years.

There is plenty of need. But endless increases in electricity prices now means there is no demand'.

Such is the cynicism of the Labour government-a cynicism rivalled by their 'solution' to the Parsons crisis.

They are going to hand the fate of all the workers in the generating industry to the man who has spent years taking government money with one hand and signing away jobs with the other.

That's right, Weinstock

again. This after Weinstock has made it clear that he does not regard the sackings an-nounced in Newcastle as either numerous enough or soon

Numerous

Next time you hear anyone talk of how the Social Contract saves jobs, think of the grin on Weinstock's face—and the devastation threatening the lives of hundreds of Tyneside workers.





John Deason-and the man who's already been through it, Ricky Tomlinson

THE QUEEN is visiting Hendon's police next Thursday—to congratulate them on their work.

Among their achievements are the 200-strong attack on the West Indian Carib Club, the harassment and arrests on the Grunwicks picket line—and the attack on the Right to Work march last Spring. Swinging batons, they made four charges into a peaceful march of 80 unemployed workers.

The day before the Queen's visit one of those marchers comes up on trial at the Old Bailey.

Of the 43 marchers arrested, the serious charges were saved for him, march organiser and campaign secretary, John Deason.

This is a frame-up in the same mould as the trial of the Shrewsbury pickets. The alm is to intimidate the jobless so they won't demonstrate against unemployment.

That is why every trade unionist and socialist should join the mass picket of the Old Bailey next Wednesday 4 May at 9.30am. Bring banners.

☐ More than 200 trade union organisations are to send official delegations to the picket, including 17 shop stewards committees such as Pontins site, North Wales, Homerton Rubber, South Wales and Rollsbyce Production, Bristol. Fourteen Trades Council, 37 AUEW bodies, including four district committees, and many other bodies will also be represented.

Also present will be Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, Ricky Tomlinson, the Shrewsbury picket, and Ernie Roberts, Assistant General Secretary of the

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TYNDALE OUTRAGE

By Jeff Hurford THE 'cane them, crush them, turn them into factory fodder' brand of education got another boost this week.

The Inner London Education Authority sacked six teachers from the Tyndale School in North London.

Every right wing Black Paper supporter who longs for the bad old good old days has got a massive shot in the arm-from a Labourcontrolled authority.

But this isn't the end of it. The grounds for sacking the six teachers are that 18 months ago, they went on strike for

Teachers sacked 'to encourage the others'

Apparently teachers are forbidden to take action decid-ed on by themselves. Should they do so they are—by decision of the ILEA and with the consent of the teachers' union—wide open for vic-timisation and dismissal.

The aim is to soften up teachers so as to make it easier to push through larger classes. compulsory transfers and loss

Formula

Teachers, especially those in ILEA, must respond with strike action. To allow the

RACIALISTS DID THIS

employers to get away with sacking the Tyndale Six will convince them that they have found the perfect formula for getting rid of militants.

The Press, ILEA and the right-wing in the NUT have tried, and largely succeeded, in obscuring the facts by claiming that the issues are educa-tion, standards, the accountability of teachers to parents.

From the start, in 1974, the teachers said it was a political issue—and they were right.

The trouble was started by a Rhodes Boyson supporter with a series of red-baiting rumours. The witchhunt was

then taken up by Labour Party members and coun-

When the ILEA Education officer recommended that inefficiency charges be brought against only two of the teachers, the Labour Councillors told him to add the strike charge against all the

Unofficial

The sacking of the Tyndale teachers comes just as the ILEA are preparing for large scale comulsory transfer of teachers throughout. Inner

going to fight and so any resistance will depend on unofficial action by the rank and file.

It is precisely the issue of unofficial action that is at stake in the Tyndale case. At the disciplinary tribunal

it was admitted by ILEA representatives that they would have reacted quite differently if the strike had been official!

ILEA understand the importance of the sackings. So must all teachers, As the Tyndale NUT Rep, Jackie McWhirter told Socialist

'This is not only a clear victimisation, but also a threat to other teachers and all workers. We appeal to all trade unionists to defend the right to strike by supporting us in our struggle by their own strike action and financial support."

Motions and petitions call-ing for no action to be taken against any of the Tyndale teachers should be sent to the ILEA, County Hall, London

Letters

Letters of support and money should be sent to the NUT Rep, Jackie McWhirter, 24 Palace Rd, London, N.8.

Loyalists threaten new strike

AS WE went to press, Loyalist political and paramilitary leaders in Northern Ireland announced another enforced 'strike' to get control of security back into their

The strike will begin on

Monday.

The United Unionist
Action Council, made up
of the main Loyalist
paramilitary and murder gings plus Ian Paisley, had earlier let it be known that they had made plans for co-ordinated intimidation of workers in key areas.

Republican community groups are trying to draw up a plan of defensive action if—as is likely there is a frontal assault on Catholic ghetto areas

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST FACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN A

THIS IS BOLA FEMI, A young Nigerian studying in London.

Racialist thugs broke both his arms and smashed his head outside a pub in Deptford, South London last week.

Bola and other socialists had gone into the pub after a Socialist Worker Party meeting to discuss the defence of the Islington 18.

Danny Evaristo, former President of the

Greenwich Trades Council, went up to the bar and ordered a drink. A thug shouted: 'You black bastards! You don't like the National Front, but you do like National

Assistance'. Danny was pushed and shoved about, and a scuffle developed.

As the SWP members started to leave the pub, they noticed the man behind the bar handing out chair and table legs to the racist and his two henchmen.

Armed with the clubs, the three men charged outside, cornered Bola, forced him to

the ground and beat him

John Francis, a busman, went to help Bola and was also pattered. Both were taken to hospital.

Bola was found to have a multiple fracture in one arm

and a break in the other. Serious concussion made it impossible for him to take painkilling drugs.

He spent three sleepless savagely.

If they hadn't been hauled off, they could have killed

nights in agony in the hospital. He is now immobilised and still in great pain.

John Francis has 12 stitches

The police arrived at the

Kings Head some time after the assault. One of the thugs was still in the pub, drinking with his mates. He had blood on his hands.

But the police refused to make an arrest. Their in-

quiries' are continuing.

Bola can't help wondering how long police 'inquiries' would have lasted if the victims of the attack had been white-and a black man had been found with blood on his hands!

The South East London District of the Socialist Workers Party are holding a mass picket of National Front sellers this Saturday (30 April) at Lewisham Clock Tower (outside Burtons).

And a picket of Ladywell police station was being called

☐ Picket Ladywell Police Station, Ladywell Road, off Lewisham High St., Friday 29

Deptiond SWP public meeting

Class not colour divides us.
Tuesday 10 May,
7.30pm, Albany
Empire, Creek Road,
Deptford.



JOURNALISTS and photographers on the Hackney Gazette in East London this week refused to work on an edition carrying an advert for the National Front. The management were asked to withdraw the advert but refused saying it would set a 'dangerous precedent'. A spokesman for the journalists said 'We do not want the Hackney Gazette to be used in any way by a party whose main platform is racial

THE NATIONAL Front have booked Shoreditch School Hackney for an

election meeting on

Saturday (30 April) at

7.30pm. Teachers at the school are calling a picket which SWP members should support. Details from local branches.

GEORGE HERROD National Front candidate in this week's Ashfield by-election, is at odds with his Nazi leadership. During an election phone-in, he denied that the Front

was in favour of compulsory repatriation and claimed that

he is not a racialist.

When told that Martin Webster was in favour of a well oiled Nazi machine and that Jim Merrick was 'proud to be a racialist', Herrod admitted that there were Nazis in the NF but that these were 'the lunatic fringe' and would have to be expelled.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORK

Abortion anger over MP

Public meeting ABORTION RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

Speakers include: Dave Widgery (a doctor) and NCCL speaker on the legal aspects of the Bill.

Plus Pirate Jenny's new play Bouncing Backwards With Benyon

Wednesday 11 May 7.30pm. Clapham Baths, Manor Clapham Common

LABOUR MP Tom Cox is going to get a shock next Friday (6 May).

He voted in the Commons for the Benyon Bill that seeks to outlaw abortions for thousands of women.

So now a South London committee linking up different groups is to picket his 'surgery'

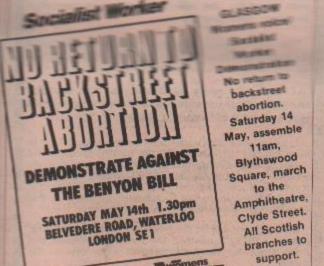
Cox, an electricians' unionsponsored MP, has already been been censured by the local Wadden branch of the EETPU, who have demanded that he attends their next meeting to take account of

PICKET TOM COX'S SURGERY

Friday 6May 6.30-7.30pm, 611 Garrett Lane, near Tooting Broadway, South Lon-

Dozens of Labour MPs like Cox have voted for the Bill. But pickets like the one planned in South London can show their views on the rest of us.

The committee has sent letters to all local trade unions asking them to take part in the



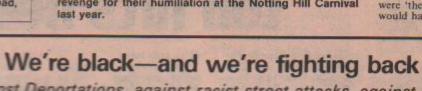
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anderson The same a to rack Benyon Bill will affect the lives of working class women and how we can fight back to defend our abortion rights.

☐ Womens Voice says: Build the abortion campaign

you can in your area for the National Demonstration on 14 May, Organise street meetings.

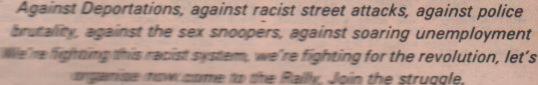
Write to other groups to organise jointly on this issue where possible, get support from the local labour movement, write to the press and



Some of the 300 people who marched through Islington on

Saturday in protest against the frame-up of 18 black

teenagers on conspiracy charges. The trial is the police's



RALLY OF BLACK REVOLUTIONARIES IN BRITAIN

Saturday 30 April, 17am, Stockwell Hall, Briston, London SWS

Speakers include: Mora Singh (secretary) Dagenhami, Kim Gordon teditor, Florrer, Alberta Parmer (Bolton Asian Youth Organisation, Ray Goel (ACTS secretary, Walls, Southell), Returns Wintress

SOCIAL: Reggae and Asian Sound System, Food. Beer, Exhibitions and Stalls Starts from in the Training Centre, 2 St Matthews Road, Briston.

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TRANSPORT FROM BIRMINGHAM: 7.45am, Paris Sweet Carrier, Allum Rock Road, Alum Rock, Barn, New Street Station, New St entrance.



ASBESTOS

THE asbestos murderers got a nasty shock in Manchester last Thurs-

The annual meeting of Turner and Newall, where they usually pat themselves on the back, share out the dividends and re-elect themselves to the board of directors, didn't go quite as they planned.

There was a noisy picket outside the meeting with placards to tell the story of what has really been going on in the industry while they've

profit in the past ten years. The placards said simply: They murder the men, then they rob the widows'.

Mrs Cathy Hughes, her

daughter Alice, and other members of her family went inside the meeting to press the point home. Glasgow lagger John Healy demanded to know what the directors were going to do to make amends to his aunt and the many other widows who like her had been swindled.

State

Mrs Hughes got to her feet during the meeting too. 'I congratulate you on your great profit. I get the paltry pension of £15.85 a week from the state for the death of my man aged 54,' she said.

I got not a thing, not a card of sympathy from you.

'I had everything I could want in life at one time. Then you took my man. You forced me out to work.

'And he got just £500 compensation for his stolen years. He was threatened that

ilkely get nothing.
'To see a man dying from the disease that you gave him is too terrible for words. I sat day and night with him dying in the bed.'

In response to this and other forceful statements from Alice Black and others, H. D. Hardie, Turner's direc-tor responsible for 'health' and 'safety', claimed that these things were all in the past. His comments were met

When the company direc-tors moved re-election of themselves, one bright spark among the protestors suggested that they should appoint one extra director—a funeral director.

Amends

The directors were repeatedly asked what they were going to do to make amends. They were also pressed about how much

former chairman Sir Ralph Melton 'Mr Asbestos' Batemen got by way of pension from the firm in comparison with widow Moll Fisher. Mrs Fisher got Just over £1 a week for five years until she was cut off altogether.

After the meeting was over the protest continued outside. The cry went up 'for every share certificate there's a death certificate.

Directors were harried as

BLACKED **ASBESTOS**

they came out. Shareholders were presented with flowers with name tags of the dead men from the Glasgow laggers TGWU branch.

Blue asbestos-which was in fact blue Daz-was poured over the chairman. He panicked.

The protest was extremely successful and very enjoyable. The protesters informed Turner and Newall that they could look forward to more of the same.



blow-out: The cost of 'profit at any price'. MILLIONS of tons of oil

Oil rig

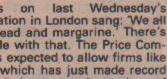
pouring into the North Sea. The continual danger of an explosion. The coasts of Denmark, Norway and Scotland threatened with with devastating contamina-

That was what the blow out in the North Sea oil field meant earlier this week.

It could have been even worse. It was pure luck that the blow-out did not mean instantaneous death for the dozens of workers on the rig.

The exact causes of the blow-out are still not known. But one thing is already evident. It was not an accident pure and simple.

The oil firm involved, Phillips, took risks because of its desire to pump out profitable oil as fast as possible and as soon possible. It was prepared to risk a blow-out in the process, just as all the oil firms have risked the lives of divers, rig workers, seamen in the past, producing a gruesome death toll



All this on top of the increases in the cost of electricity, council rents, gas, oil and petrol caused by government

It is the government that has forced up these prices. Yet it dares claim it is fighting inflation.

Workers on last Wednesday's demonstration in London sang: 'We all live on bread and margarine.' There's live on bread and margarine. There's one trouble with that. The Price Commission is expected to allow firms like Unilever, which has just made record profits, to increase the price of margarine by another 2p a pound.

...and no one else will fight them!

Food prices

going UP...

DESPITE these price rises, several union conferences have voted for the Social Contract to continue.

YOU'D think from the

newspapers on Tuesday that food prices were going to fall as a result of the latest deal made at the

Common Market meeting in

BUTTER may fall in price by 5p-but

not for more than a few months. Then it

is going to start going up again, until at the end of the year it will be 7p a pound

CHEESE is going to go up in price almost immediately, by 5p a pound, and by another 3p before the end of the year.

MEAT is going to go up in price.
WHEAT is going up—causing yet
another increase in the price of bread of

MILK is going to go up in price.

What a travesty of the truth!

higher than now.

That was the decision at the National Union of Teachers, the National Union of Journalists, the shop workers union USDAW, the Scottish TUC and the Welsh TUC.

The press is already predicting that the Engineering Union next week will

vote the same way.

But this does not mean the fight against wage controls is already over. Far from it. It shows the fight is going to get more bitter.

It's going to mean a fight against the trade union leaderships, as well as against the employers and the government. But there is still going to be a

The pattern has been shown by the way that Heathrow, as with the Leyland toolroom workers, union leaders have been prepared to urge their members to scab on strikes.

We cannot beat the contract unless we build a rank and file response to this

That means campaigning in every industry for support for workers, such as at Port Talbot or Heathrow, who fight for wages. It means all other groups of workers must prepare now claims for £15 a week across-the-board without strings for 1 August, when Phase Two



The blow-out rig

But blame does not lie only with the oil firms.

They have been given the go-ahead to go for profits, regardless of the dangers. by successive British governments. In fact by the same government depart-ment, now headed by Anthony Wedgwood Benn, that puts continual pressure on for 'high productivity' in the mines, regardless of the death toll.

Nuclear

By the same government department that is giving the go ahead for the reprocessing of nuclear fuels at enormous risk to all

Only a fortnight before the oil blow-out they were claiming that chances of a catastrophe in the North Sea fields was 'remote'. Yet international experts were telling television inter-viewers that blow-outs were inevitable. The com-panies refused to take notice of such warnings.

MAY DAY

Join the London Demonstration

Assemble 1pm, Charing Cross Embankment, to move off to Hyde Park at 2pm. Sunday 1 May London SWP branches to support with banners.

☐ Relax at the Rock Against Racism/Right to Work Campaign dance at the Roundhouse, Chalk Farm from 5pm onwards.



The picket outside the Turner and Newall shareholders' meeting



Magnificent!

57,000 VOTE RANK AND FILE IN **BATTLE FOR JONES' SUCCESSOR**

☐ IT WAS unprecedented.

Moss Evans, the mainmachine candidate, came top. But he got less than half the votes, the lowest proportion ever received by a winning candidate in the TGWU.

The undemocratic rules in the FGWU means there is no second

ballot and Evans is elected for

☐ Massive opposition to the Social Contract. That's what the enormous vote for John Cousins means. He was the man with the anti-Social Contract name and the press coverage (his daddy used to be General Secretary before Jones).

Tremendous support for the Rank and File. The three rank and file candidates standing for a militant

Rank and file member

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Thornett Rank and file member

MoorhouseRank and file member Thatcher Rank and file member

fight to smash the Social Contract, and for the election of all TGWU officials, got a massive vote.

Tommy Riley, deputy convenor at the Metal Box factory in Westhoughton, Lancashire, Willie Bennett, convenor at India Tyres, Glasgow, and Alan Thornett, shop steward at British Leyland's Cowley factory, received between them a magnificent 57,517.

