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in Namibia

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# WE WANT JOBS!

**PRIME MINISTER Jim Callaghan** was given what a Glasgow newspaper called 'his roughest ride yet' last week.

He couldn't move without coming face to face with angry unemployed workers.

In Glasgow centre he was greeted with furious demands for action by Rolls-Royce workers from Blantyre, where they are threatened with closure and the sack.

On the huge council estate in Easterhouse, a Right to Work demonstration booted and jeered him.



Hoping for a quieter time, Sunny Jim travelled to Edinburgh.

There, too, crowds of unemployed workers demonstrated against him. Schoolchildren walked out of one school in protest against the cuts in education.

One Downing Street spokesman was heard to say: 'We can't go anywhere without bumping into these bloody demonstrators'. That's right. He can't.

The fury of the unemployed is breaking out all over the country. It is mingling with the outrage felt by employed workers all over the country at the cuts in public services and the staggering increase in the number of unemployed young people.

*The Right to Work march this weekend is a focus for that anger.*

In 1936, the unemployed marched because they were hungry.

In 1976, we're marching because we're angry.

In 1936, they marched without the support of the employed workers.

In 1976, we're marching to get the support of employed workers: to start a fight for the unemployed in the factories and to use the industrial strength of the trade unions to win a shorter working week.

## and we're fighting for them

### JOIN THE MARCH

See the Right to Work marchers off from London. DEMONSTRATE this Saturday at the Embankment, Charing Cross, starting at 11am, to accompany marchers past Downing Street and to Brixton. Bring banners.

All International Socialists branches to support.

### JOIN THE LOBBY

Lobby of the TUC in Brighton called by the National Union of Public Employees and the National Right to Work Campaign, 12 noon, Wednesday 8 September.

Join the SPECIAL TRAIN from London, leaves Victoria Station, 10am, organised by the Right to Work Campaign. Tickets £2 return from 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Phone 01-802 0978.



Angry unemployed workers from Glasgow jeer as the prime minister's car drives away.

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**Council repairs banned - so a boy dies**

by CAROLINE CLERK

**BIRMINGHAM:** While those who can afford to move out into the outer suburbs, the inner city areas like Handsworth and Lozells are left to rot. Both are largely black areas.

In the Carpenters Road and Will Street area of Lozells, complaints have poured in from council tenants about the disintegrating houses and walls. But no action is taken.

Two weeks ago this neglect led to the death of one boy and the severe injury of two others.

For over a year the local playleader has been asking for two adventure playgrounds. The kids at the moment have to play in the streets or in the alleys between the houses.

Tenants who have complained to the council about the noise in the hope that it would help win a proper play area got a petition going. In response, the council just put up a sign 'All Games Prohibited' in one of the alleys.

The only park nearby is the other side of the motorway.

Kevin Dale was playing with a friend in one of the alleys when a wall fell on top of them. It took three labourers working near the incident to lift the wall off. By then Kevin was dead.

After Kevin's death, no one from the council's Housing Department came to see his mother or to fix the wall. The council, under their urban renewal plans, are refusing to do any repairs outside their programme and that's taking longer and longer as the government-ordered spending cuts get larger and larger.

**Injured**

A few days later, another boy was seriously injured in Lozells Road. He climbed into one of the many derelict houses to get his pet rabbit. He grabbed hold of a live cable and was badly burned.

How many more injuries or deaths don't get reported at all?

The local residents are collecting names for a petition demanding that the much-needed repairs are done. There is talk of suing the council for neglect.

But the real insult came to Kevin's mother when she went to her social security office to ask for money for the funeral. The office had her in tears and refused to pay a penny, using the co-habitation rule to deny their responsibility.

The social worker hadn't been seen for a month. As she says 'They don't want to know, they just don't want to know, do they?'

**FIGHT RACIALISM FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK**

Friday 3 September, Stoke Newington Town Hall, Church Street, London N16. (After the East London and North London Right to Work marches).

7.30 RALLY: Speakers include Paul Foot of Socialist Worker. 8.30pm: SOCIAL Music from Black Slate. Entrance 50p (unemployed 25p), registered marchers free.

# PRESS PUTS BOOT IN FOR LEYLAND BOSSES

**'INDUSTRIAL ANARCHY— a co-ordinated programme of shop floor disruption—the concentration was [planned] to be damaging to the export market'**

That is what the Daily Mail on Tuesday said was planned by a meeting of a small number of British Leyland shop stewards. According to the Daily Mail, all the present strikes in Leyland can be traced to the meeting.

The truth is far more complicated.

But the Daily Mail has no interest in dealing with facts. Instead they are making another effort to paint Leyland workers and shop stewards as 'dangerous extremists'.

The real anarchy in British Leyland is caused by the management's attack on wages, conditions and shop floor rights.

□ In COVENTRY, paintshop workers in Jaguar are defending their jobs against possible future closure.

□ In COWLEY, four shop stewards have suddenly had management recognition refused. Their 'crime' was to hold a meeting to discuss the sacking of a worker who asked for a job to be

retimed.

□ In LONGBRIDGE, 90 rectifiers are on strike in support of a bonus claim. This is just one of a continuing series of disputes over wages as living standards have been eroded over the past two years.

None of the disputes were planned by the shop floor. Instead months of frustration is now coming out. The only planning is by the management who chose to provoke the Cowley victimisations and chose to fight the Longbridge rectifiers' claim.

Leyland management have two new weapons in their attack on the shop floor. As one Cowley shop steward

told Socialist Worker last week: 'the government's Ryder Report into Leyland can only be implemented by the destruction of all our existing agreements.'

But for many senior convenors, such as Reg Parsons at Cowley, the Ryder Report holds out the hope that they might participate with the management in the running of the plants.

All the disorganised, sectional battles of the past few months need to be welded together into co-ordinated resistance to the company, not participation in their schemes.

## Longbridge works stopped

by FRANK HENDERSON

Chief metalworkers' shop steward, Leyland

AFTER arguing for an extra £1.10 a week for two years without success, 90 rectifiers in British Leyland Longbridge, finally went on strike last week. The rectifiers are asking for the extra money in return for accepting more mobility.

On Monday officials advised the men to return to work, but they voted to stay out.

At the same time the

toolsetters stopped work over a similar claim, with the result that virtually all production at Longbridge has stopped.

This dispute is just one in a series of sectional claims at Longbridge over the past year. The acceptance of Measured Day Work and the

government's and TUC's pay limits has meant a drop in real earnings for all the workers. Different sections have fought for increases, but have been hammered into the ground one by one.

The workers at Longbridge have two alternatives: either see their strength dissipated in a series of sectional defeats, or unite in a rejection of all pay restraints and fight for wage increases for all.

## Stewards under attack

by a TGWU member Morris Assembly, North Works, Cowley

THE opening shots in the latest battle for the British Leyland assembly plant at Cowley were fired last week when the management withdrew recognition from four TGWU shop stewards simultaneously!

When a mass meeting was called on the issue, TGWU district secretary David Buckle and senior steward Reg Parsons said they agreed wholeheartedly with the com-

pany's action! During the heated and angry 2½ hour meeting they were told firmly that only individual sub-sections could remove stewards' credentials. The meeting voted 231 to 150 to support the stewards.

We are now awaiting the company's reply. Since the

meeting on Thursday last week, production in the North Works on the Maxi and Princess has stopped.

The dispute began when the management sacked one worker.

Last Monday the company put up a notice which contained the open threat of dismissal for 'anyone organising unofficial meetings, consequently causing unacceptable losses of production, undermining the viability of the company, and causing disruption.'

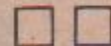
Three days after the notice had gone up the company refused to recognise the credentials of four shop stewards. They used the notice to justify their action.

**Speedup**

The company had wanted an excuse to get rid of four militant shop stewards, known for their principled stand in the plant.

In October Leyland plan to increase the Princess line speed from 20 to 25 cars an hour. They have just launched a new quality drive.

The company is attempting to solve its problems by systematically attacking trade union organisation at shop floor, branch and joint shop stewards committee levels. Some local union officials have co-operated with the company to remove militants.



MUZAFSA HUSSAIN, sacked from the North Works Assembly plant at Cowley for refusing to take the constant erosion of conditions lying down, told Socialist Worker:

'When I first started in the works, I worked on the Marina lines and there was never any problems with my work. But then I moved over to the north side.

'The first job I was on was with a gang of four doing seats on the Princess. Our request for retiming or a fifth man was refused and the company threatened us with suspension.

'I was then moved to rooflinings which is well known as a bum job.

'I was having to work down the line so I asked for retiming. Again this was refused and I was again threatened with suspension.

'So I was put on a job that no one else wanted, as it was so bad. When I said I wanted to discuss the job with the superintendent I was sacked.

'I haven't even finished my training for the job.

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM WITH SOCIALIST WORKER CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACISM**

Picture: Chris Davies (Report)



The precinct at Bolton, a place beloved by the National Front. They've repeatedly proclaimed their intention not to be driven from there, where they were prevented from selling their racist poison. But Bolton International Socialists have given them a seeing to. The Front put in no appearance last Saturday, when Bolton IS took it over for a street meeting to spread some socialist ideas. They intend to keep it that way.

## Shamin will stay, say 2000 Asians



THE Asian community in Slough say they will form a human wall to protect Shamin Khan if police try to deport him.

Shamin is 13 years old. His father and mother have lived and worked in Britain since before he was born.

But Shamin himself was born in Pakistan, when his mother was on a visit to relatives. Since then Shamin has lived there with his uncle.

For years his parents tried to get permission to bring him to join the rest of the family in Britain. Eventually his father brought him here without a permit—and won a tem-

porary permit. But the racist immigration officials won't let him stay. They won't accept that he is his father's son. They are insisting he return to Pakistan while his family appeals.

This could take months and even years, as Shamin would join the queue of other victimised people being treated like shuttlecocks for the pleasure of Her Majesty's Immigration Authorities.

Shamin's father works as a ticket collector at Slough Station. A vigorous campaign has been organised in Slough, with 2,000 signatures collected.

## HELP DRIVE RACISM OUT OF BLACKBURN!

A DEMONSTRATION has been called for Saturday 11 September in Blackburn by the Action against Racism Committee. The demonstration is supported by most Asian associations and youth organisations in the North of England, by the North West TUC, by many trade union branches and shop stewards committees, and by the International Socialists.

After 25 years of Labour control on Blackburn council and a Labour MP, the town is a run-down slum—apart from its shopping centre, where our wages are redistributed back to the bosses.

It is a town where the trade unions are not only con-

trolled by the right wing but where there is no effective opposition from the left.

It is a town where, though there will be trade union banners on display, not enough will be local and where the only left group, the International Socialists, are banned from the Action Against Racism Committee because 'the churches would be frightened off.'

The National Front are quoted in the local paper, the Evening Telegraph, as 'unable to hold their men back' and saying that 'the streets of Blackburn will flow with

blood'. A march of 5000 anti-fascists in Central London may be hardly noticeable. But the same number on a Saturday afternoon in a provincial town one week before a council by-election—where both sets of fascists are standing—will have enormous impact.

The Action Against Racism Committee—made up of the Communist Party, Labour Party and the churches—has called the demonstration. But their general attitude to racism is summed up in their slogans 'One Race, the Human Race' and 'Peace and Prosperity for All'. Unless the contingent of IS members and supporters is really sizeable the real alternatives will scarcely get across. The demonstration will otherwise be a futile liberal exercise.

### DEMONSTRATE in Blackburn on Saturday 11 September

Meet 1pm, Brookhouse Lane. March to King Georges Hall, Town Centre.

All IS branches from Birmingham northwards to support.



**FACT: Last year, the poor 'fiddled' £2 million out of social security. There were 15,350 prosecutions.**

**FACT: The rich fiddled £1000 million in tax evasion. There were 126 prosecutions**

# SCROUNGERS

The ones they ignore...



John Stonehouse, convicted swindler. He was never charged with tax evasion though he paid only £2000 tax on £50,000 earnings. The Inland Revenue simply do not prosecute businessmen for such things.



Lord Duncan Sandys, arranged to have £49,000 of his £51,000 Lorrho salary paid in the Cayman Islands to avoid tax. Never prosecuted.



Ernest Marples, living in Monaco to avoid tax, so joining thousands of other rich and arrogant parasites in tax exile.



**ALFRED SLIM** was just the sort of man impartial British newspapers love to get their teeth into.

He was, according to no less an authority than the Department of Health and Social Security, a workshy malingerer, a scrounger.

They refused to believe him when he said he couldn't hold down a job. They decided he was lying when he said he felt continually sleepy and drained of energy and that, when at work, he suffered from terrible vomiting.

So they sent him for a medical which—surprise, surprise—ended with him being passed fit and ordered to find a job. When he didn't find a job, all benefits were stopped.

Alfred Slim died soon after. An inquest in June 1974 found that the cause of his death was pleural mesothelioma, an asbestos-induced disease that slowly strangles you from inside.

He had picked up the disease 20 years earlier when working for just three months at the Cape Asbestos factory in Barking, where safety conditions are flouted in the pursuit of profit. The disease had caused his continual sleepiness and vomiting.



ALFRED SLIM, the man they called 'workshy': his social security benefit was stopped. Soon after, he died... a victim of asbestos—and the 'scrounger' hysteria.

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### WHAT WE THINK

And yet, in the most tragic and vulnerable period of his life, Alfred Slim was denied the benefits he so badly needed.

His dying months were made more terrible by those who like to find fault with the welfare state and who campaign remorselessly against imagined scroungers.

But the press—who orchestrate such campaigns—care not a damn about the Alfred Slims of this world.

**IN THE LAST** month they have been over the same territory again. Having chewed up the lives of Gurdip Chagger, Rishi Alhadidi and Dinesh Choudhri—each of them murdered after the revolting press campaign against immigrants—they have chosen pastures new.

Already they have drawn blood: a 55-year-old widow, Mrs Granby. She has a lodger in her East London house, an old friend of the family.

But the local supplementary benefit tribunal have decided she is cohabiting.

They are refusing to pay her £5.60 benefit on top of her £13.30 widow's pension. They have decided that Mrs Granby, too, is a scrounger. So they have been snooping and prying into her life, causing enormous distress, forcing her lodger to leave in the hope that that will satisfy them.

In the years to come, there will be plenty more Alfred Slims and Mrs Granbys unless working class people fight to defend the welfare state.

Since a 1973 report into benefit 'abuse', itself the result of previous press

campaigns, the number of special investigators working for the SS has been increased by a third to 370.

There are now also 500 specialist fraud staff in local offices. Which means that the total full-time staff investigating and snooping is more than the entire staff of the Factory Inspectorate.

The Inspectorate incidentally has been seeking staff increases of this order for half a century. But the money has never been available for such trivia as the industrial safety of 25 million workers.

**WHY IS THERE** such a massive campaign against social security 'scroungers'? Simple. The seven per cent of the population who own 84 per cent of the wealth and all the mass circulation newspapers have been getting everything for nothing for decades.

And they are desperate to hang on to their proprietary right to scrounge on a scale undreamt of by even Deevy, the man who managed to get £36,000 out of the SS and went to jail for six years for it.

They know that the decency of working class people can be manipulated to direct frustration and resentment away from themselves and onto alleged hordes of scroungers who exist only in the imagination of Fleet Street editors.

Ever anxious to attack the welfare state, they want to persuade the Mad Axeman, Denis Healey, to close more hospital wards and schools and, yes, perhaps even reduce benefit levels.

Samuel Brittain, economics editor of the Financial Times, had it about right when he wrote on 19 August:

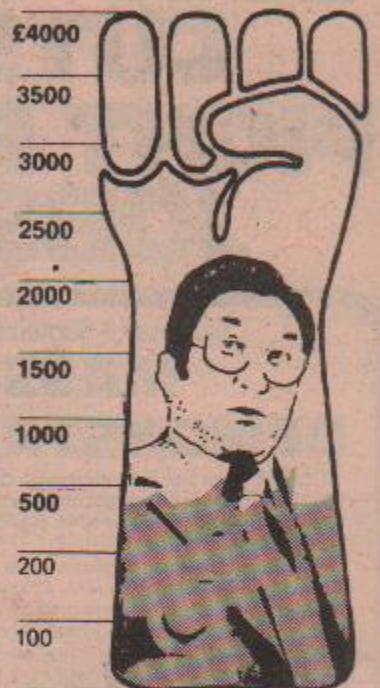
*'The really sacred cows of the British economy are not in health or social security which the Labour Government axe with a will, but handouts to industry...'*

*Total spending for 1976-77... must be running at around £3000 million.'*

That's around three times the entire cost of all social security benefits.

People in receipt of that amount of money know all there is to know about scrounging.

## Socialist Worker DEFENCE FUND



A £1 tip from the Chilean junta...

'HERE'S £10', a London reader wrote to Socialist Worker last week, 'in the hope that SW will survive to continue its campaign against the right wing until Chapple and his friends are voted out of office.'

The tenner was just one of the many contributions to pour into our defence fund. The fund is needed because Frank Chapple and his lawyers have been threatening us with bankruptcy proceedings following a recent court case.

The total of £401.64 we received last week will help to avert that danger—but only if readers dig deeply this week as well.

A postman in the Central London District Sorting Office sent us £1. He had received it as a tip from a guard at the Chilean Embassy after humping heavy bags out of the lorry.

'The very thought of accepting a tip from a representative of one of the most barbarous regimes in the world—which has murdered thousands of workers—sickened me. So I thought I would send it into Socialist Worker to aid the struggle to rid us of all Chiles forever.'

M Ward, of Leeds NALGO, writes: 'I recently got some money from my parents, from the sale of a medal my grandfather "won" fighting for the imperialism of the British government and bosses in the Boer War.

'I would like to donate £15 to help in the fight against imperialism, hoping one day the workers of the world won't have to fight each other on the orders of the leeches who, when necessary, quite literally bleed us to death.'

D Stannard of Beccles in Suffolk writes: 'Dear comrades, Here is £5 with the compliments of the bosses' friend Healey (tax rebate).'

We also received:

- £113.36 from SW supporters: McInerneys site, Fitzbury Park; £4.30 Scunthorpe SW supporters; £1 Colchester reader; £6.50 East London reader; £10 Blackpool supporters; £5 P. Crookston; £5 Manchester donation; £20 E. Gluckstein; £3 Allan House; £1 Stoke Newington reader; £5.30 Chrysler Lynwood (Inck North Side); £6.50 Post Office Data Processing Service Branch of the Society of Civil and Public Servants; £1 Anon; £15 Virendra Thacker; £4.90 anon.
  - £2.50 A. Anna; £5 J. Brook and B. Weightman; £10 Frank Sawyer; £5.50 Kent Workers Against Racism; £3 R. T. Mann; £1 Pete Michere; £4 a supporter in Swansea FEETPU; £2 Anon; £5 M. Orme; £2.52 P. Myatt; £10 NALGO reader; £1 Miss A. Wilson; £15 Central London supporter; £1.50 Jo. Lott; £1.20 Kiran Patel.
  - £4 S. Hobbs; £1.50 V. Sproule; £10 P. Park; £40 militant Canadian car worker; £5 B. Nagle.
- IS branches and districts: South First London collection at anti-race meetings £22.26; East Manchester district £22; Wakefield £10.50; High Wycombe 50p; Dunfermline £2; Dundee £25; Central London Workers £34.40; Coventry £30.40; Black Country £16; Halifax £5.

Send donations and collections to SW Defence Fund, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

and the one they hounded to the grave



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NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK  
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**STOP THE  
CUTS  
FIGHT FOR  
JOBS!**

Saturday, 4 September

**MASS  
DEMONSTRATION**

11.00am from the Embankment, Charing Cross. See the marchers off and accompany them to Brixton. All welcome. Trade union and other organisations are asked to bring banners.

11.00am London to Brighton Right to Work March leaves from the embankment, Charing Cross. March with demonstration to Downing Street to hand in a protest to the Prime Minister.

11.30am March and demonstration leave for Brixton, accompanied by Cherrypickers Steel Band.

1.30pm arrive in Brixton for rally opposite Lambeth Town Hall.

2.30pm Rally and demonstration end. The Right to Work march leaves Brixton.

5.30 Arrive WANDLE PARK, CROYDON FOR TEA AND CAMP SITE

**SOCIAL**

8.00pm at St Peters Hall, South Croydon in Ledbury Street, a quarter mile from South Croydon Station.

Bar and two groups, Evil Ways and Long Vehicle. Admission £1, registered marchers free. All welcome

Sunday, 5 September

9.00am Leave Wandle Park Campsite

1.00 to 2.00 Redhill Town Centre Carpark for lunch  
6.00pm Arrive CRAWLEY TOWN CENTRE Speeches of welcome at the Civic Hall Campsite on the Broadfield at the South end of Crawley, near Thomas Bennet School.

RALLY at Crawley Civic Hall, followed by Broadside Theatre Group.

Monday, 6 September

9.00am Leave Crawley Campsite

12.30 to 1.00pm Arrive at the Bolney Flyover for lunch  
6.00pm Arrive at WAYFIELD FARM, PYECOMBE for tea and campsite, six miles from Brighton. Entertainment in the campsite.

Tuesday, 7 September

9.00am March to Brighton

12.00 to 2.00pm LOBBY OF TUC DELEGATES BY MARCHERS

2.30 Lunch followed by sinking of the 'JOBS COFFIN'. Meetings with delegates from the TUC and individual lobbying throughout the day and evening.  
Marchers' Film Show including 'The Gaffers Strike' and full length feature film

8.30pm DANCE AND DISCO at The Revolution Disco (Kingswest Hall) with the DERELICTS  
Admission 85p, registered marchers free

Wednesday, 8 September

**SPECIAL TRAIN**

Special Stop the Cuts Train from London Victoria. Assemble 9.45am Victoria. Tickets available from the National Right to Work Campaign 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4. £2 return

11.30 SPECIAL TRAIN REACHES BRIGHTON to mass welcome from the Right to Work marchers at the station.

11.30 Brighton Station. United demonstration to the Trades Union Congress at The Dome

**MASS LOBBY**

Join the Mass Lobby of the Trades Union Congress in Brighton called by the national executive of NUPE, and the National Right to Work Campaign, supported by the North London District Committee of the AUEW, and the Greater London Association of Trades Councils.

12.00 to 2.00pm MASS LOBBY of TUC delegates

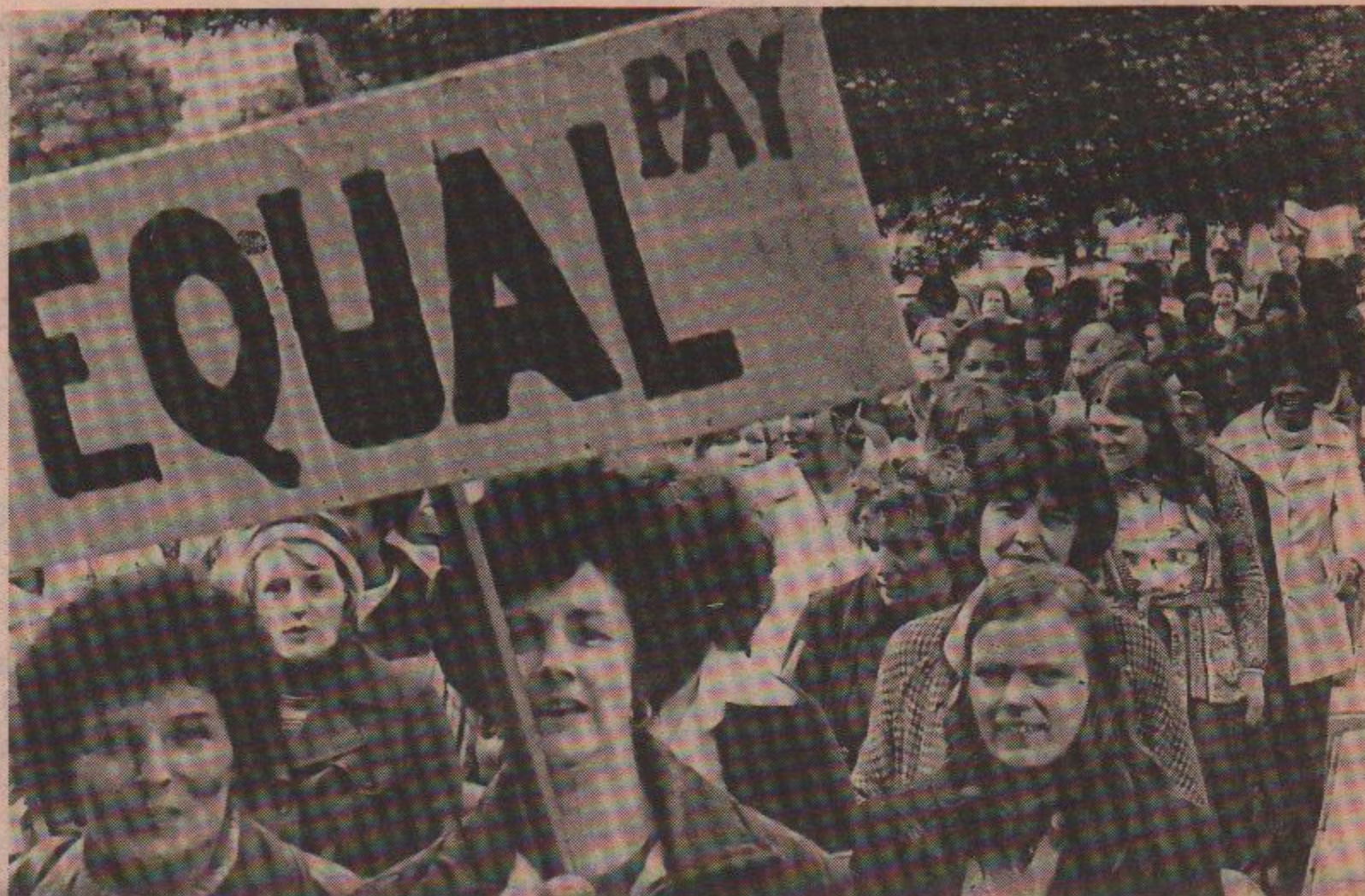
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ABOVE: Trico strikers marching for equal pay early in the dispute.

# Blank cheque for Trico boss?

BELOW: Police manhandling picket Eileen Ward out of the way as she tried to stop a scab lorry driving into the plant last month.

THE Engineering Employers Federation, one of the most powerful bodies in the country, is hell bent on smashing the equal pay strike at Trico in West London.

They know that if all women in engineering got equal pay tomorrow, wage costs would soar—by as much as 10 per cent.

They know that as long as the fight for equal pay is confined to the Equal Opportunities Commission and the industrial tribunals, they can get away with paying women lower rates than men.

They know too that if the Trico workers win equal pay by industrial action, there will be no stopping a wave of successful strikes all over the country.

That explains why Trico have been able to hang on with little production, paying 1000 scabs full wages, for nearly four months. The Engineering Employers Federation have massive funds for 'solidarity payments' to individual employers who are fighting for the whole of their class.

**Subsidise**

During the big sit-ins for the 35-hour week in Manchester in 1972, the Employers Federation was paying out £350,000 a week to all firms who locked out their workers, on the basis of £10 per locked-out worker.

They can afford much, much more for Trico. It is all too likely that the employers have written a blank cheque for the Trico management, and have agreed to subsidise them indefinitely.

The employers, in other words, summon all the resources of their class to support the Trico management.

If the workers are to win, the Engineering Workers Union must do the same for the strikers.

Up till now, the AUEW Southall District Committee have behaved as though the strike were an ordinary dispute. It has been declared official. Blacking notices have been sent out.

Support has been called for on the pickets—through the official branch machinery. Local officials have been on

the picket lines themselves and have won the trust of the strikers.

But the strike cannot be won unless and until the district committee and the local district No 8 of the Confederation of the Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions treat the strike as seriously as the employers are treating it, and mobilise rank and file engineering workers in its support.

**Meeting**

Engineering factories in West London are well organised. There is a great deal of loyalty to the union. A call from the district committee and the Confed for a mass meeting of shop stewards in the area would be answered.

The occasional mass picket is not enough. Only the building of permanent picketing from outside will stop the scabs.

The district committee have called through the branches for support every day on the picket lines. But the call needs to be reinforced by visits of the strikers to all the local factories, by constant explanation of the case to stewards and workers in those factories, and by organising, from such discussions, regular rotas of pickets to Trico.

It is only by such rank and file mobilisation that the campaign can build up to the

sympathy strikes which will weaken the determination of the Engineering Employers Federation.

There is another dimension to the Trico strike: the fact that it is a woman's strike and there are 171,000 women members of the union's engineering section.

The male membership of this section has grown by more than 10 per cent in the past ten years, mostly by swallowing smaller, male-dominated unions. Over the same period the woman membership has nearly doubled.

**Mobilisation**

If a serious attempt was made to organise the 171,000 women members of the AUEW, the support for Trico would be incalculable. The union executive should call for a national mobilisation of women members around the Trico dispute.

Women stewards should be invited to meetings in every district to listen to the Trico strikers, to organise assistance on the picket lines, demonstrations and strikes in their support.

Mobilisation of the rank and file is the only answer to the employers' solidarity. They have organised scabs, subsidised Trico management, swung the tribunals.

To beat them, the union has to use its full power.



Picture: Andrew Ward (Report)

## RON JUMPS THE NEGOTIATING TABLE

PRINTERS at Reuters, the big news agency, were interested to find last week that they have a new assistant staff manager. The new man, who will negotiate wages and conditions on behalf of the management, is Ron Harris, known to printworkers in Fleet Street as national officer of the printworkers' union, the National Graphical Association.

It seems that Ron wasn't at all happy when he lost in the recent vote for NGA deputy general secretary. Almost as

soon as the vote was out, he was looking around for a new job—with the newspaper and agency proprietors.

Reuters snapped him up. After all, Reuters had paid Ron's fare to Washington to 'find out all about the new print technology' only a year ago.

And anyway, all Fleet Street employers know that the toughest bosses are always ex-union men.

Ron had a little problem. On leaving the NGA, he had to pay back nearly £2000 on a union loan for buying a house. It was quickly solved. Reuters gladly provided the cash.



# Rough ride for Sunny Jim

by DAVE SHERRY

PRIME MINISTER Jim Callaghan came to Easterhouse, the giant working class housing estate in the East End of Glasgow last week. The local residents were in no mood to welcome him.

Three and a half thousand people from the estate sign, on the dole every week. Social services in the area are so bad that local people say there's nothing left to cut.

Davy Sharp, a hospital worker, and a member of the local tenants' association, described the situation on the estate. 'The only activity you ever see around here is in the dole office or on street corners, people hanging about with no work and nothing to do—most of them are youngsters.

'The cuts are making life hard for people—the health facilities are disgusting and now we learn we are losing the family planning service. We've got a community centre—but it's so poorly equipped and staffed that it's not much use—it doesn't even have a playleader for the kids.

## Stomach

The local nursery has been closed so most of the women are stuck in the house all day with the kids and couldn't get a job even if there was any to get. The people round here have taken as much as they can stomach from Callaghan and his crew, and we are going to let him know that loud and clear.'

On the day of Callaghan's visit the feeling in Easterhouse was running so high that when he turned up at the local old people's home, 300 demonstrators gave him what the national press later described as 'Sunny Jim's roughest ride yet.'

Callaghan refused to come out and meet the noisy demonstration, which was organised at very short notice by the Easterhouse Right to Work Campaign and supported by the local tenants' association. Instead he hid inside the building while the crowd chanted abuse.

The picket was addressed through a loudhailer by the Easterhouse Right to Work marchers, and by some of the angry young mothers who are fed up coping with life in an area where essential services have been cut to the bone.

One woman grabbed the loudhailer and shouted: 'Hey, Callaghan, C'mon out here and talk to me—I'm a railwayman's wife, try going over to the shops and buying food with what I've got in my purse.'

'Why don't you see that the railwaymen get a decent wage—your government is cutting my family's standard of living!'