☐ One in the eye for Jones and

349,548

14,010

11,919

11,493

9,376

the TGWU bureaucracy. Tommy Riley, the Right to Work Campaign candidate, beat two national full-time appointed officials to come fifth out of the 14 candidates.

This tremendous result-the first This tremendous result—the lirst time a rank and filer has beaten full-time officials—was achieved in spite of a national press blackout (except for Socialist Worker), a blackout that was continued after the results were announced. The Morning Star and Financial Times, for example, printed the names of the top four and the sixth condidate, but missed out the sixth candidate, but missed out Riley.

The fact that a rank and file

candidate standing on a principled programme can successfully challenge the votes of the machine candidates is a testimony to the growing support for Dockworker and Platform and to the work of rank and file militants in the TGWU up and down the country.

Who Rules?

This work is continuing with mass sales of the TGWU-Smash the Social Contract badges, and the TGWU-Who Rules? pamphlet, and with the collection of anti-Social the TGWI Contract petitions to the TGWU Biennial Delegate Conference.

If you want to help, contact the Right to Work Campaign office 265a Seven Sisters Road, London,

Bro. TOMMY RILEY BRANCH NO. 6/123 RESIDENT AT BOLTON, LANCS Brothers and Sisters.

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Smash the Social Contract — Our Union and General
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secretary are closely identified and public services have been cut.

Most of the other candidates standing are full-time officials.
They weren't elected. So it's no wonder they agree with the way
rising unemployment and more cuts.

I'm standing so YOU can say:

We've had enough of wage freezes.

We've had enough of wage freezes.

We won't take any more cuts.

Fight for Democracy — This is only the fifth election for a
in informal democracy are widespread. The members are
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ALL officials should be elected. We need true democracy and

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ALL officials should be elected. We need true democracy and Fight for the Right to Work — I support the RIGHT TO work for the Right for jobs.

WORK CAMP Right to Work — I support the RIGHT TO imemployed workers in the fight for jobs.

It am opposed to productivity dealing and believe we must fight facing closure should be occupied and the strength of our Union facing closure should be occupied and the strength of our Union in the Jahour workers.

Neither begging from the Labour Government nor the bosses will provide Jobs. We must adopt new fighting policies.

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I don't want you to simply vote for me. I urge you to help build for militant policies.

Light for the Socialist to Work in the face of the and replace it with a planned socialist society under workers.

Yours fraternally.

Yours fraternally.

TOMMY RILEY.

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TGWU ELECTION RESULT

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National Organiser Evans

Industrial Relations Officer at National Economic Cousins Development Office; former TGWU National Secretary Public Services & Civil Air Transport 119,241 Group 75,395 **Executive Officer** Kitson National Secretary, Passenger Smith (Bus) Services Group 47,799 Rank and file member/ Right to Work 27,445 Campaign candidate National Secretary, Chemical Rubber Miller Manufacturing and Oil Refining Group 24,701 National Secretary, Administrative, Clerical, 19,510 Walsh Technical and Supervisory Group 18,579 Bennett Rank and file member-17,319

Riley

Fulton

Lyon Dyce

Rank and File

DOWN THE ROAD, an exhibition of 38 photographs by Bob Golden taken from the book of the same name. Available for hire to trade union branches, schools, colleges, public meetings Fee £5 plus carriage. All proceeds to the Right To Work Campaign. Speakers can be arranged to introduce discussion.

Write to Down the Road Exhibition, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (phone OI-359 1371, evenings). DOWN THE ROAD, an exhibition of



NALGO ACTION NEWS: April edition still available from 23a Alpha House, Ashbridge Street, London NW8. 5p a copy plus 7p postage.

April issue of THE COLLIER out now. Articles on Gormley's prod deal, the threat to Notts Coalfield, the light for dust victims' rights and



much more. Up to 10 copies, cash with order (5p each plus 6p postage) More than ten copies post free (send no cash with order; pay us for the copies you sell). Orders to The Collier, 38 Abbey Lane, Cundy Cross, Barnsley, South Yorks.

MERSEYSIDE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS EDUCATION CLASSES: on Why there has been so much unemployment on Merseyside. All meetings on Mondays, 12 noon, Kirkby Labour Club. St Chads Drive, Kirkby Free of charge.

2 May: Organisation of resistance by the Labour movement and others. 9 May: Unemployed struggles in Britain in 19th and 20th centuries. All inquiries to Brother T Jones, 34 Roughwood Drive, Northwood, Kirkby. Sponsored by the Merseyside Right to Work Campaign.

ACTION ON THE CUTS fight compulsory transfer! Meeting compulsory transfer! Meeting organised by the London Education Cuts Action Committee Thursday 6 May, 6pm, Polytechnic of Central London, Regent Street, London W1.

HEALTH WORKERS ALMANACK: Essential reading for all who care about the NHS Information and practical advice for all hospital trade unionists. Order now from Hospital Worker, 18 Red Post Hill, London SE24 or phone 01-733 8443—or contribute to the next one.

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National meating of PLATFORM, the rank and file organisation of bus workers. Sunday 8 May (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE), 11.30em-5pm, Mitre Hotel, Cathedral Gate, Manchester 3. For transport from London, phone 01-706 2823, from Sheffield 0742-584561, from Birmingham 021-643 5717, from Birmingham 021-643 5717, from Giasgow 041-221 3426. PLATFORM, rank and file bus workers' paper—April/May issue now out. Ten copies for 70p from Platform, 11 Woodlands Road, lifford, Essex (phone 01-553 4550).

ENGINEERS CHARTER RANK AND FILE CONTACT joint meeting: Smash the Social Con-tract. Saturday 30. April 11 30em, Lass O'Gowrie, Charles Street, off Oxford Road, Manchester. Speakers from Heathrow engineers and Port Tailbot electricians.

READING Right to Work Campaign May Day Dance; Saturday 30 April, 8pm-late, Wellington Arms, Whitley Street, Music by Layzer, Tickets 40p (20p unemployed), Bar extension.

SWANSEA & LLIW VALLEY Trades Councils May Day Rally on the Right to Work. Dyfatty Lights, Swansea, Saturday 30 April, 11am Speaker Dei Coity Davies (NUM) and Social and Disco for the Right to Work Campaign and Port Talbot Strike. 7pm to 10pm, Heathfield Club.

Merseyside Right to Work Campaign Social: WELCOME HOME BILLY CASTLEY, ALL 18 FORGIVENI DEFEND JOHN DEASON! Friday 6 May 8pm-midnight, Dolphin Steers House, Canning Place (off North John Street, behind the Holiday Inn.) Featuring North West Spanner's Just a Cog at 9.30pm, plus disco. Tickets £1 (unemployed 50p)

JOHN DEASON IS INNOCENT— Right to Work Campeign stickers. Thousands already used around London Rush off an order today. 4 in x 3 in, in green. £2 for 1000, post free by first class post. From Rank and File Centre, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. CASH WITH ORDERS ONLY.

GRIMSBY: 20 NEW MEMBERS

GRIMSBY:- Four days before polling day in the Grimsby by-election, 20 people had joined the Socialist Workers Party as a result of the campaign.

Eight people joined at one public meeting of 60 workers. The SWP candidate is Mike Stanton, a Grimsby docker. In the two weeks of the

campaign, more than 1,000 Socialist Workers had been sold, 500 in the first week, and

more than 600 in the second week

After a factory meeting at the Nypro plant in Flixborough, between Grimsby and Scunthorpe, plans have been made to extend the SWP into Scunthorpe.

... and 15 more in Sunderland

'I WAS one of those who joined the Communist Party in the Forties, and voted Labour in 1945.

Their betrayal of socialist ideals, and the subsequent apathy, made me believe that socialism in Britain was dead-but thanks to the book Why You Should Be A Socialist and Socialist Worker I discovered that not only was socialism still alive, it was capable of kicking.

This contribution from paign, carried mostly by the

Peggy Zackrisson captures the tone of a fantastic meeting on The Case for Socialism in Sunderland last week.

120 people attended-in a town where previously there was one Socialist Workers Party member!

Joined

15 people joined the SWP at the meeting which marked the end of a hard week's camNewcastle branch.

Intensive flyposting, factory and dole leafletting, pub and estate sales and street meetings reached whole new numbers of workers who were looking for a socialist alternative. Another new branch was

established the same day when five workers, including two shop stewards from the Hawthorn Leslie factory in Newcastle, joined the SWP after a meeting with Paul

JOIN THE TEACHERS ' PICKET IN SUPPORT OF JOHN DEASON

Many teachers in London have a holiday on Thursday 5 May because of voting in the GLC elections. Rank and File Teacher is calling on all teachers to attend a special teachers' picket of the Old Bailey on that day in support of John Deason as well as attending the mass picket on 4 May.

Be there at 9.30am sharp. The trial will re-commence at 10am.

BARNET TRADES COUNCIL RALLY

No more Shrewsburys **Defend John Deason**

Rally, Saturday 30 April, 2.30pm, Unity House, Euston Road, London NW1 (opposite Euston Station).

Speakers include Ian Morris (AUEW shop steward, London Airport), Ernie Roberts (Assistant General Secretary, AUEW), Mike Lynch (jailed Right to Work marcher) and Ricky Tomlinson (Shrewsbury picket).

ALL WELCOME

WHERE WE STAND

INDEPENDENT WORKING **CLASS ACTION**

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

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 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 class against the workers.

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state-a workers' state based upon councils of workers'

delegates and a workers militia

At most, parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system. Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

INTERNATIONALISM

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

We oppose everything which turns workers from one 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 an end to all forms of discrimination against homosexuals. We are for real, social, economic

and political equality of women. The experience of Russia revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country

Russia, China and Eastern Europe are not socialist, but state capitalist We support the struggles of workers in these countries against the bureaucratic ruling class.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

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

Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

We have to prove in practice 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

If you want to know more about Socialist Worker and the Socialist Workers Party, fill in the form on page 16.

'We'll kill you'-Nazis terrorise man who quit

A MAN who built one of the biggest National Front branches in the country has resigned in horror.

He says he was sickened by Nazi goings-on inside the Front-and by the bloodthirsty raving of members about what they would do when they came to power'.

Now Roy Trehewey has become a victim of a campaign of hate. And his life has been threatened on several occasions.

Hounded

And he has been warned by a senior Front member that he will be 'dealt with should we ever take power'.

Roy lives on the St. Helier estate in Carshalton, South London. At the peak of last summer's racialist hysteria the Front had about 300 members locally and polled more than 2,000 votes—most of them from the estate-in the Carshalton by-election.

They controlled the old age pensioners' association, and looked poised to take over from the Labour Party as the main working class organisa-tion in the predominantly

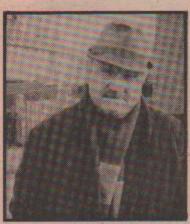
Tory borough.

That base has now split wide open. Roy has resigned and taken more than 100 members out with him.

The NF is now hounding Roy Trehewey, its former chairman, and the pensioners' association which he runs.

The pensioners' shop has had a brick through the window, and a certain Mr Warner, who has close con-nections with the NF, has been caught pouring paint over the windows of the shop, pouring oil through the letter box and has admitted sending threatening letters to

These incidents have been reported to the Sutton police.



TRETHEWEY FLL MUMMY HE BOGEY STILL APTER YOU HAVE A BATH

TRETHEWEY - SOD THE PELICE DON'T AND THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE

Astonishingly, Warner even approached local SWP member, Tony Morris to help him 'smash up' the pensioners' ball. And he has asked a worker in the shop if he would be prepared to work for him and the National Front—

WARNER (above), the central figure in the campaign of hate against Roy Trehewey. Warner was spotted carrying a large union jack on last year's National Front demonstration in Walsall.

He 'has shouted abuse, and physically assaulted Trehewey on at least one occasion. Every day he hangs outside the Old Age Pensioners' shop run by Trehewey and his mother, trying to put off customers. He has been seen pouring paint and oil over the shop and writing obscenities

but they have refused to take

Roy Trehewey is not a supporter of the politics of the SWP, and in fact has re-joined the Labour Party since leaving the fascists, but he told Socialist Worker of his experience inside NF and how

they operate. He joine He joined during the Carshalton by-election last spring because they were prepared to support him in organising a fund-raising fair for the OAP Association against the opposition of Labour councillors on the

Nazis

Up to then, there had been no fascist presence on the estate, and Roy was on the management committee of the

But he became disillusioned with the inactivity of the Labour Party and the fact that the Labour government seemed to have no answers to the general crisis.

At its inaugural meeting, at which Roy was elected chairman, the Carshalton branch of the NF had only three members, but they smothered

These incidents have been reported to the Sutton police, but no witnesses have been interviewed and no action has been taken against Warner. This may be connected with the fact that Warner boasts of having 'friends' in Sutton police station.

By DAVE PEERS

were recruiting other dis-illusioned Labour supporters like himself.

He estimates he personally recruited 180 members, mostly elderly people, by playing

ly elderly people, by playing on racialism, muggings, and bring back hanging.'

Most of this membership remained passive, helping out in addressing election envelopes and buying literature. Only 500 copies of National Front News were sold, each month by sold each month by a membership of 300

Harassment by the Socialist Workers Party, and other left organisations was so successful that, last October, NF branches were instructed to combine when selling papers on the streets.

Our harassment of their demonstrations has had less effect, though in Coventry last year the flag-carrying 'Colour Party' ran away, forcing Martin Webster and other leading Nazis to flee into their election headquarters from counterdemonstrators.

As a result, the Colour Party was sacked and replaced by new recruits, including Roy

By this time it was becoming clear to Roy that the NF core was a Nazi organisation.

At NF parties, it was the in-thing to play tapes of Hitler speeches and Wehrmacht marching songs. As a member of the Colour Party, Roy was presented with his cassette of Hitler speeches and a Ulster Defence Association tie to wear on demonstrations.

At the Front's Annual General Meeting in Conway Hall, the room was decorated with Nazi-style banners and German military music was piped through the loudspeakers.

Paramilitary

There was a frenzied debate over the death of Ross
McWhirter in which it was
proposed that the NF sould
become a paramilitary
organisation. This was only
defeated—and then by a small majority—after leading Nazi John Tyndall argued that it would alienate most of their supporters.

A detached house in its own grounds near Carshalton was a Nazi museum, draped in swastikas and decorated with busts of Hitler, and active members went for military training at Fontaine's estate in Norfolk.

Roy was invited by Webster to set up the first NF youth organisation in the country in Carshalton, which would in-filtrate the Boys Brigade, Scouts, Guides and the Territorial Army.

But by now he was horrified by what he had got himself into and sickened by the constant bloodthirsty raving of NF members about what they would do to homosex-uals, blacks and socialists when they came to power.

Last November, he and his mother wrote a letter of resignation from the NF to the local paper in which they denounced it as a Nazi organisation. 110 members of the branch resigned with them, and the NF leadership

reacted furiously.

Roy received a letter from Terence Denville-Faulkner, NF parliamentary candidate in the Carshalton by-election, who warned.

who warned:

'We have no alternative should we ever take power, that you will be dealt with as a deserter, deserting in the face of the enemy.



ROY TREHEWEY: 'You will be dealt with

Day the NF went white with fear.

A TREMBLING fascist said it all on a radio phone-in show: 'We were all so frightened'.

Quite right. The National Front have never been so badly shaken as on Saturday's march through North London.

The sight of so many of their 'Honour Guard' covered with flour, paint and rotten fruit was worth going miles to see.

This was the 'master race'

in all its glory. More than 3,000 antifascists turned up to take on the Nazis. They included hundreds of local young West Indians, Asians and Cypriots mobilising against the provocation which took the Front march through one of the most intensely racially-mixed areas in Britain.

The Nazis, however, were not alone. The police had already organised a confrontation by banning the anti-fascist rally. And they drafted in thousands of police and the Special Patrol Group to protect the Nazis.

Eighty arrests were made—most of them anti-fascists. Many have been charged with crudely framed-up evidence.

Bricks were picked from the roadside and 'attached' to anti-fascists who were grabbed out of the march.

As always, black youth took the brunt of the worst police attacks. Several were paraded back and forth in the Nazi march, with police making open encouragement to the fascists to attack their prisoners.

Gun

A gun was aimed at two young blacks. Missing one by a foot, the bullet drilled a neat hole in the window of Goodwin's Hi-Fi store. Twenty fascists attacked six members of the Socialist Workers Party at

Turnpike Lane Station, seriously injuring them with broken bottles.

Other anti-fascists held up the train until the Nazis were removed.

☐ If you were arrested, or you saw any arrests or incidents involving demonstrators and police, you must report now to the Defence Campaign 01-800 8550, or 801 5971.

Defence costs and fines for those charged will be in the order of £3,000/£4,-000. Start collections now.

Send donations to Defence Fund, April 23 Campaign, c/o Defence Hornsey Labour Party, 28

Middle Lane, London N8.

☐ Meeting for all defendants from 23 April antifascist demo and witnesses to arrests and incidents between demonstrators and police: Wednesday 4 May, 7.30pm, University of London Union, Malet Street, London WC1 (nearest tube Goodge Street).





THEY were within an ace of being driven off the streets of North London...

Anti-fascists surge into the Nazi Front ranksand only the determination of the police to protect them saves the fascists from being stopped in their tracks.

But with the air thick with smoke bombs, eggs and rotting fruit, the 'master race' got the fright of their

PICTURES: Phil McCowen



If May Day means international and working-class solidarity, then Socialist Worker had certainly received a fair share in the past eight weeks.

We knew we needed support desperately when the trade union leaders started their attack on the paper with Clive Jenkins' libel action. Little did we know how great the solidarity for our £40,000 fighting fund would be. Socialist Worker takes this opportunity to send fraternal May Day greetings to those who have given us support during the past two months:

Leeds University Kingsdale School Lancaster Students British Airways APEX Thames Poly Students Charing Cross ASTMS Hatfield Poly SOAS Students CA Parsons, Tyneside National Executive Committee CPSA NALGO Headquarters Scott Lidget School Institute of Education Cypriot Workers Socialist Workers' Movement, Ireland **Bristol Students** North London Poly John Begg, HM Prison Chelsea and Kensington Task Force Greenwich School St Paul's Way Secondary School Bromley Bus Garage Wandsworth Council SW supporters London Co-op Branch USDAW

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Fraternal greetings to all Socialists from NUM Branch, Markham Main, Doncaster

Furniture Timber and Allied Trades Union Croydon No 7 branch extend May Day greetings to our fellow members and to all organised workers throughout the world.

GLASGOW DISTRICT

Save our Hospitals Campaign

sends greetings to all workers on May Day Stop the Cuts! Fight hospital closures

Battersea and Wandsworth Trades Council sends fraternal greetings to fellow trade unionists END THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

Chrysler Linwood SWP branch

Greets all workers on May Day. Smash the Social Contract Support all strikes against wage restraint

LETCHWORTH 5 branch AUEW

send fraternal greetings to all workers involved in the struggle for a socialist Britain

Glasgow SWP RAILWAYS BRANCH

Sends greetings to all workers on May Day. Support all strikes against the Con-Trick. No more deals with Healey

YORK Composite **Branch ACTS**

May Day greetings to all ICI and Turf Accountant workers, and all workers

Anderson Strathclyde Joint Shop Stewards Committee, Glasgow

Send greetings on May Day to all workers involved in the struggle to

smash the Social Contract

Kenny Gormal, AUEW convenor, John Kay, GMWU convenor, Willy White, EEPTU

CHELTENHAM AUEW No 4

BRANCH May Day greetings to all trade unionists

The struggle for peace and socialism cannot

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Smash the 'Locke' that keeps us in chains!

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May Day Greetings from the 5/293 Branch TGWU, Cowley assembly plant End the Social Contract now!

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sends fraternal greetings to all trade unionists and to Socialist Worker in the fight for socialism

SMETHWICK Branch AUEW (Engineering Section)

sends its greetings on this special day to all socialist brothers and sisters, black or white.

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send fraternal greetings to all workers who supported our recent dispute in the Epsom Hospital

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Smash the Social Contract - NOW SOLIDARITY WITH PORT TALBOT SPARKS

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The 1/1530 branch of the Transport and General Workers Union send fraternal May Day greeting to fellow trade unionists across the world

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

> send greetings to all socialists and trade unionists thoughout the world on this May Day, the workers' day

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

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May Day greetings to all trade unionists and students Unite and fight the Cuts

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sends fraternal May Day greetings to all trade unionists fighting the cuts, unemployment and racism

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sends May Day Greetings to all trade unionists

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send greetings to all fellow workers in struggle, particularly those fighting for union recognition

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The list of donors is still considerable. If your name has not yet appeared, it

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Huddersfield will do so in the next couple of weeks.

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tion has taken is one that undoubtedly by a present-day observer would be called communist . . . The means of production . . . are owned by the god and administered by a governor who is also the chief priest. . .

The land is temple property, and the farmers either deliver a fixed proportion of their produce or else are direct

temple employees . . . But just about 2000 BC all this is changing,

'What can only be described as a capitalist revolution is taking place . . . We suddenly find in the temple archives

This is the Anglo-Danish archaelogist Bibby writing about the city states of Mesopotamia (Southern Iraq), one of the original centres of

Develop

His use of the words communist and capitalist is very different from ours but he shows *one* way in which private property developed.

Already, in the 'communist' stage there was considerable social and sexual inequality. A caste of priestsmostly men but still some women-ran the whole show on behalf of the

Most important, they controlled the surplus. The clan system had decayed and there was in reality already a class

It differed from most later ones in that the rulers controlled the means of production as a group. They did not yet own means of production as individuals.
That was the next step, which

according to Bibby, was underway by around 2000 BC in Mesopotamia.

Before this a most important development had occurred. Each city

state had developed 'a small standing army' under the control of the rulers. The state in the marxist sense, the core of which is an armed force separate from the people, under the control of the ruling class and supported out of

taxes had been born. Why? As a result of wars? Wars were certainly frequent in these early civilisations and war may well be older than the oldest civilisation.

But early wars, tribal wars, were not fought by standing armies but by the armed population as a whole.

The need for an armed force separate from the people arose because of internal conflict although it was no doubt 'justified' by reference to the menace from the wicked foreigner, just as it is today.

> Engels wrote 'the state arose from the need to keep class antagonisms in check but also arose in the thick of the fight between the classes; it is normally the state of the most powerful, economically ruling class, which by its means becomes also the politically ruling class, and so acquires new means of holding down and op-pressing the exploited class."

Power

Actually, in the case of the first civilisations in the Middle East, political power seems to have come first, bringing economic privilege, class struggle, the state and then private property in the means of production, in that order.

The path described by Engels seems to have been the normal one among bar-barian peoples like the English later on.

In any case the important thing is the necessary connection between the rise of an economically privileged class (typically but not always with 'individual' private property) and soldiers and policemen 'standing above society.

Disputes

Of course there is more to a state than an army. There is law-a means of regulating disputes between property owners and protec-

ting property rights.

The famous code of laws compiled by Hammurabi (King of Babylon about 1900) BC), and preserved to this day is an attempt to regulate by enactment the mul-tifarious disputes and abuses of a complex class society."

All the same, as a Frenchman said: The army marches-the state moves. The state, any state, is first

of all an instrument for the use of violence for political ends.

And its main enemy is always at home-internal security' is the current cant phrase for 'holding down and oppressing the exploited

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OAP SWEAT-SHOP

SALFORD COUNCIL'S Social Services Department is running an 'occupational therapy scheme for old people. Another name for it would be sweated labour.

always at home. . .

Every morning, pensioners crowd into two day-centres for a two-hour shift of 'occupational therapy'. This consists of putting screws into plugs, labelling trays and carrying out a number of similar repetitive tasks.

For this, the pensioners receive 10p an hour or £1 a week. Before August it was

The work is provided by Salford's biggest employers, Ward and Goldstone, who just happen to make electrical equipment like plugs that require a number of the repetitive jobs the pensioners carry out.

Expose

Ward and Goldstone pay the Council and the Council pays the pensioners. The scheme was first introduced to the

Social Services department, according to the Salford Champion which exposed the story, by a charity called the Com-

panionship Circle for the Elderly. One of the 'charity's' best known members is the chairman of Ward and Goldstone, Sampson Goldstone.

The 'charity' of Ward and Goldstone doesn't stop there. They also supply work to prisoners in Strangeways Jail, to Adult Training Centres at Warrington, Walkden, Farnworth and Urmston. They even supply work to homes for the

Pensioners are allowed by law to earn no more than £4 a week before their pensions are docked. Mr Goldstone earns £517.44 a week.



HENRY Kissinger, the American murderer, has won the Variety 1976 Humanitarian Award. Among those attending the award-giving ceremony will be Prince Charles.

According to a spokesman, 'Prince Charles has already won the award for his services to mankind."

☐ TAX PROBLEMS? The answer for the hard-pressed businessman is a gold-plated pocket calculator. The cost is just £60, the average weekly wage for the rest of us.

REG Prentice, MP, is

continuing his stampede

He is one of the guest

speakers at the opening ceremony of the newest branch in North

Hampshire of theTory Reform Group. Also on the platform

will be Conservative MP, former Home Secretary, and associate of the

crooked architect John

Poulson, Mr Reginald

THE Northern Ireland Department of Public Prosecutions has decided

not to prosecute a soldier

accused of assaulting a

youth in Derry.

The reason, according to the Irish paper Hibernia, is

that when he finishes his

tour of duty in Northern Ireland he will be starting a

five-year prison stretch in England for rape and assault on a 15-year-old

The Derry City Council

has passed a resolution

deploring the presence on

the streets of soldiers on bail for serious offences.

Five soldiers from the

suspended

same regiment, called the

Queen's, have all been

sentences or conditional discharges for theft,

burglary, receiving stolen

goods, and other offences,

all committed during their

Delyn Borough Council in

Cheshire want someone to

work a 42-hour week, over

seven days, for just £15. The lucky applicant will be

and the second section of the second sections and the second sections and

a beach guard.

'peace-keeping role' Northern Ireland.

to the right.

Maudling.

It's called 'justice'

A MAN in Norwich has been jailed for 12 months for falsely claiming £1.65 from the Department of Health and Social Securi-

Michael Roberts received six months for getting the £1.65, and another six months for going back the next week and trying again.

Usually such sentences run concurrently, which means that you only serve six months.

Sentence

Norwich magistrate made the sentences consecuitive, which means you serve the first six months and then the second six months. Michael Roberts is un-

BARRY Caley is also unemployed. Norwich magistrates have sent him to prison for six

months for claiming £9.90 at Lowestoft DHSS.

It seems that he had already received £15.65 from Norwich DHSS five days beforehand, not 12 days as he claimed

For this Barry, 22, was jailed.

His solicitor, Mr D.L Adkinson, put up a sterl-

He said the offence was becoming more common and 'one wonders perhaps if the ease with which people can obtain the money encourages them to some extent to commit this sort of

Of course, neither Michael Roberts nor Barry Caley went to Eton or served as officers in the Guards. If they had, they could have help up a couple of banks with sawn-off shot guns

Happy families...

VOTERS in the Bowden ward have a chance to vote for an unusual Labour candidate in the coming Greater Manchester Council elec-

He is Albert Jones, chairman of Salford Council's planning committee until he was jailed for 12 months for corruption in 1965.

Jones was found guilty of demanding money from Wimpey's in return for his influence in getting housing contracts. In a police 'setup', he was caught while being handed £200.

Not that Jones' corrupt capers have ended his political career.

Since leaving prison he has been re-elected as chairman of Salford West Labour Party. After his trial run in Bowden, a safe Tory seat,he is widely expected to be allotted a safe Labour seat next year.

Not told

Bowden voters are not being told much about Jones' past, Bowden Labour Party told the Altricham Guardian:

'Mr Jones served as a councillor in his home area for 13 years before retiring

Majesty's big happy family at Kendal Prison.

due to family commitments.'
In fact Mr Jones' main commitment at the time of his 'retirement' was to Her

A DISGRACEFUL piece of vandalism in Edinburgh has cost the owner of a Rolls

Some wretch ran the point of a nail round the entire

length and breadth of the car, a Camargue which costs just £32,000 and is the only Rolls Royce in the country in a colour known as Lord Lonsdale's Yellow.

The £1,750 it cost to repair the car would buy the rest of us a new Mini and leave

some money to spare. Shortly after this happened, another vandal wrenched

the gold statue off the car's radiator grill.
Mr James Frederick

Mitchell is so upset by this that he is offering a £250 reward to find out who did

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We are now training too many doctors. In the present financial climate there is likely to be no increase in positions in the National Health Service. We are going to be overpopulated with doctors as well as teachers.

- Scottish Secretary of the British Medical Association,

the doctors' organisation.

The scramble for Africa

A BATTLE is on for the wealth of Africa. Wars are taking place in Rhodesia, Namibia and Zaire.

In each case, regimes are trying to hold onto power that has survived because of connections with giant western firms and the force of western

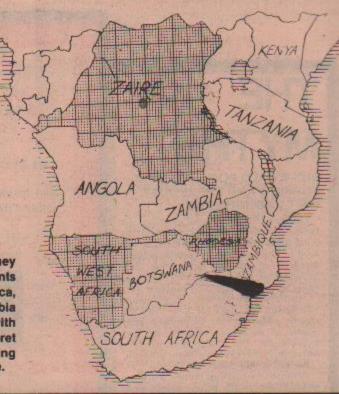
Each regime knows that its future is intimately tied up with the future of the others. The white South African forces that occupy Namibia were engaged in common action with the forces of Zaire in neighbouring Angola only a

And the same South African forces have long provided a prop for the white racist regime in

Many sections of western big business now see that defeat faces the white forces in Namibia and Rhodesia. So they are pretending to adopt a

position of neutrality.

But at the same time they continue to pour investments into white-ruled South Africa, to rake in profits from Namibia and Rhodesia, and to join with the South African secret police, the BOSS, in backing the corrupt regime in Zaire.



OWEN **CHEERS** SMITH'S RACISTS

THE BRITISH Foreign Secretary David Owen received fulsome tributes from many whites when he visited Rhodesia last week.

They appreciated above all his pledge that the west did not regard as 'expen-dable' their position of privilege and wealth.

POWER

He promised that Britain and America would protect this—with a small number of British troops if necessary-if only they would accept some operation designed to bring to power a 'moderate', pro-western black government.

The white settlers need that reassurance. For the Smith government is more and more under pressure from the war waged by the Zimbabwe freedom fighters.

A Financial Times correspondent last week summed up the scale of the problem facing Smith:

'The country's military manpower is being stretched to the limit across a very wide operational area. Eighteen months ago this was virtually confined to the north-cast

EXTENT

'But today there are four operational as well as recurrent infiltrations across

the northern border.

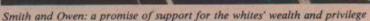
'The guerrillas claim to control 'no go' areas close to north east and eastern

The Rhodesian position on four fronts-manpower, the war, the economy and sheer morale-has been eroded to such an extent that any rever-sal of the trend would be miraculous.

The number of whites leaving the country last year was the highest since 1964, 15000.

'Such has been the deterioration in Rhodesia's position that there is little if anything to be gained by delaying the inevitable.'







THE SOUTH African Army was booted out of Angola last year by the MPLA. Now it is fighting to keep control of Namibia (South West Africa).

A white settler told journalists why he and others are leaving their beloved South West Africa: "Ten years ago South Africa controlled this territory with 650 policemen. Today it takes 40,000 Today it takes 40,000 soldiers."

Black freedom fighters of the South West African Peoples Organisation (SWAPO) have pinned down South Africa's mighty war

NEWS

You don't hear about it because South Africa's military censorship is more effective than the Rhodesians'

THE ZAIRE government of president Mobutu

claims to be beating back

the rebellion in its mineral-

rich province of Shaba

(formerly Katanga).

So much so that news of Soweto-type revolts spreading to the towns of Namibia did not reach the outside world until two months after they started

Early in November students at Martin Luther High School in Omaruru broke into the principal's office and destroyed examination

papers. Within weeks the protest against the Bantu Education system spread to Gornelious Gorasels High School in Khorixas, north-west Namibia. Police and soldiers forced the students to write

their exams at gunpoint.

Katutura is the black township which surrounds the Namibian capital, Windhock. The boycott movement swept through its schools December and on to the Okara High School in the north-east, to Petras Kaneb High at Uis, to the Catholic High at Tses in the South and

ZAIRE: MOBUTU'S SAVIOURS

Zaire government, but of the

pro-western forces that have

been flown in by French

Mobutu is being held up not

planes from Morocco

back to Dobra, just miles north of Windhoek.

As the police cracked down students fled northwards across the Angolan border to join the SWAPO fighters. Others stayed and continued the struggle through the Nami-bian Black Students Organisation, and carried the boycott on through January.

WAGES

The students' protest was joined by 237 African teachers staged a two-month

strike lasting into January. They objected to being discriminated against as Nama teachers of the Nama people's children in south

Namibia. They demanded an end to government attempts to from them with higher wages Under the Bantu Education

system in Namibia, Damara people must teach and learn only in Khorixas, Hereos at Okekarara and Ovambos at Onguendiva and Oshinganbo. In Britain this would mean

you could not teach or learn in Yorkshire if you were born in Lancashire. There was not a murmur of

these revolts in the British press. Namibia is fabulously rich in precious minerals, not least the uranium being mined by Rio Tinto Zinc for the British Atomic Authorities.

Tony Benn is responsible as Energy Minister for this huge

Benn and other western social democrats are aware of the atrocities committed by Vorster's soldiers and have made repeated protests to save

STOOGE

Vorster responded by set-ting up a farce called the Turnhalle conference with the aim of forming a stooge black government by the end of

Britain's press has tried to rescue Vorster's Namibian stooges now that Turnhalle

has run out of steam. How? Incredibly by repeating almost the same cock and bull story churned out on behalf of lan Smith in January. 126 school kids and teachers

escaped last week from north west Namibia into Angola to join the SWAPO freedom

The papers carried articles headed 'children abducted'. As in Rhodesia, the slur on the freedom fighters can only backfire.