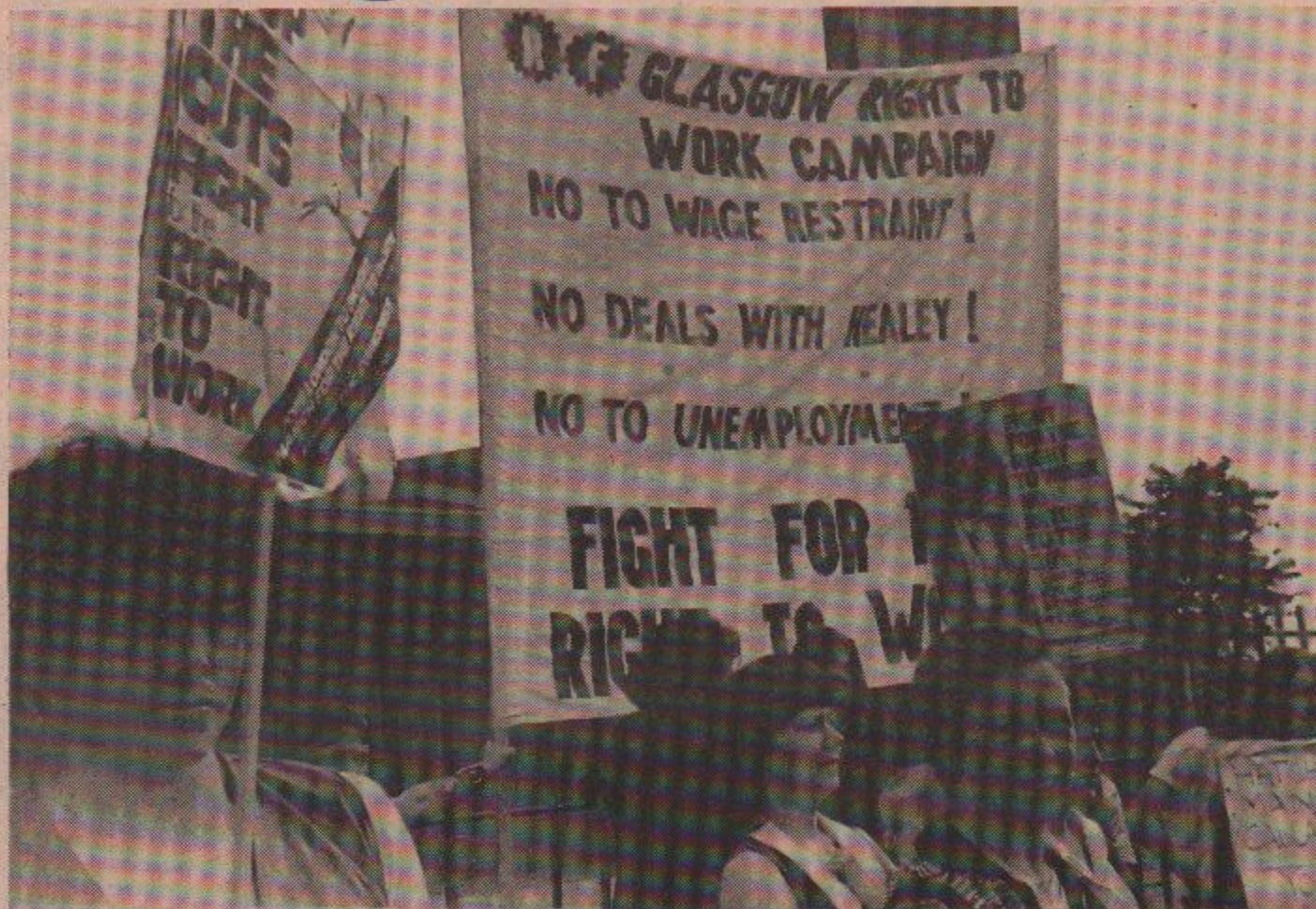
## Stop

One of the unemployed marchers shouted: 'Come out here and talk to us, ya bastard, we're the folk who voted for you.'

Eventually, after about an hour of chanting, Callaghan decided on the advice of his bodyguards, to postpone his walkabout through the town centre. Instead he got into his chauffeur-driven limousine and tried to drive through the picket.

Only after police and special branch had forced a way through the angry demonstrators did Callaghan escape from the people who'd helped to put his government into office. The Right to Work Campaign then held a meeting in the shopping centre—explaining why they had called the picket and why more than 40 unemployed youngsters from Easterhouse are marching from London to Brighton to give the TUC the same kind of message that they had just given to Callaghan.

The demonstration was given front page headlines in the local papers and was featured on the TV news the same evening.



Pickers wait for Prime Minister Callaghan at Easterhouse. 'We're the folk who voted for you', they shouted. He refused to speak to them.

# Court will try to smash unemployed

## WARNS SHREWSBURY PICKET

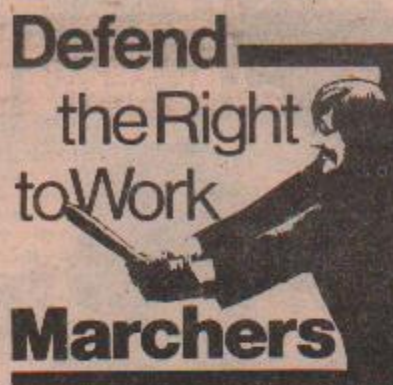
RICKY TOMLINSON, who was jailed for two years for picketing at Shrewsbury during the 1972 building workers' strike, has called for the widest possible support in the trade union movement in defence of the 43 Right to Work marchers arrested at Staples Corner—and who will come up for trial on Friday 17 September.

Ricky said the similarities between the Shrewsbury Trials and the coming trials of the 43 were clear.

The Shrewsbury prosecutions... we all know that the trial was rigged, and a lot of police officers committed perjury... were carried out under a Tory government, when we can expect it. But what disgusts me and frightens me is that the arrest of the 43 was carried out under a Labour government,' he told Socialist Worker.

Ricky pointed out the way the police had picked out John Deason, the secretary of the Right to Work Campaign, for special treatment, putting against him heavier charges and sending him for trial at the Old Bailey.

'The prosecution of John Deason, only proves that he and his colleagues led a very, very successful campaign in defence of the Right to Work. John Deason and his colleagues, I would warn them, are under absolute imminent danger of the most



## Interview by Stuart Culliford

serious and vile attempts by the authorities to clamp down on people organising against unemployment.

'Unless we do something, unless we can get the whole of the Labour and the trade union movement behind them, they're in for some heavy prison sentences.

'And if the leadership won't act, then I can only suggest that we change the leadership, and the sooner the better.'

How do we get the rank and file to fight for the right to work?

'I don't think this problem is as big as it sounds. In Shrewsbury we made mis-

takes, but only because the issue was new, and the lads involved didn't have the experience.

## Power

'We've got to organise everywhere. We can't allow them to pay lip service again.

'We've got to get up, we've got to mobilise, we've got to give them the ultimatum that either they act on behalf of the 43, or we will act and will continue to act until we make sure that they're out of power.

'I've already spoken to people who are willing to come out over the 43—I'm

## MASS PICKET

Support the Right to Work marchers on the first day of the trials.

Seven marchers appear at Hendon Magistrates Court, The Hyde, London NW9 on Friday 17 September, 9.30am.

Make sure your trade union organisation sends a delegation. Book transport now.

Details of transport already arranged by local Right to Work Committees: contact the National Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Phone 01-802 0978.

talking about dockers, social workers, building workers, hospital workers. They're prepared now because they know what's going to happen to the 43.

'A strike has got to be instigated right away. If anyone goes down, I know for myself I'll be prepared to stop work.'

Since his release from jail last year, Ricky has had difficulty finding a job because of the blacklist that operates among building bosses—and because of the high unemployment.

'I've tried for about 30-40 jobs. In most cases I've never even got past the gate.

He is supporting the Right to Work Campaign. 'I think the campaign is absolutely essential. I will be on the march. I will be at the TUC lobby. We will have a delegation from the site where I'm working.

'It's essential that we get as many there as possible, that we let them know now before the trial takes place what we're prepared to do over the unemployment.

The independent trade union inquiry report into the police attack on the Right to Work march at Staples Corner last March has been produced by Barnet Trades Council. Copies are available from Barnet Trades Council, 16 Yew Grove, London, NW2.

# THE PRESS MAY GIGGLE, BUT WE'RE FIGHTING

by BERNIE DUNN

'MENTION women's liberation and the press giggle. They ridicule the fight for women's rights as "bra burning".

'Yet every day millions of women are struggling and fighting for equality, fighting for equal pay and against prejudices that say that women don't need to go out to work anyway.

'It is the struggle within the

working class to win respect for women and fight together for jobs and equal status.'

'These are opening phrases from WOMEN FIGHTING a pamphlet on women and the right to work.

The pamphlet not only gives you the facts and figures to prove that women are being pushed down the road sooner and faster than men, but goes on to describe those women who are fighting

It aims to show us how to organise to win. As examples, it quotes the women in Dundee who, with the local Right to Work Committee, occupied an empty nursery building.

Dolly Sewell tells how she won a tea break for her section at work, was elected their shop steward, went on to fight for equal pay and won.

Hospital workers banned overtime and went on a work-to-rule when 30 student nurses

were threatened with the chop—their jobs were guaranteed within a week.

The pamphlet does not try to hide the weaknesses that we are trying to deal with in the labour movement, like in Birmingham where the men in Post Office outvoted the women and sold 70 part-time jobs (all women) so that they could hang on to their overtime.

The pamphlet ends with the

speech that Caroline Conway made at a 5000-strong rally at the Albert Hall after the first Right to Work march.

'Unity is what this march has been all about. The employers would like to divide us, they would like to divide us black and white, men and women, employed and unemployed.

'Now I want you to take back the message of how we are going to fight

## FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK!

Meetings and Notices

RIGHT TO WORK T-SHIRTS—£1.50 each plus 15p postage. State size—small, medium or large. Money with orders. From the Right to Work Office, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

SOUTH WEST and SOUTH EAST London Right to Work Campaign. Disco: Friday night, 9.30pm. 3 September, South Bank Poly Students Union, Rotary Street (off St Georges Circus), Southwark.

A new set of four posters produced to raise support for the September march and lobby are available from the Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Order copies now for your factory notice boards, trade union branches, etc.

## WEST LONDON RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN

### Social

Friday 10 September, 8pm. Oak Tree pub, (formerly Western Bob), Western Avenue, East Acton. Admission £1

Dance, drink, eat till the early hours  
HIGH FLAME BAND (reggae, soul) and disco

## BRIGHTON Action Committee Against the Cuts public meeting: THE CUTS—The TUC Must Act.

Speakers: Alan Fisher (general secretary, NUPE), Ernie Roberts (assistant general secretary, AUEW), John Deason (secretary, National Right to Work Campaign). Thursday 9 September, 7pm, Union Hall, Air Street, Brighton.

# WOMEN FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK AGAINST THE CUTS FOR EQUAL PAY

A Right to Work Campaign pamphlet with an introduction by ANITA PACHOSKA



10p each (plus 9p postage for one copy, 17p postage for five, 32p postage for ten.) Money with orders to Right to Work Office, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4.



# TALKING ABOUT SOCIALISM

Duncan Hallas

Socialist Worker will put up a candidate in Walsall North, the seat left empty by crooked MP John Stonehouse. But we're after action, not just votes—as Duncan Hallas explains . . .

# Why a SW candidate?

'THE solution is not to compete in the bourgeois trade union and parliamentary elections but to concentrate on forming a strong politically educated rank and file movement.'

This view, taken from a letter in last week's Socialist Worker, is a pretty extreme one. But there are, I am sure, many readers who would wish to have the arguments about the merits or otherwise of Socialist Worker election candidates thoroughly aired.

At any rate, that is what I am going to try to do.

First of all, the comrade who wrote that letter is absolutely right when he suggests that the building of the rank and file movements is the fundamental

job. There is no disagreement about that. But two things have to be added.

It is not the only thing that has to be done. Everyone, I hope, will agree that Socialist Worker is right to campaign against racists and fascists, to support demonstrations against the Nazi National Front and National Party and so on—even where these are not directly concerned with developing rank and file movements at all. And that is only one example.

### Strengthen

The other point is that there is more than one way to skin a rabbit. How you try to strengthen the rank and file activity depends on circumstances—and opportunities. Sometimes Socialist

Worker supporters contest union elections—sometimes they win, often they lose.

And this activity, win or lose, is useful if it is done properly, if the ideas are put across, if contacts are made, supporters gained and so on. We don't measure our success simply by votes.

There are, of course, differences between union elections and elections to the state parliament.

We believe that, in spite of the leaderships, the unions are working-class organisations. We are out to reform them, to win them to militant and socialist policies, not to smash them. We believe that building strong rank and file movements is the way to do that. We have a loyalty and a responsibility to the union

memberships. Obviously we do not have the same attitude towards the capitalist state or any of its institutions, parliament included. The British state is a capitalist institution. It cannot be 'reformed' into socialism by action through parliament or otherwise. It must be destroyed and replaced by a workers' state.

At the same time, it would be stupid not to take advantage of the opportunities the other side provides for their own purposes if it suits our purposes to do so.

The myth that an elected parliament in the supreme power in Britain—and it is a myth of course—is important to our ruling class. To sustain it they must hold elections. If we can turn this to our advantage we must surely do so.

If the political conditions are right, if intervention in elections can help to win workers for the rank and file movements, to win support for the fight against racism and fascism, for the Right to Work Campaign, for the fight against the cuts and so forth, then we would be daft not to put up candidates.

Always supposing, of course, that we have the necessary minimum of support in people and money.

### Boss

There will be a Socialist Worker candidate in Walsall North. I hope there will be a Socialist Worker candidate in Birmingham Stechford when Home Secretary Roy Jenkins, the jailor of Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson, resigns to take up his fat salary as boss of the Common Market Commission.

I hope there will be a Socialist Worker candidate in every bye-election in constituencies where there is a big working-class electorate.

All this depends, though, on the candidates receiving active support from our readers.

But isn't 'opportunism', as another reader's letter said, to stand for parliament when you don't believe that socialism, or even significant reforms, can come through parliament? Aren't we 'creating illusions' in parliament by standing?

Well, it would be opportunist and harmful if Socialist Worker candidates were to trim their politics to catch votes. But they will not do this.

### Active

We are not entering the electoral field to win votes at all costs, as the Labour Party does. We want votes, of course, but much more than votes we want to win active supporters for the politics of Socialist Worker, regular readers for the paper, recruits for the struggle against Labour's Tory policies and the racist, fascist backlash they are creating.

That means running on a hard, uncompromising political line, the line of Socialist Worker—without any evasion or dilution, and not only the issues I have spoken of but also on the Common Market, Ireland, women's rights, and the whole platform in 'Where We Stand'.

Creating illusions? I will discuss that and some other problems next week.

# CIA INFORMER DISCOVERS THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

A BODY found in a 55-gallon drum fished out of the sea off Miami has led to much speculation in America. The body was that of John Rosselli, a Mafia-man who told a US Senate committee last year how he and another Mafia boss, Sam Giancana, were recruited by the CIA.

Giancana was shot mysteriously just before he too was to testify before the committee.

Rosselli had told how the two were involved in the attempts by the CIA in the early 1960's, during the presidency of John F. Kennedy, to murder the Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, probably with Kennedy's knowledge. Another such attempt was being planned on the very day that Kennedy himself was assassinated. Apparently both Rosselli and Giancana shared a mistress, Mrs Judith Exner, with Kennedy.

The latest murder comes just as still more details are coming out about the role of the CIA. A long article, in Playboy magazine, backed by documentary evidence, suggests that in the 1960s the CIA was 'effectively merged' with multi-millionaire Howard Hughes' organisation, the Summa Corporation. It was this that recruited Giancana to the CIA.

### Dumped

Among the people sponsored by the CIA and Hughes during the election campaign back in 1968, it is claimed was one Gerald Ford, now US President. Indeed, the Playboy article goes so far as to claim that during the Watergate saga, Nixon was dumped to cover up the real manipulation.

'Deep throat' the mysterious source within the White House who gave the details of Nixon's misdeeds, says the article, was none other than a CIA man telling the truth about the president so as to conceal the truth about the CIA and Hughes.