For every boss frightened into backing Vorster's stooges, there are thousands of Namibian workers proud that their kids have taken up

WEEK OF ACTION ON ZIMBABWE: 9-14 May, supported by the Southern Africa Solidarity Cam-

Picket BP/Shell against sanctions-busting, Friday 13 May. LONDON: Shell Centre, South Bank, 12.30pm-2.30pm.

Meet Waterloo undeground. LEEDS: Town Centre House, Merrion Centre, Leeds 2,

NEWCASTLE: Newgate House, Newgate St., Newcastle

1, 12.30pm-2pm BIRMINGHAM: Alpha Tower, ATV Centre, Birmingham 1, 12.30pm-2pm.

Saturday 14 May: Zimbabwe Forum and Social. Further details from SASC, 101-103 Gower Street, London WC1, or Zimbabwe Ad-hoc Campaign, c/o 247 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-607 1270).

VICTORY TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAI Scottish tour by Barney Mokgatla, from Soweto.
ALLOA: Monday 23 May. ABERDEEN: Tuesday 24
May, 8pm, Marichal College, Broad St. GLASGOW:
Wednesday 25 May. EDINBURGH: Thursday 26 May.

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by local support, but by CIA funds, South African aid and promises of support from If so, the success is not of the What the CIA are up to.

THE HEAD of the CIA's former task force in Angola recently left the US spy organisation-and on Monday he told the Internationa Herald Tribune

In doing so, he gave details of the CIA's operations in

Zaire.
The CIA 'installed' Mobutu
as president of Zaire, he wrote.
This occurred after the 'CIA

made preparations for the assassination of Patrice Lumumba (the first leader of

'Eventually Lumumba was killed not by our poisons, but was beaten to death by men who were loyal to men who were agency cryptonyms and

received agancy salaries.
'In July 1975, the MPLA was clearly winning in Angola, controlling 12 of the 15 provinces. The CIA com-

mitted 31 million dollars to opposing an MPLA victory. The CIA sent French mercenaries to Angola in early 1976. They are seeking out these same mercenaries to send to Zaire now.

'The Kinshasa CIA station purchased ice plants and ships for local friends, and on one occasion tried to get the CIA to pay Mobutu two million dollars for a plane worth only

Amin, the dictator of neighbouring Uganda. Why Mobutu has to rely on western support is shown by

two interviews the press agen-cy Interpress held with two members of his army captured by the rebels.

Zaire is a country of im-mense wealth, and Mobutu is reputedly one of the richest men in the world. But the prisoners told how:

'The situation in the countryside is very difficult. The peasants bring in the harvest, but it rots because there are no

There was a scarcity of funds throughout the country. The basic result was famine Those who had money could eat and the others weren't able

THE

BUT WORLD POPULATION IS SOARING AND THERE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH LAND ...

Official, United Nations, estimates are that another 1750 million acres of land now lying uncultivated could be brought into food porduction 'with relative ease'. Since mankind at present farms only 3500 million acres, it can be seen that this would asily solve the world food problem.

Most of the wasted land is in Africa and South America. Says the UN: 'All these regions suffer specific limitations, often connected with high rainfall and high temperatures, but modern technology is increasingly able to cope with the problem.' So why isn't it done?

Because it would cost money, and there wouldn't necessarily be any money to be

A campaign to eliminate the tytee fly in Africa—the insecticides exist to do the job—would reclaim an area comparable to nearly the whole United States for crops and pasture. But it would cost 2,500 million

The world spent 300,000 million dollars, on armaments in 1975, but then that's different, isn't it?

BUT THE WORLD IS OVERPOPULATED- AND THE HUNGRIEST COUNTRIES HAVE THE HIGHEST BIRTHRATE. THEY'RE EATING US OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME.

That's the line peddled by most of the newspapers and their experts. One look at the facts shows what rubbish it is

Firstly, the resources used up each year by one inhabitant of the US are equivalent to those used by one hundred people in the poor world. The US, with 6 per ent of the world population, consumes 35 per cent of

So if anyone is eating us out of house and home, it's the rich.

Secondly, hunger isn't caused by over-population. Holland is twice as heavily populated as India, and 65 times as heavily as Bolivia yet the people of Holland eat well while India and Bolivia starve.

All the same, it would seem to make ense for a hungry country to keep down its population. The food would go further with fewer mouths to leed.

Except that it doesn't work that way. In act in poor countries it makes economic ense to have large families.

Children in Britain are expensive items. They have o be fed, clothed and cared for for at least 15 years. They will contribute to the family ncome only for a couple of ears at most before starting families of their own.

A child in a poor country s an extra mouth to feed, to be sure, but by four or five ears old he or she will be contributing to the family livelihood. Fetching water from the distant well, lookng after the animals, later

siding with the harvest. And who looks after you when you're too old to work? There are no pensions. You won't have any savings in the bank. So you need children support you

Children are in tact an economic necessity for the people of poor countries. Forcible sterilisation, as the authorities have been doing in India, may be tantamount murder-condemning

BANGLADESH: Starving people queue for food.

people to starvation when they are too old to work for themselves.

THE PRESENT **WORLD FOOD CRISIS** WAS CAUSED BY **BAD HARVESTS IN**

That year, it's true, the papers were full of panic stories about record low

failure of the Russian grain harvests and a poor Peruvian anchovy catch (anchovies provide animal

Panic

But the panie was a fake. The world grain harvest for 1972 was only 1 per cent lower than 1971—and 1971 had been a record year.

Peruvian anchovies were indeed in short supply, but the catch had been poor for several years and hardly came as a surprise.

What the papers didn't mention was that the world's four major grain-growing countries—the US, Canada, Argentina and Australia had taken fully a third of their grain land out of production during 1968-72.

The US government alone was paying farmers a massive subsidy to keep 60 million acres unused.

If this land had remained in production an extra 90 million tons of wheat alone would have been produced. In 1974 the United Nations estimated that 8-12 million tons of wheat would save India. Bangladesh, Pakistan, Tanzania and the world's Sahel-the hungriest countries-from

So the food crisis need never have been.

FAMINE IS A NATURAL DISASTER, **USUALLY THE** RESULT OF DROUGHT OR

FLOOD.

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FOR

REAL

REASON

WORLD

HUNGER

There are natural disasters, but famine isn't one of them. Flood and drought can help create the con-ditions under which famine thrives-but they don't create famine.

We've seen one example already. The Afar people of Ethopia had lived in drought conditions for hundreds of years-it took the intervention of a land-grabbing multinational to bring famine.

To show that Ethopia isn't an isolated example, here are two more. They come from the National Geographic magazine, hardly a left-wing anti-capitalist publication.

In February 1975, citing satellite photographs of the Sahel, one of the world's disaster areas, it hed: 'a hexagonal food described: 'a hexagonal island of green in the great tan sea of the Sahel.

Inspection revealed it to be a quarter-million-acre modern ranch, fenced off with barbed wire from the surrounding desert. Inside, other fences divide the ranch into five sectors, with cattle grazing a single sector at a time,'

Kept out

The ranch had apparently been in operation for seven years, the exact period of the Owned by a wealthy lan-downer or a toreign com-pany, its boundary fence kept the starving local peo-

The same National Geographic showed how, even when there is a 'natural disaster', the famine that follows can be anything but

This passage describes Bangladesh after the 1974

Despite loss of foodstuffs, however, there is an estimated four million tons of rice in Bangladesh during the famine enough to feed the entire nation for a third

But the vast majority of the people, subsisting at the poverty level in the best of times and now also victims of flooding, are too poor to

Relief officials tell of widespread smuggling of rice into neighbouring India, where it sells for up to twice as much. Hoarders at home drive rice beyond 50 cents a pound in a country with a per capita income of 70 dollars a year, among the world's lowest . . .

'The black market thrives, but at prices hopelessly beyond the reach of the

Bertolt Brecht, the German socialist, once said: 'Famines do not occur, they are organised by the grain trade. That was certainly true of the 1974 famine Bangladesh.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE 'GREEN REVOLUTION'?

Green Revolution sounds wonderful-new sarieties of wheat, rice and other grains developed in the laboratories of the West that literally produce twice as much as traditional grains.

But there's a catch. A big

Artificially developed these new varieties are less diseasepesticides to protect them.

They also depend heavily on fertiliser, and need heavy doses of weed killer to help them along. World supplies are controlled by . . . you guessed it, the big multinationals

That's OK for the wealthy farmers of the advanced countires, but for the poor farmer, the Green Revolution may spell disaster. For if he cannot afford the fertiliser, perticide and the weedkiller, he can end up with even less grain than if he'd stuck to traditional

Borrow

So the poor farmers are caught in 'the debt trap'. A hard winter or a poor harvest, and they have to borrow to

survive. So when their next crop is harvested, they have to sell much of it straight away to pay off the debts.

With even less food now for the coming winter, they have to buy more to survive. and go even deeper in debt to do so . . . So the vicious circle goes on.

The rich farmers, who can afford the chemicals, have done well from the Green Revolution. Their food production increases, they can buy out the smaller farmers, and the gap between rich and poor widens further.

The poor, of course, getting poorer, cannot afford the extra grain produced by the



INDIA: preparing the family meal-grass and snails

PROBABLY for the first time in the history of mankind the resources are there to abolish world hunger

There is no shortage of land, and the technology - farm machinery, fertiliser, pesticides - exists to bring it into production.

Even present world food production could go a long way towards feeding the hungry if the lunacy of beef and butter mountains was abolished, if the grainlands held out of produc-

tion were all sown, if the Green Revolution were alike and not just thos for them. But the present w

capitalism—is incapabl By its very nature it feeding the hungry-f nature it produces only the hungry cannot pay

Opting out is no a tried to opt out of the w



FAMINE struck Ethiopia in 1973. You probably read of it in the newspapers, very likely spread across the Sunday colour supplements.

More than 100,000 people starved to death.

The semi-nomadic tribespeople of the Afar were the worst hit. More than a third were wiped out.

According to the newspapers, the famine was caused by drought and overgrazing.

The Afar tribespeople depend for their lives on their cattle. When the drought killed the already overgrazed grass, the cattle died, then the people.

True, but a long way from the whole story. A very long way.

For at least 400 years the Afar had grazed their cattle on those arid uplands-and in the Awash Valley during the dry season, for there the grass grew well because of floods during the rainy

But the fertile Awash Valley was a target for the multinational sugar company HVA. The nomads didn't 'own' the land, and a stroke of an Ethiopian government minister's pen handed it over . . .

The Afar were left with only the arid uplands to graze their animals the whole year. Result: 'overgrazing', The famine had been created. That's just one example from an excellent book titled How the Other Half Dies* reviewed here by Peter Marsden.

If you think that—as the newspapers never tire of telling us-world hunger is the result of 'natural disasters' such as droughts and floods, or by ignorance and the population explosion, then read this book. You'll never think that way again.

*By Susan George, Penguin Books, £1 (available from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4, £1,15 including postage).



One simple answer. We live in a world system based on making profits.

Says Susan George: 'According to the simplest rule of liberal economics, a vital commodity in short supply will be expensive and he who has some to sell will make money. This basic rule is being applied on a global with considerable

WHAT ARE THE REAL

REASONS FOR

WORLD HUNGER?

If flood or drought provides the shortage, so much the better, if not, there are other ways.

Hoarding, marketeering, smuggling, the methods used to create the Bangladesh famine, are excellent ways to make

It's no good claiming, either, that such things don't happen in civilised coun-tries.' The 'civilised' speculators are simply more

circumspect, that's all.

They don't call it 'food profiteering', they call it 'investing in the futures market'

All the world's major food supplies go through the futures markets of Chicago, London, New York, Paris, Tokio and so on, where middle men buy future harvests anything up to a year or more in advance.

Middle cut

With inflation as it is, the coming harvest may change hands many times before it reaches its final customers, and every middle man along the way takes his cut.

Official US government estimates are that anything up to half of the massive rises in food prices in 1973 was caused by futures trading. Wheat production fell by 5 per cent, for instance, but traders speculating on this slight shortage pushed the price up by 300 per cent.

Pocket

That money goes into the pockets of the big banks, the stockbrokers, the finance houses and the multinational food companies. For them, planned scarci-

ty works wonders.

That's why, in 1972, the US was paying farmers to leave land unused, to keep down grain production and keep up prices.

Listen to Thomas Poleman, professor of international food economics at Cornell University in the

USA: 'If US farm policy over the past half century can be thought of as having a theme, it has been to prevent (farmers') productivity from

driving down prices
From Soil Bank to Public
Law 480 to drowning baby
pigs, little that might elevate prices has not been tried.

If food is scarce, and prices rise, the chances are it was planned that way. Just as the Common Market rules hold butter, milk, meat mountains in storage, guaranteeing that prices stay high—and that people go hungry, the pensioners, the low-paid, those with large families, half the world's population.

There could hardly be more blatant evidence that the capitalist system is a crime against mankind itself.

THE

THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE PLENTY OF LAND, THEY'VE PLENTY OF WORKERS, WHY DON'T THEY PRODUCE MORE OF THEIR **OWN FOOD?**

The answer is that they are producing more food—but it doesn't go to the hungry. Production under capitalism is for profit. That's the definition. It applies to

food as much as to motor cars. And there's no profit to be made if people have no money to buy your products. There's no profit in selling to the poor, to the starving, to the landless. So the multinational companies that

control our world food supplies don't bother to try. Instead they concentrate on selling where the money is—to the people of the rich countries and to the rich classes in the Third World.

Which is why—when milk could help feed the world's hungry—Unilever and Nestles are concentrating on processed products such as yoghurt and fancy cheeses for high-profit sales in Europe

The food companies actually decide who is going to starve. Their massive control over land and distribution in the poor countries means they decide what is grown

Mali, in the Sahel, suffered the most appalling starvation last year. Tens of thousands died.

Food production in Mali had been cut from 60,000 tons in 1967 to 15,000 last year. This wasn't done by drought.

The reason was that land given over to growing cotton and peanuts had been ncreased dramatically-and both go abroad to make profits for the multinational companies.

Profit

Another company grows carnations in Colombia on land that once grew wheat for the profit on a hectare of carnations exported to the US is a million pesos, against only 12,500 on wheat. Meanwhile Colombia is desperately short of wheat to feed its people

Even where the poor countries do control their own food production—often by land nationalisation—they are still trapped in the world system. The multinationals control the transport, the fertiliser, the pesticides, the market outlets, throughout the world.

Exports from the underdeveloped countries have risen by more than 30 per cent in the past 20 years—but the money they're paid for these has risen by only 4 per cent. 'In 1963', says the government of

Tanzania, we needed to produce five tons of sisal to buy a tractor. In 1970 we had to produce ten tons to buy the same tractor. For every £1 of bananas produced, the

banana-producing countries get 11p. The rest goes to the multinational fruit com-panies and the shop owners of the world. And most of that 11p goes to the rulers of

the poor countries, not the workers. The local ruling class gets its cut for 'keeping things safe for capitalism'.



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years ago-at enormous cost in human lives and human freedom. Yet today Russia depends on Western grain shipments and there are food riots in Poland. The same applied to China to an increasing degree.

Strangle

As the UN timidly puts it, before all the world's people have the slimmest chance of eating enough, 'it would be necessary to break the vicious circle

which strangles such a large part of mankind. This, in turn, might entail very deep transformations in present socio-economic structures.

They mean world revolution and that's what terrifies them. For the resources are there to feed the hungry, all it needs is a system that uses them to fulfil human need, not to make profits. And that's what socialism is about.

It's the only way.



BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MASSIVE AID

THAT THE WEST GIVES THE POOR COUNTRIES DOESN'T THAT HELP?

In the short term it probably saves some of the worst-hit from total starva-tion. But in the long term there are strings attached.

And the two always go hand in hand. Food for Peace, the main US aid agency, reported in 1966; This food aid has improved the diets of more than 40 million of the world's-schoolchildren . . . and built bigger cash markets for American farm products:

Yes, India gets a billiondollar hand-out, as long as it's spent on buying US grain, shipped in US ships, and distributed by US-owned wholesalers.

Massive

Both India and Indonesia, to name but two, were pushed-by the use of aid strings'-to switch to Green Revolution seeds which, as we have seen, meant massive increased profits for fertiliser and pesticide companies.

The US, in particular, is blatantly clear that with any aid it's the strings attached that matter. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz has

said: 'Food isa weapon. It is now one of the principle tools in our negotiating kit. He means that literally

That's why food aid was cut off from Chile under Allende. Remember massive rises in food prices contributed to his

That's why millions of tons of food were given to Viet-nam, Cambodia and Laos during the Vietnam War-and cut off the moment the liberation movements won. And it's totally cynical too.

Denny Ellerman, the US National Security Council representative for food aid, has said: 'To give food aid to countries just because people are starving is a pretty weak

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Another diktat from the **APEX**

THE clerical union, APEX, have announced in thier newspaper that the executive council have decided to add the SWP to the list of proscribed organisations, where it joins such select groups as Truemid and the

National Front.