Such is the American way of life . . .



# The safe way to be a bomber

A COURT CASE in Sunderland has somehow escaped the attention of the national press. Yet it involves bomb-making, a topic which normally makes the headlines.

A Patrick McMahon is charged with making petrol bombs and with putting soap powder into them so the burning petrol would stick to people they were thrown at.

The attitude of the press seems to be similar to that of Cecil Emerson, defending McMahon. He told the court: 'McMahon has never done or said anything to indicate that he is a potential danger. He is not a member of the IRA but has extreme right-wing political views. He is a loyalist and true blood Englishman.'

'He fervently believes that coloured people and Communists are endeavouring to take over the country. He is a little eccentric, but not dangerously so.'

McMahon was until recently a known activist in the Sunderland National Front.

# How to join the IS!

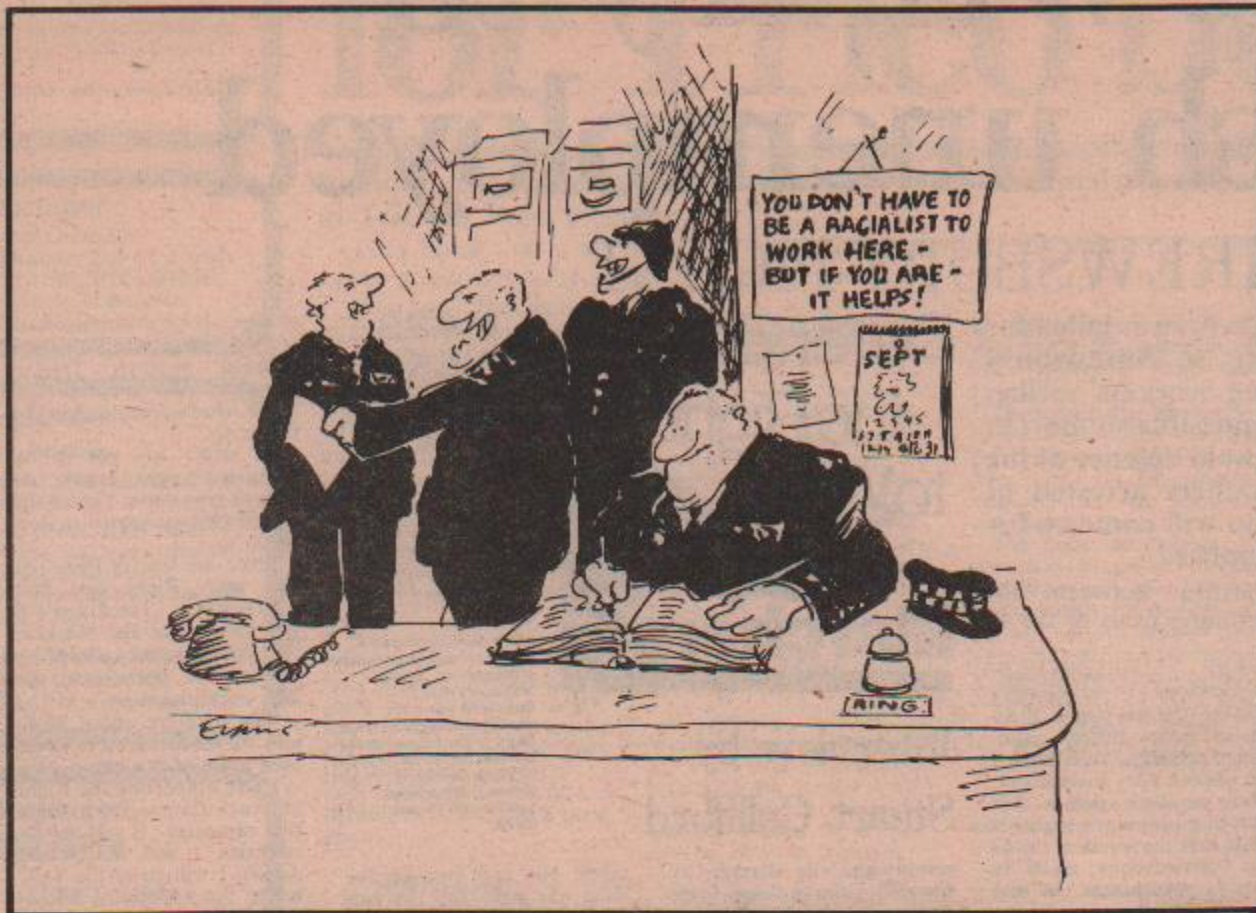
SOCIALISTS are often accused of being paranoid about the police. But a recent case at Bow Street magistrates court suggests that the police are getting paranoid about the International Socialists.

Two people were arrested while painting anti-racist slogans outside South Africa House and charged with assaulting the police. They were then told that if they did not plead guilty there would also be other charges, such as 'fighting' and 'conspiracy'. The police said: 'You are members of IS, aren't you?'

They denied this, but the police insisted that the court would be told they were IS members painting slogans with the knowledge of IS.

So be warned—if you take part in anti-racist activities, the police will assume you are an IS member!

Like most stories, this one had a sad ending. The two accused decided, after these threats, to plead guilty and were fined a massive £400 between them. This included £15 for the cost of a haircut for one policeman who had got paint on his hair!



# SWIMMING POOL TO SUPPORT

A PRIME example of the 'civilising mission' of white South African troops in occupied Namibia (South West Africa) came to light last week.

A Windhoek court heard how a South African soldier, Brian Parry, opened fire on a car after drinking six beers and a vast quantity of spirits. The two Africans in the car were both wounded.

The judge considered the crime a very heinous one indeed, saying that it would 'bedevil race relations'.

After hearing about the problems Parry had raising payments 'to keep up his house and swimming pool', the judge ordered him to pay £220 damages, passed a suspended sentence and

released him.

A friend of Parry's, another soldier named Odendall, was also on trial that day. He was charged with indecently assaulting four African women.

### Assault

The women told the court how Odendall held them in a room for two hours while assaulting them.

But the judge acquitted him on the grounds that 'it could not be determined beyond reasonable doubt which of the four women had been indecently assaulted, although there was no doubt that some of them had been indecently assaulted.'

THIS story appeared in the racist National Front News and should bring pleasure to all opponents of those Nazis:

# HELP THIS MEMBER

AT Warwick Crown Court, Mr Ron Davison, a founder member of Wolverhampton NF Branch who went to the defence of NF leaders when they were attacked during the Coventry by-election, was sentenced to 9 months imprisonment.

It was stated that Mr Davison had hit a plain-clothes police officer, a young man dressed like an extreme left-wing demonstrator. He had in fact run towards Mr Davison with a crowd of International Socialists, which he had been 'infiltrating'.

Mr Davison has a wife and six children, who are going to need all the help we can give them.

IT'S GOOD to know who your bosses are but it's even better to know the bosses' narks.

Take the case of Ingrid March. Ingrid worked until recently as an Industrial Relations Officer (bosses' nark) in Leyland House, Coventry. She was assistant to one Silcock, who used to be an official of the office workers' union APEX.

Both of them work for that militant redundancy merchant, Geoff Weyland, the personnel director of British Leyland.

Ingrid apparently has moved up in the world these days. She's gone off to the world of high finance to handle industrial relations for a merchant bank.

Oh, incidentally, Ingrid's husband is P March, financial controller of British Leyland's Castle Bromwich plant. He's also in the National Front.

So much for the world finance conspiracy . . .

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# The torturers of Namibia



**'YES, EVERYONE** we captured was tortured or beaten in some way. Of course this was led by the officers and non-commissioned officers.

'The water torture in particular, in which black prisoners were forced under water until they suffocated, was specially for the amusement of the officers.

'But what really sickened me was the way in which the ordinary soldiers joined in. They were called on to join in the beatings and the shootings, and almost all of them joined in enthusiastically.

'It went on every day, usually at night, so you would hear the screams going on and on, until well after mid-

night.

'One driver in our battalion was told to shoot down some prisoners. He cut off the ear of one of them and sent it home in a meths bottle. He also cut off the dead man's scrotum for his gear lever—but it rotted.

'As soon as we were discharged, I left the country, and came to England. If I had stayed in South Africa, I would have to do three months army camp every year. I came to England, intending to change my name and go back to South Africa.

'One day a couple of months ago, I

**Eye-witness account by South African ex-soldier Bill Anderson, interviewed by Paul Foot**

anyone who doesn't.'

THOSE are the words of Bill Anderson, a South African student and ex-soldier who caused a sensation this week by his revelations about South African atrocities.

At the same time, United Nations representatives revealed that South African troops have been cutting out a 'free fire' zone in northern Namibia. Troops have forcibly moved 50,000 black people from their home. Their orders were to 'shoot anyone who runs away and arrest

anyone who doesn't.'

Since the war, Namibia has been run as a province of South Africa. It's 90,000 whites have held all the power and wealth. They have operated a system of brutal repression over nearly a million black people who produce all the wealth. The beneficiaries have been the

companies who take more than a third of all Namibia's wealth out of the country every year.

But last year the South Africans suffered their first ever defeat in Africa. The MPLA, the nationalist forces of Angola, routed the South African armies.

mighty multinational mining

Since the MPLA victories, the South Africans have been trying to impose a puppet government on Namibia, which will keep the country safe for white people and big corporations.

They want a government of whites and black tribal chiefs which will oppose the freedom-fighters of the South West African Peoples Organisation, which is fighting for real national independence, and has mass support among Namibian blacks.

The main South African puppet is Chief Clemens Kapuuo of the Herero tribe, who has been paraded around America and Europe as the 'friend of peace' in Southern Africa. In fact Kapuuo will do anything the South African government wants.

## and those who fight them



### Chile Solidarity Campaign

### National Demonstration

Sunday 12 September. Assemble 1pm, Clerkenwell Green, London (nearest tube Farringdon).

□ All IS branches in London, the Home Counties and the South to support.

## The police organised 'backlash'

'BLACK FIGHTS BLACK', 'THE BACKLASH'—such were the claims in the British press last week as strike pickets in the African townships outside Johannesburg were attacked by groups of Zulu migrant labourers.

They gave the impression that this was a spontaneous reaction from workers who did not want to strike, in retaliation for 'intimidation'. But the truth is rather different.

White police deliberately organised and encouraged a group of Zulu strike-breakers to attack and murder strikers.

□ Police commander promised immunity to strike-breakers who armed themselves with clubs (International Herald Tribune report, 24 August).

### Suffers

□ Black reporters from the Rand Daily Mail—heard police tell the inhabitants of one hostel: 'You have been ordered to kill troublemakers only... If you damage property we will be forced to take action against you'.

□ When local inhabitants tried to defend themselves against the strike-breakers,

they were fired on by police with shot guns.

The migrant workers were particularly vulnerable to being enrolled as a scab force. They are from the remote, rural 'tribal homelands'.

While in the cities, they have no rights. They are forced to

live in all-male hostels and are sent back to the homelands the moment they lose their jobs. Johannesburg's employers—many of them firms with British connections that make pious claims to oppose apartheid—had threatened to sack any striker.

## BUT WILL THE QUEEN PROTEST?

Eight black Africans have been sentenced to death in Rhodesia. They pleaded guilty to causing explosions on railway lines and beer halls. These offences carry automatic death sentences.

Scores of other Africans await trials for similar offences.

An outburst of protest at these inhuman

sentences, such as that which accompanied the death sentences on the mercenaries in Angola, is not expected from the Queen, the Prime Minister and other dignitaries. Such hypocrites deplore the hanging of hired white thugs who try to topple a black government, but can't bring themselves to complain about the hanging of black freedom fighters who try to topple an illegal white one.

Black Africans in Meadowland, on the outskirts of Johannesburg, rushing to rescue children trapped after police had fired tear gas into their home. The police explained that 'several youths' had taken refuge in the house. There was no one in the house over the age of four.

ABOVE LEFT: Guerrillas on the Namibian SWAPO planning an attack.

### Negative

Kissinger supports this initiative. Above all, he wants to stop another black victory such as Angola. His agents are even trying to persuade SWAPO to join the new puppet government!

Bill Anderson's revelations have torn the mask off this international wheeling and dealing.

They have shown that what South Africans will not give up their power or real wealth. They will defend it with the utmost brutality—and they can rely on the support of the US, British and German governments.

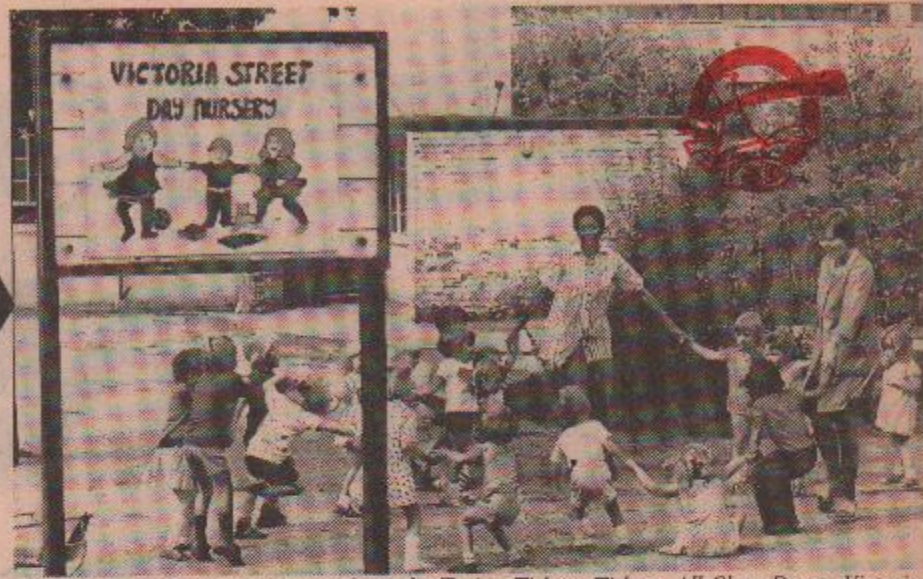
The 'Namibian problem' can't be solved by meetings between heads of other States in Geneva or anywhere else. South African savagery and racism will be defeated by one force only: the armed might of the people it has so brutally exploited for the past 50 years.



This design is to be reproduced as a badge—full details next week.



# THE DISEASE RAVAGING A NORTHERN TOWN...



Ring a Ring a Roses, A Message from the Tories, Tishoo, Tishoo, All Close Down. Victoria Street Day Nursery, to be closed

# Bury Bury



## SYMPTOMS

Barbaric cuts

## CARRIERS

Tory council, infected by Labour govt.

## VICTIMS

The old, the lame and the weak



Some of the 1000 people who marched last week in the biggest demonstration seen in Bury. It was in protest at the council's cuts.

*I hate the ugly, hate the old  
I hate the lame and weak.*

**THIS** extract from a poem by Enoch Powell should be printed in enormous letters above the civic centre in Bury, Lancashire.

Tory councillors, many of them Powell supporters, are planning a ferocious attack on all the local people who most

By  
**PAUL FOOT**

need help: the old, the sick, the disabled, the children and single parents.

Three weeks ago, the Tories on the Council, which includes Bury, Prestwich, Whitefield, Tottington and Ramsbottom, announced spending cuts of £1 million. The 'savings' included £320,000 from the social services department.

*There would be no cuts in the bill for interest on money borrowed, which last year climbed to a fantastic £4.7 million.*

Instead, the Tories decided immediately to close down seven establishments which fall under the heading of 'Social Services'.

250 people will be directly affected. Entire working class areas will be left without any services for young children, the old or disabled.

The council intends to save another £400,000 on education, mainly in wrecking the school meals service and wiping out travel allowances.

In case that's not enough, old and sick people for whom the council have provided aids, adaptations of homes, telephones, meals or holidays, will now have to do without.

## Here's how we can all fight back

LOOK AT the stories on this page.

Children and old people deprived of services. Blind people, disabled people, shut off from any hope of employment.

Women shut in all day with small children because nurseries don't open.

It's happening all over the place. And it's making a lot of working people very angry.

They can see that the cuts are wrecking their lives. They know that the cuts are 'saving money' only for the rich. And they're angry.

It's the same with unemployment. More and

By  
**John Deason**  
Secretary,  
Right to Work  
Campaign

more people are finding that their sons and daughters can't get jobs.

The sons and daughters are traipsing all over the place looking for work—without success.

*They're angry, too. And frustrated. Frustrated because they can't see how the cuts and unemployment can be fought.*

They hear their trade union leaders complaining about the cuts and unemployment. Occasionally,

those trade union leaders call a lobby or a demonstration.

But there doesn't seem to be anyone campaigning all the time—in the factories and outside—to link up all the people who want to fight the cuts and against unemployment.

*We intend to get such a campaign going.*

The Right to Work Campaign are calling a delegate conference on 6 November to step up the national campaign against the cuts and unemployment.

All trade union bodies and working class organisation can send delegates. Write for delegacies now to

**Right to Work Campaign**  
265a Seven Sisters Road  
London N4.

Dick North, NUT Executive member and chairman of the Right to Work Campaign, told Socialist Worker:

### Conned

'They have tried to con us twice: first by getting us to take a wage cut to defend the social services; then by cutting social services to get us all into 'productive employment'.

'We must not be conned again. We've got to start to fight back.

'And what better way than getting a delegation to the Right to Work conference in November?'

### Slobber

*The Tory leader of the council Albert Little, a headmaster who lives in a comfortable house in Somerset, announced: 'As far as we are concerned, the knife is going to cut right into the muscle and possibly into the bone.'*

Most Tories could hardly contain their pleasure at the 'savings for the ratepayer' at the expense of the old people, mentally handicapped and widows whom they slobber about in their election addresses.

Their confidence was sustained by the 11 Labour councillors and the town's Labour MP, Frank White. They have refused to attack the cuts. Instead they have called for a 'redirection' of their away from social services—perhaps to education or libraries or parks.

Frank White has said: 'I support the cuts in principle. After all, the Government is in a hell of a mess'.

One Labour official in the town, who asked Socialist Worker not to publish his name ('in case it damages me in the Labour Party') said:

### Rabbits

'Most Labour Party members are against the cuts. But they dare not challenge the MP or the councillors. They are like startled rabbits'.

An anti-cuts committee has, however, been formed. It staged a large demonstration in Bury last week. Its two meetings have drawn in hundreds of protestors.

Many committee members are inclined to plead for 'caution' in the hope that the Tory councillors will be shocked into changing their minds.

But the best way to fight the cuts was shown last week by the inmates of the Home for the Mentally Ill in Radcliffe. They marched to the town's social services department, and occupied it, demanding that the home stay open.

More action like that would soon force Councillor Little and his fellow butchers to sit up and take notice.

## .... AND THE MAN WHO THINKS IT'S FUNNY

**BARELY** ABLE to suppress a smirk, Tory Councillor Albert Little faces one of his angry victims. The confrontation took place last Thursday at a Stop the Cuts meeting organised by Bolton International Socialists. Little and several other Tory councillors arrogantly entered the meeting and then, laughing and sniggering, tried to disrupt it. In exasperation, IS member Jack Cummins shouted at them: 'You people who laugh at the discomfort of old people and handicapped people—you're nothing but animals!' This observation was greeted with prolonged cheers—and silence from the Tories.







The new nursery class at Mersey Drive School—axed.



A Day Centre for the handicapped and elderly at Bury Road, Whitefield—axed.



Brandleholme Old Peoples Home—closed and up for sale.



The Bury Road centre: 80 people will be affected.



The Dora Butler home for children—to be closed and sold.

PICTURES: Chris Davies (Report)

# GUILTY OF TORTURE



BRITISH GOVT. GAVE THE OK FOR TERROR LIKE THIS

THE BRITISH Government sanctioned the 'systematic torture' of detainees in Northern Ireland in 1971. That was the finding of the European Commission on Human Rights leaked to the press last week.

Soldiers and police 'hooded' men and made them stand spread-eagled against walls for up to 48 hours, deprived them of sleep and food and subjected them to 'white noise'. As a result, the victims were totally disorientated. Some, according to medical experts, will never recover.

The evidence presented to the commission by the Dublin Government covered only a tiny percentage of the torture cases. More recent allegations, including the use of electric shock treatment, were not considered.

The 8,500 page report, originally due out in January, was delayed when the British Government insisted on the deletion of the names of the torturers.

This means that the guilty men can continue to serve in the Army and police in the North. And presumably some are.

The report says that the British Government refused to help identify or allow questioning of the politicians responsible for the tortures.

Neither would it supply evidence of a 'seminar' at which British Army experts taught Royal Ulster Constabulary men their most up-to-date torture techniques.

## Repressive

The report, finally scheduled for release this Thursday, was leaked six days early so that publication would not clash with the introduction of the Dublin Government's new repressive laws.

Both governments, the accusers and the accused, have thus conspired as far as possible.

But what they cannot hide is that when it comes to terror and torture the British Army can and does hold its own with the best—or the worst.

And that British governments, Labour as well as Tory, are no more squeamish than their counterparts in Brazil, Chile or Iran about permitting it to happen.

LAWS WHICH could turn Southern Ireland into a full-blooded police-state were put before a special session of the Dublin parliament on Tuesday.

The new measures would declare a State of Emergency—in effect a state of war.

The police are to be given wide-ranging new powers and the army empowered to intervene in civic matters.

Police will be able to hold suspects for seven days without charge. Soldiers will be able to search persons or premises without a warrant.

The penalty for kidnapping goes up to life imprisonment. Hijacking a car will draw 15 years!

Some other new penalties are: 'Usurpation of the function of government—20 years.' Obstruction of government by force of arms or intimidation—20 years.

Membership of an illegal organisation—7 years. Taking part in an unauthorised meeting—one year.

And there are many others.

The working of some of the new laws makes them infinitely flexible. For exam-

Reports by Eamonn McCann

The RUC admit privately that the five techniques were used by their officers but indicate that this was only after instruction from other quarters. The report says the security force witnesses who gave evidence to the commission had been instructed by the British Government not to talk about the five techniques or about the seminar held in Northern Ireland to instruct the RUC in the use of these techniques. It was being indicated that not only was it felt that the army had been more in favour of the use of the five techniques but also that some responsibility should lie with Westminster politicians.

—from The Guardian 28 August



Guilt of terror? This car bombing in Dublin in December 1972 came as the Irish government were pushing through anti-IRA measures—and it was enough to silence any opposition in Parliament. A convenient state of affairs for the British Special Branch, who were suspected by many to be the bombers. This week the Irish government were pushing through another set of anti-IRA laws—and, once again, bombs have been 'mysteriously' planted in Dublin...

Stop this legalised murder

MARIE and Noel Murray, a married couple in their twenties, have been sitting in separate death-cells in Southern Ireland since the beginning of June, sentenced by the no-jury Special Court for allegedly killing a policeman.

Under Irish law, the final decision about hanging them will be taken by the cabinet. That is, it will be a question of politics.

The Murray Defence Committee, set up to campaign against the sentence and to have the case reopened, is harassed constantly by the Special Branch.

The Murray case was tailor-made for the hanging brigade within the government. The couple are anarchists, and the larger political groups have been reluctant to come to their defence.

As the forthcoming issue of the Socialist Workers Movement's paper The Worker points out, none of this may be surprising, but it is a bad omen. The government is clearly determined to 'get tough' both in a bid to beat the Provos and as part of its preparation to deal with workers who resist attacks on living standards. The Murray Defence Committee will be holding a meeting at the Conway Hall in London on 10 September. Messages of support can be sent to the Committee at 155 Church Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

## SHOUT 'UP THE IRA' -AND YOU FACE TEN YEARS' JAIL

ple, it will be an offence punishable by ten years to expressly or by implication incite or invite somebody to join or support an illegal organisation.

Asked whether this would cover somebody who shouted 'Up the IRA' in the street, a government spokesman replied: 'Yes, it would'.

### Hysteria

To ensure that the laws go through unamended, government spokesmen and right-wing commentators are working overtime to sustain the hysteria which followed the assassination of the British ambassador in July.

As a result, the government is likely to have its way—in the short term at least—and will become the darling of every right-wing anti-democrat in Europe.

This has enormous implications not just for the Provisionals and their supporters—who will bear the initial brunt—but for socialists and for the working class generally.

While their speeches concentrate on 'terrorists', the government will have the disastrous economic situation clearly in mind.

In destroying basic rights, the government is arming itself in advance to impose even higher jobless figures and cuts in living standards—and to smash any resistance which arises. It is for that reason as much as any other that leading British Tories like John Biggs-Davidson and Airey Neave have been ecstatic in their praise of the Cosgrave regime.

They will watch closely how the laws work in Ireland—with a view to the possibility that something similar might fairly soon be 'necessary' in Britain.

### RIGHT TO WORK DELEGATE CONFERENCE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE CUTS

Belle Vue Manchester, Saturday 6 November

Delegates from all trade union organisations welcome.

Make sure your branch, shop stewards' committee, trades council, district committee is invited to the conference. Letters of invitation and further information available from the Right to Work Office, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

Advert



## Postal Points

WE WERE surprised to find that the anti-interment march called by the Provisional Sinn Fein in London last week was not mentioned in Socialist Worker.

Support was critical at a time when republican and socialist organisations are under attack here and in Ireland.

The evidence which convicted many of the interned prisoners would be totally unacceptable in a non-political trial. The crimes involved are defined purely in the interests of the British state. This must be resisted.

□ Diane Forst, John Byrne, Southampton.

WE RECENTLY organised two collections in our staff canteen for the Trico strikers.

We set up a table with posters to attract attention and give information. We put leaflets on all the tables.

We collected £10 and we were pleased to see people reading the leaflets and discussing the strike. There will be another collection soon when staff holidays are over.

□ Denise Cohen, London Hospital Women's Group

I HAVE a suggestion for the government. Why not lower summer prices of coal to help the water shortage.

Workers who are well off and have baths in their homes would start to store coal in their baths again like in the good old days.

□ Bernard Harrison, Manchester.

SOME FASCIST group — Colin Jordan and his British Movement I think—have been putting some pretty repulsive stickers up around the Croydon area, worse than I've seen before, designed to frighten black people.

I was surprised at the number of black people there who refused to sign out anti-racist petition. It is obvious that many of them are very scared.

□ Andrew Aldridge, Croydon.

# WALSALL - a platform....

PETER BROWN (21 August) might be embarrassed to find out what Lenin said on participation in bourgeois parliaments.

Referring to the backward strata of the working class he stated:

'You are in duty bound to call their bourgeois-democratic and parliamentary prejudices what they are—

prejudices. But at the same time you must soberly follow the actual state of the class consciousness and preparedness of the entire class (not only of its communist vanguard...'

Hence participation by revolutionaries in parliamentary activity need not be contradictory. It is now up to Jimmy McCallum to use his

platform to show why parliamentary is no answer for the working class.

The objective reality is that not many listen to a lone 'nutter' on a street corner, but many will listen to a person on a parliamentary rostrum, however undesirable we consider that to be.

□ Lynden Barber, Hemel Hempstead.

WHAT SHOULD the attitude of IS be to parliamentary and local elections in the coming period?

The Scottish Nationalists and Plaid Cymru have built up a mass base—working class and middle class—by electoral means.

The revolutionary left needs to put itself forward in elections, as one important arm of our strategy, if we are to succeed in creating a mass base in this kind of society.

We can only make real gains if we do it seriously, consistently, over a period. Walsall is an experiment, of course, but ultimately we'll have to face up to the importance of intervening in a General Election.

□ Martin Shaw, Hull.

## ....or a disastrous tactic?

I AM amazed at your plan to put up a Socialist Worker candidate in the Walsall North election.

Either you believe in a parliamentary road to socialism or you don't. It is difficult to understand just what you hope to achieve by adopting a tactic which flies straight in the face of your own ideals.

It is not difficult to imagine what will happen.

While the candidate is addressing the 'larger audiences' you are trying to reach, sellers will be selling the paper to the same people who will then discover that the same paper and party is opposed to the principle of parliamentary candidates.

The fight should take the form of industrial action around the Right to Work Campaign.

□ Terry Bell, Glasgow.

# Spain on the dole? No, it's Brighton for me!

When out working for the Right to Work Campaign at Tooting dole, I met one of the 'scroungers' that we are hearing so much about in the national Press.

The 'scrounger' that I was talking to told me that even though he was registered as a disabled person (I saw his registration card) he had been informed by the social security office that he was completely fit, because of this he was receiving just over £4 benefit!

He said that he had been trying to sort out the situation

for months, but because of the attitude of the people he had talked to he felt like giving up.

Well, no doubt after 'scrounging' the grand sum of £4 he will be off to Spain for a holiday along with the rest of us 'scroungers'.

But before I jet off to Spain on my £11 dole money I am going to march to Brighton to harrass some real scroungers who will be living it up at the TUC Congress.

□ Unemployed Teacher, Tooting.

# Letters

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

## Selling like hot cakes!



Stoneleigh Manor, one of the 'larger Country homes' just waiting to be snapped up.

I THOUGHT SOCIALIST Worker readers might be interested in part of an article from the September issue of House and Garden, which is loaded with tips on buying 'larger country houses'.

'A sure sign that the market for larger country houses is now improving can be seen by the number of successful auction sales which have recently taken place...'

'The medium size house, between £30,000 and £50,000 is now selling readily... And the larger country house has been easier to sell since the spring although prices must be fixed at a realistic level as the market is selective.'

What would we as socialists do with properties like these? Requisition them with no compensation and re-allocate the space for community use.

We are living in a system where working class people are crammed into the bare minimum of breathing space while profit takers talk in terms of 'adjoining bathrooms, reception rooms and hectares of garden'.

□ Penny Hicks, Cookham, Berkshire.

## Overheard at a friendly local Job Centre

WHILE visiting the Job Centre the other day I overheard a conversation between a young man and one of the assistants.

The man was obviously very nervous. He was telling the assistant that he was out of work, could not draw unemployment benefit and had not eaten for two days. He wanted to claim social security.

He was told he would have to apply in person to the head office ten miles away. But he had no money for the journey. He was promptly told there was nothing that could be done about that and he would have to hitch a lift.

So it seems he might not only be refused social security but he might also have to walk ten miles to find out, on an empty stomach.

□ Ivan Crane, former AUEW deputy convener, Howard Rotavator, Halesworth.

## Czech rock band on trial

IT LOOKS like a truly neat coincidence, that at the same time as the establishment in this country forcibly prevents a pop festival being held in Kent, the establishment in totalitarian Czechoslovakia puts in jail 22 rock musicians and artists, and harasses hundreds of fans.

Four people had already been sent to jail in June and July for up to two and a half years.

A few days after the shameful anniversary of the Soviet occupation of Czechoslovakia the main trial is now taking place in Prague starting on 30 August.

In the dock are two of the best Czech rock bands, the Plastic People of the Universe, and DG307, together with other musicians of the underground.

They are charged with creating a public nuisance and disturbances.

Some of the principal accused, like Ivan Jirous, artistic of the Plastic People, have to face combined trumped up charges which carry sentences of up to eight years in jail.

It's a telling example of how the self proclaimed 'workers' state' deals with the young workers' cultures.

□ Ivan Hartel, member of the Committee to Defend Czechoslovak Socialists, London.

## The Fight Against The Racists



## The Nazional Front and How to Smash it.

### A Socialist Worker pamphlet

10p a copy plus 7p postage (more than 5 copies: post 3p each) from:

SW Distributors, 6 Cottons Garden, London E2.

## IN PRAISE OF BILL BRAND

THE WAY in which Trevor Griffiths showed Bill Brand's parliamentary socialism being crushed by the machine politics of the Parliamentary Labour Party would be suitable for training revolutionary socialists if we had a videotape.

There must have been few series on TV which have made more impact on non-committed trade unionists than this one which brings in the parliamentary road, occupation, sexuality, and trade union bureaucracy.

□ Howard Newlove, Fradon, Cornwall.

I FOUND Pete Marsden's review of Bill Brand (21 August) rather unfair.

Surely the significance of Brand's decision not to resign from the parliamentary game is revealed by the shot with which the series closed. The letter of congratulation from the Fight For Work campaign.