Who decides such matters?
Rest assured it isn't the rank

Obviously we're incapable of making any decisions of a political and democratic kind for ourselves, so we are lucky to have such a devoted body as the executive council to make the decisions for us. Without all the troublesome rigmarole of consulting the members of the union.

This process was made clear to me when I raised the defence of the Right to Work marcher John Deason with my branch secretary. He decided to refer the matter to

the executive. We received a letter from general secretary Roy Grantham, which amounted to a diktat. We were told that the executive regards the Right to Work Campaign as a divisive organisation seeking to drive a wedge between the government and the TUC.

If any injustice was being perpetrated the TUC was perfectly capable of dealing with it without any help from the rank and file. Any motions of support must first be vetted

by the executive.

APEX hasn't yet recommended the frontal lobotomy as a precondition of joining the union, but can that time be far off?

DAVE WALKER,

Northampton.

MANY policemen see the demand for the right to strike as reasonable. But our bosses

cannot give this right because it will divide and weaken the



South African police fire tear gas at blacks in Gwelo township. ICI provides the tear gas.

THE chairman of ICI, Sir Rowland Wright, has been defending ICI's £100 million

investment in South Africa. He announced last week, 'I am convinced that black workers have benefitted by our presence..

We have been instrumental in substantially improving their pay, housing and other benefits.' Most of ICI's £100 million in South Africa is invested in African Explosives and Chemicals Industries—the firm which supplies tear gas to the

security forces. The same week as Sir Reginald was going on about the 'other

benefits' the annual figures on educational expenditure in South Africa were published. These are

the figures per child:

African children—41 Rand

Coloured children—177 Rand

Asians—230 Rand

☐ White children—621 Rand This is a rise for African children of two Rand. In the same period expenditure for white children went up by three times as

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Presumably this is Sir Reginald's idea of 'a substantial improvement.'

Macclesfield.

Write to Letters, Socialist Worker, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent London E2

CLASS, NOT COUNTRY

THE letter from Wales about the RAF jet nearly crashing was wrong to blame this on the oppression of Wales by England. Of course it's true that the problems of Wales are overlooked by central govern-ment. But so are the problems

of many regions.
Does the writer think the RAF doesn't fly over the Lake District or East Anglia?
And Welsh people may have to emigrate to England to

get jobs—but then many workers have to move from, say, the North East to Lon-don, to find work because of the decline in the traditional

industries there.

The real point is that the system we live under encourages spending on defence, which endangers the lives of workers everywhere. It is also a system which allows large numbers of workers to be thrown on the dole queues when their work isn't 'profitable' enough.

That system exploits and oppresses all workers—it simply isn't true that English workers benefit in any way from the problems of Wales. The answer lies not in any national solution—whether Welsh, English or whatever-but in a united fight against

the system.

BRONWEN JONES,



POLICE AND PICKETING

activity, striking and picketing, are a legitimate means of improving living standards will be far less enthusiastic in his efforts to break up workers picket lines.

I saw this the other week on

Fantastic!

THE response for Stuff the Jubilee badges has been fan-tastic. We sold out in the first 13 days. Another 10,000 are

bieng done.

We already raised £75 for the Printshop Defence Fund, so keep the orders coming in, and we can do another 10,000

on top as well.

SHERRL YANOWITZ, London NW 6

faced with chants of

'hypocrite' almost had to be dragged off by an Inspector. The demand for the police

to have the right to strike will weaken the rich who live off

MARTIN POVEY,

NAZI RELF AGAIN

ROBERT RELF is trying to do it again!

After making himself a

After making himself a 'martyr' last year with his sign 'For Sale to an English Family', Relf has now come out with some more racialist filth—'Had Enough Whitey?'

Printed and published at Relf's house in Leamington (which he still hasn't sold, although he's now working at Luton) this leaflet is designed to make Relf hit the headlines again this summer.

again this summer. 'Had Enough Whitey?' and all the lies in it, is clearly illegal under the coming new Race Relations Act. -with statements like, 'Maternity blocks are full of pregnant immigrant women,' and 'Hundreds of thousands of illegal

country,' there's not much doubt that he'd have a hard time if he did go to jail—what with fascist National Front and National Party-prison warders but that the media would turn him into a 'martyr' just like they did last year, spreading his name and the foul racialism that he stands

for across every front page! Hatred

Which all goes to show that no Race Relations Act will make the slightest bit of difference in stopping the hatred and lies of fascists like

What we must do to stop

them is shown by what happened in the London Docks in 1968. In summer 1968 hundreds

of dockers marched through the streets chanting 'Powell is Right', and 'Wogs go Home', yet by the autumn there were no more demonstrations, no more overt racialsim. Why?

Because by that autumn, after two years of wage con-trol, the Labour government's incomes policy had been smashed, and the dockers could no longer con themselves into believing that the blacks were to blame.

In the long run the only thing that will stop racialism is rank and file action.

ANDREW CHEVALLIER, Leamington SWP.

We can't afford meat

MANY people are having to

MANY people are having to find cheaper sources of protein rather than eating traditional varieties of meat.

Many people are being advised to buy offal, practically ignored by the bulk of shoppers for years. I personally resent being forced to resort to the domestic strategy of the 1930s.

We aren't working any less hard for our money. We are told the country is suffering from an economic depression. But I find it hard to believe when we are still surrounded by affluent and well-off per-

They don't have to eat cheaper cuts of meat. Yet they can determine what we have to

cat.

K PICKERING, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

last Saturdays demo.

Differentials problem

DEREK WILLIS of the British Leyland toolroom told Socialist Worker that they were interested in establishing a nationwide skilled men's committee when he met the Heathrow stewards.

On the other hand, Ian Morris, shop steward Heathrow, categorically stated that the Airport dispute is not about differentials but is a claim that all workers in the airport could put in for.

The question of differentials is going to be raised more and more on the shop floor as the union leaders try to make a deal with the government for a Phase 3 based on the 'kitty' principle-in other words, that a certain amount is offered to 'the mob' who will then be forced to squabble among themselves over its

Today many militants who find themselves arguing for action and for wage demands need to know the arguments so as to convince their fellow workers not to put in claims that will divide the workforce. If our only argument is that

differentials are divisive to the class then we will not convince many workers, who have trained to get their skill, that their wages should not be higher than those of the unskilled worker. We need to take up this

issue in detail and sensitively in the paper immediately. GEORGE SUTTON and JACQUY HAYMAN, West Middlesex

WANNA RIOT great to see Punk Rockers, West Indian and Cypriot youth, men and women, get-ting stuck into the Nazi Front youth movement going on ... and right past the SWP?Rock Against Racism, London E2. Could there be a spontaneous

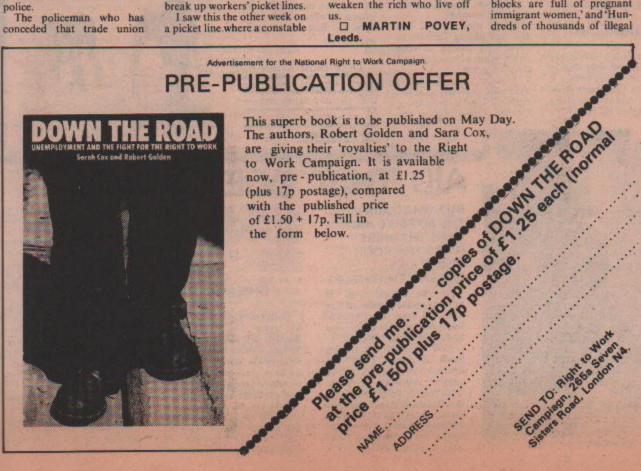
Blindfold justice, for impartiality. In her left hand a set of scales to weigh justice fairly. In her right hand a sword that she must dispense justice and

punish the wrongdoer They weigh the stupid bitch down with so much gear, she can't free

her hands to unite The blindfold and have a good look at what is happening in her They cheated you, they told you a lie.

standing alone with blindfold eye. To uncover and see what's just and right, You must drop the scales and see the sword so bright. Sword in your right hand, scales in your left, Tricked, you are in a sickening jest. Impartially blinded, that's untrue, We seekers after justice can't see you.

LIAM DUFFY, Grimsby.



If you don't understand what's going on in Ireland, you must have been reading the papers...

seems to be out of the news these days.

Pick up any national newspaper and you're bound to find at least one horror story concerning this small island.

Unfortunately, it isn't the quantity but the content of the press coverage that determines people's opinions.

Thus, despite the widespread coverage in the press most people in Britain still don't really understand what the fighting and killing is all about.

This is no accident but deliberate government policy. As Jonathan Dimbleby said on BBC-TV last August: 'There has not been a serious detailed account of the history of Northern Ireland because it is a delicate political issue ... The reason is because the political institutions. BBC, IBA and the British government don't wish us to know about the situation in Ireland.

It is now eight years since British troops were sent to Ireland to deal with the rapidly escalating troubles.

Media

The British media has con-sistently painted a picture of the British army as a peace-keeping force, separating the warring factions. As far as the media is concerned. British troops are, at great personal risk to themselves, preventing mad Irishmen from murdering each other.

The media painted a similar picture when Britain was involved in Aden, Cyprus, Kenya and India.

Inevitably, any intervention by British forces is presented as a measure essential for the maintenance of the established order. Only with the passing of time are the methods of this peace-keeping revealed. Only then do we hear of the torture and murder carried out in our name.

It is interesting to note that most foreign papers and TV stations report Northern Ireland as a colonial question. They report the Irish situation along similar lines to the coverage in the British media of the Portuguese interventions in Africa.

Evidently it doesn't matter too much, if people elsewhere know what is happening in Ireland, as long as British workers don't.

The distortion of the nature of the British intervention in Ireland is compounded by the deliberate lies which are usually printed under the guise of objective

reporting.

Any bomb explosion will amost evitably be attributed to the IRA. In many cases these have later been found to be the work of either the UDA or the UVF

By STEVE BERRY

... the political institutions, BBC, IBA and the British government don't wish us to know about the situation in Ireland.

TV Personality JONATHAN DIMBLEBY

(recent revelations in the Sunday Times show that in some cases it was the British Army that was

The press coverage tends to be descriptive rather than explanatory. Thus we read that a certain soldier was shot dead by gunmen in Belfast or that somebody was shot down when answering the door.

The news that we receive is a series of factual reports of specific events. There is no attempt to try and explain the reasons why.

There is no explanation of the conditions which drive young trishmen and women to resort to the gun and

The specific factual nature of the press coverage successfully blinds most people in Britain to the reality of Ireland.

There is also a bias in the events which are covered in the press. When the British ambassador to the Republic was assassinated it dominated the papers for days. The siege of Gerry Fitt's house was given similar treatment.

Yet when Britain was found guilty of using torture by the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg the whole affair was played down.

Biased

It will, of course, come as no surprise to active trade unionists that the media is biased and distorted. The press has never supported workers when they have fought for a decent wage or better conditions. Instead it prefers to castigate them as greedy and lazy good-for-nothings.

If they can't be made to fit this description then they are simplybeing misled by professional trouble-makers and political extremists.

The media isn't neutral but a weapon in the class struggle. It is an integrated part of the capitalist system-there isn't one national newspaper that isn't linked either directly or indirectly through its shareholders with big business. Consequently, the media is constantly adapting to the interests

of the British ruling class. It adapts because its interests are identical. The 'free press' is a myth—like anything else in this society, it is the property of the privileged and wealthy few.

The more paranoiac on the left believe that the press supports the ruling class because press barons order editors, who in turn order reporters to tell lies.

In reality, the process is much more subtle. There is no conscious conspiracy to distort the truth.

In the first place the editor of any national newspaper will inevitably be someone who can be trusted politically—he will be a person who instinctively believes that private enterprise is essential for the common good. His or her interests, as a highly-paid interests, as a highly-paid executive, lie with the privileged

Clearly

Secondly, every journalist wants to have his or her work published. There is no point in a professional journalist wasting his time by writing something that will clearly be out.

If a journalist consistently turns in copy which isn't in line with a paper's editorial policy, he or she is obviously going to put his or her job in jeopardy.

Thirdly, a journalist will rely heavily on 'official' sources. In Northern Ireland, this means talking to Army Press officers who are notorious for deliberately misleading journalists.

Ian Smith's racist regime recognised this expertise when they appointed ex-Major Richard Stannard to supervise their propaganda operation. He was head of the army's special press and propaganda operation in Belfast from 1973 to 1975. The British government have now been fighting a dirty war in

Ireland for eight years. Their only



Peace-keeping' in Northern Ireland: the truth is rather different

policy is repression and yet more

repression.
This intervention has led to unarmed demonstrators being shot down and killed, to hundreds of people being imprisoned for years on end without any kind of trial and the ransacking of

countless houses. For the population of the Catholic ghettoes, everyday life has become a nightmare. On top of the discrimination and sectarianism with which they have grown up there is the added threat

of 15,00 British troops.
Even a trip to the shops in the town centre means being searched at gunpoint.

Claim

It is important to remember that all this is occurring, not in some far off land, but in a province that is claimed to be part of the United Kingdom.

Our rulers use their press hide their terror in Ireland. They have to convince people in Britain that the 'democratic' processes in Ireland would work if only they were given a chance by the men of

The army is there to create the conditions necessary for democracy to work. It is crucial for them to win this argument as they can't allow British workers to see what a sham their democracy

Northern Ireland is a perfect demonstration of what capitalist democracy is all about. When the Catholic minority came out on the streets in their tens of thousands to demand their share of the jobs and houses, they were met by the guns of the police and then by British troops.

The lesson is clear: if our rulers can't defend their interests through their press and their democracy then they will resort to

Both Labour and the Tories see this propaganda battle as crucial. In recent months both Roy Mason, and Airey Neave, his Tory opposite number, have called for more control of the press coverage from Ireland. They want to restrict it to reports from 'official sources'.

Torture

Hence their repeated calls for more 'responsible' reporting, and their protests at TV interviews with victims of police torture.

They are particularly concerned to keep British trade unionists in the dark. If trade unionists were to come out in opposition to British rule in Ireland then it really would be threatened. With the passing of the Preven-

tion of Terrorism Act two years ago, they gained yet another weapon. This Act ensures that the most informed people in Britain on the Irish situation, the Irish themselves, are kept very quiet.

Weapon

However, their most powerful weapon is still the press coverage. The news from Ireland that reaches trade unionists appears to be just one damned thing after another with no rational explana-

It is no wonder that most trade unionists would sooner forget about Ireland.

The Campaign for Free Speech on Ireland can be contacted, c/o 84 Claverton Street, London, SW1.

The Prevention Terrorism Act

Legalised Terror



Socialist Workers Party pamphlet

20p (inc. postage) from 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

A NEW season of socialist plays is now under way at Oval House in South London.

Showing until Sunday (1 May) is Line of Fire, two plays about the international struggle for control of Southern Africa (7.45pm).

Among the groups appearing in the six-week programme are General Will, Common Stock, The Monstrous Regiment and

Full details from Oval House, 52-54 Kennington Oval, London, SE11 (01-735 2786). Wreckers, 7.84's entertaining

show about East London life, is



on at the Half Moon Theatre in Alie Street, Whitechapel until 7

May. It's written by David Edgar, whose latest play Destiny, about the growing fascist menace in Britain, begins at London's Aldwych Theatre on 10 May and is also due to be seen on television later in the year.

Starting this Friday (29 April) at Stage One in Stratford, East London is Soapbox Theatre's play about homelessness. One for the Road. It runs until 8 May before switching to the Half Moon from 10-14 May.

Touring Scotland and Yorkshire soon is Foco Novo's play Tighten Your Belt, the story of young people trying to find a job in Labour's Brave New Bri-

London readers are urged to see Above Us the Earth, a film about the South Wales miners now showing at The Other Cinema in Tottenham Street at 7pm.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS! WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE! YOU HAVE N

From the COM-MUNIST LEAGUE (KF), Denmark, to our comrades in the Socialist Workers Party.

Working-class people in Denmark fight the same results of a capitalist society in crisis as working-class people in Britain.

We are going to inform the rank and file in Denmark about the Campaign for the Right to Work and the jailings in Britain, because solidarity across national boundaries is important.

May Day greetings from Kommunistisk Forbund, Denmark. Confederation of Iranian Students/National Union in GB.

On the May Day, we declare our full support for the world proletariat in the class war against class injustice.

Socialist Worker, paper of the International Socialist Organisation (US).

sends revolutionary greetings to Socialist Worker and the Socialist Workers Party and thanks for assistance in launching our organisation and newspaper.

The struggle for workers' power and socialist revolution is international. Together we have a world to win.

ISO, PO Box 18037, Cleveland, Ohio 44118, USA.

May Day greetings

munistisk For-

bund, Denmark.

The LEFT SOCIALIST

PARTY OF DENMARK

sends fraternal May Day

greetings to all fighting

members of the British

working class and the

Your fight is our

Sct, Pedersstraede 28B³, 1453 K. Denmark

revolutionary left.