Brand sees, and apparently the campaign members support him, that he can be of more use to socialism staying where he is. He has an opportunity to put across his ideas to a mass audience which would be denied him outside.

Communication is the theme, illustrated by the theatre group. Don't be stary-eyed about your significance, but see that you can be effective by exploiting your medium.

The Bill Brand of the final episode has no illusions. But like Socialist Worker in the Walsall election he knows that those who appear to play the parliamentary game are allowed to get through to a bigger audience.

I don't think the gap between Griffiths and the International Socialists is as great as your article suggests.

□ Andy Callin, Lancaster.

## It's a mad mad mad mad.....

ANOTHER wonderful example of the generous treatment we receive from the capitalist Labour government.

I went to the dentist last week for a filling. A few months ago it cost 62p. Then came the cuts in spending and 'we all have to pull in our belts' so that a few 'greedy

manipulators can grow even fatter.

Result—a National Health filling now costs £2.50. Or you can have them all done on special offer for £3.50.

My friendly Tory dentist told me I could have it done privately for £1. So I did. Long live the welfare state!

□ Andy Callin, Lancaster.

adjusted  
The third encouraging factor is that in the last three months, most of the increase in unemployment was among women. While male unemployment went up by 17,500, women's unemployment increased by more than twice as much, by 38,200. There is a feeling of unemployment...

## 'Good news — more women on the dole'

THIS item appeared in the Evening Sentinel. I thought readers might find the comment interesting in the year of 'equal opportunity'.

I have written in protest but it will probably go in the same bin as letters about abortion and racism. Impartial press? Ha, ha!

□ Alan Gibbons, Crewe.



RIGHT: George Jackson being taken to court in chains. Sentenced to 'one year to life' for stealing 70 dollars, he served 11 years, then was murdered by a prison guard

IT IS now five years since the murder by prison guards of George Jackson, American revolutionary.

Jackson was typical of millions of black Americans. Born and raised in the ghettos of Chicago and Los Angeles, he drifted into petty crime and was soon in trouble with the law.

In 1960 he was accused of stealing 70 dollars from a gas station and on the advice of his lawyer he pleaded guilty, so as to get a light sentence. But he got 'from one year to life', a form of indeterminate sentence that put him completely at the mercy of the racist parole board.

**Resisted**

In jail Jackson fiercely resisted the racist harassment and provocations that black prisoners had to suffer. So he never got parole, eventually serving eleven years—unlike arch-criminal Nixon who got a free pardon.

In jail he worked out just why life was so bad for so many. In his own words: 'In jail I have met Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, Engels and Mao—and they redeemed me. I dreamed of smashing my enemies entirely, overwhelming, vanquishing, crushing them completely, sinking my fangs in the hunter's neck and never, never letting go.'

Justifiable rage and anger are Jackson's main themes in his book, \*rage and anger at a society that could put a man on the moon and yet kept people imprisoned in squalid ghettos. His words cut like a laser beam through the hypocrisy of a rotten and corrupt society.

**Extreme**

For example, on 'extremist', the pet insult of Tory journalists, he writes: 'I am an extremist. I call for extreme solutions to extreme problems, where face and freedom are concerned I do not use or prescribe half measures. Without self-determination I am extremely dissatisfied.'

But Jackson was also a

\* SOLEDAD BROTHER, a collection of Jackson's prison letters, available 90p (including postage) from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London E2.

**But everywhere we are in chains**

**WAYNE ASHER writes on the fifth anniversary of the death of GEORGE JACKSON**

realist. He saw that the black separatist solutions were utopian and were not working, for even as the flames of Detroit and Newark lit up the night sky, the ruling class didn't worry, they knew that the black struggle was isolated from that of white workers and militants. They would only worry when black and white workers started fighting together using their industrial power.

Against black separatism Jackson wrote: 'The blanket indictment of the white race has done nothing but perplex us, inhibit us. The theory that all whites are our immediate enemy and all blacks our brothers is silly and indicative

of a lazy mind; it doesn't explain the black pig, it doesn't explain the black paratroopers who put down the great Detroit riot and it doesn't explain the black bourgeoisie who can be found almost everywhere in the halls of government working for white supremacy, fascism and capitalism.'

**Unite**

Jackson is right. If all blacks are brothers against the common enemy, does that mean that black workers on the shop floor should unite with the black policemen that the white ruling class is trying to recruit or the black capitalists who are beginning to appear as Tory candidates in several areas, even including racist strongholds like Leicester?

Of course not. That would be just like asking a shop steward at Fords or Leyland to unite with his employer!

But many people believe in this.

The truth is simple. The working class of all races and all countries are brothers, and they are the enemies of the ruling classes of all countries.

Everyone should read Jackson's book. It is a moving testimony to one man's hatred of an unjust and rotten system and of his determination to destroy it. But do more than read, join the fight for the right to work, against the cuts, and put aside your reservations and help make the International Socialists into a real revolutionary party that will one day end this rotten system.

And Jackson? He was framed for a murder he didn't do and was shot dead by guards at San Quentin jail in California 'while trying to escape'. It was recently revealed that Jackson was deliberately murdered. It won't be too long now, we'll get our own back...



**PRE-VIEW**

**SUNDAY**  
Watch CROMWELL (BBC-1) even if only for the scene with the Levellers.

**MONDAY**  
Pearls of wisdom come live from the TUC Congress at Brighton every afternoon this week (ITV).

'One of the weapons that brought down the democratically elected Allende Government in Chile was food. On Dr Kissinger's orders most American food aid was cut off and hunger and disorder followed, leading to a military take-over that brought Chile back into the Washington fold.'

That's one of the revelations made by John Pilger in ZAP! THE WEAPON IS FOOD (ITV, 8.30pm)

**THURSDAY**  
Television is 'the greatest weapon our party possesses to shape the new Soviet citizen,' says Mr Brezhnev, general secretary of the Russian Communist Party. RUSSIA THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS (BBC-2) attempts to find out how that theory is put into practice.

**THEIR good old days**

*Sometimes I cry for the old days, the times of laughter and fun,  
Of hoops and tops and ice cream carts, why are they over and done?  
Of Comic Cuts and catapults, and football in the street,  
Of girls in Tam O'shanters, and shingled hair so neat,  
Of barrel organs playing songs that you really could sing  
When we softly crooned 'I'm a Dreamer', and imitated Bing.*

*I've been told its no use lamenting, that I simply can't live in the past,  
That these things have vanished forever, how could I expect them to last  
Well the past lives again for the bosses, and those with large incomes unearned,  
They've put a million and a half on the dole queues, and their merry old times have returned.*

JIM WOLVERIDGE

**Under capitalism, comrade, man exploits man.  
But here in the Soviet Union, it's the other way round . . .**



*If you think Russia is a socialist country, read the latest issue of International Socialism journal.  
29p (inc) postage from ISJ, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.*



# WHAT'S ON

Notices for What's On should be posted to reach Socialist Worker by first post on the Monday before publication. Adverts will NOT be accepted by phone. Send to: What's On, SW, Corbridge Works, Corbridge Crescent, London E2 9DS.

Tyneside and North East NOISS members and SW supporters meeting to discuss activities in the colleges this autumn. Saturday 11 September, 1pm. Newcastle Polytechnic Students Union. Anyone not able to attend contact Roger Poplewell, 23 Colleton Place, Newcastle upon Tyne 4. Telephone Newcastle 657806.

LEEDS: All IS members and SW supporters studying at Leeds Polytechnic, Park Lane College or Kilsom College, Leeds, next session please contact Alex Mascarenhas, Leeds Polytechnic Union, Calverly Street, Leeds LS2.

All IS members and sympathisers studying at Sheffield Polytechnic next year (76-77) please contact Johnny Donachie, Sheffield Polytechnic Union of Students, Pond Street, Sheffield.

## SOCIALIST WORKER MEETINGS

CHESHIRE Socialist Worker discussion group: Fourth series of meetings.  
Thursday 9 September RACISM WHAT IS IT?  
Thursday 23 September: Russia and Eastern Europe—is it socialist?  
Thursday 7 October: The Family—should socialists argue for its abolition and with what should we replace it?  
All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Railway Inn, Brook Street, Chester (two minutes from railway station, just off Hoole Street). All welcome.

CENTRAL LONDON Socialist Worker meetings on sexual politics. Roebuck pub, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1, on alternate Thursdays at 7pm.  
30 September: The oppression of gay workers. Speaker Dave Widgery.  
14 October: Lesbians—the double oppression. Speaker Sybil Cook.  
28 October: Personal Life in capitalism. Speaker Joy Leman.  
11 November: The abortion campaign. Which Way Now? Speaker Gerry Matthews.  
25 November: Working Women Under Attack. Speaker Irene Breugel.  
9 December: Socialists and housework. Speaker to be confirmed.

## NOISS

ORMSKIRK: Socialist Worker supporters and IS members studying at Edge Hill College of Higher Education, Ormskirk next year please contact Pete Halsall, 110 Yew Tree Road, Ormskirk.

GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE: Would all IS members and supporters going to Goldsmiths College, London this autumn, contact John Lockwood, c/o Goldsmiths Students Union, indicating dates available for a meeting.

**Socialist Worker says**  
Don't be fooled:  
Unemployment is caused by the bosses & the government, not by black workers.  
Houses & jobs for everyone!

**Socialist Worker says**  
Don't be fooled:  
In the '30s they blamed the Jews. Today they blame the blacks.  
Houses & jobs for everyone!

Socialist Worker anti-racism stickers—six different types. £1.50 for 1000, 30p for 200 from Socialist Worker, 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2. Money with orders please.

## SOCIALIST WORKER NOTICES

THE TELEPHONE at the IS office—01 739 9772—will be manned from 10am to 4pm on Friday 3 September and from Monday 6th to Friday 10th inclusive.

MATERNITY LEAVE: if you have information about maternity leave agreements, copies of agreements, please send them urgently to Margaret Renn, 6 Cottons Gardens, London, E2.

CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE (2nd edition). 10p including postage from Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London, N4.

COUPLE going by car to Florence, Italy, have space for two comrades. Depart Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, return approximately Sunday 26 September. Contact Sally or Fred, 01-743 5203.

## INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS

WOMENS WEEKEND SCHOOL: Manchester, 25-26 September. Sessions on: The family, women and socialism, the revolutionary party, public speaking. Please book places now. Phone Margaret Renn (01-739-9772) or write to: 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.

CHESHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE District meeting for all members: Starting at 8pm prompt, in The Angel, Victoria Street, Crewe (in town centre). Agenda: 1) IS and parliamentary elections (with a CC speaker); 2) Local reports; 3) Election of national council delegate. All members in Chester, Wrexham, Crewe and Shrewsbury to attend. Delegates from Telford, Macclesfield and surrounding branches welcome.

IS political economy group weekend school: Leeds, 25-26 September. Speakers: Mike Kistron, Peter Binns, Colin Barker. Accommodation available. For details send SAE to Colin Barker, 19 Chatfield Road, Manchester 21.

All South West London IS branches: New basic education series to start on 28 September. Look out for details. Next Meeting of Marxism meeting: 13 September, 8pm, Battersea Library, Lavender Hill. Marx on Terrorism.

# A DEBATE BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL

## JIMMY McCALLUM

Socialist Worker's prospective parliamentary candidate for Walsall North

## for the International Socialists

I WANT to talk about the problem, not the preamble. It's what has happened in the past four or five years that presents the difficulties.

If you start by considering how the Tory government in 1974 decided to take on the trade union movement in the shape of the miners, threw down the gauntlet and said they would not be challenged by trade unionism, then you begin to see the problem in perspective.

From that moment the Tories were defeated. We had the return of a Labour government. We had eminent figures—denounced as extremists and revolutionaries in the Daily Telegraph, people like Michael Foot, or even Denis Healey who the Telegraph described as the Red Chancellor—coming into that Labour Government.

And there was an expectancy among many workers that something would change.

Now we know what has changed, that in the two or three years of Labour government we have seen the biggest attack on the living conditions of the organised working class since the 1930's.

### Practical

The central problem that confronts workers are not the abstract questions of theory but the real practical issues, of unemployment, of social service cut-backs and of serious attacks on the militancy of the trade union movement.

The way we see the situation in the International Socialists is this. The Labour government has consistently attacked the working class. Its very first measures were aimed at protecting the employers, protecting the ruling class from the crisis that that ruling class had created.

The British capitalist class had moved into the most serious crisis they have faced since the war. They were facing the prospect of declining profits, their returns were insecure and they wanted some guarantee that they would not continue to face that.

The Labour government provided those guarantees. That's what the Social Contract is all about. That's



what the public spending cuts are all about. These are the problems we've got to face.

### Rough

Because since Labour came to power we have seen government ministers continually saying to us that unemployment is only going to be here for a short time. If you allow us to get through this rough patch things will get better,

they say. Now the Sunday Times has reported Sunny Jim Callaghan's comments recently which suddenly extended the time scale of 'things getting better'.

I remember when unemployment was a mere 800,000. Then Healey used to say that this is absolutely outrageous, unacceptable, an outrage and things have got to get better.

He said then that things were going to get better

towards the end of 1976. We know now that unemployment at the end of 1976 is one and a half million officially.

These figures conveniently leave out Northern Ireland, leave out the temporarily stopped, exclude students who are signing on, leave out those women who have been made unemployed but don't bother to sign on since they won't get any benefit. So the true figure for unemployment is more than two million.

Now we have it from Callaghan himself that rather than the good times coming in 1977, things won't begin to get better until 1980.

We're faced every day with the highest unemployment since the end of the Second World War. We're faced every day we pick up the newspapers with atrocities like children being denied medical care because of social service cut-backs.

### Fight

So 'Which way for socialism?' isn't an abstract issue. It's a real and immediate issue. It's a question of how we begin to fight back against unemployment and against the cuts, and in what way that struggle can be developed.

The mechanism through which the Labour government was able to sell the deal was the tried and trusted men inside the trade union movement, the Hugh Scanlons, the Jack Jones, the David Busnells. All those mighty left leaders of the trade union movement were the men responsible for selling the Social Contract, and for selling the public sector cuts.



# 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 distribution.

### REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

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

### THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

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

The working class needs an entirely different kind of 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 countries.

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 demonstrates that a socialist 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 party.

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# SOCIALISTS AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY

**BRIAN DAVIES**

South Wales executive member of  
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for the  
Communist Party

# Which way to socialism?

Think back to 16 June this year, when at the Special Congress of the TUC we were told that we had to accept the government's 4½ per cent pay deal or things would get worse.

One week later what happened? At the TUC every trade union leader who hurried to the microphone had said that there would be no more cuts, or that they wouldn't accept any more cuts. One week later Healey announced one billion pounds worth of extra cuts.

Having got the 4½ per cent deal, the man knew that the whole trade union leadership was sewn up. It was a simple matter to announce more cuts.

## Build

The system lies openly and nakedly seen for what it is, corrupt, despicable and exploitative. It's clear to thousands on thousands of workers that we live in a society where those with wealth and power will use all their resources to attack those who have only their labour power to sell.

Once you've seen that it is the system that has to be attacked, then you've to ask how do you build an organisation that can begin that fight. And that's where the International Socialists and the Communist Party begin to travel different roads.

The Communist Party pays lip service to marxism, talks about the traditions of Lenin, Marx and Engels. But when it comes down to the question of who really fights

THE first thing that distinguishes marxists from other socialists is, I think, that we analyse carefully those circumstances in which we operate, circumstances given and transmitted from the past, within which we have to work and within which we have to make our socialist revolution.

In this country it is Toryism and right-wing social democracy that weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living. This is where we need to start.

So the basic question is why is it that the British labour movement is dominated by right-wing social democracy and how and in what circumstances can that domination be destroyed?

After all, in the first few decades of the 19th century it seemed as if a revolutionary working-class movement was developing in Britain. In South Wales in 1831 there was the Merthyr rising, which is probably the only occasion in recent British history when armed workers defeated regular troops. But by the 1850s that kind of working-class politics had disappeared.

## Disgust

Frederick Engels has some useful remarks which explain to us why we've the sort of labour movement we have. In 1858, writing to Marx, he said with an understandable note of disgust that 'the English proletariat is actually becoming more and more bourgeois, so that this most bourgeois of all nations is apparently aiming at the possession of a bourgeois aristocracy and a bourgeois proletariat as well as a bourgeoisie.'



LEFT: A Chartist meeting in the 1830's, which is when Brian Davies says the workers' movement began its decline. RIGHT: The release of the jailed Pentonville Five because of accelerating rank and file action—the strength for socialism, says Jimmy McCallum

then the Communist Party is sadly lacking.

Who gave support and succour inside the trade union movement to those people who sold the Social Contract and the public sector cuts?

The Morning Star always supported Jones and Scanlon.

It never carried—until very, very recently—any critical voice about Jones and Scanlon. It never spoke about any movement to replace that leadership inside the trade union movement.

Over the past year in our paper, the Socialist Worker, and in our organisation every support has been given to the light against unemployment. That's why we support the Right to Work Campaign,

which is now organising a march to protest at the TUC Congress against the fat cats who'll be living it up in their five-star hotels in Brighton.

## Encourage

That's why the International Socialists supported the earlier Right to Work march from Manchester London, the only serious opposition to unemployment.

But you cannot build a fight back, you cannot encourage people to believe that they can themselves build a different kind of society, if at the same time you tell them there are people who will, despite the misgivings, solve these difficulties.

You cannot foster faith in left MPs or trade union leaders without reducing workers' capacity to fight for themselves.

The fact is that these people live different lives from ordinary workers. Their job is to mediate between the owners and controllers of the system and their members.

That's why IS says again and again that it is necessary to build a rank and file movement that fights against treachery and betrayal, that begins to build on its own resources, its own strengths, its own power.

That's where we separate ourselves from all the other voices in the left of the British

'For a nation that exploits the whole world this is to be a certain extent justifiable.'

The cooperative movement, that had been founded within the framework of the old, degenerated within decades into shopkeeping.

Working-class politics passed from revolutionism to respectability within decades.

By the 1660s British working-class leaders were, typically, careful financial managers of trade unions which had become glorified friendly societies.

Now the first people to attempt an explanation of this were Marx and Engels. In 1881 Engels argued: 'A really general workers' movement will come into existence in Britain only when the workers feel that Britain's world monopoly is broken. Participation in the domination of the world market was

and is the economic basis of the political uselessness of the British working class.'

But, adds Engels, 'once America and the competition of the other great industrial countries make a big enough break in this British monopoly you will see a lot of things happening here.'

So Engels argued that British political stability was a result of imperialism, which made available colonial profits which were used to split the British working class by buying off a privileged minority in the skilled trades.

Now that is the legacy that socialists in Britain have to deal with. The point now is that with the disintegration of empire and the steady undermining of the old colonialism we see the aspects of that situation.

It is the problems of that specific situation that the programme of the Communist Party has attempted to cope with. There are a few points which seem to me essential.

## Alliance

First, who can be on our side in this situation?

We have based our strategy on a broad alliance against capitalism. Now of course working-class unity is essential. But it is not only the working class that is under attack from state monopoly capitalism. Many different groups are fighting for different reforms.

Monopoly capitalism in crisis is driven to attack those rights that were normal in an earlier period of bourgeois democracy.

Capitalism in crisis no longer has sufficient economic surplus to create the illusion that piecemeal reform can deliver the goods. At the same time, in order to maintain its rate of exploitation it has to undermine the facade of liberal democracy.

## Alternative

Look round the world and see the many countries that portray themselves as socialist. Use that simple scale of judgement against them.

Then you will find that these countries are not socialist, that the model held up there for socialism is really one of bureaucratic state control.

We in the International Socialists, recognise that workers will themselves establish socialism.

What we are about—when we say there is a way to socialism, that there is a way of building an alternative, is mobilising thousands and hundreds of thousands of workers who at present feel bitter and resentful at the public sector cuts, the destruction of the health service.

That's the difference between our views and those of the Communist Party.

It's also the reason why we will be standing a candidate in Walsall—in order to present and project a socialist alternative to the Labour government.

**DEBATE**  
between  
INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS  
COMMUNIST PARTY

**"Which Way  
to  
Socialism?"**

Speakers: Brian Davies (S.Wales C.P. Exec.)  
Jimmy McCallum (S. Central Comm.)  
8.00 P.M. TUES. 17TH. AUG.

These two articles are made up of extracts from a recorded public debate held in Pontypool on Tuesday 17 August.

The effect on the Labour Party is probably most important. For half a century the belief that socialism can be achieved solely through parliamentary reforms has been expressed in institutional support for the Labour Party; capitalism's loyal opposition in a sense, which when in power never threatened the interests of its master.

This faith has now been shaken and recent elections have shown working-class voters deserting Labour in droves.

But so far I don't think that we on the left can claim that a clear alternative to right-wing Labour has won any real support. And that indicates the size of the problem that we are talking about.

## Crisis

So the simple problem for socialists is how to demonstrate to people who accepted capitalism because it appeared to be everlasting or thought that a few reforms could patch it up and put it all right or who believed it could be legislated out of existence by a Labour majority, that it is now in crisis and that it is now driven to attack those very liberties which are traditionally claimed to prove the superiority of the Western democracies.

Many will realise that the Social Contract is a suspension of free collective bargaining and will begin to fight to restore trade union rights.

The problem is to work at all those different levels, to appreciate how through different experiences people can become aware—at first perhaps in a limited way—of the society in which we live and to extend this awareness from the particular to the general so that it becomes the basis for a mass socialist movement.

## Failure

And to a large extent, in conclusion, I would like to argue that the difficulties of the left in the past few years are largely the result of the failure to go beyond narrow trade unionism.

After all, as G D H Cole said, 'You don't win strikes in a depression.' And if all you do in a depression is call for strikes you won't get very far.

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# CUTS HIT CANCER RESEARCH

**EDINBURGH:** Technicians, research workers and scientists in our branch are being sacked.

Most scientists and nearly a third of our technicians are on one to three-year contracts which in many cases are not being renewed.

Anne Scott, who has recently been given the push, is a good example of their priorities.

by ANNE SCOTT  
and  
STEVE FAITH  
Edinburgh University  
ASTMS

She has been working on a project to develop an aid to the diagnosis of types of breast cancer.

Around one in 17 women suffer from breast cancer. At best they lose the breast. At

worst they are left to die. Eleven thousand women—particularly young women—die every year from the disease.

Our ASTMS branch is starting to fight these cuts and redundancies. Not only because it is disgusting that medical research is hit first but also because hundreds of jobs will be at stake.

A mass meeting is to be held to consider action.

It will have to decide on action that people who put profits before jobs and lives can understand.

## NHS: occupation in Brent

By Stan Bishop, acting secretary, Brent Health District  
JSSC

200 NURSES, ancillary and maintenance workers last week occupied the administrative offices of the Brent Health District Central Middlesex Hospital over the refusal by management to employ six newly-qualified nurses.

The protest was called by the JSSC after management had refused to discuss the situation.

Office staff were sent home, the building locked and the keys kept by the shop stewards' committee.

The nurses have been the first health service workers in Brent directly affected by the cuts.

Further cuts include hospital closures, the cutting of the number of medical beds and redundancies in all sections.

The nurses were obviously thought of as an easy target by management even though a survey by the JSSC had shown that, at night, half the 18

wards are staffed by partly-trained staff and two further wards are dangerously understaffed.

This action was the first undertaken by the newly formed JSSC and shows clearly the staff's determination to oppose management's policies.

If this token action produces no results the JSSC intends to take more decisive action.

### ...AND A VICTORY IN EDINBURGH

By Anne Alden  
NUPE

EDINBURGH: A strike by more than 2000 NUPE members in 14 hospitals has ended successfully after three days.

The dispute arose after the sacking of an auxiliary nurse

and management's refusal to abide by agreed appeals procedure. The appeal should have been heard within 35 days.

Instead management took 88 days, during which time the nurse had no income.

Management also refused to have their witnesses appear in person at the appeals tribunal and sent only written evidence.

If management had slipped through this precedent, anyone sacked in future would not have had even the meagre comeback of an appeals procedure.

The strike was successful largely because of a number of hospitals which now have the beginnings of strong shopfloor organisation.

The anger and determination of the membership has shown that, given the lead, they are prepared to fight. We should now prepare for the necessary fights against the cuts.

## Notices and meetings

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**NAMIBIAN SUPPORT PICKET:** To protest against selling of Namibian furs and collaboration with South African racists

Tuesday 7.7 September, 12 noon-1.30pm, Eastwood and Holt, Swakana House, Upper Thames Street, London EC4. Tube: Mansion House.

Wednesday 8 September, 12 noon-1.30pm, Hudson's Bay and Annings, Beaver Hall, Great Trinity Lane, London EC4. Tube: Mansion House.

**POST OFFICE WORKER meeting:** Saturday 11 September, 1.30pm, The Redback, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1. All readers and supporters of the rank and file paper for IPW members welcome.

**ANGOLA Solidarity Committee** discussion forum. Series of four meetings on the Angola revolution. Admission free. All meetings at the Redback pub, Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 at 7.30pm.

Thursday 9 September: Angolan economy, industrial policies, trade union.  
Thursday 23 September: New state structure of PRA. People's power.  
Thursday 8 October: Women in Angola's revolution.  
Thursday 21 October: Angola and African and Caribbean struggles.

## Thames Barrier ban on overtime to save jobs

SE LONDON: At the giant site where the Flood Prevention scheme is being constructed to save London from flooding, Thames Barrier management are threatening more than 40 men with redundancy.

As soon as the shop stewards heard of the threat they launched an overtime ban to spread work out and prevent loss of jobs.

Now the welders and platers are on strike and calling for the redundancy notices to be withdrawn. They are confident they will win.

It is likely that unless the notices are withdrawn there will be a call for a strike of the whole workforce.

There is a clear recognition that a fight must be put up straightaway. Otherwise much greater job losses will occur later.

Costains, who have already had a four-year contract from the Greater London Council, are now finalising the contract for the next two years and are looking round for ways to tighten up on the job.

There is plenty of work on the site. The men have made offers to the management to take extra holidays to share out the work and to operate two shifts and cut down on their bonus system so as to eliminate redundancies.

But management have rejected these offers.

## Strikes go on to reinstate gay social worker

By Derek Relph,  
Secretary Social Services  
Shop Stewards  
Committee

E LONDON: The strike by Tower Hamlets NALGO members to get a gay colleague Ian Davies, reinstated in his old job as social services area team leader is in its third week.

He was sacked following a £25 fine for 'gross indecency'. The council refused to reinstate him despite an industrial tribunal recommendation. 25 workers in his department walked out on

unofficial strike. There have been one-day stoppages in sympathy by other social services team.

Following a meeting of NALGO's national 'emergency committee', the dispute has been made official but only on



The occupied Daily Jang printshop in East London.

## Workers' Co-op plan for the Daily Jang?

E LONDON: Workers occupying the Daily Jang print shop in Hoxton are investigating the possibility of taking over the Urdu paper and running it as a workers' co-operative.

The management, one of Pakistan's biggest publishers, sacked all the workers—members of Sogat—in the first week of their six week strike for basic union rates. The workers immediately occupied.

Journalists, printers, platemakers and calligraphers on the paper joined SOGAT in April. They were earning £40 for a six day week.

Said Mr F Syed, father of the chapel (shop steward): 'We have heard rumours that the company wants to get rid of the paper.'

'We want to take it over, because we want to work and we feel that the Urdu newspaper is important in linking immigrant groups throughout the country.'

### Profits

'We are trying to raise enough cash to start the project. We are looking for loans rather than donations from people who would then want to control policy.'

The workers also see the dispute as important in terms of unionisation among immigrant workers.

'I think our management sacked us because they were surprised that we would actually take action against them', said Mr Syed.

'In Pakistan a strike would be over in a few days and the workers would be crushed by the police and the authorities.'

'If we can win this, it will show other immigrants just what they can achieve through union activity. If we fail it could have disastrous consequences.'

Send messages of support and donations to: The Daily Jang, 52 Hoxton Square, London N1.

## Binmen under pressure

STOCKPORT: Binmen on strike in defence of their jobs have been subjected to a 'get back to work' campaign by the press and radio.

But the men have rejected moves by NUPE officials to end the strike on the council's terms and have voted overwhelmingly to stay out.

When asked by one binman why the strike was still unofficial, Mike Rawcliff, a local full time officer, replied:

'Official, why are you concerned about making it official? You are already receiving hardship money aren't you?'

## RIGHT TO WORK NEWS

NORTHAMPTON: Trade unionists marching against the cuts brought the town centre to a halt on Saturday in the first real fight against the cuts in the county.

More than 100 attended the Guildhall Rally which followed the march. They heard from Ernie Roberts, assistant general secretary of the Engineering Union, and other trade union speakers.

Brian Higgins from the Northampton Right to Work Committee told of the fight for jobs on Shanleys building site in Bedford. His speech brought inquiries about af-

filiation to the Campaign and support for the London to Brighton March.

Next target for opposition to the cuts is the majority Labour Group on the county council, which the Association of Trades Councils has called on to resist further cuts.

**THE RIGHT TO Work March** received a boost this week with sponsorships from 30 organisations, including North East Derbyshire Constituency Labour Party and Coventry Trades Council.

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By Vivien Poole,  
Bristol

AS I WAS on holiday with time on my hands, I decided to try a neighbourhood collection for the Right to Work march in an area with many pensioners.

I collected £4.50, mostly in coppers, from old people who parted with their money gladly when I told them it was to protest at unemployment.

I heard so many sad stories of wasted young people out of work, a woman who couldn't get a job because she had children, a university graduate who had to take a job washing cars.

are said to disagree with the original decision, decided 8-7 by the powerful administration committee.

If this doesn't work, several key departments will be pulled out on a rota basis. There is also the possibility of an indefinite stoppage of the borough's 200 social work and support staff.

The most worrying factor is the emergency committee's decision to form a body to

control the handling of the dispute.

Already a meeting has been fixed with our employer but with no member of this branch present.

A tight grip must be kept on the situation to ensure that the battle is waged on our terms. The branch executive message is clear—only full reinstatement is acceptable.



# Strike! 2000 printers hit back

By Steve Childs,  
secretary United  
Newspapers group  
NUJ chapel

MORE THAN 2000 printers on two of the biggest provincial newspaper groups in the country were on strike this week after management refused to withdraw dismissal notices.

More than 50 newspapers belonging to United Newspapers and East Midland Allied Press have been stopped.

## Dispute

The dispute is over blacking of non-registered sources by the printers' union, the National Graphical Association. This means that the NGA will only accept material produced by union-recognised sources.

New printing processes allow material for adverts to be made up by small non-union agencies, which cuts down the amount of work and jobs for NGA members.

But the NGA's campaign against 'nonners' was met with lock-outs and dismissal notices last week at 11 newspaper centres, including Sheffield, Northampton, Kettering, Blackpool and Preston.

Last Friday, the NGA called out all its members in the United and EMAP groups.

Members of the National Union of Journalists are backing the NGA men in every centre and there are already plans to rush out a rank and file dispute bulletin produced jointly by NUJ and NGA members.

## Argue

The NGA has been arguing with the employers for nearly four years over the use of non-registered material and the dispute provoked by the newspaper bosses are only over a few adverts. It would be easy to bring out the papers without them.

It seems likely that the Newspaper Society is taking on the NGA and hoping to smash their workplace organisations as a prelude to wide-scale redundancies needed to introduce new technology.

People interested in supporting the bulletin contact Steve Childs, Flat 4, 68 Clarke Grove Road, Sheffield S10, or ring Sheffield 584561.

## Solidarity picket

POLICE escorted management through a solidarity picket outside the UAPT, the United Association for the Protection of Trade, in Sheffield on Tuesday.

Twenty seven women members of ASTMS have been out on strike for over a week demanding an extra 70p an hour.

Messages of support and help from other ASTMS members to UAPT strikers, ASTMS Offices, Wostenholm Road, Sheffield.

## What arears?

THE ROSSHIRE district of the Highland Regional Council has a nasty habit of writing the names and addresses of all the council tenants in rent arrears on a public notice board.

Some local workers decided it was time the notice board went. It disappeared.