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May Day Greetings to all those struggling for the Liberation of Ireland Venceremos!

Prisoners Aid Committee, 182 Upper Street, London N1, on behalf of all Irish political prisoners

PRP, Revolutionary Party of the Proletariat, Portugal

sends you through Socialist Worker a message for the First of May 1977.

It has been a year of uncompromising struggle, in particular in Portugal and Spain, the weakest link in the imperialist chain. Insufficient and perhaps dangerous (as in Chile) are the electoral victories in France and Italy and the controlled transition of Spain to bourgeois democracy.

The principal contradiction of capitalism lies in the factory or the firm and not in the ballot-box. To shift the class struggle on to this terrain is the great task set for European revolutionaries.

FORBUNDET KOMMUNIST (Sweden)

sends you its wishes on May Day.

Organisation Socialist Revolution (Greece)

Organisation Socialist Revolution

May Day Greetings to the Socialist Workers Party and to all comrades and workers in Britain.

Workers of the world unite.

GREETINGS

Hendandrou, 50 Omonia, Athens, Greece

Workers' Struggles—Ergatikoi Agones

New monthly workers' paper for the Greek working class sends fraternal greetings to Socialist Worker and the Socialist Workers Party on this day of international solidarity.

FLAME

Fraternal greetings

to all socialists and

the paper of Black Workers in Struggle

STRUGGIE

STOP POLICE

HARASSMENT OF

BLACK YOUTH.

KEEP THE RACISTS OFF

OUR STREETS!

FOR THE FIGHTING

UNITY OF BLACK AND

WHITE WORKERS!

FORWARD TO

WORKERS POWER!

NATIONAL WORKERS UNION (Dominica, West Indies)

May all progressive people of this world see this May Day as a new inspiration to continue the fight, through instrumental collectivism, to liberate the workers by completely exterminating the exploitation of man by man and all other forms of demagoguery directed towards the working

8 Castle Street, Roseau, Dominica West Indies

The SAG (Sozialistische Arbeiter Gruppe) West Germany, greets the Socialist Workers Party on May Day and wishes you all success in your fight against unemployment, the Social Contract and the new Nazis in Britain, the National Front. Especially we greet the fighting workers of HEATHROW AIRPORT, GRUNWICK FILMS and the dockers from GRIMSBY, and hope their fight will be successful. We wish your comrades all the best in building a revolutionary mass party. With international solidarity, SAG.

THE BATTLER

Revolutionary greetings to Socialist Worker and your readers.

The struggle of British workers, the Right to Work Campaign and Socialist Worker's campaigns against racism are followed with great interest here. Australia also has massive unemployment, government cuts, and its own version of your 'Social Contract' and Heath's Industrial Relations Act.

The lessons we have drawn from your paper on the struggles of British workers against these measures on your excellent work, and solidarity in the struggles ahead!

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE.

Australian International Socialists, PO Box 7, Richmond, Victoria 3121, Australia.

RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN
Sends fraternal May Day
greetings to all workers everywhere employed AND unemployed
Smash the Social Contract
Fight for the Right to

Work

NORTH LONDON POLY Students Union sends fraternal greetings to all workers and students.

NORWICH DISTRICT Socialist Workers Party: Fraternal greetings to all Socialist Worker readers. Join us in the fight for Socialism! Address: 14 Edinburgh Road, Norwich.

CAMDEN Socialist
Workers Party branch
sends May Day birthday
greetings to PAUL
NEDOSZYTKO and says
Fight the Cuts and Stuff the
Jubileell

JARROW and HEBBURN Socialist Workers Party branch. Fraternal greetings. Workers Unitel Agitatel Educatel Organisel Address: 12 Aln Street, Hebburn, Tyne/Wear.

TRAVAILLEURS IMMIGRES EN LUTTE (Algeria)

which fights to organise Algerian workers in Algeria and in the immigration against the state-capitalist regime of Boumediene, greets the British working class on this first of May.

Socialist Revolution and Communism

29 Rue Descartes, 75005 Paris, France.

COMBAT COMMUNISTE (France)

sends May Day greetings to all comrades of the SWP and all readers of Socialist Worker.

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

Yves Coleman, 8P 401, 75 829 Paris, Cedex 17, France.

womens FOICE

Where there's a will there's a way. We have the will to world revolution, therefore we must find the way to reach the masses of the exploited and the enslaved women, whether the historical conditions make it easy or difficult.'

CYPRIOT WORKER

Cypriot Worker sends fraternal greetings to all workers in struggle against capitalism and imperialism.

MAY DAY GREETINGS to all readers of Socialist Worker and members of the Socialist Workers' Party from Workers Action and the International Socialists of Canada. Workers of the world unite.

Box 339, Station E. Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Working People's Vanguard Party HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, OUR STRUGGLE IS ONE.

Guyanese workers greet their comrades. 69 Main Street, Georgetown, Guyana.

SWP MIDDLE EAST GROUP

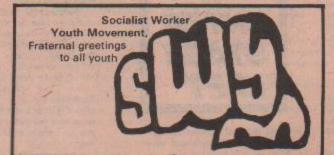
GREETINGS TO ALL IN THE WORKERS AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

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BÜTÜN DÜNYANIN IŞÇILERI BIRLEŞIN SMASH IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM! SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE! WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!

Glasgow Right to Work Committee

sends greetings to all workers—employed and unemployed Smash the Social Con-trick now Stop the Cuts DEFEND JOHN DEASON



NOISS

November 1922.

Revolutionary greetings to all students and workers everywhere

Greater London Council branch of the Socialist Workers Party

Build the Rank and File Movement Turn Britain's Town Halls Red

STOCKPORT Socialist Workers Party offers fraternal May Day greetings to all Socialist Worker readers and sympathizers in

STIRLING TOWN branch of the Socialist Workers Party sends May Day greetings to all workers and students, employed and

Stockport.

unemployed.

POEU Fraction, Glasgow SWP: Smash the Social Contract! Remember Stanley's letter to Callachen The Bank and

Callaghan. The Rank and File must organise.

SOUTHWARK TEACHERS Socialist

TEACHERS Socialist Workers Party says Stuff the Cuts up the Jubilee.

Paisley SWP sends fraternal greetings to all workers and students in struggle. Double the SWP in 1977!

Fraternal greetings from Jordanhill NOISS members to all brothers and sisters in struggle. Keep up the fight.

From this remote outpost in the valleys of Mid-Wales, we send our fraternal greetings to comrades everywhere. Lampeter SWP.

RUSKIN COLLEGE Students Union sends May Day greetings to fraternal friends at Ruskin and fellow trades unionists.

The drocling ideas of any epoch are the ideas of the ruling class THERE'S PLENTY

Send'em back

WE NEED SOMETHING DIFFERENT... 7 days of revolutionary ideas and discussion at the Polytechnic of North London. JULY 1-8 1977

MARKSVI

Every day we are bombarded with the ideas of our rulers. At home, at work and at college we are indoctrinated with a stream of 'common sense' and 'official

wisdom'. With growing numbers of workers and students rejecting that nonsense and turning towards the ideas of revolutionary socialism, there is a crying need to hear a thorough analysis of the Marxist case. This is what MARXISM 77 is all about, a week of lectures and discussions organised by the National Organisation of International Socialist Societies (NOISS), student supporters of the Socialist Workers Party.

Leading socialists, not all in the SWP, have been invited to take part in the

discussions and to lead them.

MARXISM 77 is not for students only. Trade unionists and unemployed

the weekend and evenings.

to remember.

OF WORK ABOUT THEY'RE JUST TOO WAZY TO DO IT

Why don't you go back to Russia

NEVER HAPPEN HERE!

Course One: Revolutions of the 20th Century

The first wave of revolutions The Russian Revolution The German Revolution The First Five years of the Comintern

Revolution in the Third

The Two Chinese Revolutions

The Wave of the Future

The Hungarian Revolution and the crisis of State Capitalism today Portugal and the Revolutions in the West

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Course Two:

and Revolution

British poets and the

Literature of the Red

Writers and Stalinism

The Russian Revolution

French revolution

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SOCKS!

WAS OK FOR HIS OWN DAY

Course Three: The Marxist Method

Marxism and the end of philosophy Lenin as philosopher Marxism and Sociologycontradictory or complementary? for the West? Atthusser—a stalinist philosophy for our time? Marxism: the theoretical spectrum today

> BETTER OFF AT HOME

Course Four: Women's the struggle for socialism

A new view on Engels: historical materialist or idealist patriarch? The lamily, capitalism and women's oppression The feminist movement in Britain 1870-1930 Working women's changing consciousness The liberation of women:the revolutionary Marxism and Drama today

workers are urged to attend. Many important sessions are being planned for As you can see from this page, six main courses are being offered, but there will also be guest speakers, debates, films and live music in order to make it a week

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IS ANOTHER

MAN'S DOLE

Capitalism and political

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NEWHAM Socialist Workers public meeting: China, Speaker: Chris Har-man, Thursday 28 April, 8pm, Boleyn pub, East Ham.

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WARRINGTON Socialist Workers

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NEWPORT Socialist Workers Party

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South East

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ESSEX Socialist Workers Party Day School: Rank and file organisation— why we need it and how we can build it. National speaker, plus groups on women, docks, print, engineers, Speaker: Shaun Docherty. Wednes day 4 May, 6pm, Central Library Holloway Road, London N7.

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Thursday 19 May: The fight against

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South Coast

PORTSMOUTH Socialist Workers Party MAY DAY WEEK OF AC-TION:

Thursday 28 April: Battle of Chile, film of recent events in Chile, Student Union, St Pauls Road, 7pm Spon-sored by Polytechnic Latin American Society and Chile Coordinating Com-

mittee.
Friday 29 April: Rock against Racism and Anti-Jubilee social-band, disco. plus Belt and Braces Roadshow. Foster Hall. Milton College of Education, 7.30pm-midnight. Admission 80p.
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SOUTHAMPTON Socialist Workers Party public meeting: Whose law? Whose order? Speaker: Pete Fysi Right to Work marcher): Tuesday 3 May, Sprh, Civic Centre conference room. Defend John Deason!

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BUILDING WORKERS: National meeting for all SWP members in the construction industry. Saturday 7 May, 12 noon-5pm. The Mitre Hotel, Cathedral Gates, Manchester 3 (two minutes from Victoria Station, just off Deansgate). Maximum attendance assential.

NATFHE: National meeting all SWP NATFHE members, Saturday 30 April Iplease note change of date), 10,30em to Spm; Polytechnic of Central London, New Cavendish St. London WI. Details from Ted Parker, 6 Cottons, London E2.

NUPE: National meeting for SWP members and supporters in the Public Employees Union. Saturday 14 May, 10.30am, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. NOTE CHANGE OF

HEALTH WORKERS: National meeting for SWP members and supporters working in the NHS. Saturday 14 May (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE). 1.30pm, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester COHSE members meet beforehand at 11.30am.

Socialist Workers Party IN-DUSTRIAL ADVISORY COM-MITTEE: Saturday 7 May. Agenda and meeting place have been cir-culated.

Socialist Workers Party Midlands and South WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS CONFERENCE: Satur-day 21 May, 10am-5.30pm, Holborn Library, London WC1. Agenda: Building rank and file organisation, white-collar SWP workplace branches.

NALGO: Meeting for SWP members and supporters in NALGO in GREATER MANCHESTER. Tuesday 3 May, 6pm, TU Books, 260 Deansgate, Manchester. To discuss overtime ban, campaign against the Social Contrick, and NALGO conference, Important that Management and NALGO conference. tant that all members and supporters in NALGO attend.

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Have a Socialist night

Enjoyyourself—and help build the Socialist Workers Party. The proceeds of these events' will go towards our £30,-000 party-building fund.

CREWE Socialist Workers Party eve of May Day Social: North West Spanner theatre group. Disco. Raffle. Saturday 30 April, 7.30pm, Masonic Arms, Market Street, Crewe.

CREWE Socialist Workers Party May Day Social: Saturday 30 April. 8pm, Masonic Arms, Market Street North West Spanner socialist theatre group, disco, raffle. Admission 50p

ISLINGTON Socialist Workers ISLINGTON Socialist Workers Party presents Sam the Man, a play on the life of Labour Left-wing MP Samuel Keir Hardy Muggins, CAST Theatre group Sunday 15 May, 7.30pm, Caxton House, 129 St. Johns Way, Archway, London N19, Admis-sion 75p (unemployed 25p).

EDINBURGH Socialist Workers
Party Grand Folk Night: Saturday 14 May 7.30pm, Heriot-Watt
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LEA VALLEY and NORTH LON-DON Socialist Workers Party sociali Friday 29 April, 9pm onwards, 71 Seymour Road, NB Greek music and dencing, Greek food at low cost. Bring a bottle 25p on the door. All proceeds to the SW fighting fund.

SOUTHAMPTON Socialist Workers Party May Day social: Saturday 30 April, 8pm-midnight, Joiners Arms, St Mary's Street Featuring El Arish and Search Party, 50p admission.

KENT Socialist Workers Party Eve of Mayday social: Saturday 30 April, 7:30pm, Rutherford College, The University, Canter-bury, With CAST performing Sam the Man. Also Roy Bailey and Leon Rosselson, two of Britain's best socialist folk singers. Bar and raffle, great prizes All proceeds to SWP fighting fund. Tickets 60p at door, or contact SWP, 124 Old Dover Road, Canterbury.



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THE main session of last weekend's Party Council of the Socialist Workers' Party was devoted to an assessment of the state of the fight against the Social Contract.

Steve Jefferys, introducing the discussion, insisted that a realistic assessment of last Wednesday's national stoppage against the Social Contract meant recognising that it had not been a great success.

35,000 workers were out. But this figure represented a retreat from what should have been possible.

'The first sign of workers being really fed up with the Social Contract was the demonstration at British Leyland Longbridge against the visit of Jones, Scanlon and Varley to the factory. 'Longbridge is a factory where the leading stewards are in the Communist Party. This

meant that the Communist Party. This meant that the Communist Party was involved in the revolt against the Contract from the beginning, although they did not actually organise the shop floor revolt in Longbridge. That demonstration was the start of the wave of resentment at the wage controls that led to resolutions from scores of factories and to the call for the 3 April conference and the 20 April

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'Tight and orderly'

But between the Longbridge demonstration and 3 April a lot of things happened. 'The official TUC pohcy since last September has been that this should be the last year of a tight' pay policy, to be followed by an 'orderly return to collective bargaining. The Longbridge demonstration and the upsurge of protest afterwards raised the question of an immediate return, of an end to the whole business of wage controls in a way that would enable workers to regain what they have lost over the past two

But the trade union bureaucracy is frightened of anything other than an 'orderly return'. The Communist Party found that its attempt to take the head of the movement of protest was leading it into conflict with the trade union bureaucracy

and immediately began trying to hold it back.'
At Longbridge itself, there was still no Phase
Two settlement in February. Derek Robinson, the convenor, who is in the Communist Party, insisted on settling within Phase Two-effectively accepting that there would be no fight against the contract yet, that there would be an orderly return to collective bargaining."

The crucial tests were the toolroom workers and Heathrow strikes, said Steve Jefferys.

What was the toolroom workers strike about? The talk of 'differentials' has caused

'Whenever struggles begin against wage controls they begin with groups of workers who claim they are a 'special case'. The miners talked of the merches are a 'special case' in themselves as a 'special case' in 1972 and 1974.

Socialists did not dismiss the miners' struggle out of hand because of this. Instead we called for support for the miners and added: 'All miners and added: 'All workers are a special case'. 'This has to be our attitude

now when a group of workers such as the toolroom or Heathrow workers claim they are a 'special case'.

To have any other attitude is to oppose the beginnings of the real struggle against wage controls. Yet this is what the Communist Party has been doing in practice for the past two months.

Pressure

Look at the article written by the industrial organiser of that party, Bert Ramelson, in last Friday's Morning Star. 'Ramelson says there are

three sorts of struggles against the Social Contract.

1. The one-day strikes aimed to put pressure on MPs and trade union leaders. These Ramelson supports.

Unofficial strikes for 'special cases' such as the Port This anger could have been the spark for a massive strike against the Social Contract

20 April:



WHO DOUSED THE RLAME?

Talbot electricians. These too Ramelson claims to supportbecause the electricians' union is controlled by people Ramelson does not like, who support the Social Contract.

'3. Strikes for 'special cases' such as the toolroom

workers and Heathrow, These Ramelson denounces as 'divisive' because he likes the aders although they too support the Social Contract.

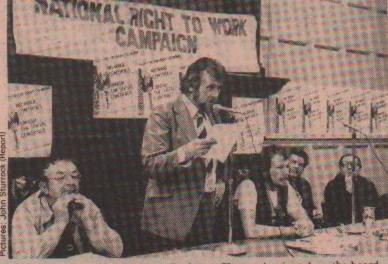
'It was this that in practice national strike against the Social Contract.