# ROLLS-ROYCE SIT-IN SOLID

**BLANTYRE: The occupation against closure of Rolls Royce is solid.**

It is being organised round the clock and the turn out for duties reflects the enthusiasm and determination of the workforce to resist the closure. Support is now coming in from the other Scottish plants at East Kilbride and Hillington.

## Meeting

Jim McKinnell, Engineering Union deputy convenor, told Socialist Worker: 'Last week we had a meeting with Rolls

Royce management in London to see if they were prepared to concede. It turned out to be a complete waste of our time and money.

'Sir Kenneth Keith, the chairman, wasn't even there. And it was clear that Rolls Royce are not prepared to budge.

'They've had seven months now to revise their plans to close this factory. But they've come up with nothing new.

'The whole meeting was a non-event. When we reported back to the workforce on Monday they voted to continue the occupation. I think Rolls Royce's attitude has made us all more determined.

'Our plans now are to organise delegations to the Rolls Royce factories in the Midlands, Bristol and London to get

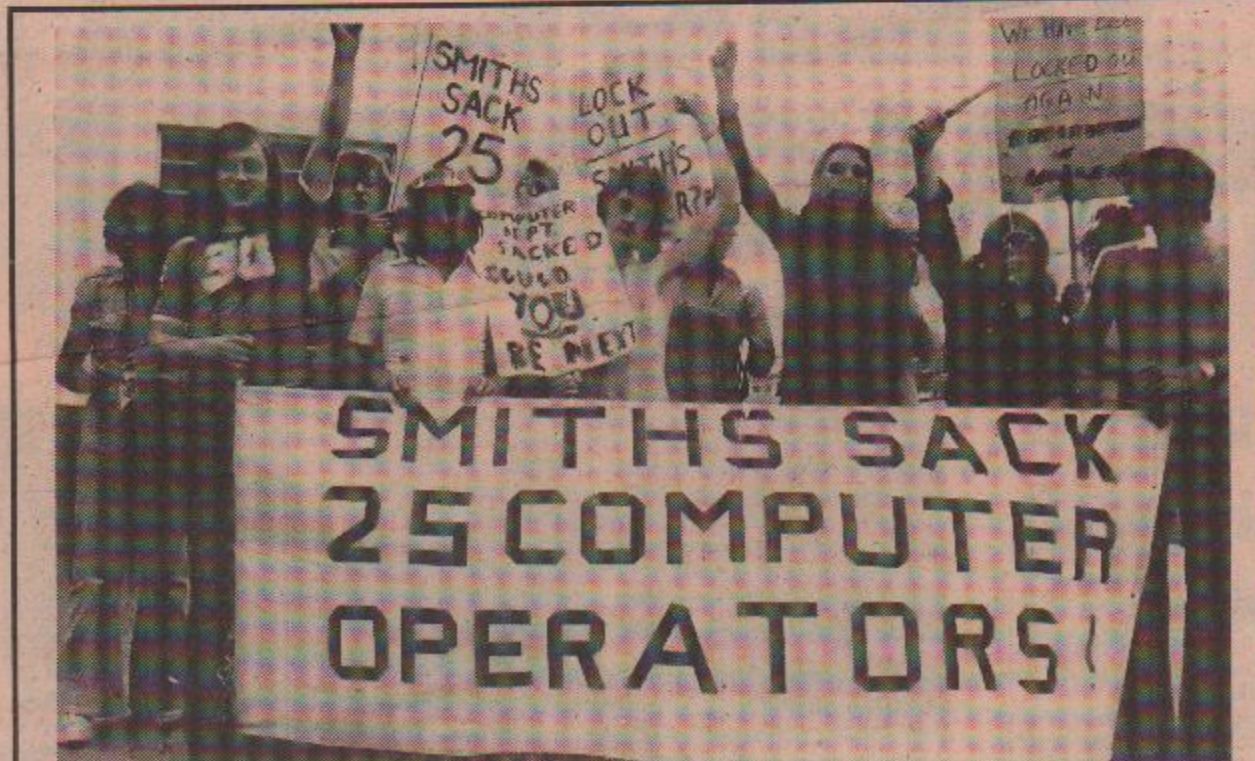
support. It's obvious we're going to need it.'

The workforce know they can force Rolls Royce to back down if they get concrete support from the other factories in the combine.

## Crucial

That support is now the crucial factor in the struggle. If the Blantyre workers are defeated then Sir Kenneth Keith and his friends will be in a much stronger position to attack jobs and conditions in the rest of the combine.

Donations and messages of support are needed urgently. Send them to John Simmons, 54 Ayton Park North, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire.



By Chris Bonney, Lock-Out Committee

This is the third week of the lock-out at Smiths Industries in Cricklewood, North West London. Support has been coming in from various District Committees since we wrote explaining our case.

Having at last managed to talk officially with the programmers who are doing our job, we found that not only were they prepared to continue doing our jobs but they will happily carry on. And who can blame them? They are receiving double-time pay...

It now seems that the union will not give a decision of backing until

the NEC meeting on 11 September, although we're confident it will go in our favour. This is because we have found such enthusiasm from key members within the union.

Donations or support would be well appreciated and can be sent to The Lockout Committee, 37 The Lockout Square, London, W2.

# Sell-out? We fight on!

LANCASTER: Sack the shop steward. That was the answer of the owners of the Steak and Kebab Restaurant when all the staff (save one ex-army scab) joined the Transport Union to force management to issue contracts of employment and to act over health and safety conditions.

## £40-from one ship

SUPPORTERS of the Right to Work Campaign and march have been conducting a successful publicity and fund-raising effort around the march and lobby of the TUC in Brighton.

The fund-raising is vital. For instance: at least four marchers are going from Easter Ross in the far north of Scotland and it will cost at least £20 each to get them down to London.

## Agreed

One worker from Nigg Bay oil rig construction yard has collected nearly £40 from just one ship, using the official collection sheets. There have also been local collections in the British Aluminium smelter, British Rail stations and local authority homes, and on estates in Tain and Alesch, raising nearly £30.

On Saturday several Right to Work supporters sold 26

The five TGWU members have now been on strike for more than three weeks demanding the reinstatement of their shop steward, Maggie Clatten.

## £40-from one ship

Socialist Workers and raised £8 in a collection for the march outside the Invergordon Highland games.

A folk night was being arranged on Wednesday in a community hall in Alesch with singers and musicians playing in aid of the march.

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N LONDON: 200 APEX members last week walked out of the Chapter Road and Cobbold Road factories of Greenwich Film Processing, which also operates under the name of Bonus Coal and Tricolour.

A mass meeting agreed to approach management to secure union recognition and the reinstatement of sacked and victimised workers.

We will then negotiate on the grievances of the workers and our pay, conditions and enforced overtime. There will be no return to the old conditions.

Organiser for the North West, has worked hand-in-glove with the owners of the restaurant.

Wills, already known to workers at Nelsons Acetate Factory, Lancaster - where last year he tried to get TGWU members to cross a craft union picket line - has this time organised the most amazing sell-out for his own members.

The strikers have not seen Wills since they demanded he make the strike official. But he has been in constant contact with management, assuring them that it will not be made official.

He has negotiated contracts of employment for all the staff save shop stewards.

According to the owners of the restaurant and Wills, the dispute is settled - and Maggie Clatten, shop steward, is no longer an employee of the restaurant.

## Bulletin

The picket line proves otherwise. The strikers are even more determined to win in the face of the sellout.

They are going to mount a picket on the Manchester branch of the Steak and Kebab Restaurant and need support from all SW readers.

Send donations and messages of support to: Maggie Clatten, 16 Skipton Street, Morecambe, Lancs.

## Locharber cleaners fight cuts

MORE THAN over 650 cleaners and janitors in the north of Scotland are facing cuts of as much as a third in working hours.

The Highland Regional Council have sent letters to each worker trying to end their present contracts and introduce new ones.

But in Dingle, Inverness and Nairn, near-unanimous votes have been recorded for industrial action. Action committees have been set up.

The priority is to get the non-unionised areas into the union so that when action is taken it can be strong, united and effective.

Local supporters of the Right to Work Campaign have already been in touch with NUPE members and shop stewards and a bulletin is to be prepared.

A strike fund is being organised by two of the women at Locharber. Alan Maclean, secretary of Locharber NUPE said that other branches throughout the Highland region are to be approached to follow the Locharber women.

# Trico: Now solidarity is more vital than ever

NOW THAT they have won their case at the Industrial Tribunal, Trico management are determined to get the women strikers at their Brentford factory back to work.

Immediately after the tribunal decision was published last week, a letter was sent to all the strikers asking them to return, and promising police protection through the picket line.

'We know what to do with the letters. You can pin them up on the toilet wall - and I'll leave the rest up to you'. Eileen Ward from the Strike Committee told Tuesday's meeting.

Management are also hoping to recruit new women to take on the strikers' jobs. A phone call to the personnel office confirmed that there were 400 vacancies!

Several car plants are now using imported windscreen wipers. The blacking of the Trico blades will only really bite if these are blacked too.

The blades are usually fitted by Transport Union members. TGWU shop stewards should contact their district offices to get an official request from the AUEW for blacking the imported blades.

## Solidarity

The solidarity of the women on strike is more important than ever. Collections and donations need to be organised.

Send messages of support and donations to: Trico Strike Committee, AUEW House, 1 Woodlands Avenue, Southall. Or take them to the picket line: Trico-Folberth, Great West Road (corner of Boston Manor Road) Brentford.

## 100 out for equal pay

TIPTON, Staffs: 100 women at Jeavons Engineering have been on strike for a month for equal pay. This week they firmly rejected an offer of £2 and are determined to stay out.

Management use a grading system to disguise discrimination. Women machine operators are classed as unskilled. They are demanding to be upgraded.

Men are supporting them and have refused to load lorries, but they have not come out with them. Half the men

have been laid off as a result of the dispute.

No goods have left the factory and morale is high.

The women have not been getting strike pay from the TGWU because they were told their strike was for 'financial gain'. But when an official was questioned closely it appeared that the union did not want to encourage all its women members to strike.

Donations and messages of support to: Jeavons Strike Committee, c/o Ms Bryan, 4 Walker Street, Tipton, Staffs.

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## IT'S NOT ONLY IN NOTTING HILL

# THE POLICE PROVOKED IT!

**THE POLICE** were to blame for the explosion of anger that turned the Notting Hill Carnival into a riot.

That is the clear conclusion from more than a dozen interviews with people, black and white, who were present.

Kim Gordon, editor of the black socialist paper Flame, arrived at Notting Hill, a half mile or more from the Carnival, before the trouble started. He told us:

### Harassing

'The first thing you noticed was loads of Special Patrol Group vans, green vans all round Notting Hill that weren't there for the Carnival last year, coaches with police in.

'When I got to the Carnival in Ladbroke Grove, I heard that the police had been harassing people all Sunday afternoon and evening.'

Mick Sloan, a worker at

### They turned our Carnival into a riot

Smith's in Crickelwood, told how he had proof that the police were preparing for trouble when the crowd were just enjoying themselves:

'I went to see my girl friend who lives in Ladbroke Grove, opposite the Tube station. When we got to the flat we were amazed to see, on the balcony of the first floor, six plainclothes police with arm bands grouped behind expensive photo equipment.

'They had obviously installed the equipment before the disturbances. They took pictures of every incident in Ladbroke Grove, carefully linking in with the police on the ground with their walky-talky sets.'

Kevin Jones, a teacher from

Hitchin, bears out the same point.

'The trouble started when police arrested a young black, claiming he was a pickpocket. There were stacks of police on all the street corners.

'We were surprised at the number of police. You got the impression they said there was going to be trouble and set out to cause it.

'Then we saw bottles and cans of beer flying through the air. The police got very heavy.

'They charged along the pavement straight past me and my girlfriend and lashed out with their truncheons and a chair at the nearest black bloke.

### Fighting

'The police pushed us down the road, even though that meant pushing us into a hail of flying glass. There were white people fighting alongside the blacks, a minority, but they were there ...

Sarah Cox was manning the Right to Work Committee's Carnival stall when the trouble started:

'Suddenly a crowd of teenagers ran past us, chased by police with dustbin lids.

'One copper picked up a bottle and threw it. A piece of glass from it hit one of my children on the leg.

'The police seemed to have instructions to intervene at many different places at once.

'They were certainly waiting for trouble. The most notable thing was the build-up of police all the way through.

### Uniformed

'They claim they were after pickpockets. But you get just as many pickpockets down Petticoat Lane on a Sunday or in Oxford Street on a Thursday afternoon.

'You never see that number of police there. They don't pick up pickpockets with uniformed police.'

Errol Francis, a West Indian from Brixton, went to the Carnival to take pictures of the happier things:

'When the violence started I took pictures of the police.

THE POLICE provocation in Notting Hill was not an isolated affair. The same thing happened, in miniature, last week in Peckham, South London.

Three black teenagers were laughing and joking outside the Mecca bookmakers on the High Street.

They noticed they were being watched by two

plainclothes policemen dressed in jeans and opened necked shirts.

The police radioed for help—and another 12 or 13 similarly dressed young men suddenly appeared and moved in on the bookies.

There were no cautioning statements, just a general order to grab them.

In the fracas that followed, one boy was grabbed by the

neck. Bruise marks were still visible two days later.

He was told: 'You may take the piss out of the ordinary cops. But you don't take it out of us.'

Another boy was thrown against a door so violently that it caved in.

### Beaten

A girl of 13 went to help the teenagers because, as she told a worker from the Lambeth law centre, she thought it was 'a gang of white boys who have been beating up blacks in this area recently. She has been charged with assaulting policewomen. There are reports from a witness that the boys were beaten up while being held at the station and that they were heard screaming.

The one boy who was bailed was told by the desk sergeant: 'Look son, it wasn't us, it was the Special Patrol lot.'

The youths are being charged with being 'suspected persons'—charges often used when the police simply want to get hold of someone—and a charge that can't be tried by jury.



Police on the rampage in Notting Hill on Monday

They were catching anyone they could and hammering them with truncheons.

'One policeman was beating and kicking a black girl. He saw me photograph his actions. He came towards me and hit me on the wrist with his truncheon.

'Then he smashed the

camera and kicked it on the floor. He took me by the scruff of the neck and threw me on the ground, too.

'Everyone was forced into a side road, which was sealed off by police at both ends. When I could finally get out I found my broken camera.

'But the film has been

ripped out, obviously to destroy the pictures.'

By this time, as Kim Gordon points out, 'a police helicopter was present. There were large numbers of plain clothes police in the crowd, and uniformed police were present from as far off as Dagenham and Peckham.

'The Special Patrol Group police who killed anti-fascist demonstrator Kevin Gately two years ago were there.

'So, too, were the Hendon police who tried to break up the last Right to Work march.

'By 8pm, there were two police cordons across Portobello Road and Ladbroke Grove, as well as one in Cambridge Gardens and Ackland Road, sandwiching Carnival-goers between them.

'But the police got a shock. The police numbers provoked the crowd, but did not frighten it.

### WHAT WE THINK

**WHO caused the riot in the Grove last Monday?**

Ask any black person who lives in Brixton, Harlesden, Notting Hill or in Chapelton, Leeds or in Handsworth, Birmingham.

You will get the same answer—the racist British police force.

Our experience is the same the whole country over.

Intimidation and harassment on the streets and in our homes and clubs. Being stopped and searched on the streets, being beaten inside police stations.

But we must remember

By Kim Gordon, editor of Flame

that to fight the police on the streets of Ladbroke Grove is not enough.

The police will be back the next day.

It's not just them who are against us. It's the whole system that causes racialism, that puts a million and a half people out of work and then moves hundreds of police into attack when a few enjoy themselves.

We have to learn the lesson learnt by Malcolm X, by George Jackson by

the black freedom fighters of South Africa.

We can't win without politics and organisation to build our struggle.

We need to build permanent defence groups to protect ourselves against the racials, the police.

We need to link up with the unemployed, black or white, with those fighting for better housing, black or white, with those who have jobs and the power to stop industry.

Above all, we need to build a socialist organisation committed to uniting everyone who is fighting into a single struggle against this system.

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