Confusion

Steve Jefferys said that many trade unionists were confused as to what to do after the attacks on the toolroom workers at the Liaison Com-mittee and 3 April con-ferences, They did not know whether they were meant to be fighting against the Social Contract or lining up with trade union officials who

opposed the fight.
So when last Wednesday came, a real lead for strike action was given only in a few

This was most obvious in Leyland itself. The leading stewards at Longbridge refus-ed to give a lead in fighting for a stoppage. How could they



after denouncing the 'The task of the Socialist

Workers Party is to do our utmost to stop these retreats into 'an orderly return to free collective bargaining.

'In the short term this means seeing the crucial importance of the Heathrow and Port Talbot disputes. The government and the ruling class know that what happens to these will determine very much what is possible in

August.
'The rank and file group in the Engineering Union,

Engineers Charter, has issued 20,000 collection sheets for the Heathrow workers. Let's get these filled up. Let's get telegrams of support from other shop stewards committees for the engineers.

No Isolation

'We must not let them get isolated like the toolroom workers were isolated.

There is still a powerful underground feeling among workers that they need a wage increase. We have to campaign not only for £15 acrossWilliams, EETPU, in the chair, Jack Sheldon, Leyland toolroom steward, and

Eddie Prevost, London Royal Docks steward.

Work Campaign

march: (from left) Ian Morris, AUEW steward,

John Dunworth, EETPU striker, Port Talbot

steelworks, Billy

the-board claims, but for action in support of these claims as from 1 August.

'The Social Contract will only be defeated if there are at least a dozen struggles along these lines. So we have to campaign for hundreds of workplaces to put in interim claims for the late summer £15 across-the-board, no kitty bargaining, no productivity

Delegates from South Wales pointed out that although the Communist Party nationally claimed to support the Port Talbot elec-

tricians, that did not apply locally. Its members on Swansea Trades Council had opposed having a speaker from the strike on the grounds

that it was 'unofficial Peter Bain, from Chrysler Linwood, said 'I can never remember such cynicism and treachery in Communist Party politics. Their attitude is that if the trade union conferences support wage control, there is nothing the rank and file can do about it.

Tension

- 'This is one of the things leading to tension inside the Communist Party.

'We got a 24-hour stoppage in Chrysler on 20 April. But in most of the other factories in Clydeside it is not fought for properly. The convenors of the shipyard actually called a separate stoppage against redundancies on the 19th, not the 20th.

'This left us in an embarrassing position in Chrysler. Next time we want a stoppage people are going to be more difficult to move because they were nearly alone last Wednesday.

Bobby Buirds, from Manchester, spoke of the way in which many ordinary Communist Party members supported the toolroom workers

The London demonstration on 20 April: 3000strong, -but it could have been

and the Heathrow engineers, despite the line of their party leadership.

He said we had spent too much time worrying about meetings of Liaison Committees and the like, and not enough working for action among the rank and file.

Tony Cliff from the Central Committees spoke of a double.

Committee, spoke of a double danger. On the one hand trade union leaders such as Alan Fisher of the Public Employees were defending the Social Contract by pretending it helps the lower paid. On the other Joe Gormley was trying to preserve it by promising productivity dealing for the better paid.

It was vital to make collections among both groups now for disputes such as Heathrow and Port Talbot, to build up solidarity and opposition to the contract, to prove in practice that if the better-paid workers broke through it would help the lower paid.

Lies

Kevin Prior, from Heathrow. told of their struggle. He said that the Communist Party had spread the story that the claim was elitist. This was a be.

Under their claim the labourer would get the same as the skilled man for working shifts, while at present the

skilled man got more. The union officials and fulltime convenors, some of whom were in the Communist Party, denounced the strike as 'divisive' because it upset their cosy arrangement with the management through the panel system, a form of participa-

Jack Robertson, from Massey-Ferguson in Manchester, told how the 'Left' officials and convenors in most factories there had failed

to get any action apart from delegations last Wednesday. People had made fine speeches at the 3 April conference, but they had not got their factories to stop.

But at Masseys we fought for a stoppage around it with

for a stoppage, argued it with the rank and file and got it. Our efforts inspired the Dry Docks to do the same.

Success

Unemployment will not go away, warned John Deason. Thousands more jobs are at risk. Hundreds of thousands of school leavers will not be able to get jobs.

The fight for the Right to Work is part of the whole fight against the Social Contract. In every town, on every dole queue, we must start talking to the unemployed again.

That is why the decision of the Right to Work Campaign organise a march from Manchester to Blackpool to the TUC in September is so

important.
The success of that march will depend on the work that is carried on among the un-

'All the lessons we learnt a year ago organising the unemployed, selling regularly on the dole queues, organising petitions and leaflets, organising stunts and unemployed demonstrations and pickets, all need to be repeated and stepped up for the campaign in the summer months.

It's official! But TGWU drivers cross picket

from TGWU process workers' shop stewards committee Tate and Lyle Gartons plant, Battersea.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: We are in the third week of a lockout after we refused to do overtime in support of a claim

for regrading.

A mass meeting of process

Overtime ban on the buses

SHEFFIELD:busworkers started an overban last Sunday in support of a new scheduling agreement.

Discontent is high at the long, arduous shifts and the amount of overtime needed to make up a decent take home

Many are annoyed that some of the proposals are being rejected because they are contrary to the Social Conworkers backed the stewards adopted a mandatory picket rota to attempt to bring all work at the starch and glucose plant to a standstill and to get all the members involved.

We had been told earlier by our TGWU General Trade Group secretary, Van Ryssen, that the lockout is official. This was good news, but apparently not good enough for the drivers.

They are in the same union,

even in the same branch, working for the same disgusting employer, but they are still waiting for the official piece of paper with an official stamp before they will support

The latest move by Tate and Lyle is to stop sick pay owed to men who were sick before they locked them out.

□ Donations messages of support to: S Boosey, 14 Fox House, Maysoule Road, London SW11



BUSWORKERS BETRAYED Official puts knife into Partick struggle

THE BRAVE fight by the busworkers at Partick Garage is over. The garage closed on Saturday, the second bus garage to close in Glasgow within a

The fight ended after the failure of the busworkers to win an interim interdict against the Glasgow Passenger Executive

Glasgow Right to Work Campaign in Glasgow Sheriff Court.

At the mass meeting on Friday afternoon the campaign committee recommended acceptance

of the closure amid amazing scenes of emotion. The campaign to save the garage included mass postering, one-day strikes, pickets, protest oc-cupations and a fares boycott. All along, the organisation inside the garage had to fight against the unwillingness of the Transport and General Workers Union officials to organise any coordinated action.

Their failure was that they were prevented from building the links with all the other garages—only that kind of organisation could have prevented isolation and defeat.

Even at the late stage of the court order, the busworkers had the support of two of the other garages and were prepared to fight on so long as that

But TGWU fulltime official and Communist Party member Hugh Wyper finally put the knife in. He scurried back to Glasgow from the Scottish TUC in Rothesay after hearing that the busworkers had come out on strike again to fight the closure.

While the court hearing was

taking place, Wyper went to the other garages and got them to reverse their decision of support for Partick.

At the mass meeting shop steward Alec Reid said: 'We have been sold down the river by Wyper and there is nothing we can do. These people aren't elected, they are appointed.

Garage committee member Jow Gilmartin told me: 'We owe you an apology. You warned us about Wyper, but we didn't believe you.

Boycott

The role of the Communist Party in this fight has been disgraceful. They claim that Partick is one of their strongholds, yet leading Com-

The TGWU officials also have a lot to answer for. They were instrumental in getting the Glasgow-wide fares boycott called off and throughout the dispute they did nothing to spread the

Until there is a strong rank nd file organisation in the Glasgow garages, the cuts and the sell-outs will continue.

Alec Reid, shop steward at the garage, would like on behalf of the Garage Action Committee to thank Socialist

North London: A local success

NORTH LONDON: A meeting of workers on day and half day strikes on 20 April was the climax to the first stage of a local campaign against the Social Contract.

In early March convenors of local factories had decided to call a co-ordinating meeting. Held on the very day the AUEW executive and Leyland management threatened to sack the columbers the meeting was toolmakers, the meeting was attended by workers from 20 factories, including stewards from 12 toolrooms.
There was unanimous deci-

sion to call all-out strikes if any Leyland worker was sacked, to seek industrial action on the 20th, and to call a meeting that day with representatives of toolmakers. Stewards later also invited the Heathrow engineers, and circulated local factories with a call to attend the meeting sponsored by seven stewards' com-

From the Enfield, Edmonton and Tottenham areas 120 workers in delegations from seven factories supported the meeting, including groups from Phonodisc and English Numbering Machines, on strike against the Social

Contract for the day.

Jack Sheldon, from the
Leyland toolmakers strike Commttee, told the meeting: Our battle is against the Social Contract, not about the establishment of more differentials'.

He was backed up by Pat Horidge, toolroom convenor at Lesney's in Enfield:
"We toolmakers are fighting, like everyone else, for a decent standard of living.
This means we fight the This means we fight the Social Contract, not each other. Otherwise nobody will get any sort of wage rise

Alan Watts, convenor at MK Electric, in the chair, took up the suggestion for further meetings to co-ordinate action against the Social Contract, and support for workers struggling against it.

Factories represented in-clude MK Electric, Edmonton, Lesney Enfield, Metal Box Tottenham, Keith Blackman Tottenham, Phonodisc Walthamstow, Steel Spring Productions Walthamstow, English Numbering Machines En-

Clydeside: Too many people kept quiet

ON CLYDESIDE the day of action against the Social Contract turned out a disappointment. The local Liaison Committee and the Glasgow Right To Work Campaign had called for a one-day strike and demonstration, yet the organisation for the action was a fiasco.

In many factories, par-ticularly those with Communist Party convenors, the day strike was not raised and in others only a half-day stoppage was argued for despite the previous decision by the local Liaison Committee.

In the shipyards only Yarrows struck for the full day. The other yards came

out on strike the day before, in protest against the cuts in the shipbuilding industry. Of the other major fac-

tories in the area, only Chrysler Linwood stopped for the the day. About 1,000 workers took part in the actual demonstration, which was dominated by the placards of the Right To Work Campaign.

Unfortunately, many of the local trade union leaders who should have been organising and building the demonstra-tion were in Rothesay at the Scottish TUC arguing about what demands should be placed on the the Labour

2000 BRISTOL: builders 1200 MARCH strike by DAVE HUGHES BIRMINGHAM: 2000

building workers, members of UCATT, went on strike on 20

April against the decision to

shut down the Birmingham Construction Department.

400 UCATT members face the

A Joint Action Committee has been formed. Workers at the giant National Exhibition

Centre are prepared to close it down in protest if the redun-

dancies are pushed through.

NALGO, the local govern-ment workers' union, is proposing the blacking of all payments to private contrac-

ors, who would take the work

normally done by the Con-

fight the council decision to

shut one of the largest old

people's homes in the country.

These campaigns need to

unite. Unfortunately the local

UCATT leadership have responded to the cuts by telling people that the best way

to fight is to vote Labour in the

coming local elections. In fact

the previous Labour council

cut as many jobs by 'natural wastage' as the Tory Council is

SOS failure

THE official campaign against public transport cuts ground to a halt last week.

Only a few hundred bus and

rail workers turned out to hear

an all-star line-up, including Jack Jones and Neil Kinnock

MB at a 'Save Our Services'

rally in London.

The SOS campaign has been little more than an

attempt to whip up support for Labour in the local elec-

tions. Real action against cuts

continues-without official

the separate and property for

now cutting.

Another joint union cam-

struction Department.

The local branch of

by ANNA GREGSON

BRISTOL: 1,200 school students, parents and teachers from Hartcliffe Comprehensive marched over three miles last Thursday to protest at planned education cuts of £2.4 million.

The massive demonstration went to Avon House to lobby the **Avon Council Resources** Committee. Delegations from other comprehensives, from the National Union of School Students, and other

parents joined in. The Hartcliffe march was organised by the school students in support of teachers who have refused to do voluntary dinner duty as a protest against planned staff cuts.

When one TV reporter asked students if they were marching 'for the hell of it', he got a sobering reply: We care about what's happening to our school. We're short of paper, books,

paints, woods, metal repairs don't get done.
Parents in North
Bristol are now setting up School Action Committees. When children were sent home as a result of the National Union of Teachers 'no cover' campaign parents took their children down to the council to support the teachers.

School caretakers too are striking on May 5 against the cuts.

The task now is to link up all the struggles against the education cuts into one campaign.

Binmen strike

LIVERPOOL: The city's binmen have been out on strike for the past two weeks. The TGWU drivers and GMWU collectors are refusing to collect refuse except where is a health risk to a hospital.

Normally, when there is a backlog of refuse to be collected following bank holidays, overtime is worked on Saturday at the agreed rates. But following the national overtime ban introduced by NALGO as a protest against the cuts, supervisors had refused to work overtime on Saturdays.
The drivers and collectors

rates for extra work carried out during the week, but the council want to use the opportunity to increase the workload of the men without enhanced rates of pay.

The binmen are adamant they want the extra £1.25 an

want their normal overtime

hour that normal overtime would give them. It seems unusual to say the least, for a council that has been whimpering about the need to save money off the budget to allow the dispute to drag out, because the longer it goes on the more money the binmen will get as a result of the mounting backlog of refuse.

No downgrading

by CHRIS DAVIES COHSE shop steward, Claybury Hospital

EAST LONDON: Nurses at Claybury Hospital in Walthamstow, many from overseas, have unanimously ted proposais to employ all those qualifying as state-enrolled and staff nurses over the next two years as nursing assistants.

The proposal came last month from management in response to a branch resolution advising that we would consider industrial action if there were any further redundancies among newly-trained

The proposals seem deliberately designed to entice overseas nurses in particular by offering 'job security' against unemployment and deportation. Many felt the union 'sold out' in similar situations last year.

Ours is a large psychiatric hospital with about 1500 patients. It is severely understaffed. We intend to fight management for the employment of all fully qualified staff and the increase of staffing levels generally.

munist Party members made no serious attempt to fight

Worker for its coverage of the busmen's fight and thank all the many trade unionists who gave assistance and support.

SCOTTISH TUC: A PHONEY FIGHT

THE Scottish Trades Union Congress was the fame old story this year. Plenty of militant speeches, virtually nothing in the way of action.

Yet, unlike last year, rank and file anger against the government's policies did have some impact.

On the very day when thousands of workers struck inst wage controls, the STUC narrowly defeated a militant resolution from the Scottish miners and the General Council, calling for an end to the Social Contract and a return to free collective bargaining.
The big TGWU and NUPE

delegations voted with the miners, despite the opposi-

Croydon Trades Council MAYDAY DEMONSTRATION: Saturday 30 April, 11am, Elmwood Road, Croydon. End unemployment, Stop the cuts and Fight racialism.

All Socialist Workers Party members and supporters to attend

tion from their general secretaries, Jack Jones and Alan Fisher.

Many of the delegates were opposed to the Labour government's strategy. But the STUC is so out of touch with the rank and file that the notion of involving and leading workers in the fight against wage controls, cuts and unemployment

Instead discussion always centred on the demands that could be placed on the government, or on the need for more collaboration between the government and the trade unions, or on the need for more state interven-

The left, and at the STUC that means the Communist Party and their sympathisers, opposed the Social Contract in words. But they were never prepared to embarrass their friends in the bureaucracy by calling for action

When the Miners' resolution was defeated, Mick McGahey, the man who more than anybody else personifies the left face of the STUC, said 'it was a clean fight'

The truth is that it was a phony fight, the real one has yet to take place.

One encouraging aspect was the support given by many delegates to the Right To Work Campaign, Un-employed members of the campaign collected money for the Defence Fund

Notices and meetings

ABORTION ON DEMAND—a woman's right to choose. Demonstrate Saturday 30 April, essemble 2pm, Catford Broadway (behind Catford Town Hall), London SE6. March to Lewisham. Street, meeting, Theatre group and singer. Women's Voice groups urged to attend. Bring banners.

MAY DAY PARTY in aid of the National Abortion Campaign: Saturday 30 April, 8pm-1-30am, The Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road, London SE1. Live band—Termite Hotel—real ale and disco. 75p admission. Enjoy yourselves for a woman's right to choose.

ABORTION—DEFEAT BENYON'S BILL! National Abortion Campaign public meeting, Monday 2 May, 7,30pm, Westway Luncheon Club, Ladbroke Grove, London (near Ladbroke Grove tube). Speakers:

Germaine Greer, Prof P Huntingford and Kate Truscott (COHSE). Plus play by Pirate Jenny Theatre Group, Babysitters—phone Louise, 01-969 9106.

KARAXU SING FOR THE CHILEAN RESISTANCE: Saturday 30 April, 7.30pm, Logan Hall, Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London WC1. Plus Jack Warshaw and Sendra Kerr. Tickets £1 and £1.50. Organised by Chile Solidarity Campaign Cultural Committee.

Party to raise funds for the BRIX-TON ANTI-FASCIST MOVE-MENT. Saturday 7 May, 8.30pm-2.30am. Real beer, food, folk and Reggae. Ring 720-4701 for details.

GLASGOW CHILE CONCERT:

RUSKIN HISTORY WORKSHOP 11: Rank and File Movements. Weekend 21-22 May, Ruskin College, Walton Street, Oxford. Tickets £2.50 and programmes from History Workshop Collective, Ruskin College.

Meeting of ACTSS LEGAL WORKERS BRANCH: Friday 13 May, 7pm, Transport and General Workers Union HQ, 203 North Gower Street, London WC1 (near Warren Street tube). All workers in solicitors' offices welcome.

Trade Union Conference Against the Prevention of Terrorism Act: Conference of trade union delegates, Sunday 15 May, 4pm.7pm, Hammersmith Town Hall. Further details from Brother E Reidy, 37 Middle Laine, London N8 (phone 01-286 9833).

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Notices for this column

BIG BOOST

RANK AND FILE journalists last week delivered a smashing rebuff to their National Executive's lack of leadership in the 21-week Kettering

The NUJ Annual Conference thrust aside Ex-

LOCKED-OUT

GLASGOW: Workers

locked out at Sunbeams

have occupied the factory's

The lock-out is in its third week. Willy Doherty, an engineering union shop steward, said: 'It's just an exercise in strike breaking. 'The bonus we are talking

about doesn't amount to much but management thought they could force us back by laying off the rest of the factory. It

The men and women laid off have backed us completely.

Donations and

We are planning to step up the

messages of support to John Cowen, 7 Colville Drive, Eastfield, Glasgow.

They want to

GLASGOW: 200 yards from

the Sunbeam plant, white collar workers in TASS at

Hayward Tyler are striking for the right to work and for a union in their factory.

With no consultation, local management announced six redundancies, who just happened to include the past branch secretary, district committee member, and former

TASS members in the

drawing office walked out and

were later joined by all 40 members.

Committee member, told Socialist Worker: 'Manage-

ment say the redundancies are

necessary because of

rationalisation, but who are

'It's a blatant case of witch-

'It's the same story at

hunting-they want to smash

Stewart Lindsay, District

smash us'

committee member.

they kidding?

the union.

has completely misfired.

WORKERS

OCCUPY

gate house.

action.

dispute.

ecutive opposition and called out all East Midland Allied Press chapels.

Magazine editors were instructed not to cross picket lines, dispute benefit equal to net pay was agreed, and plans were laid to pull out Newspaper Society jour-

Response to the EMAP strike call had been

was the theme of last week's conference of the National Union of Journalists.

By David Shonfield

KETTERING RULES, OK

It symbolises the problems faced by the NUJ rank and file. Faced with a national leadership increasingly out of touch with the members, delegates debated some of the basics needed for a fighting trade union. trade union.

In doing so, they probably established a record for votes against Executive recommendations.

Only the Social Contract survived—by a margin of 149 to 141, but delegates voted almost unanimously for a massive wage claim in the

snivelling cowardice of a handful who claimed to have

joined the anti-union Institute

All EMAP publications should now be blacked—

Journalists rock their union 'leaders'

local newspaper sector.

A resolution condemning the disgraceful sell-out of Radio Sheffield journalists was also heavily carried. The conference reversed last

year's cautious acknowledgement for new technology and voted for a virtual freeze on its introduction, as well as for a committee of eight delegates establish guidelines and

Seven of these eight were those supported by the NUJ's rank and file group, Jour-

National magazines like Motor Cycle News, Angling Times, Gardeners News and

Bike are also black and should

Pickets

not be handled.

nalists Charter, which again proved itself a highly effective conference organisation and forum for militant policies.

Charter candidates now occupy three seats on the executive, and the organisation clearly represents the militancy which has emerged from the Kettering and Radio Sheffield battles.

The NUJ now faces an election for a new general secretary. A meeting of five candidates organised by Charter, and attended by a

set up in the trade union

backwaters where EMAP

newspapers publish, including

Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury, Kings Lynn, Newmarket, Stamford and Spalding.

Little help has been given so

far by the printworkers union,

ference, showed just how much a real rank and file organisation is needed. Charter is standing Aidan White, who has one of the best

records of rank and file militancy in the union.

The campaign is intended to build the organisation, particularly in the provincial newspaper field, and to spread the lesson of Kettering—that a militant and active rank and file is far more important than which personality becomes general secretary.

☐ 135 delegates signed an appeal to support the picket of John Deason's trial at the Old Bailey on 4 May.

response from SOGAT warehousemen in London,

who have been asked not to handle EMAP magazines.

Stoppages

Speakers from Kettering are travelling the country this week to address NUJ chapels

Unless the employers' hody, the Newspaper Society, leans on EMAP management to end the lockout of NUJ members

who refuse to work with scabs.

stoppages are due to begin in a

Information

chapel has been instructed by the union's conference to cease

the flow of copy to newspapers

For further information and offers of help with picket

or blacking, contact Lockout Committee, c/o NUAAW offices, Cattlemarket, Ketter-ing, (Kettering 516145 or 85536).

GARSTANG, Lancs: The struggle to maintain 40 hours

a week working and to obtain a collective bonus scheme at

Laing's site hotted up this

drove straight at the picket The union. UCATT, has

refused to make the strike

official because workers had

not gone through the recognis-

Management-one of the most vicious in the construction industry—brought in scabs from Preston. Their bus

'OFFICIAL SCABS'

in dispute.

The Press Association NUJ

likely to be called out.

BIRMINGHAM: transport and warehousemen came out on strike for recogni-tion of the TGWU at Southalls last Friday, They joined from USDAW

Southalls

strike to

join a

union

several weeks ago and sought recognition.

Management produced a closed shop agreement signed with USDAW officials in February. None of the workers had heard of it.

As soon as the strike started, USDAW officials appeared telling the workforce, mainly women, that there was no possibility of transferring unions.

They organised a small demonstration, with management-produced placards, saying 'Southall is an USDAW factory.' There are, in fact, six unions in the

On Friday the strikers heard that three of them had been

But on Saturday verbal agreement was reached with

Management put out a statement saying there would be a four-week cooling off period, that the men would continue to have their dues paid to USDAW and that three of them would be sacked

for leaving it.

The strike was immediately resumed and the workers were leafleted to explain the dis-

Barnes told a mass meeting that the strike would never be made official and that scabs

with union cards would be called on Monday.

He therefore advised a return to work. This advice was overwhlmingly rejected.

Protest against UCATT's scandalous behaviour should be sent to their regional office, 137 Dickenson Road, Rushholme, Manchester.

several weeks ago and sought

transferring unions.

sacked.

the company that the three would be reinstated and that payments to USDAW would be stopped once the dispute was resolved. On Monday this agreement was ratted on.

evening newspapers at Ketter-ing and Peterborough and weeklies in East Anglia are being produced by scabs or non-unionists. Nearly 200 The same goes for New Musical Express, printed at Kettering for IPC. NUJ picket lines have been the NGA, whose co-operation with scabs is allowing all publications to appear. There has been a better

By Duncan Fairweather On the picket line at Aberdeen airport: three scab lorry drivers, employed by Alan Bristow, broke through the picket of Bristow's helicopter pilots on Saturday. The

pilots are on strike over the victimisation of a pilot. But the scabs have only increased the strikers' determination to stay out till they defeat their rabidly

BIRMINGHAM: Drivers manager of Night Out, the club owned by Trust House Forte, led a mob of 70 scabs to attack pickets last Monday.

Preston, the manager, first led the scabs to Transport House to hand in a letter. The Regional officer Alan Law,

tore it up, saying he would have nothing to do with nonunion labour.

When the march got back to Night Out, Preston led it round the corner to the women on the picket line, surrounded them and a couple of the pickets were punched.

The scabs tore up all the

placards and hurled abuse at

They chanted 'Where's Pat the Rat?' Pat McGuire is the snop steward sacked to ting to organise the TGWU inside Night Out.

A transport drivers' branch has blacked supplies to Night Out and to several Trust House Forte motorway ser-

It is absolutely crucial that the support for Night Out is kept up. The drivers branch is and leaflets are being produc-

and the Grosvenor in Shef-

the Linton Lodge, strikers are still out. They, too, were sacked when they joined the

TGWU before Christmas.

The TGWU executive is refusing to enforce national blacking of Trust House Forte

☐ Black Trust House Forte—support the strike funds: Linton Lodge Strike Committee, 127 Botley Rd., Oxford; Grosvenor Hotel strike committee, c/o Trevor Jones, Transport House, Hartshead, Sheflield; Randolph Hotel strike committee, 41 Bridge Street., Oxford; Night Out strike committee, Transport House, Broad Street, Birmingham.

Donations and messages of support to 28 Portland Road, Blackpool, Lancs. ed 'machinery Full-time officials Dave Socialist Horker

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official union posters and **Vinders** fight low wages

NORWICH: Winders in the seventh week of strike over

engineering wages in Norfolk-now they are among the worst.

reason why management do not settle our claim is because

allowance. At the moment,

Tobacco recently conceded

Parent firm Imperial

Donations and messages of support to Bill Keber, 29 Camelia Close, Peterborough.

Foods and Youngs Seafoods. LONDON: 26 chambermaids at the Charing Cross Hotel have been on strike over management breach of an overtime agreement. The chambermaids have

the £1.20 to drivers from Ross

been on strike five times since October. As a result, an inquiry is now being held into the running of the hotel TWENTY-EIGHT

Birmingham-based drivers struck on Monday for £10,000 insurance cover in the event of death or complete disablement resulting from accidents at work.

while driving, his family would only receive £1000

At Trust House Forte hotels in Sheffield and Oxford, strikes are still going on for union recognition.
At the Randolph in Oxford

field, strikers were sacked before Christmas for joining the Transport and General Workers Union.
At another Oxford hotel,

Sunbeam but they are lucky to regrading at Laurence Scott they want to show all the other have the backing of every and Electromotors are now workers how 'tough' they are. department. A lot of people making determined efforts to BIRMINGHAM:- drivers here are non-union members from HP Smedley Foods are on strike for £1.20 daily meal gain wider support. LSE used to pay the best and are crossing the picket. ☐ Donations and messages of support to: Stewart Lindsay, AUEW Hall, Shiel Avenue, East Kilbride, Glasgow.

they get nothing." The winders say: 'The only

DIE CASTINGS: 8 WEEKS FOR A **CLOSED SHOP**

Bill Allan, was PETERBOROUGH: 60 member. workers at Dic Castings are

now in their eighth week on content to sit on their arses strike for a closed shop.

Ted Piper, one of the pickets, said: 'We have got to and just let things happen, we need more effective picketing and blacking to win. win this or we can say goodbye to the union.'

strike committee

critical of the Engineering Union officials. They are were called.

A boost came when workers from the nearby Perkins fac-

tory helped to picket. Such unity worried Coley, the arrogant boss, as the police

> If one of the strikers is killed insurance money.

Socialist Worker

Grunwicks: Our picket needs you!

THE STRIKE for union recognition at Grunwicks in North West London is now in its tenth month.

In spite of harassment on the picket line, the strikers are fighting on. They are now picketting the factory 24 hours a

the factory 24 hours a day.

The company is desperate to get in supplies and scab labour because their peak period begins now and runs to August. It is therefore vital that the whole movement responds to the appeal of the strike committee to throw a 'ring of steel' around Grunwick.

Get your trade union

Get your trade union body to agree to take a turn on the picket rota and let the union know (ring APEX Head Office on 01-947 3131 or write on U1-947 3131 or write to or report to the strike headquarters at the Brent Trades and Labour Hall, 374 High Road, Willesden, London NW10. The Trades and Labour Hall is one minute from Willesden. ninute from Willesden Bus Garage or five minutes from Dollis Hill Station on the Bakerloo

The strikers need the largest possible turnout

every day.

Messages of support and donations to Brother Mahmood Ahmad, Secretary, Grunwick Strike Committee, Brent Trades and Labour Hall, 375 High Road, Willesden, Landon NW10.

UNION STAB RIFE BACK FOR



HEATHROW STRIKERS

The strikers

reacted fast to TV claims

that some were going back to work

'They're trying to smash the union.

'The AUEW Executive Committee is going to try and force us back into the panel. They have no idea of the feelings of the ordinary AUEW members.'

That was an extremely angry AUEW airport shop steward, speaking after hearing about the decision of the executive of the Engineering union in refusing to make the Heathrow engineers' strike official.

By demanding that the Heathrow engineers return to executive lined up with the leaders of those other unions at the airport who just before Easter signed the notorious

TO THE ITV + BBC TREAT US FAIR ON THE TV

(NO ENGINEER) HAS GONE IN HERE,

'Blackleg's Charter'.

Night shift convenor Pete
Elgar said: 'It is a rotten
decision, We should fight on.'

Last week the union fulltime officials hammered out an agreement to end the strike at a meeting at the ACAS. But then the officials of the other unions on the airport refused to accept

Not because it threatened their members-in fact these had everything to gain from it. But because it undermined their own cosy privileges in the airways' National Joint Coun-

On Tuesday, the national executive of the AUEW lined up with these scabs and reneged on the agreement their own officials had worked

As the shop stewards Bulletin said before the ex-

ecutive meeting:
'If we go back now we will have gained nothing at all. The magnificent solidarity shown by all the AUEW members over the past three weeks will have gone for nothing.

Modest

'The trade union side of the National Joint Council has stabbed us in the back. The hard-won agreement on shift pay has been torn up. They are trying to stop our claim.'

The AUEW executive recognised that a victory for the modest demands of the airport engineers would up.

airport engineers would undermine the chances of another period of wage restraint. Rather than risk that, they preferred to betray

No doubt the executive members believed the hardship caused by a strike without strike pay would drive many of the engineers back to

the time Socialist Worker went to press this had not happened. But there is no doubt that only one thing can enable them to hold out much longer. That is if rank and file trade unionists elsewhere rally round them.

This means telegrams of support. It means delegations going to the picket lines. Above all it means factory after factory, building site after building site, hospital after hospital and pit after pit organisms large and regular organising large and regular collections immediately.

Send to Heathrow AUEW Treasurer, Tom Matthews, 19 First Avenue,

SPARKS

THE striking electricians at the Port Talbot Steelworks are continuing their fight against the Social Contract in the teeth of opposition from their own union executive.

Frank Chapple, general secretary of the EETPU, has said the steelworkers should

go back to work because of the Social Contract. But the 560 men are staying out until their claim for equal

pay with technicians doing the same work is met. The strikers have passed a vote of no confidence in their union executive. They are depending for support on the rank and file throughout the trade union movement.

Strike

Local support for the strike is building up. More than 300 people attended a meeting in Swansea on Monday night to support the strike. Wyn Bevan, the electricians' convenor, spoke at the meeting, with Ben Davis of the South Wales Miners executive, Wales Miners executive, Colwyn Williamson, president of Swansca Trades Council, and Billy Williams, secretary of Cardiff EETPU and a supporter of the rank and file electricians paper Rank and File Contact.

Billy Williams called for maximum support for the

maximum support for the strikers from all trade unionists, and in particular all electricians. Right at the start of the dispute Rank and File Contact had issued 2,000 collection sheets nationally to

win support.
Now victory for the strike depends on the support that can be won, in particular from other EETPU members in South Wales steelworks.

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stewards from all the plants. But now positive action is needed to ensure that steel coils from Holland are not touched in any steel plant.

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With the full backing of the other electricians, the Port Talbot strikers can win a victory that will shake the Social Contract throughout the country. They will be clearing the way for thousands of other workers. SUPPORT THE PORT TALBOT ELECTRICIANS

☐ All electricians should send protest resolutions to the EETPU executive demanding the strike be made official.

Send donations and messages of support to Brother Bill Curis, 23

Hawthorne Bagian Estate, Port Talbot.

National Judas Council-that's

ONE POINT at issue in the Heathrow dispute has been the refusal of the engineers to put up with all negotiations

AUEW shop steward lan Geddes told Socialist Worker

I was the engineering and maintenace panel secretary for the European Division for four years. It is part of a corrupting institution with a psychology which deliberately tried to lose you your identity as a trades unionist."

lan described a crazy world of layers of interlocking vermittees incorporating trade union officials and shop stewards at many different levels.

'Imagine,' he said, 'I was paid by management to sit every day in an office with a telephone with a panel representative from every other union. There was certainly not enough work for us to be preoccupied with every

But the managers clearly didn't give a damn about this.

We were built into committees with managers, yet the two basic concerns of our members were beyond our province—namely wages and conditions! These matters could only be discussed at national level.!

We were allowed to discuss more 'local' matters-like

premiums, ironically Only we could never ever resolve issue like this.

'I remember we once had a disagreement over premiums at Christmas. It took three years for the disagreement to be resolved! It was kicked around all these committees.

You don't realise it at the time but the whole operation is deliberately designed to stifle independent rank and file trade union initiative.

'In those four years I cannot remember one single improvement we made which the management did not want to

Apart from anything else. panel representatives could not recommend industrial

Barnet Trades Council Rally NO MORE SHREWSBURYS! DEFEND JOHN

Saturday 30 April, 2.30pm, Unity House, Euston Road, London NW1 Speakers include Ricky Tomlinson (Shrewsbury picket) Ernie Roberts (assistant general secretary AUEW), Mike Lynch (jailed Right to Work marcher).